



**Premier Division  
Sat 02 Sep 2023 15:00**

**London Lions-v-Shefford Town & Campton**

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# WELCOME

A warm welcome to you all to our fabulous home here at the Alpha Stadium – we're all so very proud of the incredible development of the facility here over recent years and, over the summer, that investment continued; the installation of a state-of-the-art irrigation system will, we trust, ensure our playing surface remains as good as any outside of the professional game.

And we believe we now have a first team squad capable of doing our home justice, a young group that is beginning to show the fruits of the labours that so many have put into our youth set up that now boasts in excess of 50 teams.

Competing in the Spartan League carries many challenges, and we're learning how tough it is to maintain consistency in terms of selection and performance over a season that is likely to span approaching 60 matches. But it's a challenge we are relishing and one we believe we are up to. Last season we started slowly, but once into our groove climbed the table to ensure the top 6 finish that grants clubs at our level the prized reward of an FA Cup place.

Once again it was in the cups that we really excelled, retaining the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy with an Adam Bolle inspired 5-1 win over Belstone before narrowly failing to retain our Divisional SSML cup with a defeat in the final.

We are also incredibly proud that our club supplied approaching 75% of those that represented Team GB on the pitch and as management in the European and Pan-American Maccabi Games in the summer. Led by our own Andy Landesberg, our Open Age side stormed to the gold medal in Budapest, scoring 27 and conceding just 2 on their

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way to beating a strong French team in the final. That winning mentality is one we hope the boys will bring back to their league football.

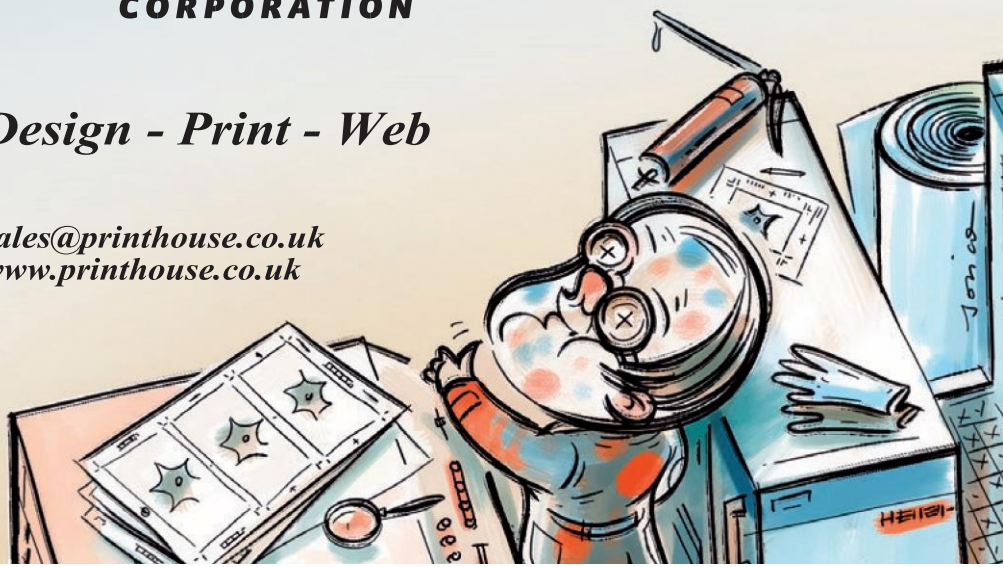
We are though much more than just a first team. Our juniors go from strength to strength, with our U-18's taking on a new challenge as they step out of local Sunday football and into a midweek floodlight league. Our men's section will look to compete at the top end of their divisions while our double winning Masters side continue to show there's plenty of life in some old dogs yet! All goes to show we are a club that looks to inspire itself to greater things at every level, from under 6 to over 55.

On the pitch we hope our play is of the quality to which we aspire, with a competitive spirit and sportsmanship the values that are fundamental to all our sides. Off the pitch we hope we equally do things the right way and strive to be, if nothing else, good hosts!

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So all that's left is to say is enjoy the game and come join us in the clubhouse for a cup of tea at half and full time! May the best team win.

David Kyte

## OUR HISTORY

**In the summer of 1995, the players and officials of Maccabi Association London (MAL) decided that they had reached the limits of Sunday football and that a new challenge was required.** The Hertfordshire Senior County League was a popular choice and the club made its debut in the 95/96 season under a new name of MALEX.

Four years later the club had made many friends but had narrowly missed out on promotion from Division 1 in each season. During the summer of 1999, the club revised its management structure, and decided to change its name to LONDON MACCABI LIONS, whilst retaining its all-Jewish status.

Under the management team of Bobby Fisher and Adam Solomons the 1st team lost only three league games that season as they won the Division 1 and reached the semi-finals of the Aubrey Cup. The club grew into one of the strongest teams in the Premier League but had to wait to land its first major honour in 2007 when Lions beat Metropolitan Police to lift the Herts Centenary Trophy. This was supplemented by the Reserves who were also promoted as champions, in 2002, and made it to three Herts Reserve Cup finals, winning one in 09/10.

After a decade in the Herts Premier, in 2009/10 now under the stewardship of Tony Gold and Steve Grenfell, Lions won the Herts Senior County League for the first time in the club's history, winning promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League in the process. The following season – the club's first in the South Midlands Division One – they added a second Herts Centenary Trophy beating Letchworth Garden City Eagles 3-2 in the final. Lions were able to go on better in 2012/13, winning the South Midlands Division One title and promotion to the heights of the South Midlands Premier Division. The club also made their debut in the FA Cup, winning 4-0 against Clapton.

Now just one league away from semi-professional football, it was a tall order for a team missing a number of players who had departed following promotion, and so 2013/14 saw Lions suffer their first ever relegation at the end of a difficult season. Having steadied the ship, the club decided to return to the Herts Senior County League for 2015/16 in order to rebuild.

Seeking to promote a new generation under manager Andy Landesberg, there was immediate reward by winning the Anagram Records Trophy at the end of their first season, with most of the starting XI having come through the club's massive youth set up. We then achieved an unprecedented treble in winning the league, Centenary Trophy and, for the first time, the Aubrey Cup.

The club was welcomed back to Spartan South Midlands League where we have won further honours in the shape of the Division One Cup (2018), Herts Centenary Trophy (2019) and Spring Cup (2021) while threatening to get promotion to the Premier Division before Covid struck.

The club was reassigned to the Combined Counties League Division One in the summer of 2021 and we are again targeting promotion to the next step, as well as representing our community with pride.

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### **Spartan South Midlands League Division One**

Winners 2012/13

### **Spartan South Midlands League Division One Cup**

Winners 2017/18

Runners-Up 2018/19

### **Spartan South Midlands League Spring Cup**

Winners 2020/21

### **Anagram Records Trophy (Capital Counties Trophy)**

Winners 2015/16

### **Herts FA Senior Centenary Trophy**

Winners 2006/07, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19

Runners-Up 2017/18

### **Herts Senior County League Premier Division**

Winners 2009/10, 2016/17

Runners-Up 2008/09

**Herts Senior County League Division One**

Winners 1999/00

**Aubrey Cup**

Winners 2016/17

**Spartan South Midlands League Reserve Challenge Trophy**

Runners-Up 2010/11

**Herts Senior County League Reserve Division One**

Runners-Up 2004/05

**Herts Senior County League Reserve Division Two**

Winners 2001/02

**Club Records**

**Record Win:** 14-2 v Bedmond (2010/11, Herts County Premier Div.)

**Record Defeat:** 1-11 v Cockfosters (2013/14, South Midlands Prem. Div.)

**Most Appearances in Career:** Adam Myeroff (507)

**Most Goals in Career:** Adam Stolerma (134)

**Most Goals in a Season:** 46, James Gershfield 2017/17

**Most Goals in a Game:** 6, Adam Bolle v Broadfields United (W 6-3), SSMFL Div 1, 2017/18

**Best Performance in FA Cup** 1st Qualifying Round, 2013/14 2015/16

## **Combined Counties Football League 21/22**

### **21/22 – Division One Winners**

**Austin Lipman – top goal scorer 21/22  
CCFL Division One**

**Club of the Year 21/22 CCFL**

**Combined Counties Football League  
22/23 Premier Division North**



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## Shefford Town & Campton\_history

Shefford Town & Campton Football Club (The Bluemen) is an English football club based in the town of Shefford, Bedfordshire. The team plays its home matches at Shefford Sports Club on Hitchin Road in Shefford and at Campton Playing Fields, Rectory Road in Campton. The club is competing at the 9th tier of the English football league system in the Spartan South Midlands Premier League. The club also has an u18 side that compete in the Midweek Floodlit League as well as 4 other adult sides - a reserve side competing in the Beds County League Premier Division, a Development team competing in Beds Division 2 North, a newly formed u23 side in Beds Division 4.

Originally formed in 1910 as Shefford Town, their first successful period came in the 1950s: starting in 1949–50, the team won two South Midlands League championships and three Beds Senior Cups within five seasons. Subsequently, the club finished as runners-up in the Parthenon League, and won the United Counties League title in 1960–61. Shefford would not match these achievements until the early 1980s, when the club was promoted from the South Midlands League's second tier in 1982–83 and won the league title a year later.

After relegation in 1990, Shefford Town folded in 1994. The town remained without a senior football team until

2009, when the club was reformed. In 2010 Shefford Town merged with near neighbours Campton.

The club has had success both on and off the pitch in recent years since its reformation, the club were crowned Bedfordshire County Premier Division Winners in 2011–12, 2017–18 and 2018–19. The Bedfordshire County League Britannia Cup was won in both 2011 & 2014 and the East Beds Charity Cup was won by the Reserve team in 2015. The Club has also finished runners up in the Biggleswade knock-out cup in 2015, 2016 & 2017.

At the end of 2018–19 season Shefford announced its intentions to seek promotion into the Spartan South Midlands Football League, they duly wrapped up the Bedfordshire County League title and passed the relevant ground grading, so the club is all set to step back into the league it folded out of back in 1994.

Under the new Management of Kane Dougherty and James Taylor, the team topped the table before the 2020/21 season was postponed due to the COVID outbreak and were then promoted via the play-offs in the 2021/22 campaign - which also included an impressive run in the FA Vase, ending as runners up in the Beds Senior Trophy and winning the SSML Division 1 Cup.

The 22/23 season saw the Bluemen comfortably consolidate their position in the league in their first

season at Step 5 as Shefford Town & Campton, also making it all the way to the 3QR of the FA Cup in their first ever campaign.

### Shefford Town Squad

Alfie Bonfield

Karl Daley

Tariq Foster

Tom Perry

Dan Hammer

Tom Cooksley

Chris Uchenna

Carmichael Uchenna

Ryan Lewis

Felix Moon

Louie Dillon

Sam Day

Devonte Simms

Peter Murphy

Tobin Marshall

Jake Davis

Ash Ingham

Dimagio Robinson

Scott Metcalfe

Luke Baranowski

Shirts: Claret

Shorts: Grey

Socks: Grey

GK: All Grey



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## **London Lions**

Jake Rinsler

Benji Weinberger

Adam Lipman

Nick Landesberg

Jack Mordecai

Jake Furman

Max Kyte

Austin Lipman

Liron Mannie

Daniel Creese

Felix Shalom



Adam Arnold

Mikey Perkins

Nathan Schindler

Ben Barnett

Josh Samberg

<b>Colours</b>
<i>Keeper: All Green</i>
<i>Shirts: White</i>
<i>Shorts: Blue</i>
<i>Socks: Blue</i>
<b>Management</b>
<i>Manager: Andy Landesberg</i>
<i>Manager: Darren Yarett</i>
<i>Coach: Steve Grenfell</i>
<i>Physio: Pete Sheppard</i>

## Match officials

Referee: Ben Compton

Assistant 1: Oliver Simnock

Assistant 2: Steven Pordes