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SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023



WHO'S WHO AT WOKING PARK

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION RULE 2.13
PUBLICATION OF OWNERSHIP IN RELATION TO STEP 1 TO STEP 6
CLUBS WITHIN THE FOOTBALL PYRAMID, WE HEREBY CONFIRM
THAT THE LEGAL STATUS OF WESTFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB IS THAT IT
IS A MEMBERS' CLUB.

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BEALE, MARK PULLEN, LISA PULLEN & HARRISON POWELL

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MANAGER - IAN SELLEY
ASSISTANT - MICK BENNETT
COACH - DAVE POWELL
PHYSIO - PRINCESS GOODWIN
U18 MANAGER - LEE SAWKINS

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SURREY SATURDAY JUNIOR CUP WINNERS: 1954-55
RUNNERS-UP: 1955-56, 1957-58

SURREY JUNIOR CHARITY CUP RUNNERS-UP: 1954-55

SURREY INTERMEDIATE (CENTRAL) LEAGUE CUP WINNERS:
1960-61

PARTHENON LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP: 1962-63

SURREY SENIOR LEAGUE CUP WINNERS: 1971-72, 1972-73

SURREY SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: 1972-73, 1973-74

COMBINED COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE CUP WINNERS: 2016-17
RUNNERS UP: 1989-90

COMBINED COUNTIES RESERVE CHALLENGE LEAGUE CUP
RUNNERS-UP: 2010-11

COMBINED COUNTIES DIVISION ONE CHALLENGE CUP
RUNNERS-UP: 2011-12

SURREY SATURDAY PREMIER CUP RUNNERS-UP: 2012-13

COMBINED COUNTIES PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS: 2017-18
RUNNERS-UP: 2016-17



MATCH REPORT: WESTFIELD 1 ASCOT UNITED 0



WESTFIELD RETURNED TO WINNING WAYS BUT LEFT IT LATE TO TAKE ALL 3 POINTS AGAINST A STUBBORN & DEFENSIVE FOCUSED ASCOT. DESPITE THE LIONS SHARE OF POSSESSION FIRST HALF WESTFIELD COULD NOT FIND THE OPENER ALTHOUGH NEW SIGNING FROM CORINTHIAN-CASUALS DANNY CAMPION THOUGHT HE HAD OPENED HIS ACCOUNT BUT WAS ADJUDGED TO BE OFFSIDE.

THE SECOND HALF SAW ASCOT CONTINUE TO RARELY THREATEN 17 YEAR OLD RILEIGH HEBDITCH IN GOAL ON HIS ISHTMIAN LEAGUE DEBUT.

IT TOOK THE SKIPPER LUKE ELLIOTT TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND HEAD HOME IN THE 81ST MINUTE TO SEAL THE POINTS FOLLOWING ANDY CROSSLEY'S DELIVERY ARRIVING ON POINT TO LOOP HIS HEADER BEYOND THE GASP OF SOBTE.



MATCH REPORT: CORINTHIAN-CASUALS 1 WESTFIELD 1



WESTFIELD WERE HELD TO A DRAW BY A RESOLUTE AND DETERMINED CORINTHIAN-CASUALS SIDE.

AFTER DOMINATING THE EARLY STAGES AND MISSING A FEW GOOD CHANCES WESTFIELD FINALLY OPENED THE SCORING IN THE 21ST MINUTE WHEN JORDAN ALVES SAW HIS EFFORT FROM THE EDGE OF THE BOX NESTLE IN THE FAR CORNER.

THE HOME SIDE DID RESPOND WELL AND SAW AN EFFORT OF THEIR OWN RULED OUT BUT WESTFIELD WERE DENIED GOING INTO THE BREAK 2 GOALS TO THE GOOD FOLLOWING A MAGNIFICENT DOUBLE SAVE FROM. DAN PURDUE TO DENY MANOLIS GOGOGNAS AND THEN ALVES.

SHORTLY AFTER THE BREAK THE GAME WAS LEVEL WHEN DJINADOU SHOT FROM THE ANGLE AND DESPITE SONNY WHEELER'S BEST EFFORTS THE BALL LOOPED INTO THE FAR CORNER.

WESTFIELD WERE DENIED BY PURDUE AGAIN ON A FEW OCCASIONS BUT AS THE GAME WENT ON SEEMED MORE DESPERATE IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO GET BACK AHEAD AND DESPITE DOMINATING POSSESSION FAILED TO CREATE ENOUGH TO WIN THE MATCH.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN



FOR MANY YEARS, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT ASHFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB WAS FORMED IN 1964. HOWEVER, SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH INDICATED THE CLUB WAS FORMED IN 1958 AS ASHFORD ALBION AND FIRST COMPETED IN THE HOUNSLOW & DISTRICT LEAGUE. ALBION WON TWO CONSECUTIVE PROMOTIONS TO REACH THE PREMIER DIVISION OF THE HOUNSLOW LEAGUE AND WERE STILL COMPETING AT THIS LEVEL WHEN THE CLUB CHANGED ITS NAME TO ASHFORD TOWN IN 1964. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT THE CLUB ADOPTED ITS DISTINCTIVE TANGERINE & WHITE COLOURS. THE CLUB ENDURED A DIFFICULT FIRST CAMPAIGN AS THE TOWN CLUB AND WITHDREW FROM THE PREMIER DIVISION, ASSUMING THE RESERVE TEAM'S PLACE IN DIVISION TWO.

HAVING REBUILT THE CLUB WITH A VERY YOUNG TEAM, ASHFORD TOWN RAPIDLY ADVANCED BACK THROUGH THE DIVISIONS OF THE HOUNSLOW & DISTRICT LEAGUE, ABSORBING STAINES YOUTH CLUB FC. ON THE WAY. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS FROM THAT ERA HAVE REMAINED WITH THE CLUB AND NOW FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

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WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

THE CLUB WAS ELECTED TO THE SURREY INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE (WESTERN) IN 1967 AND PROMOTED AT THE END OF THEIR FIRST SEASON. THE ASH TREES WERE LEAGUE CUP FINALISTS IN 1970-71 AND LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP IN 1972-73. IN 1974-75, ASHFORD ENJOYED THEIR BEST SEASON UNDER THE MANAGERSHIP OF EX-FULHAM PLAYER FRANK REID, WINNING THE LEAGUE BY THREE POINTS FROM PERENNIAL CONTENDERS MERROW.

ALTHOUGH THE CHAMPIONSHIP ELUDED THE CLUB IN FOLLOWING SEASONS, IT USUALLY FINISHED IN THE TOP FOUR AND PRIOR TO SEASON 1982-83 AN INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY SURREY COUNTY FA TO BECOME FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE SURREY COUNTY PREMIER LEAGUE. THE INVITATION WAS READILY ACCEPTED AND ASHFORD PLAYED THEIR FIRST MATCH IN THE NEW LEAGUE ON 4 SEPTEMBER 1982, DRAWING 0-0 AWAY TO FARLEIGH ROVERS. ALMOST FROM ITS FOUNDATION, THE CLUB HAD ASPIRATIONS TO ACQUIRE ITS OWN GROUND AND AFTER ONE OR TWO DISAPPOINTMENTS, THIS WAS ACHIEVED IN AUGUST 1985, WHEN A LONG LEASE WAS SIGNED WITH SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL, ENABLING THE CLUB TO MOVE TO ITS PRESENT HOME AT SHORT LANE, STANWELL. FROM WHAT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A FIELD, THE FACILITIES WERE QUICKLY DEVELOPED, WITH THE FIRST MATCH AT SHORT LANE TAKING PLACE IN FEBRUARY 1986, FOLLOWING TWO POSTPONEMENTS FOR SNOW.

THE CLUB NOW POSSESSES A MODERN CLUBHOUSE AND BAR, KITCHEN FACILITIES AND BOARDROOM. FLOODLIGHTS WERE ERECTED IN SEPTEMBER 1995, WHILST THE PITCH IS RAILED ALL ROUND AND PARTLY WALLED, WITH STANDING COVERED ACCOMMODATION, PLUS A PURPOSE BUILT 150-SEATER STAND, BUILT IN 1998. AN ADDITIONAL 100 SEATS WERE INSTALLED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE GROUND TO THIS STAND IN 2006, AFTER THE CLUB WON PROMOTION TO THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

FOR BOTH GEOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL REASONS, ASHFORD AFFILIATE TO BOTH MIDDLESEX AND SURREY FAS AND IN 1989-90, THEIR LAST SEASON AS AN INTERMEDIATE CLUB, THEY REACHED THE FINAL OF BOTH COUNTIES' PREMIER CUP COMPETITIONS, BEATING FARNHAM TOWN IN THE SURREY VERSION BUT LOSING TO WILLESSEN HAWKEYE IN THE MIDDLESEX FINAL. RUNNERS-UP SPOT IN THE LEAGUE WAS ALSO SECURED AND WITH IT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER SENIOR FOOTBALL, AS MEMBERS OF THE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE, SENIOR STATUS HAVING BEEN GRANTED IN MAY 1990. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT THE CLUB CHANGED ITS NAME TO ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDLESEX) FC, TO AVOID CONFUSION WITH THE KENT CLUB OF THE SAME NAME.

DURING ITS TEN YEAR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE, THE CLUB NEVER FINISHED BELOW SIXTH PLACE, AND AFTER FINISHING 3RD AND 2ND IN SEASONS 1992-93 AND 93-94, IT WENT ON TO WIN THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE SEASONS. IT WAS A RELATIVE DISAPPOINTMENT TO ONLY COME 4TH IN 1998-99, EVEN THOUGH THE CLUB WON THE LEAGUE CUP BUT A 5TH CHAMPIONSHIP IN JUST SIX SEASONS WAS SECURED IN 99-00, ALONG WITH THE MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP, THE FIRST EVER SENIOR COUNTY CUP HONOUR. WITH THE GROUND UP TO THE REQUIRED STANDARD, ASHFORD TOOK THEIR PLACE IN THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FOR SEASON 2000-01 AND BY FINISHING IN THIRD PLACE, SECURED PROMOTION TO DIVISION TWO AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT.

THE FIRST SEASON IN DIVISION TWO DID NOT THE CLUB MAKING SUFFICIENT PROGRESS AND AFTER A SERIES OF INDIFFERENT RESULTS, LONG SERVING MANAGER DAVE KENT LEFT THE CLUB ON 28 MARCH 2002. HIS REPLACEMENT WAS NATHAN WHARF, A LONG-SERVING FORMER PLAYER, WHO STEPPED UP FROM RESERVE TEAM MANAGEMENT.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

FURTHER MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO THE GROUND TO ENABLE THE CLUB TO BE GRANTED A B-GRADE AND TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE NEWLY REGIONALISED DIVISION ONE OF THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE. A POOR START SAW THE CLUB IN THE BOTTOM ECHELONS OF THE TABLE BUT A NUMBER OF NEW SIGNINGS SAW A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT AND A 17TH PLACE FINISH, WHICH WAS AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AFTER WINNING JUST ONE OF THE OPENING 16 LEAGUE MATCHES.

FURTHER PROGRESS WAS MADE IN 2003-04 AS THE CLUB FINISHED 12TH IN DIVISION 1 SOUTH. IN THE CLOSE SEASON PRIOR TO 2004-05, THE PITCH WAS COMPLETELY RELAID TO INCLUDE BOTH IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, AT A COST OF AROUND £50,000, MOSTLY FINANCED BY THE FOOTBALL STADIA IMPROVEMENT FUND.

THE CLUB EMBARKED UPON NEW ADVENTURES IN SEASON 2004-05 IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED OVER AS A RESULT OF A RESTRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM. THE FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE FA CUP WAS REACHED FOR THE FIRST TIME AND MARK BUTLER, RENOWNED GOAL SCORER IN HIS DAY WITH ALDERSHOT TOWN, STAINES TOWN AND OTHERS WAS PROMOTED FROM ASSISTANT MANAGER TO MANAGER FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF NATHAN WHARF IN DECEMBER 2004. THE PLAY-OFFS WERE REACHED BUT RESULTED IN A NARROW DEFEAT AT EVESHAM UNITED AFTER EXTRA TIME.

IN 2005-06, ASHFORD WENT ONE BETTER, FINISHING SECOND IN DIVISION ONE WEST OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE, TO SECURE PROMOTION TO STEP 3. THIS BROUGHT ABOUT A RETURN TO THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE FOR SEASON 2006-07 AND SAW ASHFORD COMPETING AT THEIR HIGHEST EVER LEVEL. THE SEASON BROUGHT CONSOLIDATION OF THE NEW STATUS WITH THE ADDED BONUS OF REACHING AND WINNING THE WESTVIEW (LEAGUE) CUP FINAL WHEN ASHFORD TRIUMPHED 4-1 OVER DOVER ATHLETIC AT BROMLEY. THE RESERVES ALSO LIFTED A TROPHY, SECURING THE MIDDLESEX PREMIER CUP.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

ASHFORD BUILT ON THIS SUCCESS, RALLYING FROM THE FOOT OF THE TABLE IN NOVEMBER 2007 TO NARROWLY MISS A PLACE IN THE PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS AT THE END OF THE 2007-08 SEASON, A CAMPAIGN WHICH SAW ALL OF THE CLUB'S SENIOR SIDES CHALLENGE FOR HONOURS. THE SENIOR SIDE REACHED THE FINAL OF THE SOUTHERN COMBINATION CUP, THE RESERVES REACHED THE FINALS OF BOTH THE MIDDLESEX PREMIER AND SURREY PREMIER CUPS, WHILE THE UNDER-18 SQUAD, LED BY CLUB STALWART MICK SNOWDEN WERE CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTHERN YOUTH LEAGUE.

THE 2008-09 SEASON SAW ASHFORD BEGIN THE CAMPAIGN IN ELECTRIFYING FORM, WINNING THEIR OPENING SIX MATCHES TO TOP THE TABLE. MARK BUTLER'S SIDE FOLLOWED THIS UP WITH A FANTASTIC FA CUP RUN WHICH SAW THEM COME AGONISINGLY CLOSE TO ELIMINATING FOREST GREEN ROVERS IN THE FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND AT SHORT LANE. ROVERS WON THE REPLAY AND WENT ON TO RUN DERBY COUNTY CLOSE IN THE THIRD ROUND. ASHFORD ENDURED A DIFFICULT WINTER, WHICH SAW THEM FLIRT WITH RELEGATION, BEFORE A LATE RESURGENCE SAW THE SIDE SAFELY INTO MID-TABLE. THE CUP COMPETITIONS ADDED MUCH ADVENTURE TO THE SEASON, AS ASHFORD FOLLOWED UP THEIR EXPLOITS IN THE FA CUP WITH RUNS TO THE SEMI-FINALS OF BOTH THE MIDDLESEX SENIOR AND ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUPS AND END THEIR CAMPAIGN BY DEFEATING CONFERENCE PREMIER OUTFIT WOKING 3-2 AT METROPOLITAN POLICE TO WIN THE SURREY SENIOR CUP.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

THE 2009-10 SEASON SAW ASHFORD MAKE A REASONABLE START TO THE CAMPAIGN, BUT THE ASH TREES WERE SHOCKED WHEN MANAGER MARK BUTLER TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION ON FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER, IN ORDER TO TAKE UP THE MANAGER'S ROLE AT MARGATE, WHO WERE STRUGGLING AT THE FOOT OF THE TABLE. ASHFORD APPOINTED FORMER LEICESTER CITY AND BRADFORD CITY MIDFIELDER JAMIE LAWRENCE AS HIS REPLACEMENT, AND THE JAMAICAN INTERNATIONAL IMMEDIATELY LED HIS NEW CHARGES ON A TWELVE-MATCH UNBEATEN RUN. HOWEVER, ISSUES OFF THE PITCH WERE CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR THE CLUB AND A NUMBER OF PLAYERS, INCLUDING LEADING GOALSCORER BYRON HARRISON LEFT FOR CARSHALTON ATHLETIC, WHERE MARK BUTLER HAD ACCEPTED A COACHING ROLE AFTER LEAVING MARGATE, WHERE HE HAD BEEN IN CHARGE FOR JUST THREE MONTHS. ASHFORD FOUND SCORING A PROBLEM AFTER HARRISON LEFT AND A DREADFUL RUN OF FORM SAW THEM GO FROM THE FRINGE OF THE PLAY-OFF ZONE TO BATTLING RELEGATION. ASHFORD WENT INTO THEIR FINAL MATCH KNOWING A WIN WOULD ALMOST GUARANTEE SURVIVAL, WHILE A DRAW WOULD SEE THEM FINISH FOURTH FROM BOTTOM – TECHNICALLY A RELEGATION PLACE, BUT CERTAIN TO RECEIVE A REPRIEVE OWING TO THE DEMISE OF VARIOUS OTHER CLUBS. SADLY, A HEAVY DEFEAT FOR ASHFORD, COUPLED WITH WINS FOR CARSHALTON AND MARGATE SAW THE LATTER TWO CLUBS SURVIVE – MARGATE RECEIVING THE REPRIEVE FOR FINISHING FOURTH FROM BOTTOM.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

DURING THE SUMMER OF 2010, THE CLUB WERE INITIALLY PLACED IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE BUT WERE THEN OFFERED THE CHANCE TO REMAIN AT STEP THREE OF THE NON-LEAGUE PYRAMID. HOWEVER, AS THIS OFFER WAS AS A DIRECT REPLACEMENT FOR DEFUNCT SOUTHERN LEAGUE SIDE MERTHYR TYDFIL, THE DECISION WAS MADE THAT THE VAST INCREASE IN TRAVELLING WOULD BE TOO GREAT A BURDEN FOR THE CLUB AND THE CLUB ELECTED TO REMAIN IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION. DURING THIS TIME, BOB PARKER STEPPED DOWN FROM HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS IN THE ROLE. THE CLUB'S HOME GROUND WAS RENAMED THE ROBERT PARKER STADIUM IN HONOUR OF BOB, WHO REMAINS AT THE CLUB AS PRESIDENT.

THE CLUB ENTERED A NEW ERA IN THE CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE WITH JAMIE LAWRENCE AT THE HELM AND WITH A MIXTURE OF ESTABLISHED LOCAL PLAYERS AND NEW FACES BUT THE SEASON WAS A CHALLENGING ONE. THE CLUB PLAYED SOME SPARKLING FOOTBALL AT TIMES AND ENJOYED AN EXCITING RUN IN THE FA TROPHY, REACHING THE LAST 32 IN THE COMPETITION BEFORE LOSING AT HOME TO DARTFORD. HOWEVER, LEAGUE FORM WAS PATCHY AND THE CLUB FINISHED 16TH. ONE BRIGHT SPARK WAS THE CLUB WINNING THE SOUTHERN COMBINATION CUP, DEFEATING HANWORTH VILLA 1-0 IN THE FINAL.

JAMIE LAWRENCE RESIGNED AS MANAGER IN JUNE 2011 AND THE CLUB IMMEDIATELY APPOINTED HIS ASSISTANT, PAUL BURGESS, TO TAKE THE HELM AFTER MORE THAN 21 YEARS AT THE CLUB, INCLUDING 683 FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES. DESPITE HAVING LITTLE TIME TO DO IT AND FEW RESOURCES AT HIS DISPOSAL, "BURGO" ASSEMBLED A YOUNG AND EXCITING TEAM. ALTHOUGH ANY HOPES OF A TILT AT THE PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS WERE DASHED BY A DREADFUL RUN WHERE THE CLUB FAILED TO WIN AT HOME FOR FOUR MONTHS, ASHFORD FINISHED THE SEASON STRONGLY, WINNING TWO CUP FINALS IN 48 HOURS.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

IN THE MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP FINAL, THE ASH TREES WERE 3-0 DOWN TO NORTHWOOD AFTER 48 MINUTES BEFORE SUBSITUTE KOFI LOCKHART-ADAMS SCORED FOUR TIMES TO PUT HIS TEAM AHEAD. THE GAME FINISHED 4-4, WITH ASHFORD WINNING THE PENALTY SHOOT-OUT 4-2. TWO DAYS LATER, ASHFORD DEFEATED BADSHOT LEA 3-1 TO ADD THE ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP TO THE CABINET, AIDED BY A FINE PERFORMANCE FROM PAUL MCCARTHY, WHO HAD SAVED TWO PENALTIES IN THE FIRST FINAL. A MEMORABLE SEASON WAS CAPPED BY THE CLUB BEING NAMED WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE FAIR PLAY AWARD.

THE 2012-13 CAMPAIGN SAW ASHFORD REACH THE FINAL OF THE MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP AGAINST NEAR-NEIGHBOURS STAINES TOWN. HOWEVER, ASHFORD WERE UNABLE TO CLAIM THE TROPHY, EVENTUALLY FALLING TO A 2-0 DEFEAT. AT THE END OF THAT SEASON, ASSISTANT MANAGER STEVE BATTAMS LEFT THE CLUB FOR WORK REASONS. YOUTH TEAM MANAGER BEN MURRAY, WHO HAD BEEN COACHING AT ASHFORD SINCE HIS TEENS AND WON AN FA COMMUNITY AWARD, WAS PROMOTED INTO THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM.

AN AWFUL START TO THE 2013-14 SEASON SAW THE ASH TREES CUT ADRIFT AT THE FOOT OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE CENTRAL DIVISION AND PAUL BURGESS WAS RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES AFTER AN 8-1 DEFEAT AT DUNSTABLE TOWN. BEN MURRAY WAS APPOINTED MANAGER AND ALTHOUGH RESULTS DID NOT IMPROVE INITIALLY, PERFORMANCES AND DISCIPLINE DID. A RALLY DURING THE FINAL MONTHS OF THE CAMPAIGN OFFERED HOPE OF A REMARKABLE 'GREAT ESCAPE', ALTHOUGH RELEGATION WAS CONFIRMED AT NORTH GREENFORD UNITED. AS A RESULT, ASHFORD RETURNED TO THE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

THE ASH TREES WERE ABLE TO RENEW A NUMBER OF OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND FRIENDLY RIVALRIES AND THE GREATER NUMBER OF LOCAL MATCHES REKINDLED SOME ENTHUSIASM THAT HAD BEEN LOST TOWARDS THE END OF ASHFORD'S TIME IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE. THE ASH TREES FIRST CAMPAIGN BACK IN THE COMPETITION SAW ASHFORD FINISH THIRD, WHILE THEIR SECOND SAW TOWN CLAIM PROMOTION. THE CLUB'S RETURN TO STEP 4 WAS EARNED AFTER ASHFORD FINISHED SECOND IN THE LEAGUE, THANKS TO A REMARKABLE END-OF-SEASON RUN WHICH SAW THE ASH TREES FINISH THE SEASON WITH 96 POINTS. THIS WAS 10 POINTS BEHIND THE CHAMPIONS, HARTLEY WINTNEY, BUT AS 'THE ROW' DID NOT THEN HAVE THE REQUISITE FACILITIES TO PLAY AT STEP 4, THEY COULD NOT GO UP. THEY HELPED ASHFORD TO DO SO BY DEFEATING CAMBERLEY TOWN IN THEIR FINAL MATCH TO ENSURE THAT ASHFORD CLAIMED THE RUNNERS-UP SPOT.

ASHFORD'S REWARD WAS A THIRD BRIEF SPELL IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE. A GOOD START TO THE 2016-17 SEASON ALLAYED ANY FEARS THAT A RETURN TO THE CENTRAL DIVISION WOULD SEE A REPEAT OF THE CLUB'S PREVIOUS STRUGGLES, WHILE A GENUINE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS A THIRD TRIUMPH IN THE MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP. THE FINAL SAW ASHFORD DEFEAT WEALDSTONE OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TO CLAIM THE MAGNIFICENT TROPHY.

FOR 2017-18, WHAT HAD BEEN THE CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE BECAME THE EAST DIVISION. AWFUL WEATHER MADE FOR A DIFFICULT SEASON FOR ALL CLUBS AND CONTRIBUTED TO ASHFORD'S CAMPAIGN PETERING OUT INTO A MID-TABLE FINISH. A NEW REORGANISATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM SEES THE CLUB MOVE BACK INTO THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE AS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION FOR 2018-19.



WARM WELCOME TO ASHFORD TOWN

THE 2018–19 SEASON WAS ANOTHER MID TABLE FINISH WITH US ALSO THROUGH TO THE FINAL OF THE MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP ALTHOUGH JUST LOSING OUT TO UXBRIDGE. BEN MURRAY THEN DECIDED TO STAND DOWN AFTER HIS 6 YEAR TENURE AS FIRST TEAM MANAGER. THE BOARD AND TEAM WERE GRATEFUL FOR THE RESULTS AND HARD WORK HE HAD PUT IN OVER THE YEARS. UP STEPPED RUSSELL CANDERTON TO TAKE THE REINS (HAVING PLAYED NEARLY 700 GAMES FOR THE CLUB). THE 2019-2020 SEASON IS THE SEASON THAT NEVER WAS. WE GOT PART WAY THROUGH THE SEASON TO THEN BE INSTRUCTED TO GO INTO LOCKDOWN DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE FA DECIDED TO EXPUNGE THE WHOLE SEASON.

SEASON 2020-21 THE FA DECIDED TO CURTAIL THIS SEASON AS WELL (HOWEVER STILL DECIDING TO DO THE FULL RESTRUCTURE OF THE FA PYRAMID).

21-22 SEE US STAY IN THE ISTHMIAN LEAGUE (SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION) WITH ONE OF THE SHORTEST DISTANCES TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE SEASON THAT WE HAVE SEEN FOR SOME YEARS. HAVING GONE THROUGH 3 MANAGERS THIS SEASON IT WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT BUT WE MANAGED TO FINISH MID TABLE AFTER A SLOW START.

22-23 SEES OUR PREVIOUS GOAL KEEPER PAUL MCCARTHY TAKE TO THE HELM AFTER SEEING US SAFELY THROUGH THE LATTER PART OF LAST SEASON.



IN FOCUS: ASHFORD TOWN

LEAGUE POSITION: 16TH

TOP GOALSCORER: JACK ARNOLD (6)

WINS (IN ALL COMPS): 5 (IN 19 MATCHES)

DRAWS: 2 (IN 19 MATCHES)

LOSSES: 12 (IN 19 MATCHES)

BIGGEST WIN: ASHFORD TOWN 6-0 BINFIELD (12TH
AUG 2023)

BIGGEST LOSS: 3-0 AGAINST CHERTSEY TOWN,
SUTTON COMMON ROVERS AND BADSHOT LEA



IN FOCUS: ASHFORD TOWN

LAST 5 MATCHES



0-3



1-0



1-1



3-0



1-2



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













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|  | 16 Ashford Town (Middx) | 15 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 21 | -4 | 15 |
|  | 17 Northwood | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 23 | 28 | -5 | 13 |
|  | 18 Corinthian-Casuals | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 44 | -29 | 12 |
|  | 19 Metropolitan Police | 15 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 29 | -13 | 11 |
|  | 20 Guernsey | 17 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 35 | -17 | 10 |
|  | 21 Binfield | 16 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 62 | -49 | 4 |

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23/24 SEASON FIXTURES

FEBRUARY

SAT 3 SCR
SAT 10 SOUTHALL
SAT 17 BADSHOT LEA
SAT 24 THATCHAM TOWN

DECEMBER

SAT 2 ASCOT UTD
TUE 5 BADSHOT LEA
SAT 9 CORINTH CAS
SAT 16 ASHFORD TOWN
SAT 23 MARLOW
WED 27 MET POLICE
SAT 30 UXBRIDGE

JANUARY

MON 1 LEATHERHEAD
SAT 6 HARTLEY W
SAT 20 NORTHWOOD
SAT 27 SOUTH PARK
TUE 30 BINFIELD

MARCH

SAT 2 CHIPSTEAD
SAT 9 HANWORTH VILLA
SAT 16 ASCOT UNITED
SAT 23 RPV
SAT 30 CHERTSEY TOWN

APRIL

MON 1 MET POLICE
SAT 6 GUERNSEY
SAT 13 MARLOW
SAT 20 ASHFORD TOWN
SAT 27 CORINTH CAS



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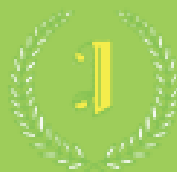
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