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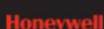
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A Message from the Gaffer: Chris Burns

Good evening and a warm welcome to Oldends Lane to all associated with Malmesbury Victoria for this evenings Hellenic League fixture.

Saturday's result away at Shortwood United sums up our season so far, with us competing very well but unable to score at important times, resulting in us walking away with nothing having certainly deserved something from the game, but we will stay calm knowing fortunes will change.



We are pleased to have welcomed so many new and old faces to Oldends Lane over the last couple of weeks and hope we can reward our supporters with that all-important win! Chris

Hellenic League Division 1 West – League Table

		Overall					Home					Away					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Malvern Town	9	8	0	1	32	10	6	0	0	25	5	2	0	1	7	5	+22	24
2	Hereford Lads	8	5	1	2	26	7	4	0	1	22	3	1	1	1	4	4	+19	16
3	Newent Town	7	4	2	1	16	11	4	0	0	12	4	0	2	1	4	7	+5	14
4	Thornbury Town	6	3	3	0	12	6	1	2	0	5	3	2	1	0	7	3	+6	12
5	Cheltenham Saracens	5	3	2	0	14	8	1	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	10	5	+6	11
6	Clanfield 85	6	3	2	1	10	7	1	1	1	3	5	2	1	0	7	2	+3	11
7	Malmesbury Victoria	5	3	1	1	14	7	2	1	1	10	6	1	0	0	4	1	+7	10
8	Hereford Pegasus	7	3	1	3	10	12	2	1	1	7	5	1	0	2	3	7	-2	10
9	Shortwood United	6	2	1	3	7	10	2	0	1	5	4	0	1	2	2	6	-3	7
10	Bourton Rovers	6	2	1	3	12	16	0	1	1	1	5	2	0	2	11	11	-4	7
11	Wellington	7	2	0	5	14	16	1	0	2	7	7	1	0	3	7	9	-2	6
12	Tytherington Rocks	8	2	0	6	12	20	1	0	2	6	9	1	0	4	6	11	-8	6
13	Stonehouse Town	6	1	0	5	6	17	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	4	1	12	-11	3
14	Moreton Rangers	7	0	3	4	8	20	0	2	1	5	6	0	1	3	3	14	-12	3
15	Cirencester Town Development	7	0	1	6	9	35	0	0	3	4	11	0	1	3	5	24	-26	1

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Stonehouse Town FC - Club History



Stonehouse Town Football Club, popularly known as the 'Magpies' because of their Black and White striped strip, starts at the Youth level, from 4 years old all the way through to under 16s, as well as girls' age groups at u12s, 14s & 16 and Adults. Notwithstanding the youth section, the highly popular senior part of the club runs a 1st team in the Hellenic League Division 1 West, plus three teams across the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and Stroud Leagues, whilst not forgetting the Veterans side playing monthly and featuring a number of Magpies' stalwarts.

Founded in 1898, the Magpies play at the stadium at Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, which was opened by legendary England International Billy Wright on 25th August 1949 in a friendly against Cheltenham Town, and features the Mike Smith Stand, dedicated to our long-serving Secretary Mike 'Spike' Smith.

During the Club's heydays in the 1950s and 1960s, the Club regularly hosted attendances of over 1,000 spectators, and the record attendance for the Ground is 5,500 for a game against Gloucester City on 29th September 1951 in the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round.

The Club's record Receipts for a single game was at the same game, when we received £272/8s/9d, worth £7854 in today's money, although 6000 attended the 1962 Stonehouse Invitation XI v the All Stars Showbiz XI, which featured a range of (then!) huge celebrities such as Jimmy Young and Pete Murray!

We were the first ever winners of the Gloucestershire County League in 1968/9 season, but it took almost 30 years to re-enter the League after relegation in the early 80s. Promotion in 2014/5 was achieved via the Runners Up slot in Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division 1, under Haydn Murray's managementship, whereupon we were looking forward to cementing our place back in the County League, or even

beyond, Season 2014/5 was also when we won a cup double via the Senior Amateur County Cup (1st time since 1976) and the Premier Section of Stroud Charity Cup, as well as reaching the Reg Davis Cup Final, where we lost 3-2 to Newent Town FC. Season 2015/6 saw a mid-season change of manager to Alex Lumsden, but it sadly saw us only finish 3rd in the League, insufficient to earn promotion out of the League, and Ian Soule took over as Manager to try to push the Club further, whilst retaining a strong core of the regular players for a number of years.

Season 2018/19 saw us finish in 3rd place once again in the County League, but that was enough to secure much-coveted promotion to the Hellenic League Div. 1 West for the first time. After a null and void season in 2019/20, the club appointed hugely experienced Chris Burns as 1st Team Manager, alongside Ian Logon-Giles as assistant and Allan Gough as 1st Team Physio/Assistant.



Stonehouse History Group
Billy Wright at stonehouse 1949-1950



Stonehouse Town F.C. Player Profiles



Will Pedrick Goal Keeper
Joined the Magpies at age 14 and has been the No.1 ever since, loud and a great shot stopper.



Ryan Thwaite Defence
Now in his second season with the Magpies, exceptional player having spent many years at Southern League level.



Dan Stephens Defence
Hugely experience defender, great tackler and header from set pieces.



Joe Williams Defence
Quickly adapting to this level, quick and tenacious defender with an eye for a tackle.



Bobby Humphreys Defence
STFC youth product and continues to be a reliable, strong quick defender.



Elliott King Defence
Another convert to centre half, great touch and strong passer of the ball.



Lee Keveren Defence
'Rodney' has adapted his game well to become first choice CB, great tackler and reads the game well.



Cameron Love Defence
Previous clubs include Cadbury Heath and Rockleaze, quick, strong defender who will only get better when returning to full fitness.



Tim Williams Midfield
Experienced midfielder with a quick turn of pace and can spot a pass.



Tom Palmer Midfield
Wand of a left peg, with excellent vision that can cause the opposition real problems.



Alex Kibble Midfield
1st Team skipper who has has tested himself at a higher level and is committed to the club.



Chris Earle Midfield
Lightning quick, a great outlet and can cause real problems for any defence.



Brad Bird Midfield
Hugely adaptable with an incredible engine and can cause defenses a real problem.



Dan Gittings
Strong, energetic player with a great first touch who works hard on and off the ball.



James Ratcliffe Forward
'Jammer' is strong, quick and highly unpredictable, looking forward to seeing the best of him this season.



Lloyd Gardiner Forward
Very skilful and hard working, can play anywhere across the front three.



Dan Martin Forward
Former Forest Green player, quick, strong and immensely talented when fit and available



Allan Gough Asst. Manager
Charismatic and highly experienced ex-Cheltenham Town physio who is great to have around the dressing room.



Chris Burns Manager
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Malmesbury Victoria F.C. - Club History

The Club was originally formed in 1898, and was known as Malmesbury Town, then Malmesbury United. Then in the 1960's, amalgamated with a successful Swindon Club known as Swindon Victoria.

The Club has played in various locations in and around the Town before eventually settling on the present site, known as The Flying Monk Ground. The ground was previously owned by the pub known as The Flying Monk.

There have been ups and downs over the past few years, but in 1999/2000 the Club was extremely successful with both Saturday sides winning their respective Leagues for the first time since 1974. The first team won the Wiltshire Premier League to clinch promotion to the Hellenic League, with the reserves winning the equivalent Junior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

During their first season in the Hellenic League the first team acquitted themselves well to finish 4th in the League. Since then things have been much harder to finish in the top half of the league, but in 2001/2002 the Club did win the Wiltshire Senior Cup. 2004/2005 saw the Club decide to start an Under 18's team in the Wiltshire Floodlit League.

The Club has made huge steps to improve the facilities, in the summer of 2004 the giant step of installing floodlights was completed and the summer of 2005 saw the complete refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

In the 2006/07 season, we were unlucky not to get promotion into the Hellenic Premier League, finishing in fourth place. The following season 2007/08, we had a poor start, and half way through, after a change of management finished the season in 15th place.

The 2008/09 season saw the Club finish in the runners-up spot in Division 1 West, and with it came promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, this being the Club's highest level of football in its history. However, the Club was relegated at the end of 2009/10 as the ground had not reached the required standard to continue in that division.

After dropping down and asking local legend, Wayne Kibble to run the senior sides and return a focus to local players, the club saw great success in the Wilts premier league, ending in being champions in 2014/15 season and gaining promotion to the Western League for 2016/17 season and finishing in a very respectable 9th position. Following a mid-table finish in 2017/18, League restructuring has seen the club return to the Uhlsport Hellenic League in Division One West where we look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Club is progressing discussions to move to a new ground close to the present one, but high enough not to have to worry about flooding.

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Malmesbury Victoria F.C Player Profiles



Ant Brown Goal Keeper
Vics shot stopper and effective sweeper/keeper, Ant takes the gloves this season, loves pink gin and clean sheets.



Mark Billingsley Goal Keeper
Mark has been outstanding so far. To have two keepers of this standard is a great position for the club to be in.



David Hare Goal Keeper
David also makes the move from Corsham to Malmesbury despite a lot of effort from them to keep him there, plus an offer from a club in a higher division.



Luke Curtis Defence
Luke has also made the swap from Corsham this season and has impressed in pre-season already.



Paul Carson Defence
A wise head and calming influence at the back. Hates missing games, loves a beer or two occasionally but shouldn't really!!



Ewen Kenny Defence
Quick, nimble and a monster throw in, loves a nibble, class joker.



Jack Humpreys Defence
Jack joins Vics as his first senior football club after playing for league winners FC Chippenham Youth last season.



Zac Costello Defence
Zac is probably the fittest player at the club. He is a real battler and has a massive desire to win at all costs which I love.



Kyle Witt Midfield
Quick and nimble, Kyle goes forward very well and always full of running to feed the big guns.



Josh Hughes Midfield
A true utility player, even donning the gloves a few times, control and power make Josh solid in defence and dangerous on the attack. Loves a free kick..



Jack Hobson-McVeigh Midfield
Captain.
Shipped in from New Zealand via Germany, Jack shows class on and off the pitch to rightly claim the armband for 20/21



Lewis Morrissey Midfield
Lewis's general midfield play and level of passing for someone so young is already outstanding and he is going to be a huge part of plans.



Mani Roper Midfield
He is fantastic on the ball and gives us another great option to play the way we want to throughout this season.



Ash Alchin Midfield
Ash's energy and drive have been very evident in pre-season and he seems to already be a fan favourite.



Ethan Porter Midfield
Ethan's first foray in adult football is looking to be a good one with much promise for the future.



Shannon Pocock Midfield
Full of energy and running, Shannon has a mean shot and a keen eye for a goal



Jamie Packer Forward
Impressive close control running at defenders "Packs" causes major problems for the opposition every game.



Sam Parker Forward
All about the goals, Big Sam takes the arm band again for 19/20, leading from the front both on and off the pitch.



Shane Bumphrey Forward
Focussed on goals and part of the powerful strike force hoping to deliver big numbers again. Has his own personal chef, you know!



Joe Tranter Forward
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Kabongo Tshimanga: Non-League football's next Jamie Vardy?

Over the past few seasons, Kabongo Tshimanga has been one of the brightest prospects in Non-League football and it can only be a matter of time before he's playing at a higher level.

Having come through the Milton Keynes Dons academy, the Congo-born striker spent 12 years with the south east club before being released after a series of underwhelming loan spells.

In many ways, the 23-year-old's departure from the Dons has proved to be the making of him. So, let's take a look at whether the Boreham Wood striker could be the next breakthrough star of Non-League football.

A young forward with time to develop

Throughout his professional career, Tshimanga has thus far been unable to find a club willing to offer him a long-term future. After leaving MK Dons, the striker signed one-year deals with both Boston United and Oxford City before making the switch to National League side Boreham Wood in July 2019. However, despite this, the 23-year-old has been in ruthless form in front of goal.

According to Soccer Base, after joining Oxford City, he scored 24 league goals for the National League South team. Moreover, it's clear why there was interest in the England C forward, who found the net on 37 occasions in all competitions in 2018-19. Interestingly, despite an offer to become the club's highest-paid player, Tshimanga rejected City's terms to sign a contract that could keep him at Boreham Wood for three years, according to Oxford Mail.

Regarding his playing style, the striker known as Kabby is an out-and-out forward. According to statistics from Transfermarkt, Tshimanga has played 48 games as a central striker, scoring 23 goals and providing two assists. Although he still has time on his side to add more versatility to his game, the Congo-born striker will likely continue to lead the line throughout the remainder of his career because of his ruthless nature.

It's a cliché, but scoring goals is the most difficult job in football

Understandably, whenever there's an up-and-coming non-league prospect catching the eye, particularly an attacker, comparisons are made to Leicester City's Jamie Vardy. The 33-year-old Premier League-winning attacker played Non-League football for Stocksbridge Park Steels, FC Halifax Town, and Fleetwood town before moving to the Foxes in May 2012.

Since making a name for himself outside of the Football League, Vardy has gone on to have a successful top-flight career. Aside from winning the Premier League in 2015-16, the Sheffield-born striker has recently joined the 100-goal club in the top division and is 12/1 with football betting to win the Golden Boot in 2020-21, as of September 21st.

While, of course, there are no guarantees that Tshimanga will enjoy a career as illustrious as Vardy, his ability to score goals will make him an enticing option for many Football League sides, should he continue his fine form for Boreham Wood. Having already caught the eye of both Huddersfield and Preston, there's a pathway for the 23-year-old to make his way through the leagues if he can sustain his recent goalscoring tally.

The 2020-21 season will be pivotal to Tshimanga's future

Ultimately, few can argue that the Boreham Wood striker doesn't have the much-needed cutting edge in front of goal. However, he's now tasked with showing that he can consistently deliver. Having recorded emphatic goalscoring figures over the last few seasons, expectations are now higher than ever before. That said, should he surpass the 20-goal mark in 2020-21, then a Football League move could be on the horizon.



Wood 2 Stonehouse 1 - Report from Harry Ash

Shortwood squeaked past Stonehouse in the local derby on Saturday afternoon, though the visitors probably shaded the game.

Throughout a quiet first half, Stonehouse left winger Chris Earle proved a consistent threat running in behind Shortwood's defence. His first chance came in the seventh minute, when Tom Palmer slipped a through ball down the left hand side, with Earle forcing a good save from the advancing Adam Clark.

Shortwood struggled to provide anything in the way of attacking thrust, despite the best efforts of Lee Bowles, Josh Beadle, and Dylan Miles in particular. They were visibly hampered by the absence of a natural striker, with Ellis Harper forced to deputise in an unfamiliar role leading the attack. Despite this, Shortwood took a surprise lead after twenty minutes. Mirroring Stonehouse's approach of isolating the left winger against the opposition right back, Miles found room to cross close to the by-line, only for the ball to loop over the stranded Will Pederick and nestle in the far bottom corner.

But hope that Shortwood could use this stroke of luck to impose themselves a little more failed to materialise, at least in what remained of the first period. Earle threatened once more running in behind, this time played in by Eliot King, but he flashed a shot past the far post from a tight angle.

Undoubtedly to Stonehouse's dismay, Shortwood doubled their lead seconds after the restart, with what was their first real chance of the match. A characteristic surge down the right by Harry Purnell allowed Harper to feed the ball in behind the Stonehouse defence, before Purnell drove a low cross to the far post, where Miles was waiting to score his second goal, despite only having one shot.

The half time introduction of Lloyd Gardiner changed the emphasis of Stonehouse's attack in the second half, with the winger's willingness to cut in and shoot with his powerful left foot causing problems for the Shortwood defence. Just a few minutes after Miles had made it 2-0, Gardiner picked up the loose ball after his corner was half-cleared, and smashed a shot towards Clark. The Shortwood 'keeper spilled his attempted catch, giving Nathan Buckland a seemingly unmissable header from close range, but Clark recovered remarkably to tip over the bar.

Shortwood's attacking play improved markedly at the beginning of the second half, with the combination of Bowles and Purnell providing much of the threat. Approaching the hour mark, Harper again did well to link play, feeding Bowles down the right, but his shot lacked power to trouble Pederick. Tom Hoskins was then denied by the Stonehouse 'keeper, who did well to smother Hoskins' shot from close range following a corner.

Stonehouse eventually halved the deficit with just over twenty minutes to play, with Gardiner inevitably the scorer. A cross from the left was poorly cleared, allowing Gardiner to launch himself into an acrobatic volley, which flew past Clark into the far corner.

What many would have expected to follow would be a prolonged assault on the Shortwood goal as Stonehouse searched for an equaliser, but, perhaps with tiredness being the major factor, neither team finished strongly, and Shortwood held on with relative comfort.

Source: Shortwood United FC Website



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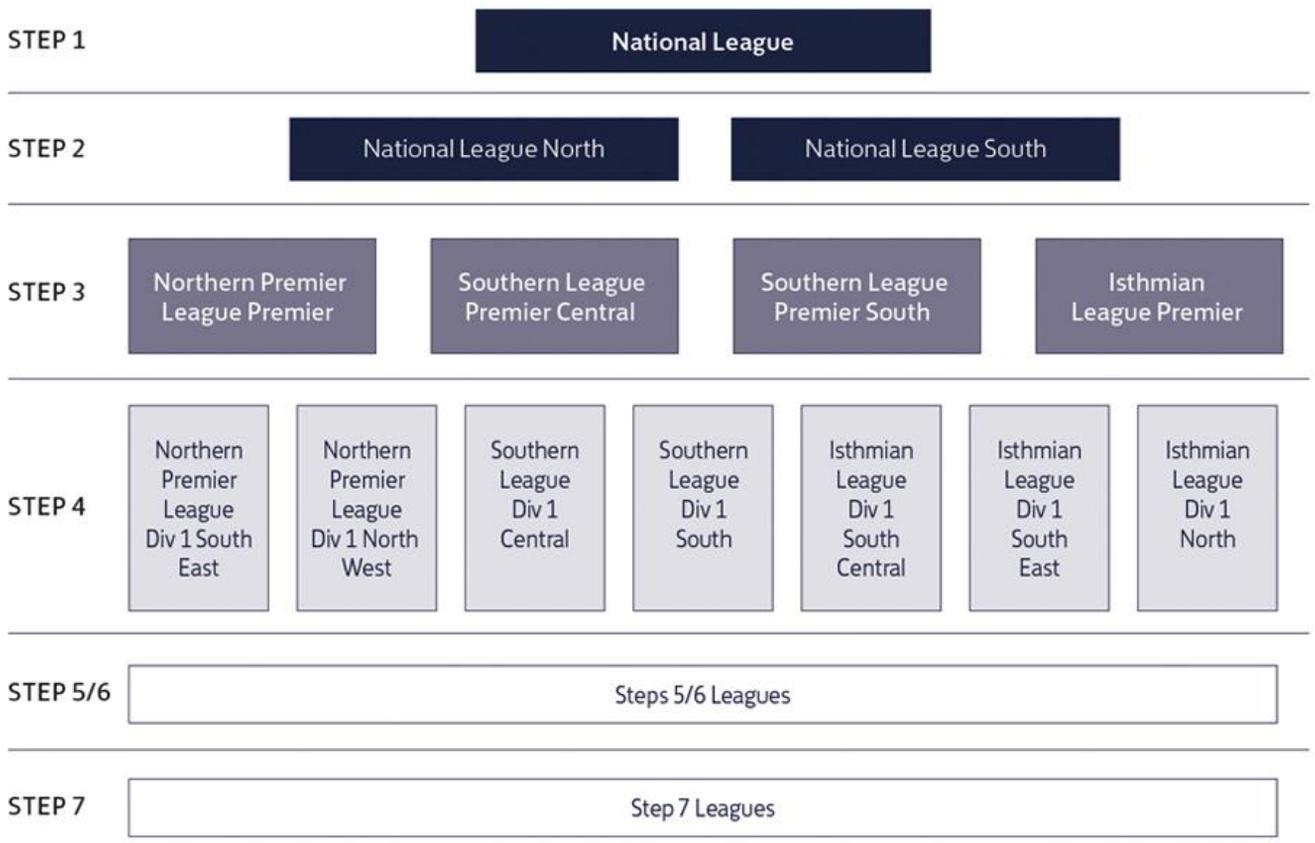
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The leagues below level 4 are classed as 'Non-League', meaning they are outside the English Football League. The leagues at levels 5-11 (Step 1-7), comprise the National League System (NLS), and come under the direct jurisdiction of the Football Association. The top level (level 5) of the NLS is known as "step 1" by the FA, the next (level 6) as step 2", and so on.

The National League System

For the 2020/21 season, each Step shall have the following maximum number of Clubs: Step 1 – 24, Step 2 – 44, Step 3 – 88, Step 4 – 140, Step 5 – 280, Step 6 – 400. Clubs will be placed in the most geographically appropriate division. At Step 7 the maximum number of Clubs in each division shall be determined by the Committee taking into account all relevant factors.

From the 2021/22 season onwards, each Step shall have the following maximum number of Clubs: Step 1 – 24, Step 2 – 48, Step 3 – 88, Step 4 – 160, Step 5 – 320, Step 6 – 340.





1st Team Fixtures & Results

Day	Date	Comp	Opponents	H/A	Att.	Result					
September											
Sat	12/09	HL1W	Hereford Lads Clubs	A	78	1-0 (L)	Pedrick	Humphreys	Basana	King	Keveren
Sat	19/09	HL1W	Malvern Town	A	184	5-0 (L)	Pedrick	Love	Ry.Thwaite	King	Keveren
Sat	26/09	HL1W	Moreton Rangers	H	60	3-2 (W)	Pedrick	Humphreys	Basana	King	Keveren
October											
Sat	03/10	HL1W	Newent Town	A	70	4-0 (L)	Pedrick	Love	Basana	King	Keveren
Tues	06/10	HL1W	Hereford Pegasus	H	175	2-3 (L)	Pedrick	Bird	Basana	King	Ry.Thwaite
Sat	10/10	FAV	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H	124	0-1 (L)	Pedrick	Humphreys	Basana	Ry.Thwaite	Ri.Thwaite
Tues	13/10	BSSC	Bishops Cleeve	H	178	1-5 (L)	Davies	Humphreys	Bird	Stephens	Ri.Thwaite
Sat	17/10	HL1W	Shortwood United	A	115	2-1 (L)	Pedrick	Humphreys	Basana	Ry.Thwaite ©	Ri.Thwaite
Tues	20/10	HL1W	Malmesbury Victoria	H							
Tues	27/10	FLC	Cheltenham Saracens	A							
Sat	31/10	HL1W	Tytherington Rocks	A							
November											
Tues	03/11	HL1W	Thornbury Town	H							
Sat	07/11	HL1W	Wellington	H							
Sat	14/11	HL1W	Bourton Rovers	A							
Sat	21/11	HL1W	Cheltenham Saracens	H							
Sat	28/11	HL1W	Cirencester Town Development	A							
December											
Sat	05/12	HL1W	Clanfield 85	H							
Sat	12/12	HL1W	Hereford Lads Club	H							
Sat	19/12	HL1W	Malmesbury Victoria	A							
January											
Sat	02/01	HL1W	Moreton Rangers	A							
Sat	09/01	HL1W	Newent Town	H							
Sat	16/01	HL1W	Hereford Pegasus	A							
Sat	23/01	HL1W	Shortwood United	H							
February											
Sat	06/02	HL1W	Thornbury Town	A							
Sat	13/02	HL1W	Tytherington Rocks	H							
Sat	20/02	HL1W	Wellington	A							
Sat	27/02	HL1W	Bourton Rovers	H							
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Sat	13/03	HL1W	Cirencester Town Development	H							
Sat	20/03	HL1W	Clanfield 85	A							
Sat	27/03	HL1W	Malvern Town	H							

HL1W – Hellenic League Div 1 West, FAV – FA Vase, BSSC – Challenge Cup, BLFC – Floodlit Cup



1st Team Fixtures & Results

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
September								
Palmer	Bird	Kibble ©	L. Gardiner	T. Williams	Gittings	Earle	Orchard	Ractliffe
J. Gardiner	Basana	Kibble ©	Ractliffe	T. Williams	Gittings	G. Pedrick	Orchard	Moyo
Ry. Thwaite	Palmer	Kibble © 1	Earle 2	T. Williams	Ractliffe	Bird	Moyo	Love
October								
Ry. Thwaite	Palmer	Kibble ©	Ractliffe	Earle	Gittings	J. Williams	Moyo	Lowe
Gittings 1	T. Williams 1	Kibble ©	Buckland	Earle	J. Williams	Moyo	Love	Ractliffe
King	Palmer	Kibble ©	T. Williams	Earle	Gittings	Ractliffe	Lowe	Moyo
Ry. Thwaite	Palmer	Kibble © 1	Moyo	Ractliffe	Lowe	Love	Burns	King
King	Palmer	Williams	Buckland	Gittings	Earle	L. Gardiner 1	Love	Burns
November								
December								
January								
February								
March								
								Man of the Match

COVID-19: UPDATED GUIDANCE ON INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

FOR CLUBS, PLAYERS, COACHES, CLUB OFFICIALS, CLUB WELFARE OFFICERS, MATCH OFFICIALS AND FACILITY PROVIDERS – Published: 23 September 2020

This document outlines actions to be taken before, during and after all outdoor competitive grassroots football activities **here** and the more detailed guidance document produced by The FA, available **here**. Importantly, following the advice, indoor football, including futsal, can be played.

In outdoor competitive training and matches, physical contact is now allowed, but for all other activity (e.g. warm-ups). Should Government guidance change in response to the current Covid-19 Alert Level, The FA guidance will be updated.

BEFORE ACTIVITY

- Everyone should self-assess for **Covid-19 symptoms** before every training session or match. If you are symptomatic or living in a household with possible or actual Covid-19 infection you must not participate or attend. You should stay home and follow the latest **Government guidance**.
- Clubs/facility providers should appoint a Covid-19 officer and conduct a thorough general risk assessment, as well as a safeguarding **risk assessment** before re-opening or re-starting competitive activity. They **must** also follow current **'NHS Test and Trace'** protocols, such as keeping an attendance register.
- Personal hygiene measures should be carried out by everyone and hand sanitisers brought and used at the training/match venue.
- All participants must follow Government advice on **face coverings**.
- The sharing of kit and equipment should be avoided, but where equipment is shared, it must be cleaned before use by another person.
- Goal posts and corner poles should be wiped down before matches, after matches and at half time.
- Follow Government guidance for travel, including minimising use of public transport.
- Active participants should arrive changed and ready to take part.
- Youth team coaches should re-acquaint themselves with all safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Meet-up times should be adjusted to avoid time spent congregating at a venue.
- Use of clubhouses, hospitality facilities, changing rooms and toilets must adhere to **Government guidance**.

Anyone who is deemed vulnerable in respect of Covid-19 is reminded to follow the Government's guidance, only returning to football when it's right for them to do so.

DURING TRAINING

- Competitive training should take place in groups.
- Indoor play can continue for a maximum of 3 v 3 non-competitive indoor activities for disabled people can continue to play.
- Competitive matches can continue to play a session, and in any session.
- The sharing of kit and drinks or refreshments.
- When the ball goes out of play, it should be retrieved using the throw-in.
- Participants must not sit on the ground together, as detailed in the guidance.
- Set plays: players are allowed to touch the ball, but modifications apply to set plays, as detailed more in The FA's match guidance.
- Youth football coaches should observe during match play.
- Observing rigorous training.
- Spectator groups should be avoided. See **Government guidance**.
- Match fee payments.
- Small-sided football is encouraged, but is discouraged from taking place in a club.

DISCLAIMER:

This guidance is for general information only and does not constitute legal advice, nor is it a replacement for such, nor does it replace any Government or PHE advice; nor does it provide any specific commentary or advice on health-related issues. Affected organisations should therefore ensure that they seek independent advice from medical practitioners, or healthcare providers, prior to implementing any re-opening plan, as required. Independent legal advice

THANK YOU! NOW LET'S GET OUR GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL BACK UP AND RUNNING

FOLLOWING THE UK GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON 22 SEPTEMBER, ALL COVID-SECURE GUIDELINES ARE NOW LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, WITH WHICH EVERYONE MUST ADHERE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN FINES AS THE PRIME MINISTER SET OUT IN HIS SPEECH TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, A TRANSCRIPT OF WHICH YOU CAN READ [HERE](#).



LS, LEAGUE OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS/CARERS SPECTATORS AND FOOTBALL

activity in England. It should be read in conjunction with the latest UK Government Covid-19 guidance available on 22 September the 'rule of six' has been extended to all indoor team sports. This means no

(-ups/cool-downs) the Government guidance on social distancing should be observed, read [here](#).
dated accordingly.

URING AND MATCH PLAY

ing can take place for all participants, in an outdoor setting provided this
ps of no more than 30 (including coaches).

ntinue to take place, provided groups of more than six do not mix (i.e. a
matches can be played indoors). If groups of six are likely to mix, these
ust not go ahead. There are exemptions for organised indoor team sports
and also for children (under-18s). Therefore, disabled people and children
u indoor sport without restrictions on numbers.

in play is permitted, with social distancing in place before and after the
breaks in play.

nd equipment should be avoided and participants should bring their own
ents, in named containers.

s out of play, it should not be retrieved by non-participants and should be
feet rather than the hands where possible.

not spit and should avoid shouting or raising their voices when facing each
n The FA Covid-19 Code of Behaviour.

re encouraged to avoid unnecessarily long set-up or close marking. Other
y to specific situations, such as goal celebrations being discouraged. Read
ore detailed guidance [here](#).

ches are encouraged to limit persistent close proximity of participants
and training.

hygiene standards, injuries can be treated. See full guidance [here](#).

ould be limited to six people per group and spread out in line with wider
[ance](#). These six-person groups must be preserved - no mingling.

ts should be cashless – consider using [The FA Matchday App](#).

ll should include more regular hygiene breaks in activity and players
ouching or tackling against boards.

AFTER ACTIVITY

- Hands should be washed at the earliest opportunity and personal equipment should be wiped down with a disinfectant.
- Unless absolutely necessary, participants should take their kit home and wash it themselves, or by family members. Post-activity showers should be taken at home.
- Everyone must continue to maintain **social distancing** including in any facilities where groups of people congregate (e.g. clubhouses).
- Everyone should leave following the traffic-flow system the club or facility provider has put place.
- Anyone who becomes infected after training/matches should report this to the **NHS Test and Trace system**.
- Hospitality venues, such as clubhouse bars, must close at 10pm latest.

should be sought, as required and depending on your, or relevant circumstances. While efforts have been taken to ensure the accuracy of this information at the time of publication, the reader is reminded to check the Government website to obtain the most up-to-date information regarding social distancing and any other Government measures.

REAT GAME GOING AGAIN – SAFELY.



Magpies Sponsorship Opportunities – Season 2020/21

At Stonehouse Town Football Club, we believe that we are not just a football club but see ourselves as key contributors towards our local community. We have made huge strides over the last few years in cementing ourselves as a community-based club, providing access to football of all sexes, ages and abilities. Moreover, we continue to raise all our own funds with no significant input from external agencies, which allows the club to keep in touch with local fundraising and sponsorship.

In view of our desire to promote the football club up the Non-League Pyramid, we are very keen to forge links with local businesses as a winning example of shared involvement in the community of Stonehouse. There are several ways that we can build relationships to strengthen ties, particularly by acquiring sponsors for our teams, our ground and our equipment.

Your sponsorship includes - a namecheck in all relevant Club communications on our Facebook, Twitter and social media pages. It also includes an entry into our List of Sponsors on view daily at our home ground on Oldends Lane, Stonehouse.

Corporate Social Responsibility - You can use Stonehouse Town Football Club as a specific example in your business advertising and publicity, as positive proof of your commitment to and investment into the local Stonehouse and Gloucestershire community.

We have a range of sponsorship packages that may interest you and your company:

1. Advertising Board - £250

We can arrange for a Sponsorship Board to be manufactured and drawn up using your Company name and logo, which will feature as a perimeter advertising board at our Oldends Lane ground. Annual renewal of the advertising board is then discounted down to only £150

2. Matchday Programme - £150

Full page advert in every 1st Team Home game, including all cup competitions. All Matchday Programmes will be available on the club website.

3. 1st Team Player Sponsorship - £80

Sponsoring a player is a great way for your company's name to be included in our matchday programme, social media channels PLUS a complimentary season tickets including all 1st and 2nd Team home fixtures (excluding FA Cup and Vase)

4. Matchday Sponsor - £50

Includes your name in our Matchday Programme, Sponsor of the match ball, plus free entry inc. Programme, Teas & Coffees for 4 people

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