



THE WESSEX POST

Official newsletter of the Wessex Football League

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your Newsletter, if you have any contribution, be it Match Reports, player news or photos please get in touch at - newsletter.wessexleague@gmail.com.

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You are more than welcome to use any material (excluding attributed photographs) but it would be appreciated if any material used is acknowledged. It is hoped you enjoy reading this each week. With readership quite widespread, not only within our own competition, but across the three counties and beyond- if ANY club has anything they would like to have published in here, whether that be a request for helpers, promotion of forthcoming events, items required or available for sale please do get in touch.

The Wessex Post will be published each Saturday night. Please would all contributors note that the deadline for anything is 22:00 on the Saturday and this includes match reports- all home clubs are reminded to get their reports in before then, although if an away side does the report that will also be welcome. It should also be noted that whilst all contributions are welcome, they are subject to editorial scrutiny.

KICK OFF

WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHARITY CUP



SATURDAY 25 JULY
AFC STONEHAM VS HAMBLE CLUB

STONEHAM LANE, SO16 2PA

KO 15:00

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WESSEX LEAGUE FOOTBALL SHOW



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Just a quick reminder that all Clubs must include the advertisements indicated by the League in every Match Programme they produce- in either the PRINTED or ON-LINE version. **New ones for 2026/27 will be available soon- programme editors are requested to wait before updating their work for the new season.** That for the Wessex League Football Show is already available, see page 2- this does not have to be a full page advert. The “Kick it Out” campaign poster is on page 3, and must be included as a full page in the club programme. Page 4 shows our Partners for the season, this also needs to be a full page covering all seven.

CLUB NEWS

If you have any items- stories, initiatives etc., you wish to include please do send them in to the Editor.

A major funding boost could soon bring a new 3G football pitch to Hamble according to the local press. Local councillors have agreed to allocate £312,000 towards the project, with funding set to support a proposed all-weather facility at **Hamble Club**. The decision was made at a meeting of the Bursledon, Hamble, and Hound (BHH) Local Area Committee earlier this week. A Football Foundation grant could provide up to 65 per cent of the estimated £1.1 million project cost.

PRE-SEASON 2026/27

Clubs are requested to send in details of their schedule for 2026/27.

Please do NOT forget that the HOST team also MUST obtain sanction from their County FA before the game is played and to ensure that all teams are correctly affiliated and covered with the correct level of Personal Accident Insurance.

Games are subject to change at little or no notice and are listed in GOOD FAITH, but please note that the League have no control over these games, nor as to whether any games are changed or called off at short notice.

Spectators are strongly recommended to check nearer the time if making a special journey.

NOTES:

[2] Clive Saunders Memorial Trophy
[3] Barry Small Trophy

[5] Jack Bellows Trophy
[7] Salisbury Hospital Cup 2025/26



Monday 13 July

Blandford United v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	Blandford School 3G	-
Sherborne Town v Westland Sports	-	-
Swanage Town & Herston v Christchurch	-	19:30

Tuesday 14 July

AFC Stoneham v Midhurst & Easebourne	-	-
Bridport v Wincanton Town	-	-
Colden Common v Infinity	-	-

Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers	-	-
Hamworthy Recreation v Shaftesbury	-	-
Hamworthy United v Bashley	-	-
Hanworth Villa v Fareham Town	-	-
Horndean v Gosport Borough	-	-
Laverstock & Ford v Winchester City	-	-
Odd Down v Sturminster Newton United	-	-
Portland United v Christchurch	-	-
Romsey Town v Cowes Sports	Wide Lane	-
Sheerwater v Cove	-	-
Totton & Eling v Hamble Club	Redbridge School 3G	19:30
Whitchurch United v Tadley Calleva	-	-
Wednesday 15 July		
Bridport v Hamworthy Recreation	-	-
Sandhurst Town v Yateley United	SB Stadium	-
Thursday 16 July		
Andover New Street v Lymington Town	-	-
Friday 17 July		
Calne Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-
Clanfield v Denmead	-	-
Fawley AFC v Nursling & Shirley	-	19:45
Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Christchurch	-	-
Kintbury Rangers v Royal Wootton Bassett Town	-	-
Saturday 18 July		
AFC Netley v Colden Common	-	-
AFC Stoneham v Badshot Lea	-	-
Alton v Petersfield Town	-	-
Ash United v Banstead Athletic	Alderwood School	14:00
Baffins Milton Rovers v Chichester City	-	-
Berks County v Yateley United	[Neutral venue]	-
Blandford United v Downton	Blandford School 3G	12:30
Bosham v Clanfield	TBA	-
Bournemouth Electric v Bashley	[2]	15:00
Brockenhurst v New Milton Town	-	15:00
Cove v Tadley Calleva	[Neutral venue]	-
Cowes Sports v Blackfield & Langley	-	-
Dorchester Town v East Cowes Victoria	Wyvern College	14:00
Fleetlands v Winchester City	-	-
Folland Sports v Bournemouth	-	15:00
Hamble Club v Hedge End Rangers	-	-
Hamworthy United v Holt United	-	-
Metropolitan Police v Fareham Town	-	-
Reading City v Romsey Town	-	14:00
Selsey v Horndean	-	-
Sherborne Town v Portland United	-	12:00
Tadley Calleva v Cove	[Neutral venue]	-
Torridgeside v Wincanton Town	-	-
Totton & Eling v Whiteley Wanderers	Redbridge School 3G	11:30
United Services Portsmouth v Mob Albion	HMS Temeraire	-
Whitchurch United v Hartley Wintney	-	13:00
Tuesday 21 July		
AFC Stoneham v Havant & Waterlooville	-	-
Alresford Town v Petersfield Town	-	-
Andover New Street v Whitchurch United	-	13:00

Bournemouth v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	[5]	-
Bradford Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-
Brockenhurst v Dorchester Town	-	-
Clanfield v Horndean	-	-
Downton v Weymouth	-	-
East Cowes Victoria v Newport IOW	Beatrice Avenue	19:30
Fareham Town v Poole Town	Cams Alders	-
Fawley AFC v Stockbridge	-	19:45
Holt United v Sturminster Newton United	[Neutral venue]	-
Hythe & Dibden v AFC Totton	-	19:45
Laverstock & Ford v Ringwood Town	-	-
Midhurst & Easebourne v Hamble Club	-	-
Moneyfields Reserves v Folland Sports	-	19:45
Portland United v Bashley	-	-
Sandhurst Town v Berks County	SB Stadium	-
Swanage Town & Herston v Hamworthy United	-	-
Totton & Eling v Hedge End Town	Redbridge School 3G	19:30
United Services Portsmouth v Infinity	Moneyfields	-
Whitehill & Bordon v Cove	[Neutral venue]	19:30
Wincanton Town v Balti Sports	-	-
Wednesday 22 July		
Bournemouth Electric v Christchurch	-	19:00
Dorchester Sports v Romsey Town	-	19:45
Hedge End Rangers v AFC Netley	Deer Park	-
Sherborne Town v Middlezoy Rovers	-	-
Waterlooville AFC v Colden Common	Gosport Borough	19:30
Thursday 23 July		
Folland Sports v Baffins Milton Rovers	-	19:45
Hamworthy Recreation v New Milton Town	-	19:45
Friday 24 July		
Dorchester Sports v Christchurch	-	-
Fareham Town v AFC Portchester	-	-
Fawley AFC v AFC Netley	-	19:45
Ilminster Town v Wincanton Town	-	-
Laverstock & Ford v Shaftesbury	-	-
Warminster Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-
West Wight v Newport IOW	Camp Road	19:30
Saturday 25 July		
Amesbury Town v Down Ampney	-	-
Andover New Street v Colden Common	-	-
Baffins Milton Rovers v Portsmouth Academy	-	-
Bashley v Dorchester Town	-	-
Blandford United v Sturminster Newton United	Blandford School 3G	-
Bournemouth v Civil Service FC	-	15:00
Bridport v Portland United	-	-
Brockenhurst v Folland Sports	-	15:00
Cheddar v Wincanton Town	-	-
Cowes Sports v Wick	-	-
Dial Square v Cove	[Neutral venue]	-
East Cowes Victoria v Infinity	-	-
Hamworthy United v Fleetlands	-	15:00
Hythe & Dibden v Newport IOW	-	-
Kintbury Rangers v Clanfield 85	-	13:00
Meon Milton v Clanfield	Cockleshell Community Ground	-

New Milton Town v Verwood Town	-	15:00
Petersfield Town v Alresford Town	-	19:45
Sandhurst Town v Whitehill & Bordon	-	15:00
United Services Portsmouth v Paulsgrove	<i>HMS Temeraire</i>	-
Whitchurch United v Hart United	-	13:00
Yateley United v Ashford Town Middlesex	<i>Sean Devereux Park</i>	-

Tuesday 28 July

Ash United v Tongham	-	-
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Amesbury Town	[7]	-
Colden Common v Alresford Town	[3]	-
Downton v AFC Stoneham	-	-
Fawley AFC v Crofton Saints	-	19:45
Hedge End Rangers v Downton	-	-
Liss Athletic v Cove	-	-
New Milton Town v Laverstock & Ford	-	19:45
United Services Portsmouth v Hayling United	<i>HMS Temeraire</i>	-
Verwood Town v Christchurch	-	19:30
Willand v Sherborne Town	-	-

Wednesday 29 July

Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Newport IOW	<i>Gatcombe</i>	19:30
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PRE-SEASON RESULTS



Saturday 4 July

Locks Heath 1-2 Hedge End Rangers

Sunday 5 July

Whitchurch United 1-0 Reading City [*AFC Aldermaston Invitational Trophy*]

Tuesday 7 July

AFC Stoneham 1-2 Bashley
 Baffins Milton Rovers 3-1 Infinity
 Bedfont Sports 1-3 Yateley United
 Fawley AFC 2-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins
 Fleetlands 5-1 Locks Heath
 Folland Sports 1-2 Winchester City
 Hamworthy United Reserves 4-4 Bournemouth
 Holt United 2-2 Totton & Eling
 Lymington Town 4-6 United Services Portsmouth
 Millbrook 4-1 Colden Common
 Molesey 0-3 Cove
 Petersfield Town 3-3 Horndean [*Hanna Cup*]
 Romsey Town 3-1 Overton United
 Wimborne Town 5-0 Christchurch [*Gerry Page Trophy*]

Wednesday 8 July

Bognor Regis Town 3-0 Fareham Town
 Hedge End Rangers 2-0 Crofton Saints
 Sandhurst Town 0-5 Wokingham Town
 Swanage Town & Herston 1-2 Blandford United

Thursday 9 July

Corsham Town 1-3 Andover New Street
 Ringwood Town 1-5 Hamworthy Recreation

Friday 10 July

Chichester City 7-0 Christchurch [Steve Bernard Trophy]
 Colden Common 3-3 Fareham Town
 Cowes Sports 3-2 Newport IOW
 Dorchester Town 5-1 Downton
 Ilminster Town 0-2 Sherborne Town
 Shaftesbury 2-1 Sturminster Newton United

Saturday 11 July

AFC Netley 1-1 Lymington Town
 Amesbury Town 1-2 Andover New Street
 Ash United 1-6 Guildford City
 Blandford United 4-0 AFC Totton U23
 Bognor Regis Town 4-1 Hamble Club
 Devizes Town 4-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins
 Fleetlands 0-4 New Milton Town
 Frimley Green 1-5 Yateley United
 Gosport Borough 3-3 Brockenhurst
 Harefield United 3-1 AFC Aldermaston
 Hedge End Rangers 2-3 Hythe & Dibden
 Horndean 1-0 Meon Milton
 Horndean United 1-4 United Services Portsmouth
 Liss Athletic 0-3 Baffins Milton Rovers
 Locks Heath 2-3 Folland Sports
 Maidenhead Town 2-2 Kintbury Rangers
 Midhurst & Easebourne 2-1 Hamworthy Recreation
 Petersfield Town 1-0 Crofton Saints
 Reading City v Cove [*result not provided- not known if actually played*]
 Saltash United 1-1 Portland United
 Sandhurst Town 5-0 Wargrave
 Stockbridge 0-3 East Cowes Victoria
 Waterlooville AFC 0-3 Whitchurch United

FIXTURES 2026/27

A general reminder that fixtures are subject to alteration and or cancellation at short notice.

Saturday 25 July

Wessex League Charity Cup
 AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club

Tuesday 28th July**Premier Division**

Hamble Club v Andover New Street

Friday 31 July**Division One**

Fawley AFC v Lymington Town

Saturday 1st August**Premier Division**

Bashley v Hamble Club

Bournemouth v Hythe & Dibden

Cowes Sports v Brockenhurst

Downton v Petersfield Town

East Cowes Victoria v Andover New Street

Fleetlands v Laverstock & Ford

Horndean v Sherborne Town

Millbrook v Hamworthy Recreation

Sturminster Newton United v Fareham Town

Division One

Alresford Town v Blandford United

Amesbury Town v Folland Sports
Frimley Green v Totton & Eling
Hamworthy United v Newport IOW
Kintbury Rangers v Sandhurst Town
New Milton Town v Cove
Ringwood Town v AFC Aldermaston
Whitchurch United v Colden Common

Tuesday 4th August

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Cowes Sports v New Milton Town
Folland Sports v Hythe & Dibden
Hamble Club v Brockenhurst
Petersfield Town v Romsey Town
Ringwood Town v Newport IOW

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Bashley
Downton v Baffins Milton Rovers
Fareham Town v East Cowes Victoria
Sturminster Newton United v Christchurch

Division One

Amesbury Town v Blandford United
Ash United v Frimley Green
Hamworthy United v Fawley AFC
Kintbury Rangers v Lymington Town

Wednesday 5th August

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Totton & Eling
Hedge End Rangers v Alresford Town
Whitchurch United v Sandhurst Town

Saturday 8th August

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch
Badshot Lea v Brockenhurst
Bournemouth v Downton
Cowes Sports v Hamble Club
Devizes Town v Hamworthy Recreation
East Cowes Victoria v AFC Stoneham
Horndean v Hartley Wintney
Laverstock & Ford v Eversley & California
Millbrook v Bradford Town
Paulton Rovers v Fleetlands
Petersfield Town v Fareham Town
Portland United v Sturminster Newton United
Shepton Mallet v Bashley
Sherborne Town v Baffins Milton Rovers
Tadley Calleva v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Westbury United v Hythe & Dibden

Tuesday 11th August

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Horndean
Bashley v Sturminster Newton United
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Sherborne Town

Bournemouth v Laverstock & Ford
Brockenhurst v Hamworthy Recreation
Downton v Christchurch
Fareham Town v Hythe & Dibden
Fleetlands v Hamble Club
Millbrook v Andover New Street
Petersfield Town v East Cowes Victoria

Saturday 15th August

FA Vase First Round Qualifying

Andover New Street v Bemerton Heath H'quins
Bashley v Blandford United
Bridport v Folland Sports
Bristol Telephones v AFC Aldermaston
Clanfield v Romsey Town
Cove v Laverstock & Ford
Fareham Town v Baffins Milton Rovers
Fleetlands v Wincanton Town
Hamble Club v Cowes Sports
Horndean v Totton & Eling
Kintbury Rangers v Mangotsfield United
Newport (IOW) v Colden Common
Pagham v Millbrook
Selsey v Hamworthy United

Premier Division

Brockenhurst v Christchurch
East Cowes Vics v Bournemouth
Sherborne Town v Petersfield Town
Sturminster Newton United v Hythe & Dibden

Tuesday 18th August

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Alresford Town v Totton & Eling
Alton v East Cowes Victoria
Bashley v Colden Common
Fareham Town v Fleetlands
Folland Sports or Hythe & Dibden v Army FA
Hamble Club or Brockenhurst v Lymington Town
Hedge End Rangers v Fawley AFC
Horndean v Cove
Millbrook v Andover New Street
Petersfield T or Romsey T v Eversley & California
Ringwood Town or Newport IOW v Christchurch
Royal Navy FA v Bournemouth

Premier Division

Hythe & Dibden v Baffins Milton Rovers
Laverstock & Ford v Hamble Club
Sturminster Newton United v Downton

Wednesday 19th August

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Whitchurch Utd v Cowes Sports or New Milton T

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Brockenhurst

Saturday 22nd August

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

Tuesday 25th August

Wessex League Cup First Round

Bashley v Romsey Town

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Petersfield Town
Baffins Milton Rovers v East Cowes Victoria
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Christchurch
Brockenhurst v Bournemouth
Hamble Club v Downton
Horndean v Cowes Sports
Hythe & Dibden v Sherborne Town
Laverstock & Ford v Sturminster Newton United
Millbrook v Fareham Town

Friday 28 August

Premier Division

Downton v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Saturday 29th August

Wessex League Cup First Round

Sturminster Newton United v Lymington Town

Premier Division

Bashley v Brockenhurst
Bournemouth v Christchurch
East Cowes Victoria v Hamble Club
Fareham Town v Cowes Sports
Fleetlands v Baffins Milton Rovers
Millbrook v Hythe & Dibden
Petersfield Town v Horndean
Sherborne Town v Andover New Street

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP 2026/27

Please see below the draw for the Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round and First Round

Preliminary Round – Week commencing Monday 3 August 2026

Cowes Sports v New Milton Town
Folland Sports v Hythe & Dibden
Hamble Club v Brockenhurst
Petersfield Town v Romsey Town
Ringwood Town v Newport IOW

First Round – Week commencing Monday 17 August 2026

Alresford Town v Totton & Eling
Alton v East Cowes Victoria
Bashley v Colden Common
Clanfield v Tadley Calleva
Fareham Town v Fleetlands
Folland Sports or Hythe & Dibden v Army FA
Hamble Club or Brockenhurst v Lymington Town
Hedge End Rangers v Fawley AFC
Horndean v Cove
Millbrook v Andover New Street
Petersfield Town or Romsey Town v Eversley & California
Ringwood Town or Newport IOW v Christchurch
Royal Navy FA v Bournemouth
Whitchurch United v Cowes Sports or New Milton Town
Yateley United v Fleet Town

The dates for the Hampshire Senior Cup competition are shown below, together with the dates for the Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup competition, the dates for the final[s] will be advised in due course.

Saturday Senior Cup

Preliminary Round- w/c 3 August 2026
First Round- w/c 17 August 2026
Second Round- w/c 7 September 2026
Third Round- w/c 9 November 2026
Quarter Final- w/c 11 January 2027
Semi Final- w/c 1 March 2027

Russell-Cotes Cup

First Round- Thursday 10 September 2026
Second Round- Thursday 8 October 2026
Third Round- Thursday 12 November 2026
Fourth Round- Thursday 11 February 2027

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

In the Hampshire Combination & Development League, the draw has been made for the opening rounds of the Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup and is as follows:

First Round

AFC Stoneham v Fleetlands
Andover New Street v AFC Totton
Baffins Milton Rovers v Winchester City
Dorchester Town v Verwood Town
Downton v Totton & Eling
Fawley AFC v Fareham Town
Folland Sports v Ringwood Town
Hamble Club v Romsey Town
Select Generation v Laverstock & Ford
United Services Portsmouth v Andover Town

Second Round

Andover New Street or AFC Totton v Hamble Club or Romsey Town
Baffins Milton Rovers or Winchester City v Select Generation or Laverstock & Ford
Bashley v New Milton Town
Dorchester Town or Verwood Town v Whiteley Wanderers
Downton or Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC or Fareham Town
Folland Sports or Ringwood Town v Lymington Town
Hayling United v United Services Portsmouth or Andover Town
Poole Town v AFC Stoneham or Fleetlands

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

League Cup draw has been released. The losers will go into the George Mason Memorial Shield.

First Round

Crofton Saints v Blackfield & Langley

Second Round

BTC Southampton v Mob Albion
Sway v AFC Netley
Andover v Denmead
Overton United v Locks Heath
US Portsmouth v Nursling & Shirley
Meon Milton v Paulsgrove
Lyndhurst v Hook
Southsea Sports v Liss Athletic
Moneyfields Reserves v North Waltham
Liphook United v Crofton Saints or Blackfield & Langley
Bishop Waltham Dynamos v Whitehill & Bordon
AFC Shirley (holders) v Horndean United
Broughton v Headley
Hayling United v Sporting Wessex
Stocksbridge v Hedge End Town
TwentyTen v Whiteley Wanderers

FROM BLANDFORD TO THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS



Harry Foden played 38 times between the sticks for **Portland United** last season after joining the Club from **Blandford United** in the close season, and will now be hopefully looking to play a big part as the Club commence their coming campaign in the Southern League South Division *writes John Gorman*. But as well as playing at a higher level for Portland, Harry also has every intention of representing the British Virgin Islands in the Nations Cup. Back to that shortly.

The British Virgin Islands are a British Overseas Territory in the Caribbean – a group of some sixty Islands to the east of Puerto Rico – that enjoy a sub-tropical climate all the year round and where the language is English. The Capital, Road Town, is on the Island of Tortola.

On the football front they lost a friendly to Gibraltar 4-0 just over a month ago having defeated Anguilla by the same score back in March, but finished bottom in the World Cup Qualifying group E without troubling the scorer, which was won by Jamaica.

Coming back to the present day, Harry recently attended a training camp with the British Virgin Islands squad in Malaga during the course of which they defeated another Caribbean nation, Bonaire, 2-0 with a player well known to the Wessex League, Josh Bertie, scoring one of the goals and Luka Chalwell who was on the books at Hurn Bridge a couple of seasons back, the other. Josh, the son of the Andover Town Manager, has been involved with the BVI squad for the past four or five years. Bournemouth's Charles Medway is another player who has been called up in recent times.

Harry's next involvement on the international stage will be in the CONCACAF (Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football) Nations League which takes place between September and next March. The British Virgin Islands are in Group C which contains just nine Sides. These will be split into three groups of three with each side playing the other two in their group home and away, with the make-up of the groups yet to be decided. Out of interest the nine Countries/Islands are Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, the Bahamas, Montserrat, Saint Maarten, the Turks & Caicos Islands, the American Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands. All these Countries are in the lower reaches of the FIFA Ranking list but some exotic places and no doubt enjoyable travelling. As an aside Canada, Mexico and the United States are in the 16 nation Group A.

THE LAST WORD

Clubs will have been provided with information on Laws of the Game changes received from the FA, it is suggested that this information is shared with all Team Management groups. Check it out here- <https://canva.link/ifab-lotg-changes-26-27>

PHOTO FINISH



Action from AFC Stoneham v Bashley (white) in the week captured by Sara Taylor. The New Forest side ran out as 2-1 winners.