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WELLINGTON AFC Club History

Formed in 1892, we are proud to be a three-star FA Accredited Club and run more than 30 teams, providing football for hundreds of men, women, boys and girls throughout the season.

Initially, the club played in leagues based around Taunton and Tiverton. In the early 1960s, we gained promotion to the Somerset Senior League and succeeded in achieving Western League status in 1978 which has been retained ever since, making us one of the league's longest continuously serving members.

Since entering the Western League in the First Division, we have played at Premier Division level from 1981-82 to 1984-85 and 2008-09 to 2010-11. The team were then promoted as First Division champions at the end of the 2016-17 season and have since remained in the Premier Division.

In their first season back, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup.

The side, who finished 15th in 2023-24, are now managed by Richard Cherry.

We have four other senior sides - the Reserves in the Devon and Exeter League's premier division, the A team in the Taunton Saturday League's premier division and the Ladies, who have two teams in the Somerset County Women's League.

We run 23 teams in our youth and minis with both boys and girls playing from the age of seven right through to 18 - along with coaching for even younger children.

We also have a thriving Disability section with two adult sides and two youth teams.

Off the pitch, Wellington AFC play a major role in the local community – we are home to a large number of skittles and darts teams and our social facilities are in use throughout the year for a wide range of events staged by local organisations, registered charities and individuals.

WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S GAME WELLINGTON v SHEPTON MALLET

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Shepton Mallet for this afternoon's Jewson Western League Premier Division game.

Wellington will be looking to avenge the 5-1 defeat at Shepton Mallet a month ago when our only goal was scored by Sam Sheldrake.

Last season Shepton Mallet won 2—0 at home in Wellington's second game of the season. In February, the teams drew 2-2 at the Playing Field with our goals scored by Josh Lukins and Miles Quick.

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MATCH REPORT Somerset Premier Cup – First Round WELLINGTON 7 MIDDLEZOY ROVERS 0

New signing Charlie Wilson scored four goals on his debut as Wellington cruised into the second round of the premier cup at the Playing Field on Wednesday evening.

Manager Richard Cherry made three changes to the side which beat Paulton Rovers 2-0 on Saturday.

Young keeper Charlie Hawkings came in for the unwell Jake Viney, Wilson – who most recently played for Axminster Town – was out wide in place of Nathan Byrne, and Jake Mawford replaced the dual-registered Phil Mendonca who has joined Willand Rovers.

The Tangerines got off to a flying start with two goals in the opening 12 minutes.

They went ahead when Middlezoy keeper Ashley Hutchings parried the ball out for Rohan Poulsom to drive home his second goal in two games.

Four minutes later, it was 2-0 as Wilson caught Hutchings off his line and scored with a stunning lob from fully 40 yards.

To their credit, Middlezoy, of the South West Peninsula League, refused to lie down and they gave the hosts a couple of scares without being able to reduce the arrears before the break. But Wellington were rampant in the second half, scoring five times without reply.

Sub Josh Baker made it 3-0 with a superb header after 53 minutes and, ten minutes later, great work from another sub, Sam Bryant, left Wilson with a simple tap-in.

Shortly afterwards, Wilson completed his hat-trick with a second audacious goal, his rabona cross dropping in at the far post.

Bryant hit the post with a low drive before Wellington wrapped it up with a pair of late strikes.

Wilson made it six – and four for him – with another close-range finish before Mark Cornish headed home in stoppage time to complete the scoring.

There was even time a late appearance by Rob Hall, who came on in goal for Hawkings after being out injured for two years.

The result will boost the Tangerines' confidence as they return to league action this afternoon against Shepton Mallet.



Manager Richard Cherry is pictured with new signing Charlie Wilson who scored four goals in his debut in the 7-0 Somerset Premier Cup win over Middlezoy Rovers



Action shot from Somerset Premier Cup game (Courtesy of Around Wellington)

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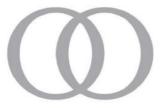
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TODAY'S VISITORS SHEPTON MALLET

Shepton Mallet Town FC originated from the amalgamation of three local teams in 1933, and who won the Somerset Senior League Premier Division Title in 1949,1959,1974 and 1975, as well as lifting the Somerset Senior Cup in 1950 and 1965.

Under manager Richard Fox the club were elected to the Western League for the first time in 1976, and promoted to the Premier Division as runners up in their first season. After relegation two years later, they again reached the Premier Division this time under manager Brian Drysdale, after winning the first division title in season 1981- 2, only for the original club to fold four years later and drop out of the Western League in 1986.

A new club named Shepton Mallet AFC was formed for season 1987-88 to compete in the Somerset County League, reaching the Premier Division in the early 1990s and winning the County Senior Cup in 1997-98 under manager Alan O'Leary. They finally won the league title in season 2000-2001 under manager Roger Smith to regain Western League status.

A dip in fortune followed, with two top 10 finishes followed by 9 seasons in the bottom half of the table, Kev Davis the longest serving manager in this period, Andy Jones and his assistant player manager Ben Cleverley were appointed in 2012 and in their second season the club gained promotion to the Premier Division (finishing 2nd behind Bradford Town) where they have remained since, and finishing in the top half of the table every season bar one.

Craig Loxton took over in 2016 and in 2018 the club finished 6th and lost the Les Phillips Cup Final to Buckland Athletic. After another 6th place finish in 2022 Craig left and in November 2022 Aaron Seviour was appointed, along with his assistant Matty Morris. Under Aaron the club has finished 8th, then last season 7th, but also reached the Les Phillips Cup final in both seasons. After losing to Helston Athletic in the 2023 final, the club made it third time lucky when they lifted the cup with a 3-1 win against Barnstaple Town to win their first trophy since 2001.

The current management team remains in place for the 2024-25 season along with most of last years successful squad of players.

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WESTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION Saturday 12th October 2024



WELLINGTON Tangerine From:

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DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	RESUL	т
27/07/24	А	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	2
30/07/24	А	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	3	0
03/08/24	Н	FAC	Buckland Athletic	1	0
10/08/24	А	Prem	Brixham	1	2
13/08/24	А	Prem	Barnstaple Town	2	1
17/08/24	А	FAC	Bideford	1	1
20/08/24	Н	FAC(R)	Bideford	0	2
24/08/24	А	Prem	Paulton Rovers	4	2
28/08/24	А	Prem	Clevedon Town	3	0
31/08/24	А	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	0
07/09/24	А	Prem	St Austell	2	1
10/09/24	А	Prem	Shepton Mallet	5	1
14/09/24	А	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	3
18/09/24	Н	Prem	Barnstaple Town	Aband	oned
21/09/24	Н	FAV	Sidmouth Town	1	3
28/09/24	А	Prem	St Blazey	1	3
02/10/24	Н	Prem	Brixham	0	4
05/10/24	Н	Prem	Paulton Rovers	2	1
09/10/14	Н	SPC	Middlezoy Rovers	7	0
12/10/24	Н	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
16/10/24	Н	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pr	n
19/10/24	А	Prem	Brislington		
22/10/24	А	LPC	Gillingham Town	7.30pr	n
26/10/24	Н	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
02/11/24	А	Prem	Saltash United		
09/11/24	А	Prem	Welton Rovers		
16/11/24	Н	Prem	Bridgwater United		
23/11/24	Н	Prem	Welton Rovers		
30/11/24		No gan	ne at present		
07/12/24		No gan	ne at present		
14/12/24	Н	Prem	St Austell		
21/12/24	Н	Prem	Torpoint Athletic		

DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	RESULT
26/12/24	н	Prem	Buckland Athletic	
01/01/24	А	Prem	Ivybridge Town	
04/01/25	А	Prem	Street	
11/01/25	Н	Prem	Portishead Town	
18/01/25			No game at present	
25/01/25	Н	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	
01/02/25	Н	Prem	Saltash United	
08/02/25	А	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	
15/02/25			No game at present	
22/02/25	Н	Prem	Street	
01/03/25	Н	Prem	Clevedon Town	
08/03/25			No game at present	
15/03/25	А	Prem	Portishead Town	
22/03/25	Н	Prem	Brislington	
29/03/25			No game at present	
05/04/25			No game at present	
12/04/25	Н	Prem	St Blazey	
18/04/25	А	Prem	Buckland Athletic	Good Friday
21/04/25	Н	Prem	Ivybridge Town	Easter Monday

NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD Sunday 13th October – 2.00pm Somerset County Women's League – Div 3 (South) WELLINGTON LADIES v PEN MILL LADIES DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday 16th October – 7.45pm Jewson Western Football League – Premier Division WELLINGTON v ILFRACOMBE TOWN

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PREMIER DIVISION TABLE (After last Saturday's matches)							
		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Clevedon Town	13	9	3	1	27	30
2	Brixham	13	8	4	1	17	28
3	Portishead Town	12	8	2	2	17	26
4	Barnstaple Town	12	8	1	3	19	25
5	Ivybridge Town	13	8	1	4	7	25
6	Street	14	7	4	3	5	25
7	Buckland Athletic	11	7	3	1	25	24
8	Shepton Mallet	14	7	3	4	11	24
9	Brislington	13	7	1	5	16	22
10	Nailsea & Tickenham	11	7	1	3	7	22
11	Bridgwater United	14	6	1	7	-10	19
12	Oldland Abbotonians	12	5	2	5	4	17
13	Saltash United	15	5	2	8	-8	17
14	Paulton Rovers	12	5	1	6	-5	16

PREMIER DIVISION MIDWEEK RESULTS

Ilfracombe Town Ivybridge Town

Torpoint Athletic

-14

-11

-12

-13

-17

-65

Saltash United

PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

Bridgwater United	v	Torpoint Athletic
Brislington	v	Buckland Athletic
Brixham	v	Nailsea & Tickenham
Clevedon Town	V	Paulton Rovers
Ilfracome Town	V	Oldland Abbotonians
Ivybridge Town	V	Street
Saltash United	V	Barnstaple Town
Wellington	v	Shepton Mallet
Welton Rovers	V	St Austell

WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER

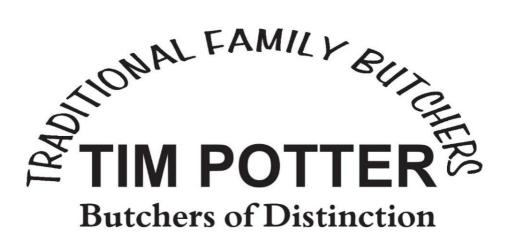
St Austell	v	Ivybridge Town
Clevedon Town	v	Brislington
St Blazey	v	Brixham
Wellington	v	Ilracombe Town



SOMERSET PREMIER CUP FIRST ROUND (to be played during October)

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Bath City		v	Larkhall Athletic	(15/10)
Bishops Lydeard		v	Wells City	(23/10)
Brislington		v	Frome Town	(29/10)
Clevedon Town	2	1	Portishead Town	
Nailsea & Tickenham		v	Radstock Town	(tba)
Odd Down		v	Hengrove Athletic	(22/10)
Street		v	Wincanton	(29/10)
Wellington	7	0	Middlezoy Rovers	
Welton Rovers		v	Bridgwater United	(15/10)
Weston Super Mare	8	0	Keynsham Town	

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AROUND THE CLUB

Last Saturday, the **Reserves** won 2-1 in the Somerset Senior Cup in a tough game against Nailsea & Tickenham Reserves. The boys went in 1-0 at half time but conceded an early goal in the second half but got an 80th minute winner. Scorers were Alfie Barrett and Under 18 player, Theo Worth who was named man of the match.

This afternoon they are away to University of Exeter 2^{ndS}. Next Saturday they welcome Clyst Valley to the Playing Field (3.00pm).

Commiserations to our **A Team** who were unable to follow up their cup victory over Redgate by going down 4-1 to the same opposition last Saturday. Our scorer was Jayden Nicholson and man of the match was Mitchell Hanson.

They are without a game this afternoon but are in cup action again on Friday evening when they face Bridgwater Wolves on the 3G pitch at Court Fields School (8.00pm).

Last Sunday, the **Wildcats** were beaten for the first time this season 3-0 at home by Pen Mill. Player of the day was Robyn Stockman.

Tomorrow afternoon they are away to Wells City Ladies (2.00pm).

The **Ladies** lost 8-1 away to Combe St Nicholas last Sunday. Asheigh Grabham was the goal scorer.

Tomorrow afternoon they welcome Pen Mill Ladies Development to the Playing Field (2.00pm).

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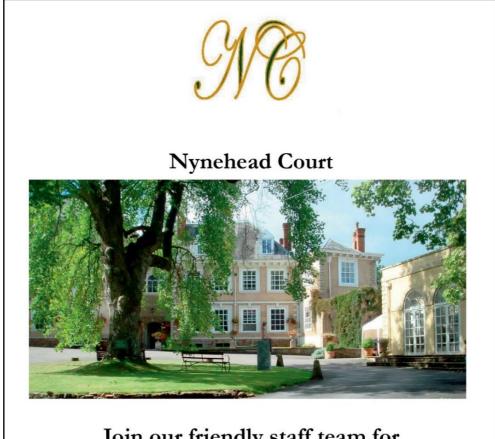
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