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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME OF BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2025/6 05



#### **Velocity Wessex League Premier Division**

Saturday 30 August 2025 // Kick-Off 15:00



Brockenhurst FC



#### Millbrook







#### BROCKENHURST FOOTBALL CLUB

Grigg Lane, Brockenhurst, SO42 7RE Club Telephone Number: 01590 623544 Founded in 1898 Nickname: "The Badgers"

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### WELCOME FROM A TRUSTEE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena for today's Velocity Wessex Premier Division fixture against Millbrook. I trust all the officials, players and supporters who attend today's game have an enjoyable afternoon here at Grigg Lane.

It always seems like such a fast start to the season and already we have played 4 league fixtures and as many cup matches in the preliminary stages. Please keep abreast of all the football updates we post to our social media and club website.

As I write these notes we are still experiencing a phenomenal spell of warm and dry weather, but the forecast is now looking changeable so hopefully by the time you read this page we will have had some rain which will help to bring growth and moisture to the pitch and perimeter areas of the ground. It is on this point that I would specifically like to say a BIG thanks to Chris, Steve & Kieron for not only the pitch maintenance work carried out over the summer but also the week on week repair and care that is needed to keep the pitch and ground as good as it can be.

We are planning and progressing a number of projects to improve the facilities within the ground including new clubhouse toilets, floodlights and perimeter fencing. You will hear much more about these in the coming weeks and months. A special thank you to our club sponsors who have been with us for what may feel like an eternity! Your financial support and engagement is so important to our club and to have you working with us gives us a real boost, particularly as we continue to strive to ensure the club means much more than iust football within the local community.

Finally, a thank you to all the match days volunteers and helpers who tirelessly commit their personal time to support the running of the club both and off the pitch. The list of jobs that need to be completed every week to ensure we are prepared for games, hospitality, safety etc is endless. We cannot run the club without you. THANK YOU. Looking forward to an excellent season of football. Have a great afternoon everyone.

Ian Allan Trustee

## BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2025-26

Date	H/A	Opponents	Competition
30 August 2025	Home	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex Premier
02 September 2025	Home	Lyndhurst	Soton Senior Cup Rd 1
06 September 2025	Away	Portland United	Velocity Wessex Premier
09 September 2025	Away	Horndean	Hants Senior Cup Rd 2
13 September 2025	Home	Baffins Milton Rovers	Velocity Wessex Premier
16 September 2025	Home	Yateley United	Velocity League Cup Rd 2
20 September 2025	Away	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex Premier
27 September 2025	Home	Cowes Sports	Velocity Wessex Premier
04 October 2025	Away	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex Premier
11 October 2025	Home	Downton	Velocity Wessex Premier
14 October 2025`	Away	East Cowes Victoria	Velocity Wessex Premier
18 October 2025	Home	Hamble Club	Velocity Wessex Premier
25 October 2025	Away	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Velocity Wessex Premier
28 October 2025	Home	Laverstock + Ford	Velocity Wessex Premier
01 November 2025	Home	AFC Stoneham	Velocity Wessex Premier
08 November 2025	Away	Christchurch	Velocity Wessex Premier
15 November 2025	Home	Bournemouth Poppies	Velocity Wessex Premier
22 November 2025	Away	Sherborne Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
29 November 2025	Home	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex Premier
13 December 2025	Away	Hythe + Dibden	Velocity Wessex Premier
20 December 2025	Home	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Velocity Wessex Premier
27 December 2025	Home	New Milton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
03 January 2026	Away	Petersfield Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
10 January 2026	Home	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex Premier
17 January 2026	Away	AFC Stoneham	Velocity Wessex Premier
24 January 2026	Away	Downton	Velocity Wessex Premier
31 January 2026	Home	Portland United	Velocity Wessex Premier
07 February 2026	Away	Hamble Club	Velocity Wessex Premier
14 February 2026	Home	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex Premier
21 February 2026	Away	Laverstock + Ford	Velocity Wessex Premier
28 February 2026	Away	Baffins Milton Rovers	Velocity Wessex Premier
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#### BROCKENHURST/RESULTS 2025-26

Date	Opposition	Competition	H/A	Result	Scorers	Att.
29.07.25	Petersfield Town	VWFL	Н	0-3		234
02.08.25	Moneyfields	FAC	A	2-1	Batley	118
09.08.25	Hamworthy Rec.	VWFL	Н	0-2		168
12.08.25	B'mouth Poppies	VWFL	Α	1-0		124
16.08.25	Wincanton Town	VWFL	A	2-2	Steel, Holmes	70
19.08.25	Hythe + Dibden	HSC	A	1-1, pens 3-2	Kelly	149
23.08.25	E Cowes Vics	FAV	Α	3-3, pens 5-3	D.Walker (2), Dugdale	147





# CLUB HISTORY 18ø8-2025

The club was founded in 1898, initially playing close to the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. The Badgers were founder members of the New Forest League which they won a number of times. They moved before World War 1 to a site between the Rose and Crown and Snakecatcher pubs. Following the war the club played in both the Bournemouth and Hampshire leagues, moving to Fathersfield. In 1931 they were forced to move again, to Black Knoll when Fathersfield was given over to housing. In 1935 the club won the New Forest Lads Cup. Within two years the Badgers moved to Oberfield and after World War 2 they spent some seasons at Tile Barn before moving to their current home at Grigg Lane in 1951.

The club were crowned Hampshire League Division Three champions in 1960 as well as winning the Bournemouth Seniors cup. They moved between the Second and Third divisions until in 1971 they were promoted to Division One where they won the league title in the 1975-76 season. Brockenhurst were founder members of the Wessex League, joining in 1986. The club's FA Cup giant killing reached its pinnacle in season 2001/02 when Kingstonian were defeated and in season 2004/05 the club reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> qualifying round, the run ending in defeat to Bath City.

In season 2012/13 the club returned to the Wessex Premier Division as Division One champions and reached the final of both the Southampton DFA Senior Cup and the Wessex League Cup. The Badgers won three cups in three years—in season 2019/20 the team won the Bournemouth Senior Cup; in 2020/21 we lifted the Hampshire Senior Invitational Supplementary Cup; and in 2021/22 we won the Russell-Cotes Cup. In 2020/21, both the U18 and U17 teams won their divisions. Season 2021/22 was one of the most successful for Brockenhurst in recent years, with the club finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Premier Division, getting to the last 16 in the FA Vase and winning the Russell-Cotes Cup. Brockenhurst celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> season in 2023/24, and missed out on the promotion playoffs by goal difference only. At the end of the season, long-serving manager Pat McManus left the club; a successful and enjoyable testimonial match was held for Pat in July 2024.

Currently Danny Bowers is acting as interim manager of Brockenhurst. We have retained the core of the squad from last year's campaign, and added experience, some returning players and a number of promising players. The future looks bright for The Badgers.



# MILLBROOK CLUB HISTORY

Millbrook FC started life as Bush Hill FC (22 years) and Oakwood Youth FC (25 years), who combined forces in 2021 to create a club that offers football from 4-years-old and upwards.

The first team gained promotion from the Hampshire Premier League Senior Division in 2021/22 on PPG following the curtailment of the season due to the covid pandemic - reward for its consistency at the level - with the club having never been outside the top five places since winning the Hampshire Premier League Division One title in 2013/14.

Our elevation into the Wessex League has enabled the club to continue its growth and development within the local community, alongside a clear pathway into adult football for our youth teams to aspire to.

Promotion to Step 6 also saw the first team depart Mansel Park; we are now honoured and grateful to hold a partner-ship with Solent University whose Test Park Sport Facility which the club has now adopted as their home to host Wessex League football.

Further promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division - and Step 5 football for the first time - was achieved in 2023/24, as runners-up of Division One.

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09 Aug	Hamworthy Recreation	Velocity Wessex League	Horton Heating
19 Aug	Hythe & Dibden	Hants Senior Cup	CAD
30 Aug	Millbrook	Velocity Wessex League	
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15 Nov	Bournemouth Poppies	Velocity Wessex League	
20 Dec	Bemerton H'th H'quins	Velocity Wessex League	Check Shirt Club
27 Dec	New Milton Town	Velocity Wessex League	NMO
10 Jan	Andover New Street	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch
31 Jan	Portland United	Velocity Wessex League	
14 Feb	Wincanton Town	Velocity Wessex League	
07 Mar	Christchurch	Velocity Wessex League	
14 Mar	Hythe & Dibden	Velocity Wessex League	
07 Apr	East Cowes Victoria	Velocity Wessex League	
11 Apr	Sherborne Town	Velocity Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch

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#### RECENTLY ...

JON RENYARD'S REVIEW OF EAST COWES VICTORIA V BROCKENHURST—FA VASE—23 AUGUST 2025

August visit to the island for the First Qualifying Round of the FA Vase for the second time in three seasons! A madcap game that ended in disappointment... The opening was lively, with Vics largely on top but not turning their authority into goals, while Brock were restricted to the rare breakaway: 14 minutes, a Brooks free kick to the back post, headed home by Dylan Walker and the visitors were in front. Ten minutes later, a second: a deep Burgess cross smashed home by Walker at the back post. The hosts were still creating half-chances but shots were blocked or flicked just wide of goal, and the Badgers seemed reasonably comfortable. HT 0-2

An early scare for Brock in the second half – a long ball forward for Vics, Valero playing sweeper-keeper but arriving a fraction later than Scott Jones and clipping the striker – yellow card, possibly quite fortunate. From the free kick Reynolds headed wide; then Scott headed wide from a corner; Scott played through, brought the ball down beautifully and passed it wide of the near post. Meantime, Brock could have wrapped things up – a misplaced cross-field pass at the back, Gray read it and volleyed the ball just wide of an empty net. The chances kept coming at the other end for Vics – Chapman volleyed over the bar, then Jones smashed a shot against the bar – 79 minutes, still 2-0, the game seemingly running away from them...

And then suddenly. A ball pulled back from the left, and Kelly scored. Literally 90 seconds later, a deep cross from the left, headed home by Jones, 2-2. And five minutes after that, another deep cross, and Jones bundled it in at the back post to give the hosts the lead. Bedlam in the stands... Vics could then have finished it, Reynolds spurning two great chances. And three minutes into overtime, Brock won a free kick which created havoc in the box and Kian Dugdale smashed home to level things up. FT 3-3

So for the second game in a row, penalties. East Cowes Vics up first, and they scored their first four: to be fair, the keeper wasn't getting close to any of those. Brock scored three in fine style, but in between came the fatal miss, Torniainen sending the keeper the wrong way but passing the ball past the post. So a kick to win it for Neale, hit low and true, Valero couldn't quite get down to it in time, and the hosts were through.



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# THE SQUADS



#### **Brockenhurst FC**

Manager—Danny Bowers

**SATURDAY** 

30 AUGUST 2025

KO 15:00

#### Millbrook FC

Managers—Connor Doswell + Nathan Morgan

Jordi Valero (GK)
Ben Puleo (GK)
Ethan Speechley-Price
Jamie-Jay Burgess
Luke Holmes
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#### MATCH OFFICIALS

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