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vs

Fareham Town





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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Let there be light!

Good evening and welcome to the Meadens Skoda Arena, as we celebrate the first fixture under our new floodlights!

It has been a long and bumpy road which started just over two years ago when the old lights scraped through their final test. We were given a two year certificate and put on notice that we would definitely not pass another test ... the old floodlights were officially condemned!

Roll forward twenty-six months, a huge amount of legwork, research, admin, discussions with telcos, negotiations with the FA, a successful Premier League Stadium Fund grant application underwritten by a further generous donation from the clubs investors and here we are ... "simples" as the little furry guys say on the TV adverts. Predictably, as always, what seemed on face value to be a relatively straightforward project (obtain three quotes from FA approved suppliers, apply for a 70% Premier League Stadium Fund grant & raise our 30% of the project funding) turned out to be a little more onerous than we anticipated ... to say the least ... but we got there in the end.

My thanks go out to all those who have helped along the way ... in particular to my predecessor, Mark Böckle, who kicked the process off

two years ago and Trustee, Ian Allan, who managed the contractor bid process and endless discussions with the telco providers who share two of our masts – Ian: it turns out you have the patience of a saint!

Thanks to our pitch crew, Burt and Steve, for continuing to produce a great playing surface despite all the heavy machinery criss-crossing the pitch over the last couple of weeks.

We are delighted to welcome Fareham Town as our first guests under the new floodlights for this evening's Hampshire Senior Cup tie. The fixture comes hot on the heels of the Badgers recent 1-3 defeat away at Fareham in the Wessex Premier Division and is an early opportunity to make amends.

Fareham Town have been in great form riding high in the Wessex Premier Division after the first few rounds. All the indicators are they will deliver a strong showing this season and potentially challenge for promotion. We are guaranteed a tough game this evening for a young Badgers side missing several senior players through early season injuries but the old adages about one-off cup ties being hard to call no doubt apply.

Let's hope home advantage under our new lights and the fervent support of the Badgers faithful can spur the guys on to victory!

Come on you Badgers!

Dave Wareham, Chairman

BROCKENHURST FC FIXTURES 2026/27

Date	H/A	Opponents	Competition
08 September 2026	Home	Fareham Town	Hants Senior Cup
12 September 2026	Away	Frimley Green	Isuzu FA Vase Q2
15 September 2026	Home	Sturminster Newton United	Wessex Premier Division
19 September 2026	Away	Petersfield Town	Wessex Premier Division
23 September 2026	Away	Sherborne Town	Wessex Premier Division
26 September 2026	Home	Sandhurst Town	IBS Wessex League Cup R1
29 September 2026	Away	Downton	Wessex Premier Division
01 October 2026	Home	Broughton	Russell-Cotes Cup R1
03 October 2026	Home	East Cowes Victoria	Wessex Premier Division
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24 October 2026	Away	Laverstock + Ford	Wessex Premier Division
31 October 2026	Away	Fleetlands	Wessex Premier Division
03 November 2026	Home	Fareham Town	Wessex Premier Division
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17 April 2027	Home	Cowes Sports	Wessex Premier Division

BROCKENHURST RESULTS 2026-27

Date	Opposition	Comp	H/A	Res	Scorers	Att
01.08.26	Cowes Sports	WFL	A	0-2	Palmier, Moore	223
04.08.26	Hamble Club	HSC	A	3-5	Brooks (2), McGrath (2), Walker	132
08.08.26	Badshot Lea	FAC	A	6-3	Palmier, Aga-In, Colmer	119
11.08.26	Hamworthy Recreation	WFL	H	1-4	Palmier	125
15.08.26	Christchurch	WFL	H	1-0	Wells	157
18.08.26	Lymington Town	HSC	H	4-1	Palmier, Colmer, Walker, McGrath	203
22.08.26	Fareham Town	WFL	A	3-1	Palmier	255
29.08.26	Bashley	WFL	A	4-2	Ugwumba (2)	252
05.09.26	Horndean	WFL	H	3-2	McGrath (2), Makhloufi	161



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CLUB HISTORY 1898-2026

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 Fathersonfield. In 1931 they were forced to move again, to Black Knoll when Fathersonfield 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 Kingstonsian were defeated and in season 2004/05 the club reached the 3rd 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 6th in the Premier Division, getting to the last 16 in the FA Vase and winning the Russell-Cotes Cup. Brockenhurst celebrated its 125th 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.

Steve Devlin became our first-team manager near the beginning of season 2025/26. This season, 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.



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Fareham Town were formed in 1947 following the amalgamation of three local sides: Fareham FC, Fareham Brotherhood FC, and Fareham Youth Centre FC. The idea to create a town football club was proposed at a public meeting in 1946. The club initially joined the Portsmouth League, playing at Beaconsfield Meadow before moving to Bath Lane.

In 1949, the club earned promotion to Division 3 (East) of the Hampshire League and, as champions, quickly advanced to Division Two. By 1952–53, they were runners-up in Division Two, securing promotion to Division One. The club debuted in the FA Cup three seasons later, reaching the fourth qualifying round before losing to Wycombe Wanderers. In 1959–60, Fareham Town won Division One for the first time, followed by five consecutive titles starting in the 1962–63 season. They added two more league titles in the 1970s and moved to their current home, Cams Alders, in 1975.

After finishing runners-up in 1978–79, the club joined the Southern Football League, starting in the Southern Division. In 1982–83, they were placed in the Premier Division following a league restructure, spending seven seasons there. During this period, they reached the FA Trophy semi-finals, losing to eventual winners Kidderminster Harriers. Relegated to the Southern Division in 1989, they spent nine seasons there, winning the Hampshire Senior Cup for the fourth time by defeating Farnborough Town 4–1 in the final.

In 1998, the club opted to move to the Wessex League due to financial constraints. They remained in the league's top division until the 2024–25 season, when they were promoted to the Isthmian League South Central Division after defeating Andover New Street 2–1 in the Wessex League play-off final on 26 April 2025.



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**BROCKENHURST V LYMINGTON TOWN
18 AUGUST—BY JON RENYARD**

Badgers new and old: near-neighbours Lymington came to town bringing at least four ex-Badgers in their starting XI, plus one more on the bench. For Brock, the improbable sight of no fewer than three Tobys in one team... It ended up as an impressive win for the hosts, despite falling behind. 16 minutes: one pass, Will Johnson in acres of space on the edge of the box, finding the corner to give the visitors the lead. That lead lasted seven minutes, in which time Brock showed more intensity and accuracy with their passing, and the equaliser was well crafted, McGrath laying the ball off in the box for Ashton Palmier to score. The Linnets were brave enough on the ball and created a couple of half-chances, but Brock were creating also, first a back-post header from Palmier which went along the goalline rather than over it, then Wearden scrambled a ball off his own line – but five minutes from the break, turnaround complete, McGrath's shot inside the box was blocked but the loose ball ran to Toby Colmer who made no mistake. He almost added a third with a fine near-post effort right on the interval, but Mayo stretched out a leg and made an excellent save. HT 2-1

Almost a catastrophic start to the second half for the Badgers – Toby Bailey lost the ball in his own box, tried to win it back, Stainer-Reid gathered and referee Sam Downer deemed it a back pass and an indirect free about eight yards out. The shot was blocked, possibly by the keeper, possibly a defender, no way of telling through the ruck. But the hosts were pressing – 56 minutes, free kick just outside the box, fizzed wide by Palmier. And on 61, Brock made the game safe. Bullard with a clever chipped cross, Dylan Walker stealing in with a neat finish, 3-1. Ten minutes later and it was 4-1, Harry McGrath had plenty to do when he picked the ball up but he powered a shot into the far corner. Palmier should probably have added a fifth but shot wide... but while Brock were in the ascendency, Lymington hadn't completely gone away, one speculative cross from the right wing came back off the crossbar, and Stainer-Reid had to tip a Cherrett cross over – but Le Moignan missed his kick from the resulting corner, and that was that. FT 4-1

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Name	Starts	Substitute (* = subbed)	Goals
Gian Aga-In	1	7 (*6)	1
Toby Bailey	9		
Aaron Batista		2 (*2)	
Esteban Batista	5	4 (*2)	
Dan Bradford	4	2 (*2)	
Henry Brooks	4		2
Freddie Bullard	3	4 (*4)	
Jamie-Jay Burgess	4	3 (*1)	
Marcus Clark		2 (*2)	
Toby Colmer	8	1 (*1)	2
Rian Drake	6	1	
Kenny Gatera	3	4 (*3)	
Will Giles	1	4 (*3)	
Sami Makhloufi	2		1
Harry McGrath	9		5
Ronan Moore	5		1
Ashton Palmier	7		5
Marcelo Rossi	4		
Rob Skirth	2	2 (*2)	
Toby Stainer-Reid	1		
Chika Ugwumba	2	1 (*1)	2
Jordi Valero	7		
Dylan Walker	5	2 (*2)	2
Tyler Wellman	3	1 (*1)	
Elliott Wells	3	4 (*1)	1

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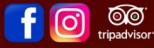
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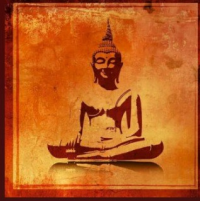
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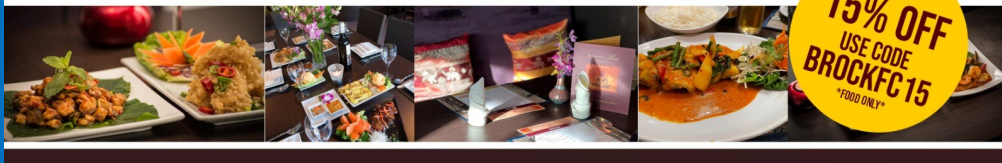
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2	Sturminster Newton United	7	4	1	2	16	7	9	13
3	Downton	7	4	1	2	20	14	6	13
4	Hamworthy Recreation	5	3	2	0	12	6	6	11
5	Fleetlands	4	3	1	0	9	5	4	10
6	Cowes Sports	6	3	1	2	9	6	3	10
7	Hamble Club	6	2	4	0	11	9	2	10
8	Sherborne Town	9	2	4	3	10	11	-1	10
9	Millbrook	4	3	0	1	8	3	5	9
10	Brockenhurst	6	3	0	3	10	13	-3	9
11	Andover New Street	5	2	2	1	6	4	2	8
12	Hythe & Dibden	9	2	2	5	9	13	-4	8
13	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	7	2	2	3	9	14	-5	8
14	Petersfield Town	6	2	1	3	10	11	-1	7
15	Bashley	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	6
16	Hordean	6	2	0	4	8	8	0	6
17	Laverstock & Ford	5	1	2	2	8	8	0	5
18	Baffins Milton Rovers	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
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20	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	5	1	1	3	9	18	-9	4
21	Christchurch	6	0	0	6	7	19	-12	0



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A new website is putting the spotlight on the Wessex League – featuring the teams, players, supporters and volunteers from steps 5 and 6 of the National League system in central southern England.

The Wessex Way features club profiles, ground guides, videos and lots of great imagery. Official Wessex League photographer Robin Caddy has travelled across the Wessex League over the last four years and captured great match action, the unique features of the grounds and many of the people who make the Wessex football scene what it is.

Alongside the website, Robin and colleague Tim Smith have created a new magazine, also called The Wessex Way. The latest edition focuses on the title races, relegation battles and memorable matches that made up the 2025-26 Wessex League season. The magazine is available through The Wessex Way website. To join us on The Wessex Way scan the QR code below or go to www.thewessexway.uk



The English Football League Pyramid 2026/27

LEVEL 1 20 clubs	LEVEL 2 24 clubs	LEVEL 3 24 clubs	LEVEL 4 24 clubs
Premier League AFC Bournemouth Arsenal Aston Villa Brighton & Hove Albion Chelsea Coventry City Crystal Palace Everton Fulham Hull City Ipswich Town Leeds United Liverpool Manchester City Newcastle United Nottingham Forest Sunderland Tottenham Hotspur Wolverhampton Wanderers	EFL Championship Birmingham City Blackburn Rovers Bolton Wanderers Bristol City Burnley Cardiff City Charlton Athletic Derby County Lincoln City Middlesbrough Millwall Norwich City Portsmouth Preston North End Queens Park Rangers Sheffield United Southampton Stoke City Swansea City Watford West Bromwich Albion West Ham United Wrexham Wolverhampton Wanderers	EFL League One AFC Wimbledon Barnsley Blackpool Bradford City Bromley Burton Albion Cambridge United Doncaster Rovers Huddersfield Town Leicester City Leyton Orient Luton Town Mansfield Town Millers Kingsley Dons Notts County Oxford United Peterborough United Plymouth Argyle Reading Sheffield Wednesday Stevenage Stockport County Wigan Athletic Wycombe Wanderers	EFL League Two Accrington Stanley Barnet Bristol Rovers Cheltenham Town Chesterfield Colchester United Crawley Town Crewe Alexandra Exeter City Fleetwood Town Gillingham Grimsby Town Newport County Northampton Town Oldham Athletic Port Vale Rochdale Rotherham United Salford City Shrewsbury Town Swindon Town Tamworth Tranmere Rovers Walsall York City
PREMIER LEAGUE AND EFL FOOTBALL 		LEVEL 5 (Step 1) 24 clubs National League AFC Fylde Aldershot Town Altrincham Barnet Boston United Cambridge United Eastleigh FC Halifax Town Forest Green Rovers Gillingham Harrogate Town Harrogate United Hornchurch Kidderminster Harriers Scunthorpe United Solihull Moors Southend United Sutton United Tamworth Walsingham Town Weymouth Yeovil Town	Brockenhurst FC Wessex League Premier Division (Step 5) 
PROPER FOOTBALL		LEVEL 6 (Step 2) 48 clubs National League North AFC Telford United Belper Town Brackley Town Burton Albion Cheltenham Town Chorley Darlington Harrogate Town Huddersfield Town Kidderminster Harriers Lincoln City Mansfield Town Notts County Northampton Town Oldham Athletic Rotherham United Shrewsbury Town Southend United Stevenage Tamworth Torquay United Walsingham Town Weymouth Yeovil Town	National League South AFC Totton Basingstoke Town Braintree Town Chesham United Chesham Town Chesham United Dagenham & Redbridge Dover Athletic Ebbsfleet United Farnborough Farnham Town Folkestone Invicta Gillingham Harlow Town Hemel Hempstead Town Histon Maidstone United Salisbury Slough Town Thurbridge Athletic Torquay United Trowbridge Town Wotton & Wottonville Wotton & Wottonville

"Proper Football" featuring Brock, courtesy of Graham Dury at Viz Comics

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Please contact Matchday Co-ordinator Marcus Ford
mphf58@outlook.com for more information.





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11 Aug	Hamworthy Recreation	Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch
15 Aug	Christchurch	Wessex League	The Friends of Pokesdown
18 Aug	Lymington Town	Hants Senior Cup	Stan + Gill Reid
05 Sep	Horndean	Wessex League	The Mango Collective
08 Sep	Fareham Town	Hants Senior Cup	
15 Sep	Sturminster Newton Utd	Wessex League	
26 Sep	Sandhurst	IBS Wsx. L'gue Cup	
01 Oct	Broughton	Russell Cotes Cup	
03 Oct	East Cowes Victoria	Wessex League	
17 Oct	Hamble Club	Wessex League	
20 Oct	Bem'ton H. Harlequins	Wessex League	
03 Nov	Fareham Town	Wessex League	
10 Nov	Bournemouth Poppies	Wessex League	
21 Nov	Downton	Wessex League	
05 Dec	Andover New Street	Wessex League	
15 Dec	Hythe + Dibden	Wessex League	
22 Dec	Laverstock + Ford	Wessex League	
26 Dec	Bashley	Wessex League	Viner Fires
16 Jan	Fleetlands	Wessex League	
23 Jan	Baffins Milton Rovers	Wessex League	
02 Feb	Sherborne Town	Wessex League	
20 Mar	Petersfield Town	Wessex League	
03 Apr	Millbrook	Wessex League	
17 Apr	Cowes Sports	Wessex League	Jon Renyard + Laura Windisch

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08 SEPTEMBER 2026

KO 19:45

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Carl Rooney

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Assistant Referee: Christopher Penney