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NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good afternoon and welcome to the Smirfit Kappa Stadium for our Velocity Wessex Division One fixture against Hamworthy United. I hope you all enjoy your time with us today and have a safe journey home.

I guess the weather has been the conversation for all of non league for 2026. Pitch inspections happening on the day of the game with the mostly inevitable cancellation of a game within hours of kickoff. We have to be thankful to our superb team behind the scenes led by 'Grumpy' who seem to be miracle workers at times in getting games on when others around us are not able to.

You'll all be aware that Phil Ruggles has returned to the club following discussions and we are all hopeful that the direction of the club and resources available to us with the academy setup are utilised as much as possible to create a pathway, provide experience of mens football and development.

There's lots going on behind the scenes at the club to support everything we do so look out for regular social media announcements and documents going up on the website soon.

As a club, we now look ahead with optimism and remain focused on building for the future, united by our shared ambition and the continued support of our players, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters.

Enjoy the game-and come on YOU ASH!

ANDY HUNT, CHAIRMAN, ASH UTD FC

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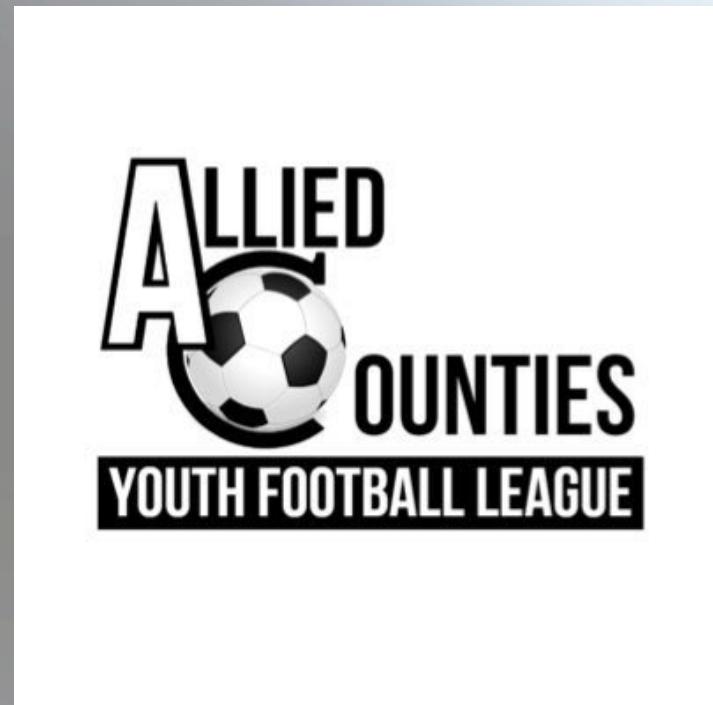
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NOTE FROM THE MANAGER

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope you all had a great festive period and a good New Year celebration — although it already feels like a long time ago!

Our last outing saw a solid performance against a strong Frimley Green side, which ended in a hard-fought 1-1 draw. From our point of view, it was the first time in a few games that the lads really stuck together, and it was good to see that unity back on display.

Just a quick update on the first-team squad. This week we said goodbye to Aaron Bufton. Since joining us last Christmas, Aaron has been brilliant for the club, especially at a time when we really needed experience within the side. We thank him for his efforts and wish him all the very best with his future in football.

Coming into the club is forward Dan Roach, who joins us from London Samurai in the Combined Counties League. We're hoping he'll give us a bit more edge in the final third. Also joining the group is young defender Harrison Kirkham, a player with real potential.

Welcome to the club, lads — I'm sure the supporters will welcome you both with open arms.

The lads are looking to build on our last result as we head into the second half of the season. Let's go and get those points.

ENJOY THE GAME
RUGGS

ASH UNITED

Club History



Ash United FC was founded in 1911 and started playing matches at Ash Common. They soon became well established in the Surrey Intermediate League, winning every honour possible.

After the Second World War, Ash United restructured, and the 1947/48 season became the most successful in their early history, winning the league championship and four cup competitions.

They then had to wait until the 1966/67 season for their next successful campaign, where they dominated the Surrey Intermediate Premier "A" League. The title was won with only two points dropped out of a possible fifty-two, including a long unbeaten record with 121 goals scored and only 19 conceded.

The reserve team followed suit, winning the Division "A" title and scoring 137 goals in only 26 games. With the club having a strong squad of players, promotion to the Surrey Senior League was achieved in 1968.

Finishing runners-up in both the league and the cup in their first season, their first spell in the Surrey Senior League came to an end in 1971 when they were forced to change grounds. Ash United were re-admitted to the Surrey Senior League when a new permanent ground was found, which happened to be the current ground at Youngs Drive, the Smurfit Kappa Stadium.

The next successful season was 1977/78, when they won the Charity Cup, beating Dorking 2–1. The following season, they were runners-up in both the newly named Combined Counties League and the Philips Football Floodlighting Cup competition.

MORE RECENTLY.....

We integrated what was formerly known as Junior Shots into Ash United Youth FC, with over 300 children from ages 4–6 to 16 playing across the Surrey Youth, Hants, and Berks leagues.

We hope this helps establish a clear pathway for young players to progress into the first team.

The appointment of our new first team manager marks an important step forward for the club. Our reserves and U16s are run by the coaching team—Alex, Justin, Josh, and Paul—with the team now competing in the Aldershot and District League.

Our U18s are playing in the Allied Counties U18s Midweek League.

Our newly formed Ash United Women's team, managed by Blaine, compete in the Women's Southern Combination League.

We also have a new veterans team that is now up and running.



Please contact us if you wish to get involved.

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HAMWORTHY UNITED

Club History



A team was first formed in the 1890's called Hamworthy St Michael's, winning their first trophy the Whitehead Minor Cup in the 1899-1900 season. Hamworthy Football Club was formed in 1926, and moved to the present ground The County Ground (formally known as The Nursery) in 1950. Hamworthy United Football Club was formed from a merger between Hamworthy F.C. and Trinidad Old Boys F.C. in 1970/71 after missing the 1969/70 season in the Dorset Combination League due to administration problems. The County Ground was renamed the Specsavers County Ground by the Dorset County Football Association the leaseholders in 2018 however at present had reverted back to its original name of The County Ground.

Hamworthy United First Team have been members of the Sydenhams Wessex League Premier Division since winning promotion at the start of the 2004/5 season from the Dorset Premier League. The Hammer's Second Team was promoted from the Dorset First Division at the end of the 2004/5 to play in the Dorset Premier League. They dropped out of that League at the end of the 2017-18 season with the intention of entering a Development Team in its place in the Wyvern League. Due to a last minute complication they were unable to do so until the start of the 2019-2020 when they joined the Wyvern (Western) Division. Hamworthy had an Under Eighteen Team in the Dorset Youth League since its formation until they unfortunately had to withdraw it in 2009 due to managerial problems, but they were able to reform in time for the 2010/11 season. With Chairman Steve Harvey and his new Board of Directors keen to see Hamworthy United develop their own talent an Under Sixteen team was started in 2018 followed by an Under15 team in 2019.

Hamworthy United has had great success at all levels over the years in various competitions. After winning the Dorset Combination/Dorset Premier league two years running they were promoted in the 2004-2005 Season to Wessex League Division 1. Hamworthy won the Wessex League Cup in their first season beating Thatcham Town in the final at Christchurch. They reached the final again in the 2008/2009 season, but this time lost to VTFC 2-1 after a very close contest. The Hammers won the Dorset Combination Cup in the 1997/1998 season against Wareham Town, and the Dorset Senior Cup in the 2005/2006 season against Poole Town. Hamworthy lost to Eastleigh Town in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup in the 2007/08 and went out to Basingstoke Town at the same stage in 2008/9.

Hamworthy have had several good runs in the FA Vase one of their best being in the 2008/09 when they got as far as the 3rd Qualifying Round where they lost to Hungerford. The Hammers once again reached the Final of the Dorset Senior Cup in 2013/14 when managed by Graham Kemp, but lost it 2-0 to Poole Town. They again reached the 2nd Qualifying round of the FA Cup in 2015/16 this time going out to two late goals scored by the much higher ranked Bideford. In 2018/19 United got as far as the 4th Qualifying Round (down to the last 32) in the FA Vase, but just lost out to Willand Rovers away at their ground 1-0. The Hammers were top of the table and looking good when the Wessex League was again concluded early due to Covid, but the Wessex Cup was played. Hamworthy beat United Services Portsmouth 3-1 at Portchester to win the Cup for the second time, and give Manager Tim Sills his first trophy since joining the Club the year before.

The current 2021/22 season has seen the club again challenging for Wessex Premier League honours with a club record equalling FA Cup run and a new club record of reaching the 5th Round of the FA Vase at the time of writing. At the beginning of the 2023/24 season, the club were forced to withdraw from the Southern League Division One on financial grounds. Following this announcement, the club rebooted in October 2023 where the Reserves became the main team in the Dorset Premier League. The club rebuilt a squad and were re-entered into the Wessex League Division One at the start of the 2024/25 season but were later deemed ineligible for promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division. The club finished the season in 6th and are currently in their 2nd season back in the Wessex League with a chance at promotion.



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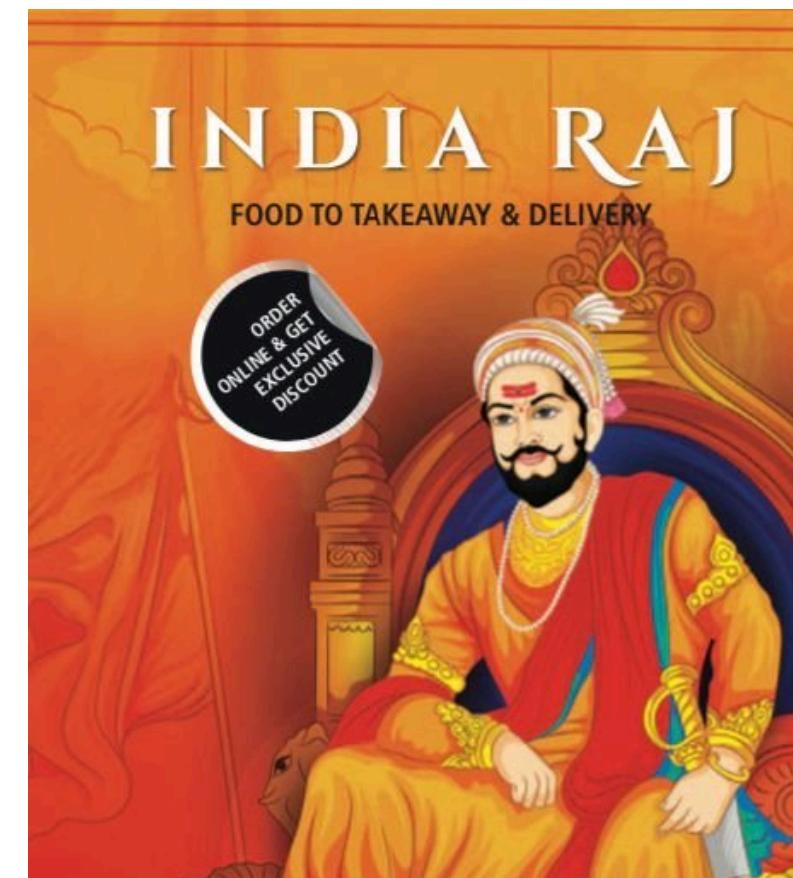
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Velocity Wessex League Language Advice

The Velocity Wessex League is committed to being a family-friendly league where all of the community can enjoy football. We expect all member clubs to create a positive environment where fans, members, and visitors can attend a game free from swearing and unacceptable language from managers, players, club officials, and spectators.

Playing in small grounds means that swearing and unacceptable language on the pitch or anywhere in the ground can be heard by those present. Word of this behaviour will soon spread within the community, where reputations develop as to the type of club you are.

This will not only result in a lack of community engagement but can also affect funding opportunities.

Local businesses will not be interested in supporting a club with bad-mouthed managers, players, and supporters. FA Rules E3 and E20 can also mean fines and penalty points being issued to the club.

Chairmen, club officials, players, and fans all have a role to play in ensuring that we tackle the problem of using unacceptable language, which is unlawful in a public place.

Cleaning up your club involves everyone—from the chairman, secretary, manager, players, and supporters—working together to make your club more attractive to families and younger fans, ensuring stronger and lasting ties with your local community and encouraging a bigger fan base.

A swear-free club will lead to a more favourable place for all, increased opportunities to attract local businesses, increased opportunities to attract sponsors and secure better local funding, and a more positive, inclusive community image.

Use your mouth to stop others using theirs



ASH UNITED NOTICE BOARD



Velocity Wessex League Anti-Racist Notice

The use of unacceptable language is prohibited anywhere within the club facilities or on the pitch.

Any racist or discriminatory comments related to gender, sexuality, disability, racial origin, ethnicity, or religion by players, spectators, or officials must be reported to the club, referee, or league, who are required to take the appropriate action. This includes any comments made on social media platforms.

If you hear it or see it, report it. The do-nothing option does not exist. Failure to display this sign is subject to a £50 fine.

Any infringement of the above may first be dealt with by the relevant F.A., and then by the league under Rule 4.2 & Rule 17. If you are unsure or would like guidance, contact the league's Race Relations and Youth Protection Officer.

**By order of the Velocity Wessex
League Management Board.**



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Velocity Wessex League Alcohol Policy

All clubs, where the provision of alcohol is available, must have a current authorising licence from the regulatory body and provide the league with the terms regarding the membership provisions.

Irrespective of such, it is a league directive that no alcohol is to be taken or consumed outside of the licensed clubhouse area, immediately before, during, and immediately after any playing period.

For the avoidance of doubt as to the areas of the ground covered by this directive, each club must have authorisation, in writing, by the league of the specific areas deemed to be permissible for the consumption of alcohol.

Failure to comply, or any breach of this directive by spectators, supporters, or officials, will be dealt with under FA Standardised Rules 4.2 and 4.6 as set out below.

This directive is consistent with the rules and regulations of the relevant F.A. and therefore is a binding obligation on all Wessex League clubs.

FA Standardised Rule 4.2

Save where specifically provided otherwise in the rules, the board shall have power to apply, act upon, and enforce the rules and shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the league, including any not provided for in these rules. The board shall also have the power to issue an order or instruction, by way of a board directive, in the best interest of the league, on any matter not provided for in the rules, with which clubs must comply or be subject to sanction under Rule 4.6, save where any such directive is inconsistent with a rule or regulation of the FA, in which event the directive will not create a binding obligation on clubs.

FA Standardised Rule 4.6

If a club fails to comply with a board directive within fourteen days of notification of such order or instruction, or within fourteen days of an operative date specified in that order or instruction, it shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the company until the expiry of seven days from the day the order or instruction is complied with.

By order of the Velocity Wessex League Management Board.



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Respect Code of Conduct - Adult Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet thousands of match officials drop out because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. Respect your referee and assistant referees today.

Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation, or harassment
- Speak to my teammates, the opposition, and my manager/coach with respect
- Remember that we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity, shaking hands with the opposing team and match officials at the end of the game

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any or all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, or the FA:

- Be required to apologise to teammates, the opposition, match officials, or manager/coach
- Receive a warning from the manager/coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club

In addition:

The FA or County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

By order of the Wessex League Management Board.



ASH UNITED NOTICE BOARD



Velocity Wessex League / The Wessex Football League Respect Instructions

The league and club are family-friendly and therefore will not accept or tolerate the use of unacceptable language (including swearing) anywhere within the club's ground by players, spectators, or officials.

Any inappropriate or improper conduct relating to gender, disabilities, sexuality, racial origins, ethnicity, or religion should be reported to any club official, league official, or directly to the County Football Association.

The County FA, league, and club will take action and apply the appropriate sanctions.

By order of the Wessex League Management Board.



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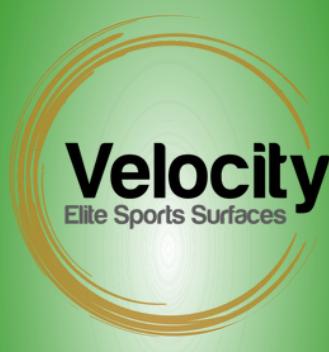
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**ASH UNITED VS
FAWLEY AFC**



28/02/26



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