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NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Good evening and welcome to the Smurfit Kappa Stadium. Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, I hope you enjoy your time with us today and have a safe journey home.

As many of you will know, I'm no stranger to Ash United, having previously served this club, and I'm delighted to be back in the chairman's seat. It's a real privilege to be leading the club forward again, and I'm looking forward to getting to know old faces and new ones alike over the coming weeks and months.

I'd also like to thank all our volunteers, those who cook the refreshments, keep the place clean and tidy, work behind the bar and generally keep this place running. None of what we do here would be possible without you, and I'm hugely grateful for your continued support.

Off the pitch, there's always plenty going on around the club, from ongoing maintenance to planning ahead for the future. I'm really enthused about what's to come for Ash United, and I look forward to sharing more with you as things develop. Enjoy the game, and come on YOU ASH!

Kevin Josey
CHAIRMAN, ASH UTD FC

LUCA SCANNELLA



Afternoon,

Welcome to The Smurfit Kappa Stadium, home of Ash United FC.

I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to Kevin (Chairman) and Dan (Vice Chairman) for supporting Ruggs, myself, and the coaching staff with everything necessary to put on a strong pre-season. They have supplied new equipment and kits for the players and staff, and most importantly, given me the opportunity to return to this brilliant club.

Alongside these gents, thank you to Gav (Club Secretary), Burchy (Committee), Martin (Committee), Michael (Volunteer) and Chloe (Social Media) for your tireless work around the club.

Finally, thank you to the grounds team, Grumpy and Laney, for providing the boys with a great pitch to play on after what has been an extremely hot and dry summer.

On to the football. As a coaching team, we've had the challenging but rewarding task of rebuilding the squad, with only a handful of last year's players remaining at the club. This inevitably resulted in a mixed pre-season and a far from ideal start in August as the players got to know each other. That being said, the overall performances were still good.

We come into today's game 17th in the league after three wins in a row (two in the league and one in the FA Vase). We are looking to continue this improved form against what is usually very strong opposition in Newport IOW.

Away from league action, we are looking forward to the challenge of Forest Row away at Three Bridges FC on October 10th in the First Round Proper of the FA Vase. It will be a good test against a Step 5 team who play in the Southern Combination Premier League.

I hope you enjoy today's game. Please come and say hello to the staff and players in the clubhouse afterwards!

Thanks,

Luca

Player-Assistant Manager

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ASH UNITED AND SOCIAL CLUB BOARD

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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.





ASH UNITED

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Luca Scannella

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Tima Rana



The modern Newport IOW Football Club presents a very different picture from that conjured up by its origins on 27th January 1888.

The actual date of formation can be confirmed from the original minute book, which is still in the club's possession. At that time, over 130 years ago, Newport played on a piece of land known as Well's Field, which later became known as Church Litten. In those early days, players would walk from the local public house - where they changed - across to the field, where they had to clear the cows before play could commence.

Newport became founder members of the Isle of Wight League in 1898 and were League Champions on four occasions.

The club joined the Hampshire League in 1927, taking over the fixtures of the defunct Gosport Albion club mid-season. Within three seasons, Newport had won the league for the first time. The 1930's saw further league titles and a Hampshire Senior Cup victory in 1932. The 1935/36 season saw Newport reach the second round of the FA Cup for the first time, eventually bowing out to Southall.

In the 1960s, the club claimed further Hampshire Senior Cup wins in 1961 and 1966. The 1970s brought a hat-trick of Hampshire League titles - in 1979, 1980, and 1981 - as well as two more Senior Cup successes in 1980 and 1981.

Newport became founder members of the Wessex League in 1986, finishing a creditable fourth in their debut season and in 1989/90, Newport were promoted to the Southern League. The 2000/01 season saw the club win the Dr Martens League Eastern Division Championship, following an epic 1-0 win on the final day of the season against Chelmsford and earning promotion to the Premier Division.

Sadly the topflight proved too great a challenge, and the club returned to the Eastern Division after just one season.

Soon after, during the 2003/04 season, the club entered administration. The fight to keep the club alive was taken up by the supporters, with the Save Newport (FC) Action Group successfully rescuing the club. The 2004/05 season marked Newport's debut in the Isthmian League.

The 2006/07 season saw a return to the more familiar Southern League, playing in the South and West Division. On 1st August 2007, The Port played a friendly against a full-strength Portsmouth side, attracting a record crowd of 3,112 to St George's Park - the highest ever attendance at the ground.

The club was relegated back to the Wessex League at the end of the 2007/8 season after finishing bottom of Division One South and West of the Southern League. Newport then remained in the Wessex League Premier Division and won the Russell Cotes Cup in the 2010/11 season.

Following several top end finishes in the Wessex League Premier Division and a run to the last 16 of the FA Vase, Newport were relegated to Division One at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The club left St George's Park at the end of the 2018/19 season and have since ground-shared with both East Cowes Vics and Ryde Saints.

Newport finished 3rd in Division One in 2021/22 and were narrowly beaten in the play-off final and lost in the semi-finals the following season.

Since being appointed our player manager Joe Butcher has assembled a dynamic squad featuring a blend of youth and experience.



Opposition

NEWPORT

Leon Pitman
Kai Grace
Michael Thompson
Joe Hancott
Macauley Waterson
George Holbrook
Ji nash
Keelan Walsh
Jordan Browne
Joe Butcher
Connor Kelly
Matthew Benford
Jez Conway
Kade Woodford
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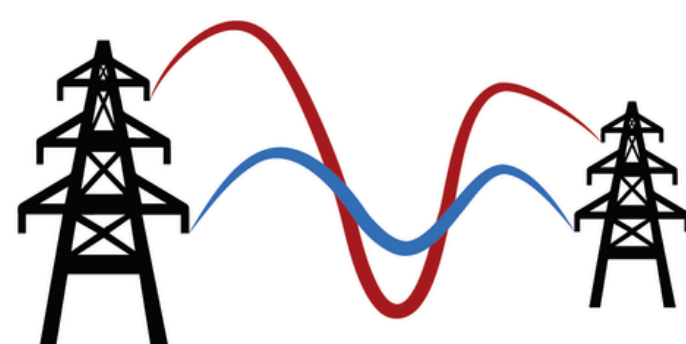
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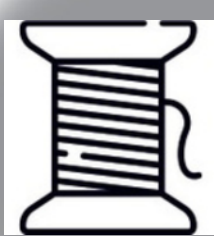
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Wessex League Language Advice

The 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



Notice Board

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.**



Notice Board

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.



Notice Board

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.



Notice Board

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.

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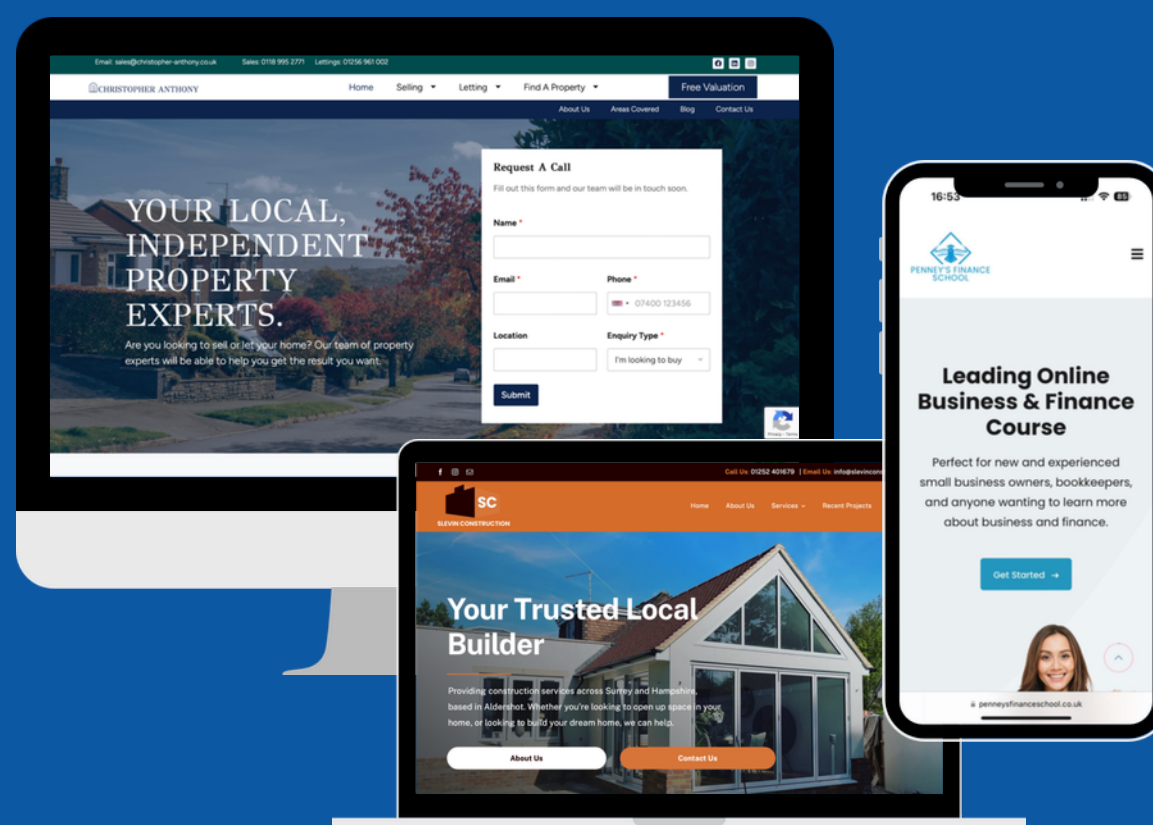
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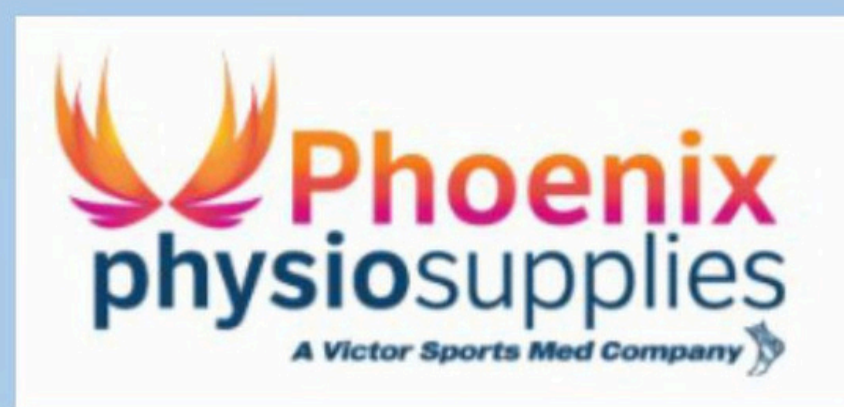
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