



# THE CITIZENS POST

WCFC v Larkhall Athletic FC

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Evo-Stik League South Division One South



Thanks to Andy Corner for the Photography



Winchester City Football Club is a committee run members club and as such is an unincorporated association.

# THE CITIZENS POST

## FROM THE BOARDROOM

Good Afternoon All and welcome to the Simplyhealth City Ground for today's Evo-Stik League South Division One South fixture between Winchester City FC and Larkhall Athletic.

We would like to issue a warm welcome to the Players, Officials and Supporters that have made the journey from Larkhall and we hope you enjoy your evening with us and have a safe journey home.

What a week it has been once again for the Citizens! We travelled to Slimbridge last Saturday and ran out deserved 3-1 winners. Goals from Ollie Griggs, Jamie Barron and Oli Bailey ensured that we made the journey back to Hampshire with our first league win since the end of August.

On the Sunday morning, our Under 16 side thrashed Pace Youth 8-0 away from home in the cup and our Under 18s had their game postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The first team were back in action at Fleet Town on Tuesday night. On a very damp pitch, goals from Jake Rawkins and Tyrell Mitford sent City back down the M3 with the win and two successive away wins.

Don't forget to book your spaces at the Winchester City Football Club Christmas Party on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – to add your name to the list, please click on the below link:

<http://wcfcfans.proboards.com/thread/3963/christmas-party-thurs-20th-dec>

After today, our Under 18s travel to AFC Stoneham on Sunday afternoon before the Reserves entertain Fawley AFC in the John Stimpson Memorial Shield at the Simplyhealth City Ground on Tuesday night. The first-team are back in action on Saturday, on the road at Street FC.

Thanks to all for your fantastic support, particularly at the last two away games. It has been very much appreciated by all!

#youcitizens

# THE CITIZENS POST

## DAVO'S DIARY

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone for this afternoons league match against Larkhall Athletic. I wish their management, players and supporters a pleasant visit and safe trip home. Phil Bater, their manager is a good lad and always does a great job wherever he is and so we know today will be a challenge, they are a powerful side and we will need to be on our game to get a positive result.

It's been a really tough but excellent week for us; picking up 6 points with 2 tricky away games is always good especially as we had been on a poor run of not winning. Momentum is key and when you have momentum you have to keep running with it, when it's a losing momentum it's much harder to change so to do that was crucial and I was proud of the performances and character of the team this week!

First, we had the long journey to Slimbridge where we overcame with a great goal by Griggsy, shortly equalised by them and then Baz popped another good finish in for 2-1 at the break. 2nd half we didn't kill them off and so they had a go late on but as they came at us, we picked them off with Oli scoring for a deserved 3-1 win!

Next up it was the seemingly ill-fated trip to Fleet Town...the 3rd attempt after they had failed to communicate in the 2 previous dates meaning wasted journeys for all in the 1st game and some on the 2nd game! Finally, we had a game and although it was a worse pitch than the games called off, it truly was the worst pitch you will see at this level and was going to make life hard. We missed a pen (yet another missed pen!!!) then scored through Jake Rawkins, another couple of gulf edged chances missed and they equalised out of nothing. The rest of the half was a bit too open for me! We corrected that at half time and 2nd half we controlled the game completely and scored through Tyrell, then chances came and went again and again, this meant we had to show determination and defend the bog at bottom of pitch late on, which we did manage for a great 3 points and this despite carrying a number of niggles and injuries!

Player wise; we have doubts about Simba, Josh Harfield, Barron and Griggs but hopefully most of them will be back. Liam Gilbert is now available week in week out so that's a positive!

We are looking forward to the game and we know we will need to be at our best. Our fantastic support will need to be in full voice as always for us! One quick thing about the supporters who once again followed us for both games away this week - thank you, top class all of you! Tuesday was a really tough day for me, after all I had done at that club to be treated in that manner was in my opinion poor in the extreme. I could go on and on about what I had to do for them to still exist in the years I was there so to be treated as I was shows what short memories these people have and even to be physically manhandled at the end of the game was pathetic and shocking!! Then I look up and I see our fans shouting and cheering for us and it just made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. Not only do we have amazing support but also, we have really classy people at this club and I'm very proud to be a part of it! Big thankyou personally from me to you all! Let's keep it going.

Let's hope for a good game now, up the citizens!!

Davo



# THE CITIZENS POST

## TODAY'S VISITORS – LARKHALL ATHLETIC FC

### CLUB HISTORY

Larkhall Athletic Football Club dates from 1914. In 1951 the club regained access to its home at Plain Ham after it had been turned over to allotments during WWII. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength, achieving the status in 2004 as a Premier Club and in 2008 as an FA Charter Standard Community Club, the first club to achieve this recognition in Bath. This status was renewed in 2011 and 2014.

Initially the club rented the Plain Ham match by match. It offered a sloping pitch, a timber hut for changing and a single tin bath for washing, a nearby standpipe providing the water source. In 1962 a cricket team was formed and the club became Larkhall Sports Club. Around the same time the then Bath City Council granted the club a long lease on the ground at Plain Ham. A small club house was erected in 1965.

In 1975 the main football pitch at Plain Ham was levelled to create a pitch suitable for senior football. In 1983 the club house and changing rooms were doubled in size and in 1989 the club purchased adjoining land at Pow's Field which today is used by the Youth Section and the Sunday Veterans team.

In 1996, aided by a Lottery Grant, the club further extended and improved its club house. In 2004 Plain Ham was re-levelled, drainage improved and floodlights installed, all with the help of the Football Stadia Improvement Fund. At the same time the car park was extended and new floodlights installed on the training area. In 2005, with tremendous financial support from the local community and members past and present, the club completed the purchase of Plain Ham from the Bath and North East Somerset Local Authority.

In 2010 the battle with drainage of Plain Ham was once again a priority and in 2011 the hard standing was further extended to completely surround the pitch. At the same time new protective fencing was installed in the bottom corner of the pitch, new safety rails were constructed in front of the stand, pitch side rails and posts were refurbished, a turnstile was created at the entrance and new lighting was connected. To address ongoing drainage problems the pitch was gravel banded from across the pitch. Funding from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund helped towards this work.

To meet FA grading requirements, applications for funding to Sport England and Football Stadia Improvement Fund were successful, securing 50% of the cost of the project to construct new changing rooms and to extend and update the clubhouse to provide improved hospitality facilities for spectators and visiting officials. Work started in December 2012 and the formal opening of the new facilities was celebrated with guest of honour the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Malcolm Lees, in August 2013.

In late 2013, inspired by recent developments on and off the field, friends of the club contributed to more facility improvements that had been identified in order to satisfy Grade E of the FA Grading requirements, including additional seats, more covered standing, improved turnstiles and new outside toilets. This work was completed to enable the club to accept promotion in our double winning centenary year. Further facility improvements, including a new ground boundary fence, pitch perimeter infill and a medical room have enabled us to satisfy the Grade D requirements. Half of the funding for this work came from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

In 2014 the club celebrated its centenary year with gusto. Performances on the field provided an appropriate backdrop, the first-team manager was selected as manager of the year by the Western League,

we were treated to a marvellous reception in the Guildhall Bath hosted jointly by the Mayor of Bath and the Chairman of BANES Council, and returned to the Guildhall for a Centenary Dinner in September 2014.

On the pitch the first team have a long list of honours, including: the Somerset Senior Cup in seasons in 1975-76 and 2003-04, the Western League First Division Championship in 1988-89 and 2008-09, the Western League Premier Division Championship in 2010-11 and the Western League double - Premier Division Championship and Les Phillips Cup – in 2013-14. The Larks reached the last 16 of the FA Vase three seasons in succession; in 2012-13 and 2013-14 we lost to the eventual finalists of the competition. In 2014 we gained promotion to the Southern League. Our first season was a huge success and we reached the play-off final where we narrowly lost out 3-2 to Stratford Town. We also enjoyed a wonderful FA Cup campaign defeating Merthyr Town and Truro City away before losing in a replay with Gosport Borough from the FA Conference.

In 2015-16 the first team finished the season in the top half of the Southern League Division 1 South and West table, had another fine FA Cup run including taking Conference side Havant and Waterlooville to a replay, and reached the final of the Somerset FA Premier Cup for the first time in club history. Elsewhere, the Reserves just missed out on promotion to the Premier Division of the Somerset County Football League and the Ladies team capped a successful league season by retaining the Somerset FA Senior Cup for a second consecutive year.

In 2008 Larkhall Sports Club was recognised as the BANES Club of the Year by the Chairman of BANES Council. In December 2011 we were selected by our local paper, the *Bath Chronicle*, as the local sports team of the year; quite an honour given the richness of the local competition. In 2011, two of the club's longest serving officials were recognised by the Somerset County FA, receiving the award of Somerset County FA Volunteer of the Year and a Somerset County FA Long Service Award. In 2012 the Somerset FA added Clive Burge to our hall of fame by recognising his 'Outstanding Contribution to Community Football'. In 2014 the club was once again selected by the local paper for an award, this time as Senior Team of the Year. In July 2015 we were honoured to receive FA Charter Standard Community Club of the year award from the Somerset FA. In 2017-18 we made it to the semi-final of the League Challenge Cup.

This season we are looking to build on the success and enjoyment of our first four seasons in the Southern League while recognising the very stern challenge that this will present. We offer to all of our visitors a very warm welcome at the Securitas Stadium, probably the prettiest ground in the country.

Details of all sections can be found through the club's web-site:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/larkhallathleticfc/>. We are also on Twitter: @larkhallaafc (first team); @larkhallALFC (Ladies); @LarkhallYouthFC (Youth Section).

# THE CITIZENS POST

## TODAY'S VISITORS – LARKHALL ATHLETIC FC

### PLAYER PROFILES

**Shaun Semmens** (26) Goalkeeper. An athletic shot-stopper, Shaun signed for the Larks in January 2017 from Mangotsfield United, having started his career playing for Godolphin Atlantic in Cornwall. He was awarded man of the match twice in his first 5 games for the Larks.

*Sponsored by NS Surfboards*

**Mike Baker** (25) Defender; club captain. A left-footed centre-half with a big presence, Mike transferred to the Larks from Yate Town last season. A schoolboy at Bristol Rovers, his other previous clubs include Mangotsfield United and Odd Down.

*Sponsored by Mill Lane Automotive*

**Josh Jones** (23) Defender. An imposing and consistent centre-half, Josh signed for the Larks from Mangotsfield in 2017. He has also played for Clevedon and Cribbs.

*Sponsored by Mase Construction*

**Wayne Nderemani** (18). Defender. Wayne is a new signing for the Larks, a tenacious and lively full-back who can also play as a winger. He joins the Larks from the Bath City Academy.

*Sponsored by*

*Steve Hale*

**Dan Restorick** – (19) Defender/midfield. Dan is a product of the Larkhall u18s side who scored on his first team debut in 2016 and has recently had a very successful spell in New Zealand. He can play at defence or in midfield.

**Mason Winter** (22) Defender. A pacy right-sided full back who began his career at Bristol Rovers Academy, Mason is a 2017 signing who has also played for Cribbs FC and Melksham Town.

*Sponsored by Elite Luxuries*

**Geraint Bater** (38) Midfielder. Bates is a central midfielder with a fine pedigree who started out at Bristol Rovers and has also played for Newport County as well as a number of Southern League sides. He became the Larks' assistant manager in November 2015, and was first team manager from October 2016-January 2017.

*Sponsored by SBR Consulting*

**Ross Beazer** (30) Midfield. A familiar face at Plain Ham, Ross is a hardworking midfielder who has had a number of spells with the Larks over the last few years.

*Sponsored by Davidson's Plumbing & Heating*

**Matt Britton** (23) Midfield. Ginge is a robust presence at the heart of the midfield who can also fill in at central defence. He joined the Larks from Western League side Cadbury Heath in 2017. He was our joint second top scorer in his first season.

*Sponsored by J D Britton Consulting*

**Jack Dancey** (21). Midfield. Jack is a versatile defender/midfielder whose last club was Whitley Bay. He has also featured for English Colleges and Durham University.

*Sponsored by*

*Larkhall Athletic Supporters' Club*

**Lewis Hunt** (25) Midfield. Lewis is the Larks' latest signing, a neat and tidy central midfielder who began his career with our u18s. His last club was Welton Rovers.

**Alex Lambert** (27) Midfield. A fast and strong left-sided winger, Alex joined the Larks in 2016 from Brislington where he featured in the side that reached the FA Cup 1st round. Previous clubs also include Mangotsfield United and Yate Town. Joint second top scorer in the 2017-18 season.

*Sponsored by Flame Fitness*

**Josh Williams** (22) Midfield. Josh signed for the Larks on a dual reg basis with Oldland Abbotonians. A rangy and versatile midfielder who can play on the wing or in the middle.

**Matt Groves** – (29) Striker. Grovesy is a forward with a fine pedigree who began his career as a professional at Bristol Rovers, moving on loan to Chippenham Town and Weymouth. Southern League teams he has played for include Tiverton Town, Mangotsfield Utd, and Bristol Manor Farm.

**Harry Hope** (24). Forward. A new signing for the 2018-19 season, Harry is an attacking midfielder, strong in possession, who can play as a centre-forward or on the wing. Previous clubs include Cardiff Met University and Nailsea United.

*Sponsored by Neon Diagnostics*

**Lewis Powell** (30) Striker. Lewis is a new signing who needs no introduction to the non-league scene. A proven goal-scorer, after starting his career at Bristol Rovers he also played for Mangotsfield Utd, Taunton Town, Chippenham Town, Weston-super-Mare, and Evesham United. Scored on his Larks debut.

*Sponsored by Larkhall Athletic Supporters' Club*

## Management

**Phil Bater** – manager. Phil enjoyed a tremendous playing career at higher levels, including Bristol Rovers, Brentford, Wrexham and Cardiff City, as well as turning out for Wales u-21s. He has managed a number of clubs, notably Bristol Rovers, Mangotsfield United, and Clevedon. He joined the Larks in January 2017.

**Neil Arndale** – assistant manager/defender. Arnie joined the Larks as assistant manager from Mangotsfield United in 2015 on the back of a superb career at Bristol Rovers and Cirencester Town (and the England u16 and u18 teams).

**Rob York** – kit manager. Rob has been a loyal fixture at Plain Ham for many years, as a player, assistant manager of the Reserves, and now kit manager for the 1st team. He knows both the club and the local football scene inside out.

**Meryn Churchouse** - physio. Meryn has a BSc in Sports Physical Education and Coaching Sciences and is an Associate Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.







AN IHG® HOTEL

SHOREWOOD

HOMES

**0 TO 300\*  
IN LESS  
THAN 15\*\***

**\*KILOGRAMS**

**\*\*MINUTES**



**EVO-STIK**

[www.fwpgroup.co.uk](http://www.fwpgroup.co.uk)

**fwp**

Stadium Development Specialists



> Mill Farm, AFC fylde

architecture • project management • structural engineering • interior design  
building surveying • m&e design • quantity surveying • cdm consultancy

mitre 

THE FOOTBALL SPECIALIST



**IMPEL**  
TRAINING RANGE

**DELTA**  
PROFESSIONAL RANGE

**ULTIMATCH**

[mitre.com](http://mitre.com)

**INCREDIBLE  
STRENGTH  
WITHIN YOUR  
GRASP!**

**JUST 1 CARTRIDGE CAN  
HOLD THE WEIGHT OF 3  
FORTY TONNE TRUCKS!**



**EVO-STIK**

# THE CITIZENS POST

## CROWDFUNDING

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/matt-richbell-1>

Visit the link above to donate to the football club. Supporters are doing their bit for the club! 10km runs, Half Marathons and Tough Mudder's are all taking place to raise money for the club.

**NEW CHALLENGES ARE COMING IN 2018! PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING US!**

**JustGiving™**



**mitre** 

 **Simplyhealth**

# THE CITIZENS POST

## MALCOLM'S MUSINGS

We welcome Larkhall to Winchester for today's game. As this is only Larkhall's fifth season in the Southern League the clubs had not met prior to the 2015/16 season. Interestingly enough when I first heard the name Larkhall mentioned in football circles I thought that they were a team from Larkhill near Salisbury even though the spelling is one letter different.

We won last season's corresponding match 3-1 despite having availability problems on the day of the match with two goals by Jamie Barron and one from Oli Bailey which represented our first ever home win against Larkhall. As earlier in that season we had won 2-1 at Larkhall thanks to header from Rob Carr and a further goal from Pat Cox after they had drawn level this success enabled us to complete the double against them. Our cause in the latter game was helped by the fact that they were reduced to 10 men on the stroke of half time, but it was a good team effort from the players.

At the time of writing Larkhall were three places and four points ahead of us having played two games more, and they have already won against Mangotsfield, Barnstaple and Paulton on their travels, and have recorded home wins against Thatcham and AFC Totton.

I went to the league match at Larkhall in 2016/17 and it was quite a challenge to negotiate the steps in the dark on the journey to the coach as the hill is quite steep. I did however enjoy their cheese rolls and certainly had more than my fair share of them.

Larkhall were formed in 1914 and spent their early years in local football before joining a newly reformed Western League Division 1. In their first nine seasons in this division they did not finish higher than 9<sup>th</sup> and for four consecutive seasons they finished in the bottom five. However, they did much better in the next four seasons finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, but despite their title success remained in division 1. After finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in 1989/90 they did not finish in the top half of the table until 2003/04, when they achieved 8<sup>th</sup> place. They followed up this 8<sup>th</sup> position by achieving 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> positions in the next five seasons and this time they took up their place in the Premier Division.

After finishing 14<sup>th</sup> in their first season in the Premier Division they won the title in the second season, but due to the ground requirements for promotion remained a Western League club. However after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the next two seasons, a very impressive 2013/14 season saw them win the title with 34 wins, 5 draws and 1 loss with 114 goals saw them once again take the Premier Division title (they finished 21 points above the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team) and this time they were able to take up their place in the Southern League.

Their first season of Southern League football saw them finish 5<sup>th</sup>, but after beating Evesham in the playoff semi-final they lost to Stratford Town in the playoff final. In the last three seasons they have finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively.

I first identified Larkhall as a real force to be reckoned with when as a Western League Division 1 team they beat Wimborne who were invariably one of the best Wessex League clubs in the 2008/09 F A Vase and it was no surprise that they got promoted that season. They went on to reach the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the competition that season, and the 5<sup>th</sup> round proper in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14, in both of the two latter cases losing to eventual finalists,

They have also won the Western League Cup once and the Somerset Senior Cup twice. They are not to be confused with Larkhall Thistle who are Scotland's oldest junior club and have 13 ex-players who have gone on to be Scottish internationals, five of them being captains.

After a barren run of results, it was pleasing to win 3-1 at Slimbridge last weekend and achieve our first ever win on their ground. Our frustration of being knocked out of the F A Trophy by the same opponents after coming so close to winning only added to our feelings of relief.



# EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

*Fabulous?  
Absolutely!*

Join us for a fabulous three course dinner show courtesy of Edina, Patsy and Saffy. Featuring mayhem, adult humour and general bad behaviour; you are guaranteed a great night out!

**Priced at £36 per person includes a three course dinner plus entertainment.**

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2018



*Del Boy's Christmas*  
COMEDY DINNER SHOW



**Del Boy's throwing a Christmas party and you're all invited. A whirlwind tribute to everything Trotter and everything Christmas!**

Classic comedy chaos as only the Trotter's could serve up.

You know it makes sense!

**Priced at £36 per person to include entertainment and a 3 course dinner menu.**

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2018



Kick off the festive season with An Evening with ABBA. Calling all **Chiquitita's** and **Fernando's**, top tribute act, ABBA's Angels will be singing all your favourites to make sure you feel like the **Dancing Queen** when you hit the dancefloor!

**Priced at £42 pp and includes a 3 course dinner, party novelties and your entertainment for the evening.**

*An Evening with ABBA*



FRIDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

*New Years Eve*  
Party through the decades



MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER  
2018

Want to relive the Swinging Sixties? Still got your flares from the groovy 70's or perhaps the legwarmers and lace of the eighties is more your thing! Our New Year's Eve package includes a pre-dinner glass of Prosecco, three course dinner cooked by our team of award winning Chefs, your entertainment for the evening, an overnight stay in one of our well-appointed double or twin rooms and full English breakfast the following day – we will even extend check out until 1pm for those wanting a relaxing start to 2019.

**Package Price with accommodation & breakfast £249 per couple or £75 per person without accommodation and breakfast.**

  
**Holiday Inn**  
WINCHESTER

For more information on any of the above events and to book please call **01962 670 700** or email [events@hiwinchester.co.uk](mailto:events@hiwinchester.co.uk)

[www.hiwinchester.co.uk](http://www.hiwinchester.co.uk)  
*Stay at the gateway to the South*



# THE CITIZENS POST

## RESULTS

DATE	FIXTURE	COMPETITION	ATTENDANCE
Sat 18/08/18	Mangotsfield United 1-2 WCFC (Bailey, Mitford)	League	150
Tue 21/08/18	WCFC 3-2 Thatcham Town (Rusher, Cook, Mitford)	League	220
Sat 25/08/18	WCFC 1-0 Bournemouth (Mitford)	FA Cup	109
Mon 27/08/18	Moneyfields 0-2 WCFC (Barron, Bailey)	League	102
Sat 01/09/18	WCFC 2-2 Melksham Town (Cook, Mlambo)	League	160
Tue 04/09/18	WCFC 1-1 Gosport Borough (Roberts)	League Cup	106
Sat 08/09/18	Frome Town 1-1 WCFC (Mitford)	FA Cup	165
Tue 11/09/18	WCFC 2-1 Frome Town (AET) (Mitford, Cocklin)	FA Cup	151
Sat 15/09/18	WCFC 2-3 Paulton Rovers (Mitford, Own Goal)	League	152
Sat 22/09/18	Merthyr Town 1-4 WCFC (Barron, Mitford 3)	FA Cup	291
Sat 29/09/18	Slimbridge 2-2 WCFC (Barron, Mitford)	FA Trophy	85
Tue 02/10/18	WCFC 3-3 Slimbridge (AET) (Mitford 2 (1pen), Barron)	FA Trophy	93
Sat 06/10/18	WCFC 3-0 Cirencester Town (Carr, Mlambo, Hayward (pen))	FA Cup	302
Tue 09/10/18	WCFC 0-0 Hartley Wintney	Hampshire Senior Cup	102
Tue 16/10/18	Cirencester Town 3-2 WCFC (Bailey, Barron)	League	108
Sat 20/10/18	Torquay United 4-1 WCFC (Hayward (pen))	FA Cup	2,202
Tue 23/10/18	AFC Totton 1-1 WCFC (Bailey)	League	362
Thur 25/10/18	WCFC 3-3 Folland Sports (Rusher, Krygier, Croucher)	Soton Senior Cup	32
Sat 27/10/18	WCFC 1-1 Highworth Town (Bailey)	League	123
Sat 03/11/18	Barnstaple Town 3-2 WCFC (Bailey, Mitford)	League	138
Tue 13/11/18	WCFC 1-2 Evesham United (Carr)	League	136
Sat 17/11/18	WCFC 0-1 Yate Town	League	195
Thur 22/11/18	WCFC 2-2 Montefiore Halls (AET) (Davis, Mlambo)	Soton Senior Cup	39
Sat 24/11/18	Slimbridge 1-3 WCFC (Griggs, Barron, Bailey)	League	75
Tue 27/11/18	Fleet Town 1-2 WCFC (Rawkins, Mitford)	League	101



# THE CITIZENS POST

## FIXTURES

Sat 01/12/18	WCFC v Larkhall Athletic (League)
Sat 08/12/18	Street v WCFC (League)
Sat 15/12/18	WCFC v Bideford (League)
Sat 22/12/18	Bristol Manor Farm v WCFC (League)
Wed 26/12/18	WCFC v Moneyfields (League)
Sat 29/12/18	WCFC v Mangotsfield United (League)
Tue 01/01/19	Blackfield & Langley v WCFC (League)
Sat 05/01/19	WCFC v Cinderford Town (League)
Sat 12/01/19	Thatcham Town v WCFC (League)
Sat 19/01/19	Paulton Rovers v WCFC (League)
Sat 26/01/19	WCFC v Cirencester Town (League)
Sat 02/02/19	Highworth Town v WCFC (League)
Fri 08/02/19	WCFC v AFC Totton (League)
Sat 16/02/19	Evesham United v WCFC (League)
Sat 23/02/19	WCFC v Barnstaple Town (League)
Sat 02/03/19	Bideford v WCFC (League)
Sat 09/03/19	WCFC v Street (League)
Sat 16/03/19	WCFC v Slimbridge (League)
Sat 23/03/19	Larkhall Athletic v WCFC (League)
Sat 30/03/19	WCFC v Fleet Town (League)
Sat 04/04/19	Yate Town v WCFC (League)
Sat 13/04/19	WCFC v Bristol Manor Farm (League)
Fri 19/04/19	Melksham Town v WCFC (League)
Mon 22/04/19	WCFC v Blackfield & Langley (League)
Sat 27/04/19	Cinderford Town v WCFC (League)

For the latest league tables in the Evo-Stik League South, please click [here](#)

**THE CITIZENS POST**  
**WCFC FORTHCOMING**  
**RESERVE FIXTURES**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: AFC Stoneham U18s v WCFC U18s  
(Hants County Youth League)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: WCFC Reserves v Fawley AFC  
Reserves (John Stimpson Memorial Shield)

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December: WCFC Reserves v AFC Portchester  
Reserves (Wyvern Premier League)

# THE CITIZENS POST

## WHO'S WHO?

### BEHIND THE SCENES

PRESIDENT – JOHN MOODY RPSL

CHAIRMAN – ELLIOTT TRODD

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL – DAVID MALONE

VICE PRESIDENT –STEVE BRINE MP & COUNCILLOR IAN TAIT

LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS – TERRY PAINE MBE & TERRY BONE

CLUB SECRETARY – MATT RICHBELL

FIXTURES SECRETARY - MIKE CARTER

TREASURER – PAUL MURRAY MBE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS –WAYNE ELKINS, ROBERT CONWAY, SALLY STATHAM, STEVE (RONNIE) RAINBIRD, ELLIOTT TRODD, MATT RICHBELL, MIKE CARTER, JO BROCKSOM, ALLAN HIGGS, KEN RAISBECK, JOHN MOODY, MARGARET MOODY, JUDY MALONE, JUDITH TOWERTON, DAVID MALONE, RYAN ANDRESS, MARTIN MOODY, LIAM DIFFORD, DARRELL GOWERS

HEAD OF COMMERCIAL – MIKE CARTER & MATT RICHBELL

CAR PARKING & STADIUM – SALLY STATHAM

STADIUM ANNOUNCER – WAYNE ELKINS

WEBSITE – STEVE (RONNIE) RAINBIRD

PROGRAMME EDITORS – MATT RICHBELL & MIKE CARTER

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – WAYNE ELKINS

GROUND MAINTENANCE – MIKE CARTER & DAVE GREEN

GROUNDSMAN – RAY BULPIT

CHIEF STEWARD – STEVE RAINBIRD

BAR MANAGER – KEVIN WATKINS

PHOTOGRAPHER – ANDY CORNER

PLAYER SHIRTS SPONSORS – ROB CONWAY

SHOP MANAGER – NIKKI PERCIVAL

ASST. SHOP MANAGER – ROD YOUNGMAN

CLUB CATERING – JUDY MALONE, JUDITH TOWERTON, MARGARET MOODY & SALLY STATHAM

CAR PARKING – SALLY STATHAM, DAVE GREEN

50-50 DRAW – JUDY MALONE, JUDITH TOWERTON.

TURNSTILE OPERATORS – RICH PICKETT & ALLY BROWN

### ON THE PITCH

FIRST-TEAM MANAGER – CRAIG DAVIS

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL – DAVID MALONE

SPORTS THERAPISTS – JO BROCKSOM

CHIEF SCOUT – PETE MILLARD

RESERVE TEAM MANAGER – RYAN ANDRESS

ASSISTANT RESERVE TEAM MANAGER – DARREN NICHOLSON

HEAD OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – ELLIOTT TRODD

# THE CITIZENS POST

## CONTACT US



[secretary.wcfc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wcfc@gmail.com)  
[wcfcprogramme@outlook.com](mailto:wcfcprogramme@outlook.com)



Winchester City Football Club



@wincityfc @WCFC-Staff @WCFC\_Fans

The Simplyhealth City Ground, Hillier Way, Abbots Barton, Winchester,  
Hampshire, SO23 7SR. 07825 828918.



# THE CITIZENS POST

## EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH DIVISION ONE SOUTH FIXTURES

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

#### Evo-Stik League South Division One South

Barnstaple Town v AFC Totton

Blackfield & Langley v Thatcham Town

Cinderford Town v Bideford AFC

Cirencester Town v Fleet Town

Mangotsfield United v Highworth Town

Melksham Town v Slimbridge

Moneyfields v Street

Paulton Rovers v Yate Town

WCFC v Larkhall Athletic

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

#### Hampshire Senior Cup

Southampton FC v Fleet Town

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

#### League Cup

Cinderford Town v Slimbridge

### Hampshire Senior Cup

Blackfield & Langley v Bournemouth Poppies

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### Evo-Stik League South Division One South

AFC Totton v Slimbridge

Bideford AFC v Thatcham Town

Blackfield & Langley v Cinderford Town

Bristol Manor Farm v Mangotsfield United

Cirencester Town v Paulton Rovers

Fleet Town v Evesham United

Highworth Town v Moneyfields

Melksham Town v Barnstaple Town

Street v WCFC

Yate Town v Larkhall Athletic

# THE CITIZENS POST

# TOP GOALSCORERS

## EVO-STIK LEAGUE SOUTH DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1. Ben Whitehead (Cirencester Town) 13
2. Lewis Powell (Larkhall Athletic) 10
3. Lerone Plummer (Blackfield & Langley) 10
4. Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields) 8
5. Callum McGhee-Parsons (Highworth Town) 8
6. ***Oli Bailey (WCFC) 7***
7. Neikell Plummer (Melksham Town) 7
8. Kevin Squire (Bideford) 7
9. Meshach Williams (Fleet Town) 6
10. Richard Greaves (Cinderford Town) 6

## WYVERN LEAGUE

1. Brandon Jewell (Moneyfields) 11
2. Aidan Shepherd (Wimborne Town) 11
3. George Gregory (Moneyfields) 9
4. Efu Kazadi (AFC Portchester) 8
5. Louis McWilliams (Wimborne Town) 8
6. Kelvin Obaze (AFC Portchester) 7
7. Reece Tuppen (AFC Portchester) 7
8. Jordi Bond (Sholing) 5
9. William Fletcher (Wimborne Town) 5
10. Clayd Roach (Hamble Club) 5

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH LEAGUE

1. Freddie Bullard (Brockenhurst) 18
2. Toby Bailey (Brockenhurst) 15
3. Matt Wotton (AFC Totton) 12
4. Nick Riley (Team Solent) 11
5. Brendan Cox (Moneyfields) 9
6. James Shorey (Brockenhurst) 8
7. Luke Bennett (Team Solent) 7
8. Joshua Hoey (AFC Stoneham) 7
9. Sam White (Brockenhurst) 7
10. ***Filip Fraczek-Krygier (WCFC) 6***



# THE CITIZENS POST

## WCFC U18s LEAGUE TABLE

POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	<u>WCFC</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>
2	<u>TEAM SOLENT</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
3	<u>BROCKENHURST</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>
4	<u>MONEYFIELDS</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
5	<u>SHOLING</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>10</u>
6	<u>AFC STONEHAM</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>7</u>
7	<u>AFC TOTTON</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>7</u>
8	<u>CHRISTCHURCH</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
9	<u>AFC PORTCHESTER</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>-26</u>	<u>0</u>

## WCFC U18s FIXTURES

02/12/18	AFC Stoneham U18s v WCFC U18s – League
16/12/18	Brockenhurst U18s v WCFC U18s – League
06/01/19	WCFC U18s v Christchurch U18s – League (At Whitchurch United FC)
27/01/19	Team Solent U18s v WCFC U18s – League
03/02/19	WCFC U18s v Moneyfields U18s – League (At Whitchurch United FC)
10/02/19	Christchurch U18s v WCFC U18s – League
17/02/19	WCFC U18s v Team Solent U18s – League (At Whitchurch United FC)

# THE CITIZENS POST

## FLYERS FIXTURES

<http://www.winchestercityflyers.co.uk/>

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Away to Barton Rovers

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Away to Warsash

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Away to Ascot United

# LEAGUE HONOURS

Southern League: Play-Off Semi-Finalists (2016)

Wessex Premier League: Winners (2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2011-12)

Runners-Up (2004- 2005, 2014-2015)

Hampshire County League: Winners (1928-1929)

Hampshire Premier League: Winners (2002-2003)

Hampshire League Division 1: Winners (2001-2002)

Runners-Up (1929-1930, 1949-1950 & 1970-1971)

Hampshire League Division 2: Winners (1957-1958, 1973-1974 & 1991-1992)

Hampshire League Division 3: Runners-Up (1967-1968 & 1979-1980)

Hampshire League Division 3 East: Runners-Up (1949-1950 & 1951-1952)

Hampshire League North Division: Winners (1904-1905 & 1928-1929)

Runners-Up (1909- 1910, 1911-1912 & 1919-1920)

Hampshire League Championship Shield: Winners (1928-1929)

Hampshire League Combination Division 2: Winners (2005-2006)

South Hampshire League: Winners (1896-1897, 1897-1898 & 1898-1899)

North Hants League: Winners (2002-2003)

# THE CITIZENS POST

## CUP HONOURS

FA Vase: Winners (2004)

Hampshire Senior Cup: Winners (1935 & 2005)

Finalists (1888 & 2016)

Hampshire Tournament Cup: Winners (1888)

Finalists (1889 & 1890)

Hampshire Floodlit Cup: Winners (2005)

Finalists (2003)

Russell Cotes Cup: Winners (1955 & 1971)

North Hants Senior Cup: Winners (1982, 1987, 2002 & 2015)

North Hants League Cup: Winners (2003)

Southampton Senior Cup: Winners (1950, 1952, 2001 & 2003)

Finalists (1909) Basingstoke Senior Cup: Finalists (2002)

Andover & District Open Cup: Winners (2002)

Hampshire Intermediate Cup: Winners (1952, 1968, 1973 & 2002)

Wessex League Cup: Winners (2004)

Wyvern Challenge Shield: Finalists (2013)

Hampshire League, League Cup: Winners (1994 & 2003)

Hampshire League Combination Cup: Finalists (2002)

Hampshire Chronicle Cup: Winners (2005)

Southern Newspapers Invitation Cup: Winners (1971)

Inter-League Challenge: Winners (2001 & 2002)

# THE CITIZENS POST

## CLUB SPONSORS

TRETHOWANS  
SOLICITORS



WILKINS •  
KENNEDY  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
& BUSINESS ADVISERS



*H* **Holiday Inn**  
Winchester  
AN IHG® HOTEL



# THE CITIZENS POST

## PLAYER PROFILES

RYAN PRYCE – Ex-AFC Bournemouth Goalkeeper that also lists Salisbury City, Gosport Borough and Fleet Town amongst his former clubs. Pryce made five senior appearances for the Cherries, making his debut against Southend United.

DANNY KING - Left sided defender, the clubs longest-serving player currently and a real fans favourite. A teacher by trade, he has played for Chelsea and Southampton in his youth. Danny reached his testimonial year last season and had his testimonial at the end of the 2017-18 campaign.

JOSH HARFIELD – 23-year-old defender who has played for Whitchurch United and most recently, Fleet Town, Harfield has returned to City last summer, a player with real potential for the future.

JOE HAYWARD – Defender who joined us last season having previously been with Eastleigh FC, unfortunately broke his leg recently but returned quickly and showed what great potential he has. Delighted he is with us again this year and look forward to seeing him in action.

JAMIE BARRON - Resigned from Gosport Borough Jamie has played for Salisbury, Andover, Sholing and Folland Sports. A winner of a Schools National Cup medal. Appointed Captain for another season and a really important player for us.

OLI BAILEY – 20-year-old striker who has joined the club last summer from Gosport Borough, has also previously played for Swindon Supermarine and started out as a youngster at Southampton FC. Pacey, enthusiastic forward with a bright future. Scored 21 goals last season and is looking to push on again this campaign.

ROB CARR – 24-year-old highly rated winger that has previously played for both Woking and also Fleet Town. Another regular goal scorer with 20 goals plus in his last 3 seasons for Fleet Town. Entering his second season with the Citizens.

SIMBA MLAMBO – Also signed from Davis' former club, Fleet Town. Mlambo has spent the past few seasons in North Hampshire and was an Alton Town player before this. Can play wide or up front and a player with immense speed and power in the air. Another playing starting his second season with City.

JOSH TOMBS - 17-year-old youth team goalkeeper who was promoted to the first team squad this year after an excellent season in the reserves last season.

JOSH CORNER - midfielder who is still in the youth team but made several appearances and impressed last season despite his young age.

HARVEY CLARK - Another youth team player who made a first team debut last season, he is a defender who we have high hopes for.

TYRELL MITFORD - Forward player signed from Team Solent, played for Gosport at step 3 last season, excited to have this player on board and has already settled in well after signing this summer. Mitford previously has football league experience with QPR.

JAKE RAWKINS - Diminutive tricky winger who we signed from Bemerton in the Wessex league after scoring a lot of goals for them last season. He has played at this level previously for AFC Totton.

LIAM GILBERT - Combative ball playing midfield player in his first full season for the Citizens after signing halfway through last season, previously captain for AFC Totton.

MATT ANDREWS - Forward player signed this summer from Fareham Town, has played at this level in the past for Petersfield Town. Currently dual-registered with Fleetlands in the Hampshire Premier League.

BRAD GALE - Powerful midfielder who has signed after a brief spell last season, played for Verwood Town and Poole Town where he was highly regarded by their supporters.

BEN SUNLEY - goal scoring Forward player who had a fantastic season in the reserves last season, still a youth team player but has been heavily involved in the 1st team already.

CALLUM KITCHER - Delighted to sign Callum this season, he joined our reserves after the deadline day at end of last season, played a number of games for the reserve team and impressed, look forward to having him in the squad this season. Currently dual-registered with Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

BRETT CUNNINGHAM – A young 17-year-old midfielder who joined the club from Farnborough earlier this season. A tricky winger with bags of pace.

MATT BENHAM – Returned to City this season from Thatcham Town. Creative forward-thinking player with an eye for goal. Currently dual-registered with Bitton AFC.

GEORGE SHORT – Returned to City this season from Bracknell Town and has also previously played for Slough Town. Returning from injury shortly.

OLLIE GRIGGS – Joined the club on loan from Dorchester Town this month for a second time, having served City on loan last season as well.

#### STAFF PROFILES

CRAIG DAVIS – Player-Manager who came to City from Fleet Town after relinquishing his position as Manager. Took over as Interim Manager until the end of the 2016-17 season before taking over the reins permanently. His playing career started off as a pro at Cardiff City before spells at Bashley, Salisbury, Gosport Borough and AFC Totton. Has won both the Southern League South and West and Premier as a player.

JO BROCKSOM - Jo is in her 3rd season now at Winchester as Sports therapist, this is her 1st season taking a leading role though, has been integral in keeping our players on the pitch and delighted to have her with the club again this season.

PETE MILLARD – Scout – Someone Craig Davis brought to the club this season and has previously worked for Bashley FC and Craig at Fleet Town, has a wealth of knowledge and provides important information to Craig throughout the season, really crucial member of the management team.

# THE CITIZENS POST

## TODAY'S SQUADS

### WINCHESTER CITY FC (From):

RYAN PRYCE  
DANNY KING  
JOE HAYWARD  
JOSH HARFIELD  
CRAIG DAVIS  
BRAD GALE  
SIMBA MLAMBO  
JAMIE BARRON ©  
LIAM GILBERT  
IK HILL  
JAKE RAWKINS  
TYRELL MITFORD  
OLI BAILEY  
HARVEY CLARK  
JOSH CORNER  
OLLIE GRIGGS  
BRETT CUNNINGHAM  
ROB CARR  
JOSH TOMBS

### LARKHALL ATHLETIC (From):

SHAUN SEMMENS  
MASON WINTER  
WAYNE NDEREMANI  
MATT BRITTON  
MIKE BAKER ©  
JOSH JONES  
ALEX LAMBERT  
GERAINT BATER  
HARRY HOPE  
LEWIS POWELL  
MATT GROVES  
JACK DANCEY  
LEWIS HUNT  
DAN RESTORICK  
NEIL ARNDALE

Referee – Matthew Rushton

Asst. Referee – Daniel Spyer

Asst. Referee – Samuel Read

Observer – William Bull

[www.winchestercityfc.co.uk](http://www.winchestercityfc.co.uk)