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BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1878 Stadium, Wymers Wood Road, Burnham SL1 8JG

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A warm welcome from Burnham FC

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this first 2025/26 Combined Counties Football League fixture, between Burnham and Reading City.

Reading City finished in 13th position in the league table last season. Obviously Manager Simon Johnson will have taken steps to improve the squad during recent weeks. Getting the lads back into shape has included A hill challenge in Prospect Park and a number of preseason friendlies. Welcome Simon, his team and their supporters.

The atmosphere in the home dressing room is buzzing. We wish those that have moved on every success and our newcomers a warm welcome.

If this is your first visit, there is plenty of free parking available within the ground if everyone parks sensibly and close enough to the next vehicle. Please be careful not to restrict the flow of traffic or block driveways if you do park outside the ground and always keep valuables safely out of sight, on your person or better still leave them at home.

If you arrive early for today's game you can wait in The Blues Bar from 18:00, visiting teams will have access to the changing rooms when our first team management arrive and as usual we will open our turnstiles approx. 45 minutes before kick-off. Just so you are aware, it is cash only at our turnstiles, cash and cards are accepted everywhere else within the ground.

Match updates including teams and goal scorers will be available on our **X** and **BlueSky** profiles as part of our responsibility to the league and Football Web Pages. If you want to follow us on our socials then just search @BurnhamFC1878

Enjoy the match everyone, we hope to see you back here for our Emirates FA Cup EPR tie with Holyport on Saturday 2nd August, KO 3pm.

Thank you for your continued support, from everyone connected with Burnham Football Club.

Paul Butler

Burnham Football Club
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Gilbaut Batousol

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DEVELOPING TALENT

Burnham FC First Team

Our first team train and play their home fixtures at this ground, The 1878 Stadium. Fixtures are typically on a Saturday afternoon or a Wednesday evening. They compete in the Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North. They also compete in the FA Cup

and FA Vase cup competitions, the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup and the Berks & Bucks FA County Cup. The management team comprises of joint managers and brothers Mo and Omar Bakali and Senior Coach Gilbaut Batousol. If you would like to learn more out our first team and follow their progress throughout the upcoming season then check out https://linktr.ee/BurnhamFC1878

Burnham FC Under 18s

Our aim is to develop a pathway into the senior game, creating opportunities to train with and hopefully one day play for our senior first team. The squad train during the week and play home matches on a Monday evening at The 1878 Stadium. Managed by Tom Guy, with help and support from head coach Christian Williams our Under 18s compete in the Allied Counties Youth Football League Central Division. If you would like to learn more please visit https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/burnham-fc-u18s

Burnham FC Under 16s & Burnham FC Under 16 Blues

Both teams play home matches and train at The 1878 Stadium. Managed by Ian Sharp and supported by coaches Anton Russell, Gavin James and Tim Scofield. The U16s play their matches on a Sunday morning in the Wycombe and South Bucks Minor Football League Division 1. While our U16 Blues play on a Saturday morning in the East Berkshire Football Alliance Division 2. For more information please visit https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/burnham-fc-u16s

Local Junior Football

Our local village junior football club is Burnham Junior FC, for boys and girls, with ages ranging from under 7s to under 18s. Burnham Junior FC are a separate football club to Burnham FC, run by their own elected committee. Please visit https://burnhamjuniorfc.co.uk

Football Camps for kids at The 1878 Stadium

We occasionally offer specialist football coaching on our FIFA Certified 3G pitch during half term and summer holidays for players aged between 5yrs to 12yrs. Sessions normally run from 8:30am (drop off) until 15:00 on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These Football Camps are popular and spaces are limited. So follow our socials and turn notifications on to avoid disappointment - https://linktr.ee/BurnhamFC1878

Toddler Football - Little Blues

Little Blues is for toddlers aged 2 to their 5th birthday. Sessions are every Saturday morning from 10am, learning the basics indoors on a soft matt floor, within our studio room on the first floor at The 1878 Stadium. For more information and to register a player please visit https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/little-blues-toddler-football











EMIRATES FA CUP Extra Preliminary Round

Saturday 2nd August 2025

BURNHAM v HOLYPORT

KO 15:00

Admission
Adults £10 / Concessions (65+) £5 / Under 16s £1/ Under 5s Free
Cash only at the turnstiles

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Discover more

New spectators and local support welcome.

Bar will be open and serving hot food, BT Sports and Sky Sports available.

TABLE, RESULTS AND FIXTURES

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®	3	Ardley United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4	Ashford Town (Middx)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	5	British Airways	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(6	Broadfields United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	7	Burnham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	8	Edgware & Kingsbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	9	Harefield United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	10	Hilltop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	14	North Greenford United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(1)	15	North Leigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	16	Reading City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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(F)	18	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(19	Windsor & Eton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20	Wokingham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESULTS

PDN	30/07/2025	BURNHAM FC	score	Reading City FC	Premier Division North
FAC	02/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	score	Holyport FC	Emirates FA Cup EPR
PDN	05/08/2025	British Airways FC	score	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	09/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	score	Kidlington FC	Premier Division North

UPCOMING FIXTURES

PDN	30/07/2025	BURNHAM FC	V	Reading City	19:45	Premier Division North
PDN	02/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	>	Holyport FC	15:00	Emirates FA Cup EPR
PDN	05/08/2025	British Airways FC	V	BURNHAM FC	19:30	Premier Division North
PDN	09/08/2025	BURNHAM FC	V	Kidlington FC	15:00	Premier Division North

Live Match Updates on X (Twitter)

The Combined Counties Football League has made the use of Football Web Pages compulsory for all clubs to use on match days. FWP is an online platform where supporters access fixture news and match updates via a mobile app or website. Each team has its own management area where representatives post live match updates including a Team Sheet. Typically it is the responsibility of the Home Team to manage live match updates.



A BRIFF HISTORY OF BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1878, <u>Burnham Football Club</u> is the second oldest club Buckinghamshire. We played in the early years, with considerable success, in various leagues, before joining the Great Western Combination in 1948. We moved to the Wycombe Combination in 1964 and then spent one season (1970/71) in the Reading Combination. In 1971 the club was elected to the Hellenic League. Winning both the Premier Division and League Cup in 1975/76. We were also twice beaten finalists in the League Cup too.

In 1977 the club were elected to the Athenian League and were twice runners-up before the league folded in 1984. We competed in the London Spartan League in 1984/85. Winning both the Premier Division title and the League Cup.

The summer of 1985 bought about the amalgamation of the football club with Hillingdon Borough FC, who had lost their ground and were about to fold. We played in the Southern League as Burnham & Hillingdon FC and reverted back to the former name of Burnham FC in 1987. Season 1994/95 saw us finish bottom. Resulting in relegation to the Hellenic League.

After 3 seasons in the Hellenic League, finishing fifth, third and again third in 1998/99. the club won both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. Therefore, gaining promotion back to the Southern Football League. The 2006/07 season saw us achieve our highest league position. Finishing 3rd and thus qualifying for the end of season Promotion Play-Off semi-final. Unfortunately losing to the eventual winners – Swindon Supermarine.

The 2012-2013 season was, without doubt, the most successful in the football club's history. The First Team won the Evo Stik League Southern Division One Central (Southern League) championship. Earning promotion to the newly sponsored Calor League Premier Division (Southern League), while our Reserves won the UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two East championship at the first time of asking. Earning promotion to Division One East where they came up against the First Teams of many of the previous season's opposition.

CUP COMPETITION HISTORY

In cup competitions Burnham reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase in 1977/78 and then went one better in reaching the Semi Final in 1982/83. Losing 4-2 over two legs to Halesowen Town. The clubs record attendance of 2400 was achieved in the home leg. We have twice reached the Third Qualifying round of the FA Cup and in 2005/06 we reached the First Round Proper for the first time ever, before losing at home to Aldershot Town. In the F.A.Trophy we reached the Fourth Round (the last 16) in 1999/2000. Before losing to Scarborough in a replay after a creditable 1-1 draw at The Gore. In the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup we reached the Semi Final twice before losing on both occasions to Chesham United.

On the 22nd May 2024 the blues were successful in beating Virginia Water 2-1 at the Racecourse Ground (Ascot United) and won the 2023/24 Combined Counties Football League / Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup, aka the League Cup.

AND NOW...

Burnham FC now play in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier League North. During the Covid-19 pandemic the renamed 1878 stadium and its facilities have undergone a major refurbishment programme. Providing the new chairman, Glenn Skivington, with the chance to achieve one of his key objectives of building closer links with local clubs and the local community. We now have more teams, more clubs and more leagues enjoying the state of the art 3G pitch which was completed in July 2021. Going forward Burnham Football Club will continue to develop as a local sports facility. Creating a pathway for young players, whether they want to play professionally or build a career within the sports industry.

Match Days at The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club

We welcome visitors to the 1878 Stadium on a regular basis. For some it's a frequent return and for others it's their first time to the ground. The following information provides some useful guidance with links for more information.

The 1878 Stadium

Maximum capacity 2,500 including covered seating for 300 in the main stand. There is also a small covered section on the far side of the pitch with standing room only. Supporters can watch from the concrete path behind the fencing which surrounds the artificial 3G surface. Supporters are not allowed on the pitch and pitch invasions are not permitted.

Travel

Burnham Football Club - The 1878 Stadium, Wymers Wood Rd, Burnham, Slough SL1 8JG

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If you're travelling by car, coach or train - Directions here

Burnham Railway Station (Elizabeth Line), buses Nos 5, 12, 53 and 702. It's a 1.7mile/ 30 mins walk to Burnham Football Club. There are local taxi firms and hotels listed on our useful links page: <u>Local Taxis</u>

Parking

There are approximately 100 free parking spaces at the 1878 Stadium. However, with players and management attending you may be required to park off site. If you do then please be park sensibly, keep traffic flowing and allow driveway access. Parking is offered on a first come first served basis. It takes approx 10-15 minutes to walk to the 1878 Stadium from Burnham Village High Street. Therefore, please park sensibly, walk or car share if possible.

Please DO NOT park in spaces reserved for Burnham FC Management or in front of the double gates which lead onto the pitch. These gates are to allow access for the emergency services during training and on match days. There is also wheelchair access to the ground, with access to toilets both inside the <u>Blues Bar and Cafe</u> and within the Stadium itself.

The Blues Bar and Cafe

Live matches on Sky and TNT (BT Sport) are available to watch while you relax and enjoy the club's main bar and social space. Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks are available, cash and card payments accepted. The Blues Bar and Cafe is also available for hire, please use the form provided if you would like to learn more and check availability.

Admission

Please check our <u>social profiles</u> prior to match days. Admission prices differ depending on who is playing and whether it is a league or cup fixture. As an example, admission prices for all Burnham FC LEAGUE MATCHES are as follows:

ADULTS £8 CONCESSIONS (65+) £5 UNDER 16S £1 U5s FREE ADMISSION

PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH IS ACCEPTED AT THE TURNSTILES. Both cash and cards are accepted in the main bar and pitch side snack bar.

Refreshments and Food

Teas, coffees, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages can be purchased before and during the game from the Stadium Cafe hatch just inside the turnstiles. You can also purchase confectionery and hot food there too – Cash and card payments are accepted. *Only drinks purchased from the premisses can be consumed on the premisses – Plastic containers only within the stadium.*

Toilets available outside at the end of the stadium and inside the Blues Bar and Cafe.

Please be aware:

- Abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.
- Dogs are allowed in the stadium, however, they must be kept on a lead at all times.
- No flares or fireworks allowed.
- o No smoking in the stands.

Source: https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/matchdays-at-burnham-football-club/



History of Reading City FC

Though Reading City FC was officially formed in 2018, our roots stretch back over a century.

Our journey began in the village of Highmoor, Oxfordshire, where local football flourished before evolving into Highmoor FC in 1967. The club battled through tough times in the '80s before a revival led by Chris Gallimore and Martin Law saw success follow.

In 2001, we merged with Ibis FC founded in 1913 by Prudential Assurance becoming Highmoor Ibis. The merger marked a turning point, with league and cup triumphs including an unbeaten league title in 2003/04 and the Reading Senior Cup win at the Madejski in 2006.

After a promotion to the Hellenic League in 2011, we moved to Palmer Park Stadium, enabling progression thanks to improved facilities. In our debut Hellenic season, we earned promotion to the Premier Division and twice finished runners-up. We entered the FA Cup in 2013/14 and reached the Second Round Qualifying in 2023/24—our best run to date. We've also regularly competed in the FA Vase, reaching the First Round Proper several times.

A move to The Rivermoor in 2016 formerly home of Reading Town brought us back to West Reading. The name "Rivermoor" reflects our history (Highmoor) and location (near the River Thames), symbolising our journey and growth.

In 2018, we rebranded as Reading City FC, honouring our past while looking to the future. This move united the legacies of Highmoor, Highmoor Ibis and Reading Town under one banner and brought renewed ambition to be the leading non-league club in Reading.

We joined the Combined Counties League Premier Division North in 2021, making history with the first-ever match in the new division. We've since reached play-offs and lifted the Southern Combination Challenge Cup in 2023/24.

Our Youth Academy, launched in 2013 and rebranded in 2021 in partnership with John Madejski Academy, now boasts over 20 teams and competes in the FA Youth Cup, reaching the Second Round Proper in 2021/22.

From Highmoor to The Rivermoor, our story is one of perseverance, pride, and progress and we're just getting started.

You can read more about Reading City FC and the history behind the club on their website: https://readingcityfc.co.uk/club/history



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<u>Burnham Football Club</u> has invested heavily in a FIFA Certified state-of-the-art 3G artificial pitch. Along with free parking and hospitality, this is the perfect facility for hosting charity matches, corporate football matches or even filming promotional videos. If you would like to book our <u>3G pitch</u> you can do it using the booking form provided here. Simply tell us your dates and times and we'll talk to you about availability and payment.

If you arrive early, for whatever reason, no problem. You can wait in the Blues Bar or in the outside seating area until your allocated start time. We also ask you to allow enough time before your paid session ends for the hand over. Once you have finished your match why not grab some refreshments from the <u>Blues Bar and Cafe</u> before leaving The 1878 Stadium. Further information: What's the difference between 3G and 4G?

Pitch dimensions

115 yards by 75 yards. The distance of pitch from the dressing rooms is 5 meters.

Important information for players, managers and spectators

We have VERY strict rules regarding permitted footwear when anyone enters the pitch enclosure. Rules that apply to players, those in the dugouts and supporters who, for example, want to take photos. Please read – Permitted Footwear at The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club

For the benefit of the players

We want people to enjoy their time at The 1878 Stadium. If for any reason you forget to bring your boots or Astros, there is a selection of boots in various sizes you can borrow while you are here. Just ask a staff member at pitch side hatch for help.

Sitting or laying on the pitch (unless genuinely injured), wearing flat shoes, trainers, sliders, socks or bear feet has the effect of ironing the grass fibres. Flattening the surface damages the complex water drainage system, causing waterlogging and dramatically reducing the life expectancy of the artificial pitch. Socks only, bear feet, shoes, trainers or sliders with flat soles are NOT permitted – No Excuses! Abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated. If you want to learn why, click here

Please be aware:

- All teams are asked to share permitted footwear guidance prior to match day.
- There are signs strategically positioned explaining the rules.
- Our pitch, our rules Ignorance is no excuse.



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DO NOT sit or lay on the pitch (unless injured)

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Reading City FC

	Burnnam FC	P 5	Р5	Reading City FC	
Managers	Archie Cunningham (GK)	00	00	Adam Cashin Murray	Manager
Mo Bakali &	Mateos Dos Reis (GK)	00	00	Ashleigh Artwell	Simon Johnson
Omar Bakali	Joel Ampabeng	00	00	Ben Holder	
	Bilal Bakali	00	00	Charlie York	Assistant
Senior Coach Gilbaut	Ibrahim Diakite	00	00	Dan Davies	Managers
Batousol	Nabil Taitt	00	00	Eddie Lazarczuk	Michael Butcher & Dave
Batousot	Ellis Martin-Cherry	00	00	Ellis Cowd	Tarpey
Coach	Jamie Mitchell	00	00	George Armstrong	larpey
Ghabriel	Sean Basaye	00	00	Harrison Bayley	Coaches
Teles	Zakari Otoo	00	00	Jay Herbert	Jamie Williams
	Deluxe Mwengula	00	00	Joe Pilling	Kieran Jennings
Physio	Shyon Dennis	00	00	Joel Valentin	Charlie Wyeth
Melanie	Kevar March-McKenzie	00	00	Jonathan O'Sullivan	Dave Wyeth
Sanchez	Jordan Brown	00	00	Liam Baker	
Matala Davi	Christian Mulindwa	00	00	Lucas Taplin	Physios
Match Day Team Admin	Albhy McCann	00	00	Luke Donville	Paige Ryan-
Nick Tappy	Yahaya Kamara	00	00	Mckoy Palmer	Swanston
тток тарру	Hirotaka Dwayne Clarke	00	00	Muhamadou Ceesay	
	Rafael Bertoli	00	00	Oliver Bourne	
	Ilyas Khader	00	00	Ousman Darboe	
	Brandon Jackson	00	00	Sanchez Parkes	
	David Bamidele	00	00	Stefan Brown	
	Rhys Harper	00	00	Tristan Campbell	
	Sandro Camara	00	00		
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Match Officials

Referee Craig Griffiths Assistant Referees Mark Branwhite & Ali Matour









