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BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

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

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A warm 'Halloween' welcome from Burnham FC

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North fixture between Burnham FC and Ashford Town FC.

Our visitors have had a period of change recently which has resulted in well-deserved points in the league table. We welcome Luke Tuffs, his assistants, their players and their travelling supporters who are here this evening for what promises to be an exciting non-league encounter.

Ashford Town FC Website | Ashford Town FC on (X)

The blues have games in hand, and we will continue to push for points in every game. Despite a run of poor results during September, this month has seen us back in business. We really appreciate those of you who come to watch us play and the team really benefits from your support.

We have the 2nd round of the ISUZU FA Vase facing Hythe Town away on Saturday 8th November to look forward to and we welcome Wycombe Wanderers here in the BBFA Senior Cup on the 12th November - <u>Tickets</u>

If this is your first visit, there is free parking available within the ground. Please park sensibly and avoid leaving big gaps between you and the next vehicle. If you park outside of the ground please be careful not to restrict the flow of traffic or block driveways.

If you arrive early, TNT Sports and Sky Sports will be on TV in The Blues Bar. 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.

Match updates including teams and goal scorers will be available on our **X** and **BlueSky** profiles. If you want to follow us on our socials then search @BurnhamFC1878

Enjoy the match everyone and thank you for your continued support.

Paul Butler, Burnham Football Club
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Club Secretary
Gary Reeves

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Assistant Manager Gilbaut Batousol

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DEVELOPING TALENT

Burnham FC First Team

Our first team train and play their home matches 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, assisted by Gilbaut Batousol. Admission prices for home league fixtures: Adults £8 / Concessions (65+) £5 / U16s £1 / U5s free entry. Adults pay £2 more for entry to cup games.

The First Team Kit sponsors are local businesses Brooklyns Financial and Brooklyns Residential. Post match food on Saturdays provided by Burnham based Indian Take-away restaurant – Curry Crush. 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 our Under 18s compete in the Allied Counties Youth Football League South Division. They also compete in the FA Youth Cup and Allied Counties League U18's Mid-week Cup.

Other teams in the same league include Holyport, Abbey Rangers, Binfield, Camberley Town, Frimley Green, Windsor & Eton, Wokingham Town, Walton and Hersham and our near neighbours Slough Town. Admission prices for home league and cup fixtures: Adults £5 / Concessions (65+) £3 / U16s £1 / U5s free entry. Kit sponsor is Brooklyns Financial and Brooklyns Residential, the same as our First Team. For fixture news 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. Our U16 Blues play on a Saturday morning in the East Berkshire Football Alliance Division 2. Admission to home games is free and their team kit sponsor is Maxas Design and Build.

For more information please visit https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/burnham-fc-u16s





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A BRIEF 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.

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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 are 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. NB - 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/



Brief history of Ashford Town FC

For many years, it was assumed that Ashford Town Football Club was formed in 1964. However, subsequent research indicated the club was formed in 1958 as Ashford Albion and first competed in the Hounslow & District League. Albion won two consecutive promotions to reach the Premier Division of the Hounslow League and were still competing at this level when the club changed its name to Ashford Town in 1964. It was at this time that the club adopted its distinctive Tangerine & White colours. The club endured a difficult first campaign as the Town club and withdrew from the Premier Division, assuming the Reserve Team's place in Division Two. Having rebuilt the club with a very young team, Ashford Town rapidly advanced back through the divisions of the Hounslow & District League, absorbing Staines Youth Club FC. on the way. Several individuals from that era have remained with the Club and now form the backbone of the Committee. The Club was elected to the Surrey Intermediate League (Western) in 1967 and promoted at the end of their first season. The Ash Trees were League Cup finalists in 1970-71 and League runners-up in 1972-73. In 1974-75, Ashford enjoyed their best season under the managership of ex-Fulham player Frank Reid, winning the League by three points from perennial contenders Merrow. Although the championship eluded the Club in following seasons, it usually finished in the top four and prior to season 1982-83 an invitation was extended by Surrey County FA to become founder members of the Surrey County Premier League. The invitation was readily accepted and Ashford played their first match in the new league on 4 September 1982, drawing 0-0 away to Farleigh Rovers. Almost from its foundation, the Club had aspirations to acquire its own ground and after one or two disappointments, this was achieved in August 1985, when a long lease was signed with Spelthorne Borough Council, enabling the Club to move to its present home at Short Lane, Stanwell. From what was nothing more than a field, the facilities were quickly developed, with the first match at Short Lane taking place in February 1986, following two postponements for snow. The Club now possesses a modern clubhouse and bar, kitchen facilities and boardroom. Floodlights were erected in September 1995, whilst the pitch is railed all round and partly walled, with standing covered accommodation, plus a purpose built 150-seater stand, built in 1998. An additional 100 seats were installed on the opposite side of the ground to this stand in 2006, after the club won promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division.

For both geographical and historical reasons, Ashford affiliate to both Middlesex and Surrey FAs and in 1989-90, their last season as an Intermediate Club, they reached the final of both Counties' Premier Cup competitions, beating Farnham Town in the Surrey version but losing to Willesden Hawkeye in the Middlesex final. Runners-up spot in the League was also secured and with it the opportunity to enter senior football, as members of the Combined Counties League, senior status having been granted in May 1990. It was at this point that the club changed its name to Ashford Town (Middlesex) FC, to avoid confusion with the Kent club of the same name. During its ten year membership of the Combined Counties League, the Club never finished below sixth place, and after finishing 3rd and 2nd in seasons 1992-93 and 93-94, it went on to win the League Championship for four successive seasons. It was a relative disappointment to only come 4th in 1998-99, even though the Club won the League Cup but a 5th championship in just six seasons was secured in 99-00, along with the Middlesex Charity Cup, the first ever senior county cup honour. With the ground up to the required standard, Ashford took their place in the Isthmian League for season 2000-01 and by finishing in third place, secured promotion to Division Two at the first attempt.

The first season in Division Two did not the Club making sufficient progress and after a series of indifferent results, long serving manager Dave Kent left the Club on 28 March 2002. His replacement was Nathan Wharf, a long-serving former player, who stepped up from Reserve Team management. Further major improvements were made to the ground to enable the Club to be granted a B-grade and to take its place in the newly regionalised Division One of the Isthmian League. A poor start saw the Club in the bottom echelons of the table but a number of new signings saw a significant improvement and a 17th place finish, which was an excellent performance after winning just one of the opening 16 league matches. Further progress was made in 2003-04 as the Club finished 12th in Division 1 South. In the close season prior to 2004-05, the pitch was completely relaid to include both irrigation and drainage systems, at a cost of around £50,000, mostly financed by the Football Stadia Improvement Fund. To continue reading **CLICK HERE** (pdf)





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Our FIFA Certified 3G Pitch

<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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Match Day	Albhy McCann	00	00	Jack Arnold				
Team Admin	Yahaya Kamara	00	00	Tyler Da-Cruz				
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	Rafael Bertoli	00						
Kit Colours	Ilyas Khader	00						
Blue Shirts	Brandon Jackson	00						
Blue Shorts	David Bamidele	00						
Blue/ White Socks	Rhys Harper	00						
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Match Officials

Referee Benjamin Maskery Assistant Referees Simon Cook & Kenneth Clark



Black Shorts







