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A warm welcome from Burnham FC

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

As I write this programme welcome Wallingford & Crowmarsh are 4th in the table with 43 points from 25 games. The blues on the other hand are top following their win at the weekend against North Leigh, with 47 points from 23 games. We look forward to an exciting non-league encounter under the lights here at The 1878 Stadium this evening.

A huge thank you to our regular supporters and all those who have travelled to watch the game live. We hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to an entertaining game.

If this is your first visit there is more useful info on [page 6](#). There is free parking inside the ground, with additional off-site parking available at nearby locations listed on our website and on page 4 of this programme. Please take care not to restrict traffic flow or block driveways if parking outside the ground.

The turnstiles will open approximately 45 minutes before kick-off. Sky Sports and TNT Sports will be on in The Blues Bar & Café. **The visiting team are welcome to wait in the bar until our first team management arrive providing access to the changing rooms.**

Food and refreshments are available in the bar and inside the Stadium via M&M's hatch and toilets are in the main bar and at the end of the main stand. Please note, the main bar is not accessible from the stadium until half time. Match updates, including line-ups and goal scorers, will be shared on our X and Bluesky profiles. Follow us @BurnhamFC1878 to keep up with all the action.

Enjoy the game everyone, let's play football!

Paul Butler, Burnham Football Club

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Match Days at The 1878 Stadium



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 stand and a concrete path around the 3G pitch. 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](#) (on our website)

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: [Local Taxis](#)

Parking

Approximately 100 free parking spaces at the ground. If you park outside the ground please park sensibly, keep traffic flowing and allow driveway access. Alternative Car Parks (10-minute walk)

- Burnham Health Care Centre **SL17DE** - 50 spaces, free parking.
- Summers Road Car Park **SL1 7EP** - 54 spaces, £1.90 for 3 hours (max stay 24 hours)
- Jennery Lane Car Park **SL1 8BX** - 60 spaces, £1.80 for 2 hours (max stay 2 hours)

Info regarding [wheelchair access](#). Please contact the club before match day if you require a blue badge parking space.

The Blues Bar and Cafe

Live football on TV in the club's main bar. Hot and cold refreshments are available, cash and card payments accepted. [The Blues Bar and Cafe](#) is also available for hire, please enquire via the club's website for prices and availability.

Admission

Please check our [social profiles](#) prior to match days. Admission prices:

ADULTS £8 (£10 FA CUP & FA VASE) / CONCESSIONS (65+) £5 / UNDER 16S £1 / U5s FREE ADMISSION

Refreshments and Food

Hot and cold food and refreshments including alcohol can be purchased during the game from the hatch just inside the turnstiles. Only drinks purchased from the premises can be consumed on the premises – Plastic containers only within the stadium – Strictly NO GLASS

[Toilets available](#) at the end of the main stand 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.
- No smoking in the stands.
- No pitch invasions.
- No musical instruments.

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



A BRIEF HISTORY OF BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1878, Burnham Football Club 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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Brief history of Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC



The club is a result of a merger between Crowmarsh Youth Football Club and Wallingford Town AFC, starting from the 2022/23 season. Both of the clubs have a proud and rich history. The original Wallingford Town, a Hellenic League side at the time, founded in 1922 and neighbours Wallingford United, who had been founded in 1934. The newly merged club was named AFC Wallingford. In 1997-98 the club became champions of the Chiltonian League and gained promotion into the Combined Counties League. In 2001-02 Wallingford won the Combined Counties League comfortably and then were runners-up to Withead 2000 and AFC Wimbledon in the two succeeding two years. However, the facilities at their ground Hithercroft did not meet the standards of the Isthmian League and thus they were denied further promotion. A Football Association grant of £100,000 was used to fund ground improvements which would make promotion possible if they were again to win the Combined Counties League. However, after disruption caused by heavy player turnover (with several leaving for [Didcot Town](#), who then won the [FA Vase](#)), the 2004-05 season saw AFC Wallingford unable to avoid last place and relegation. The 2005-06 season saw an upturn in fortunes for the club, with a runners-up finish in the Combined Counties League Division One, which resulted in a promotion and with it a switch to the [Hellenic League](#) Premier Division, a league deemed better suited to AFC Wallingford's geographical location in [Oxfordshire](#). In 2011, Wallingford set up its first junior teams. During the close season of 2013, the club reverted to its former name, to become Wallingford Town AFC, as part of its bid to become more synonymous with and representative of the town itself and switched from the red and black kits of the past 40 years back to the original 1922 club colours of red and white stripes.

After several seasons in the North Berks League, the club was successful in their application to move into the non-league pyramid as Chairman Simon Cowlard and Manager Duncan Mitchell presented the club's case to The FA at Wembley. In the 2016-17 season, the club resumed competing in the Hellenic League, which saw the club continue to develop on and off the pitch. Manager Mitchell oversaw a solid 7th place finish before moving into the Vice Chairman role. The club hired manager Glenn Goudie who had previous experience at several non-league clubs as well as managing a very successful period for Thames Valley Premier League side, Reading YMCA. After three seasons of mid-table finishes, the club moved back to the Combined Counties League after The FA performed a re-structure of Step 5 & 6 leagues. First team manager Glenn Goudie stood down to take on the Chairman's role after COVID-19 halted the season proper and the club installed former Didcot Town Development, Ardley United and Abingdon Town manager Lee Matthews, to the role of First Team Manager for the 2021-22 season. Matthews and his squad gelled quickly and were unbeaten after 17 league games. A club record of games without defeat. After a nervy January, the side began to hit form at the key stages of the season, and promotion was gained via the playoffs, beating Hilltop 2-1 AET.

At the beginning of the 2022/23 season, the club became Wallingford & Crowmarsh FC after an amalgamation between Wallingford Town and Crowmarsh Youth in an effort to boost community involvement and improve player pathways. The club now boasts 35 teams from U6 to adults male and female teams. Lee Matthews enters his fourth season with the club and is looking to push the team to make positive progress each season. The club is very grateful to all our sponsorship partners and the club is determined to become stronger over the next few seasons. Main kit sponsor-Wallingford Glass & Glazing- Away kit sponsor-Howden Insurance- 3rd kit sponsor-Namos Solutions. From the Crowmarsh half of the club, it started from a team organised by a few local enthusiasts who played friendly matches in the local area, in the 1960s. The team was granted the use of a field in Cox Lane by the Crowmarsh Parish Council and entered the North Berks Boys competitions in the 1963/64 season. In their first season the under 15's reached the cup final losing 2-1 to Didcot Town. It is very noteworthy that the first home league game was watched by over one hundred and fifty spectators. The Club won its first trophies the following season winning the under 15's league and the under 14's cup and continued being successful through the rest of the decade. A supporters club was started in the 1966/67 season and the club appointed its first "coach". An under 11 side was fielded for the first time in 1968/69 with Jimmy Luscombe as the manager. The Club continued to play at Cox Lane, with older teams using the Bullcroft in Wallingford, until the building of the Crowmarsh bypass when the ground became the site of a roundabout. Permission was granted to use the recreation ground at North Stoke which was reclaimed from overgrown swamp land in the summer of 1982 by much hard work and the club used this facility for most of the 1980's. By now the Club was running sides from under 10 to under 16 providing organised football for over 100 boys each season. A move back to their spiritual home in Crowmarsh was made when the new Recreation Ground came into use in the early 1990's.

The Club has continued from strength to strength and is now fielding sides from under 7 (small sided games) through to under 16. The aim is still to provide football for local boys and girls at the lowest possible cost with training facilities, kit and footballs as well as the cost of playing being heavily subsidised. (Less than half of the necessary money being collected in players' subscriptions.) Since 1997 the main source of fund raising has been the Annual six a side tournament held at Crowmarsh in early June each year with teams from the local leagues and much further afield taking part. As well as regular success on the playing field, the Club has earned a reputation for good organisation and sportsmanship. Several ex players have gone on to the professional game and at least two, (John Dreyer and Gary Elkins) have played in the dizzy heights of the Premiership, while others are currently with Nationwide League sides including local sides like Oxford and Reading. Many current players have been selected for the youth academy squads at professional clubs.



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LEAGUE TABLE



POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	23	14	5	4	22	47
2	Broadfields United	24	13	7	4	28	46
3	Ashford Town (Middx)	22	13	5	4	23	44
4	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	25	13	4	8	-1	43
5	Ardley United	20	13	2	5	22	41
6	Hilltop	29	12	4	13	9	40
7	Windsor & Eton	18	11	6	1	24	39
8	Milton United	23	11	4	8	7	37
9	Kidlington	21	9	7	5	6	34
10	North Greenford United	21	10	3	8	-1	33
11	Reading City	18	9	4	5	15	31
12	Virginia Water	21	9	4	8	-1	31
13	Wokingham Town	21	8	5	8	3	29
14	Harefield United	24	8	4	12	-4	28
15	Abingdon United	20	6	4	10	-5	22
16	British Airways	20	7	4	9	-5	22 *
17	Amersham Town	22	5	4	13	-27	19
18	North Leigh	24	5	3	16	-23	18
19	Holyport	25	4	1	20	-47	13
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	25	2	2	21	-45	8

Digital Programme Only

Tap the table to view the latest version on the Club's website including recent results from Friday night fixtures.

'www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/fixtures-and-table'

FIXTURES AND RECENT RESULTS

PDN	02/12/2025	Virginia Water	0 - 0	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	06/12/2025	BURNHAM FC	1 - 2	Punjab United	ISUZU FA Vase R3
PDN	09/12/2025	Broadfields United	1 - 1	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	13/12/2025	Abingdon United	3 - 3	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	20/12/2025	BURNHAM FC	1 - 1	Wokingham Town	Premier Division North
PDN	27/12/2025	Reading City	0 - 1	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	03/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	4 - 1	Ardley United	Premier Division North
PDN	06.01.2026	North Greenford United	P - P	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	10/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	2 - 0	North Leigh	Premier Division North
PDN	14/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	7:45pm	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	Premier Division North
PDN	17/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Virginia Water	Premier Division North
PDN	24/01/2026	Ardley United	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	06/01/2026	North Greenford United	7:45pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	10/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	North Leigh	Premier Division North
PDN	14/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	7:45pm	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	Premier Division North
PDN	17/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Virginia Water	Premier Division North
PDN	24/01/2026	Ardley United	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	31/01/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Amersham Town	Premier Division North
PDN	07/02/2026	Harefield United	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	14/02/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Windsor & Eton	Premier Division North
PDN	21/02/2026	North Leigh	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	24/02/2026	Ashford Town	7:45pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	28/02/2026	Milton United	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	07/03/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Harefield United	Premier Division North
PDN	14/03/2026	Wokingham Town	3pm	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	28/03/2026	BURNHAM FC	3pm	North Greenford United	Premier Division North
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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 – Allied Counties Youth Football League Division South

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 Hershaw 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. For fixture news please visit <https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/burnham-fc-u18s>

FIXTURES & RESULTS – BURNHAM FC UNDER 18S

ACFL South	Thursday 08/01/2026	Abbey Rangers	P - P	BURNHAM	League
ACFL South	Monday 12/01/2026	BURNHAM	19:45	Frimley Green	League
ACFL South	Monday 26/01/2026	BURNHAM	19:45	Camberley Town	League
ACFL South	Wednesday 04/02/2026	Slough Town	19:45	BURNHAM	League
ACFL South	Wednesday 11/02/2026	Windsor & Eton	19:45	BURNHAM	League
ACFL South	Monday 16/02/2026	BURNHAM	19:45	Wokingham Town	League

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.



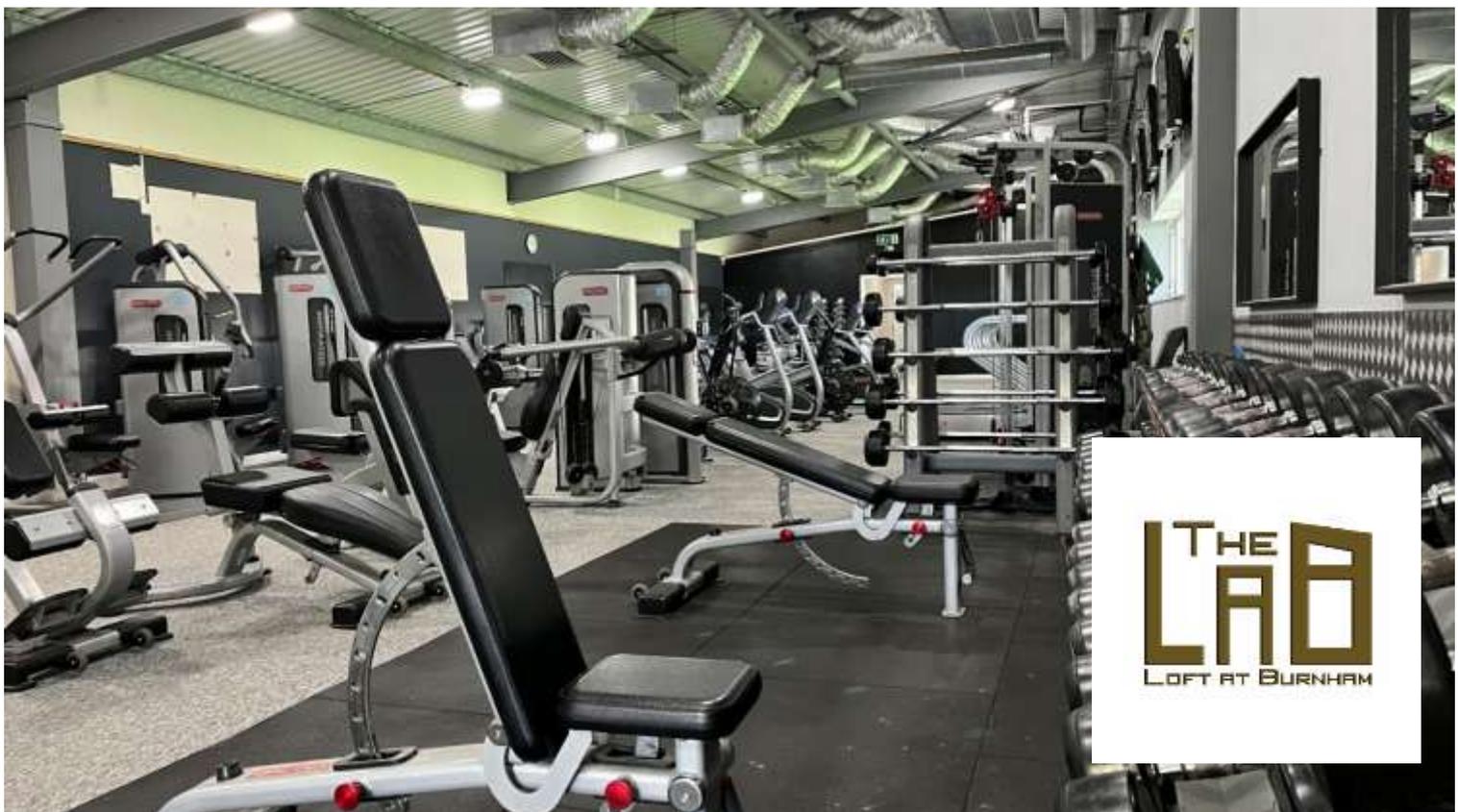
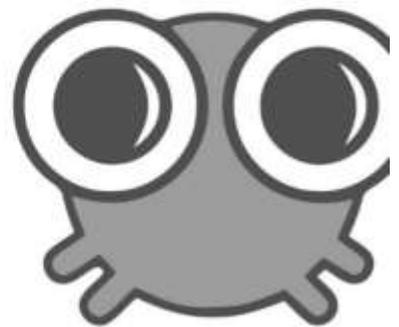
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If you arrive early, for whatever reason, no problem. You can wait in the Blues Bar or in the outside seating area until your allocated start time. We also ask you to allow enough time before your paid session ends for the hand over. Once you have finished your match why not grab some refreshments from the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#) 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](#)

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- All teams are asked to share permitted footwear guidance prior to match day.
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We, namely the staff and volunteers at [Burnham Football Club](#), are often asked to clarify the difference between 3rd Generation (3G) and 4th Generation (4G) pitches. Specifically the use of artificial surfaces for football here in the UK.

Our traditional grass football pitch was replaced with a new 3G artificial pitch during the summer of 2021. We took the decision to use a black rubber crumb infill rather than sand and continue to undertake regular maintenance to keep the surface in tip top condition for all who play on it.

The FA and therefore their related leagues require all 3G football pitches to have a valid FIFA certification and here's the main register of 3G pitches for England hosted by [The Football Foundation](#). The following statement can be found on page 5 of the [The FA Third Generation Football Turf Guidance](#) PDF document:

At the moment there is no such thing as 4G or 5G, terms sometimes used by sales-people. Some manufacturers may promote non-infilled products, but these have not received acceptance as a suitable football surface and often struggle to satisfy FIFA requirements.

It's also important to note that, in our opinion, the use of the phrase 'All-Weather' is also another 'sales' term. Artificial pitches can indeed withstand a variety of weather conditions including rain and frost. However, a match may still be postponed because of heavy snow fall and using a brush or drag mat to clear snow can result in crumb displacement. If you would like to know more, speak to a supplier, for example [Velocity Sports](#).



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