



# THE ROBINS



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Welcome to Fairfax Park



## EXMOUTH TOWN



Season 2020/21  
#06

*Abridged online version*



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## 🍌 New partnership for the Robins ✅

Bridgewater Town Football Club is delighted to reveal a new and exciting agreement with [Distinctive UK](#) making them the club's Official Digital Partner.

[Distinctive UK](#), were founded in 2009 and boast a wealth of experience in the web design and graphic design industries. The company were the creative minds behind the new [bridgwatertown.co.uk](#) website and the club is very much looking forward to building on our new relationship over the coming years as we strive to climb the football pyramid in a sustainable way.

Giuseppe Fraschini of LGR Creatives brought the two parties together having worked with the club since the turn of the year. He said, "It's been a great project to be part of and it now gives the club an online presence that complements the aspirations of the club.

The brief was to deliver a website that was clear to navigate and put the fans experience first. In future years, it also has the capability to be expanded further with the addition of e-commerce. Sam and the team at Distinctive UK have been a dream to work with and really understand the world of football. I'm delighted they are now a club partner.

This partnership is really going to benefit both parties and importantly help tell the outside world what Bridgewater Town Football Club is all about."

The Robin's Vice Chairman and Commercial Manager Bob Buckingham commented, "We are delighted to have established a partnership with Distinctive UK who have created a top quality website that will, we are sure, be the envy of many. We are excited to be working with Sam and the Team at Distinctive as we further enhance our digital presence, in line with our driving force of Better Never Stops. "

Sam Fletcher Director of [Distinctive UK](#) remarked, "I'm proud to be a part of this project which combines my love of football and my knowledge of web development, to create something which is not only functional, but also improves the enjoyment of the experience for fans. Distinctive UK is honoured to be the club's Official Digital Partner and we hope to support them in their future endeavours and expansion."

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# FROM THE DUG OUT

*Good afternoon everyone...*

With a patched up side, missing Tom Ellis, Josh Wadham, Chris McGrath, Ryan Brereton, Jordan Greenwood and Conor Bryant, we put in a great performance last Saturday here against Hallen which got us a deserved three points. On the down side Josh Williams dislocated his shoulder to add to our long list of injury woes.

Unfortunately, we really didn't show up against Bridport on Tuesday night and were punished. The squad is down to bare bones at present, but you can be sure we will be giving it our all today and will hope to have bodies back and available sooner rather than later.

As ever, your support will make a real difference.

*C'mon Bridgy!*  
**Pearsey**

The abandoned away game against Wellington has been rearranged for Wednesday 4th November with a 7.45pm kick off

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# Chairman's Welcome



*Adrian*

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**Club  
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*Come on  
Bridgy!*

Firstly, on behalf of myself and the club, let me extend a warm Fairfax welcome to our visitors today, Exmouth Town FC for this Toolstation Western League match. We hope their supporters, players and officials enjoyed a stress-free journey getting here and enjoy a safe journey home.

We also extend our warm welcome to the match officials this afternoon.

Despite the undoubted talent in our squad it is fair to say we have had a slightly difficult time of late results-wise. Suspensions, illness and especially injuries have taken an especially hard toll on our available squad.

However, Karl and Dave have been involved in football long enough to realise you just have to regroup and go again as best you can.

Today the players have a fresh chance to dust themselves off and impress. Exmouth Town have started the season well and although are a formidable obstacle to getting another three points given our current woes, I am cautiously optimistic the boys can rise to the challenge and still get a win today with your support on the terraces. Good luck boys!

One other thing I would just like to say. As well as a personal 'get well soon' to the players injured at the moment I would also add to that list, off the field all of our groundstaff - Nick Crocker, Eddie Pike and Bill Baker. I hope you are all feeling much better soon.

Enjoy the game today and I would urge you all to cheer on our team in the most positive way you can; I know you will be vocal in your support!

Please also stay safe in the ground and adhere to the new signage and social distancing restrictions during these strange times.

# BRIDGWATER TOWN FC

**Dave Pearse**: Hugely experienced, Dave returned to Bridgwater Town as joint player / manager with Karl Baggaley in season 2017/18 and will be looking to build on the progress made in recent years.

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**Jake Viney**: Fantastic shot stopper and sweeper keeper. After suffering a serious injury which kept him out for a whole season in 2016/17, he has come back stronger than ever with a string of outstanding performances. Jake was selected as Players' Player, Supporters' Player and winner of the Luke Buckingham #betterneverstops Award for season 2019/20.

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**Reece Bannister**: Reece is a promising young goalkeeper who has a great future ahead of him. Impressed pre-season and has been rewarded with being in the 1st team squad.

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**Mark Armstrong**: Captain of the club and a born leader, Mark is an experienced, hard-working, tough tackling midfielder, equally comfortable in central defence.

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**Ryan Brereton**: Ryan is an exciting and dynamic midfielder with a great left foot who will be looking to make a big impression in his first season with the club.

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**Conor Bryant**: Conor joins for 2020/21 looking to build on experience gained at Buckland Athletic and Wellington. Good in the air and an excellent target man who will create numerous chances for others and expect to get amongst the goals himself.

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**Mike Duffy**: Mike, returns to the club for the 2020/21 season and will be looking to establish his place in the starting line-up with high energy, combative performances.

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**Tom Ellis**: In his third season with the club, a 'no nonsense' defender, Tom was captain of the Wellington side that won the Toolstation League Division 1 in 2016/17. His height makes him a real threat from set pieces. His long throws are legendary.

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**Tyne Govier**: Long serving defender, since 2003/04, returns to the club after a year spent travelling.

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**Jordan Greenwood**: Jordan is a widely experienced, 'body on the line' defender who is equally comfortable as central defender or on the left flank.

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**Adnan Hiroli**: Adnan is a very experienced attacker who was a key member of the Odd Down side that won the Western League title in 2015/16. He brings a winning mentality to the squad and will add goals and goal scoring chances to the team.

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**Jake Horsey**: A talented defender who re-joins the club this season on dual-registration with Somerset County League Premier Division side Middlezoy Rovers.

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(Vice-Chairman/Commercial Manager)*

# PLAYER BIO'S 2020/21

**Jake Llewellyn:** Top quality defender who has played at National League South Level for Weston super Mare; great going forward with a wand of a left foot. Players' Player of the Season in 2018/19.

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**Chris McGrath:** Chris returns to Fairfax Park following stints at Buckland Athletic and Helston Athletic last season. A towering central defender, he has also played for Taunton Town, Bideford, Bridport, Tiverton Town and Frome Town.

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**Ollie Morris:** Versatile and energetic midfielder who returned to the club last season after spells with Street, where he was part of the squad that won the Western League title, Hallen and Larkhall Athletic.

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**George Painter:** George re-joins the club after a season out with injury. He made a great impression when joining the squad part way through 2018-19 and will be looking to replicate those top class performances in the new campaign.

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**Jack Taylor:** 'Fan's favourite' Jack signed from Wellington three seasons ago and has won numerous end of season awards in Robins' colours. Toolstation Western League 'Golden Boot' joint winner in 2018/19.

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**Dave Thorne:** Now in his fourth season at the club. Dave is a committed tough tackling defender who always gives everything. His performances earned him Managers' Player of the Season for 2017/18.

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**Sam Towler:** Sam returned to Bridgwater after a successful spell with Wellington where he was part of their TWL Division One winning squad. Technically gifted, Sam is a 'box to box' midfielder with an eye for goal.

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**Josh Wadham:** Josh is a talented and exciting forward who, after a season with our club in 2014/15, has gained experience at Bideford, Willand Rovers and Wellington and was part the Street squad that won the Toolstation Western League title by a wide margin in season 2018/19.

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**Finley Wilkinson:** A young talent coming through with a big future. Has great ability with set piece deliveries and can get up and down the pitch to join in with attacking play. Winner of the 'Young Robin' Award for 2019/20.

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**Josh Williams:** Forward who joined in Sept 2020 from Ashton & Backwell United. His former clubs include Brislington, Cadbury heath and Larkhall Athletic.

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*Also registered: Harry Hamblin, Lewis Hembrey, Steve Laker, Matt Redman, Andy Venning*

## IN THE DUGOUT

**Karl Baggaley:** Joint Manager. Sponsored by:

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**TBA:** Therapist. Sponsored by:

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# Bridgwater Town

1984

# Football Club

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<i>Team BTC/BTFC U18 Manager</i>	Mo Hopkins

## A brief history of senior football in Bridgwater

### BACKGROUND.

Early attempts to establish a senior association football club in the rugby stronghold of Bridgwater failed to attract supporters, were beset with financial woes and were thus short-lived.

It was not until after the Second World War that solid foundations for a club were finally laid. A group of enthusiasts formed **Crown Dynamo FC** in 1946 based at a public house in St John Street. The team quickly gained a substantial following and became the forerunner of **Bridgwater Town AFC**.

The purchase of land off Bristol Road for a home ground, the backing of a large supporters' organisation and the support of prominent local businessmen, who became directors enabled the club to flourish.

Soon the club owned a portfolio of residential property and was able to offer a house, a job and a good part-time wage to prospective footballers. This enabled the club to attract many ex-Football League professionals and field strong, competitive teams, which enjoyed great success as one of the Western League's leading sides.

Two Western League championship mantles, cup final wins and thrilling runs in the FA Cup and FA Trophy were experienced throughout the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

In 1982 Bridgwater Town became members Southern League. It all came to an abrupt end in June 1984 when substantial debts forced to club into voluntary liquidation.

### THE CURRENT CLUB.

A new club, **Bridgwater Town (1984) FC** was quickly established by a band of loyal supporters and from humble beginnings worked all the way back up from Somerset County League origins to attaining Southern League membership inside a twenty-three year timespan.

On the way the club enjoyed a hat trick of Somerset County Premier titles, a Screwfix Western League Division 1 championship and two Les Philips Cup Final wins. As members of the Southern League they reached the Final of the Southern League Cup (2009) and were beaten finalists in the promotion play-offs (2010)

However after 2010 leaner times returned, eventually leading to relegation in 2017.

Now, again playing Step 5 level, the club remains ambitious and after a short period of consolidation, aims to compete strongly for the title and regain its previous status.

**WE'VE MET BEFORE!**

# EXMOUTH TOWN



13	Oct	1973	A	5	0	Aherne (E), Hockey, Hunt, Scott (M) 2	RWL	
27	Jan	1974	H	1	1	Whaites	RWL	200
19	Oct	1974	H	4	0	Brawley 2, Kirk (C), Porter (C)	RWL	
10	May	1975	A	3	0	Aherne (E), Davis, Porter (C)	RWL	
22	Nov	1975	H	3	3	Aherne (E), Hurford, Scott (M)	RWL	
24	Jan	1976	A	1	0	Porter (C)	RWL	
17	Sep	1994	H	2	1	Kitchener	GMWL	175
22	Mar	1995	A	0	0		GMWL	
16	Jan	1996	A	3	2	Aherne (B), Rich, Tucker	GMWL	
06	Apr	1996	H	1	0	Hawkins	GMWL	243
17	Aug	2004	H	0	0		SDL	212
05	Oct	2004	A	0	1		SDL	92
11	Dec	2004	H	2	1	Kingston, Porter (J)	FAV3	214
16	Aug	2005	A	3	4	Forward (D), King, Rice (G) pen	SDL	79
01	Nov	2005	H	5	0	Cawley, Govier (P), King, Rice (G), Snook	SDL	172
15	Sep	2018	A	0	3		FAV	100
25	Jan	2020	A	0	0		TWL	232
04	Feb	2020	H	3	1	Ellis, Taylor, Towler	LPC	132



It took a strong performance led by Jake Viney to deliver a share of the points in last season's away fixture against a team with a powerful defence and fast counter attacking forward line. Many Town supporters made the trip to view that match and went away well satisfied with the battling performance. Only a week or so later we gained a rather surprisingly comfortable home win over the Seasiders in the Les Phillips Cup tie but the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 home league fixture was not played.

Last season Exmouth Town were in fifth position when the fixtures were curtailed and by this time the team had amassed fifty-six points from the twenty-five completed matches. This was ten points better than 'Town from two fewer games played! Jordan Harris was the team's most prolific marksman with 26 goals in all competitions last season. He was ably supported in the scoring stakes by Ben Steer (10), Aaron Denny and Ace High (both with 9 apiece).

Exmouth Town side has had quite a difficult run of fixtures to start this new season. An FA Cup win was gained at Keynsham but this was followed by defeats at the hands of Plymouth Parkway and Melksham Town. However, Exmouth bounced back with an impressive 4-1 victory over much fancied Tavistock AFC. Jordan Harris finished with three of the goals. Ace High got the other one.

@ 23-09-2020

		P	W	D	L	Gd	Pts
1	Plymouth Parkway	5	4	1	0	14	13
2	Buckland Athletic	6	3	2	1	7	11
3	Street	5	3	1	1	7	10
4	Roman Glass St George	4	3	0	1	3	9
5	Cadbury Heath	5	3	0	2	2	9
6	Bradford Town	6	2	2	2	3	8
7	Westbury United	4	2	1	1	4	7
8	Brislington	3	2	1	0	2	7
9	Bitton	2	2	0	0	5	6
10	<u>EXMOUTH TOWN</u>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
11	<u>BRIDGWATER TOWN</u>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>6</b>
12	Cribbs	4	1	2	1	0	5
13	Keynsham Town	5	1	2	2	0	5
14	Tavistock	3	1	1	1	1	4
15	Odd Down	4	1	1	2	-3	4
16	Bridport	4	1	0	3	-9	3
17	Shepton Mallet	3	0	2	1	-2	2
18	Clevedon Town	4	0	2	2	-4	2
19	Wellington	3	0	2	1	-4	2
20	Hallen	6	0	2	4	-9	2
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	5	0	0	5	-17	0

## BTFC PLAYER STATS

(Stats from the abandoned game at Wellington 16/09 NOT included)

6 games / 22/09	App	Sub	Gls
Mark Armstrong	6		
Reece Bannister <sup>(GK)</sup>			
Ryan Brereton	2		
Conor Bryant	1	1	
Mike Duffy	6		1
Tom Ellis	3		1
Tyne Govier		3	
Jordan Greenwood	3		
Harry Hamblin			
Lewis Hembrey			
Adnan Hiroli	4	2	
Jake Horsey		1	
Steve Laker <sup>(GK)</sup>			
Jake Llewellyn	5		
Chris McGrath			

	App	Sub	Gls
Ollie Morris	6		
George Painter	3		
Dave Pearse	1	1	
Matt Redman			
Alfie Sturdy		1	
Jack Taylor	6		3
Dave Thorne	2	1	
Sam Towler	6		1
Andy Venning			
Jake Viney <sup>(GK)</sup>	6		
Josh Wadham	4		2
Finley Wilkinson	1	1	
Josh Williams	1	1	
	Own goals		1

**BRIDGWATER TOWN****FIXTURES SEASON 2020/21**

01	Sep	Sat	05	LGE	Away	Buckland Athletic	Lost	2 - 4
02		Tue	08	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>CLEVEDON TOWN</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>2 - 1</b>
03		Sat	19	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>HALLEN</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>2 - 1</b>
04		Tue	22	LGE	Away	Bridport	Lost	0 - 2
<b>05</b>		<b>Sat</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>LGE</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>EXMOUTH TOWN</b>		
06		Tue	29	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>BUCKLAND ATHLETIC</b>	19.45	
07	Oct	Sat	03	LGE	Away	Westbury United		
08		Tue	06	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>WELLINGTON</b>	19.45	
09		Sat	10	LGE	Away	Plymouth Parkway		
10		Sat	17	LGE	Away	Clevedon Town		
11		Sat	24	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN</b>		
12		Sat	31	LGE	Away	Bitton <i>(to be re-arranged - FA Vase Round 1 date)</i>		
13	Nov	Wed	04	LGE	Away	Wellington	19.45	
14		Sat	07	LGE	Away	Roman Glass St George		
15		Sat	14	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>CADBURY HEATH</b>		
16		Sat	21	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>PLYMOUTH PARKWAY</b>		
17		Sat	28	LGE	Away	Cribbs		
18	Dec	Sat	05	LGE	Away	Odd Down		
19		Sat	12	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>BRADFORD TOWN</b>		
20		Sat	19	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>BITTON</b>		
21		Sat	26	LGE	Away	Street	Boxing Day	
22	Jan	Sat	02	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>WESTBURY UNITED</b>		
23		Sat	09	LGE	Away	Cadbury Heath		
24		Sat	16	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE</b>		
25		Sat	23	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>BRIDPORT</b>		
26	Feb	Sat	06	LGE	Away	Keynsham Town		
27		Sat	20	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>SHEPTON MALLET</b>		
28		Sat	27	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>ODD DOWN</b>		
29	Mar	Sat	06	LGE	Away	Chipping Sodbury Town		
30		Sat	13	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>CRIBBS</b>		
31		Sat	20	LGE	Away	Tavistock		
32		Sat	27	LGE	Away	Brislington		
33	Apr	Fri	02	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>STREET</b>	Good Friday	
34		Mon	05	LGE	Away	Exmouth Town	Easter Monday	
35		Sat	10	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>KEYNSHAM TOWN</b>		
36		Sat	17	LGE	Away	Bradford Town		
37		Sat	24	LGE	Away	Shepton Mallet		
38	May	Sat	01	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>TAVISTOCK</b>		
39		Sat	08	LGE	<b>Home</b>	<b>BRISLINGTON</b>		
40		Sat	15	LGE	Away	Hallen		

**CUP FIXTURES**

EP	Sep	Tue	01	FAC	Away	Millbrook	<b>Won</b>	<b>1-0</b>
PR		Sat	12	FAC	<b>Home</b>	<b>BITTON</b>	Lost	2-3
R1	Oct	Sat	31	FAV	?	?		
R2								
SF	Mar	Tue	23	LPC	<b>Home</b>	<b>TAVISTOCK</b> <i>(from season 2019/20)</i>	19.45	

Competition: TWL Premier Division  
Venue: Fairfax Park, Bridgwater  
Attendance: 225



## Bridgwater Town 2 Hallen 1

### **STRONG SECOND HALF SHOWING DOES THE TRICK**

The Robins have been struggling to field a consistent line up due to injury, suspension and holiday unavailability and, for the first half, they struggled to find any cohesion and pattern to their game. Hallen took advantage, went ahead and generally looked the more accomplished side in the first 45 *writes Mark Hollidge*.

The second half was a completely different story and Town should probably have crowned a much improved display with more goals. Again, they had their performance disrupted by injuries. New signing Josh Williams sustained a suspected dislocated shoulder and Mike Duffy appeared to get a knock.

Maybe the pivotal moment of the game came on the brink of the half time break.

Town looked certain to concede a second goal when the ball ran unmolested across the penalty area to a Hallen striker standing on his own and 10 yards out. Nine times out of ten this would have been a goal. Jake Viney had other ideas and somehow arched his back, raised his arms and pushed the rising shot over the bar. Amazing save.

After an early Sam Towler free kick was saved at the near post, little was seen of the Town attack in the first half. Hallen should have scored after 12 minutes but Jordan Whittaker poked the ball wide.

Hallen did score soon after. A low cross from the right evaded Viney and the ball ended up in the net with Mark Armstrong inadvertently knocking the ball in his own net, under pressure from Sacha Tong. Soon after, defender Hall-Cousins headed wide from a corner as Hallen continued to look the more likely.

The second half, into the wind, was a complete transformation. Jack Taylor was tremendous in the second half and everyone else raised their game too.

It was Town's ace marksman who got the scores level but the architect was Duffy.



From an unpromising situation, inside his own half and on the touch line, he tricked and jinked his way through two tackles and found space. The ball was worked to Taylor whose left footed shot from the edge of the area was too strong for Ben Carter, who touched the ball, but couldn't keep it out.

Some silky and clever play between Taylor and Adnan Hiroli set up Josh Williams whose shot rattled the bar. Then a Taylor effort rebounded off Carter to Towler but the ball was moving so fast that he had no time to react and the ball ended back in the grasp of the grateful keeper.

With the ball now being played accurately to feet, Hallen were struggling to cope. They seemed to suffer from a collective loss of confidence and allowed Town much more space. More chances came and went with the Hallen keeper very busy.

The winner, when it came, was long overdue, well-conceived and well taken. Taylor lobbed the ball over the defenders and from 10 yards out Towler's first touch was a deft lob over Carter.

There was still time for Towler to spin and shoot wide as Town finished with a swagger.



**Olly Morris picked up the man of the match award for his fantastic performance in the win over Hallen. Presented by Corrine Bowdige.**

### **Squad:**

- Jake Viney
- Dave Thorne
- Jake Llewellyn
- Olly Morris
- Mark Armstrong,
- George Painter
- Mike Duffy
- (Tyne Govier 88)
- Sam Towler
- Jack Taylor
- Josh Williams
- (Dave Pearse 73)
- Adnan Hiroli.



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Sam Towler's superbly taken winner. Photos by Colin Burnett



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5. Light any firework or flare
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12. Bring, or attempt to bring, alcohol to the stadium
13. Fail to control and take responsibility for the behaviour of minors attending with them.

## **THE CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADMISSION TO ANY PERSON**

All vehicles and their contents are left entirely at the owner's/user's risk at the grounds

The Club accepts no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to vehicles or their contents, or any other personal property brought onto the Club's premises.

Written by  
**SAM AVERY**

The Non-League Paper is on sale every Sunday and Monday featuring match action, fixtures, results and tables from Steps 1-7

## **Football hangs in the balance following the latest tightening of restrictions by the government which could last for six months in an attempt to limit the rise of coronavirus cases.**

No sooner had the 2020-21 season kicked off at Steps 3 and 4 last weekend in front of limited crowds, did it look like it may be nearing its suspension.

The National League campaign had been scheduled to start on October 3 with the intention of fans being allowed back in grounds at Steps 1 and 2 but Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed on Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) this would not be allowed to happen. It is believed the division will not start without fans.

Four test events had been scheduled to take place involving National League clubs in front of 1,000 fans and three of the friendly fixtures went ahead on Tuesday. Notts County against York City, scheduled for Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>), suspended ticket sales following the new restrictions pending further updates from the government and football authorities.

This is an ever-changing scenario and at the time of writing it is impossible to say what will happen next.

Local lockdowns in north England shows crowds in football grounds are on a knife edge.

At midnight last Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>), restrictions were introduced in the north-east aimed at halting the rise in coronavirus cases.

Then, the next day, similar measures were announced for large parts of Lancashire while Yorkshire and the Midlands were also seeing restrictions.

The responsibility lies with local authorities meaning there can be inconsistencies in different regions.

A joint-statement from the Northumberland FA and the Durham FA confirmed football below Step 6 in the Sunderland, Gateshead and South Tyneside areas is not allowed, but said clubs at Step 6 and above can play on for now although there is a possibility the 30 per cent capacities could be reduced back to 15 per cent.

As part of the measures, people are “advised not to attend amateur or semi-professional sporting events as a spectator”, which has only added to a confusing picture.

Where the latest restrictions leaves football remains to be seen **but never has it been more important for clubs and particularly fans from Step 3 and below to follow the rules and protocols in order to keep stadiums open.**

**Fans must cooperate with social distancing at games** - clubs do not have the finance to deploy an army of stewards to make sure they are doing so at all times during games.

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# ACTION REPLAY 2

## Match Details

Competition: TWL Premier Division

Venue: St Marys Field, Bridport

Attendance: 100

**BRIDPORT 2**  
**BRIDGWATER TOWN 0**

**Bridport had lost their first three league games including a 6-1 loss to Cribbs and a 5-0 thrashing by Buckland Athletic but they eased past a patched up Bridgwater Town on Tuesday night at St Marys and could even afford to miss a penalty writes Kerry Miller.**

It was a disappointing evening for the Robins' supporters who made the trek down to Dorset as their side were ravaged by injuries and suspensions and could not contain a Bees team which got the better of St Austell in the FA Vase on Saturday.

Dave Pearse and Karl Baggaley had Tom Ellis and Josh Wadham suspended and new signing Josh Williams out with a dislocated shoulder, Ryan Brereton out for some weeks with a dislocated knee and Chris McGrath ill while a number of others were walking wounded, meaning that Pearse himself had a rare run-out alongside Jack Taylor, who had scored in every league match to date.

The home side should have taken an early lead when George Painter made a mess of a challenge on Liam Sayers, giving referee Andrew Heapy no choice but to give a penalty but Jake Viney flew to his left to touch Declan Cornish's spot kick past the post. Mike Duffy tried one from distance as the Robins briefly looked to punish Bridport for the miss but

chances were rare and on the half hour the ball was pinged across and when Viney punched it out, it was returned and Sayers slammed it in from close range. Luke King's header hit the bar near the break but Bridgwater were struggling to get into a rhythm with only Adnan Hiroli's quick break from the half way line causing the home defence any problems.

After the break Ben Haines, Sayers and Cornish all went close then, at the other end, Dave Thorne played a one two before firing wide and around the hour mark Town dominated and both Taylor and Pearse found the net but both had already been flagged offside. On the hour Pearse made way for teenager Archie Sturdy, signed yesterday after being released by Yeovil Town and he almost scored with his first touch but his shot was deflected for a corner.

Skipper Mark Armstrong then nodded over but soon after Bridport should have been reduced to ten men when Lewis Clarke shoved Olly Morris to the ground but referee Heapy infuriated the visitors by producing a yellow card instead of a red, and from then on Bridgwater faded. To rub salt in the wounds Clarke then fired home from 15 yards after a cross field movement to clinch the points for Bridport.

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# EXMOUTH TOWN HISTORY

Exmouth Town Football Club was formed in 1933, playing their home games on the Maer Cricket Field. They moved to their current home at Southern Road in 1964

After many successful seasons in the Devon and Exeter League they joined the Western League in 1973. They were promoted to the Premier Division after finishing Runner-Up of Division One in 1981/82 and won the Premier Division in 1983/84 and again in 1985/86. Other Western League honours include League Cup winners 1989/90, Premier Division Runner-Up (twice) and the Sportsman Trophy (twice).

Cup success includes winning the Devon St Lukes Bowl (three times), Devon Senior Cup, Devon Premier Cup (twice) and in 1984/85 they reached the Semi-Final of the FA Vase, narrowly losing to Fleetwood Town by the odd goal over the two games. During this period the Club installed floodlights and hosted many matches against Football League sides. On the 28 July 1987 they recorded their highest home attendance of 2,395 for a match against Liverpool.

The success of the eighties was unfortunately not repeated during the nineties and the Club was relegated after the 1993/94 season. They gained promotion back to the Premier Division for the 2003/04 season but regrettably had to withdraw from the Western League during 2005.

On the 1st August 2006 the Club reformed as Exmouth Town (2006) AFC, playing in the Devon and Exeter League. At the end of the season they were promoted into Division One

(East) of the newly formed South West Peninsula League, a step seven league in the national pyramid system. The Club won the East Division in the 2012/13 season losing only one league game. They also won the Devon Premier Cup and reached the semi-final of the SWP League Cup. Having achieved promotion to the Premier Division the side finished as runners-up in season 2013/14.

Having consolidated their position as a Premier Division side they finished eighth in season 2014/15 and twelfth in 2015/16. Season 2016/17 saw further improvement when they not only finished fifth in the League but also reached the final of the League cup, the final of the St Lukes Bowl and the last sixteen of the FA Vase.

The 2019/20 season brought highlights in the FA Cup with victories over Southern League sides Barnstaple and Yate Town. When the season was brought to a premature end due to the coronavirus pandemic Town were well placed in fifth position having extended their unbeaten home record dating back to December 2018.

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**1st Team Manager:** Kevin Hill

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## A journey with Jim.

All photos taken by  
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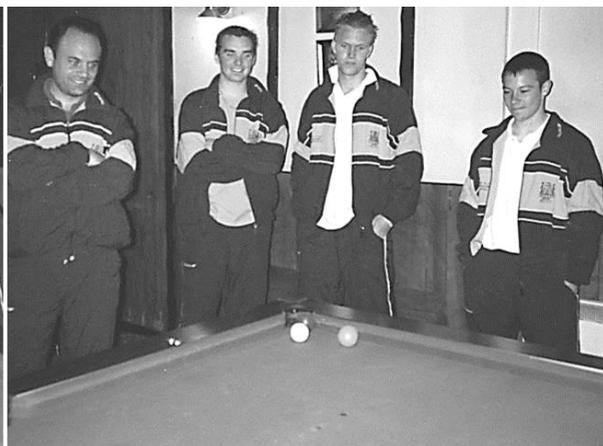


*Gordon Nelson and  
Steve French in the  
Directors' Box.*

### Town team:

Hurd, Snook, Carter,  
Toms (Govier 85),  
A Diaz, Heywood,  
Sokol (Chorley 78),  
Pope, Young,  
Irvine (C Thomas 85),  
D Forward.  
Not used: Villis

*Below: Two of the young substitutes, Piers Govier and Matt Villis try out the pool table during the lunch stop at the Railway Inn, while Asst Manager, Tony Diaz, Chris Young, Rob Snook and Craig Thomas watch the match with interest.*



# Devizes Town 1 Bridgwater Town 0



'Town's run of seven successive away victories came to an end on Saturday at Nursted Road the home of fifth placed Devizes Town. Bridgwater's good form "on the road" drew a large contingent of travelling fans.

Both sides made a bright start but with a very strong wind at their backs the homesters gradually got on top. The goal came after 36 minutes from a corner flighted towards the near post, which was

only half cleared by Paul Toms. The ball fell to Rob Snook, who scuffed his clearance and allowed David Hopkins to put Devizes ahead.

With the wind advantage Bridgwater dominated the second half but could not find the finish their neat approach play merited. As the Devizes defence tired Bridgwater pushed forward and forced a series of corners in quick succession but the equalising goal just would not come.

*Right: In the Devizes Social Club after the match. Adrian Clarke and Peter Besley remain cheerful despite the result. Manager, Trevor Senior is in the background.*





**WARNING!**

**OBJECTIONABLE BEHAVIOUR**

It has been stated many times that neither FOUL, ABUSIVE nor RACIST LANGUAGE will be tolerated within the League.

The FA has now issued further guidelines to match officials regarding the handling of any situation which may bring the club, League or indeed the whole of the game into disrepute.

It is a problem that everyone involved in the game must take responsibility for in an effort to eradicate it.

Paying spectators are the lifeblood of every club and if they stay away from matches because of the objectionable behaviour of others everyone will suffer.

**TEAM MANAGERS AND PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEAD THE WAY IN RIDDING THE GAME OF AN UNNECESSARY EVIL, AND SET AN EXAMPLE BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY.**

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# MATCH SQUADS

Please note the players are listed in alphabetical order and the actual line-ups will be announced and made available before the game

## **BRIDGWATER TOWN** *from*

MARK ARMSTRONG ©  
REECE BANNISTER (GK)  
RYAN BRERETON  
CONOR BRYANT  
MIKE DUFFY  
TOM ELLIS  
TYNE GOVIER  
JORDAN GREENWOOD

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JAKE HORSEY  
JAKE LLEWELLYN  
CHRIS MCGRATH  
OLLIE MORRIS  
GEORGE PAINTER  
DAVE PEARSE  
ARCHIE STURDY

JACK TAYLOR  
DAVE THORNE  
SAM TOWLER  
JAKE VINEY (GK)  
CALLUM WATTS  
FINLEY WILKINSON  
JOSH WILLIAMS

Management: Karl Baggaley & Dave Pearse

Coach: Josh Crook / Therapist: TBA

## **EXMOUTH TOWN** *from*

ADAM BILCOCK  
TIM BRADSHAW  
OLLIE BRAY  
DAN CULLEN  
AARRON DENNY  
TOM GARDNER  
MAX GILLARD  
JORDAN HARRIS

ACE HIGH  
MIKE HUMPHRIES  
MARK LEVER  
ALFIE MAHON  
SCOTT MERRITT  
ROBBIE POWELL  
DANNY PYM  
JAMES RICHARDS

DAVE ROWE  
CALLUM SHIPTON  
BEN STEER  
JAMIE VAUGHAN-RYALL  
KIERAN WILLDIG  
CHRIS WRIGHT

Manager: Kevin Hill / Assistant: Andy Rawlings

Coach: Tim Bradshaw / Therapist: Bob Chard

## **NEXT HOME GAME**

TWL Premier Division

Tuesday 29 September 2020

v Buckland Athletic (7:45pm)

Match Officials

Referee:

SAM LITTLEFAIR

Assistants:

TOM BOYLAN

TOBY FRANKLIN