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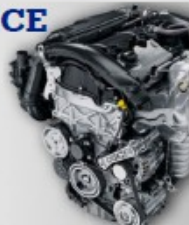
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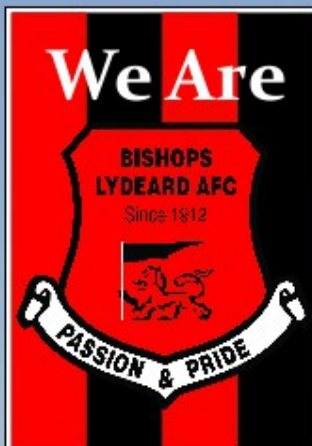
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League Premier East



Ladies First Team

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Julie Bowker

Coaches

Lewis Bellringer

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Julie Bowker

SW Regional Women's
Football League Premier

Mens Reserves

Managers

Peter Wright

Nick Jones

Fixtures Secretary

Gary Brown

Somerset County
League Division Two

BLAFC

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Julie Bowker

Youth Director

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**Directors of
Football**

Ladies Reserves

Manager

Dean Adams

Coaches

Leighton Gratton

Steve Crudge

Fixtures Secretary

Julie Bowker

Somerset County Women's
League Division One

Mixed

Under 7... Jono Stevens

Under 8... Jono Stevens

Under 9... Darren Rice

Under 10... Vacant

Under 11... Paul Davis

Under 12... Micheal Knott

Under 13... Carl Salter

Under 14... Ed Livesey

Under 15... Nick Wright

Under 16... Michael Clarke

Managers

Under 18's

Manager

Ben Robinson

Coaches

Paul West

James Cook

Fixtures Secretary

Gary Brown

Western Counties Floodlight
Youth League Division One

Girls

Development... Andy Payne

Under 11... Andy Payne

Under 12... Cheryl White

Under 13... Peter Stephens

Under 14... Andrew Gunstone

Under 15... Dino Pereira

Under 16... Lee Westwood

Managers

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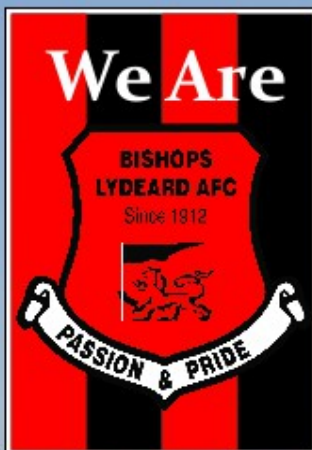
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THE CLUB BACKBONE

Saturday 5th August 2023

~ Matchday 1 ~

Bishops Lydeard 4 Dartmouth 1

**Lydeard Kick off the New Season
in a New League and are Voted:-**

**SW Peninsula League
TEAM OF THE WEEK**

Saturday 12th August 2023

~ Matchday 2 ~

**Lydeard venture South for their first
away game in the New League**

Bovey Tracey 5 Bishops Lydeard 0

OOPS!

BISHOPS LYDEARD AFC

Bishops Lydeard Association Football Club is an FA Charter Standard Community Club, that has a well-established youth section, senior section and girls/women's section with over 350 participants. The football club playing fields and clubhouse are located in the rural village of Bishops Lydeard, five miles north-west of Taunton in Somerset.

The club is over 100 years old and has developed into one of the largest clubs in the South West.

Having played at various venues in the village it is now firmly entrenched at Darby Way. Due to the growth of the club, youth, ladies, and extra men's sides, we had to expand our facilities in 1999 and now play on Morris Meadow, kindly rented to us by Mr. Morris. This is the field beside the main pitch.

We also use the adjoining field, Glanfield Meadow – named after Mr. Glanfield who kindly sold us the land when he stepped away from farming.



CLUB HISTORY

The philosophy of the club is to provide a safe and fun environment for the youth to train, practice, express themselves and play football. The same principle is applied to the adult section with one overriding difference – push players to play at the highest level they can achieve. This undoubtedly means that BLAFC will ultimately lose players to a higher standard of football until we can match the level, something that is a constant topic of conversation on a Saturday afternoons for the faithful.

In 1998 the adult and youth section joined forces to become one club. This held many advantages which you will see today when visiting the club. What was once a men's side, and the odd youth team run by an adult for the village kids has developed into football for the community at all ages and genders.

The senior side of the club has a very successful Ladies section which has been led by Julie Bowker since it was formed in 2001. We now have two ladies teams; the Firsts playing in the South West Women's Football League and the Reserves in Somerset County Women's League.

The adult men's teams are headed by the First team who gained promotion in 2016 to the Western League following a Winner takes all game against Nailsea and Tickenham to finish Champions of the Somerset Senior Premier League; there is also a Reserve Team playing in the Somerset County League and a Colts team that play in Division 2 of the Taunton & District Saturday League. In 2008 the clubs dream of developing an all-purpose club house to replace its 'Shack' was made in to reality when Iain Hunter formally announced that he had achieved the funding required to start the build after 5 years of meetings, fund raising and form filling. In January 2009 the whole club celebrated along with Iain when the then England under 21 coach Stuart Pearce arrived at the club to formally cut the ribbon.

In 2016 planning permission was granted for the erection of floodlights which were promptly installed to enable the First Team to step into Western League Football.

Those that visit the club frequently will have noticed the development work that has taken place to achieve the stringent ground grading. The pitch was widened, new dug-outs purchased and a path was made around the perimeter of the pitch. The stand was erected as part of the requirement for Step 6 Football, which further enhances the ground and the clubs determination to progress.

In its first season in Western League Division One, the team worked hard to achieve a creditable 6th place finish, in the 2017/18 season the team finished 14th and 12th in 2018/19.

After two seasons of little or no football where the Pandemic hit the World 2021/22 proved difficult for the first team who never really gained any momentum finishing the season in 20th position out of 21.

Last season the club decided to embrace the depth of youth talent in its ranks and give those of strength and ability the chance in the Western League. Although again a disappointing season with the league position it was encouraging to see the player and team ability grow with the experience gained. This can only help as we encounter a new venture in 2023/24 in the SW Peninsula Premier East.

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Matchday Squad

Joseph Hollands	Luke Bryant
Nathan Whatley	Ben Martin
Toby Warner	Callum Victor Chivers
Charlie Cooke	Mason Raymond
Harry Scott	Oscar Albano
Harvey Follett	Samuel Mockridge
Jake Brice	Tai Bewes
Jake Demiranda	Adam Willis
Jake Poole	Conor Bryant
Lewis Wright	Joshua Wadham
Liam Scovell	Marky Jones
Ethan Jones	
Freddy Garner Harvey-Larmar	

THE BISHOPS

HONITON TOWN



Manager &
Physio
Leroy Venn



Matchday Squad

Owen Hanks
Tom Perryman
Ben Ede
Jack Smith
Kyle Howell
Luke Ashford
Chris Long
Dan Tavender
Ethan Hawes

Finn Garman
Joel Jackson
Aaron Pearse
Lewis Couch
Harry Slack
Dan Savage
Rhys Loosemore
Jack Drew Cull
Zac Tilley

THE HIPPOS

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS TEAM

Assistant Referee
Stuart Gravenell
Curry Rivel



Referee
Matthew Uren
Credton



Assistant Referee
Simon Middleton
Washford



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**South West Peninsula
Football League**



Founded 2007

South West Peninsula Football League

HONITON TOWN

Honiton Town Football Club were founded in 1950 and are based in Honiton, Devon. They are currently members of the South West Peninsula League Premier Division East and play at Mountbatten Park.



CLUB HISTORY

Honiton Town were members of the Devon & Exeter League during the 1980's and 1990's, until withdrawing in 1997–98.

On rejoining the league, they stayed in the lower divisions until they won Division One in 2014–15. They won the Premier Division in 2016–17 and were promoted to the South West Peninsula League Division One East.

At the end of 2018–19 the league was restructured, and Honiton successfully applied for promotion to the Premier Division East, at Step 6 of the National League System. Last season 2022-23 the Club finished the season in 13th position.

Information Supplied by Wikipedia

~ Home Ground ~
Mountbatten Park

BLAFC FIXTURES 2023

AUGUST

Sat 5th Dartmouth - SWPL (H)..... **Won... 4-1**
Sat 12th Bovey Tracey - SWPL (A)..... **Lost... 0-5**
Wed 16th Honiton Town - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 19th Stoke GTP - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 26th Bude Town - FA Vase (H)..... (3pm)
Wed 30th Axminster - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd Crediton - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Wed 6th Cullompton - WCP Cup (H)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 9th Torrington - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Wed 13th Sidmouth - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 16th Teignmouth - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Wed 20th Honiton Town - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 23rd FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round
Tue 26th Bridport - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 30th Elburton - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)

OCTOBER

Wed 4th Cheddar - Som Prem Cup (H).. (7:30pm)
Sat 7th Torridgeside - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 14th Walter C Parson Cup
Sat 21st FA Vase 1st Round Proper
Tue 24th Sidmouth - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)
Sat 28th Stoke GTP - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Tue 31st Axminster - SWPL (A)..... (7:30pm)

NOVEMBER

Sat 4th Newton Spurs - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
7th & 8th Somerset Premier Cup
Sat 11th Okehampton - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Sat 18th Ivybridge - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 25th Dartmouth - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)

DECEMBER

Sat 2nd Bridport - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 9th Okehampton - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 16th Ivybridge - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)
Tue 26th Cullompton - SWPL (A)..... (TBA)

BLAFC FIXTURES 2024

JANUARY

Sat 6th Bovey Tracey - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 13th Torrington - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 20th Crediton - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 27th Elburton - SWPL (A)..... (3pm)

FEBRUARY

Sat 10th Torridgeside - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Sat 17th Teignmouth - SWPL (H)..... (3pm)
Fri 23rd Newton Spurs - SWPL (H)..... (7:30pm)

MARCH

Good Friday
Friday 29th Cullompton - SWPL (H)..... (TBA)

APRIL

MAY

This Weeks SWP East Fixtures



Tuesday 15 Aug 2023 Results

Elburton Villa 1 v Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police 0

Sidmouth Town 1 v Bridport FC 3

Torrigradeside AFC 0 v Cullompton Rangers 2

Wednesday 16 Aug 2023 19:30

Bishops Lydeard v Honiton Town

Saturday 19 Aug 2023 15:00

Axminster Town v Torrington AFC

Bovey Tracey v Torrigradeside AFC

Bridport FC v Teignmouth AFC

Dartmouth AFC v Honiton Town

Elburton Villa v Newton Abbot Spurs

Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police v Bishops Lydeard

Tuesday 22 Aug 2023 19:30

Axminster Town v Honiton Town

Newton Abbot Spurs v Dartmouth AFC

Wednesday 23 Aug 2023 19:30

Ivybridge Town v Bovey Tracey

Okehampton Argyle v Torrington AFC

SWP Premier East League Table



		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Ivybridge Town	3	3	0	0	11	4	9
2	Bridport FC	3	3	0	0	8	4	9
3	Elburton Villa	4	2	2	0	9	6	8
4	Torrington AFC	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
5	Bovey Tracey	3	1	2	0	8	3	5
6	Axminster Town	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
7	Cullompton Rangers	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
8	Crediton United	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
9	Teignmouth AFC	3	1	1	1	9	9	4
10	Sidmouth Town	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
11	Bishops Lydeard	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
12	Honiton Town	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
13	Stoke G & T Police	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
14	Okehampton Argyle	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
15	Torridgeside AFC	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
16	Newton Abbot Spurs	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
17	Dartmouth AFC	3	0	0	3	4	12	0

SWP Premier West League Table



		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	St Austell AFC	3	3	0	0	15	3	9
2	Wadebridge Town	3	3	0	0	9	5	9
3	Callington Town	3	2	0	1	10	5	6
4	Holsworthy AFC	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
5	Bodmin Town	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
6	Liskeard Athletic	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
7	Wendron United	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
8	Penzance AFC	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
9	Camelford AFC	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
10	Mullion AFC	3	1	0	2	6	12	3
11	Dobwalls AFC	3	0	1	2	5	7	1
12	Bude Town	3	0	1	2	2	9	1
13	Newquay AFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Truro City Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Launceston AFC	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
16	St Dennis AFC	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
17	Sticker AFC	2	0	0	2	1	8	0