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Who we are:

League History:

Lincolnshire League: 1974-2000; Central Midlands League: 2000-2007; NCEL 2007-

Honours:

**Central Midlands League: Supreme Div - 2006/07;
Lincolnshire League: Champions - 1989/90 1990/91
1991/92; League Cup Winners - 1986/87 1988/89
1989/90.**

Players Progressing:

**Mark Wilson (Manchester United),
Sam Slocum (Scunthorpe United).**

Main club sponsor:



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Who we are:

Manager: Mike Thompson

Assistant Manager:

Goalkeeper Coach: Leigh Herrick

Physio: Jackie Mumby

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chairman's Notes

We welcome Eccleshill Utd to The Barrett Steel Stadium for latest league fixture. Both teams will be treating this as a real “6 pointer”, we are both not in a position we want to be in.

It's certainly been a lively 2 weeks after our 2-4 reverse against AFC Silsden, a game where once again we started well but failed to capitalise. The day after our manager resigned his position to follow his dream and re manage his former club Bridlington Town, although gutted at the time I can appreciate Mike wanting to progress in what is hopefully an exciting opportunity for himself. I would like to place on record my admiration for all his hard work, professionalism and dedication to a job that at times can be both joyous and extremely frustrating. Results on the pitch didn't justify his application to his weekly task.

But the king is dead so long live the king and so steps up Leigh Herrick as interim manager, I've known Leigh for many years and know what a dogged, determined individual he is and I have no doubt in my mind he will leave no stone unturned in getting us up the table to mid table safety.

I would also like to thank our players for their loyalty in sticking with the cause and proving we can all achieve results which have eluded us at times this year.

Thank you to my board for rallying around at this critical moment in the season and let's see that resoluteness and teamwork come through today.

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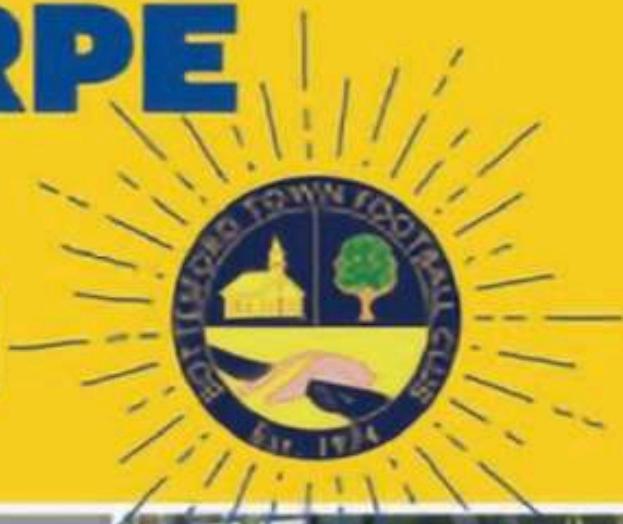


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Club Chairman's Notes

Happy New Year to you ALL.

Just a brief update on progress since my last report on our facilities development at Birch Park,

The 'eagle eyed' will have noticed that we have installed solar panels on the Clubhouse and will shortly be progressing the installations on the Sports Hall and the Changing Room Building, this scheme has been funded from the UKSPF Sustainability Grant and the Sustainable Development Fund (SSE).

Following timely reminders of the need for additional Car Parking spaces at Birch Park, it was confirmed that Planning permission will be required and work continues in working up a scheme for an extension of the existing Car Park complete with drainage, plus the introduction of a one-way system around the Sports Hall. In addition, the NLC have pledged their support in acquiring land located off Newdown Road to create a Parking area and the provision of pedestrian access to the grass playing pitches..

Following a successful meeting with the North Lincolnshire Council they have pledged their support to fund the necessary improvements and developments for the Bottesford Sports Hall which has seen no significant improvements to the facility since it was opened in 1980.

Within our Development Plan, proposals have been received and are under consideration for the creation of a 'soft play' area for the families with younger children developing the existing outside Beer Garden and the waste land behind the Clubhouse.

The installation of additional fencing and gates to improve the site security is almost complete but it is a 'losing battle' with the local youth damaging fencing to get access to our grass pitches. Finally, as the weather improves so will the refurbishment of the Portakabin donated by LKAB into a hospitality facility, media room, & Club Shop.

Watch this space for more updates.

Tony

Commercial Update

We welcome Eccleshill to the Barrett Steel stadium for caretaker managers Leigh Herrick's first game in charge. Many thanks to match sponsors Ellgia waste management we appreciate their support of the football club.

Future events - tickets selling fast for mark Crossley sports dinner at redbourn club April 25 - don't miss out

Enjoy the game
Regards Jason



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Meet the Players!

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Graeme Anderson

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Graeme is in his 2nd season at Bottesford Town after transferring from former HPL Champions Hedon Rangers. A young energetic and confident goalkeeper that is going to really benefit from the guidance of Leigh Herrick at the football club this season.



Luke Bullement

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Luke is a young full back in his 2nd season at the football club. Known to manager Mike Thompson after training with the Bridlington Town team historically and been around the Hall Road Rangers set up in the last few seasons. He has experience of the NCEL with HRR and will be looking to make his mark this season.



Mason Chaffer

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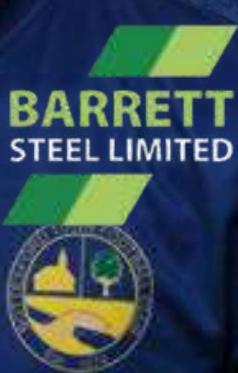
Wise beyond his years Mason, at just 18 is a superb talent and one that plays the game the right way. Mason is a centre half with outstanding passing ability and always wanting to get the team on the front foot with his midfield splitting distribution. Having won the national colleges cup last season Mason wants to progress further this season in his first season at Bottesford Town.



Sam Swinn

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Sam comes into the club this season having spent the majority of the last few seasons at Lincoln United. Sam came in this pre season and really made the centre half position his own from day one with his commanding but cool approach to his roles and responsibilities. A great right foot gives us distribution into great areas. Sam will captain the team this season, his maturity certainly defying his young age.



Blake Gregory

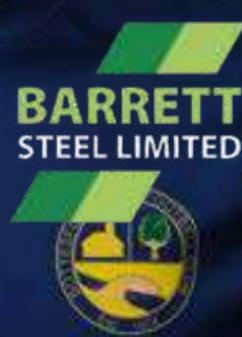


Blake is the first product of our successful JPL U18s team in his 2nd season making the mid season step up to 1st team football. He is versatile playing left back, left midfield and central midfield so far this season. Blake is currently studying at Bishop Burton College and is another of the team that is working under the coaching of close associates with manager Mike Thompson and therefore we can continue to track his development. Blake has settled in so well for a 17 year old and will be one to watch in the coming years.

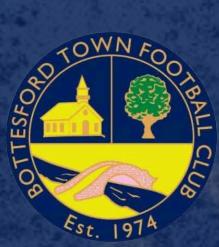


Eddie Rogerson

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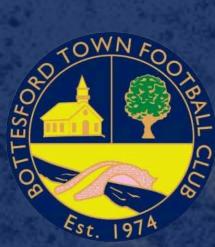
Eddie is another that has followed manager Mike Thompson from Bridlington Town. Eddie is an experienced centre midfielder who dictates play from a holding role. Eddie has experience at this level and steps 3 and 4 with North Ferriby, Bridlington Town, Grimsby Borough and Barton Town.



James Playford



James is a creative central midfielder that has great invention on the ball and will be a player that really makes us tick this season. The manager has been a long time admirer of James and tried to get him into the club last season. James has higher level experience with Gainsborough and Cleethorpes Town as well as playing for Barton Town last season. James will really excite the fans this season.



Josh Eccles



Another player brought to the club last year by the gaffer. Josh has experience in the league with Barton Town but has also won all there is to win in Hull with the very successful Chalk Lane FC side.

Josh is all energy, box to box midfielder with great passing ability, he is happy with the ball under pressure. He will bring bundles of energy to this season's midfield.



Charlie Dunkerley

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Charlie was a part of Mike Thompson's uber successful spell at Beverley Town and knows what it takes to win! He's a versatile midfielder that can play a number of positions across the midfield and even at Right Back. Charlie has experience at the level and higher with Barton Town, North Ferriby and is a product of the Hull City Academy.



Luke Ayris

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Luke is a product of the clubs youth system having been here for the mainstay of his footballing career.

Luke is has great speed and a real eye for goal from the wide areas. Luke floats into pockets of space that can really hurt opposition players and when he faces players up in the final third his end product is almost always on point.



Matt Broadley



“Broads” is an experienced winger at this level and the level above, a player that both played with and has been managed by Mike Thompson at Bridlington Town. Broads is a pacey winger with goals in his game and has played at the level plus step 4 with clubs including Pickering Town, Bridlington Town and Thackley.



Lewis Smith



Lewis is a striker who has previously been involved at both Lincoln United and Louth Town. A big strong and commanding striker who is hard to handle in full flow, Lewis will bring a new dimension to our attacking capabilities this season.



Aris Cunha

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Aris is another new arrival to the club this season having impressed in pre season. Residing in Hull, Aris has been away from the area for some time and played in development squads as well as playing for Ilkeston Town last season. A strong tall striker with great heading capability we are looking forward to working with Aris this season.



Jonny Nyantou

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**Mike Thompson is delighted to welcome
Jonny back to the football club this
season. Jonny is no stranger to the
Bottesford faithful having played for the
club 2 seasons ago and last season having
a year away with Doncaster City. Jonny
has electric pace, an eye for goal and the
ability to play anywhere across a front 4!
Jonny fits into the changing room well
and we are so happy to have him back in
the blue and yellow.**



Club History

The Club was formed in 1974 and played their football in the Lincolnshire League. The original base was at the Dolphin pub, with the football being played at Fred Gough School. The Club moved to its current Birch Park home in 1983.

The senior side experienced a successful period during the early 90's winning a number of Cup competitions and the Lincolnshire League in

three successive seasons, In 2000 the 1st team entered the Central Midlands League gaining promotion in 2005 to Division 1 in the Northern Counties East Football League. In 2016 they won the 'play-off' final to gain promotion to the Premier League where they have played for the last 5 seasons. The Club has for many years supported the local Scunthorpe and District adult Football Leagues, The year 2000 saw the amalgamation of the Junior and Senior Clubs clearly demonstrating that players starting with the Club at the age of 6 could be encouraged to stay with the Club for their progress in football.

The Club today has 25 teams both boys and girls playing mini-soccer in the local Saturday Kalson League, 11 a-side teams in the Sunday Kalson League, Youth football being played in the Junior Premier League, & the Lincolnshire Intermediate League, and a Development Squad playing in the Central Midlands Football League. A newly formed Veterans team who will play in the Humber Veterans League In 2018 a new addition to the Club was the introduction of the DSActive team for individuals who are Downs Syndrome, the team has grown from strength to strength and they now perform in the Ability Counts League.

Exciting times lay ahead with our next development focusing on a number of improvements for the Bottesford Sports Hall

The Club's proudest achievement was in 2003 when they became a FA Charter Standard Community Club, being one of the first Clubs in the Country at that time to get the achievement. The Club had to work very hard to meet all of the FA criteria and is now reaping the benefits and rewards. In 2009, the Club achieved the distinction of being awarded by the Lincolnshire Football Association as the FA Charter Standard Club of the year, a reward for the efforts of the members of the Club. This massive involvement in 'grass roots football' and its development has seen the provision of enhanced facilities to support the same, with the introduction of a magnificent Changing Room & Meeting Room facility in 2009 for the use of all those who play their sport at Birch Park. Developments continued in 2019 with the aid of grant support from both the North Lincolnshire and Bottesford Town Councils together with the Football Foundation, with the addition of a new tractor and grass cutting maintenance equipment plus the replacement of the floodlights for the main pitch with a modern LED installation which was designed for the future provision of a new Stadia Facility incorporating a 3G playing surface.

2020 also saw through the efforts of number of volunteers & sponsors, a new Catering Facility to serve the needs of everybody who visits Birch Park.

Proudly, the Club today is able to announce that after many years of preparation and with the financial support from predominantly the Football Foundation, the North Lincolnshire Council and the S.S.E. Sustainable Community Fund, together with other supporting groups, the new £1.5m Barrett Steel Stadium facility was officially opened in July 2023.



The Visitors

Eccleshill United current squad list

Alexander Hughes (GK)

Benjamin Noble (GK)

Ben Gordon

Talent Ndlovu (Capt)

Zackary Sangster

Darwin King

Etienne Sumaili

Alex Laird

Faris Khan

Jahro Parchment

Fredy Bernard

Idris Atta

Harvey Booth

Matthias Britton

Mohammed Farhan Subhani

Marcus Harper

Shiraz Khan

Daniel Laban

Josh McKiernon

Shay David Muirhead

Hass Gorji

Mckenzie Borek



Eccleshill United

History

The club was established before World War Two but was disbanded due to the war. After reforming in 1948, Eccleshill United were members of the Bradford Amateur League - in the 1950s.

The club won the Bradford Amateur League cup in 1962 and later moved up to the West Riding County Amateur League. Then reaching the Premier Division in 1972 and winning the league in 1977. 1982, the club applied to join the Northern Counties East League but were rejected.

The 1984/85 season saw the club win the Bradford & District Senior Cup, and at the end of the Season, Eccleshill was accepted into division three of Northern Counties East League. The club made ground improvements to play in the league and in the following season, Eccleshill retained the Bradford & District Senior Cup. At the end of the 1985/86 season division three was abolished, and Eccleshill moved up to division two. They finished runners up in 1987, therefore being promoted to division one.

Eccleshill United bounced in and out of the premier division and division one from the late 80s through to the late 2000s.

In 2014, the eagles won the west riding county cup, defeating Harrogate town in the final. The club's last promotion into the NCEL premier division, where they remain, was in 2018, when the eagles beat Grimsby Borough 3-2 in the playoff final. The 2021/2022 season was Eccleshill's best finish in the league coming 2nd and having a play off game against step 5 Kempton Rovers to try and win promotions to step 5. The game finished 2-2 after extra time and we lost 6-4 on penalties.



NCEL Round Up

The stop-start beginning to 2025 continued in midweek with six postponements and one abandonment due to the bad weather, leaving just four matches played to a conclusion as many NCEL clubs continued to endure an unplanned winter break. Ilkley Town were involved in West Riding County Cup action as the Division One side travelled to Pitching In Northern Premier League hosts Pontefract Collieries in their Quarter-Final tie. The Baht'atters battled hard against their opponents who are two steps above them in the FA's National League System but they conceded a couple of goals at the start of the second period in a 2-0 defeat.

There were three games in Division One with Worsbrough Bridge Athletic and Maltby Main keeping themselves in eighth and ninth spot, respectively, with victories. Worsbrough picked up a fine 3-2 win at third-placed Brigg Town as the home side's six-match winning run in the league came to an end. The hosts came from behind twice with Ben Vazquez and Daniel North equalising after Owen Birks and then Jack Appleyard had given the Briggers the lead. Connor Glavin netted to put Worsbrough ahead for a third time in the 87th minute and that proved decisive.

Maltby took the lead in the third minute through Ashley Flynn only to be pegged back by Bailey Wright on the quarter-of-an-hour mark for visitors Louth Town. But, the Miners grabbed the winner in a 2-1 victory early in the second period through Wade Ripley. Armthorpe Welfare have moved to six points clear of the relegation zone as they won 1-0 at home to next-to-bottom Yorkshire Amateur. Marc Newsham scored what proved to be the vital strike in the 79th minute as his side climb to fifteenth in the table.

Meanwhile, in the Premier Division, Eccleshill United's home clash with Campion was abandoned at half-time due to fog with the game goalless.



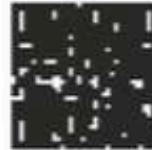
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