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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:



Barrett Steel Stadium

Birch Park, Ontario Road, Scunthorpe, DN17 2TQ.

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Who we are:

Manager: Leigh Herrick

Assistant Manager: Daniel Fish

Physio: Jackie Mumby

President: Gary Carnaby

Vice President: Pete O'Sullivan, Ian Catterall

Club Chairman: Anthony Reeve

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Chairman's Notes

We welcome Knaresborough Town to the Barrett Steel Stadium for another crucial league fixture.

Today's opponents have turned their form around since Christmas winning 4 and drawing the other in the last 5 games, we in turn have taken 6 points out of 9 but unfortunately being on the end of a 1-0 reverse to AFC Goole, funny how football trips you up.

We must maintain our decent home form and have a successful run in you our league campaign and push on to where we should be.

Leigh (Herrick) is doing an admirable job, I didn't expect anything less in effort from him but when the boys step over the white line it is their turn to replicate his direction.

Would like to congratulate Jack Griffin and Josh Eccles on being fathers to baby girls in last few weeks.

Time to roll our sleeves up get some serious 4g burns, hopefully at 5pm we can drink to 2 dirty botties off the pitch and triumphant ones on it.

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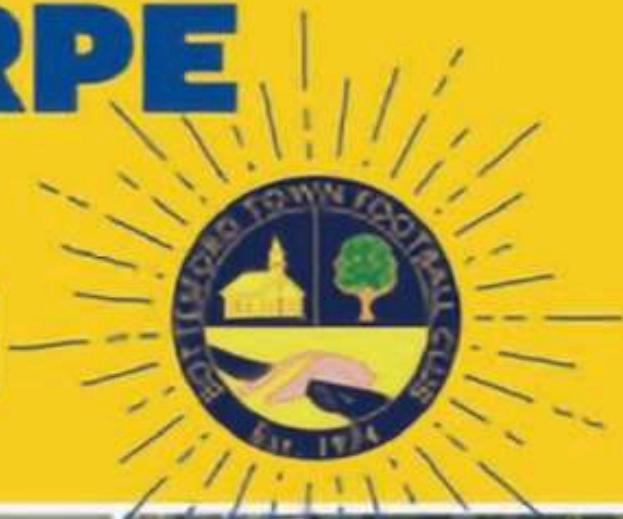


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Club Chairman's Notes

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 Knaresborough Football Club to the Barrett steel stadium today.

A big thanks to our president Gary Carnaby and Raintons of Ashby as match sponsors today - I hope they enjoy the day with us it is very much appreciated. We are developing the cabin at the side of the stadium at present to become a new hospitality venue for match days to improve our match day experience- we appreciate the support on materials by MKM Building supplies.

Tickets are selling fast for our annual sports do on April 25 at Redbourn club guest speaker Mark Crossley - please get in touch if you need further details -

This will be a cracker
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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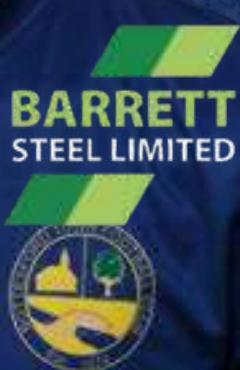
Wise beyond his years Mason, at just 18 is a superb talent and one that plays the game the right way. Mason is a centre half with outstanding passing ability and always wanting to get the team on the front foot with his midfield splitting distribution. Having won the national colleges cup last season 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

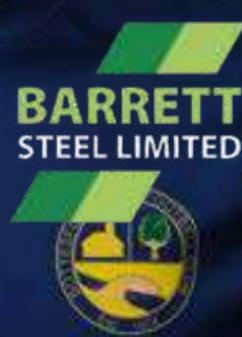


Blake is the first product of our successful JPL U18s team in his 2nd season making the mid season step up to 1st team football. He is versatile playing left back, left midfield and central midfield so far this season. Blake is currently studying at Bishop Burton College and is another of the team that 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.

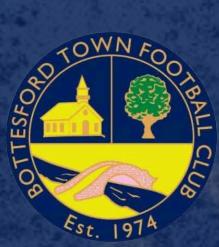


Eddie Rogerson

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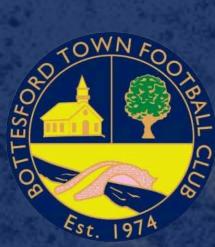
Eddie is another that has followed manager Mike Thompson from Bridlington Town. Eddie is an experienced centre midfielder who dictates play from a holding role. Eddie has experience at this level and steps 3 and 4 with North Ferriby, Bridlington Town, Grimsby Borough and Barton Town.



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
uber successful spell at Beverley
Town and knows what it takes to win!
Hes 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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Tony Reeve



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

Knaresborough Town current squad list

Tommy Brown
Will Mitchell
Aaron Pilkington
Brett Smith
James Beaston
Ryan Gothard
Sam Cook
Harry Lee
Phil Milsom
Ben Parkes
Jack Lazenby
George Thewlis
Luis Penny-Larter
Jack Lane
Max Barnard
Alex Ingham
Brad Walker
Aaron White
Adam Priestley

Staff:

Simon Parkes (Manager)
Colin Heath (Forward/Coach)
Paul Clayton (Assistant Manager)



Knaresborough Town History

The club was almost certainly formed as “Trinity” in 1898. The name change to “Knaresborough Association Football Club” took place in 1900 and, apart from the two World War periods, a club has existed in the town.

Much of its early football was played in the York & District League before joining the Northern League in 1909. After only two seasons, escalating costs forced a move back to the York League and Harrogate League through the 1920's and 30's.

At the outbreak of World War Two, the club, like many at the time, folded temporarily, and it was as Knaresborough Rovers that they reformed in 1946. The Harrogate League was the first competition played until the early 1950's when the York League was joined once more.

The club again reverted to the Harrogate League when they set up a Premier Division and that title was won three years in succession from 1965 to 1967. After two more runners-up seasons, the club entered the West Yorkshire League for six further years which saw a title in Division Two before promotion from Division One for two seasons in the Premier Division before another return to the Harrogate League.

From 1976 to 1993, the club continued in the Harrogate League but ambitions were high and the West Yorkshire League was re-joined in 1993. The League Cup was won in the first season, but the league title had to wait until 2009.

In 2010, the club won the West Riding County F.A. Challenge Cup final for the first and only time and then made the decision to invest in ground developments to upgrade to Step Six standards, and were elected to the Northern Counties East League in 2012.

The club built steadily, the early highlight being the triumph in the League Cup in 2014 when Eccleshill United were defeated at Bradford City's Valley Parade ground.

2017-18 saw progression for the club when they reached the 2nd round of the FA Vase for the first time and went on to take the NCEL Division One title and achieve promotion to Step 5 of the Non-League pyramid.

2018 saw the club's best FA Cup run as they reached the Second Qualifying round only to bow out to Workington.

In 2024, the team achieved its highest place to date, finishing 8th in the NCEL Premier Division.

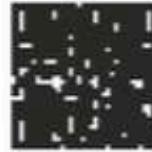


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