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# Who we are:

## League History:

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## 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 Slocombe (Scunthorpe United).

## Main club sponsor:



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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

**First Team Chairman:** Howard Pirie

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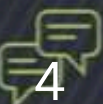


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# Chairman's Notes

We welcome Penistone Church to the Barrett Steel Stadium for our penultimate home league game of the season.

Today's opponents are always a tough test and I would expect nothing less today. They are in a lower league position than they would probably like but that counts for nothing as they have had the upper hand on us in seasons gone by.

Our home form this season has been good, it's our away games that has put us in the position we are. We are safe but have under achieved for the talent we've got in my opinion.

On a different note we are hosting a Knife Crime Awareness Day, this is as a result of the terrible incident in Sheffield and others including 2 incidents in Scunthorpe in the last 2 weeks. It is a problem that needs to be highlighted and hopefully we can all do our bit in raising awareness to this terrible situation.

So see you this afternoon, get behind the boys and push them again and let's finish as high as we can.

Up The Botty  
Howard Pirie

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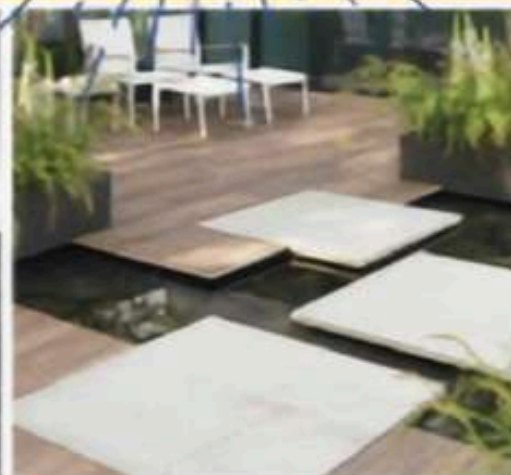
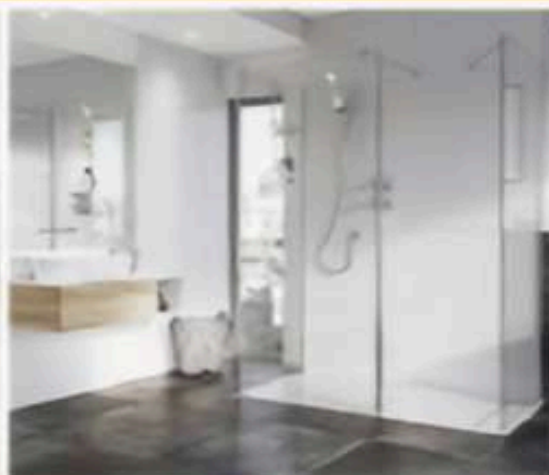


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# Club Chairman's Notes

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

Welcome to Penistone church to the Barrett steel stadium today

Thank you to our match sponsors Rexel they are electrical wholesalers- I hope they enjoy the day with us

Today we are raising knife crime awareness- very much in the media at present

We have sold well over 200 tickets for our sports do on April 25 with Mark Crossley - I really appreciate everyone who has supported this event

Enjoy the game  
Jason





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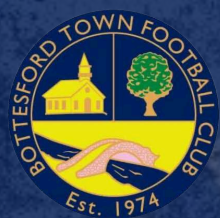
# Meet the Players!



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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 midfielf 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.**





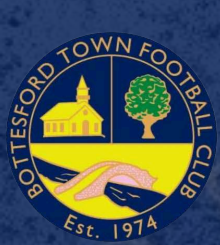
# Eddie Rogerson

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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.





# 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.





# 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

## Penistone Church current squad list

Chris Snaith  
Adam Lawlor  
Ryan Johnson  
James Stafford  
James Young  
Brett Lovell  
Oliver Jackson  
Carlton Pownall  
Cameron Simpson  
MacKenzie Stocks  
Tom Brennan  
Wayne Hughes  
Danny Howes  
Jordan Coduri  
Jack Roberts  
Eddie Newsome  
Lennon O'Grady  
Jordan Machen  
Kieran Ryan  
Nathan Keightley  
Luca Defalco  
Leon Hurles-Brook  
Jack Lenthall  
Sam Scrivens  
Max Jenkins  
Ashley Fisher

Joint Manager – Stephen Lenthall.  
Joint Manager – John Whitehead.  
Assistant Manager – Brett Lovell  
Physio – Ruth Tomlinson (Bsc, Dip RM)





# Penistone Church History

Penistone has a rich footballing heritage dating back to 1648, when a Parliamentary soldier mentioned a match between Penistone and Thurlstone. This legacy grew in the 19th century when Reverend Samuel Sunderland, a former Cambridge student, introduced a more organized style of football at Penistone Grammar School. His influence led to the formation of early football clubs like Sheffield FC and Hallam FC, with key figures such as John Charles Shaw and John Marsh playing major roles in the development of the Sheffield Rules and the national football landscape.

Penistone Church Football Club (PCFC) was established in 1906, marking a new era in the town's football history. The club achieved success in local competitions, winning the Sheffield Junior League, Sheffield Amateur League, and the Sheffield Junior Cup in the early 20th century. In 1949, the Hinchliffe family donated land to the community, creating the Memorial Ground, where PCFC has played ever since, hosting a range of sports over the years, including football.

Today, Penistone Church FC boasts 30 teams from U7 boys to U18s, as well as ladies' and men's teams, with a focus on developing young talent. The club continues to thrive, achieving success in various leagues, including the Northern Counties East League, and reaching cup finals, while fostering a strong community spirit and commitment to football in the region.





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