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Bottesford Town v Rossington Main

Saturday 9th August 2025



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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
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Players Progressing:

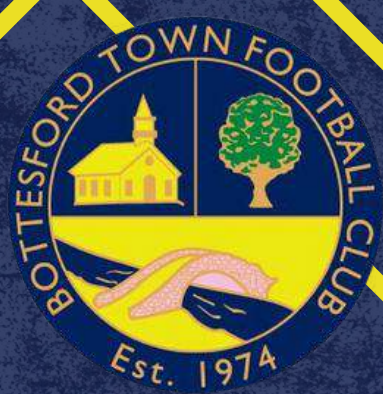
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Chairman's Notes



We welcome Rossington Main to The Barrett Steel Stadium today for our northern Counties East League fixture.

After our great FA Cup result last week against Melton Town, we would like to carry that momentum forward and build a strong league base moving forward, the squad have played well in both games whilst not achieving our rewards, get behind the lads today as we hopefully build a bit of momentum.

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Club Chairman's Notes

Saturday 22nd March 2025 sees the last home fixture for the 1st team for the 2024/25 season and for our readers I can give you a brief update on progress with the development of our facilities at Birch Park.

As of this week, the installation of solar panels on the Clubhouse, the Sports Hall and the Changing Room Building have been completed, the latter 2 incorporating Battery storage facilities. This scheme was funded from the UKSPF Sustainability Grant and the Sustainable Development Fund (SSE).

In terms of increasing our Car Parking spaces at Birch Park, there has been some delay in submitting a Planning Application (biodiversity) but this is now in hand. As previously mentioned this will entail an extension of the existing Car Park complete with drainage, plus the introduction of a one-way system around the Sports Hall. In addition, to ease congestion, work progresses in providing access from Newdown Road to the grass playing pitches with a plan for this to be in place before the start of next season. Once again focus has turned towards the necessary improvements and developments for the Bottesford Sports Hall which as previously reported has seen no significant improvements to the facility since it was opened in 1980. This will now become a priority for the 'writer' now that the likely funding streams have been identified. Users of the Social Club will have noted the introduction of new furnishings and carpeting in the Sports Bar, and irrespective of which evening you visit, the Lounge is full of aspiring 'Luke Littler's'.

Also within our Development Plans, 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, again the hard work comes when we seek funding.

The installation of additional fencing and gates to improve the site security has been completed 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 has the progress for the refurbishment of the Portakabin donated by LKAB into a hospitality facility, media room, & Club Shop. Watch this space for more updates

Commercial Update

Today back in league action we welcome Rossington players / officials and supporters Our match ball sponsors is Chumpfix today I thank them for there great support Yesterday was our annual golf day at Holme hall golf club / lots of local business came together to support the football club and a big thanks to Drayton Kia Scunthorpe main sponsor of our golf day and providing a hole in one golf challenge for a 25k car If was a great event thanks to everyone involved Enjoy the game.

Regards Jason



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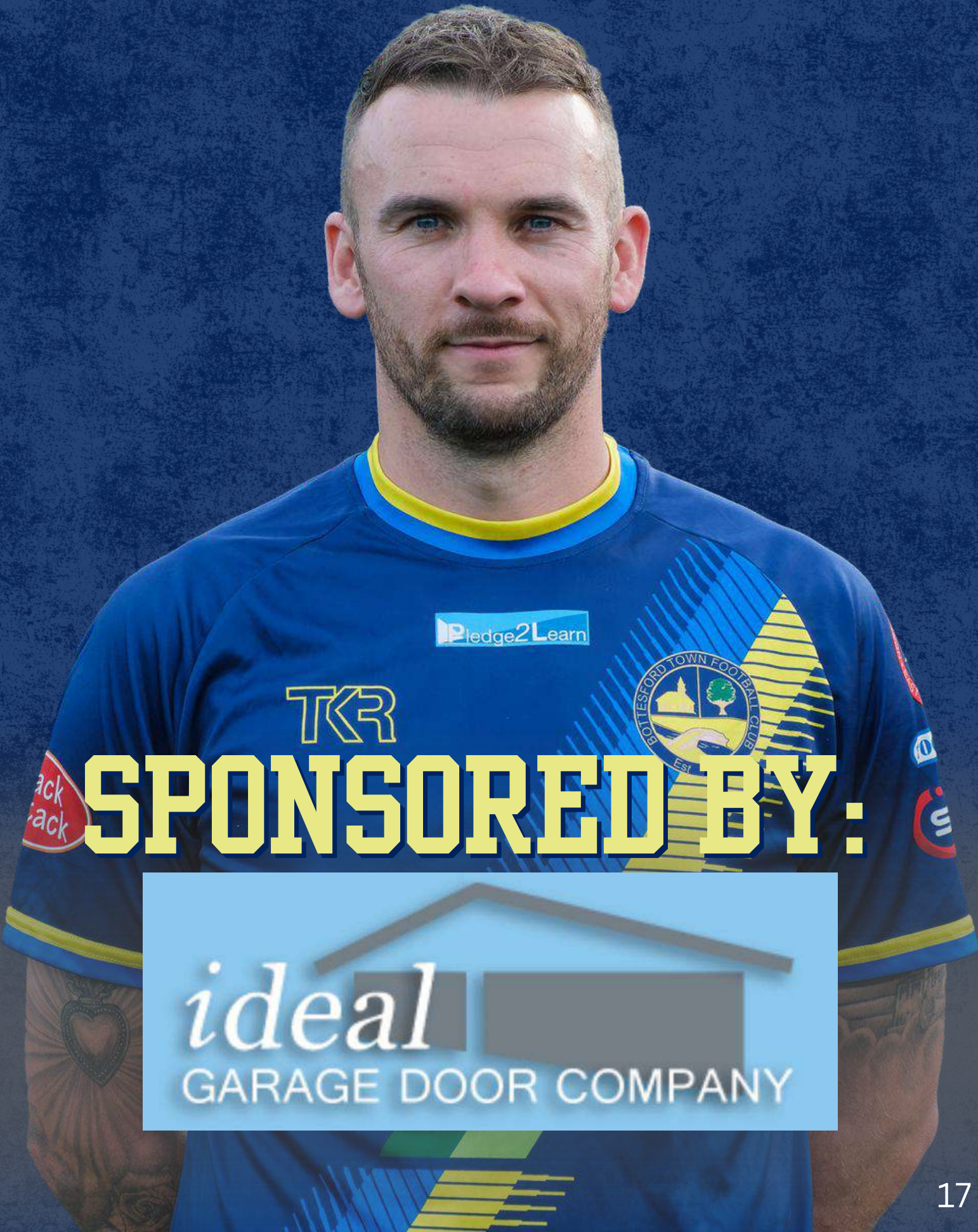


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A portrait of a young man with dark brown hair and bangs, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a blue football jersey with yellow trim around the collar and sleeves. The jersey features several logos, including a crest on the chest and a 'SIGNED' patch on the right sleeve. The background is a dark blue textured wall.

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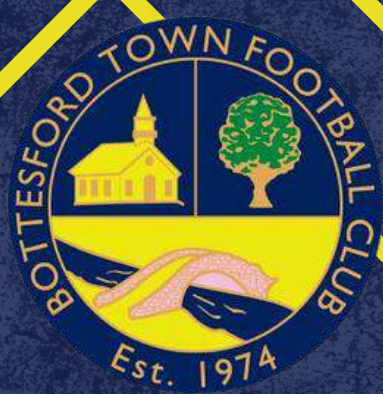
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Club History

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

Rossington Main current squad list

Jordan Greaves

Paul Sherburn

Will Sutton

Cameron Hough

Reece Fielding

Brandon Murillo

Greg Young

Mitch Langton

Cody Prior

Sam Limber

Khalid Suleiman

Liam King

Oliver Nowak

Dylan Mantle

Ross Hannah

Elliott Andrew

Archie Micklethwaite

Mateo Dumitrescu

Callum Fielding

Joshua Moore

George Noble

Oliver Bowes

Alfie Denton



Rossington Main History

Rossington Main was established in 1919, and their FA Cup debut took place in 1921. They participated in the FA Cup until the Second World War and reached their best run in 1924, making it to the fourth qualifying Round but ultimately losing 0-3 to Lincoln City. In 1923, the club relocated to their current ground at Oxford Street. A few years later, they had their most successful FA Cup run against Lincoln City. The club operated as Rossington Colliery for 30 years and experienced their most triumphant season after World War II when they won both the Doncaster Senior League and Cup, earning the nickname "Doncaster Double" in 1944/45. In 1948, due to nationalisation of the mines, the club underwent a name change to Rossington Miners Welfare and claimed the Doncaster Senior League Premier Division Cup in 1974. In the 1980s and 90s, they changed their name to Rossington Main and became founding members of the Central Midlands League. They achieved success by winning the Premier Division and Premier Division Cup in their second year. In 1984, floodlights were erected at Oxford Street, which have been upgraded to new LED lights, making them one of the best floodlight installations in the league. In 1991, new changing rooms were built at Oxford Street, and a crowd of 1,200 attended the inaugural match against Leeds United. That same year, the club earned promotion to the NCEL (Northern Counties East League) and has remained in the same division until this season. Currently, Rossington Main is managed by local talent Ben Hunter, who took charge of the club in 2019 and was assisted by Matt Ellison and Sam Parkin, who brought in a group of promising young footballers. The team has been steadily progressing, playing attractive football, and building on their achievements each season. In 2022, Rosso had a successful season in the NCEL Division One, finishing 5th in the league with 81 points from 40 games. However, they lost 2-0 in the play-off semi-final against North Ferriby F.C. For the 2022/23 season, Hunter made changes to his backroom staff, with another local lad Mick Fraser being appointed as assistant manager. The team achieved promotion to Non-League step 5 for the first time in the club's history after winning the Division One play-offs, defeating Horbury Town 3-1 at home in front of a record league competition crowd of 1164 spectators. The start of the 2023/24 season saw Rosso set a new record attendance of 1,697 in a pre-season friendly against Doncaster Rovers. Shortly into the season Hunter then appointed Zeph Thomas as assistant manager. In what was Rosso's debut season in the NCEL Premier at Non-League step 5, Rosso recorded their highest ever league finish in 4th but later lost in the play-off semi-final against Garforth Town on penalties after a 0-0 draw away from home. Rosso also reached the semi-final of the NCEL Cup for the first time but was knocked out by the league champions Emley AFC. In August 2024, Fraser returned as assistant manager following Thomas leaving to become the manager of the new NCEL Division One club Dearne & District. The next month in early September Hunter stepped down as manager and club captain Greg Young was assigned as interim manager. After five games in-charge with three wins out of five, Young was given the job on a permanent basis in early October 2024 of which they consolidated well with a mid-table finish. Young's backroom team includes Ross Hannah as player assistant manager, Nick Limber as first-team coach and Dale Ricketts as scout.



NCEL Round Up

From the start of the 2025/26 season, the Macron NCEL will adopt the Captain's Only Protocol, formalising that only team captains may approach the referee to discuss major decisions. This nationwide protocol is part of efforts to improve respect, reduce dissent, and create a better matchday environment across all levels of the game.

Key Points:

- Normal, respectful communication with referees is allowed.
- Dissent, by word or action, remains a yellow card offence—even for captains.
- Only captains may speak to the referee about key decisions.
- Captains must keep teammates away from the referee.
- Referees may pause play to allow captains to pass messages to their teams.

Additional Rules:

- If the goalkeeper is captain, an outfield player must be nominated to interact with the referee.
- A 4-metre “captain-only zone” will be enforced around the referee.
- Non-captains entering this zone may be cautioned for dissent.
- Repeat offences may lead to sanctions from competition organisers.

This protocol brings consistency from professional to grassroots football and aims to support better behaviour towards match officials.

Reminder:

The new 8-second rule for goalkeepers also comes into effect from the start of the new NCEL season.