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Bottesford Town v Melton Town

Saturday 2nd 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
1989/90.**

Players Progressing:

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

Main club sponsor:



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**Birch Park, Ontario Road, Scunthorpe, DN17 2TQ.
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Who we are:

Manager: Leigh Herrick

Assistant Manager: Daniel Fish

Assistant Manager: Steve Ridley

Physio: Jackie Mumby

President: Gary Carnaby

Vice President: Pete O'Sullivan, Ian Catterall

Club Chairman: Anthony Reeve

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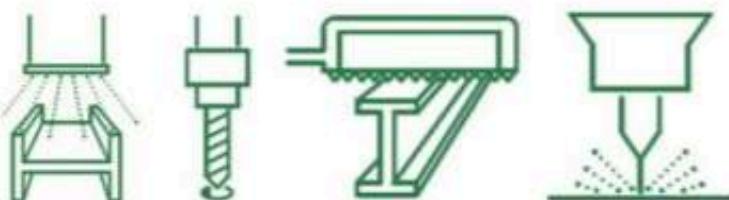
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Chairman's Notes

Welcome back to Barrett Steel Stadium at Birch Park as we welcome Melton Town for our first Emirates FA Cup fixture of the season.

It wasn't the start we'd hoped for last weekend against Eccleshill, but we go again – and there's no better way to bounce back than under the lights in the world's most famous cup competition. There were positives to take from the performance, but now it's about finding that cutting edge and showing the character we've built throughout pre-season.

The squad's been working hard this week and there's a determination to put things right. We're still at the very beginning of the journey, and every challenge – good or bad – is part of shaping the team we want to be.

As ever, a massive thank you to everyone working behind the scenes to make these games happen – it's always a team effort off the pitch too.

I'm still away (somewhere in the UK, probably in a raincoat with dodgy signal), but I'll be backing the lads from afar and hoping we take a step forward tonight. Let's give the FA Cup the respect it deserves and make tonight one to remember.

Up the Botty!
Howard Pirie

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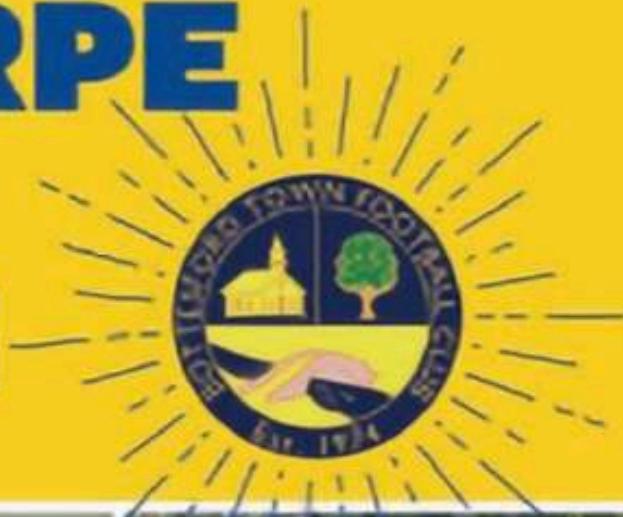


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Today we welcome Melton Town in the magic of the FA Cup.

A big thank you to our sponsors LKAB – fantastic supporters of the football club. We hope they enjoy their day with us.

We're also proud to officially open our new Sponsors' Lounge today, kindly donated by LKAB. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who supported or played a part in completing this brilliant addition to our matchday experience. There are too many names to mention – but you know who you are. Thank you.

Looking ahead, our annual Golf Day takes place on Friday 8th August at Holme Hall Golf Club, generously sponsored by Drayton Kia Scunthorpe. They've even added a brilliant hole-in-one challenge on the 10th hole – with £25,000 towards a car up for grabs. A superb gesture.

As always, thank you to all the local businesses supporting the day, whether through entering a team or sponsoring a hole.

Enjoy the game.

Best regards,
Jason



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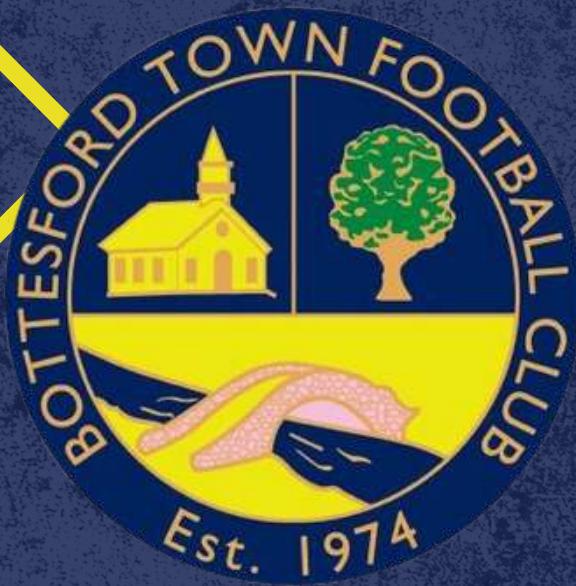


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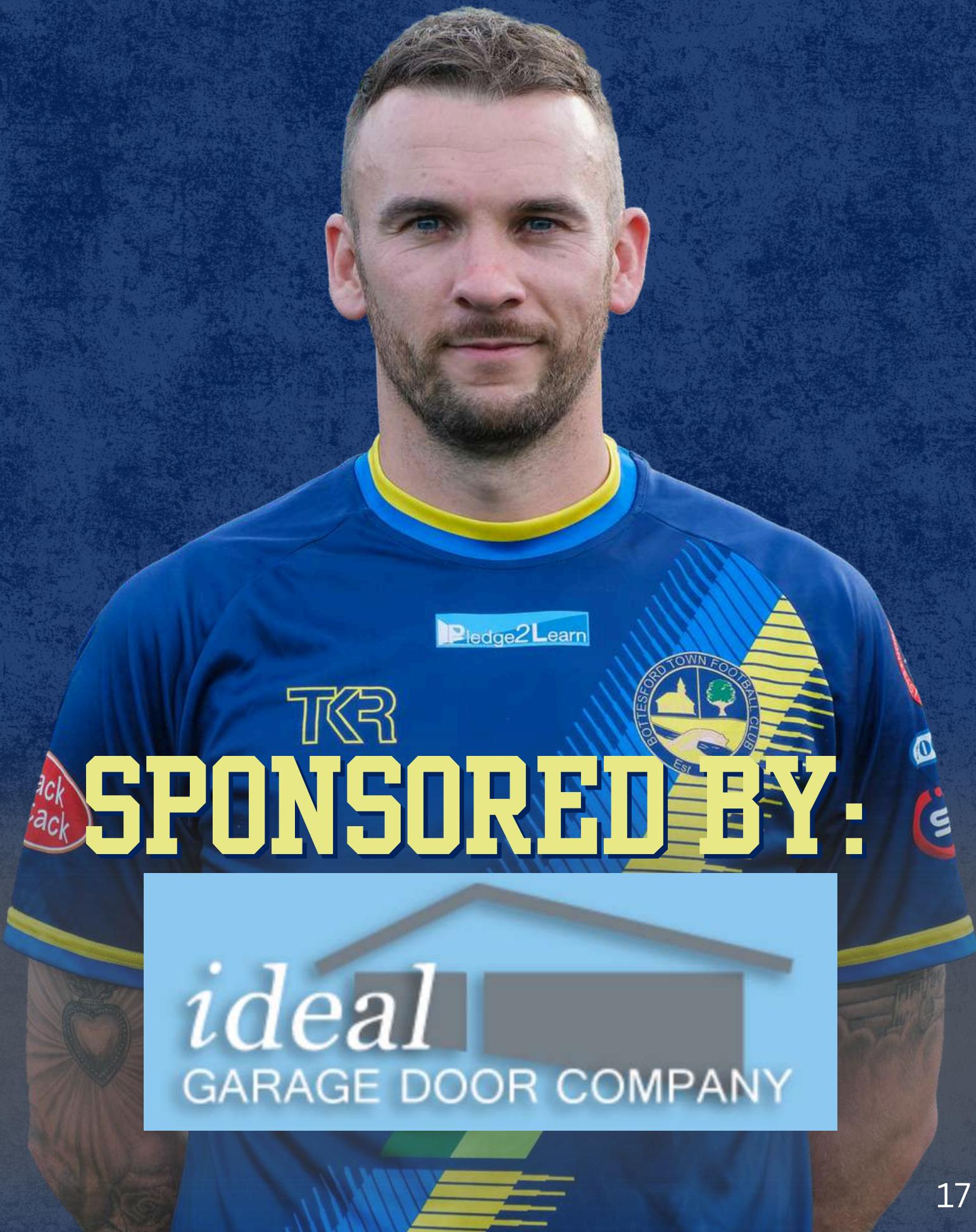
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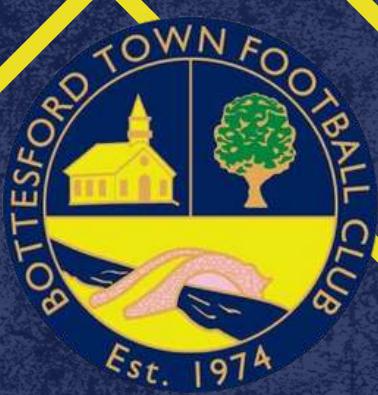
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Club History

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

Eccleshill United current squad list

Harvey Atkinson
Idris Atta
Callum Bradbury
Christopher Bumhira
Max Davies
Lee Elam
Mohammed Farhan Subhani
Mark Ferguson
Benjamin Gordan
Kieran Haigh
Perry Heritage
Alhassane Keita
Faris Khan
Daniel Laban
Alexander Laird
Jordan Moorhouse
Junior Nasihunu
Ashton Newsome
Cole Roberts
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