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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).**

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Who we are:

Managers: Leigh Herrick & Paul Grimes

Assistant Manager: John Borland

Coach: Daniel Fish

Physio: Jackie Mumby

President: Gary Carnaby

Vice President: Pete O'Sullivan, Ian Catterall

Club Chairman: Anthony Reeve

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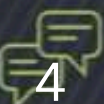


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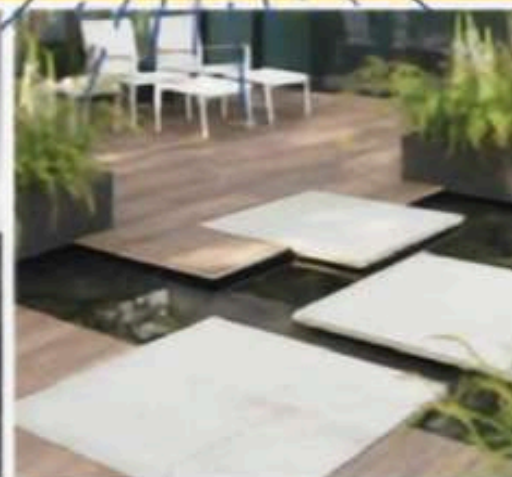
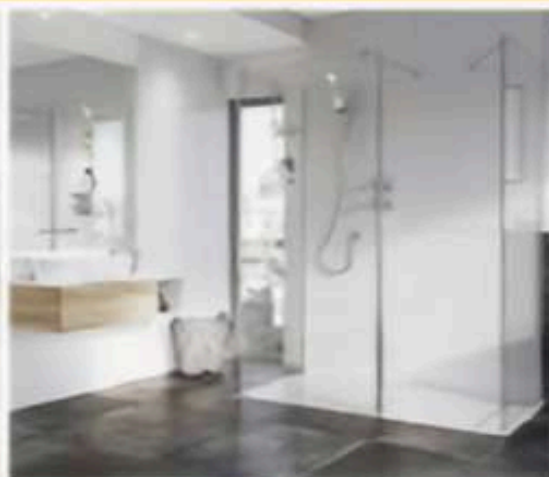


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Club Chairman's Notes

Club Chairman Tony Reeve is pleased to announce the formation of a new 'Partnership' that has been formed between John Leggott College (JLC) and Bottesford Town Football Club the benefits from which will be seen as time moves on.

John Leggott College and Bottesford Town Football Club share a clear commitment to opportunity, aspiration and community development. As a leading sixth form College with a strong sporting and civic mission, JLC seeks partnerships that extend access to excellence beyond the classroom, while community football clubs exist to develop talent, participation and pride locally. This partnership reflects a shared belief in inclusive access to high-quality facilities, collaboration, and progression pathways for young people across the region.



Club Chairman's Notes

This partnership is founded on a mutual commitment to:

- Access and aspiration – enabling young people and community athletes to train and compete on high-quality facilities that support confidence, ambition and long-term participation in sport and physical activity.
- Collaboration – sharing resources and expertise to reduce congestion, increase participation and maximise collective impact for learners, athletes and the wider community
- Community benefit – strengthening local sporting infrastructure and opportunity, ensuring facilities and provision serve both educational and community needs across the wider county.
- Excellence and progression – supporting clear performance and development pathways that combine sporting achievement with personal growth, leadership skills and future employability.

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Meet the Players!



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Ryan Musselwhite – Goalkeeper

Ryan returns to Bottesford Town bringing valuable experience from spells with Thorne Colliery and Pontefract Collieries. A commanding presence between the sticks, he combines excellent shot-stopping ability with strong communication and leadership from the back. Ryan's experience and reliability make him a key addition to the squad.

Sam Aynsley – Right Back

An energetic and dependable full-back, Sam joined the club following spells with North Ferriby and Winterton Rangers. Comfortable both defensively and going forward, he provides quality and consistency down the right-hand side. His work ethic and quality make him a valuable member of the squad.

Oakley Hill – Right Back

A product of the club's successful Under-18s pathway, Oakley is another exciting young player making steps into senior football. Fearless in possession and eager to learn, he has impressed with his attitude and willingness to develop. Oakley represents the future of the football club.

Mason Chaffer – Left Back

At just 21 years of age, Mason has already established himself as an important member of the squad. A modern full-back with plenty of energy, he contributes at both ends of the pitch and continues to develop his game. His consistency and determination have made him a trusted option in the back line.

Clay Bryant – Centre Back

A familiar face around Bottesford Town, Clay has been part of the club for many years and embodies everything the club stands for. Strong, committed and dependable, he brings experience and leadership to the defence. His loyalty and dedication have made him a respected figure both on and off the pitch.



Henry Moore – Centre Back

Henry joins Bottesford Town with experience gained at Lincoln United and Grimsby Borough. A composed and intelligent defender, he reads the game well and brings quality on the ball as well as strength in defensive situations. His experience and calm presence add real quality to the squad.

Finley Pulford – Centre Back

Finley's return to football is one of determination and resilience. After suffering a blood clot that forced him to miss the last two seasons, he has worked tirelessly to get back onto the pitch. A strong and committed defender, his comeback is a testament to his character and dedication to the game.

Jack Burke – Centre Back

At just 17 years old, Jack is another player who has successfully progressed through the club's pathway system. Mature beyond his years, he has already shown the qualities needed to compete in senior football. Strong in the tackle and eager to improve, Jack is an exciting prospect for the future of Bottesford Town.

Scott Matthew – Midfielder & Captain

Club captain Scott leads by example both on and off the pitch. Bringing a wealth of experience from spells with Barton Town, Winterton Rangers and Lincoln United, he is a composed and influential presence in the middle of the park. A natural leader with high standards, Scott's commitment and professionalism set the tone for the squad.

Jaxon Borland – Midfielder

Another success story from the club's pathway, Jaxon has earned his opportunity in senior football through hard work and dedication. Comfortable on the ball and full of energy, he continues to develop with every appearance. His attitude and willingness to learn make him an exciting prospect for the future.



Cody Prior – Midfielder

Cody developed through the academy system at Doncaster Rovers before gaining senior experience with Rossington Main. A talented and energetic midfielder, he is comfortable in possession and always looks to make things happen for the team. His enthusiasm and quality make him an exciting player to watch.

Oliver Barrett – Midfielder

At just 17 years of age, Oliver is another player to have progressed through the club's development pathway. Technically gifted and eager to improve, he has shown maturity beyond his years when stepping into senior football. Oliver represents the strength of the club's commitment to developing young players.

Finley Graves – Midfielder

A graduate of the club's pathway programme, Finley continues to make impressive strides in his development. At 17, he has already demonstrated the attitude, work rate and ability needed to compete at senior level. With a bright future ahead of him, Finley is another example of the talent emerging through the club.

Harry Douglas – Midfielder

Harry joined Bottesford Town following his release from York City's academy. Still only 18, he brings excellent technical ability and a strong footballing education to the squad. Determined to continue his development in senior football, Harry is a talented young player with significant potential.

Jack Macmenemy – Forward

Jack returned to Bottesford Town last season, bringing experience from both Cleethorpes Town and Lincoln United. A powerful and intelligent forward, he combines physical presence with an eye for goal and a tireless work ethic. Always willing to put defenders under pressure, Jack's experience and attacking quality make him a key part of the squad and a constant threat in the final third.



Luke Ayris – Forward

A true Bottesford Town success story, Luke has progressed through the club's pathway and gone on to make more than 150 first-team appearances. His commitment, consistency and dedication to the club have made him a valued member of the squad over many seasons. A deserved recipient of the Manager's Player of the Year award, Luke continues to lead by example every time he pulls on a Bottesford shirt.

Jake Brown – Forward

Jake joined the club with experience gained through Hull City's academy and senior football with Grimsby Borough. An exciting attacking player with pace, creativity and an eye for goal, he is capable of causing problems for any defence. His quality and ambition make him a valuable addition to the squad.

Owen Vincent – Forward

Owen arrives from Lincoln United and brings energy, enthusiasm and attacking quality to Bottesford Town's forward line. Comfortable playing across a number of attacking positions, he possesses the work rate and determination required to make an impact at this level. Owen's willingness to learn and improve makes him an exciting player to watch.

Luca Simpson – Forward

At just 17 years of age, Luca is another graduate of the club's pathway programme to earn an opportunity in senior football. A bright attacking talent with confidence and ability on the ball, he has impressed coaches throughout his development. Luca represents the club's continued commitment to providing opportunities for young players.



Kobi Burke – Forward

Kobi has progressed through the Bottesford Town pathway system and is another exciting young prospect making the transition into senior football. At 17, he possesses the determination, attitude and attacking instincts needed to continue developing at this level. Kobi's progression is a reflection of both his hard work and the strength of the club's player development programme.

A great feature of this squad is that 8 players have come through Bottesford Town's own pathway into senior football.



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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.





Aylstone Park Town History

Aylstone Park Senior Section was formed way back in 1980 and at that point it was a natural progression from youth team football where we were very successful at local level. Our early years saw us develop from Sunday morning adult football in the Charnwood League to our first taste of Saturday football courtesy of the Leicester & District League where we were very successful, gaining many league honours and various County F.A Cup successes. The season 2012/2013 was a beneficial one when APFC beat Ashby Ivanhoe 3-1 to lift the Senior Cup and the following season we were invited into the East Midlands Counties League following an 11th hour resignation from one of its member clubs, needless to say, we duly accepted the offer.

Season 2018/19 saw another milestone in the history of the club. The Leagues Committee that operates from the National Wembley Stadium decided to alter all step 5 and 6 Leagues in an effort to ease travelling time and also revert to 20 team constitutions. This re-organisation saw us relocated 'sideways' to the United Counties League. This also coincided with our highly successful youth team manager Matt Wormleighton stepping up to the plate to manage first team business. In July 2021 Bob Stretton, one of the founder members of the club, retired from the role of Chairman from the club. Without Bob's vision, determination and ingenuity the club would not even exist and would certainly not be in the positive position it is now. John Greaves, a former player for the club, was elected as the new Chairman and has been hugely instrumental in continuing to deliver further progress to the club. Indeed, since his tenure, a new 500-seater grandstand complete with accessible and standing areas has been installed, a new 6M x 3M digital scoreboard is in evidence, a new post and rail system now surrounds pitches 1 & 2, a new sports bar was opened in June and a complete refurbishment of the changing rooms was completed prior to season 2021/2022.

Season 2022/2023, saw a change in the management/coaching team with Matt Wormleighton stepping down after 4 years in the role as 1st team manager to undertake a new role at the club. Josh Dixon was appointed as first team manager and he was joined by Kade Lewis, as assistant manager, Liam Smith as coach and Martin Milnes as the goalkeeping coach. Dean Wright was the club's physio and Kev Matthews continued in his role as kitman. With the introduction of several new players and a different style of football the club won the UCL Division 1 title by 6 points and were top of the league throughout the season after the opening round of matches.



Aylstone Park Town History

The end of October 2023 saw a change in the management structure and James Dodd became 1st team manager and Elliot Shilliam was appointed as assistant manager with Matt Coates, Michael Milnes, Kev Matthews and Dean Wright all supporting James in their respective roles. Season 23/24 saw the club finish in 3rd place, narrowly losing out to Racing Club Warwick in the play-off final. Season 24/25 saw further changes to the back-up staff with Kev Matthews, Matt Coates and Dean Wright all leaving the club, Martin Milnes took onboard the kit persons role, Jake Duffy joined the club on a player/coach role and Beth Roberts became the club's physio.

The club reached the 24/25 play-offs but like the previous season they narrowly lost in the final, this time to Rugby Borough. The summer of 2025 brought changes at management level with James Dodd, Elliot Shilliam and Jake Duffy all leaving the club. Lee Barratt became the 1st team manager and Kade Lewis returned to the club as assistant manager. Martin Milnes and Beth Roberts continued in their respective roles. In September Joe Conneely joined the club as 1st team manager alongside Lee Barratt and Alfie Marsden joined the club as 1st team coach, however both left the club in January 2026.

At the end of the season the club competed in a play-off semi-final but were beaten at Coventry United FC. The summer of 2026 saw changes to the managerial structure with Lee Barratt, Kade Lewis, Martin Milnes and Beth Roberts all leaving the club. Karl Towers was appointed manager, Kev Doherty took on the role of coach, Andy Hohn returned to the club as goal keeper coach, Jack Whitmore arrived at AP as the new physio and Ray Keeber stepped into the role of kitman.



The Visitors

Aylestone Park current squad list

LABEED AHMADA
TOM BEEBY
JOSH BRODELLA
JOE BALL
YASSINE HAFFINE
OLIVER HAGGERTY
EVAN KANE
OLIVER KEEBER
ZION KELLY
CHARLIE MASON
MADDOX MORRIS
SAXON NICHOLLS
BAYEM ONELUM
CORY PINCHBECK
CALLUM PINTO
PRESTON POWER
HARLEY POWLEY
CONOR RANDALL
CAMERON REEDER
STAN ROSSELL
SPENCER STACEY
HAYDEN STEPHENS
CAMERON TOWERS
CHARLIE WOOLWARD

APFC MANAGEMENT TEAM 2026 / 2027

MANAGER – KARL TOWERS
COACH – KEV DOHERTY
GK COACH – ANDY HOHN
PHYSIO – JACK WHITMORE
KITMAN – RAY KEEBER



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NCEL Round Up

Bottesford Town and Dearne & District both made it three wins out of three to start the Macron NCEL Premier Division season with victories on Saturday.

The Poachers head the early standings on goal difference after they defeated Knaresborough Town 2-1.

They came from behind to take the points, courtesy of Jack McMenemy and Jack Varley after William Lenehan had opened the scoring for the visitors.

Dearne, meanwhile, continued their excellent start following their Division One title winning campaign last season with a 3-1 victory at Retford FC.

Iren Wilson put the hosts in front, but a Jamie Austin hat-trick ensured the points went to Zeph Thomas' side.

Horbury Town withstood a late comeback from hosts Frickley Athletic to make it seven points from their opening three games.

A Lucas Smith double and a James Cusworth strike put them 3-0 up by the 66th minute before Samuel Cable and Charle Price brought the home side back to within a goal of their opponents, but the match would end 3-2 in favour of the visitors.

Handsworth and Retford United were both victorious on their travels with Thomas McNally, Jordan Hines and Mitchell Dunne netting for the Ambers as they beat Albion Sports 3-1.

Conner Williamson grabbed the only goal of the game as United edged a tight match at Keighley Town with the breakthrough coming through on the hour mark.

Penistone Church opened their account for the season with a 4-1 home victory over Parkgate, thanks to three goals in the last ten minutes.

Reece High grabbed a quickfire double before Elliot Harrison made sure of the points with his side's fourth in stoppage time.



NCEL Round Up

The other three top-flight games ended in draws with Andrew Norfolk's early strike for hosts **Barton Town** cancelled out by a Ewan Gregson penalty as **Campion** took a point away from the encounter next to the Humber.

Oliver Green gave **Tadcaster Albion** a second-minute lead at home to **Thackley** but Luke Brooks ensured it was honours even with an equaliser in the final quarter-of-an-hour.

And, it ended goalless between **Golcar United** and their visitors **Rossington Main**.

Worsbrough Bridge Athletic continued their unbeaten start to the Macron NCEL season with a 3-2 win at Pickering Town in midweek.

In the only Premier Division game to take place, the hosts forged a two-goal lead through Nathan Dyer and Charlie Thompson as the Pikes looked for their first points of the campaign.

But, Keelan Grist pulled one back for the Briggers in stoppage time before Charlie Austerfield's leveller came on 64 minutes.

Harrison Marvin then struck nine minutes from time to give the visitors the victory that takes them up into third with seven points from their opening three games.