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v Bourne Town



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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),
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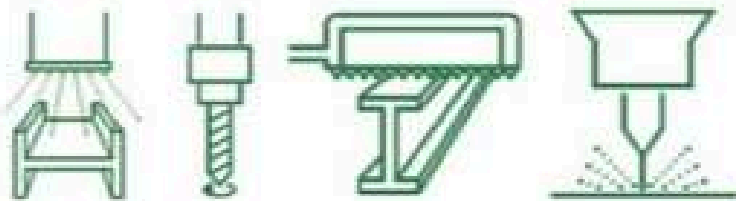
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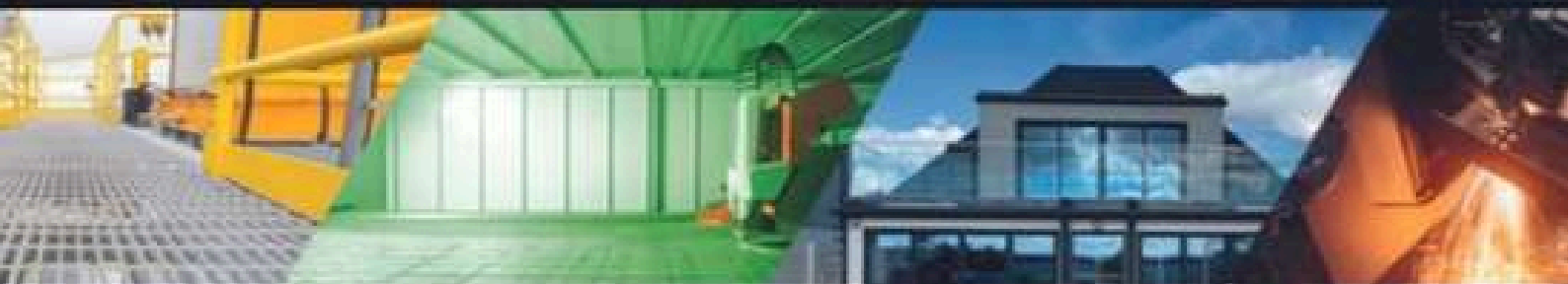
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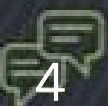


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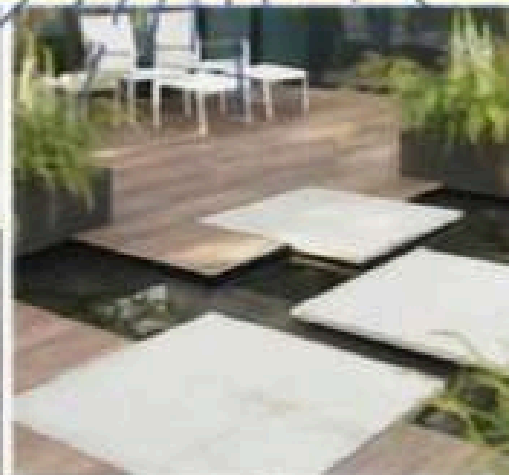
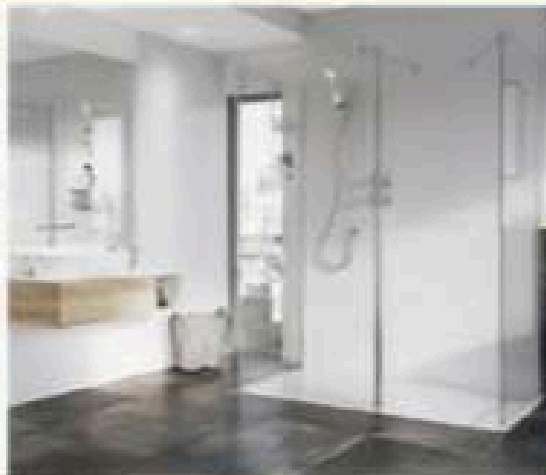
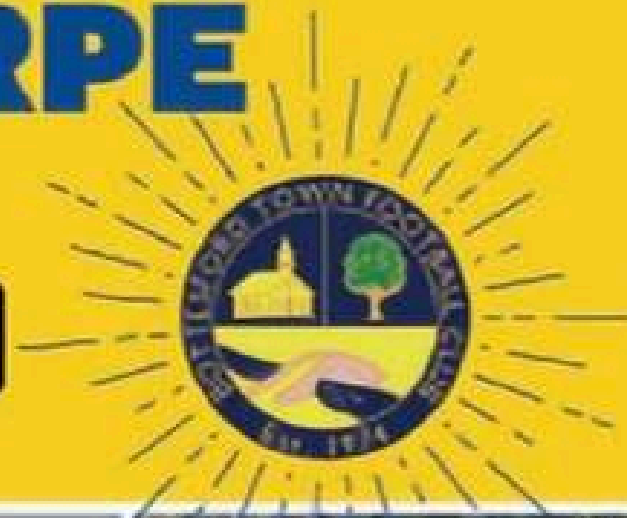


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Club Chairman's Notes

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.



Bourne Town History

The nickname The Wakes, after Hereward the Wake, came after a competition in the 1940's for a £5 prize. Beautifully situated in the heart of the town, the club are a cornerstone of the sporting facilities on the Abbey Lawn. We are proudly one of the oldest football clubs in the local area

Founded in 1883, Bourne Town have always played their home games at the Abbey Lawn. Originally playing games in Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire, before the Wakes joined the Peterborough & District's League. Success would come before and after the Second World War, winning in 1939-40, 1945-46 and 1946-47, including a Peterborough Senior Cup Final win in 1945-46 over Peterborough United Reserves 3-0, with two goals from Wilf Notley.

Bourne would broaden their horizons and Manager Sid Ottewell would gain success in the Central Alliance Division One South in 1959-60 with a mixture of professional and amateur players. Moving to the Midlands League for 4 seasons, Bourne would eventually move back to the United Counties League due to the large financial pressures to sustain a competitive team with a population of only 5,000 people in the town.

The late 1960's would be a period of great success with a young and locally based squad, under the expert guidance of Manager Terry Bates and Chairman Wilf Notley. They would win 3 UCL Championships in 4 seasons, 1968-69, 1969-70 and 1971-72, along with a UCL Knockout Cup and the Lincolnshire Senior 'A' Trophy. Dick Smith would score a club record 50 goals in the 1971-72 season.

After a period, often of struggles, the next success would be the 1990-91 double winning season. A talented Mark Mitchell side never left the top spot to win the UCL Premier Division title along with the UCL Benevolent Cup. The Wakes would languish, often in mid-table over the next 19 seasons before suffering a demotion to the UCL Division One, due to ground grading issues at the end 2009-10 season. A tough day for everyone involved with the club.

Coming out of the covid seasons, the team started to build the foundations for the current success. The 2021-22 season may not have seen the fruits of the labour but set up the 2022-23 season which saw a play-off berth. The Wakes would then storm the 2023-24 UCL Division One title. The feel-good factor was back in Bourne, attendances on the rise and back in the UCL Premier Division. 2024-25 would end up continuing the rapid rise with back-to-back promotions after a dramatic penalty win in the play-off final, sending the Wakes up into step 4 football. Momentum on side, the Wakes are writing their history in what could be another golden period for the club.

The Visitors

Bourne Town current squad list

Zac Allen (c)
Freddie Allen
Jaxon Blankley
Michael Bostwick
Charlie Brooks
Josh Burrows
Lewis Darlington
Henry Dunn
Robbie Ellis
Aaron Eyett
Connor Furey
Noah Henderson
Will Lakin
Kye Little
Brad Marshall
Harry McLoughlin
Josh Randall
Jack York



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NCEL Round Up

First Round Qualifying in this season's Isuzu FA Vase took place at the weekend and there was joy for twelve Macron NCEL sides who have made their way into the next stage in four weeks' time.

Five of our teams went through at the expense of league rivals, including **Field Olympic** who were 3-1 home victors over **Keighley Town**.

Aidan Day gave the Division One hosts the lead around the half-hour mark before a quickfire double midway through the second period from Junayd Cassius-Gill and Ellis Wade ensured an upset against their Premier Division visitors.

Malachi Bailey pulled one back for Keighley but Olympic go through, joined by **Dearne & District** who progressed with a 2-0 win at **Hemsworth Miners Welfare** thanks to goals from Owen Fieldsend and Justin Circuit.

Samuel Whitfield's injury-time strike edged **Club Thorne Colliery** through as they produced an upset to win 2-1 at **Horbury Town**, Marc Newsham's opener cancelled out for the hosts by Joe Jagger before the late drama.

Leeds UFCA looked to be going out at home to **Ilkley Town** as the visitors held on to a 2-0 lead, given to them by Auzair Khan and Dan Clark-Coates, until the 81st minute.

But, Omar Sanyang struck twice, one of them from the penalty spot, to take the game into a shoot-out that the hosts won 6-5.



NCEL Round Up

And, **Golcar United** won 4-1 at **Wombwell Town**, Ashley Flynn and Hayden Webster putting them 2-0 up before Josh Brown halved the deficit but George Doyle and Oliver Morrison ensured the victory in the last twenty minutes.

Jake Squires, Keelan Grist, Jake Holdsworth and Harrison Marvin were the scorers for **Worsbrough Bridge Athletic** as they went through with a 4-2 win at Flixton.

Knaresborough Town defeated visitors Park View AFC 3-0, courtesy of Alex Ingham and Slater Barkham-Barnes before an own goal rubber-stamped their progression.

A double from Souleymane Coulibaly helped **Pickering Town** to a 3-1 home win over Alnwick Town, sandwiching a Wayne Brooksby strike as the Pikes prevailed.

Bradley Hexhall snatched a last-gasp equaliser for **Retford FC** in their home clash with Euxton Villa and they took full advantage, going through 6-5 on spot kicks.

It was identical success on penalties for **Route One Rovers** who came through following a highly entertaining 3-3 draw at home with AFC Blackpool, Bubacary Conteh Samateh with a couple of their goals.

Selby Town also made it through to Second Round Qualifying as Maximillian Bauer pounced at the start of the second half to seal a 1-0 home win over Bacup Borough.

And, in Sunday's tie, **Campion** made it through comfortably with a second-half Ewan Gregson double adding to an opener before the break from Shay Muirhead in a 3-0 home win over Prudhoe Youth Club.

Crowle Colts, however, were the first team knocked out as they were beaten 2-0 at Sheffield on Friday night.

Appleby Frodingham went out 4-3 on penalties after their 1-1 home draw with Charnock Richard whilst **Armthorpe Welfare** were beaten 4-0 by Trafford and, despite a Danny Earl brace, **Barton Town** also lost at home, 3-2 to Runcorn Town.



NCEL Round Up

Harrogate Railway Athletic, Thackley and Winterton Rangers also could not make home advantage count as they were beaten 1-0 by Grangetown Boys Club, 1-0 by Yarm & Eaglescliffe and 2-1 by Darwen, respectively.

And, Penistone Church's FA Vase race ended at the first hurdle as they were defeated 2-1 at Stockport Georgians.

Two matches took place on Saturday in the Premier Division and a 1-0 win at Retford United has seen Bottesford Town return to the top of the table, thanks to Jaime Ture's 88th-minute decider.

And, it was honours even at the Young Guns Arena, hosts Tadcaster Albion opening the scoring through Harry Croft before Frickley Athletic grabbed a point with an injury-time equaliser.

Brigg Town are the new leaders of Division One, their 2-0 victory at home to Doncaster City following early goals from Dayle Southwell and Dayle Hutson making it four wins out of five for the Zebras.

Wakefield AFC were 1-0 victors at Kinsley Boys, James Eyles netting on the half-hour to take his side's points tally to nine from their opening five games.

And, Immingham Town twice came from behind at home to South Leeds before securing a 4-2 win.

Kieran Haigh and Colin Pawlak saw their goals cancelled out by Joshua Tasker and Declan McLaughlin before Corby Kavanagh and Charlie Dixon ensured the points stayed at the Woodland Sports Ground.