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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

STEVE RICHARDSON



Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome back to Townfield for the start of a new season in the Northern Premier League Div One West. This afternoon it is our pleasure to welcome the players, management and officials of Prescot Cables FC to Townfield, we hope that they have a pleasant afternoon.

Today we welcome the Players, Management, Officials Many people have said to me that the second season in a league is a more testing experience than the first, and is when you truly find your feet at a new level. Hopefully we can build on the solid foundation that the club laid down in the NPL last season.

During the close season we have seen a number of players move on to other clubs and, whilst it is always sad to say goodbye to players who have in the past been good servants and stalwarts of the club, it is also true that the evolution of a club and team is an important factor of progression.

In the majority of cases we wish departing players all the best for the future, but now is the time to focus on what I believe are a group of exciting young additions to the squad, complementing the strong spine of our returning experienced players. I wish our management team of Wayne and Paul, our 1874 squad, plus Chris and Andy all the best for 2022/23.

Last Saturday saw us travel in numbers to Colne FC in the Emirates FA Cup and I must admit I was disappointed to see us exit this competition at the initial stage.

It is never going to be easy contesting such important games so early in the season, but the ability to progress through maybe one or two rounds is important for clubs of our size and resources. A little prize money can make a significant impact on available budgets later in the season.

Off the field our Season Ticket sales have been progressing well. If you have purchased one, Thank You!.

If not, why not consider it, as this year's Season Ticket offers 4 free league games plus 2 free entry tickets to a

game that you can use to introduce friends and family to 1874 Northwich.

I also want to thank our returning advertisers and sponsors to 1874, without whose support we would not be able to operate. A special mention at this point also to Waitrose Northwich whom we are very excited to announce as sponsors of this year's Man of the Match awards.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the board can I wish you all the best for the coming season, and let's look forward to good football and friendship and most of all:

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Steve



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FROM THE DUGOUT

PAUL & WAYNE



Good afternoon to you all and welcome back to Townfield for our first League game of the season against Prescot Cables.

We're both proud to be managing the club as we build up to the club's 10 Year Anniversary. It's brilliant that we're starting our second season at Step 4 and for those of you who have been with us from the beginning, it's certainly been a roller coaster of emotions with (I'd like to think!) more ups than downs. I'm sure you'd have taken what we currently have as we approached our first game and it's been a real effort from all involved.

For those of you who are new to supporting the club, or who have come down to see what we're all about, hopefully you'll see enough to want to come back as it's important we continue to build the club and increase support.

It's been a very busy period since the end of last season. A number of new players have arrived and I'm sure you'll get to know more about them over the coming months as we play more games and the squad settles down. We're both excited about our prospects and feel we have plenty of options and strength in the current group of players for us to have a successful season.

We were disappointed that a couple of players have moved on to play at the same level or lower, but when one door closes another opens and it's been a breath of fresh air to have the likes of Fenton Green join us. He's fitted right in during pre season and has a lot of potential to kick on with us. As with Lucas Weir, the intention of putting Fenton, Kenzie and Matty on Contract is not to stand in their way but more to offer some security for both parties. They'll no doubt continue to develop along with the rest of the squad and will play higher up the pyramid in the future. The message is clear for other members of the squad that they'll be supported to help them develop alongside our more experienced players.

Isaac Noble has done well in training and has an excellent attitude, as do Harry Walker and Jack Marrow and I'm sure they'll feature this season.

The League seems to be more competitive than ever with some crazy money and signings and we can't wait to come up against some of the newcomers to the League, along with the likes of Clitheroe and Leek who had strong seasons last time out. One thing we do need to improve on is the home form so we'll be looking to do that today's against today's opponents who have had two games in the FA Cup and two good performances by all accounts.

We were disappointed to lose at Colne last Saturday. There didn't seem to be too much between the teams and we created some good chances. A couple of defensive lapses and we were punished. The players trained well in the week to put this right and we also focused on our positional play in an attacking sense.

Enjoy today's game - our next game is away to Kids Grove on Tuesday followed by a home game against City of Liverpool a week on Tues.

Up the '74

Bows and Goody

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

VICKI ENGLAND



It's the start of a new season, the sun is shining, and we "can't wait to get going again" (the new buzz words this summer, ask Goodie) so what's there not to smile about?

My first thoughts as we embark on another campaign are to two special guys. Firstly, to the immensely popular 1874 supporter and volunteer Brian Ashley, who suddenly passed away while working with the Stadium Gang over the summer. Brian was a real superhero at the club, getting involved in all manner of tasks. He was someone you could rely on, someone who would be positive, constructive, and honest. A real friend to everyone, with a cheeky smile while he took your money off you. Brian will be greatly missed, and we will hold a one minute's applause for him before the game, to show the respect we all had for him.

My own thoughts will also be with my Dad, who passed away three weeks ago. He was a huge Northwicher for all his 88 years and is solely responsible for indoctrinating me to this wonderful world of football and to the 'green side'. We went to hundreds and hundreds of games together and I have so many amazing memories with him. Things won't be the same for me now, but I know like Brian, he will be cheering from above.

Never forgotten.

I would like to extend a special welcome to the good folks from Prescot Cables this afternoon. They stood out as one of the warmest and most welcoming clubs we visited last season, which was appreciated. It was good to see so many Prescot supporters at Townfield for the return game, one of only two clubs that brought a decent number of fans to be honest and I know there'll be a few coming down today. You're all very welcome!

Cables managed to steer past a tricky tie against Ashton Athletic this week in the FA Cup, so they'll be buoyed by that. It should be a good game.

We come into this season having said goodbye to some great players, who have moved on to pastures new. This has made way for some new lads to join and impress us and we welcome them and their families to our club. They've worked hard over pre-season and I know they will find their feet in how we do things. We have a nice mix of experience and youth, and I am sure we will see the guys develop. It's good that Jamie Reed is now involved in coaching this season, a wise head that will help others.

Last Saturday, we slipped to a cup defeat at Colne and on another day, perhaps if one of the chances that hit the woodwork had gone in, it would have spurred us on to a result. Hey ho, that's the Cup for you. No complaints, well done to them and I wish them well in the next round.

Over the summer, we have made two new important appointments at the club. We welcome Maggie Coats as our new Society Secretary. Everyone knows and respects Maggie, she was Secretary of the old Trust back in the day and has been a lifelong Northwicher. Maggie was already our Club Welfare Officer and had carried out a lot of important work to ensure processes were in place to support our Juniors and young players. She brings her experience, enthusiasm, and knowledge to this particularly critical position in 1874 and I couldn't be more delighted!

I am also incredibly happy that Katy has joined us as Club Physio. We all know that our legend, Phil Lea, decided to take a step back and enjoy his football from the terraces. Katy answered the call to come in and she has already hit the ground running at training. Phil has talked to her about the role and shown her some

of the ropes and I know he will be there for support if required, but I am glad he gets to relax now! Katy is looking to gain more experience and we've told her that there is no better club to help her on her journey in sport. When you look at some of the people who helped 1874 and are now working at top class levels in their fields, then this is what we hope for Katy too in time. Good to have her on-board, I trust her with 'my boys'!!!

This week, we announced that Waitrose were coming on board to sponsor our 'Man of the Match' award. This is great news, and we are delighted to link with them. They know what we are about as a club and that's nice. They are a quality business and are placed nicely in the town (near Bombay Quay, another of our friends) so please consider visiting and supporting them, I know many of you do already.

It will have been mentioned elsewhere in this Ever Glorious, that we have taken the decision to go digital with many of our editions this season. There are a few logistical and financial reasons for this. We have considered those people who religiously buy a copy (like me), and thought hard about the businesses who advertise with us and how we can best support them, but we have needed to be realistic over some other issues we have. The programme won't completely disappear; we will produce some printed editions this

season, but most will be available online. I'll let the guys explain how this will work! I just want to offer a massive thank you to Willow Printers for their unbelievable service over all of our years. They are the best around for printing programmes and many other items to be honest, and we look forward to continuing the relationship with them going forward.

Finally, I want to welcome my Cumbrian mate William to Townfield today, along with his two pals. William and his friends are dedicated Groundhoppers, and they travel the length and breadth of England, Wales and Scotland visiting clubs. William visited us back at the beginning of our time at the Barton Stadium and has stayed connected with me most weekends since, letting me know which 'far flung' place he has been to. They have decided to visit 1874 today at Townfield and have made the journey down by train and bus. Good to see you guys!

That's it for now, enjoy the game and thanks for your support.

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SIMMO'S NOTES

ANDREW SIMPSON

Who envisaged so much change this summer?

Not me, definitely.

By the way, that doesn't mean it's a bad thing.

It was Ash Dobell that pointed out to me while waiting for the friendly at West Didsbury & Chorlton to kick off that it would be worth comparing last season's team picture with this one.

You should do the same.

Of course, the management team is hoping the side will be reinvigorated and the summer's showings so far have served to only heighten that sensation.

An FA Cup exit at Colne is bruising, no question, but the time for judgement is some way off yet.

I like that the club has opted to protect what it perceives to be valuable playing assets by offering contracts to Matty Fenton, Mackenzie O'Neill and new recruit Fenton Green.

All three are adjusting to the demands of semi-professional football, and will be doing so for the foreseeable future.

That should not be quickly forgotten.

Replacing the know-how of Matty Russell, Sam Hare and Scott McGowan is not an overnight job.

Mike Koral made more than 100 appearances in the club's colours, while Taylor Kennerley passed the milestone of 150 games before departing last month.

I have shared my verdict on last term in the latest season review, and so I won't repeat it in full here, but I described a sense that one cycle is ending and the transition to another has started already.

That was based on the likes of fans' favourites Paul Connor and Ryan Mitchell ending their time with 1874 – plus Jake Parker too – and that movement has only accelerated since.

While only three players made their full debut last Saturday, more will do the same in the coming weeks. Two of those, Green and Liam Buckley, are still only teenagers.

They'll need patience, encouragement and understanding while they figure things out, but a spine consisting of Mark Jones, Matt Woolley and Jamie Reed feels supportive.

This isn't a moment, not yet anyway, for predictions because we don't have enough evidence.

What I am prepared to say though is that today's visitors, Prescot, will provide a stern examination of 1874's credentials.

That's not because they won here last time out, nor is it due to the way manager Kevin Lynch impressively turned around the Pesky Bulls' fortunes so they avoided relegation.

That matters, mind. However, a clever recruitment campaign is likely to pay a handsome dividend. John Murphy is a focal point in attack, supported by the skill and speed of Adam Hammill and Kyle Sambor, while former Witton Albion duo James Foley and Matty Devine will shine at this level if both can stay healthy. Cables will surprise plenty.

I'm optimistic that 1874 can do exactly that as well.

Isn't that why we keep coming back for more? A hope that the outcome this time around is going to be better than it was previously.

That's my excuse. What's yours?

Enjoy the game, folks.

Simmo



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BRIAN ASHLEY

A FRIEND, A FAN, A VOLUNTEER

During the close season the club lost one of its most loyal and well known supporters, Brian Ashley.

Brian's enthusiasm and welcoming smile will be greatly missed both at home and around non league grounds in the North West.

Today of all days we will miss his friendly face and banter whilst selling Golden Goals and 50/50 tickets.

A staunch and long serving member of the Stadium Gang, Brian was always around to help out and offer assistance with whatever task was required.

Prior to kickoff the club will be commemorating Brian with a minute's applause.

Rest in peace Brian, we will miss you.



NPL NEWSDESK

by GARRY CLARKE

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES SUMMER 2022

As usual there have been numerous constitutional changes affecting the Northern Premier League during the summer of 2022 with clubs being promoted, others relegated and some moved sideways.

In the Premier Division, Guiseley drop down from National League North into the NPL, while five clubs take their places following promotion from the NPL's Step 4 divisions – Liversedge (NPL East) and Warrington Rylands (NPL West) as champions of their respective divisions and play off winners Belper Town (NPL Midlands) Marine (NPL West) and Marske United (NPL East).

Unfortunately, we lose Basford United and Mickleover Sports from the NPL - as they have been moved laterally to the Southern League Central. Also bidding farewell to the NPL and joining them in Southern League Central are Ilkeston Town, who won the NPL Midlands Division.

At Step 4, Carlton Town are moved from NPL Midlands to NPL East - and they are joined in that division by Consett (Northern League), Grimsby Borough (Northern Counties East), Long Eaton United (United Counties League) and North Shields (Northern League), who all earned promotion from Step 5.

Grantham Town have been placed in NPL East Division following their relegation from the Premier Division, with Witton Albion placed in NPL West Division.

Hanley Town (Midland League), Macclesfield (North West Counties) and Skelmersdale United (North West Counties) have all been promoted to the NPL West Division from Step 5.

Joining the NPL in Midlands Division as a result of lateral movement are Dereham Town (Isthmian League) and St Neots Town (Southern League), with Boldmere St Michael's (Midlands League), Gresley Rovers (United Counties), Harborough Town (United Counties) and Hinckley LR (Midland League) also welcomed following their respective promotions from Step 5.

NPL WEST AWARDS 2021/22

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Warrington Rylands' Kane Drummond was named the NPL West Player of the Year.

TEAM OF THE SEASON 2021/22

Jim Atkinson - Workington
Michael Carberry - Bootle
Oliver Harrison - Leek Town
Rick Smith - Warrington Rylands
Kyle Harrison - Workington
Brad Carroll - Workington
Andrew Scarisbrick - Warrington Rylands
Daniel Trickett-Smith - Leek Town
Kane Drummond - Warrington Rylands
Ben Hodgkinson - Bootle
Ryan Brooke - Runcorn Linnets

Substitutes

Oliver Mooney - Runcorn Linnets
Nathan Morley - Newcastle Town
Declan Evans - Mossley
Iwan Murray - Runcorn Linnets
Sefton Gonzales - Clitheroe

TOP GOAL SCORER 2021/22

The Division's leading goal scorer was Runcorn Linnets' Ryan Brooke who netted 25 times.

NPL AWARDS

The NPL Supporters' Player of the Season was Buxton striker Diego de Girolamo.

The NPL Rising Star award for the young player who has made the biggest impact over the season went to Ilkeston's Zak Goodson.

The Club of the Year award, decided by a panel of league officers based on club's quality of administration, sponsor compliance and generally going the extra mile, was won by Stamford ahead of Carlton Town and Warrington Town.

There were acknowledgements for the lifeblood of non-league, with awards for Fan of the Year and Volunteer of the Year scooped to much acclaim by Workington's Gordon McAllister and Alan Field of Liversedge respectively.

TODDY'S MONEY FOR GOALS

or, ANYTHING ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER!

Once again, we will be operating the scheme that Toddy set up, which brings in very welcome funds for the club. Our thanks go to Richard Webb, who has agreed to administer the scheme for us.

He will be supported by Guy and Vicki, who are not averse to twisting a few arms. All with a smile of course!

We hope those of you who have supported the scheme in the past, will do so again. Richard will make a note of your sponsorship choice and the amount you wish to pledge. He will also keep the record when you have paid.

If you haven't joined in before, then please consider this fantastic scheme, set up by the wonderful Toddy Barlow, as it really does help the club. You can sponsor goals, clean sheets, penalty saves.

Whatever takes your fancy! Unusual sponsorships are especially welcome! We do appreciate that the cost of living is increasing, so we would be grateful for any amount that is pledged.

For more information, or to join in, then please see Richard (he can usually be found behind the microphone), Guy or Vicki.

Thank you.

MAGIC SPRAY HANDOVER

1874 welcomes a new Club Physio

We are delighted to welcome Katy Bagshaw to the club, as she takes up the reins as our new Club Physio. Katy is local to the club and contacted us after seeing our advert, to replace the legend that is Phil Lea.

Katy qualified with flying colours at University and now wants to gain more valuable experience as she moves to securing a full time role in sport. Through the conversations we have had with Katy, we explained that 1874 can be a great stepping stone, and we used the example of previous wonderful volunteers that have gone on to great things in their fields.

Katy hit the ground running at training this week, she has the backing of our Managers and of Phil himself, and we really look forward to working with her and watching her develop in the role. We're sure you will welcome Katy to the 74 family.

BIG GAME PREVIEW

by GARRY CLARKE



1874 NORTHWICH V PRESCOT CABLES NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST

To open the 2022/23 season 1874 Northwich welcome Prescot Cables to Townfield for today's NPL West fixture.

Prescot Cables opened their 2022/23 campaign last Saturday with a 1-1 draw at home against Ashton Athletic in the FA Cup extra preliminary round.

The NWCFL Premier Division side took the lead on the hour mark through Richard Brodie, before James Foley equalized in stoppage time in front of a Hope Street audience of 385.

Cables came from behind to win the replay 2-1 on Tuesday night at Brocstedes Park, James Foley and Adam Hammill netting in the second half after Matt Reid had given Ashton a first half lead in front of 229 fans.

Prescot Cables finished the 2021/22 season 18th in the NPL West table, six places and eight points below 1874.

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1874	38	13	8	17	59	58	+1	47
Cables	38	12	3	23	49	70	-21	39

Away from their Hope Street home Prescot's league record last season was:

P	W	D	L
19	4	1	14

Whilst 1874's home record at Townfield was:

P	W	D	L
19	5	3	11

Prescot Cables top goal scorer last season was Sam O'Halloran who was the only player to hit double figures for Cables, netting 10 times in 16 appearances.

Today is the fifth time 1874 Northwich have played Prescot Cables, of the four previous games the first was drawn, Prescot won the second and last season each won their away game.

PRESCOT CABLES FACT FILE

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<i>Ground</i>	IP Truck Parts Stadium
<i>Colours</i>	Amber and Black
<i>Change Colours</i>	Light Blue
<i>Nickname</i>	The Pesky Bulls
<i>Manager</i>	Kevin Lynch
<i>2021/22</i>	18 th NPL West

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2014/15
30th August 2014
FA Cup Preliminary Round - home
Drew 3-3 *Attendance 356*
1874 – Brandon, Beadle, Thomas
Cables – Stoker, Dodd, Black

2nd September 2014
FA Cup Preliminary Round replay - away
Lost 1-2 *Attendance 291*
1874 – Crofts
Cables – Doran 2

2021/22
23rd October 2021
NPL West - Away
Won 2-1 *Attendance 531*
1874 – Irlam, Woods
Cables – O'Neill

29th January 2022
NPL West - Home
Lost 0-1 *Attendance 380*
Cables – own goal

HEAD TO HEAD

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1
Away	2	1	0	1	3	3	0
Total	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1

A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

1874 Northwich signed Mackenzie O'Neill from Prescot Cables in October 2021 shortly after the 20 year old Northern Irishman had starred for Cables against 1874.

A former member of the Wigan Athletic academy and a Northern Ireland U17 international, Mackenzie played 22 times for 1874 last season scoring 4 goals, and having played 15 times for Cables scoring 3 times.



TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURES

Bootle v Leek Town

Colne v Kidsgrove Athletic

Glossop North End v City of Liverpool

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HISTORIES AND PROFILES

THE '74

During the coming 12 months, the old adage that will be used most regularly by supporters of 1874 will be "doesn't time fly". The explanation for this is simple. You see, on 15 November this year, our smashing little club will celebrate its 10th anniversary!

Now, fans of clubs with longer and supposedly more illustrious past histories may scoff at our relatively brief existence and achievements. But despite being relative 'new kids on the block' it has been a decade packed with remarkable stories, amazing feats, successes, and some sadness – oh, and with the odd bit of football thrown in for good measure!

So, when it comes to summing up our history, it really is a case of where do we start and what do we include or leave out?

Some might say - and we would find it difficult to argue against this point - that the principal landmark occurred on that day in November 2012 when disillusioned members of the Northwich Victoria Supporters Trust voted overwhelmingly to create a new club. However, others might make the case for the evening of Wednesday 10 July 2013, for this was when '74 played their first ever game against local side Lostock Gralam.

On that warm, balmy evening, just short of 400 fans turned out to see the first game of a club that they had decided to create, was something different, new and, most importantly, something that they had a direct say in. In short, a true fans' run club

Prior to that night a massive amount of hard work had been put in to ensure that the club could kick-off, as planned at the start of the 2013/14 season. This included

- Our successful application to join the North West Counties Football League
- The appointment of our first 'Gaffer', Ian Street
- The signing our first ground sharing agreement with Winsford United

The level of support shown for the new club wasn't a flash in the pan either as during our first season 1874's

average home league attendance was 320 – which put the club in the top 100 best supported clubs in non-league football.

As it happened, '74 finished one place outside the two promotion spots, but due to the sudden and unfortunate demise of second-placed Formby, the club were asked whether we would like to accept the vacant spot in the Premier Division – an offer that was readily accepted!

So, season two presented '74 with the opportunity to create even more records – and did we take this chance with both hands! Along the way several new milestones were achieved, including our first ever appearance in the FA Cup and our highest league placing of third in the NWCFL Premier Division.

The 2015/16 season proved to be a steady campaign in the league with an eventual finishing spot of fourth, but it ended in a truly memorable manner when Ian Street's side outclassed local rivals and Step 3 outfit Witton Albion by a 3-0 score-line on their own turf to lift the Mid Cheshire District Cup for the first time. This trophy was retained the following campaign with a 1-0 win over rivals Northwich Vics, but by this time the management of the club had passed into the hands of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison – both of whom had been part of Ian Street's back-room team.

The impact of the new management team was truly remarkable, as the 2017/18 season proved to be by far the most exciting and memorable in the short history of 1874, during which the 'Go-Bo' Green Army.

- Defeated National League North and former FA Trophy winners North Ferriby in the FA Cup
- Finally exited the competition on penalties in a Third Qualifying Round replay
- Reached the Semi-Finals of the FA Vase, only for eventual winners Thatcham Town to deny '74 a trip to Wembley by triumphing 4-2 on aggregate.
- Took hundreds of fans to away ties at Leighton and Thatcham
- Recorded a record home attendance of 1,674 in the second leg of the semi-final against the Wiltshire outfit

- Ended the season by playing a mammoth 26 games in just 57 days and 69 games overall

Given the successes of the '17/18 campaign, it would have been astonishing if '74 had been able to equal the achievements of the previous season. After all, even the top clubs in the country struggle to repeat their immediate past triumphs – so why should this not be true for '74?

So, a final position of tenth – the lowest that the club had finished in since being promoted to the Premier Division– did seem to suggest a decline in the clubs' fortunes. But that would be completely wrong, as 1874's final standing was hugely influenced by a difficult start to the season in which the loss of key players from the 1'7/18 campaign - allied to a cruel run of injuries to many of the clubs' key creative and attacking players - resulted in a somewhat disjointed first few months of the season and early exits in both the FA Cup and Vase.

Another factor that we probably didn't fully appreciate at the time was the impact that the untimely death in December 2017 of our inspirational and dearly loved Chairman Paul Stockton had on the club. It was therefore perhaps a fitting tribute to this wonderful man when, on the afternoon of Saturday 4 May 2019, his name was chanted aloud by the 500 or so '74 fans who had just witnessed their side lift its first major piece of silverware, an 88th minute goal by the Greens gave a deserved 1-0 victory over league champions City of Liverpool FC in the Final of the NWCFL League Cup.

This cup win proved to be a springboard for the club as from the very outset of the 2019/20 season it was clear that '74 would be one of the main contenders for the NWCFL title. Another good FA Cup run – which was halted at the Second Qualifying Round by an admittedly fortunate Whitby Town side – was the precursor to an astonishing league campaign that included a 15-game unbeaten league run – another club record.

But it wasn't just the results that were impressive, it was the swash-buckling, stylish passing and pressing

style of play in which '74 played the game that brought them so many plaudits and admiration from other clubs and commentators from all quarters. But in addition to their verve and panache, the side also possessed a steely, never-say-die, attitude that that gained them several precious points from seemingly difficult positions. This left '74 in the box seat at the head of the league with nine games left and 8 points ahead of second placed Rylands with a game in hand.

So, if there was ever a bunch of players and back-room staff that deserved to end a season celebrating a league title win, then it ought to have been our fabulous, wonderful team who represent our brilliant little club.

But alas, and for entirely understandable reasons, this was not to be. For as we all now know, the Covid 19 outbreak resulted in a sudden cessation to grassroots football and, heartbreakingly, the players, officials and fans alike were denied seeing the league trophy being paraded around Townfield.

Although we didn't know it at the time, '74's elevation to Step 4 was to be eventually delayed by 12 months as due to the re-organisation of the National League Pyramid, '74 became eligible for promotion to the newly created Northern Premier League West! And to celebrate this elevation, on 24 July 2021 the Greens became the first club in the 40+ year history of the competition to retain the NWCFL League Cup by convincingly defeating Runcorn Town 6-3 in the much delayed 2019/20 Final.

Life during our first campaign as a Step 4 club was inevitably challenging at times. As a small fish in a much bigger pool, almost each week we faced by clubs with far greater resources than we have at our disposal.

So, a final finishing spot of twelfth out of twenty was highly satisfying end result. It might have been even more impressive had our home form had been a little more consistent!

But it's not all about what happens on the 6,000 square metres of turf that might set the club apart from many others. Being a democratically owned and operated community focussed club from the get-go, the

partnerships we have forged with the local voluntary and business sectors are yet another example of how 1874 is demonstrating its commitment to be a 'community' club in terms of actions rather than words.

So, over the past decade not only have we forged beneficial partnerships with many well-respected local companies including Britannia Carpets and Oxyl-Pro, but we've also forged excellent relationships with our chosen charity partners, which have included the Mid-Cheshire based Neuromuscular Centre, St Luke's Hospice, and the children's hospice 'The Joshua Tree'. In addition, regular collections have also taken place for local food banks, homeless people shelters, The Samaritans, Armed Services veterans, and a myriad of other deserving causes as well as attendance at community events.

The 2014/15 season also saw the club run an U21 side and since then, several of their number have now progressed to the First-team squad. More recently, 1874 have fielded sides at junior level and our plan is build on the establishment of this team as a stepping stone towards the creation of other sides covering all age groups, gender, and abilities.

Mention of all age groups and abilities reminds us that, along with the Cheshire FA, '74 have also played a major role in establishing local 'walking football' sessions each week which have proved to be hugely popular with the 'more mature' folks of Mid-Cheshire, most of whom might had thought that their playing days were well behind them!

2019 was also a landmark year off the field as, for the first time, 1874 finally played within the boundary of the town of Northwich having signed a 2-year agreement to share Barnton's Townfield Lane stadium.

A huge amount of work has been undertaken since this deal was signed to further improve the facilities for players, officials, and supporters alike and by doing so to enhance the match-day experience for all - as well as meeting the ground-grading requirements that were necessary for promotion to Step 4. The original agreement was extended last year and both clubs are

now working to develop a longer-term vision for the ground.

So, overall, 1874 is a club that is most definitely on the up!

But any progress that we may make will be achieved in a responsible and sustainable manner. Indeed, one of our main principles is that we will not jeopardise the long-term interests of the club by spending money just in order to ensure success on the pitch.

So, you could say that Inclusivity, Openness, Community and Sustainability is our USP.

But allied to this we also want to have success on and off the pitch and – as importantly - lots of fun!

And in our first decade, we think that we've achieved all of these aims beyond our wildest dreams!

PROFILES 22/23

The Management Team – Since April 2017 1874 have been guided by the managerial duo of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison. Telford born Paul – who is a teacher by profession – joined '74 at its inception and played in the clubs' historic first game against Lostock Gralam. Paul's playing career was spent in the National game system and included spells with Congleton Town, Telford United and Alsager Town.

In comparison, Wayne spent the majority of his career in the Football League, firstly with Barnsley as an apprentice and then Crewe and Rochdale, chalking up a total of 209 league games. Since his playing days ended, he's held a number of management posts, including at Buxton, Trafford, Salford City and Chorley. In addition to obtaining a degree in Football Coaching & Management from UCFB, he followed this up by gaining a postgraduate Masters in Football Coaching & Practice.

Tony Aghayere – 'Big T' as he is affectionately known was well known to '74 fans before signing for the club in January 2019 as he'd previously been a key member of the Colne side that won the NWCFL title with

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Colne. His career has also included stops at Padiham, Mossley and Salford. Since joining '74 he's become a firm fans favourite, thanks to his consistent levels of performance during his 100+ games.

Ellis Allen – 20 year old Ellis was a trainee with Oldham Athletic and since leaving Boundary Park in the summer of 2020 has had spells between the sticks at Cypriot club APEA Akrotiri, Holywell Town as well as NWCFL outfit Whitchurch Alport.

Sam Adetiloye – Midfielder who joined a few days before the League campaign. Previously with Widnes, Ramsbottom United and had a number of years' experience with Salford City.

Ollie Broe – Defender who joined during pre-season. Previous clubs include Farsley Celtic, Mossley and Widnes.

Liam Buckley – A defender who plays right or left back and came through the youth ranks at Chester FC, 19 year old Liam spent last season with Welsh Premier Division outfit Cefn Druids.

Jamal Crawford – Pacey winger who joined during pre-season, previously with Hyde United, Chester, Llandudno and FC United

Max Davidson – One of several new faces to have joined the '74 squad this summer, 19 year old Max hails from Northern Ireland. Normally found at left-back, he started off his career with the youth set up at Ballymena United before joining fellow Irish outfit Bangor. Subsequently he made the short hop over to Wales where he spent last season with Cefn Druids.

Markell Foulds – A strong and commanding figure at the heart of the '74 defence, this will be 21 year-old Markell's 2nd season with '74 having signed in the dotted line in August 2021. In addition to playing in the colours of Clitheroe and Barnoldswick, Markell has a wealth of youth football behind him including a scholarship with Salford City and for the UCFB Academy.

Matt Fenton – Matt's assurance and calmness on

the ball certainly belies his tender years. Originally part of Crewe's youth system, it was as part of '74's highly regarded Under 21 side that he really began to shine. Pitched into the First XI towards the end of last season, 22 year old Matt acquitted himself magnificently in his ten outings which included three bullet-headed goals.

Callum Gardner – Cal was snapped up from local rivals Winsford United in the summer of 2018 after having made a number of impressive performances for 'The Blues' against 'us. Now with 115 appearances and 19 goals to his credit, the 31 year old has also played for the full England FUTSAL side. He cites Mossley, FC United, Abbey Hey and Congleton as amongst his previous clubs.

Fenton Green – A central midfield player who was at Crewe Alexandra's academy, the 19 year old has already taken the eye of many '74 fans during the pre-season build up with his measured, calm performances. During the 21/22 campaign he had stints at Hyde United and Stockport Town.

Ryan Hough - A left full-back, Ryan was signed from NWCFL outfit Alsager Town in March 2022

Ahmed Ibrahim – Somalian born Defender, who joined during pre-season from Prestatyn Town. Previous clubs include Glossop NE, Radcliffe and Marine. Started at youth level for Tranmere Rovers

Jack Irlam – Having missed the truncated 2019/20 season with an ankle injury, 25 year old Jack came back well to feature in 29 league games for '74 in their debut season as a Step 4 club. Signed from Runcorn Town for whom he played over 100 Games, he's also been on the books of Ashton Town, Barnton and City of Liverpool.

Mark Jones – 1874's Mr Reliable, Mark is an unflappable, cultured player who has played a major role in our success over recent years since arriving in the summer of 2016. A versatile operator who can play equally well in midfield or the centre of defence, 36 year old Mark counts Witton, Nantwich and Radcliffe amongst his earlier ports of call. Is fast closing in on

150 games for '74.

Jeanny Le Blanc-Akpo – Snapped up this summer from Welsh League Champions TNS, this 20-year old Manchester based striker also counts Wigan Athletic, Altrincham and Bury FC among his former ports of call.

Henry Limpitishi Bongwanga – Currently studying for a Degree in Football Business and Finance at the University Campus of Football Business (UCFB) Henry was once on the books of Coventry City and Cheltenham Town. A natural striker who has also appeared for Kettering Town, Cheadle Town and Stockport Town, Henry was selected to play for the British Universities squad last year along with former '74 player Ben Woods.

Jack Marrow – After completing his scholarship with Crewe Alexandra, 19 Year old Jack joined '74 in the summer of 2021 and made just 2 appearances before injury put paid to his season with the club. A loan spell at Alsager aided him in his recovery and he's now back at Townfield keen to make up for lost time.

Isaac Noble – An exciting winger, 20-year old Isaac is one of many young lads who have made the step up from the U21 side to the first team.

Mackenzie O'Neill - A former member of the Wigan Athletic academy and a Northern Ireland U17 international, 20 year old Mackenzie signed for the club shortly after impressing when scoring for Prescot Cables against 1874 in October 2021.

Manuel Diop Parra – One of a number of summer additions to the '74 squad, 26 year old Manuel can play in a number of positions across the back. Originally from Spain, he counts Kendal Town, Longridge Town and Manchester League side Old Altrinchamians amongst his former clubs.

Jamie Reed - Appointed as player-coach in July 2022, Chester-born Jamie started his career with neighbouring Wrexham. Since then his career has been a proverbial 'Cook's Tour' with stops at such diverse clubs as Glentoran, Dandenong Thunder (Australia),

Bangor City, Rhyl, Tamworth, Cambridge United, South Melbourne, Chester and, most notably, York City for whom he won F.A. Trophy and Conference National Play-off winners medals. Jamie teamed up 1874 from Prestatyn Town towards the end of 2021, scoring on his debut at Kildsgrove. All told, he's now made 352 appearances netting 151 goals.

Harry Walker – Capable of playing in midfield or defence Harry joined the club in the summer of 2021.

Joe Woolley – The younger brother of the club captain, Joe is actually one of three Woolley brothers who have played for '74, the other being Jack. Snapped up from Market Drayton in 2015, his early career with '74 was blighted by injury, a fact underlined by the fact that he made less than 50 outings in his first 6 years with the club. Happily he's now back firing on all cylinders, as his 6 goals in 38 appearances for '74 last season testifies.

Matt Woolley – The club captain, Matty is also '74's longest serving player having made his debut as a substitute in the 2014 Christmas-time tussle with Widnes. A Northwich lad, he was signed from Cheshire League side Knutsford FC. Matt has had spells at Congleton Town and Alsager, Witton Albion and FC Halifax Town and he's now chalked up 327 games for the club netting 40 goals.

Ash Woods - Ash joined the club in October 2020 having had a wealth of experience with the likes of Atherton Collieries, Trafford, Colwyn Bay, Northwich Vics and West Didsbury and Chorlton. A real goal-poacher, Ash will no doubt be looking to increase the potency of the '74 attack in what will be his first full season with '74.



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Lastly, may I place on record my gratitude to Willow,

who've bent over backwards at time to keep this show on the road in my time as editor. I genuinely couldn't have done it without them, or the wonderful contributors we have at this club.

Same Ever Glorious, different format. Look out for QR codes and e-mailed links at future games. Members and season ticket holders should get these automatically every week going forward.

And now, the cover. After the thrill of last season's incredible guest covers series, we are instead going to have a season of covers inspired by the great inspiration of many an editor - John Elvin. I hope you enjoy them. First up, last season's star: Joe Woolley.

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HISTORIES AND PROFILES

TODAY'S VISITORS: PRESCOT CABLES

Prescot Football Club was formed in 1884 and the first organised game of Association Football ever played in Prescot took place against the second team of a local St Helens side, St Thomas. Prescot lost 3-1.

The 1887-88 season saw Prescot reach the Final of the Liverpool Junior Cup, losing 3-1 to Aintree Church. Two seasons later, The Watchmakers claimed the trophy, beating their own Second Team (Prescot Swifts) in the Final. Winning the Junior Cup earned the club the right to compete for the Liverpool Senior Cup and Prescot reached the semi-finals at the first attempt, taking on Everton. The Toffees would claim the Football League championship that season, so their 8-1 win over Prescot at Anfield was no disgrace. Prescot would reach the semi-finals again the following season, losing to Liverpool Caledonians.

Prescot joined the West Lancashire League in 1889; the competition changed its name to the Liverpool & District League after one season. In 1895, Prescot won the Liverpool Senior Shield, beating Liverpool South End at Goodison Park in the Final. At the end of the 1894-95 season, the club joined the Lancashire Alliance and after two relatively successful seasons in this competition, took a further step up in 1897, joining the Lancashire Combination. However, Prescot struggled at the higher standard, finishing second-from-bottom. The club returned to the Lancashire Alliance, citing poor gate receipts and disproportionately high travelling expenses as the reason for their decision.

Prescot FC were Lancashire Alliance in Champions in 1899-1900 and then stepped up into the Lancashire League for 1901-02. A ground dispute resulted in Prescot dropping out of the league in 1902-03 and Prescot FC was dormant until 1906 when an athletic and football ground was opened at Hope Street the football club revived under the name Prescot Athletic FC.

Prescot Athletic started in the St Helens & District League and were runners up in 1906-07, after which they joined the Liverpool & District League. The 1910-11 season saw the reformation of the Liverpool County Combination, bringing teams from the Liverpool & District League into a two-division

structure. Prescot Athletic were placed into Division One of the new set-up.

Leagues were suspended in 1914 for the Great War and the post-war Prescot club dropped 'Athletic' from its name and joined the Lancashire Combination Liverpool Section. In their first season, 1918-19, Prescot finished runners-up to Tranmere Rovers but did not fare too well the following season and the club returned to the more locally-based Liverpool County Combination for the 1920-21 season and spent a further seven years in that league, winning the George Mahon Cup in 1923-24 and 1926-27.

Such was the standing of Prescot FC at this time that in February 1928 they were invited to replace Fleetwood in the Lancashire Combination, taking over the defunct club's record and fulfilling their remaining fixtures. However, to do so, Prescot were required to sign an entirely new squad of players to play alongside the club's Liverpool County Combination team, which continued to play until the end of the season.

1928 was a major milestone for the club as it was in this year that the local cable manufacturing giant, BICC, donated a magnificent 1,000-seater stand to the club. In what was clearly an early form of commercial sponsorship, the club's name was changed to Prescot Cables prior to the 1928-29 season. At the same time, the club colours became black and amber to commemorate a bit of local industrial history, as the first successful insulated cable drawn at Prescot was covered with black and amber paper.

Having finished fourth in the Lancashire Combination in 1928-29, Prescot Cables applied for election to the Football League. The club received one vote, while York City gained sufficient votes to replace Ashington. Cables applied for election again in 1930, but this time did not secure a single vote in favour. In October 1931, Cables applied to the Football League to take over the fixtures of Wigan Borough, who had been forced to resign, mid-season, due to financial issues. They were rejected by the League Management Committee.

With the Liverpool Senior Cup now restricted to Football League clubs and the Senior Shield

discontinued, the club won the Liverpool Challenge Cup in three consecutive seasons; 1927-28, 1928-29 and 1929-30. In the latter campaign Prescot also reached the Final of the Lancashire Combination Cup. Cables finished as runners up in the Lancashire Combination in three consecutive seasons; 1930-31, 1931-32 and 1932-33, before joining the Cheshire County League in 1933-34. They spent just three seasons in Cheshire before rejoining the Lancashire Combination for 1936-37 and were again Lancashire Combination Cup Finalists in 1938-39.

After the Second World War, Cables shared Hope Street with the 'A' Team of Liverpool FC and recruited a number of players released by the Football League club during this time. This helped Prescot to several cup successes at the end of the 1940s as the club won the Lancashire Combination Cup and Liverpool Challenge Cup, in addition to reaching the Final of the Liverpool Senior Medal.

In the early 1950s Cables yo-yo-ed between the first and second divisions of the Lancashire Combination, but the remainder of the decade represents the club's "Golden Age". Prescot won the Liverpool Senior Non-League Cup in 1951-52, 1952-53, 1958-59 and 1960-61, in addition to reaching the Final in 1956-57. The stand donated to the club in 1928 was destroyed by fire in 1960 and was replaced by the magnificent structure that dominates the ground today.

Cables won the Lancashire Combination Championship in 1956-57, and were runners-up in 1952-53, 1957-58 and 1958-59. They also reached the FA Cup First Round Proper in 1957 and again in 1959. Prescot Cables changed its name to Prescot Town in 1964 but the club struggled and in 1975, it was voted out of the Lancashire Combination. Prescot Town joined the Mid-Cheshire League and won it in 1976-77. In 1978-79 they returned to the Cheshire County League, in Division Two, after an absence of 42 years. They finished third in that campaign after being deducted two points; the lost points cost the club second place and therefore promotion. The club did claim silverware, lifting the Liverpool Challenge Cup for the first time in three decades.

Prescot were Cheshire County League Division Two champions the following season, with Accrington Stanley as runners-up.

In 1980, the name of Prescot Cables was re-taken (only to be dropped again for five years between 1990 and 1995). In 1982, Cables became a member of the newly formed North West Counties League where they remained for 20 years. Prescot finished in the top 10 in NWCL Division One in all but one season from 1990 and enjoyed several good runs in the FA Vase. In 2001-02, the club had its most successful season for over two decades, winning the League Cup and finishing as Division One runners-up, narrowly missing out on promotion to the Northern Premier League Division One.

Prescot went one better in 2002-03 and finished as champions of the North West Counties League Division One to win promotion to the Northern Premier League Division One. Ground improvements were carried out at Hope Street to meet the relevant regulations and ensure that Prescot could take their place in the higher league.

For the season 2004-05, Prescot found themselves playing at the highest level in their history. Due to a suitable finishing position, and a re-organisation of the National League System, Prescot took their place in the Northern Premier League Premier Division. As a result of a club being unable to fulfil their fixtures, and after the controversial intervention of the FA, Cables were elevated to fifth position in the final League Table. This gave Cables the opportunity to gain promotion to what is now called National League North, although defeat at Workington in the play-off semi-final ended that dream - for now!

The 2005-06 season saw a new football committee being formed from the Supporters Club. The assets and liabilities of the old club, Prescot Cables, were transferred over to a new legal entity, Prescot Football Club Limited, which continued trading as Prescot Cables Football Club. The new company would subsequently be reconstituted as a Community Interest Company owned hundreds of supporters who each pay a small annual subscription in return for one

share. On the pitch, the club produced another mid-table finish in the following season to avoid becoming involved in another non-league 'shake-up' that saw two regionalised First Divisions being created within the Northern Premier League ahead of the 2007-08 season.

That campaign was a more difficult one and during the club's final match, Prescot was 15 minutes from relegation. Two late goals secured a win at Lincoln United and survival. Due to how closely contested the division had been, Cables eventually finished in 13th place!

A lacklustre 2008-09 season saw Prescot propping up the Premier Division. Manager Andy Gray departed for Burscough. He was replaced by Joe Gibiliru who managed to bring some much-needed stability to the club as the team finished in mid-table in 2009-10. However, a significant change in personnel meant that Cables initially struggled during the following season. This led to Gibiliru being relieved of his duties around the time of the 'big freeze' in December 2010 and assistant Dave Ridler took over. He managed to secure Cables' Northern Premier League status for another season.

The 2011-12 season was a tale of five managers. Dave Ridler (who left for Australia in January 2012), Karl Bell and Karl Connolly all took charge for at least one match. Following the controversial departure of Shaun Reid to Warrington Town in March 2012, Joe Gibiliru took over for the remaining games. The team and club regrouped after the Reid fiasco to finish the season strongly, defying the odds to remain part of the Northern Premier League.

David Powell was the new man in charge for the 2012-13 season and assembled a virtually brand-new squad, which led to inconsistency during the early months of the campaign. The season was also disrupted by the condition of the playing surface and weather conditions forcing many postponements. When matches finally began in earnest in the New Year, Cables produced one of their most successful periods since the 2002-03 North West Counties League Championship season.

Circumstances arose that led to David Powell leaving the club ahead of the 2014-15 season. His replacement was Neil Prince, who kept the club in the Northern Premier League despite having limited resources at his disposal.

The 2015-16 campaign began disastrously, which led to Neil Prince being relieved of his duties. In came Andy Paxton who, with the same playing staff, managed

to haul the team out of danger and finish the league season in their highest position for some time. Cables also reached the Final of the Liverpool Senior Cup.

Due to work commitments Andy Paxton had to step down from the role of First Team Manager in October 2017. The club moved swiftly to appoint Brian Richardson. Initially, the First Team struggled following the change of Manager, but an excellent second half of the season saw the club ease away from the relegation places and win the Liverpool Senior Cup for the first time, defeating Southport in the Final in front of more than 900 spectators.

Most of the squad remained with Cables for the 2018-19 campaign and was supplemented by some shrewd recruitment by Brian Richardson. Prescot spent virtually the entire campaign in the top six places and eventually finished fifth in the table, earning a place in the promotion play-offs. Trafford were defeated in the semi-final, but a 1-0 defeat at Bamber Bridge in front of more than 1,600 spectators saw Prescot miss out on promotion. However, a 4-0 win at Marine ensured that Cables retained the Liverpool Senior Cup, ensuring that a memorable season ended with a suitable reward. Richardson led Prescot to their fourth consecutive Liverpool Senior Cup Final, the 2018-19 decider seeing more than 1,200 spectators inside Hope Street for a game between Cables and Southport. There were no goals during the 90 minutes and Prescot's grip on the trophy was finally ended after a penalty shoot-out.

Cables also missed out on the promotion play-offs by three points and at the end of the season, Brian Richardson joined FC United of Manchester as their assistant manager, taking several players with him. The remainder of the club's coaching staff stayed at Hope Street and Steve Pilling and Roy Grundy, who had both worked alongside Andy Paxton and Brian Richardson, were appointed as the new First Team Managers. They endured a frustrating and curtailed season in charge; a lack of goals meant that Prescot were marooned in mid-table, although the season was eventually declared 'null and void' following the spread of COVID-19 around the world. Pilling and Grundy left the club during the summer of 2020, with young coach Craig Davies appointed as Cables' new manager.

Davies was replaced in October 2021 with Kevin Lynch, who aided Cables in avoiding relegation in the remainder of the 21-22 season.

PROFILES

Mitch Allen – Goalkeeper – Now into his third season with the club. Mitch has established himself as a top goalkeeper at this level. Won players player of the year for 2021-2022. Previously of Stoke and Market Drayton

Liam Hollett – Defender - Club Captain Liam returned to the club for his second spell in October of 2021 after a period of time out of the game. Previously of Marine.

Harry Cannon-Noran – Defender – right sided defender, joined the club from Colne in January 2022, been an almost ever presence since.

Harry Farley – Defender – Left back, previously of Tranmere Rovers academy. Joined in November 2021

John Shaw – Defender – Previously of Marine, Runcorn Town, and Droylesden. Currently returning from a serious ankle injury picked up on Boxing Day 2021.

Matty Devine – Defender – Versatile left back who was a striker in his younger days. Joined the club in the summer of 2022. Previously of Nantwich and Marine

James Devine - Defender/Midfielder - Comfortable in any defensive position, the former Marine man joined Cables in the summer of 2022.

George Nugent – Defender/Midfielder - pacey fullback/winger signed from Witton Albion in December of 2021. Established as a fans favourite already.

Ethan Devine –Midfielder – Joined from local rivals City of Liverpool in November 2021 as one of Kevin Lynch's first signings.

Josh Gregory – Midfielder – The Wigan Pirlo is now into his second spell at the club either side of a season at Witton Albion. It is no coincidence that Josh's return from injury in December of 2021 was also when the teams fortunes started to improve.

Anthony Williams – Midfielder – Joined in January 2022 from Colne, initially on loan. A key part of the team ever since.

Ollie Nugent – Midfielder – Older brother of George, Ollie joined Cables in the summer of 2022. Preious clubs include Flint and Tranmere Rovers

James Foley – Midfielder – James joined the club

from Witton Albion in the summer of 2022

Adam Hammill – Midfielder – arrived in the summer of 2022, brings a wealth of football league experiece with spells at Liverpool, Bradford, Wolves and a host of clubs in Scotland.

James Hammill – Winger/Forward - Nephew of Adam, James joined Cables in the summer of 2022. Previously of REMYCA.

Jack Goodwin – Midfield/Forward - Joined in February 2022 and had an immediate impact with the winner away at 1874 Northwich. The club awarded Jack a 2 year contract later the same month.

Luke Pritchard – Winger/forward - Joined in the summer of 2022, rejected a host of other clubs offers to join the Pesky Bulls.

Kyle Sambor – Forward – Joined on deadline day March 2022 from Widnes. Began at Cables in the under 18s, has played at a host of other clubs since then including Atherton Collieries and AFC Liverpool.

John Murphy – Striker – Joined the club from Ramsbottom United in the summer of 2022



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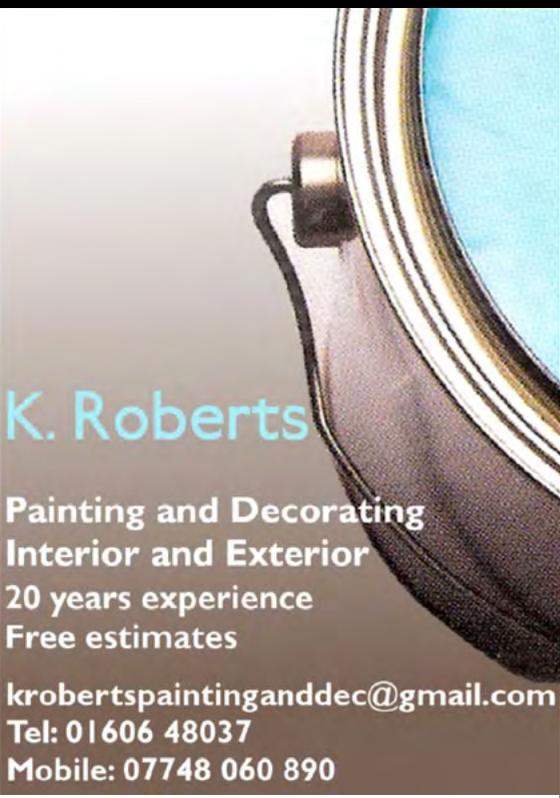
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Local Pubs: Other than Clough Hall I have found none. Red Bull is the only one close to ground en route I have found, and that is Robinsons and next to the sewage works. The Crown is on Butts Lane (turn right off A50 opposite Woodshutts Rd and is also Marstons group.

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