



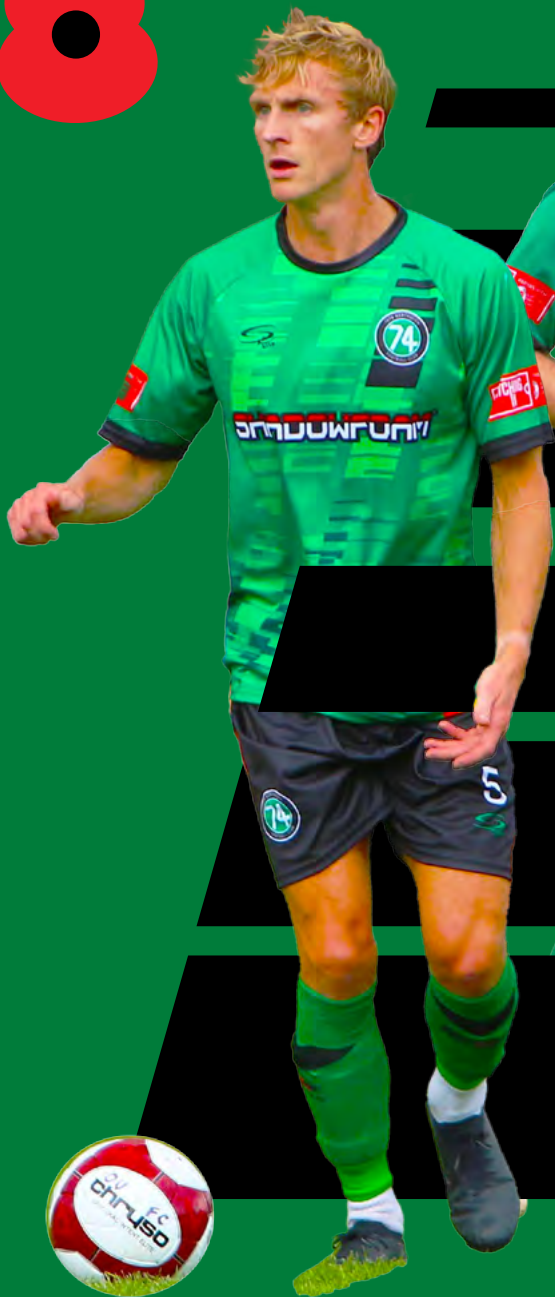
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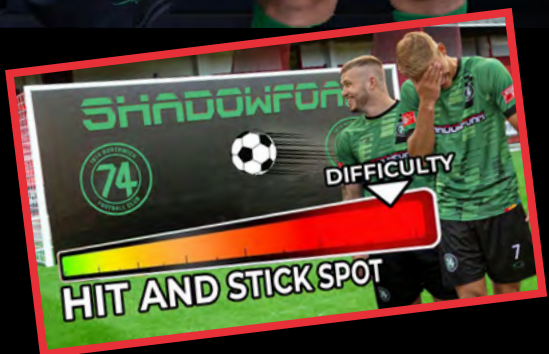
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# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

## STEVE RICHARDSON



**Good afternoon all,**

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to Townfield today and especially to welcome the Officials, Management Players and Supporters of today's opponents Bootle FC.

This week has been a momentous one in the history of our Fans owned football club, with the announcement of the departures of the management duo of Wayne Goodison and Paul Bowyer.

Many people with better word skills than I, will put pen to paper to quite rightly praise the achievements of these two guys and their contribution to the history of 1874 Northwich FC, both before and during their seven year tenure as managers.

At this moment in time all I will say is that in Wayne and Paul, I have had the immense pleasure to work with two of the most hardworking, committed, honest and inspirational men that I have known. They will always be a massive part of the 1874 family and will always be welcome at the club at any time.

As Chairman it is my job to help the rest of your board guide this great club of ours forward in a positive and sustainable manner, and to that end the process of moving forward is already well underway. I want to express my sincere thanks to our senior players Matt Woolley and Mark Jones for stepping into the breach at short notice as temporary managers.

This offers the club the ability to maintain stability, with the first team in committed and experienced hands as we take steps to ensure that the correct managerial appointment is made going forward.

As supporters, I can't stress how important it is that we get behind Matt, Jonah and the lads in the next few games and I know that they will all be giving their everything for you and 1874 Northwich FC.

I also want to thank our backroom team of Andy, Katie, Callum and Phil for the way that they have responded to this weeks news. We are truly lucky to have such committed people at the club.

The strength of 1874 Northwich is in you, our owners and supporters. Ours owners / members are our lifeblood so if you aren't currently a member or you need to renew your membership I urge you to do so now before the club AGM on 7th December. We want to see and hear as many of you there as possible.

Today is the start of a new chapter in the clubs history.

Let's start that chapter on a positive note and I know that you will give the boys your best support today and in the future.

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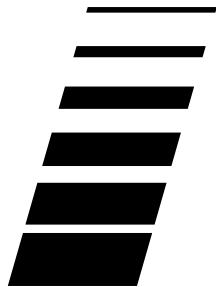


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# FROM THE DUGOUT

## MATT WOOLLEY



**Ahead of their first game in caretaker charge, Matt Woolley has issued a rallying call to 1874 Northwich fans on behalf of himself and his co-caretaker manager, Mark Jones.**

For the first time since 2017, 1874 will start with two new men in the dugout, after Wayne Goodison and Paul Bowyers departure earlier this week. Woolley was quick to praise the outgoing duo, before turning his attention to the weekends fixture against Bootle.

“They have both been huge for our club and we’ve all had some amazing times under the tenure.

“I think if you look at social media and the statement that was released you see supporters, players, other coaches from many different clubs recognising not only their work on the pitch but how they conducted themselves off it. So for Mark and I, we believe that honesty and integrity is a must.”

1874 sit two points above the relegation zone before entertaining Bootle, and Matt is keen for a response after the 4-0 defeat to Clitheroe last weekend.

“A response is required, and there will be one.

“I was very critical of the lack of energy and desire to stop them playing on Saturday but you do have to put it in to perspective, Clitheroe are a good side who will be towards the top of the table at the end of the season.

“We want to put a team on a pitch that the fans can relate to and get behind. We will expect the basics of work rate, effort & passion to be a minimum but give you something to shout about, we want to be exciting and attack with purpose.”

In what will be another tough fixture, Woolley hopes the side can draw on the home support tomorrow.

“This is a new chapter for 74 and it needs all of you (the fans).

**“Be loud, proud & really get behind the lads on Saturday!”**

# SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

## VICKI ENGLAND



**Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Townfield on this chilly Saturday, during Remembrance weekend.**

Before kick off today, we will observe a one minute's silence to give us all a chance to pay tribute to the service and sacrifices of so many people and of course, to remember the fallen. We have the freedom to watch footy today, because of these heroes.

I would like to welcome everyone connected with Bootle to Mid Cheshire today. Bootle are sitting just outside the play off positions, after a draw at Nantwich on Tuesday evening. With a new manager in situ, they are looking forward and with great progress off the field, it would not surprise me if they were up there as candidates for promotion. There's been a good few tussles between us over the years!

Where do I start about the last 7 days at the club? An emotional rollercoaster sums it up. Everyone now knows that Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison have stepped away from a club that they have given unbelievable service to for lots of years. I can't begin to describe how brilliantly the guys and the club have 'parted'; from their point of view, they have made it clear that they are 100% supporters of 1874 Northwich going forward but leaving at this time was the right thing for them.

At times like this, you reflect on what has happened. Paul has been at 1874 longer than anyone, in fact he turned up at the very first training session at Moss Farm to join this unknown outfit. Since that day, he has lived and breathed 74 as a player, coach and Manager. He did this whilst balancing his young family and his teaching role, which is also an incredibly stressful one.

Wayne came on board in 2016 as coach, as we know coaching and developing players is his passion. He set about bringing new ideas into the club and immediately became a good fit for us. He too has a demanding role at the University, it is football all day long for him and in recent years after relocating to Barnsley, he has spent an unbelievable amount of time getting to and from games and training. But he was prepared to do this because he believed in what we were doing at the club.

Bow & Goodie co-managed 287 games for the club. In that time, they became the best of mates and whilst they might not have always agreed on things, they never fell out. They had too much respect for each other. Quite amazing after six years and eight months at the helm. What memories they made, eh? You will all have your own to reminisce about and I will leave that to you. You may also have seen all the comments and good wishes on social media in response to the club statement, that again shows how people held them in high esteem.

As Football Secretary, I had the honour of working with the guys for all that time. I'd generally have contact every day, there was always something they were thinking about and I saw first-hand the time and effort that they put in for us all. Hours and hours every week. At any time of the day! They were more obsessed than me about 1874! I have got to know them well, and their families too so I know you will forgive me when I say that whilst understanding and knowing that this is the right time, I have been emotionally floored.





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And I would thank the many people who have checked in on me this week, it has been heartening and appreciated. These guys are two of the very best that I have had in my life and for that, I am grateful. Apart from when they were winding me up! But like Ian Street, they will remain as very good friends.

Now it is time to get behind two further 1874 legends – Matt Woolley and Mark Jones. I have been impressed with their reaction over the last seven days, they want what is best for the club and they have thrown themselves into interim managers. They have our 100% support and I know that supporters will also back them, as they help to take us into the next phase. Go on lads!

Finally, I have read but not commented on, so many Forum/social media messages about what should happen and what the club should be doing. So here is my challenge to those of you who do have a strong opinion – stand up and be counted!. Come and talk to me, or another Board member at a game. Come to the AGM on 7th December. If you care, as I am sure you do, then come and hear more about challenges and discuss ideas and perhaps volunteer a little more time for your fan owned, fan run club?

The club and team need your support more than ever. That's it for now, enjoy the game and all the best to Wools and Jonah and the lads.

**"Come on you Green Boys!"**

# A MESSAGE FROM PAUL BOWYER

**It's been a privilege to have had the best seat in the house for the past 10 years.**

74 has and always will be about the people involved in the club and community and it's been an honour to work with you all over the years. The support from everyone has been second to none - too many people to mention but here's a few.....

Firstly to Brian Edge and Paul Stockton who gave us the opportunity to take over as co-managers from Streety - they backed us from day one. To Steve, John and the rest of the Board for always supporting us.

Of course to Vicki - simply the best. All the staff and players put hours in to be successful but this is dwarfed by the amount of hours Vicki puts in, often unnoticed and unsociable hours that ensure the team functions.

To our incredible fans who've been with us on the journey - 2 promotions, 2 Macron Cup wins, FA Vase and FA Cup runs - thank you for your unwavering support. I've no doubt there'll be more successes to look forward to.

A special mention to Phil whose support, friendship and knowledge have been there throughout - I've valued your opinion and it's been brilliant to share the highs with you.

To have shared it all with my pal Goody has been an honour. No one truly knows the hours this guy spends analysing and planning each week and although it's been a team effort, without his passion and drive to forever improve, none of this would have been possible. I couldn't have worked alongside a better coach and person and for that I'll be forever grateful.



Finally to the amazing players who've represented the club and given their all for us since day one. It's been a pleasure to work with you, watch you develop and share the goal and ambition to improve and learn together. To Andy, Katie and Cal who have supported behind the scenes and played an integral part of things on matchday. Wool and Joner have been true legends of the club and I know have the full support of everyone.

I'm proud to be able to leave the club playing at the highest level in their history, with great people on and off the pitch. It's time for someone else to lead this brilliant club and I look forward to watching the club progress.

**See you on the terraces very soon,**

**Bows.**



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# A MESSAGE FROM WAYNE GOODISON

**As George Harrison once sang, 'Sunrise doesn't last all morning, a cloudburst doesn't last all day, all things must pass.'**

So it is that after an amazing and enjoyable time over the last 7 years for me, and since day one for Bow, we made the decision to step away from our roles. It was not something that we did not consider and think about a lot, and our overriding thought was that us leaving had to have the least disruption to the club and those who run it, as possible. Of course, there will be a certain amount of that, change generally causes uncertainty, but we both hope that by trying to hand over correctly and communicate fully with the board, that it allows for a positive process to assess the options for our replacements and the future running of the team.

I guess this last entry from me inevitably will contain a listing of 'thank you's', and I make no apology for that. I have been involved in football, professionally and semi-professionally now since I was 16 and this is the longest I have been with one club. To think that during the first season I was here, I had planned to move on after one, but then circumstances dictated different, and we were able to have some memorable and wonderful occasions in the intervening years. Being able to stand on the side-lines and enjoy watching the team win a Mid-Cheshire trophy, come close to reaching a Wembley final, have a great run in the early stages of the FA Cup, win back-to-back Macron cups and perform so well to 'win' a league then get promoted has been an absolute privilege. To share it as two mates has made it even better and my friendship with Bow is one that I cherish, not just for the way he has put up with me going on about different approaches to the game, but his personal support. I can't put into words my admiration for him and gratitude.

For all the on-field successes, including some outstanding team performances over the seasons on top of the accolades they won, I must thank first and foremost every single player that we had the pleasure to encounter and watch in the green shirt. Without



good players it is difficult to be a half decent coach, the fact that they have all been that, but more important, good people (bar one!) made our job so much easier. They can all be rightfully proud, and I know they are, of their time here and their achievements. Indeed, I have been truly humbled, and I am sure Bow also, at the sheer number of ex-players who have been in touch this week, and again I thank them all.

We have been fortunate to work with some outstanding individuals behind the scenes, all of whom have been amazing in their own way. Currently we both owe a huge thank you to Katy and Callum who came in over the last 12 months and who have fully embraced what it takes to be involved at this level. Andy does a fantastic job making sure kit etc is right and preparing the players on a match day, thanks you to you guys for the times we have shared. Phil 'Legend' Lea has tried every season to retire but I hope he knows the respect and esteem we both hold him in, he has always backed us and I hope enjoyed the last 7 years as much as we have. Thanks, Phil, for your friendship first and foremost.

Our wonderful late Chairman Paul, set the tone for the club on how we should all act and behave, and he certainly impressed me with his values and beliefs in the short time we worked with him. But knowing that our board and committee have taken that on is again something we are thankful for. Brian Edge was always a great source of support and since him, Steve has been nothing but encouraging and attentive to what it takes to both run this club, but also manage the playing side. As a chairman he has nothing but my full admiration, as a friend he has it even more. In addition, all the other board members likewise have our heartfelt thanks and

gratitude for the support. We both genuinely hope that perhaps one or two people may start to come forward to help with tasks going forward, perhaps those of you who value affording your opinions on most matters and how they should be done, will consider actually backing your words up with deeds? A big thank you has to go also to all those who volunteer around the place to get pitches prepared, match days to run as well as possible, without you guys' life would be much more difficult!

To the fan base, we hope you have some memories like us that will stay with you, I am sure you do. Overall, we have nothing but positive memories of you and we said it many times, when you get behind the players it really does make a difference. We both have enjoyed the conversations and interactions with a number of you over the seasons, agreeing and disagreeing is all part of the game! Perhaps the last number of months has been difficult for us all, and we full appreciate that you expect to be challenging at the top of leagues, we all want that, but reality is that sometimes when things are difficult, rather than expunging negativity towards the team, consider that perhaps that is when they need you the most? Yes, I get the notion that they should always entertain you, after all 'I pay my money' is generally the comment, but in all walks of life, think about your own, there are times when everyone needs lifting. Keep up your backing of the club, I tell everyone I meet that whilst we may not have the largest crowds, I do feel you are unique in your overall approach to supporting the club that you all fought so hard to establish.

I don't think either of us could have given the time and effort over the seasons without the support of both

of our wives, Jen and Azariah have shown immense and unwavering support to us both, without that and their love I doubt either of us at times would have found the strength to commit so much of our time.

Our final thank you goes to 'Mrs 74' Vicki. Her dedication and devotion to this club will be a huge miss one day and she, more than anyone, has always been our greatest cheerleader. This despite us at times pulling her leg mercilessly and requesting things at all hours of the day. From a professional standpoint, she is the best, unequivocally and she should be celebrated as such. From a personal level, we both now class her as a close family friend who will always have our gratitude for the friendship she has given us.

For me, a rest is in order now, my personal and professional circumstances have seen change this last 12 months, but I am happy to get the 25 hours plus a week back that it took to commit and do the job to the best of our ability for a while! Who knows where things will head next, I think without a doubt, another interesting job, if it came up would be something to tempt us both into doing it all over again, but in the meantime we will watch results keenly and support from afar, though I am sure we will be back to offer that support in person at some point.

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# BIG GAME PREVIEW

BY GARRY CLARKE

## 1874 NORTHWICH vs BOOTLE NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE - WEST

1874 Northwich host Bootle in a NPL West Division fixture at Townfield.

Bootle ended last season 13th in the NPL West Division a point and a place above 1874 Northwich in 14th with a playing record of:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Pos
Bootle	38	12	10	16	51	61	-10	46	13

Bootle have experienced an up and down opening to the season, dropping as low as 16th after being as high as 3rd in the opening week. They have also appointed a new manager in September, with Mick McGraa arriving from Vauxhall Motors to replace the departed Dave McNabb.

Sitting 6th on the current form table, with three wins and a draw in their last six games, Bootle currently stand 7th in the league table. Unbeaten in their last three games they drew 2-2 at Nantwich Town with Tom Petersen and Owen Robinson scoring.

How the two teams stand on the league ladder heading into this weekend's game:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Pos
Bootle	13	5	4	4	16	16	0	19	7
1874	13	4	2	7	13	25	-12	14	18

Bootle exited the FA Cup at the extra preliminary round stage, losing 3-1 at Prestwich Heys. In the FA Trophy they beat Consett and Stockton Town, before losing 2-0 at home against Bamber Bridge in the 3rd qualifying round.

Their leading goal scorer for this season is Owen Robinson, on loan from Marine, who has netted 5 goals so far this season, while 9 other players also have their names on the score sheet.

With 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats from their 6 away league games Bootle have the 10th best away record in the NPL West while 1874 with 2 wins and a draw from their 6 home games have the 16th best home record.

Bootle's nine home games have attracted an average crowd of 472 to the Berry Street Garage Stadium this season. The highest was 742 for the visit of Runcorn Linnets and the lowest 260 for last Saturday's game against Leek Town.

### BOOTLE FACT FILE

<i>Formed</i>	1953
<i>Ground</i>	Berry Street Grange Stadium
<i>Colours</i>	Blue
<i>Change Colours</i>	Yellow
<i>Nickname</i>	The Bucks
<i>Manager</i>	Mick McGraa
<i>2022/23</i>	13th NPL West

### WE'VE MET BEFORE

*Garry Clarke takes a look back at previous meetings between 1874 Northwich and Bootle.*

1874 Northwich have played Bootle on 15 previous occasions (plus one which was abandoned due to floodlight failure) and have won six times, drawn four and lost five.

*2014/15*

30th September 2014 - NWCFL Premier

Home - Won 1-0

*Attendance 289*

1874 - M Woolley

4th November 2014 - NWCFL Premier

Away - Drew 2-2

*Attendance 207*

1874 - Brandon, Chappell

Bootle - O'Connor, McGrane



2015/16

26th September 2015 - NWCFL Premier  
 Home - Drew 3-3 *Attendance 254*  
 1874 - Jackson, Wellstead, Lomas  
 Bootle - Marie 3

19th December 2015 - NWCFL Premier  
 Away - Won 3-2 *Attendance 180*  
 1874 - Beadle 2, Brooks  
 Bootle - Ellis, Petersen

2016/17

14th October 2016 - NWCFL Premier  
 Away - Drew 0-0 *Attendance 170*

26th April 2017 - NWCFL Premier  
 Home - Drew 1-1 *Attendance 241*  
 1874 - Hare  
 Bootle - Loughlin

2017/18

28th October 2017 - NWCFL Premier  
 Away - Drew 1-0 *Attendance 203*  
 1874 - Parker

23rd April 2018 - NWCFL Premier  
 Home - Lost 1-2 *Attendance 160*  
 1874 - Hind  
 Bootle - Edgar, Millington

2018/19

29th September 2018 - NWCFL Premier  
 Home - Won 2-1 *Attendance 222*  
 1874 - Kennerley, McGowan  
 Bootle - Gillespie

2nd March 2019 - NWCFL Premier  
 Away - Lost 0-2 *Attendance 245*  
 Bootle - Jones, Peers

2019/20

16th November 2019 - NWCFL Premier  
 Away - Won 4-1 *Attendance 351*  
 1874 - Kennerley 2, McGowan, Parker  
 Bootle - Dalton

14th December 2019 - NWCFL Premier  
 Home - Won 2-0 *Attendance 236*  
 1874 - Parker, McGowan

2021/22

2nd October 2021 - NPL West  
 Home - Lost 0-5 *Attendance 226*  
 Bootle - Millington 2, Peterson, Hodkinson, McGowan

5th March 2022 - NPL West  
 Away - Lost 2-3 *Attendance 594*  
 1874 - McGowan, Weir  
 Bootle - Kodkinson, Peterson, Millington

2022/23

3rd December 2022 - NPL West  
 Away - Lost 0-2 *Attendance 487*  
 Bootle - McGowan, Ferreira

28th January 2023 - NPL West  
 Home - Drew 1-1 *Attendance 312*  
 1874 - O'Neill  
 Bootle - Peterson

**HEAD TO HEAD**

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	8	3	3	2	11	12	-1
Away	8	3	2	3	12	12	0
Total	16	6	5	5	23	24	-1

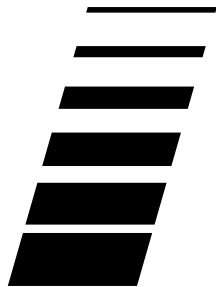
**LAST SEASON AT TOWNFIELD**

28th January 2023 - NPL West  
 Home - Drew 1-1 *Attendance 312*  
 1874 - O'Neill  
 Bootle - Peterson

1874 played out an entertaining draw against Bootle in their 2023 Townfield bow. The first half was a mid-field battle with neither side gaining the upper hand, although Bootle took the lead in the 27th minute when Tom Peterson guided a header into the bottom corner of the net. 1874 got on top in the second half having a penalty appeal turned down in the opening moments as well as striking the outside of the post in the closing moments. They found the back of the net in the 77th minute; Mackenzie O'Neill rounded the Bootle keeper to slide the ball into an open goal.

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- Season by Season Records - Summary narratives of each season along with match details (opposition, venue, result, half and full-time score, scorers, attendance and competition), end of season table and selected B&W photos
- The Great Games – reviews of the most memorable games in 74's history (again including selected B&W photos)
- The Pick of the Bunch – biographies of 32 of 74's most influential players, some with accompanying B&W photos
- Heritage numbers – a list of all the players who have played a competitive game for '74 in chronological order
- The Legends Reprise – A recollection of 'The Legends' Day held in April 2023
- The Men at the Top -- Commentaries from Ian Street, Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison regarding their tenure(s) in the '74 hot-seat
- Captains Log - Matt Woolley thoughts on his 10 years with '74
- An 8 page colour photo section- featuring match action, pictorial memories from the last decade and a few faces that we may recognise!
- 1874 stats including:
  1. A list of all the clubs 74 have faced in competitive fixtures in chronological order
  2. A whole host of other statistics and records, including full details of all league and cup matches, attendances, appearances, goals, first own goals (for and against!) etc...
- Andy's Angle – A 10 year retrospective by Andy Simpson
- Stop Press
- Last Words - A final few words from me
- Acknowledgements / Credits

The collection process is now well underway, and you may well see a queue of various orders forming before the game today!

If you haven't already enquired about how to obtain your very own copy of this slice of history, James Wood is the man to ask.

Alternatively, ask a board member or in the shop for further details.



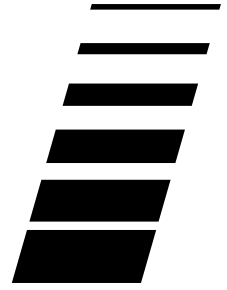
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# AGM NOTICE

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS - OLD AND NEW!



The Annual General meeting of 1874 Northwich FC is planned for Thursday 7th December 2023. This is a chance for you to have a say in how the Club is run and an opportunity to get more involved by standing for a place on the Club's Board. If you are already a member / owner of the Club, you should have received an email outlining the process for putting forward resolutions for consideration by the members and a nomination form, if you want to apply to be on the Board.

If you aren't currently a member, don't worry it's not too late! Anyone who joins the Club as an owner before 16th November has the opportunity to stand

for the Board or put forward a resolution. Only members can attend and vote at the AGM, and as it's one member, one vote, your view carries the same weight as anyone else's.

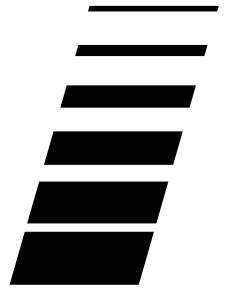
You can become a member at: [Become An Owner | 1874 Northwich F.C.](#), or click the button below.

Please consider joining. 1874 is proud to be "run by the fans for the fans" and the more fans that are owners of the Club, the better. If you don't want to join online, please speak to one of the Board members or see Maggie in the Club shop and complete a membership form.

[Become an Owner](#)

# 300+ CLUB

## OCTOBER 2023 WINNERS!



October's draw was carried out at half time of the match against Widnes with the winning numbers being drawn out by officials from our visitors as follows:

Prize Value	Number	Winner
£200	85	Mark McCormick
£100	147	Frank Kirkham
£50	333	Tony Fallows
£50	351	Keith Campion
£50	250	Mark Dutton
£50	75	Joanne Walton

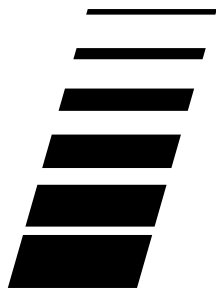
Don't forget that November is a bumper prize draw with a first prize of £500, which will make somebody very happy this Christmas!

Details of how to join the 300+ Club can be obtained by sending an e-mail to Guy Jewell at [trust@1874northwich.com](mailto:trust@1874northwich.com), or by clicking the link below.

[300 Club](#)

# CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

## A FESTIVE GET-TOGETHER FOR THE CLUB



Richard Stockton is organising a festive get together on Friday 29th December.

This will include some food and live entertainment. The entertainment will be from the Merzees a 60's tribute duo from Liverpool.

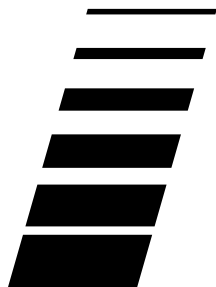
The venue will be at the Crows Nest (Moulton village hall). The start time will be around 7.30pm. The cost of the evening will be £15 per head.

There will be that all important raffle with some fabulous prizes.

Richard wants to get it out early, so you can get it booked in with your friends and family. If you have any questions please let him know at coming games.

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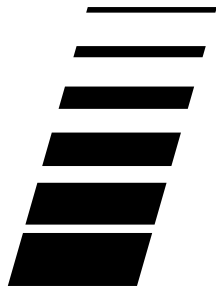
We are once again offering fans the opportunity to receive full match video and highlights. The price has been held at £20 for the season.

Holders of an Owner Plus membership are automatically subscribed to the service. To sign up please click here!

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# BUDGET BOOSTERS

## ROLL OF HONOUR



A huge thank you also to the follower members for their support in backing the club's Boost the Budget scheme this year:

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Karl Clarke  
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Andy Dignum  
Ashley Dobell  
David Edgeley  
Vicki England  
Stuart Evans  
Stuart Evans  
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Graham Fenton  
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Paul Gleave  
Martin Griffiths  
Tony Hassall  
Jon Hegerty  
Will Hughes  
Simon Johnson  
David Jones  
Phil Knapper  
Christopher Latham  
Anthony Marshall  
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Jeff Nield  
Andy Oakes  
Malcom Plant  
Paul Plant  
Michael Redrup  
Steve Richardson  
Craig Richmond  
Fred Shallcross  
Christopher Shuff  
Tom Smith

Graham Spencer  
Nik Stanley  
John Stiles  
Richard Stockton  
Mark Taylor  
Richard Ward  
Bob Watkins  
Christopher Williams  
Richard Webb  
Dan Wilkins

With rewards on offer ranging from entry into the Budget Booster prize draw through to an exclusive evening meal with the managers hopefully there is something for everyone and your support for the club will be truly appreciated.

### How does it work?

We are looking for supporters to either make a one off donation of £25 or to make a monthly contribution of £5, £10, £15, £20, £25, £30 or £50 by standing order over a 10 month period from July 2023 to April 2024.

In return for your support we are offering a range of rewards, depending upon the amount pledged.

So what are the rewards? Depending on the amount pledged, they range from being listed in future programmes as part of a Roll of Honour, entry to the 'Booster Draw', a limited edition shirt, matchball sponsorship package, a signed home shirt, a mascot or kit man package, pre-match and half-time hospitality, or an evening meal with the board and management.

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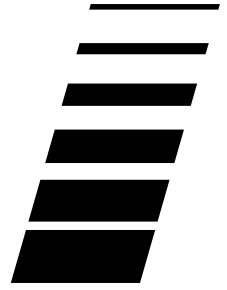
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# MATCH CENTRE 23/24

BY PETE GRIMES



DATE	OPPOSITION	FT	HT	Att				Referee
Aug 5	Ossett United (FAC ExP)	0-2	0-2	392				Everard C
12	KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	2-6	1-4	252	Irlam			Graham J
15	Stalybridge Celtic	0-0	0-0	627				Hanson M
22	CHASETOWN	1-1	0-0	229				Hussain A
26	Prescot Cables	0-1	0-0	501				Scaife B
28	NANTWICH TOWN	0-1	0-0	325				Sibley F
Sep 2	Newcastle Town	1-0	1-0	157				Moosa B
10	City of Liverpool (FAT 1P)	1-3	0-1	324				Metcalf T
30	City of Liverpool	2-1	1-0	288	Byrne			Hurn K
Oct 3	MOSSLEY	1-3	1-0	198	Woolley			Hitchell D
7	VAUXHALL MOTORS	2-0	0-0	234	Weir	Fenton		Lamb B
10	Altrincham (CSC) (L 2-4 Pens)	1-1	0-1	381	Weir			Philbin A
14	Hanley Town	2-4	2-2	195	Crawford	Green		Rolfe A
21	WIDNES	1-0	0-0	210	Birchall			Hanson M
28	Leek Town	1-4	0-3	493	Green			Hussain A
Nov 4	Clitheroe	0-4	0-3	789				Harland T
11	BOOTLE	-						
18	Runcorn Linnets	-						
25	AVRO	-						
Dec 2	TRAFFORD	-						
9	Hednesford Town	-						
16	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	-						
23	Kidsgrove	-						
26	WITTON ALBION	-						
Jan 1	Nantwich Town	-						
6	PRESCOT CABLES	-						
13	Chasetown	-						
20	LEEK TOWN	-						
27	Widnes	-						
Feb 3	Mossley	-						
17	CITY OF LIVERPOOL	-						
24	Vauxhall Motors	-						
Mar 2	HANLEY TOWN	-						
16	HEDNESFORD TOWN	-						
23	Trafford	-						
30	NEWCASTLETOWN	-						
Apr 1	Witton Albion	-						
6	Bootle	-						
13	CLITHEROE	-						
20	Avro	-						
27	RUNCORN LINNETS	-						



## 1874 NORTHWICH 2023/24 PLAYER STATS

AS OF 10/11/23

		2023/24 SEASON					ALL-TIME					
		Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Total Apps
ADEKOYA	Daya	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	3
ADETILOYE	Sam	6	4	4	1	0	11	5	15	6	0	26
AKIOTU	Jason	4	3	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	4
ALLEN	Ellis	16	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	2	0	24
BIRCHALL	Matty	5	0	1	0	1	5	0	1	0	1	0
BROE	Ollie	1	1	0	0	0	15	5	8	10	0	23
BYRNE	Eric	2	2	4	6	1	2	2	4	6	1	6
CHIMENES	Max	7	1	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	1	0
COSTA	Jordao	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
CRAWFORD	Jamal	9	5	2	0	1	16	11	13	3	1	29
ELLIS	Gabe	3	1	2	2	0	3	1	2	2	0	5
FENTON	Matty	16	1	0	0	1	67	3	0	3	9	67
GREEN	Fenton	14	2	0	0	3	42	8	2	3	6	44
IBETO	Mike	1	1	2	4	0	1	1	2	4	0	0
IRLAM	Jack	8	1	0	0	2	92	28	22	5	13	114
JONES	Mark	14	0	0	0	0	220	14	6	5	9	226
KIRWAN	Jacob	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LE GRAND-AKPO	Jerry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MARROW	Jack	7	2	2	2	0	39	6	7	19	2	46
MIALKOWSKI	Kacper	4	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
MOONEY-MUNOZ	Gabriel	4	1	3	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	7
MULLARKEY	Benji	6	3	2	6	0	6	3	2	6	0	8
NICHOLSON	Jamie	9	8	6	0	1	9	8	6	0	1	15
NOBLE	Isaac	7	4	7	0	0	15	12	22	17	2	37
SIYAM	Mohammad	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	4	8	0	4
SODHI	Jonny	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
WEIR	Lucas	16	0	0	0	3	52	4	12	11	9	64
WILLIAMS	Elliot	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
WOOLLEY	Matt	16	4	0	0	1	353	54	30	28	45	383

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AS OF 10/11/23

		HOME			AWAY			GD	Pts	
		Pld	W	D	L	W	D			L
1	Clitheroe	10	4	1	2	3	2	1	+11	24
2	Prescot Cables	10	4	1	2	3	2	1	+9	24
3	Leek Town	10	5	0	1	2	2	2	+11	23
4	Kidsgrove Athletic	9	4	0	3	3	1	2	+6	22
5	Chasetown	9	4	1	2	2	2	2	+2	21
6	Stalybridge Celtic	10	3	2	1	3	1	3	+2	21
7	Bootle	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	19
8	Avro	10	2	4	1	2	2	1	+2	18
9	Runcorn Linnets	9	3	1	2	2	2	2	+1	18
10	Mossley	8	4	0	2	2	0	4	-3	18
11	Newcastle Town	8	1	1	3	4	1	2	+2	17
12	Hanley Town	10	2	0	4	3	2	2	-6	17
13	Witton Albion	9	3	1	2	1	2	3	-9	15
14	City of Liverpool	9	2	2	2	2	0	3	+2	14
15	Nantwich Town	10	3	2	2	1	0	4	+1	14
16	Widnes	9	3	0	2	1	2	4	+1	14
17	Vauxhall Motors	9	3	2	1	1	0	5	-8	14
18	1874 NORTHWICH	8	2	1	3	2	1	4	-12	14
19	Trafford	9	1	3	2	1	3	3	-2	12
20	Hednesford Town	11	0	4	2	1	1	6	-10	8

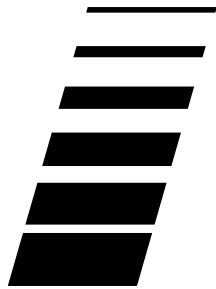
# NPL-WEST 2023/24 RESULTS GRID

AS OF 10/11/23

	1874 Northwich	Avro	Bootle	Chasetown	City of Liverpool	Clitheroe	Hanley Town	Hednesford Town	Kidsgrove Athletic	Leek Town	Mossley	Nantwich Town	Newcastle Town	Prescot Cables	Runcorn Linnets	Stalybridge Celtic	Trafford	Vauxhall Motors	Widnes	Witton Albion	
1874 Northwich				1-1				2-6		1-3	0-1							2-0	1-0		
Avro				0-1	0-0	1-1	1-1			1-0					3-2				1-1		
Bootle		1-0						2-0				2-1	0-0	1-3				1-2		1-1	
Chasetown		0-1	3-2		3-3			2-1				1-2		1-0				1-0			
City of Liverpool	1-2						2-1	2-2	4-1					2-3		2-2					
Clitheroe	4-0	2-2		2-0						6-3		2-1				0-1			0-1		
Hanley Town	4-2									0-2	1-0	1-3	0-3		1-2						
Hednesford Town				1-1		1-2		2-3							1-1	1-1	1-1				
Kidsgrove Athletic				2-1	0-3	4-1						1-2		3-0				2-1		1-3	
Leek Town	4-1					2-1		2-4			2-0					3-0			1-0		
Mossley			1-2				1-0		1-3					2-1				1-0		1-0	
Nantwich Town			2-2			1-2		3-1				0-1	1-1	3-1				3-0			
Newcastle Town	0-1						0-1			2-1						3-4	2-2				
Prescot Cables	1-0	0-1		2-1	0-1		2-1													1-1	4-1
Runcorn Linnets				1-2		0-1						1-1				1-0		2-0		4-2	
Stalybridge Celtic	0-0		1-1				3-2		1-5								1-0			4-0	
Trafford			0-1	1-2	2-2	0-0					2-1				2-2						
Vauxhall Motors				3-2	2-1		3-2	3-3						0-3							2-2
Widnes			2-0	1-0		0-1	5-1					0-2									
Witton Albion		2-2				1-2	3-2			2-1							0-4		2-1		

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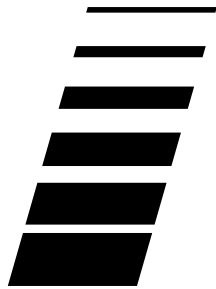
We are once again offering fans the opportunity to sponsor our squad and see their names in the programme every single week!

Details will be finalised in the coming week so get in touch with a board member today to find out how to get involved!

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# RESPECT INITIATIVE

## SETTING STANDARDS AT 1874 NORTHWICH



1874 Northwich is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. As such, everyone at the Club, including managers, officials, players and spectators, have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game, both on and off the pitch.

As Club Welfare Officer, I have a responsibility to communicate our safeguarding arrangements and expected standards of behaviour. This is becoming more relevant, as we are seeing more and more of our junior players watching the senior team and also some of our first team squad are under the age of 18. This means that as adults we need to be conscious of the example we are setting.

We rightly pride ourselves on being a family club and all have a part to play in making the matchday experience safe and enjoyable for our younger fans / players.

We would hope that you respect ALL players and officials. No one sets out to make mistakes, but they happen. So please play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

The following are extracts from the Club's spectator code of conduct as it applies to young people:

- Remember that young players are doing the best they can
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Lead by example, always respect the match official's decision
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

It is great to see so many youngsters at matches, both on and off the pitch, let's make them feel welcome.

Thanks,  
Maggie Coats  
Club Welfare Officer  
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# HISTORIES AND PROFILES

## 1874 NORTHWICH

Each and every year has its notable events and occurrences that become part of history and in this respect 1874 is no different from any other.

For instance, not only did this 12-month period see the publication of Hardy's masterpiece 'Far From the Maddening Crowd' but it also witnessed the birth of the literary giants GK Chesterton and Somerset Maugham, whilst a certain Winston Churchill also came into the world that year!

At a more prosaic level, the game of Lawn Tennis was patented by the wonderfully named Walter Clopton Wingfield and the nation's post-boxes were re-painted from their original Bronze-Green colour to the familiar red ones we see today. Meanwhile, in the game of football Aston Villa, Bolton Wanderers and Heart of Midlothian were all formed.

So, if you are an opposition fan reading this piece for the first time or simply someone who isn't aware of the history of 1874 Northwich, you may be under the impression that our club was created at the same time as 'The Villains', 'The Trotters' and 'The Jam Tarts'. But actually nothing could be further than the truth!

You see, 1874 was formed as recently as November 2012 when disaffected members of the Northwich Victoria Supporters Trust voted to create a new club.

Well, if you wish to fully acquaint yourself with the events that led up to the historic vote, you can do no better than turn to Mark Bevan's book 'Twenty Years of Madness' that was published in 2013. This excellent tome sets out the history of the Vics from 1992 – which is where Ken Edwards's earlier history of the Vics 'A Team For All Seasons' ended - to mid-2013, six months or so after the date that '74 was formed.

Suffice to say that by late 2012, the state of affairs at the club were such, that many Vics fans were utterly heartbroken, sick and tired of the manner in which their club had been 'managed' over the previous decade or more by successive regimes. In short, supporters had been belittled, demeaned and lied to by

those who had chosen to take on the task of running the oldest football club in Cheshire.

So the fans decided to take things into their own hands and create a truly democratic, open, inclusive fan's run club in which they had a direct say in. The name they chose for the new club – 1874 Northwich - was a nod to the distinguished history of the club that they had supported, followed and loved.

Following the vote a massive amount of hard work was put in by the fans to ensure that the club could commence playing at the start of the 2013/14 season. This included:

- Applying to join the North West Counties Football League
- Appointing our first 'Gaffer', Ian Street
- 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.

That first season ended with the club being promoted to the Premier Division and the second proved to be equally successful with the club finishing in third place.

The 2015/16 season proved to be a steady campaign in the league with an eventual finishing spot of 4th, 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 an

exciting and memorable one, during which the 'Bo-Go' 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 3rd 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 1674 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 10th – 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 17/18 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 Macron 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 2nd 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 9 games left and 8 points ahead of second placed Warrington 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, then it ought to have been those fantastic bunch of players. But as you will know, the Covid 19 outbreak resulted in a sudden cessation to grassroots football and, heartbreakingly, 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 only to be 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 12th out of 20 was a highly satisfying end result. It might have been even more impressive had our home form had been a little more consistent!

At one stage in our second season, it seemed as if we'd comfortably better the previous season's showing, but a lacklustre end to the season eventually saw '74 slip to 14th place. The undoubted highlight on the pitch was the deserved 1-0 away win at eventual champions Macclesfield, a game that was witnessed by over 3500 fans.

At the end of the 2022/23 season, The Pitching In Northern Premier League bestowed the Club of the Season award to 1874, for maintaining exceptional standards on and off the pitch. Suffice to say that everyone at the club was hugely proud of this prestigious award and this was more evidence if needed that our club always aims to do things correctly.

But when it comes to '74 it's not all about what happens on the 6000 square metres of turf. You see, as a democratically owned and operated community focussed club, from the get-go, we made it a key priority to forge positive links and partnerships with the local voluntary and business sectors

So, over the past decade not only have we forged beneficial partnerships with many well-respected local companies including Britannia Carpets, OxyL-Pro and our newest sponsors Shadow Foam, but we've also developed 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 and beyond. More recently, 1874 have fielded sides at junior level and the establishment of these teams has acted as a stepping stone towards the creation of other sides covering all age groups, genders, and abilities.

Mention of which 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' gentlemen of Mid-Cheshire, most of

whom had probably thought that their playing days were well behind them! So successful has this initiative been that we're now operating a popular session for women aged over 40, the majority of whom never had the opportunity to play the game.

2019 was also a landmark year off the field as for the first time the club finally played within the boundary of the town of Northwich following the signing of a 2 year agreement to share Barnton's Townfield Lane stadium. A huge amount of work was undertaken to improve the facilities for players, officials, and supporters alike as well as meeting the ground-grading requirements that were necessary for promotion to Step 4. The agreement was extended for a further 5 years last season 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. At times, such a policy makes matters difficult and frustrating, but given the memories and experiences we all shared as fans the club we once followed, it is a path that we will not deviate from.



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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**1874 NORTHWICH - PROFILES 2023/2024**

**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 club's historic first game against Lostock Gralam. After initially playing in the youth teams of West Brom and Shrewsbury, the rest of Paul's playing career was spent in the National game system with Market Drayton and the Cheshire trio of Nantwich, Congleton and Alsager Town but also included a short spell in Wales with The New Saints.

In comparison, Wayne spent the majority of his career in the Football League, firstly with Barnsley – where he served his apprenticeship - 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, Wakefield born Wayne followed this up by gaining a postgraduate Masters in Football Coaching & Practice.

**Dayo Adekoya** – Born in the Netherlands, 23 year old Dayo recently teamed up with '74 having previously played for Welsh Premier League side Airbus UK. Now based in Manchester, he can play as a right-sided attacker or as a more traditional centre-forward.

**Sam Adetiloye** – Having spent the 22/23 pre-season with '74, Sam returned to Townfield towards the end of the campaign and impressed many '74 fans with his powerful performances in the midfield. Having spent the earlier part of his career with Salford City, Sam has also appeared in the colours of Widnes, Ramsbottom United and Padiham.

**Jason Akiota** - A former Crystal Palace academy player at U18 and U23 levels, Jason also represented Nigeria at U17 level. More recently he has featured in the Irish League with Portadown as well as having spells at NPL Premier outfits Hyde United and Farsley Celtic and our fellow NPL West clubs Widnes and Clitheroe. A strong and committed full-back, Jason will bring a solid presence to the defence.

**Ellis Allen** – Originally a trainee with Oldham Athletic, Ellis left Boundary Park in the summer of 2020 and had spells between the sticks at Cypriot club APEA Akrotiri, Holywell Town in Wales and Whitchurch Alport before joining '74 in the summer of 2022. Unfortunately a freak accident whilst he was on holiday curtailed his season after just 8 appearances. Happily now fully recovered, Ellis will no doubt be looking to make up for lost time this season.

**Ollie Broe** - Liverpool born Ollie is a versatile lad who can play on the right or left side of defence or midfield, and made 22 appearances for the club during the 2022/23 campaign. Originally part of the Academy set up at Anfield, the 21 year old has also represented City of Liverpool, Litherland REMYCA, Farsley Celtic, Mossley and Widnes.

**Eric Byrne** – Aged just 17, Eric made a big impression in his first year in senior football last season whilst playing for Runcorn Town. Merseyside-based and formerly with the Tranmere Rovers youth academy, Eric has demonstrated a great work ethic and maturity in possession during the pre-season build up – which will no doubt go down well with the fans here at 1874.

**Maxwell Chimenos** – One of the newest recruits to the '74 cause, 22 year-old Max arrived at Townfield from fellow NPL Division I West side Newcastle Town in September. A former Port Vale academy graduate, Max had played 17 games for the Staffordshire club – mainly as an attacking midfielder or striker - before heading up the M6 to Cheshire. During his earlier career Max has also spent short spells with Glossop and Midland League side Shifnal Town

**Jamal Crawford** – A pacy and direct winger, Jamal originally joined 74 midway through last season, but opted to join Runcorn Linnets after making 18 appearances, 11 of which were from the bench. 24-year old Jamal started his career as a junior with Burnley and after a short stop playing in Wales for Llandudno, he returned to England and went onto appear for a number of clubs including FC United, Chester, Hyde United, Curzon Ashton, Bamber Bridge, Glossop, Trafford and Widnes.

**Gabe Ellis** - A natural centre forward, 19 year old Gabe came through the youth ranks at Accrington Stanley before moving into senior football with Skelmersdale, Ashton Athletic and Litherland REMYCA.

**Matt Fenton** – Originally part of Crewe's youth system and a graduate of '74's well-regarded U21 side, 22 year old Matt was pitched into the First XI towards the end of the 21/22 season and acquitted himself extremely well in his ten outings, which included three bullet-headed goals. Assured, calm and strong in possession, Matt went onto establish himself as a regular last season, chalking up 41 games in which he netted a total of 5 goals – an impressive tally for a central defender!

**Fenton Green** – A central midfield player who was at Crewe Alexandra's academy, the 20 year old impressed many '74 fans during the 22/23 pre-season build up with his measured, calm performances and went onto play 30 times scoring 3 goals. During his last season with Crewe, Fenton had stints at Hyde United and Stockport Town.

**Michael Ibeto** - A strong, athletic and quick central defender Michael played over 30 games at Abbey Hey last season and went out on trials at Wycombe Wanderers and Stoke City in the summer before teaming up with '74 in early September

**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. Now with over 200 games for the club under his belt, he is versatile operator who can play equally well in midfield or the centre of defence. Now aged 37, Mark counts Witton, Nantwich and Radcliffe amongst his earlier ports of call.

**Jack Marrow** – After completing his scholarship with Crewe Alexandra, 21 year old Jack joined '74 in the summer of 2021 but made just 2 appearances before injury put paid to his season. A loan spell at Alsager aided him in his recovery, so much so that he went onto play a total of 35 games for '74 last season, scoring twice.

**Gabriel Mooney-Munoz** – A pacy, exciting and skilful left sided player, who is one of a number of new faces who have joined the '74 cause this summer, Spanish born Gabriel was snapped up from our near neighbours Winsford United for whom he played 52 times last season. Prior to joining 'The Blues', Gabriel had featured for Madrid-based club CD Canillas - for whom both of Zinedane Zidane sons have played for - before spending a season with Wythenshawe Town

where he was voted as Player of the season in 2021/22. He's currently a Sports and Exercise Science Student at Manchester Metropolitan University

**Siyam Muhammad** - This pacy and skilful 23-year-old winger joined '74 towards the back end of last season from Northwich Victoria. Prior to that had represented Manchester League outfit Gorton.

**Benji Mullarkey** - A new face to the club, Warrington-based Benji joined up during the summer having fitted in well through pre-season, appearing in both defence and midfield. The 23-year-old had been on the books of Crewe Alexandra as a junior before a period away from the game. He had recently represented Leeds University whilst studying for a Degree in Economics.

**Jamie Nicholson** - A forward who can play anywhere along the front line, Jamie's game will bring flair to the club and could prove a shrewd signing by the management team. A former youth player with Morecambe, 19 year old Jamie impressed 'The Shrimps' Senior Team management to the point that he was in the match day squad when the Lancashire club played at Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup in January 2022. Last season Jamie played for Ashton Athletic in the NWCFL and prior to that he also had short spells in the NPL West with Clitheroe and his home town club Skelmersdale United.

**Isaac Noble** – An exciting and pacy left winger of whom much is expected, 20 -year old Isaac is one of many young lads who have made the step up from the U21 side to the first team and has so far made 23 appearances for the club, scoring twice.

**Lucas Weir** – After initially featuring for our U21 side, 23 year old Lucas broke in to '74's first-team in 2018 and quickly became an important part of the side, developing into an all-round midfield player who could also play in defence when the need arose. After taking a break away from the club to play and study in the US in early 2019, Lucas returned in 2020, and after a spell of real consistency he was snapped up by NPL Premier Division side Marine AFC and went on to feature over 30 times for the Crosby based club. We couldn't be happier to welcome back a player of Lucas's talent and personality to the '74 fold!



**Elliott Williams** – This one-time Glossop player signed forms for '74 early in the season after impressing in a friendly against local side Knutsford. Aged 21, Elliott – who usually operates in one of the full-back positions -has also spent some time with Exeter City.

**Matt Woolley** – The club captain, Matt is also '74's longest serving player having made his debut as a substitute in the 2014 Boxing Day game at Widnes. A Northwich lad, he was signed from Cheshire League side Knutsford FC having had prior spells at Congleton Town, Alsager, Witton Albion and FC Halifax Town. Unsurprisingly he's now chalked up over 350 games for the club, netting approaching 50 goals in the process.



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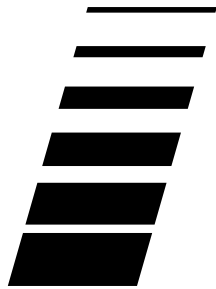
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# HISTORIES AND PROFILES

## TODAY'S VISITORS: BOOTLE



### HISTORY

The original Bootle FC were formed in 1880 and played adjacent to Bootle Cricket Club, on Hawthorne Road. The club were Everton FC's main rivals and competed with Everton for the prestigious place in the newly formed Football League. With only one club per area permitted to join, Bootle narrowly lost out.

In 1889 Bootle became founder members of the Football Alliance. The season was the most successful as the club finished league runners-up and reached the FA Cup quarter-finals, losing to Blackburn Rovers.

When the Alliance merged with the Football League in 1892, Bootle became founder members of the new Second Division. Despite finishing in a respectable 8th place, the club dropped out after one season due to ongoing financial problems. It was a new local club, Liverpool, who took Bootle's place.

The possible resurrection of a Bootle team became a distinct probability in August 1947 when local councillors identified the popularity and talent on show in the 'Bootle JOC' league and knew the town was big enough to be put back on the football map with its own team again. For years it had been an exporter of its many players to other professional and semi-professional clubs.

The promise of sponsorship money from local businesses brought great optimism and the issue of one shilling shares further boosted club finances. After local residents were assured that the ground at Bootle Stadium (Maguire Avenue) would not be used solely as a football ground, an application to join the Lancashire Combination for the 1948/49 season was made, and accepted. Club colours even posed a problem, red or blue were dismissed for fear of showing favour to either of the 'big two' so it was agreed that, as the original Bootle FC wore white shorts, this colour would be adopted.

Players mostly came from the local league and surrounding clubs, however one player that Bootle

overlooked was a tall, blonde, ex-prisoner-of-war German, Bert Trautman.

Trautman, then living in Huyton, trained with Bootle at the stadium for several weeks but, with the area taking such a heavy pounding during the war, it was decided not to tempt any local bitterness and he was allowed to join St Helens Town and of course moved on to FA Cup and Manchester City folklore.

They kicked off their new campaign in 1948 against Barnoldswick and District. The league was won at the first attempt. However, Bootle struggled in the top-flight and after several tough seasons and a change in Council priorities they withdrew from the league and folded during the 1953-54 campaign.

In 1953, the current club was formed as Langton with Frank Doran Snr as a founding member. The club played in the various local Bootle leagues. After a very successful spell in the Liverpool County Combination – winning the leagues and cups on various occasions the club requested to change its name to the latest incarnation of Bootle FC. This was accepted in 1973 and a year later 'the Bucks' joined the Lancashire Combination.

After winning the Combination in both 1976 and 1977, Bootle then joined the Second Division of the Cheshire County League, which was won in the first season, and were promoted to the First Division. In 1982 after the Cheshire County League merged to form the North West Counties League, Bootle became members of the First Division (now Premier Division). The club spent most of their time in the First Division until 2000 when the club was relegated to the Second Division.

Despite finishing 6th in 2002, the club dropped into the Liverpool County Combination as Bucks Park on Copy Lane closed its doors for the final time. In 2006 the club, with a new ground on Vesty Road, Bootle were elected back into Division 2 of the North West Counties League. In 2009 Bootle won promotion to the NWCFL Premier Division and also won the

Championship. In 2009/10, the first season back in the NWCFL Premier Division Bootle finished 3rd. They equalled the 3rd place again in 2012.

In 2017 they finished runner-up which, their highest placing in the NWCFL, and in 2019 after a 20 game winning run the club were in the driving seat to get promoted on the final day of the season with one more win. However, that win was one too many and the club agonisingly missed out after a 1-1 draw, once again finishing runners-up.

In Spring 2020, the club saw the installation of a new 'hybrid' pitch. The pitch goes hand in hand with the investment in off the pitch facilities to develop Vesty Road as a community asset.

Everyone associated with the club was left shocked and saddened in January 2021 following the sad passing of our President, Frank Doran Senior. Anyone involved with football both locally and across the North West would have known Frank, or Mr Bootle as he was affectionately known, for his booming voice, quick wit and his extensive knowledge and love of football.

Frank was a Docker, but more importantly for him, a footballer who was part of the 1954 Langton FC team that became the latest incarnation of Bootle FC. It was Frank who drove the club forward, as player, manager, secretary, chairman, groundsman - you name it - and latterly president of the club.

He would be seen every day up at both Bucks Park, on Copy Lane, and more recently at Vesty Road doing one job or another at the club, and that continued right up until December 2020. Frank's memory will last forever in the town of Bootle, and in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Bootle enter their third season at Step 4 of the non-league system. After a disappointing season saw the Bucks fighting for relegation. Dave McNabb, who previously won the title with Warrington Rylands, replaced Ste McNulty in the dugout and was able to secure safety. Dave undertook an overhaul of the

squad in the summer with only 4 players beginning the new campaign from the side he inherited. Following an approach from Bury Dave left the club to be replaced by Vauxhall Motor's promotion winning manager Mick McGraa.

## PROFILES

Mick McGraa (Manager) - Mick joined the club following the departure of Dave McNabb in September. Joining from fellow Northern Premier League Division One West side Vauxhall Motors where he spent 5 seasons. During that time he won promotion from the North West Counties Division One and North West Counties Premier League. He also led the team to mathematical promotion in a season "null and voided" by Covid.

Tony Thompson (Goalkeeper) - Experienced goalkeeper who was near ever present in Warrington Town's promotion winning side to National League North last season. Previously part of the Altrincham side who were promoted from the Northern Premier League Premier Division and subsequently from National League North.

Ethen Vaughan (Defender) - Right sided defender who joined the club in the summer from FC United of Manchester. Born in Halifax and had previously had spells with Huddersfield, Norwich and Burnley. Has further Northern Premier League Premier Division experience from Guiseley and Marske United.

Sean Smith (Defender) - Left sided defender who joined the club in October after his release from Vauxhall Motors. Tough tackler and tenacious defender who has previous Northern Premier League experience at Marine who he joined from the Welsh Premier League where he had spells with Connah's Quay Nomads and Bala Town.

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ames Cooper (Defender) - Cooper joined the club from Prescot Cables following the arrival of Brian Richardson as the club's new manager in 2022. Comfortable in positions across the back, and can also play in midfield. The popular player picked up a Player of the Season award last season.

Adam Buxton (Defender) - Experienced central defender who joined the club from Warrington Rylands in the summer. Progressed into the first team at Wigan Athletic whilst they were a Premier League outfit. Had subsequent spells at Burton Albion, Accrington Stanley, Portsmouth, Tranmere and Morecambe before entering non-league football with York City.

Lewis Earl (Defender) - Signed on loan from Chester. Started his career at Preston North End before moving to Stockport County. He enjoyed loan spells last season at AFC Telford United, Warrington Rylands and Hyde United, can also operate as a holding midfielder.

Scott Sephton (Defender / Midfielder) - Joined the club from Clitheroe town in October 2023. The vastly experienced player spent a significant portion of his career in the Northern Premier League Premier Division at clubs including Warrington Town, Stalybridge Celtic and Atherton Collieries.

Arthur Lomax (Defender / Midfielder) - Joined the club permanently in the summer from Tranmere Rovers. Arthur is a technically gifted left sided player who impressed in a left-wing back position last season for Bootle on loan. Previously on the books at Wigan Athletic before he signed for Tranmere in 2022.

Craig Carney (Midfielder) - Joined the club in the summer from Hyde United. The centre midfielder has a wealth of experience in the Northern Premier League including with Colne, Clitheroe, FC United, Marine and Warrington Town.

Saul Milovanovic (Midfielder) - Midfielder who became one of Mick McGraa's earliest signings from Leek Town. Previous experience in the Northern Premier League at Matlock Town. Progressed through academy football at Liverpool, Huddersfield and eventually Norwich City before entering senior football at Kettering Town.

Owen Robinson (Midfielder) - On loan from Marine who he joined in the summer following the expiry of his contract with Sunderland. Initially progressed through the Youth ranks at AFC Fylde and had loan spells at Lancaster City and Warrington Rylands.

Jack Lenehan (Midfielder) - Joined the club in October from Bury. Athletic centre-midfielder who impressed in a spell at Prescott Cables in 2018 before earning a move to the Northern Premier League Premier Division with FC United. He later moved to Atherton Collieries until the end of last season before his move to Bury in the summer.

Ben Hodkinson (Striker) - Rejoined the club in the summer from Marine as Dave's first signing for the new season. Was Bootle's top scorer the season prior and had hit double figures when he departed last season. An ever popular player amongst the fan base and one that everyone is delighted has returned to the club.

Tom Peterson (Striker) - The forward joined the club from Fleetwood Town following the conclusion of his scholarship back in the summer of 2013. He then left the club to join City of Liverpool three years later, but returned last summer after scoring 64 times in 158 appearances for the Purps. Was the club's top scorer last season.

Jake Burton (Striker) - Striker on loan from Chester. Joined Chester after his release from Tranmere. Has previously had loan spells at Stalybridge Celtic and Marine.



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\*Asterisks indicate present in last/predicted matchday squad

**Live Information**

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### NEXT FIXTURE

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