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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

JACK OWEN



Good evening and welcome to Townfield for tonight's Northern Premier League fixture against Prescot Cables.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters who have travelled from Prescot. We hope you enjoy our hospitality this evening and have a safe journey home after the game.

Saturday was a very special afternoon for everyone connected with 1874 Northwich. Our excellent 2-0 victory over Chasetown was the club's first win at Step 4 since October 2023 and another significant moment in our journey back at this level.

The result was fully deserved and was built on an outstanding effort from the entire team. The players showed quality, discipline and determination from the first whistle, and it was fantastic to see them rewarded with three points and a clean sheet.

Huge credit must go to Rory, his coaching staff and every member of the squad. They have worked tremendously hard throughout the summer, and Saturday demonstrated the progress being made. We know there will be plenty of difficult tests ahead, but performances and results like that should give everyone confidence that we are capable of competing at this level.

It was also brilliant to share the occasion with our supporters. Your backing made a real difference, particularly as the team pushed forward in the second half. The atmosphere around Townfield was exactly what we want to create this season, and I hope we can hear more of the same tonight.

As always, I would also like to thank our volunteers. The work that goes into staging a home fixture begins long before the turnstiles open and continues after everybody else has gone home. Their commitment often takes place away from the spotlight, but it is absolutely vital to the running of our football club. We need to grow this team, so please come forward and help out your football club if you can.

We now turn our attention to another challenging fixture against Prescot Cables. They arrive at Townfield in good form and will provide a strong test, so we will need to match the levels of effort, concentration and togetherness that we showed on Saturday.

These are exciting times for 1874 Northwich, but we must continue to take things one game at a time. Saturday's victory was a wonderful milestone and one that everyone should enjoy, but our focus must now be on trying to build upon it.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Enjoy the game and please get behind Rory and the team from the first whistle.

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Jack Owen
Chairman
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SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

VICKI ENGLAND



We're back at Townfield this evening, for another tough NPL encounter. This time, we welcome everyone connected with Prescot Cables to mid Cheshire, who visit after an excellent win at Nantwich on Saturday. Cables are another of the fancied teams, having recently experienced a taste of step 3 football, I know they will be doing everything they can to get back there. I've always felt that the two clubs have had a decent relationship, dating back to when we first played Cables in the FA Cup in 2014. I've found their officials to be very welcoming and friendly; that's how football should be. Although, I'm tipping them to challenge for the title, I am hoping our boys can put a dent in their ambitions this evening!

We gather again after a buoyant Saturday afternoon. Our first home NPL West game for a while, saw us entertain another title hopeful in Chasetown. Before the game, I said I would take a point so to take all three was magnificent. And didn't the boys deserve it? After a cagey first half, I thought we were fantastic and in truth, if it wasn't for the Chasetown keeper, it could have been four. Well done to Ben Crane for his first goal and all round very good performance, and also to John McGrath for coolly slotting home the stonewall penalty, to more or less end any fightback we might have seen.

There were some top performances within the green ranks and it's so noticeable that there's a real togetherness in the squad. When did you last see a '74 team gather together before and after a game to 'egg

each other on' or debrief after the final whistle.

There's a nice vibe about the place, and I have to say that the management team are driving all this forward. Not only have Rory and the guys recruited well, but they are also setting the standards required. I spoke to the officials after the game on Saturday and they were complimentary about how the guys conducted themselves from the technical area; that's music to my ears! The squad has shown a lot of battle and heart over the last three games, and they are going to need that every game in this league.

I would like to thank everyone from Chasetown, for the way they respectfully handled the defeat, despite their disappointment. No excuses, no deflection, just a good old fashioned well done to us and they took away their thoughts and debates on what happened, to deal with in their own way. Sometimes, you just have to say the opposition deserved it and that's what they did. It was appreciated. It was good to see Mick Joiner in attendance, who is Chairman of the Midland Football League. Mick is a lovely chap, with deep roots to Chasetown and non-league in general, if it weren't for people like him, non-league wouldn't be what it is.

Back to tonight, and we will witness a little bit of history being made, as it's the big switch on of the new lights. Congratulations to everyone who has made this happen, it's really positive progress for the Creative Hut Stadium and I am delighted that both '74 and Barnton have a fantastic relationship and are both 'singing from the same hymn sheet' over what they

would like to achieve at the ground. It will take time, vision, funding, fundraising and hard work but the signs are promising.

If we are to progress, on and off the field, we will need help. Whether that's on matchday, or working on other projects, everyone can have an input and make a difference for OUR club. Please speak to a member of the Board or even another volunteer, who rolls their sleeves up for the club. It doesn't have to be a task that's too onerous or something with which you are landed. Even if you can help from time to time, we would all be incredibly grateful of the support.

On to Saturday and we are back in action here, in the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup. It would be good to see a decent turnout again, the same as the last round, which will spur the lads on. The FA Cup is the best competition in the world and for clubs like ours, it can bring fantastic prize money, which makes a heck of a difference at steps 4 and 5.

The following Saturday will see us make the long journey to Blyth, for the FA Trophy game. We are now taking names for the supporters coach, and if we can get enough interest to fill it, then we can make that a confirmed booking. Please either complete the form by [clicking here](#), or message 07975 679624 and book your place. We have set a deadline of Saturday to show your interest, so if you fancy a good away day, get your name on that list and support the 'viola' away.

I also want to send an early season huge thanks out to our volunteers. We have so many special people at the club and their efforts are so appreciated. That includes Board members, who go above and beyond. Big mention to Mark Taylor who is doing his utmost with the pitch, we're like so many other clubs in that the water pressure in these parts isn't the best, so it is difficult to get the moisture that it needs. Mark is trying other things to help. I just need to keep singing, it might bring the rain!

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

"Come on you Green Boys!"

BIG GAME PREVIEW

GARRY CLARKE

1874 NORTHWICH vs PRESCOT CABLES

PITCHING IN NPL WEST

1874 Northwich host Prescot Cables an NPL West fixture under the new Townfield floodlights.

Relegated at the end of last season Prescot Cables finished 19th in the NPL Premier Division, with a record of:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Pos
Pres	40	9	15	16	40	50	42	19

Prescot Cables 'kicked off' the 26/27 season with two 1-1 home draws, against Vauxhall Motors and Padiham, before winning 3-1 at Nantwich Town on Saturday, to leave them in 3rd place in the NPL West Table with a record of:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Pos
Pres	3	1	2	0	5	3	5	3

PRESCOT CABLES FC FACT FILE

Formed	1884, reformed 1906
Ground	Valarie Park, Hope Street
Colours	Amber and Black
Change Colours	Blue & grey
Nickname	The Peskey Bulls
Manager	Ste Daley
2025/26	19th NPL Premier (relegated)

1874 NORTHWICH V PRESCOT CABLES - PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1874 Northwich have played Prescot Cables on eight previous occasions, with the 'Merseysiders' holding the

upper hand, winning 4 games, drawing 3 and 1874 winning just once

HEAD TO HEAD

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Home	4	0	2	2	3	5
Away	4	1	1	2	4	6
Total	8	1	3	4	7	11

DID YOU KNOW?

Having been known as Prescot FC and Prescot Town, the "Cables" in their name came from the largest local employer in Prescot, British Insulated Cables, which was founded in 1890 as the British Insulated Wire Company.

A BIT ABOUT THE TOWN

Prescot is a town and civil parish in the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley.

Prescot's name is believed to be derived from the Anglo-Saxon prīost "priest" + cot "cot", meaning a cottage or small house owned or inhabited by a priest, a "priest-cottage".

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A LOOK BACK ON THIS DATE OVER THE SEASONS

“Thus far, '74 have played just one single game on today's date. And as Regular scribe James Wood describes, it was a performance that continued '74's pretty dismal start to the 2018/19 season.”

Following the events of the never to be forgotten 2017/18 campaign, the hopes and expectations among the 1874 faithful for the coming season were understandably high, particularly as the joint management team of Wayne Goodison and Paul Bowyer had been able to retain the majority of the previous season's squad.

So, a 6-3 home thrashing at the hand of eventual champions City of Liverpool on the opening day of the season came as something as a shock everyone.

But worse was to follow when, despite having drawn the initial game at Victoria Park, '74 were unceremoniously dumped out of the FA Cup by Burscough at the first hurdle.

So, a home league fixture against Abbey Hey appeared to provide '74 with a perfect opportunity to kick-start their season. But at the break it was still pretty bleak as the side from East Manchester lead 1-0, Keiron Dale reacting the quickest to poke the ball home from short range in the 22nd minute.

It didn't take long for '74 to level the game as Scott McGowan blasted home from the spot after 53

minutes after the referee had adjudged that one of the visitor's defenders had handled the ball in the box.

But despite having the majority of possession in the remaining 37 minutes, the home side just couldn't find a way past the resolute 'Hey rearguard and had to settle for a point.

1874: Green, Russell, Lee Jackson, Pritchard, Thomas, Mark Jones, Gardner, Freakes (Parker), Riley (Waite Jackson), McGowan, Joe Woolley (Kennerley).

Unused Subs - Woods, Winthrop

Att: 264

300+ CLUB

JULY 2026 DRAW

The monthly prize draw was carried out on 8th August at half-time of the match against Rossington Main at Townfield, with the winning numbers being drawn out officials from our visitors:

The winners will be contacted to provide their bank details should they not already be held by the Treasurer.

Participating in the 300+ Club is a fantastic way of supporting the Club throughout the whole year and you get the chance to win a cash prize each month!

Thanks to all members of the 300+ Club – now more than ever, the money raised helps to keep the Football Club going forward.

Prize	No.	Winner
£200	310	Mike Redrup
£100	199	Chris Stockton
£50	243	Martin Griffiths
£50	301	Steve Richardson
£50	36	Michelle Walton
£50	332	Tony Fallows

300+ Club

AWAY TRAVEL

BLYTH COACH

We are organising a coach to our FA Trophy fixture at Blyth Spartans. The coach will leave Northwich at 9:30am and costs £30 per person. The coach will then depart Blyth 20 minutes after the end of the match.

If you wish to book your place, then you can do so by [filling out this form](#), or by messaging Vicki on 07975 679624

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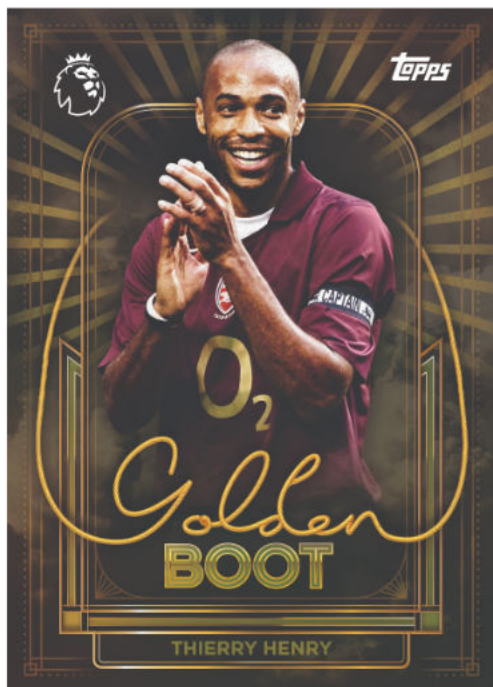
Reflecting another exciting season of Premier League football, the collection features players from all 20 clubs, from established superstars including Erling Haaland, Declan Rice, Cole Palmer and Virgil van Dijk, through to the league's next generation of talent, including JJ Gabriel, Max Dowman, Jeremy Jacquet, Rayan and Junior Kroupi.

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Stewards

We hope that playing in the NPL-West Division will see larger away followings and greater crowds at home matches. This brings additional challenges, not least managing parking around the ground. We are looking

for car parking stewards to monitor parking on Townfield and the surrounding streets before and just after kick off. If you don't mind helping out occasionally, that would be a great help. For further information, or to volunteer, please speak to John Coats.

Photographer

We are looking to recruit a voluntary club photographer. Please contact the club at society@1874northwich.com or media@1874northwich.com if you are interested in this position.

If anyone can help or you need further details, please contact Maggie Coats (07808765110), society@1874northwich.com or you can contact us via the website at: [Volunteering at 1874 | 1874 Northwich F.C.](#)

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Everyone who contributes will be recognised in our Boost the Budget Roll of Honour, featured in the match day programme and weekly newsletter unless anonymity is preferred.

If you would like to get involved, making a contribution is straightforward. One-off donations can be made via online banking using the reference BTB2627. Alternatively, you can set up a standing order for ten

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AS OF 11/08/26

		2026/27 SEASON					ALL-TIME					
		Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Total Apps
ALLEN	Ellis	30	0	0	1	0	30	0	0	3	0	30
AMOS	David	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
BEDDOW	Max	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
BLAKE	Joe	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
CRANE	Ben	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	3
COLEMAN	Elliott	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
FALLON	Niall	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	3
FARMER	Lewis	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
IGOE	Will	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JONES	Mark	3	1	0	0	0	321	28	6	6	13	327
LYNN	Harry	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	2
MCGRATH	John	3	3	0	0	1	33	18	8	0	8	41
MITCHELL	Tom	3	1	0	0	0	19	2	1	1	1	20
MWALITETA	Kenny	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3
OSBORNE	Niall	3	0	0	0	0	80	8	2	0	1	82
ROBINSON	Blake	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
SPINELLI	Kevin	3	3	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	2	3
WOOLLEY	Jack	0	0	2	0	0	19	14	50	28	3	69
WOOLLEY	Matt	0	0	0	1	0	418	81	48	35	51	466
YAO	Evra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

NPL-WEST 2026/27 LEAGUE TABLE

AS OF 15/08/26

		HOME				AWAY			GF	GA	Pts
		P	W	D	L	W	D	L			
1	Shifnal Town	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	2	6
2	Bootle	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	2	6
3	Prescot Cables	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	3	5
4	Hanley Town	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	4
5	Stalybridge Celtic	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	7	4
6	Witton Albion	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	4	3
7	Lower Breck	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3
8	Mossley	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	3
9	Stafford Rangers	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
10	1874 Northwich	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3
11	Runcorn Linnets	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	5	3
12	Newcastle Town	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	3
13	Wythenshawe	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3
14	Vauxhall Motors	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	2
15	Congleton Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
16	Padiham	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	1
17	Clitheroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Kidsgrove Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Atherton Collieries	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	0
20	Nantwich Town	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
21	Chasetown	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
22	Lichfield City	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	14	0

NPL-WEST 2026/27 RESULTS GRID

AS OF 15/08/26

	1874 Northwich	Atherton Colls	Bootle	Chasetown	Clitheroe	Congleton Town	Hanley Town	Kidsgrove Athletic	Lichfield City	Lower Breck	Mossley	Nantwich Town	Newcastle Town	Padiham	Prescot Cables	Runcorn Linnets	Shifnal Town	Stafford Rangers	Stalybridge Celtic	Vauxhall Motors	Witton Albion	Wythenshawe
1874 Northwich	x			2-0																		
Atherton Colls		x								2-4												
Bootle			x										4-2									
Chasetown				x																		
Clitheroe					x																	
Congleton Town						x														1-1		
Hanley Town							x															3-0
Kidsgrove Athletic								x														
Lichfield City									x													1-6
Lower Breck									4-1	x												
Mossley											x											
Nantwich Town												x				1-3						
Newcastle Town													x									
Padiham														x			0-4					
Prescot Cables															1-1	x				1-1		
Runcorn Linnets																	x					
Shifnal Town																				4-2		
Stafford Rangers																		x				
Stalybridge Celtic																			x			
Vauxhall Motors																				x		
Witton Albion																					x	
Wythenshawe																						x

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CABLES HISTORY

A HISTORY OF 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 joined the West Lancashire League in 1889 and 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 then joined the Lancashire Combination in 1897 but returned to the Lancashire Alliance after one season and were Champions in 1899-1900, stepping up to the Lancashire League for 1901-02.

Prescot FC were dormant from 1902 until 1906, an athletic and football ground was opened at Hope Street and the football club was revived as Prescot Athletic FC starting in the St Helens & District League and were runners up in 1906-07.

Prescot club dropped 'Athletic' from its name and joined the Lancashire Combination Liverpool Section for the 1918-19 season finishing runners-up to Tranmere Rovers. On returning to the Liverpool

County Combination in 1920-21 season, they won the George Mahon Cup in 1923-24 and 1926-27.

In 1928 the local cable manufacturing giant BICC donated a 1,000-seater stand to the club with the club's name changed to Prescot Cables prior to the 1928-29 season.

The club won the Liverpool Challenge Cup in three consecutive seasons; 1927-28, 1928-29 and 1929-30. In the late 1940's again won the Liverpool Challenge Cup and also the Lancashire Combination Cup.

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.

Lynch departed Cables in February 2023, and Steven Daley was appointed as first team manager.

Cable's resurgence was completed at the end of the 23/24 season, finishing in 3rd position in the league table to qualify for the promotional playoffs.

Cables defeated Bootle 1-0 in the semi final with a 100th minute extra time goal from Kyle Sambor.

Cables would go on to beat local rivals City of Liverpool 2-0 in the final, goals from defender Alex McNally and John Murphy booking the Bull's return to the Northern Premier League Premier Division for the first time in 14 years.

Prescot's first season back in the NPL Premier Division was a successful one with manager Ste Daley

leading the team to 10th place, a top half finish and one of the clubs highest league finishes before returning to the West Division after a 3rd bottom finish in the 25/26 campaign.

PLAYER PROFILES

PRESCOT CABLES PLAYER PROFILES

Tony Thompson – Goalkeeper - Experienced goalkeeper joins the Bulls from Bootle.

Charlie Glennon – Striker – Cable's youngest ever goalscorer, a great prospect who has been with Cables for over four years.

James Foley – Midfielder – Club Captain. James joined the club from Witton Albion in the summer of 2022 and had been a midfield mainstay ever since. Cables 24/25 top scorer.

John Murphy – Forward – Joined the club from Ramsbottom United in the summer of 2022. Prolific goalscorer, Cables top goalscorer in two seasons.

Liam Hollett – Defender – Joined the club in 2021 and apart from a brief spell at City of Liverpool has been the rock of the Cables defensive line since.

Francis Smith – Midfielder – Mainstay of the Cables midfield in recent years and excellent with set plays.

Peter Clarke – Defender - Former professional Peter Clarke joined the bulls after a season with Warrington Town in the National League. Formerly of Tranmere, Oldham, Huddersfield, Blackpool and Everton.

Tom Scully – Midfielder – Former Nantwich midfielder Scully joined the Bulls after a significant stint with Leek Town.

Tony Donaldson – Midfielder – Rejoined the Bulls in 25/26 after a stint in the USA.

Paul Murphy-Worrell - Forward – Joins Cables permanently after a loan spell from Southport.

Charley Doyle – Midfielder – Joined the Bulls from Marine following a loan spell.

Oliver Molloy – Forward – Joins the bulls from Bamber Bridge.

Fraser Cookson – Defender – Join the Bulls from Lower Breck.

James Devine – Defender – Versatile player who has been a mainstay in the Cables lineup for many seasons.

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By Jon Couch

LAST week, we received confirmation that new pitch perimeter barrier rules have been introduced by the Football Association for Non-League clubs following its review into ground safety across the National League System.

It means that solid brick, breeze block and concrete barriers around pitches will finally now be a thing of the past at grounds across the country at Steps 1-6.

The FA review was called following the tragic passing of striker Billy Vigar, who died after suffering a significant brain injury following a collision with a perimeter wall while playing for Chichester City against Wingate & Finchley on September 25, 2025. He was just 21 years old.

After Vigar's death, a petition calling for a ban on brick walls around football pitches across the NLS received more than 4,000 signatures.

It came after Bath City's Alex Fletcher suffered a fractured skull after colliding with a concrete advertising hoarding during a match in November 2022.

Six months later, then Sports Minister Stuart Andrew joined forces with the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) in writing to the FA, Premier League, English Football League and National League, calling on them to adopt a more proactive approach to player safety in this area.

Now, almost four years on, it has taken the most tragic of deaths to spark any kind of action. And even then it took 11 months to deliberate and pass! I mean, what on earth was there to discuss?

I've been openly critical of the Football Association and the relevant authorities for letting this fester for so long.

Still, we got there in the end and at least now Billy Vigar's legacy can go to helping protect and preserve player safety in years to come.

Around 160 football clubs affected by the changes have been informed of the updated regulations and will be required to take appropriate action "within a reasonable timeframe".

They have been told that all existing barriers that don't meet the criteria must be removed, or at the very least covered or protected.

Financial support will be available to clubs with the FA and the Premier League providing funding through the Premier League Stadium Fund.

In a statement last week, the FA said: "We have undertaken a review of pitch perimeter walls across the National League System and Women's National League to identify what improvements can be made to our Stadium Accreditation Criteria that will help clubs mitigate potential safety risks at their grounds and stadiums.

"As a result of this ongoing phased review, which has been conducted by independent Health and Safety experts, we have updated our Stadium Accreditation Criteria for the 2026/27 season.

"This includes introducing revised criteria relating to pitch perimeter barriers, which no longer permits solid brick, breeze block or concrete barriers around pitches across the National League System for men [Steps 1-6], and the Women's National League [Tiers 3-4].

"Any existing solid brick, breeze block or concrete barriers must be removed as soon as reasonably practicable or covered with suitable protection if they cannot be removed for structural reasons.

"We have informed the clubs at this level that will be required to take action as a result of these changes."

Following last Friday's announcement, a PFA spokesperson said: "Following the tragic death of Billy Vigar last year, we again highlighted these concerns and made clear our view that the lack of progress and leadership on this issue had been unacceptable.

"As part of working groups set up by the FA following Billy's death, we pushed for the FA's Stadium Accreditation criteria to be amended to ban these types of walls so that there is a clear and centralised policy for clubs to follow.

"Given that, it's a welcome step that the FA's regulations have now been changed to reflect that position.

"However, it will now be important for progress on the removal of such walls - and effective mitigation of risks ahead of their removal - to be properly monitored, and for clubs to be given the support they need so that these changes can happen as soon as possible. Player safety must always come first."

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1874 Northwich has supported The FA's Respect programme for a number of years. The programme has had a refresh in 2024, rebranded as "Respect the Standard". The FA have set out five standards of behaviour which aim to ensure that all football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment, whether youth, open age or walking. These standards are:

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- Enjoy the Game - we're here to enjoy ourselves. win, lose or draw.
- Give Respect - we always treat others as we'd like to be treated.
- Be Inclusive - we embrace differences, football is for everyone
- Work Together - we're a team, on and off the pitch
- Play Safe - we all have a role in safeguarding children

Three grassroots codes have been published, aimed at youth players, adult football (players, coaches, officials) and at adults involved in junior football (including coaches, spectators and parents). These Respect the Standard codes have been adopted by the Midland League.

As supporters of 1874, you too can influence the atmosphere at matches. We have tried to define acceptable behaviour in our Code for Spectators. A copy of this code can be found using this link.

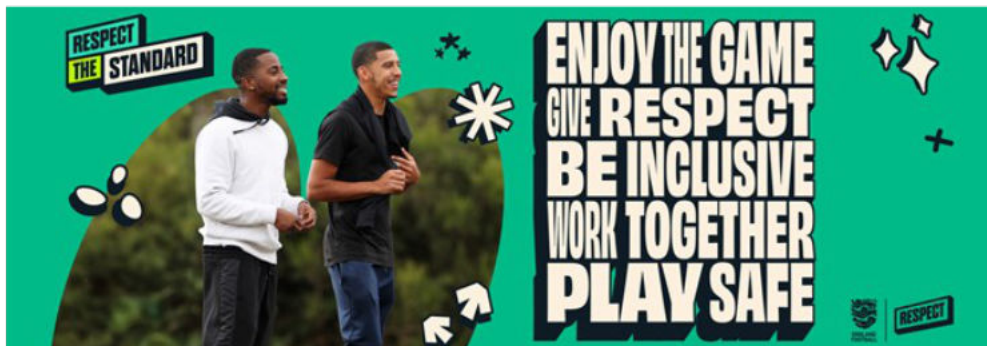
We would hope that you respect ALL players, officials and fans (whether ours or the opposition). We are proud to be a family club and we all have a part to play in ensuring that everyone attending our matches feels welcome and safe, not just the youngsters.

Thanks

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ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

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OUR HISTORY

A HISTORY OF 1874 NORTHWICH

Unless a major event in your life occurred on this day – for instance, the birth of a baby, the passing of a family member or very close friend, maybe even you moving house or starting a new job, then I very much suspect you will have little or no recollection of what you were doing on the evening of 15 November 2012.

But for a number of former and current residents of the small Cheshire market town of Northwich - all of whom had been long-standing, ardent and loyal supporters of the town's oldest, most famous and successful football club - Northwich Victoria - that day was a truly significant. For on that dark, cold, and wet autumn night, disaffected members of the Vics Supporters Trust voted 141 to 4 to collectively turn their backs on the Vics and create an entirely new club!

But exactly what had happened to bring people together to even discuss this radical proposal? After all, the vast majority of football fans would never even countenance the thought of ditching their club. Much like your dog, your football club is supposed to be for life: isn't it?

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.

In short, by late 2011 such were the state of affairs within the club that many Vics fans were utterly sick and tired of the manner in which their club had been 'managed' over the previous decade or more by

successive regimes. In short, they 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, but frankly had collectively made a complete and utter pig's ear of things.

The straw that finally broke the camel's back had occurred on Thursday January 19th January 2012 when the club were evicted from club's home of just 7 years, The Victoria Stadium. It transpired that it had been purchased by a neighbouring company and, quite understandably, they now wished to push ahead with the plans they had for the site which oddly didn't include having a football stadium on their newly acquired land!

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. Whilst this might not have been the member's intention, by doing so the fledgling club actually became the only one in Europe whose name starts with wholly numeric characters!

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 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 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 League Cup.

Having agreed what was initially a 2 year groundshare deal with Barnton, during the summer of 2019 the club moved loc-stock and barrel from Winsford to their new home at Townfield and thereby kicked off the 2019/20 season playing within the boundary of the town that bears the club's name. Both clubs are now



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working to develop a longer-term vision for the ground that will improve facilities for fans, players and officials alike.

The NWCFL Macron Cup win proved to be a springboard for the club as from the very outset of the 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 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 Macron 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 this showing, but a lacklustre end to the season eventually saw '74 slip to 14th place. The undoubted highlight was the deserved 1-0 away win at eventual champions Macclesfield, a game that was witnessed by over 3500 fans – which remains the biggest crowd to have witnessed a game involving '74.

Unfortunately, our third season at Step 4 proved to be a difficult and at many times dispiriting watch with just 4 league wins being recorded – which was double the number of managerial changes!

Towards the end of the season the club appointed former Runcorn Town Runcorn Town, Conwy Borough, Cefn Druids and Flint Town United manager Chris Herbert and he was given the task of almost building a side from scratch which would be capable of competing the Premier Division of the Midland Football League.

And Chris – who was ably assisted in this task by non-league 'legend' Steve Burr – almost got '74 back into Step 4 at the first time of asking as they made it through to the play-off final against Shifnal Town. However, the Shropshire side proved to be the better side on the day and so '74 were consigned to play at Step 5 for another year.

Fast forward exactly 12 months and '74 again found themselves facing the same task – needing to beat the Premier League runners up in the play-off final at their 'home' ground to secure a spot back in Step 4.

But unlike the tussle with Shifnal a year earlier, this game had some real extra spice as '74's opponents were none other than a certain Northwich Victoria!

Well over 1200 fans poured through the turnstiles of Vics' home ground in Runcorn to watch the showdown between the two Northwich clubs.

Unsurprisingly given both intense rivalry between the two and the prizes on offer – a place at Step 4 and local bragging rights - the match was a tight, cagey affair with few goalmouth chances. In fact, it was settled by the only true piece of quality play during the game when '74's Mike Hayes turned the ball into the net from an acute angle having been fed by a delicious through ball from Craig Pritchard.

When the final whistle sounded the players in Green fell to their knees in despair – an emotion that was no doubt shared by the Vics fans present that afternoon. In contrast, those clad in violet started a celebration with the hordes of ecstatic '74 fans that went on well into the night!

But things in life – and particularly football – are never simple and just weeks after this triumph Its architect Chris Herbert announced that he had agreed to join Vauxhall Motors as their new manager and he was quickly followed by the majority of the squad that had secured '74 their spot back at Step 4.

Faced by this huge and unexpected exodus, '74's Board acted quickly to secure the services of Rory Fallon who led Wythenshawe to promotion from the NWCFL in 2025. Having managed to retain several key and experienced members of the promotion winning squad Rory has already started to add to this number by making several astute signings.

So, whilst it's certainly been a summer of unexpected upheaval at Townfield, everyone associated with '74 is anticipating that Rory will be able assemble a squad of sufficient quality that will ensure our 4th season at this level will be significantly more successful than the last one!

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Ellis Allen – Goalkeeper who rejoined the club in the summer of 2026 from Flixton. Previous clubs include Oldham Athletic, APEA Akrotiri, Hollywell Town, Whitchurch Alport, Droylsden, Glossop North End, Abbey Hey, Alsager Town and Witton Albion.

Alfie Atherton – Forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Matlock Town. Previous clubs include Oldham Athletic, Sheffield United and Peterborough Sports.

David Amos – Defensive midfielder who joined the club in the summer of 2026 on loan from Oldham Athletic.

Max Beddow – Goalkeeper who joined the club in the summer of 2026 on loan from Altrincham. Previously loaned to our landlords Barnton.

Cameron Bell – Defender who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Avro. Previous club include Everton, Ranger and Clitheroe. Cameron is also a former Scottish youth international.

Kenny Mwaliteta – Winger or attacking midfielder who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from West Didsbury and Chorlton. Previous clubs include Atletico Madrid, Witton Albion, Barnton and Helsby.

Joe Blake – Right-back who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Preston North End.

Elliott Coleman – Left-back, central defender or forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Winsford United. Previous clubs include Alsager Town.

Ben Crane – Forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Northwich Victoria. Previous clubs include Witton Albion.

Lucas Edwards – Left-back who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Altrincham.

Niall Fallon – Central defender who joined the club in the summer of 2026 and is the younger brother of manager, Rory Fallon. Previous clubs include Squires Gate, Northwich Victoria, Maine Road and Wythenshawe Town.

Lewis Farmer – Attacking midfielder who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Barnoldswick Town. Previous clubs include Sheffield Wednesday, Workington, Northwich Victoria and Hednesford Town.

Will Igoe – Forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Northwich Victoria. Previous clubs include Witton Albion, Hanley Town, Wythenshawe and Barnton.

Mark Jones – Club captain who plays as a central defender or midfielder and joined the club in the summer of 2016 from Nantwich Town. Previous clubs include Liverpool, Witton Albion and Radcliffe.

Harry Lynn – Forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Stockport Georgians. Previous clubs include Radcliffe, Witton Albion, Ossett United and Chadderton.

John McGrath – Winger or attacking midfielder who joined the club in January 2025 from Burscough.

Previous clubs include City of Liverpool, Widnes, Clitheroe and Prescot Cables.

Tom Mitchell – Central defender who joined the club in November 2025 from Lower Breck. Previous clubs include Atherton Collieries, Widnes, Skelmersdale United and Vauxhall Motors.

Niall Osborne – Right-back who joined the club in the summer of 2024 from Liverpool. Previous clubs include Newcastle Town.

Blake Robinson – Central midfielder who joined the club the summer of 2026 from Winsford United. Previous clubs include Colwyn Bay, Airbus UK Broughton, Whitchurch Alport and Eccleshall.

Kevin Spinelli – Forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Chasetown. Previous clubs include Ashton United, Avro, Runcorn Linnets, Witton Albion and Trafford.

Jack Woolley – Forward who rejoined the club in the summer of 2025 from Winsford United and is the younger brother of club legend, Matt Woolley. Previous clubs include Barnton, Stockport Georgians and Alsager Town.

Matt Woolley – Central midfielder, who is capable of playing almost anywhere on the pitch, joined the club in the winter of 2013 from Knutsford and is the club record appearance holder with over 450 appearances. Previous clubs include Witton Albion.

Evra Yao – Forward who joined the club in the summer of 2026 from Lower Breck. Previous clubs include Southport and Bootle.





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