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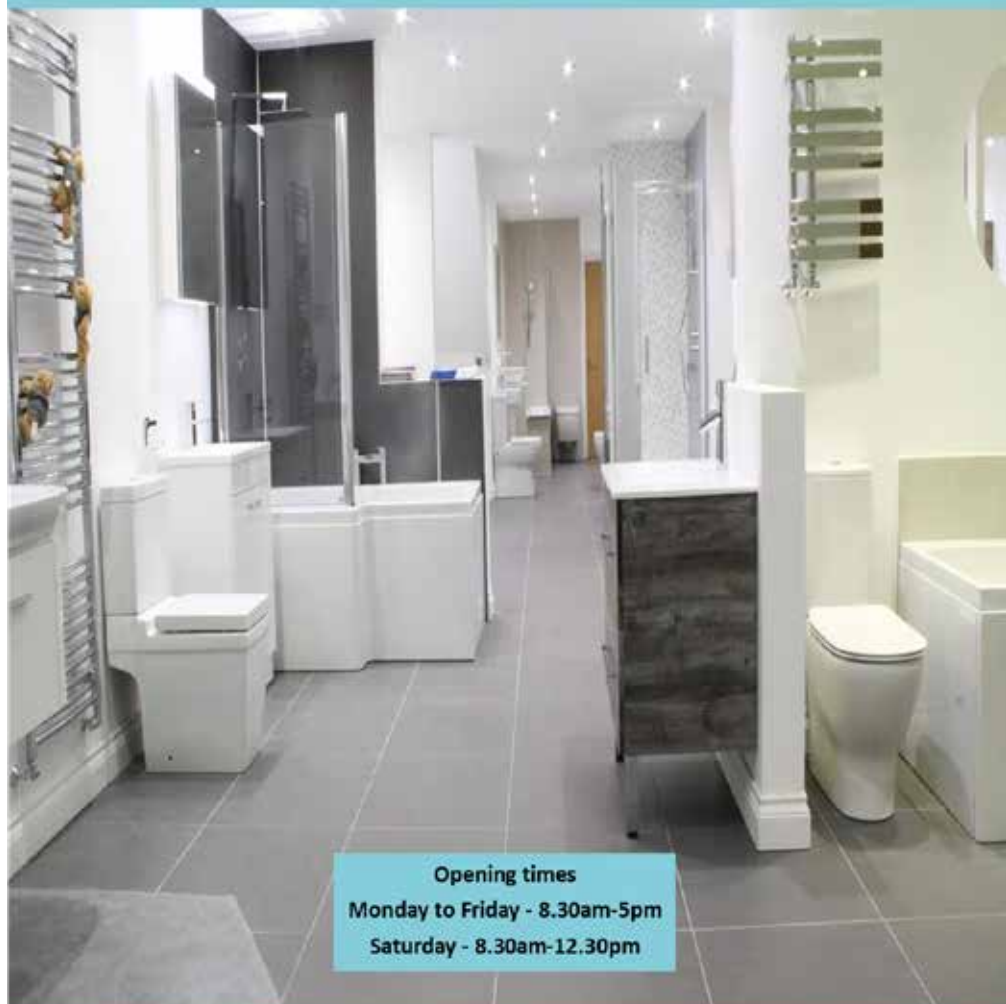




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HISTORY OF SHARPNESS AFC

Sharpness A.F.C was founded in the 1900-1901 season. Their home ground was The Port which they rented from British Waterways for a pepper-corn rate of one pound per year.

During 3 seasons of the mid 20's Sharpness won the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. Although no football was played during both wars Sharpness players regularly wrote home to tell of their footballing achievements while they were away on duty.

After the 2nd World War Sharpness were very much to the fore and played at the highest standard in Gloucestershire football. The Sharks were very successful and in the 1962-63 season the 1st XI won the GNSL whilst the 2nd XI won the Stroud League Div 1 without losing a game, a remarkable achievement.

In 1974 a clubhouse was built and from that point Sharpness went from strength to strength. They won the Gloucestershire County League and joined the Hellenic Premier League where they were very successful for a number of years winning the title in 1986. In the 1985-86 season they got to the last 16 in the country playing in the F.A. Amateur Cup.

It was at this point that British Waterways decide they wanted to develop on the land where The Port was situated so the club had to leave in 1988 its home of 88 years. Following World War 1 a Grandstand had been built in memory of those who perished in the war, alas this was bulldozed when The Sharks had to leave The Port.

For three seasons they played on Forest Greens pitch at a price far too high for that time. It became impossible to cover the costs of playing at Forest Green so the club had to revert to playing at a lower level. Reduced to one team now playing in GNSL Div 2 they got promoted in their first season 1991-92.

Since leaving Forest Green Sharpness have played their games at Berkeley Vale School & now at Hamfields Leisure Centre where we have put a lot of effort into improving the facilities so we could once again ply our trade in the county league.

Sharpness 1st XI have retained their position in GNSL Div 1 since 1992, even winning the league in 2001-2002, 2009-2010 & 2015-2016 for a record 11th time but alas their facilities prevented them getting promoted.

We finally started the development of new changing rooms at Hamfields in May 2018 completing the project in March 2019 just in time for inspection. The 1st XI still had to do the business on the field to secure promotion and did just that by winning the league for a record 12th time in 2018-19 which secured promotion to the Gloucestershire County league.

During our first season in the County League, we gave a good account of ourselves lying in 3rd position in the league and making it to the Semi Final of the Les James Cup before the season was curtailed early.

In our 1st full season in the Glos County League we managed to finish in a creditable 3rd place having recovered from a slow start. We also managed to take two scalps from higher league opposition in the Glos FA Challenge Trophy.

Sharpness are entering their 7th season in the Glos County League and have secured a top half finish in each season. We also made it to the Les James Cup Final in 2022-23 but were beaten on the day by Broadwell.

In 2024-25 the team finished 5th but that doesn't tell the whole story as we spent most of the season in the top 3 beating eventual champions Almondsbury twice. Unfortunately as the games came thick & fast at the end of the year we were unable to maintain the pace and finished 5th overall just 5 points off top spot.

SHARPNESS AFC PLAYER PROFILES



Pete Dykes (GK) – A vocal goalkeeper who will provide great experience for the team and be good to have in the dressing room. Sponsored by CPM Civil Engineering

Jamie Holder (GK) – Good shot stopper who's very comfortable with the ball at his feet.

James Friday – Quick, strong left footed defender who likes a physical battle. Sponsored by SA Transport Solutions

Will Payne – A quick athletic full back who loves to bomb forward and join up in forward play. Sponsored by MT Landscape

Riley Woodman – An energetic player who's comfortable playing on either wing and can attack and defend. A great addition since joining the club. Sponsored by Class A Paving

George Thomas – a young left sided defender who will be pushing to establish himself in the first team this season. Sponsored by Patts Electrical

Brad Gibbs – A young player with bags of energy, keeps it simple, not scared of a tackle & has an eye for goal. Sponsored by Dave Feltham Motor Services

Brad Hewer – Attack minded midfielder with composure on the ball. Likes a strike from distance when the opportunity arises.

Ben Hemmings – Good all round midfielder who's comfortable on the ball. Good in the air and chips in with a few goals as well. Sponsored by Bignell & Davidson Decorating

James Tainton – Talented young winger, with great technique, an eye for goal and looks like he'll have a promising future ahead.

Tom Palmer - an old but new signing for the club this season. TP has been involved at Sharpness for several years on a part time basis but has now joined us full time. Excellent CM with great composure and does the basics really well. Sponsored by Industry Bar & Kitchen

Callum Dummelow @ – Callum is this seasons Club Captain and will provide great leadership and versatility whether anchoring the defence or midfield.

Mikey Bryant – Mikey is a strong player with great feet and good in the air. Will provide a goal threat and be a calm head in the middle of the park. Sponsored by MT Landscape

Marley Thomas – Good all-round versatile player with bags of experience and plenty of energy. Marley will bring a wealth of experience to the squad and inspire both on and off the pitch. Sponsored by Phoenix Engineering

Tom Frankham - Covers the entire pitch, has quick feet and is difficult to stop when in full flow.

Archie Mears - another new signing joining us from Gala Wilton. Archie is an energetic young winger with great work rate and a great crosser. Sponsored by Nigel Hudson Ltd

Jamie Walker – A good technical player who is adept using both feet and looks comfortable on the ball. Sponsored by Riddle & Riddle

Alfie Jones - another young local attacker who is stepping up from the reserves this year. He has played himself into the first team plans with some impressive performances. Sponsored by Brad Thomas Builders

Kieran Bennett - a very exciting local young prospect who will be looking to establish himself in the men's game this year. Kieran possesses excellent technique with bags of energy. A big future ahead of him at SAFC.

Will Tainton - another very exciting young prospect. Another local lad. Has already had an impact in the first team. Has a great technique and an eye for goal. Another youngster with a big future ahead of him at SAFC. Sponsored by Craig Freeman Carpentry

Jack Higgs – Jiggo has returned to the club this season and will offer the team a big attacking threat. Very good in the air and has a potent left foot. Sponsored by TDE Services Ltd

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SHARPNESS AFC

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FIRST TEAM MANAGER GUY JONES

FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS KIRK IMM & CHRIS BRAIN

SECOND TEAM MANAGER JASON ROONEY

THIRD TEAM MANAGER BRANDON LEACH

PROGRAMME EDITOR MARK GABRIEL

Broadwell welcome Sharpness for our first (hopefully) home game of 2026. Our visitors are currently top of the table with only 1 loss so far this season, so this will be a real tough test for us. We wish them a safe journey home.

Last Saturday we travelled to Frampton and were on the end of a 1-0 defeat, we had a chance to equalise but unfortunately missed from the spot. Young Liam Brain made his first start in the County League and gave a good account of himself. Hoping for a decent performance against our strong and experienced visitors today.

Coffee, tea & refreshments in the clubhouse.

Enjoy the game.

Dave Watkins, Broadwell AFC Chairman



MATCH REPORTS

At the Bellfield Frampton United welcomed **Broadwell Amateurs** and it was the visitors who had an early chance through Liam Brain who cut inside the defender but shot just wide. Frampton responded with a quick break with the ball crossed in for Manolo Marquez to slide in but his shot crept just wide. The only goal of the game came from a 30-yard strike by Frampton's Lewis Vye which flew into the top of the net. On 75 minutes Broadwell had a great opportunity to equalise when they were awarded a penalty but Frampton keeper Tom Kaye saved well from Jamie Belfitt's effort. Broadwell's Ben Lear was unlucky when his turn and strike came back off the crossbar and was followed by a good run by Frampton's Vye who pulled the ball back only for Kak Tyers' shot to go wide. Frampton held out for the rest of the game to take the points with a 1-0 win.

Les Marshall

It is with sadness that we regret to inform that Les Marshall sadly passed peacefully away on Wednesday evening. Les was a long time supporter of the club and one of the nicest chaps you'd wish to meet. Always a smile on his face, friendly and very approachable. A respected member of the Shed for many years.

Everyone involved with the club would like to send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

He will be sorely missed by all here at The 'Well.

RIP Les

FIXTURES



Broadwell Amateurs v Sharpness

Chalford v Tewkesbury Town

Hanham Athletic v Filton Athletic

Quedgeley Wanderers v Bromley Heath

UnitedTetterdown United v Henbury & Rockleaze

Wick v Stoke Gifford SGS United

Cup: Frampton United v Ruardean Hill Rangers

COUNTY LEAGUE 2025/26

Sharpness	17	14	2	1	47	19	28	44
Tewkesbury Town	19	14	2	3	61	19	42	41*
Filton Athletic	15	10	4	1	38	11	27	34
Frampton United	18	10	4	4	28	14	14	34
Bishops Cleeve Development	20	10	3	7	47	41	6	33
Quedgeley Wanderers	17	9	2	6	36	28	8	29
Broadwell Amateurs	18	8	2	8	25	28	-3	26
Stoke Gifford SGS United	21	8	2	11	36	50	-14	26
Henbury & Rockleaze	16	7	2	7	23	17	6	23
Bromley Heath United	15	7	2	6	25	26	-1	23
Wick	15	6	3	6	31	29	2	21
Chalford	14	5	1	8	20	33	-13	16
Ruardean Hill Rangers	18	4	3	11	25	37	-12	15
Tytherington Rocks	14	4	2	8	18	24	-6	14
Cribbs Reserves	18	4	2	12	14	49	-35	14
Tetterdown United	19	3	4	12	24	44	-20	13
Hanham Athletic	18	2	2	14	20	49	-29	8

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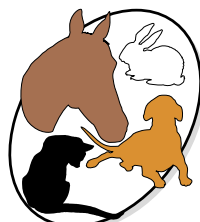
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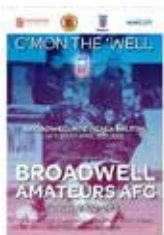
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Jack Watkins – Goalkeeper

One from the youth production line now starting his 5th Season in senior football. Great shot stopper who very rarely misses a game.



Jack Knight – Defender

Former Harrow Hill, right back or Right Midfield Jack can play both carries the ball well and has a very long throw in his locker. Loves a moan though.



Harry Knight – Defender

Younger brother of Jack and the better footballer (sorry Jack). Centre Half or Right Back, strong as an Ox and never shirks a challenge.



Jordi Locke – Defender

Ex Centre Mid who played Left Back last season due to lack of numbers. Mr dependable who adapted very quickly to his new role. Voted Players Player of the season last year.



Aidan Creighton – Defender (Captain)

El Capitano or Mr Angry whichever you like. First name on the team sheet and can play anywhere along the back line. Another Mr dependable who we couldn't do without.



Ethan Dunscombe – Defender

Ex Viney Hill Midfielder who joined start of last season. Mr Utility who played Defence, Midfield and Striker for us. Never moans or lets us down wherever we play him.



Kian Skidmore – Defender

Kian 22 is also back at the club after playing at a higher level for Cinderford and Lydney. Can play Left Back or wide in midfield, loves a tackle and has a wand of a left foot sometimes.



Kris Burnard – Defender

Missed far too many games in recent seasons through injury and suspension but if we can keep fit is one of the best Centre Half's in the County. Also thinks he's a striker but scoring record isn't the best.



Nath Davies – Midfielder

Nath who played Cinderford Town 18s when he was younger joined us 3 seasons ago from Harrow Hill. Work horse midfielder who gets around the pitch so well. Chips in with the odd goal but really should get more.



Ben Fishwick – Midfielder

Senior statesman of the squad, Mr calm on the ball, rarely gives it away. Just what you need in Centre Mid, his experience will be valuable with such a young squad.



Kieran Pearce – Midfield

New to the squad this season better known as KP who loves a tackle and a header. Played at a higher level with Melksham when he was younger maybe just what we need in the Centre of the Park.



Sam Porter – Midfield

Sam is a tough tackling midfielder who joined us mid-way through last season from Monmouth. Very calm on the ball and rarely gives it away.



Harry Malcom – Midfield

Another young tough tackling Midfielder who joined early last season from Malvern. Such a great engine and does so much work that goes unnoticed. Got a good future ahead of him.



Jamie Belfitt – Midfield

Young Mr Belf definitely gets his footballing ability from his Mum. Played wide last couple of seasons and also as a makeshift Striker. Will look to Cement a place in Centre Mid this season as it's his preferred position.



Dan Brain – Midfield

Dan is now back at the club after a few years away playing higher at Cinderford and Lydney. One of our most creative players and still only 22, always looking to create and pops up now and again with a goal.



Connor Smith – Defender

A young Right back who never lets us down, tenacious and has a great engine. This season will want to push on and try and cement a position in the first team



Liam Brain – Midfield

Younger brother to Dan and goes by the nickname of Snowman. Baby of the group at 16 but will be in and around the squad this season. Can pick a pass and has bags of energy, one for the future.



Rhys Childs – Defender

Rhys is a young quick defender who played reserve and A Team football last season. Bags of energy and doesn't mind getting stuck in for his age. Another one Guy will be keeping a close eye on.



Rhys Macpherson – Striker

Rhys is a young quick striker who also played reserve and A Team football last season, been with the 1st team pre season and had some good performances. Will look to make an impression when selected.



Guy Jones – Manager

Mr Broadwell ... Now his 3rd season in charge but 5th overall being involved with the first team. Hoping to push on and have a good season with probably the strongest ever squad he's had available.



Kirk Imm – Coach

Kirk loves being on the training pitch with the lads delivering sessions. Good job his sessions are better than his time keeping. Loves his Tactic Board.



Chris Brain – Coach

Persuaded to come out of retirement by Guy after taking a 2-year break. Last time at the Hawthorns led the team to their highest ever finish in the County League, also winning the Les James League Cup their first ever piece of silverware at Step 7.

BROADWELL AFC HISTORY

Broadwell Football Club was formed in 1905 by the local working men and originally played at "The Purples" Coalway. In the 1930s Broadwell moved to play at "Wynols Hill" where they stayed until 1947, when they moved again to what is now known as "The Hawthorns". This was done with the help of the two late trustees, Mr Bert Ruck, and Mr Frank Haviland.

Over the years various facilities were used such as "the Rising Sun ", church hall, and the local working men's club. However, in 1963 with the help of the chairperson, Mr Rube Kibble, Secretary William Smith and committee man Mr Cyril Hamblin, a new changing quarter was officially opened by FA referee Mr Tom Finney, these new changing quarters were totally funded by the club's own money after refusal of a grant by both the G.F.A. and F.A.

In 1982, a bar facility was opened by the late president Mr. Hubert Smith and Chairman Martin Nicholls and seven years later a new bar, skittles alley, kitchen, and referees changing room were added by a dedicated bunch of Broadwell supporters and sponsors.

In winning the Gloucester Northern Senior League in 1993/94 under the late chairman Melvin Hale the club gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League for the first time in its history and remained until 1999/00 season. Probably Broadwell's greatest achievement off the pitch but on the pitch, when under the stewardship of President Colin O'Dell and then Chairman and former secretary Glyn Barnes in 1998 the pitch was levelled. Co-ordination and close cooperation with the leagues at the time was crucial for fulfilment of 1997/98 fixtures to be played at Coleford and for the work to be completed in such a short space of time. The ground works and levelling started in the spring, grass seed was sown on FA Cup final day, stone clearing, slit drainage, erection of perimeter barrier and dugouts was to follow before the first County league home game 1998/99 season in September. What an achievement by all those involved!

2014-15 Season saw the first team win the Northern Senior league title, the Reg Davies memorial league cup, and come runners up to Brockworth Albion in the senior north county cup, and a return to the County league after being relegated in the 1999/2000 season.

Further improvements were committed too by the chairman Pat Sargeant and committee in April 2015 and without any funding built new away changing rooms along with referee and assistants changing rooms.

Gary Powell as chairman carried on the improvement of facilities at the club when in 2019 the car park was extended and hardstanding was installed around the perimeter of the pitch and was officially opened on 31st August.

Over the past couple of years Broadwell Club have benefited from some dedicated and enthusiastic club members who work tirelessly to improve the facilities, look after the grounds and keep everything tip top. They are fondly known as "The Wednesday Crew" and they are very much appreciated by all involved at Broadwell AFC, so much so they were awarded Clubman/s of the year at the club's annual presentation in 2024 by chairman Dave Watkins. Their current project funded by the club is the refurbishment of the old referees changing facilities in to a new gent's toilet and then to complete a new kitchen area and disabled toilet facilities with funding approved by the FA in conjunction with Howdens.

The Broadwell Youth section was set up in the mid-nineties and started with a couple of teams, but really came in to its own in 2013 when Chris Brain became Chairman. Chris was chairman for 10 years till 2023 when Jason Rooney was elected chairman and has gone from strength to strength over the last 11 years to have 14 teams ranging from U6 up to u15s. Some age groups have 2 or 3 teams in them due to the number of kids in that age group.

The club is an affiliated member of the Severn Valley Youth League and the Mid-Gloucestershire Mini Soccer League and play at King George V playing fields in Coleford, Five Acres School and the old College Pitches in Berry Hill.

The teams are coached by FA qualified volunteers and are of mixed ability and gender and try not to turn to many children away as the clubs philosophy is everyone can play football and should play football and the next focus is to start an all-girls' team in the future.

In May the youth section hold an Annual festival of football over the bank holiday weekend at "The Hawthorns" for age groups U7's - U14's which attracts around 90 teams, and also includes a BBQ, sweets stalls, bouncy castle, beat the keeper and bar and is a fun day out for the family.

The aim of the Youth section is to make sure all the children have fun, learn life skills as well as football skills and to supply the 1st, 2nd & A teams in the senior leagues with players so that the players can have a good career at a family club and play a good standard of football.

The club also run an annual music festival "BROADFEST" on the August bank holiday Sunday which features up and coming local bands, food stalls, a bar and an Annual fireworks night and both are a great family entertainment.

Broadwell also has a strong golf society which plays twice a year and is open to all club members regardless of gender, age or ability.

With some new faces at the club this season, along with some very loyal and trusty existing players it's looking to be a great season **UP THE WELL!**



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