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LITTLE STOKE FOOTBALL CLUB

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## LITTLE STOKE CLUB HISTORY

Little Stoke Athletic Football Club first formed in the 1950's by Percy Plummer and Cab Callaway playing at a ground in Bush Avenue, Little Stoke which is now the allotments. They then moved to gypsy patch lane playing between the Magpie Pub and the railway line on one of the biggest pitches in Bristol. The club's 1<sup>st</sup> treasurer was a Geordie and thus the team kit became Black & White stripes which remains in place today. The club first played in the Bristol & District league and had cup success in the 1950's winning the minor cup. The club then moved up to what is now Little Stoke Park and the players built their own changing rooms out of corrugated iron sheets with the help of a local builder Fred Dunscombe. The Athletic name was dropped and Little Stoke FC formed in 1969 and the club moved to the Bristol Suburban league winning various honours over the years. Premier 1 – runners up 2015/16, Premier 1 – champions – 2013/14, Bosley cup winners 2013/14, GFA Senior Amateurs Cup Runners Up 2013, BOSLEY CUP – Runners up 2012/13, Division 3 League Champions 2000/01, Premier 2 League Champions 2010/11/ The club became well established in the higher divisions of the league over a 30 year period but were held back from promoting to the Gloucestershire County League by the ground facilities. In 2015 the club set about upgrading the changing rooms with the players giving their time freely to upgrade the referee's room and in 2016 the club were duly elected members of the Marcliff Glos County League after coming runners up in the Bristol Suburban Prem1 under new manager, Ash Coles. After 3 seasons in the Country League they finally won their first bit of silverware in the 2018/19 season in the Les James Cup Final beating AEK Boco 4 –1 on penalties after a 0 – 0 draw. Season 2021/22 -Winners of the Les James Cup beating Ruardean Hill Rangers 2-0. Also winners of the new Ron Hilpin Trophy beating Wick 4-1. The club now has 3 sides with the Reserves and A's competing in Bristol Suburban League Div 1 & Div 4 respectively.

## LITTLE STOKE PLAYER PROFILES

**ASH COLES (Colesy)** – Manager - Been with the club 13 years as a player, 8<sup>th</sup> year in charge of the team. Previously managed and played at Almondsbury FC after playing for Paulton Rovers, BMF & Patchway Town.

**MARK CURTIS(nobby)** - Assistant Manager – Joined Colesy half way 18/19 season from Mangotsfield FC, Great character to have around the dressing rooms but don't ever look at his belly button.

**ALEX FOX** – Big Versatile Defender who can play anywhere along the back line. 3rd Season with the club after previously playing Winterbourne fc & Wick.

**JACK BURGESS** – “Manc” 5th season with the club since signing from Mangotsfield FC, pacy centre half who loves to get forward and chips in with a number of goals.

**JAIDON HOLVER** – 3rd Season with the club since progressing up from the A's. Rapid forward who certainly knows where the net is.

**ETHAN MOORE** – 4th season with the club, another young prospect who came up through the resses. Great left peg and been ever present since coming into the 1<sup>st</sup> team.

**DANNY LANE** – Laners 2<sup>nd</sup> season with the club since signing from Almondsbury FC, a versatile and experienced player who can play a number of positions, another we need to stay injury free.



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## LITTLE STOKE PLAYER PROFILES

**LUKE MEACHAM** – “Meach” now in his 5th season with the club since signing from Brislington FC, great competitive striker, who can also play midfield, hopefully can stay injury free this season.

**ALEX HILL** – 5th Season with the club since coming down from Winterbourne FC, a player that gives a 110% every game & can play a number of positions.

**LEWIS HUGHES** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Season with the club since signing from Hallen Res, very skillful holding midfielder who can distribute with both feet.

**JUDE SCOTT** – 18yr old Midfielder in his 3<sup>rd</sup> season with the club, has come up through the ranks. Midfielder with a great box to box engine who chips in with goals.

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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<b>Avonmouth</b>	17	16	0	1	58	16	42	48
2	<b>Stoke Gifford United</b>	20	11	6	3	48	26	22	39
3	<b>Frampton United</b>	20	11	5	4	42	28	14	38
4	<b>Rockleaze Rangers</b>	19	11	4	4	58	16	42	37
5	<b>Little Stoke</b>	19	9	4	6	35	23	12	31
6	<b>Bromley Heath United</b>	15	9	3	3	33	21	12	30
7	<b>Sharpness</b>	17	6	5	6	22	23	-1	23
8	<b>Hanham Athletic</b>	14	7	3	4	38	26	12	21 *
9	<b>Quedgeley Wanderers</b>	18	7	0	11	21	46	-25	21
10	<b>Cheltenham Civil Service</b>	20	6	2	12	20	40	-20	20
11	<b>Ruardean Hill Rangers</b>	18	4	7	7	35	41	-6	19
12	<b>Almondsbury</b>	18	5	3	10	23	43	-20	18
13	<b>Broadwell Amateurs</b>	16	5	1	10	22	33	-11	16
14	<b>Wick</b>	18	3	6	9	31	41	-10	15
15	<b>Gala Wilton</b>	20	4	1	15	31	58	-27	13
16	<b>Hardwicke</b>	19	3	4	12	19	55	-36	13

\* Adjustment made

Sat 10 Feb 2024 14:00

CC	<b>Bromley Heath United 1st</b>	v	<b>Brockworth Albion First</b>	<b>Bromley Heath United 1st</b>
	<b>Frampton United</b>	v	<b>Broadwell Amateurs</b>	<b>BELL FIELD</b>
	<b>Hardwicke</b>	v	<b>Sharpness</b>	<b>HARDWICKE VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELDS</b>
	<b>Little Stoke</b>	v	<b>Avonmouth</b>	<b>LITTLE STOKE PARK</b>
	<b>Quedgeley Wanderers</b>	v	<b>Stoke Gifford United</b>	<b>WATERWELLS SPORTS CENTRE</b>
CC	<b>Rockleaze Rangers First</b>	v	<b>University Of Bristol Intramural UOB Fre</b>	<b>Rockleaze Rangers First</b>
	<b>Ruardean Hill Rangers</b>	v	<b>Cheltenham Civil Service</b>	<b>RUARDEAN HILL RECREATION GROUND</b>
CC	<b>Whaddon United First</b>	v	<b>Hanham Athletic Saturday First</b>	<b>Whaddon United First</b>
	<b>Wick</b>	v	<b>Almondsbury</b>	<b>WICK PLAYING FIELD</b>

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## AVONMOUTH PLAYER PROFILES

**JOSH PEARCE** Josh played for Lawrence Weston FC before joining Avonmouth First team during the 2021/22 season. Josh ended the 2022/23 season as the Club and Leagues top goal scorer helping the Club gain promotion to the Gloucester County League and securing two Cup winners medals along the way

**SAM FORD** Sam joined Avonmouth during the 2021/2022 season which was his first experience of Saturday football as he used to be a City season ticket holder. Sam was a brilliant squad player for 2022/2023 treble winning season including 4 goals from the bench in the League Cup Final.

**ROB ALLEN** Started playing for Avonmouth aged 15 before moving onto AFC Hallen and Axa (Cribbs) before taking a break from football for a few years. Came back to Avonmouth to win the treble during the 2022/2023 and get the team promoted to the Gloucester County League.

**GEORGE BROWN** George is a new signing for the 23/24 season. Having played for Bristol City Youth for ten years, he took a season out at 16. He then returned last season playing County League football for Henbury. A welcome addition to our squad with his versatility giving us many options.

**CODY WINKLER** Cody joins us for the 23/24 season having previously played for Shirehampton first team and reserves. A very promising player who has bags of ability and an eye for goal. He is also currently plying his trade for Portishead U18's in the Floodlit League.

**JAMES ELLIS** James started playing for Avonmouth during the 22-23 season in the reserves. During pre season with the 1st team he has shown great attitude and quality. He's very new to grass roots football having been at City and Rovers Academy for most of his footballing career. A great lad who will no doubt go on to play a higher level of football.

**SAM JACKSON** Sam joins us for the 23-24 season having previously played for Hengrove and Mendip. Sam is a fiery forward who gives us different options going forward and improves the quality we have in the squad. His work rate and goals will hopefully push us onto the next level.

**JORDAN WHITTAKER** Jordan is another new signing for the 23/24 season. A midfielder who has a great range of passing and can get box to box. Jordan also has higher league experience after playing for Nailsea & Tickenham, Bitton and Shirehampton. A welcome addition to the squad that will see us improve in this area in particular.

**DILLAN KERR** Dillan joins us for the 23/24 season having had spells at Cribbs, Portishead and Tytherington rocks. A young striker who holds up the ball extremely well and has an eye for goal. A great signing for the team and I'm sure he will go onto score plenty of goals.

**ASH BENNETTA** formidable player for Avonmouth and AFC Hallen, took over the reigns as the first team manager for the 2021/2022 season. His ambitions were made clear to the Club at the time that promotions were expected. In 2022/2023 he managed the team to a League Championship title, GFA Cup win and Alf Bosley Cup win in. Not losing a single match during the season. He then led the Club to the Gloucester County League after winning promotion via a three team play-off. Ash has lead by example, not only on the field but with his expectations off the field.

**TOM COX** Loyal servant to the Club. Has been with the first team for over ten years. Tom Cox is a fierce cm whose not afraid to leave it all in all tackle. Put some monumental labour into the renovations of the Clubhouse over the past decade. Finally rewarded during the 2022/2023 winning the treble and promotion to the Glos County League.

**ROB SAGE** Sagey' first joined Avonmouth as assistant manager during the 2021-2022 season. He helped the team to push towards challenging for promotion before accepting the opportunity to return to Bitton as first team manager. He then returned in December of the 2022-2023 season and pushed us onto another lever helping us secure the unprecedented treble

**AARON HARVEY** Son of former first team Manager Darren Harvey. Aaron played in goal for the first team for many years before stepping back due to injury. He helped assist Ash Bennett and the first team to league and cup success in 2023.



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# AVONMOUTH PLAYER PROFILES

**TOM BRADLEY "Tower"** joined Avonmouth halfway through the 2021-2022 season from Olveston United. In his first full season with the Club, TB1 managed to help the club achieve an incredible Treble (Suburban League, Alf Bosley Cup and Senior Amateur combined Cup). Not losing a single match in the process This included being in goal for vital Penalty shoot-outs in the League cup and the County league playoffs. Tom was part of the squad that helped secure the clubs promotion to the Gloucester County league for the first time in the club's history.

**MARK REID** First played for Avonmouth in 1998 as a 15-year-old and was soon a regular part of the first team squad. He left in 20?? to go and play for AFC Hallen in the Western/Hellenic Leagues. 'Reider' returned to Avonmouth in 2018 to play for the reserves as he started winding down his career, but he was soon thrust back into the first team as the Club tried to push for promotion to the County League. Mark was part of the squad that got the club promoted to the County League in 2023. Amazingly the Bristol Suburban League title in 2023 was the first league title of Mark's career.

**TOMMY TAYLOR** Our Captain. Tommy joined Avonmouth in 2018 aged where he spent his first season in the reserves. In his second season he stepped up to the first team with ease. Tommy was named as Captain for the 2022/23 and led the team to an unprecedented treble

**ALFIE TAYLOR** Alfie joined the Club in 2018 and spent his first season slumming it in the reserves before stepping up to the first team the following season and become an integral part of the team. Alfie was part of the treble winning team that finally saw the Club gain promotion to the Gloucester County League in 2023 scoring some high -pressured penalties along the way. Alfie wears his heart on his sleeve and is Avonmouth through and through.

**CHARLIE ALDOM** Charlie Aldom joined Avonmouth for the 2021-2022 after recovering from a knee injury. During his first season the Club narrowly missed out on the league title. 2022-2023 Charlie helped claim the league title and promotion for the Club. As well as winning the Gloucester Senior Amateur Cup and the Alf Bosley Cup, where vital goals from Charlie claimed an incredible comeback in the semi-final. Charlie's former clubs include Portishead, Winterbourne and Cribbs FC .

**KYLE O'DONOVAN** Kyle O'Donovan joined Avonmouth in 2013 having previously played for AFC Hallen, Shirehamp-ton and Clevedon Town. Apart from a hiatus where he managed the 'A' team for a season. Kyle has been a massive part of the first team since joining and after a few Runnersup trophies over the years, Kyle finally picked up 3 winners medals during the 2022-2023 season. Kyle refers to himself as the Vinnie Jones of the Club

**MARK WILLIAMS** Mark rejoined Avonmouth FC for the start of the 2022-2023 season to help strengthen the defence and soon became a regular starter. Mark had a short spell at the Club previously before leaving for his local Club Olveston United. Mark was part of the treble winning 2022-2023 team that gained the club promotion to the Gloucester County League.

**MATT GROVES** Grovesy's former teams include Weymouth FC, Mangotsfield FC, Yate Town FC, Gloucester City FC and AFC Bitton. Matt joined Avonmouth in 2023 where he helped push the team onto Promotion to the Gloucester County league and part of the treble winning team.

**JACK WILLIAMS** Jack joined Avonmouth FC First team at the start of the 2022/23 season after spending 3 years at Hallen FC and 8 years at Bristol Manor Farm prior. Jack has become a key player for the Club in a short space of time.

**BEN ALLISON** Ben first started out playing football for Oakengates Colts after moving to England. Telford and joined A.F.C Telford Academy. Ben joined Avonmouth FC First team last season after playing for Lawrence Weston FC and Port of Bristol. Ben was part of the 2022/2023 squad that secured the treble and promotion to the Gloucester County League.

**BEN HARVEY** Ben originally joined Avonmouth FC in 2016 and where he played for the 3rd team alongside his father Darren Harvey. He left in 2018 to join Roman Glass before rejoining Avonmouth FC First team in 2021. Ben had suffered a few injuries since rejoining, but managed to put that behind him for the 2022/2023 season where he hardly missed a match in the Treble winning season.



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## AVONMOUTH CLUB HISTORY

Avonmouth Football Club started as Avonmouth St Andrews back in 1919, when many clubs were formed straight after the horrors of the First World War with strong links to their local Church and many of the Avonmouth Rovers side who played in the early 1900s joined St Andrews. Over the years on the playing side there have been several professional footballers who commenced their careers at Avonmouth, including brothers Ernie and Jack Brinton, Tommy Wright, Josser Watling, and probably the most famous, Roy Bentley who captained Chelsea to their first ever English Division 1 title and who also played for England as a centre forward. Over the years the club has won many honours at both junior and senior level including the Bristol and Suburban League top division title eight times. The club has experienced the ups and down of amateur sport and most significantly had to vacate its West Town Road ground in 1967 when the Ministry of Transport compulsory purchased the King George's Trust site for the run-up to the M5 River Avon Road Bridge. This meant playing fixtures at other grounds including Sea Mills Park, Portway Playing Fields and Canford Park, enabling two senior and two junior sides to continue. The King George's Field Trust was given a site at the end of Barracks Lane as compensation but due to its poor construction was never going to be suitable for football. With the agreement of the rugby and bowls clubs, that make up the Trust, and after considerable and difficult negotiations with the City Council, Avonmouth FC returned to Avonmouth Road in 1986 utilising the pitch vacated by Avonmouth Old Boys RFC and a clubhouse that had originated as a US Army building on the Kingsweston House estate. This last year has seen the club have its most successful season in over 100 years going unbeaten in all competitions, winning the Premier Suburban League, winning every game plus one draw. In addition, the first team won the Suburban Bosley Cup and the first combined north and south Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup, which included county league teams for the first time. The First team has been promoted to the Gloucestershire County League after winning both of their play-off games. The reserve team had a successful season gaining promotion to Div 1 of Bristol Suburban league The under 16 had a good season finishing 3rd and will now play in the U18 Bristol Combination league We have also added a A team for next season playing in Div 4 Off the field the club has carried out numerous improvements since 2018, including new dressing rooms, social club extension, new roof, the installation of latest technology floodlights, new patio, driveway and hard standing, these will provide better facilities for club members and for local community events. These developments have been supported by several local companies, and we would like to thank them and they are listed in the programme

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1	GORAZD GIGOV	1	TOM BRADLEY
2	DANNY LANE	2	GEORGE BROWN
3	ALEX FOX	3	THEO THORDARSON
4	ETHAN MOORE	4	MARK WILLIAMS
5	JACK BURGESS	5	BEN HARVEY
6	JAKE LAWRENCE	6	SAM FORD
7	DANNY REED	7	TOMMY TAYLOR
8	LEWIS HUGHES	8	WILL OSBOURNE
9	FIN THOMPSON	9	KOFI MARTIN
10	ALEX HILL	10	CHARLIE ALDOM
11	MIKEHARDIMAN	11	TOM COX
12	NATHAN BROWN	12	KYLE O'DONOVAN
13	JACK WATTS	13	JORDAN WHITTAKER
14	JUDE SCOTT	14	ALIFE TAYLOR
15	REUBEN NUEVO-DRAPER	15	MATT GROVES
16	LUKE MEACHEM	16	JOSH PEARCE
17	ETHAN TUCKER	17	CIDY WINKLER
18	AARON WEST	18	JACK WILLIAMS
19	JAIDEN HOLVOR	19	DILLAN KERR
20	SAM ARCHER	20	KAIN EDMONDSON

#### MANAGER

ASHLEY COLES

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER / COACH

MARK CURTIS / JOSH HALL

#### MANAGER

ASH BENNETT

#### ASSISTANT MANAGERS/PHYSIO

ROB SAGE/ARAON HARVEY/MIA PITHER

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