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WELCOME TO BINFIELD FC

From Our Chairman,
Andy Cotton



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to Hill Farm Lane for our opening fixture of the new Pitchin In Isthmian South Central Division One season.

Today, we extend a very warm Binfield FC welcome to the committee, players, and travelling fans from Hendon FC. For a community-focused club like ours, the first home game of the season is a celebration.

From our soccer school roots right up to the men's first team, today represents the start of another chapter in our "One Club" vision. Operating sustainably at Step 4 is a challenge we relish, and it is made possible purely by the heartbeat of this club: our volunteers, sponsors, and you, the fans.

Thank you to everyone who spent their summer making sure the club is ready for today's kickoff. We are under no illusions about how competitive this league will be this year. However, with your fantastic backing from the stands, I am confident we can look forward to a highly entertaining, successful, and exciting season.

Enjoy the match, enjoy the hospitality, and thank you for being with us on this journey.

Come on you Moles!

Andy Cotton



BINFIELD FC HISTORY

Binfield FC first played in 1892, during the reign of Queen Victoria, making us one of the oldest Association Football clubs in the world! The team comprised young men from the local brickworks and those who worked on the land around Binfield. The club's early years were spent in the Ascot and District League, where we enjoyed many successful seasons winning the Fielden Cup for the first time in 1924 and on eleven further occasions since.

During the 2nd World War, we joined the Great Western Combination League, winning the championship in 1947. During that period we also won the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup and the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup and it was not unusual to see crowds in excess of 1,000 at our Forest Road ground.

In 1950 we joined the Reading and District League, where we remained for the next forty years. In 1972 Binfield won promotion to the Premier Division for the first time and although relegated two years later we returned in 1976 as 1st Division Champions. A huge crowd, reminiscent of the 1940's, packed Forest Road to witness our promotion. In 1980, the club made an important decision to move from Forest Road, where facilities were shared with the cricket club, to our current site in Hill Farm Lane. Turning that field into the football ground we see today was a massive task. Thanks to an enormous amount of physical work by the members of the club the area was levelled and drained within three years. The members then set about building the club house. This progress off the field was matched on it when in 1987 and 1988 we won Division 2 and then Division 1 of the Reading and District League. In 1989, we joined the high-profile Charrington Chiltonian League, winning the Division 1 title at the first attempt - a feat we repeated in 1996 - and reaching the final of the League Cup. The following year we finished runners-up to Peppard, despite remaining unbeaten from November until the end of the campaign.

In 2001 we merged with Binfield's junior club, Binfield Forest FC, and in doing so significantly increased the member-ship, with over 20 teams playing every weekend - this season we will field 36 teams each week. The junior part of the club is very important to Binfield with FA Charter status having been achieved in 2007 and in 2013 we were awarded the Berks & Bucks FA and South East Regional FA Charter Status Community Club of the Year awards, culminating in the club being invited to the FA Community Shield at Wembley in August 2013.

Since 2005, progress at the club has been swift, with the addition of floodlights and later a seated stand. The club is tirelessly working to improve our facilities with our "continuous improvement" plan making further change to the car park, to the club house and a new stand around our Tea Bar. We constantly strive to improve all elements of the facilities from changing rooms to a playing surface we are extremely proud of, to benefit everyone from our Under 6s up to our 1st Team. We won the FTL Hellenic League Division 1 East title in 2008-09 and gained promotion to the next level of English football, where we finished runners up in the 2010/11 UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division, 3rd in 2012/13 and 5th in 2014.

August 15th 2009 will long be remembered as Binfield's first game in the legendary FA Cup - and we have enjoyed some good runs reaching the 1st Qualifying round in each of the last two seasons with 400 supporters enjoying the visit of Margate in 2010 and a trip to Slough Town and narrow defeat in 2011. In 2013 the side reached the 2nd Qualifying round, losing to a 96th minute free kick as Leatherhead came from behind. Binfield entered the FA Vase for the first time in season 2008-09 and enjoyed three rounds, before reaching the 4th round (last 32) in 2011/12 in an incredible season of cup success. The 2011/12 team is the most successful in our history, winning both the Berks & Bucks FA Senior Trophy and the AM Print & Copy Floodlit Cup in five glorious April 2012 days. We also reached the final of the Hellenic Challenge Cup.

In the two Covid disrupted seasons, the first team were sitting in second place in the Hellenic Premier. Positions when used to calculate points per game resulted in promotion to the Isthmian League South Centre, our 1st season ever at Step 4. However the 2020/21 season will, of course, be remembered for our amazing run in the Buildbase FA Vase when playing every game behind closed doors bar one and all away from home we reached the Final at Wembley where we came up against a very good Warrington Rylands side and narrowly lost 3-2.

In 2021/22 season in the Isthmian South Central, the team finished 8th after a good start. Disappointing FA Cup but a very good run in the Trophy. Winning at North Leigh, Herne Bay before a home win vs Chippenham and finally bowing out against Truro, missing a last minute penalty. In the 2022/23 season, the team finished 6th in the Isthmian South Central - our highest ever league position. In the FA Cup, we reached the 3q round, again our best ever performance, losing 5-3 away to Beckenham Town. In the FA Trophy, we lost in the 1st round proper away to Tavistock.

The 2023/24 will always be remembered as the season of the Great Escape. At Christmas, the team had no wins in the league, only 4 points and were rooted to the bottom of the table. Their only win was a 2-0 victory over Wokingham in the FA Cup. They were knocked out of the FA Cup after a replay at Northwood. There was poor performances in the FA Trophy and Velocity Cups with 7-1 and 6-0 defeats respectively. A management change just before Christmas with Ross Weatherstone taking charge. In his time in charge, Ross managed to guide the team to their first win against Met Police FC. The team finished with 8 wins and managed to finish 4 points and one position above the relegation zone.

2024/25 was the year of the cup run and giant killings. In the Velocity Cup, the Moles were on the road for every game and made it through to the semi-final beating Premier Division sides Dulwich Hamlet and Hasting United before losing to a strong Billericay Town. In the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup, they defeated National League side Maidenhead United before losing in the quarter finals to Flackwell Heath. In the league, the Moles improved slightly from last season finishing one position higher and with nine more points.

THE VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



Good afternoon everyone, and welcome back to the Hill Farm Lane Stadium for what I hope will be an exciting and enjoyable 2026/27 campaign. It's a real honour for me and my management team to be starting our fourth season with the Moles.

There has been an unbelievable amount of work carried out by so many people during the off-season - quite literally on the pitch and off it. Full credit must go to the Chairman, Martin, Lewis, Borders, Luke, Dave and the many others who have given up their time to help us hopefully produce a much-improved playing surface this season. The work carried out around the ground has been sensational, and everyone involved should be incredibly proud of what has been achieved.

Our aim is to continue making the Hill Farm Lane Stadium a place we can all be proud to call home and, most importantly, a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who comes through the gates to support the Moles.

Today we welcome Hendon FC to Binfield. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to their management team, players, officials and supporters. We hope you enjoy your time with us and have a safe journey home after the game.

Our home pre-season programme was a real success, with games against Marlow, Basingstoke and Farnborough as part of a packed schedule. It was fantastic to see so many of you at those games. There was a genuinely positive atmosphere around the ground, and I could sense real excitement from the conversations I had with supporters. For me, pre-season has never been about results. The fixtures gave me and my management team the opportunity to assess both new and existing players, look at different combinations and, most importantly, see how the players executed the information and instructions we gave them. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. Your backing certainly didn't go unnoticed by either the management team or the players.

We have freshened up the playing squad this summer, and I'm really excited to see how this group develops and comes together. There is a fresh energy within the squad, and if the players showcase their talents in the way I believe they can, I'm confident you will see a team that produces honest, hard-working and entertaining performances. As always, we ask you to get behind both the new and returning players throughout the season.

We all know how challenging this league can be, and I expect it to be extremely tight and competitive again this year. There will undoubtedly be plenty of occasions where everyone seems capable of beating everyone - which is great for the neutral, although slightly less enjoyable for football managers!

Last weekend saw us begin our 2026/27 campaign away at Didcot Town in the FA Cup. It was always going to be a difficult fixture against another Step 4 side, and naturally I was gutted to exit the competition at this stage. I wanted us to enjoy a positive FA Cup run this season. We eventually lost the game 2-0, with Didcot scoring their second goal in the 90th minute as we pushed players forward looking for an equaliser. It wasn't the start to the season we wanted in terms of the result, but there were plenty of positives for me to take from the performance. The key difference between the two teams, in my opinion, was in the final third. Didcot showed more cutting edge with their final actions, whereas we didn't quite make the most of the opportunities and attacking situations we created. That was particularly frustrating because throughout the pre-season, our attacking play had shown plenty of energy, quality and threat. It is something we have worked on this week and something we know we need to improve. I wish everyone at Didcot Town the very best of luck in the next round against Swindon Supermarine, which I'm sure will be another tough FA Cup tie.

Our attention now turns fully to today and our league opener against Hendon. They finished one place above us last season and are a big club at this level. We are fully aware that they have rebuilt their squad over the summer and will arrive here with confidence following a positive FA Cup result last weekend. Training this week has had a really good vibe about it. The players understand the challenge ahead of them, and we have prepared and organised ourselves to give absolutely everything for the football club today.

Finally, thank you in advance for your support - not just today, but throughout the season ahead. There will inevitably be highs and lows over the next nine months. That's football. But, like all good Moles, when things get tough, we dig deep!

Let's continue to dig deep together.

Enjoy the game.

Rosco Weatherstone
First Team Manager

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Good afternoon and welcome to the 2026/27 Isthmian League Season - and what a way to start! We're back at Hill Farm Lane as the Moles open up their season against Hendon. We haven't seen a drop of rain in months so a huge credit to our grounds-staff for their great efforts in getting the pitch in incredible shape. No doubt we'll be moaning about the cold and wet weather so let's make the most of the sunshine and cheer on our Moles this afternoon.



It's Season Four for the Moles under boss Rosco Weatherstone and his management staff that have had a couple of additions made to it during the off-season. Dan Bailey, Dec Jacob and Sam Clark join Andy Bullett, Matt Watson and Rhys Jordan-Ritchie as the team behind the team. There is also a fresh look to the squad too with some new additions introduced on our social media platforms this week. After a positive pre-season, things didn't quite go the way the Moles had hoped last Saturday at Didcot Town in the FA Cup. A competitive game with plenty of openings but a difference in the two boxes proved the key in the Moles' first away game of the season. Everyone knows the importance of a strong start to the season and hopefully the Moles can put Saturday's disappointment behind them and go again this afternoon.

It was a different story for our visitors on the opening day of their season. They brushed aside Step 5 side Soul Tower Hamlets 4-1 at Silver Jubilee Park. Despite falling behind early on, two goals in two minutes for Dion Miftari turned the game around. They made it three 30 minutes into the match through and own goal before Tashae Andall-Gibbons capped off a great performance. Hendon were involved in a relegation battle with the Moles in their first season back in the Isthmian League South Central last season so they too will be looking for a strong start this time around.

MATCH PHOTOS

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MEET THE SQUAD



Ross Weatherstone
First Team Manager



Andy Bullett
Assistant Manager



Dec Jacob
Assistant Manager



Matt Watson
Coaching Coach



Dan Bailey
Player Coach



Rhys Jordan-Ritchie
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Brady**

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Larwood**

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Mead**

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Patterson**

Midfielder

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Simpson**

Midfielder

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Tweed**

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Forward

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HENDON FC

Hendon FC are now into their 16th season under the ownership of their supporters, following their takeover of the club in the summer of 2010. Cyrus Cooper, who took over from Simon Lawrence in 2023, is the Club Chairman.

Hendon has an illustrious and proud history. The club was formed in 1908, beginning its existence as Christ Church Hampstead. In their inaugural season, the club finished as champions of the Finchley & District League Third Division. There was regular success in the early years, but not before the first of four name changes.

Ahead of the 1909-10 season, the club became Hampstead Town and immediately won the Finchley & District League Second Division title, and the First Division title followed a year later. Further successes followed as the club gained senior status in 1912 (entering the FA and county cups for the first time) and competing in both the London and Middlesex Leagues. On the back of this, the club was elected into the Athenian League in 1914, one of the best competitions in amateur football, this just six years into the club's existence.

Hampstead Town had played only two matches in 1914-15 (both away draws) when season was abandoned because of the outbreak of war. In their eventual debut season, 1919-20, the club finished a highly creditable fourth. The club finished runners-up in 1929, 1933, 1948, 1949 and 1952, before eventually winning the title in 1953. Further titles followed in 1956 and 1961.

The second renaming of the club came in 1926, when the suffix Town was dropped, and the club was simply called Hampstead. Seven years later the club became Golders Green and the final change came in 1946 when the club took the name Hendon.

There had been another Hendon club - it reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup in 1883 - and, in 1932, Hendon and Hampstead met in two friendlies, the second of which was to raise funds for the former club. Sadly, Hendon - which appeared to add and drop the Town suffix in their dying years - ceased to exist a couple of years later, but their continued existence meant Hampstead had been unable to take the name in 1933. It was as Golders Green that the club made its first appearance in the FA Cup competition proper, losing in the first round to Southend United in 1933-34.

In 1963, after more than half a dozen rejections in the previous 50 years, the club was accepted into the Isthmian League and the Greens were members for 55 seasons, always competing in the top division. Success continued as they finished runners-up in their first season, followed by the first of two league titles a year later. Hendon were again champions in 1973, adding to their runners-up achievements in 1966, 1974 and 2015. Indeed, in their first 11 seasons in the Isthmian League, Hendon never finished lower than sixth. Since then, the club has had both good and bad seasons in the League, the low point coming in 2025, when the Greens were relegated.

During the amateur era, the club reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup on five occasions, winning in 1960 (against Kingstonian), 1965 (against Whitley Bay) and 1972 (against Enfield) but losing in 1955 (against Bishop Auckland) and 1966 (against Wealdstone).

The club throughout its history has enjoyed FA Cup success. As well as 21 appearances in the first round (most recently at Aldershot Town in 2012), there have been six appearances in the second round (latterly in 1999-2000 at Blackpool) and one in the third round in January 1974 which saw the Greens draw 1-1 at Newcastle United before losing the replay 4-0 at Watford FC's Vicarage Road.

The club has also enjoyed much glory in county cups, winning the Middlesex Senior Cup no less than 16 times out of 28 final appearances, as well as winning the Middlesex Charity Cup 14 times (two of which, in 1945 and 1988, were at Wembley Stadium). The London Senior Cup has been won on six occasions, with a further 10 appearances in the final, including a 2-1 defeat in April 2024. The 16 London finals is the competition record.

Hampstead moved into its Claremont Road ground in 1926, the first game being an FA Cup tie against Berkhamsted Town on 18 September, which Hendon won 4-3. The final match was played 82 years later, almost to the day, on 20 September 2008, when local rivals Wealdstone won 4-1 (Hendon's last goal at Claremont Road came from defender/midfielder Dave Diedhiou, who is now the player-coach having racked up 71 goals in 359 appearances entering 2026-27).

After leaving Claremont Road, Hendon spent four years ground-sharing with Wembley FC and, from 2013, a three-season arrangement with Harrow Borough FC at Earlsmead. In February 2014, plans to return close to the London Borough of Barnet at the old Kingsbury Town FC ground, Silver Jubilee Park (the borough boundary is around 20 metres behind the clubhouse) were announced.

Hendon moved into Silver Jubilee Park in 2016, sharing with Edgware Town & Kingsbury, but it took until January 2017 for a first home League win to be achieved. A last-day draw, completing a run of 22 points from 10 games, saw the club avoid relegation. The 2017-18 season was nearly glorious. Led by the prolific 92-goal attack of Niko Muir (40 goals - he was back with the club from 2023-26, finishing in the top 10 of the club's scorers with 115 goals in 255 appearances), Zak Joseph (18), Ashley Nathaniel-George (17) and Josh Walker (17), Hendon roared to third place in the Isthmian League - a second top-three finish in four seasons - and reached the playoff final. Sadly, it was not to be as Dulwich Hamlet won a penalty shoot-out.

A new era dawned in summer 2018 as The Football Association announced that Hendon would be playing in the Southern League Premier Division South, the Greens' first League change since 1963. An even bigger change came as manager Gary McCann, his coaching staff and every senior player moved on to pastures new.

A new, much-improved pitch was laid in 2022, while there have been regular improvements to the clubhouse and spectator facilities. In May 2024, the Greens got the news from the Football Association they were craving, that they were being reassigned to the Isthmian League Premier Division for the 2024-25 season. Unfortunately, the departure of Lee Allinson in December 2024 led to a precipitous fall down the table, ending in a first ever relegation in club history.

The 2025-26 season was one of struggle, but Hendon collected enough points to ensure they will play in the Pitching In Isthmian League South Central Division for a second season. In charge at Silver Jubilee Park now is former Welywn Garden City manager and St Neots Town assistant Adam Fisher, who succeeded Ben Bukowski in March 2026. Off the field stability was assured with the signing of a ten-year lease to remain at Silver Jubilee Park

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My Jon Coach

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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