

MATCHDAY

PROGRAMME



HADLEY v WELWYN GARDEN CITY

Tuesday 11th August 2026, 7.45pm

Brickfield Lane, Barnet, EN5 3LD



Welcome

Good evening and welcome to Brickfield Lane for this evenings Southern League Division One Central fixture against Welwyn Garden City. We wish their players, officials and supporters an enjoyable short stay with us and a safe journey home afterwards.

Both teams arrive here tonight following early exits from the FA Cup. Welwyn Garden City lost 2-0 at Enfield on Friday evening while Hadley lost 2-0 at Hullbridge Sports on Saturday.

Our visitors finished 8th in the Southern League Division One Central last season, gaining 69 points from 42 games played. They were dealt a blow in the summer when their manager Marc Weatherstone left to take up the managerial position at Waltham Abbey, but Welwyn acted quickly to appoint Gavin Kelsey and his back room staff to replace Weatherstone at Herts Way. Last season Kelsey had taken Cockfosters all the way to Wembley for the FA Vase final only losing on penalties. They also missed out on promotion in the playoffs. So tonight will be a tough test against strong opposition and we will need to be on form to get something out of the match.

Enjoy the game



Facing us today



Welwyn Garden City FC – Pen pictures

Eddie Corbit (midfield): Returned to his home-town club, where he has family connections two seasons ago on, having spent the previous two seasons with Real Bedford, helping them win the Spartan South Midlands title in 2023-24. Can play as an attacking wing back or in midfield. Spent a decade in Luton Town's Academy.

Evaristo Mendes (forward): Portuguese born forward, who joined WGC two seasons ago from Essex Senior Leaguers Athletic Newham. Has chipped in with some useful goals, increasing the Citizens' forward options.

Ethan Rookard (forward): Close season capture a season, having top scored for his club. He was leading marksman at Cockfosters of the SSML two seasons ago with 17 goals, the seventh best strike rate in that league, where he also played under Gavin Kelsey. He was previously with Ware and Hoddesdon Town.

Nick Ralfe (forward): Signing from St Albans City early last season, where he had played all his football. He initially joined the Citizens on loan two seasons ago, scoring five times in 10 games, before injury ended that loan spell. Joined WGC permanently last season to reinforce their forward options. Now fully fit for the 2026-27 season, after a further spell out with injury.



Welwyn Garden City FC – Pen pictures

Jay Lovell (defender): Has re-joined his home two club for a third spell and will skipper the side in 2026-27. Since being away from Herts Way, has played for Hertford, Tring and Colney Heath as well as Cockfosters, whom he captained in a Wembley final.

Connor Sansom: (goalkeeper): Experienced keeper, now in his second spell with WGC. Has also had experience with Harpenden, Tring and Cockfosters, for whom he played in goal in the 2025-26 FA Vase final.

Luis Cantello (midfield): Grandson of the West Brom legend Len Cantello, Luis has moved down to Herts from Manchester, where he played his football for Bury FC, captaining their Under 23's, Chadderton and Droylsden.

Ryan Hayes (midfield): Moved back to Herts, having played most of his recent football in the Midlands for Barwell FC, in two spells, Stratford Town and Loughborough Students, whom he helped to promotion, while studying at the town's university. Began his career in Championship QPR's academy.

Keiron Gauthier (defender): Central defender recruited from St Albans City, where he progressed through their youth sides to the Saints' first-team making 28 appearances for them last season.

Teddy Stacey (midfield): One of five of the new look WGC squad who played for Cockfosters in last season's FA Vase final. Combative midfielder, who has seen previous service with Hadley and Northwood.

Egan Ngete (defender): Tenacious, attacking full-back who has also followed new WGC manager Gavin Kelsey from Cockfosters, where he came through the youth side. Also played in the FA Vase side at Wembley.



Welwyn Garden City FC – Pen pictures

Kendall Gyamfi (forward): Another recruit from Cockfosters, having begun his career as a young player at Hendon. Joined WGC's former tenants AFC Welwyn for whom he was a regular marksman, as he was for Cockfosters last season, finishing in the SSML's top 10 scorers' list.

George Sippetts (forward): Another capture from St Albans, where he played a dozen times last season, he begins the season on the injury list. Has also been a regular scorer from former clubs, Colney Heath and Hayes & Yeading.

Bradley Dixon-Smith (defender): Defender, who can also do a stint upfront, if required. Was with Hendon of the Isthmian South Central last season and had a previous spell at Hitchin Town. Began his career with Chalfont St Peter.

Reece Mosanya (defender): Joined from SSML side Wormley Rovers, where he was a regular last season and formerly played at Cockfosters. Has settled into the left-back berth during pre-season.

Malik Nosike (midfield): Powerful midfield presence, who is returning to competitive football after a season out for studying. Previous experience with FC Romania and Cockfosters.

Luca Gordon (midfield): Another recruit from Cockfosters, who was on the bench for the FA Vase final, where he came on. Clever midfielder, of whom much is expected.

Frankie Impey (defender): Tall, teenage central defender who has joined WGC on his release from Football League Stevenage's academy, where he was for eight years. Also had spells with Premier Hull City and Millwall's academies. Stands 6ft 4ins tall.

Tyreece Robertson (forward): Tricky winger with an eye for a goal as proven in his time at Cockfosters last season, when he scored seven times in 14 outings, having only joined the Cocks in mid-season.



League Table

Southern League Division One Central

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Royston Town	1	1	0	0	3	3
2	Biggleswade	1	0	1	0	0	1
3	Biggleswade Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
4	Hertford Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
5	Potters Bar Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
6	Stotfold	1	0	1	0	0	1
7	Ware	1	0	1	0	0	1
8	Aylesbury United	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Barton Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Beaconsfield Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Didcot Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Flackwell Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Hadley	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Haringey Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Leverstock Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	London Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Marlow	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Milton Keynes Irish	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Waltham Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Welwyn Garden City	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Winslow United	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Thame United	1	0	0	1	-3	0



Tonight's Matches

Tuesday 11th August 2026

Southern League Division One Central

Hadley v Welwyn Garden City

Hertford Town v Barton Rovers

Leverstock Green v London Lions

Milton Keynes Irish v Winslow United

Royston Town v Biggleswade Town

Waltham Abbey v Potters Bar Town

Ware v Haringey Borough

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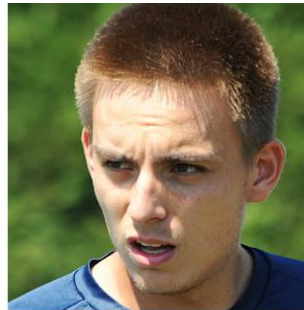
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Founded in the 1882/83 season, a notable achievement during the early years was a 1-0 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur. This was at a time when the club attracted crowds of several hundred to Hadley Common. Lester Finch joined Hadley in 1925 and later went on to become a Barnet FC legend, also representing Great Britain at the 1936 Summer Olympics and playing for England in 1941. We played in a number of different leagues at lots of different home grounds for many years before moving to Brickfield Lane in 1992. Despite success on the pitch in the Herts County League in the early 2000's, facilities at Brickfield Lane did not enable promotion. Therefore, in 2008 we joined the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two and began ground-sharing at Potters Bar Town FC. Back-to-back promotions saw us reach the Premier Division (Step 5 of the National League System) by 2010-11. In 2016 we returned to Brickfield Lane following over £500,000 worth of facilities improvements. In the summer of 2019, we were moved to the Essex Senior League where we stayed for two seasons but unfortunately neither season was completed due to COVID-19. In the summer of 2021, following more restructuring of the National League System by the FA, we were moved back into the Spartan South Midlands League. The 2021-22 season was very successful, reaching the Second Round Qualifying of the FA Cup, narrowly losing 2-1 at home against Enfield Town in a replay. We then went on to reach the final of the Herts Senior Cup where two late goals gave Cheshunt (who went on to gain promotion into the Vanarama National League South at the end of the season) a 2-0 win. We finished third in the league but due to Risborough Rangers not meeting the FA ground grading, we were promoted to Step 4 (for the first time in our history) and the Southern League Division One Central for the 2022-23 season. The 2021-22 season was topped off by us winning the Gladwish Challenge Trophy following a 3-1 win against Stotfold in the final. Our first two seasons in the Southern League Division One Central saw us finish in 9th and 8th position respectively. Last season (2024-25) saw us make the playoffs, a fantastic achievement. We also won the Herts Charity Cup and reached the Third Round of the FA Trophy narrowly losing away at Oxford City after beating AFC Telford United, Hastings United, Carshalton Athletic, Ipswich Wanderers and Grays Athletic in the previous rounds - again a fantastic record that will be hard to beat. 2025-26 was another credible finish in the Southern League Division One Central, finishing just above mid-table in 10th position. A highlight of the season was an FA Trophy Third Round Qualifying win against Dartford - another big non-league club who we have defeated in the competition. We look forward to the 2026-27 season.



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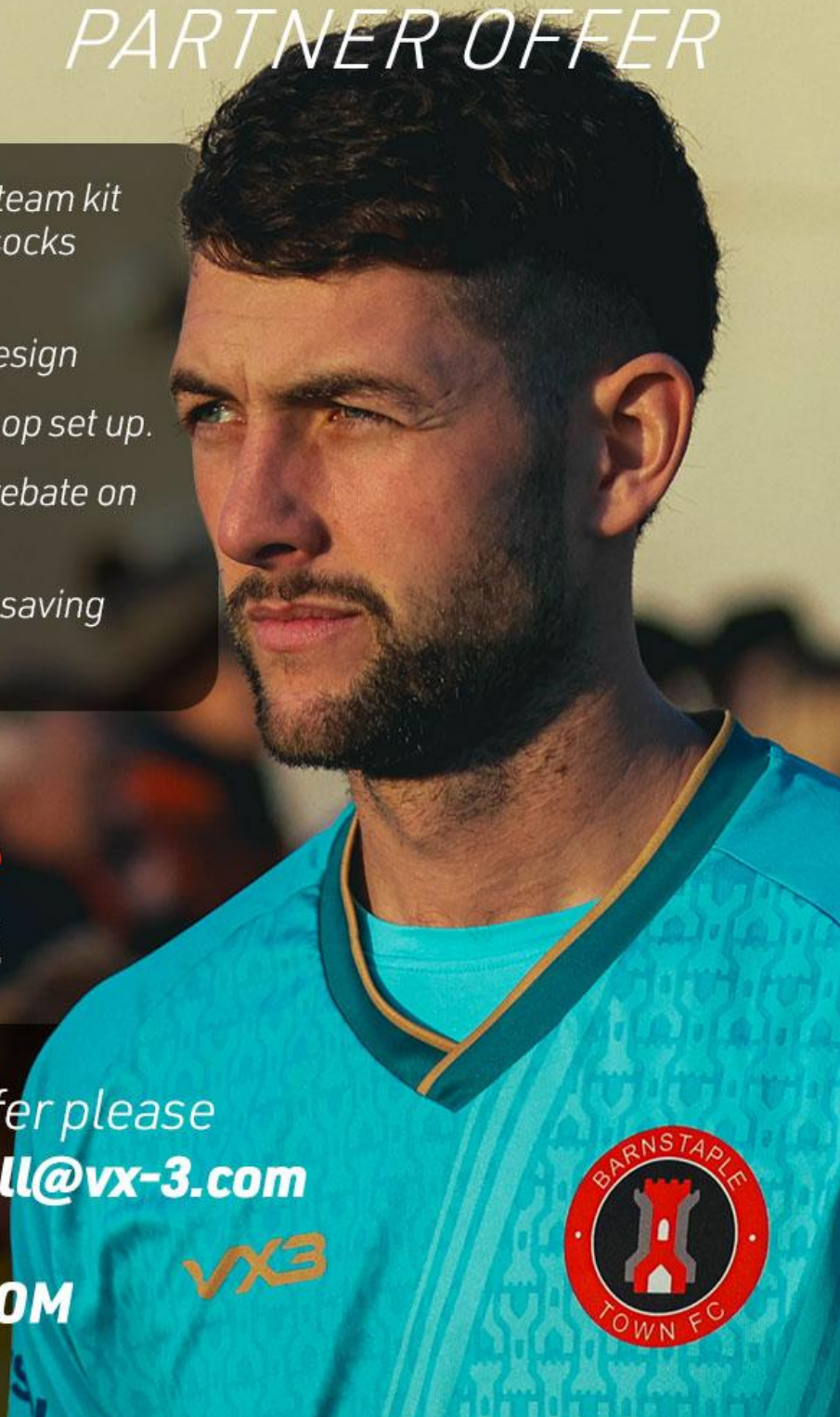
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