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HADLEY V STOTFOLD

FA Trophy Preliminary Round

Saturday 15 August 2026 | 15:00

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Welcome

Good afternoon and welcome to Brickfield Lane for this FA Trophy Preliminary Round fixture against Stotfold. We wish their players, officials and supporters an enjoyable short stay with us and a safe journey home afterwards. We also welcome today's match officials.

Our visitors started the season strongly with a convincing 4-1 against Basildon United in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round. This was followed up with a 2-2 draw in their first league match at Biggleswade FC. Following our FA Cup exit last Saturday, we kicked off our Southern League campaign against Welwyn Garden City on Tuesday. A good first half saw us 1-0 up at the break - Basim Mirtahmasebi finishing a good team move. We nearly doubled our lead soon after, Jordan Edwards dinked effort going just wide. Our visitors equalised soon after the restart before taking the lead around 10 minutes later. Welwyn Garden City then scored again to make the final score 3-1.

Stotfold finished 17th in the Southern League Division One Central last season, gaining 48 points from 42 games played. We won the home league fixture 4-2 back in August 2025 thanks to goals from Jordan Edwards (2) and Luke Alfano (2). Luke Alfano also scored the only goal in the 1-0 win away at Stotfold last season. Today will be a tough test though, as our visitors have started well so far this season.

Enjoy the game



Facing us today – Stotfold FC



The first recorded football in Stotfold occurred in 1904 although it is certain the game was played in the town for a number of years before that. In the early 1900s, Stotfold sides played in the Biggleswade and District League. This was followed by a spell of nearly 30 years in North Herts football. The first record of a trophy being won was 1911 when Potton were beaten 1–0 in the Biggleswade and District Championship.

Stotfold FC was officially founded, with proper financing, stewardship and record-keeping, in 1946. The club played for many years at the Hitchin Road Recreation Ground before moving into the newly developed Roker Park ground in 1965. This ground was just a meadow named "Roker" when it was first used by Stotfold Athletic in 1911.



In 1951, the club joined the South Midlands League Division Two, finishing 2nd to gain immediate promotion to Division One. They were Division One champions in 1953–54 and were promoted to the Premier Division, where they remained for thirty years. Stotfold won the South Midlands League Premier Division for the first time in the 1980–81 season under the management team of Brian Parker, Peter Godden, and Geoff Heard. They were also runners-up seven times.

In 1984, the Eagles were transferred to the United Counties League. They were admitted straight into the Premier Division, where they stayed until 2010. Through the 1990s, the club generally finished high in the top ten. After several changes of manager, the club re-appointed former Arsenal man Ian Allinson as manager for 2007–08, and he rewarded them by leading the club to their most successful season, including the UCL championship for the first time. He subsequently left to join Boreham Wood. The championship was clinched in dramatic fashion; starting the second half 0–4 down to closest challengers Long Buckby, Stotfold managed to equalise in the 90th minute for the point needed to clinch the title.

Stotfold transferred to the Spartan South Midlands League for the 2010–11 season. They remained in the Premier Division before being relegated to Division One on the last day of the 2018–19 campaign. Stotfold achieved a landmark for the club in February 2020 when they moved to their brand new £2m step 4 ready stadium at New Roker Park on Arlesey Road.



League Table

Southern League Division One Central

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



Today's Matches

Saturday 15th August 2026

Featured FA Trophy Matches

Buckhurst Hill v Welwyn Garden City

Hadley v Stotfold

Haringey Borough v Biggleswade Town

Southern League Division One Central

Barton Rovers v Leverstock Green

Beaconsfield Town v Waltham Abbey

Flackwell Heath v Hertford Town

London Lions v Didcot Town

Potters Bar Town v Aylesbury United

Thame United v Ware

Winslow United v Royston Town



Upcoming Hadley FC Matches



Hadley v Winslow United

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Southern League Division One Central



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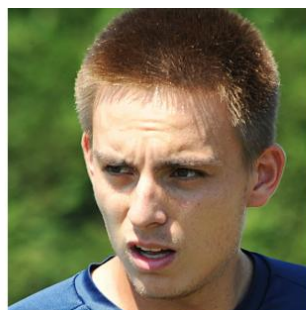
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A brief history of Hadley FC

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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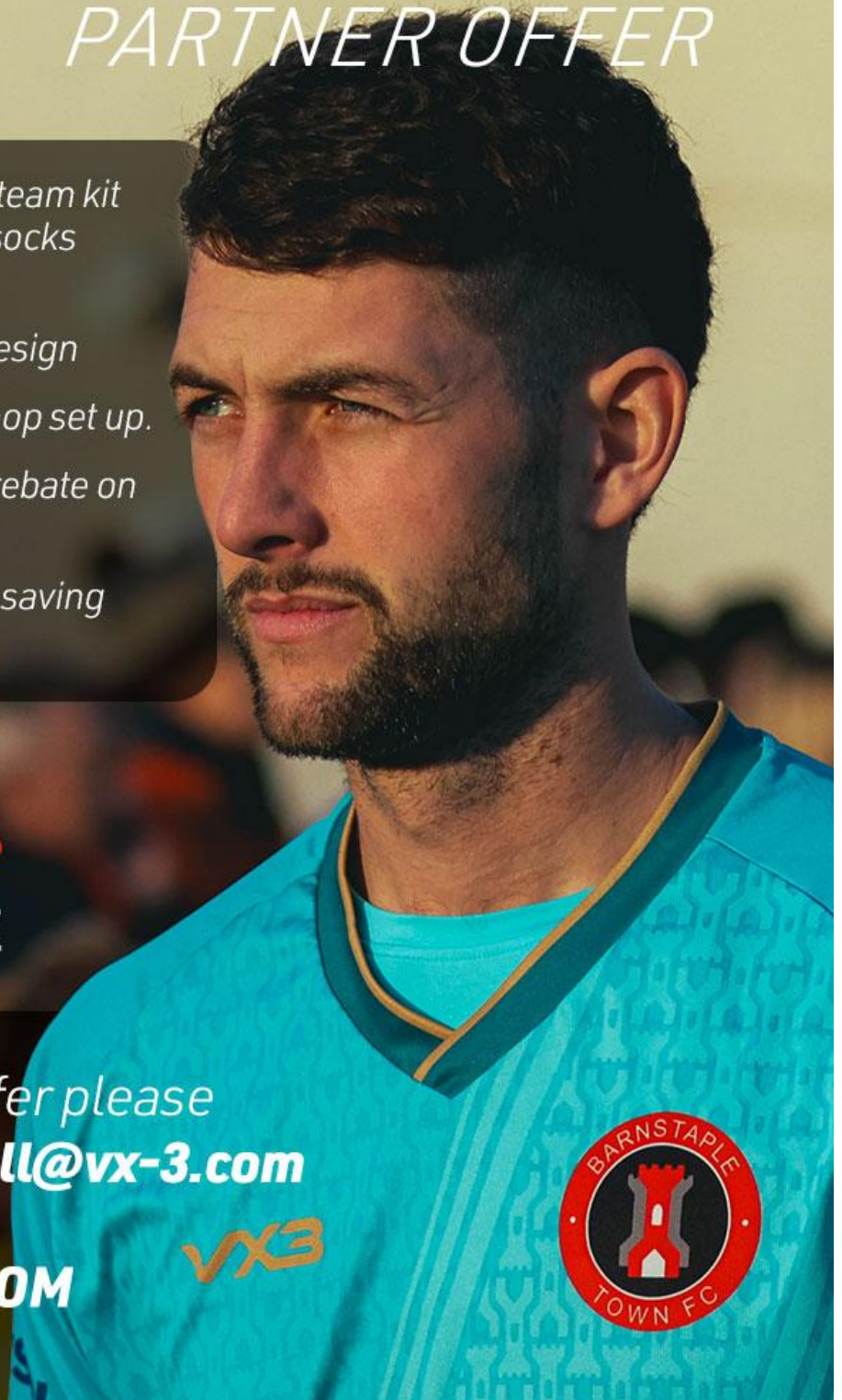
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