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Welcome

Good afternoon and welcome to Brickfield Lane for this Pitching In Southern League Division One Central match against Barton Rovers. 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.

Barton Rovers arrive here today in 14th position in the league with 15 points from 13 games played. Their last match was a 1-1 draw at home against Stotfold last Saturday. We have already played Barton in the league this season when we were on the wrong end of a 4-3 scoreline at Sharpenhoe Road in the beginning of September. Tuesday evening saw another high scoring match that ended in defeat when we travelled to Waltham Abbey. After going 1-0 up inside the first minute through Lenny Asamoah, Waltham Abbey then scored twice to take the lead before Jordan Edwards equalised - all within 11 minutes played. Waltham Abbey then raced into a 6-2 lead at half time. Second half goals from Jordan Edwards and Bobby Bircham reduced the deficit to 6-4 before goalkeeper Omar Ozer was sent off for a late challenge. Our hosts then scored again late on to make the final score 7-4. Get behind the team as we hope to put some points on the board this afternoon.

Enjoy the game



Facing us today – Barton Rovers FC



The club's home is in Barton-le-Clay, a village of some 5,000 people just north of Luton. Formed in 1898, the team played inter-village football for the first 50 years until 1946 when it reformed and joined the Luton & District League.

Progress was swift, and in 1954, the club was accepted into the South Midlands League. The team enjoyed only limited success until 1964, when former Leicester City and Luton Town defender Barry Reed joined as manager. Under his guidance, the club was promoted to the Premier Division in 1964/65 and was never out of the top three until leaving the league in 1979. They dominated, winning the title eight seasons out of nine, and famously made a clean sweep in their final season, securing the Premier Division title, the Senior Section Challenge Trophy, the Reserve Division title, and the Reserve Section Challenge Trophy—an achievement that remains unmatched to this day.



The club made its FA Vase debut in 1976, reaching the quarterfinals before losing to Farnborough Town. The following year, they went one step further with a semi-final appearance against Sheffield. The ultimate pinnacle was reached in 1978, with a massive crowd of 16,391 watching the Final at Wembley. The Rovers unfortunately lost 2-1 to Blue Star of Newcastle but cemented their place in local football history.

In 1979, the club was elected to the Isthmian League, finishing a credible 8th in their first season. This was improved to fourth in both 1980/81 and 1981/82, a period that also saw another strong Vase run. At the end of the 1982/83 season, Barry Reed retired, having led the club to its highest-ever position of 3rd and fulfilling his dream of seeing Barton Rovers play in the First-Round proper of the FA Cup, a feat achieved in 1980. A transitional period followed in the mid-'80s, as three different managers guided the team through what became a period of mid-table obscurity. In the 1990/91 season, Rovers qualified for the new Division Two. This marked the final game for manager Mick Huckle, who retired after five years to become General Manager.

The 1991/92 season was unspectacular, with Ray Brandon and Tony Dumigan taking turns in charge before Brian Williams was appointed in May 1992. His success was limited to cup competitions, but the team had its best FA Vase run in seven years and reached the final of the Isthmian Associate Members Trophy for the first time in the club's history. Despite a 3-1 extra-time defeat, it was a moment that galvanized the club.



May 1993 saw the appointment of Gordon Taylor, who guided the Rovers to 4th place in his first season. Building on this, he steered the team to a runner-up finish in 1994/95. This was a remarkable success story, especially after the club's financial position became precarious at Christmas, forcing a difficult decision to cut the playing budget to zero. The loyalty of manager Gordon Taylor and the squad was incredible. They responded by playing their best football of the season, sweeping to nine straight victories to secure promotion to the Isthmian League First Division for the first time in 16 seasons. Their first season in Division One was a struggle, but lessons were learned, and by December, the team had pulled clear of the danger zone. They also reached both county cup finals, winning the Premier Cup 1-0 on aggregate against Bedford Town.

1996/97 saw Barton briefly top the Division One table, but a winless run led to Gordon Taylor's resignation. Former manager Mick Huckle took over temporarily before the club appointed Gordon Brown as their new manager. Despite a challenging start, a vital 2-1 win in February 1997 broke a 13-game winless streak. The team pulled away from the danger zone and, just like the previous season, ended with silverware, winning the Anglia TV 5-a-side Championship.

Gordon Brown's second season, 1997/98, saw the team achieve a new record finish of 16th. They also had their best FA Cup run in 17 years and secured the Bedfordshire Senior Cup with a 4-0 victory over Potton United before Brown departed to coach in the US.



In April 1998, on Brown's recommendation, former Arsenal and Luton Town player Ian Allinson was appointed manager. He led the team to a new positional high of 15th and a memorable season of three cup finals. The team retained the Bedfordshire Senior Cup and won the South Midlands Floodlight Cup for the first time, narrowly missing out on a cup treble by losing the Hinchingsbrooke Cup Final.

The 1999/2000 season started brightly, with the Rovers in third place by Christmas. However, two festive defeats led to Ian Allinson's shock resignation. Assistant Ian Donnelly took over, guiding the club to a new highest-ever league finish of 12th. The club then endured a turbulent period with a succession of managers, including Noel Blackwell and Alan Biley, before Dick Newman took charge and rebuilt the team following relegation.

Newman's tenure focused on bringing in young players from the youth academy. This young side finished 14th and won the Hinchingsbrooke Cup for the first time with a 2-0 victory over Yaxley. Dick Newman resigned after the season, but the club quickly secured the return of former manager Ian Allinson for his second spell.

2002/03 was a period of consolidation. Promising young striker Drew Roberts came through the youth side, scoring great goals before moving on to Bedford Town. Allinson continued to mold the side on a tight budget but decided to leave for Boreham Wood in January.



Former players Gordon Guile and Graham Golds were appointed as joint players/managers. Guile later stepped down due to work commitments, and former manager Gordon Taylor was once again brought in, with club stalwart Tony McNally as player-coach.

The team consolidated its league position, and after a season that saw top goal scorer Paul Barnes depart for AFC Wimbledon, the club won the Hinchingsbrooke Cup for a second time. Manager Gordon Taylor then regretfully resigned, and the club appointed youth team manager Kevin Thoburn as General Manager, with Neil Rodney as coach.

Following Kevin Thoburn's departure, Gary Fitzgerald took charge for his first full season in 2007/08 as the youngest manager in Rovers' history. He brought stability to the club, finishing in a comfortable mid-table position. Fitzgerald continued to build a young, vibrant squad over his four seasons in charge. The 2009/10 season was a struggle against relegation, but the team fought hard and enjoyed a great FA Trophy run. Fitzgerald departed after an unconvincing start to the 2010/11 season and was replaced by Dan Kenney.

The former player, just 30 years old, assembled a squad that finished a solid 12th in the newly created Southern League Central division. He also oversaw the reintroduction of the Reserve Team. Kenney stayed on, guiding the side to a respectable mid-table finish in 2012/13 and winning the North Beds Charity Cup.



The 2013/14 season was arguably the club's best in years, as they flirted with the play-offs all season, finishing 6th—the club's highest-ever league position—and securing a second consecutive North Beds Charity Cup.

Following Kennoy's decision to stand down, former players Richard Wilmot and Wes Byrne took the reins for the 2014/15 season. They led the team to a play-off final and lifted the Beds Senior Cup with a 4-0 victory. The 2015/16 season saw another new management team, but the club still managed to retain the Beds FA Senior Cup. Former player Jimmy Gray took over for the 2016/17 promotion chase but lost in the play-off final. Mark Boyce took the hot seat for the start of the 2017/18 season before being replaced by ex-Dunstable Town manager Tony Fontanelle.

After a difficult start to the 2022/23 season, Fontanelle and his team were replaced by the joint management duo of Leon Cashman and Jermaine Hall. They managed to keep the club afloat with an inter-step play-off victory. Although Leon Cashman parted ways with the club, Jermaine Hall remained in charge for two more seasons. In his first full season as solo manager, he led the team to a respectable mid-table finish and an impressive FA Cup run. He then took his team a step further, reaching the league play-off semi-final and the Beds Senior Cup Final, though they fell short in both ties. His shock resignation led to Assistant Chris Robson stepping up to the manager's role, where he now navigates his first season in charge.



The legacy of these managers and players is what has shaped Barton Rovers into the club you see today. From humble village beginnings to Wembley finals and historic league finishes, the club's history is a testament to the dedication of everyone involved. Today, we continue this journey together, building on the foundation of those who came before us.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager: Chris Robson
Assistant Manager: Chris Golding
First Team Coach: Lee Loasby
First Team Coach: Paul Andrews
Goalkeeper Coach: Mika Edubatey
Sports Therapist & Medical Lead: Jess Brown
Sports Therapist: Lee Neufvill



PLAYERS

Matt Boylan
Murphy Culkin
Michael Buckmaster
Isaiah Hilaire
Tom Cherney
Kian Wilkes
Joshua Edwards
Ben Renwick
Princewill Mandu
Rio Birt
Cole Riley-Snow
George Joyce
Martel Powell
Fabio Silvestri
Finley Canning
Connor Bernhardt
Tali Jallow
Jack Sayell
Rawn Seale
Powfil Raposo
Tyrone Shiham



League Table

Southern League Division One Central

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Didcot Town	12	8	1	3	18	25
2	Winslow United	10	7	2	1	14	23
3	Potters Bar Town	13	6	5	2	10	23
4	Biggleswade	10	6	2	2	11	20
5	Welwyn Garden City	11	6	2	3	10	20
6	Marlow	10	6	2	2	6	20
7	Stotfold	12	5	5	2	1	20
8	Milton Keynes Irish	13	5	3	5	-2	18
9	Waltham Abbey	9	5	2	2	10	17
10	Royston Town	12	4	5	3	1	17
11	Haringey Borough	11	5	2	4	-1	17
12	London Lions	13	5	1	7	-9	16
13	Beaconsfield Town	13	5	1	7	-12	16
14	Barton Rovers	13	4	3	6	-7	15
15	Thame United	8	4	1	3	2	13
16	Leverstock Green	12	3	4	5	1	13
17	Biggleswade Town	12	3	3	6	-1	12
18	Hertford Town	11	3	3	5	-7	12
19	Aylesbury United	11	3	0	8	-7	9
20	Ware	10	1	5	4	-13	8
21	Hadley	12	2	1	9	-12	7
22	Flackwell Heath	12	2	1	9	-13	7



Today's Matches

Saturday 24th October 2026

Southern League Division One Central

Aylesbury United v Leverstock Green

Biggleswade v Winslow United

Hadley v Barton Rovers

Hertford Town v Ware

Marlow v London Lions

Potters Bar Town v Thame United

Royston Town v Milton Keynes Irish

Stotfold v Beaconsfield Town

Welwyn Garden City v Haringey Borough



Upcoming Hadley FC Matches



Potters Bar Town v Hadley

Tues 27 October 2026 | 19.45 ko

Southern League Division One Central



Hadley v Leverstock Green

Sat 31 October 2026 | 15.00 ko

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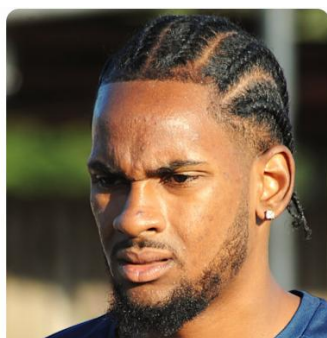
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Player Stats

Appearances (2026-27 season)

Jordan Edwards	14
Callum Ismail	14
Bobby Bircham	13
Lenny Asamoah	12
Rio Grant	12
George Alfieri	11
Cameron Ferguson	11
Louis Udeh	11
Romey Meoded	10
Hermes Gbio	9
Billy Hayes	9
Finley Aldridge	8
Tommy Roberts	8
Luke Alfano	7
Omer Ozer	7
Charlie Taylor	7
Wilson Bernal	6
Chibueze Echem	6
Juan Quejada	6
Eric Schulz	6
Ridwan Euba	5
Mo Habib	5
Daniel Taylor	4
Basim Mirtahmasebi	3
Ekow Coker	2
Bobby Webb	2
Levi Young	2

Goalscorers (2026-27 season)

Jordan Edwards	5
Finley Aldridge	3
Lenny Asamoah	3
Bobby Bircham	2
Luke Alfano	1
Rio Grant	1
Basim Mirtahmasebi	1



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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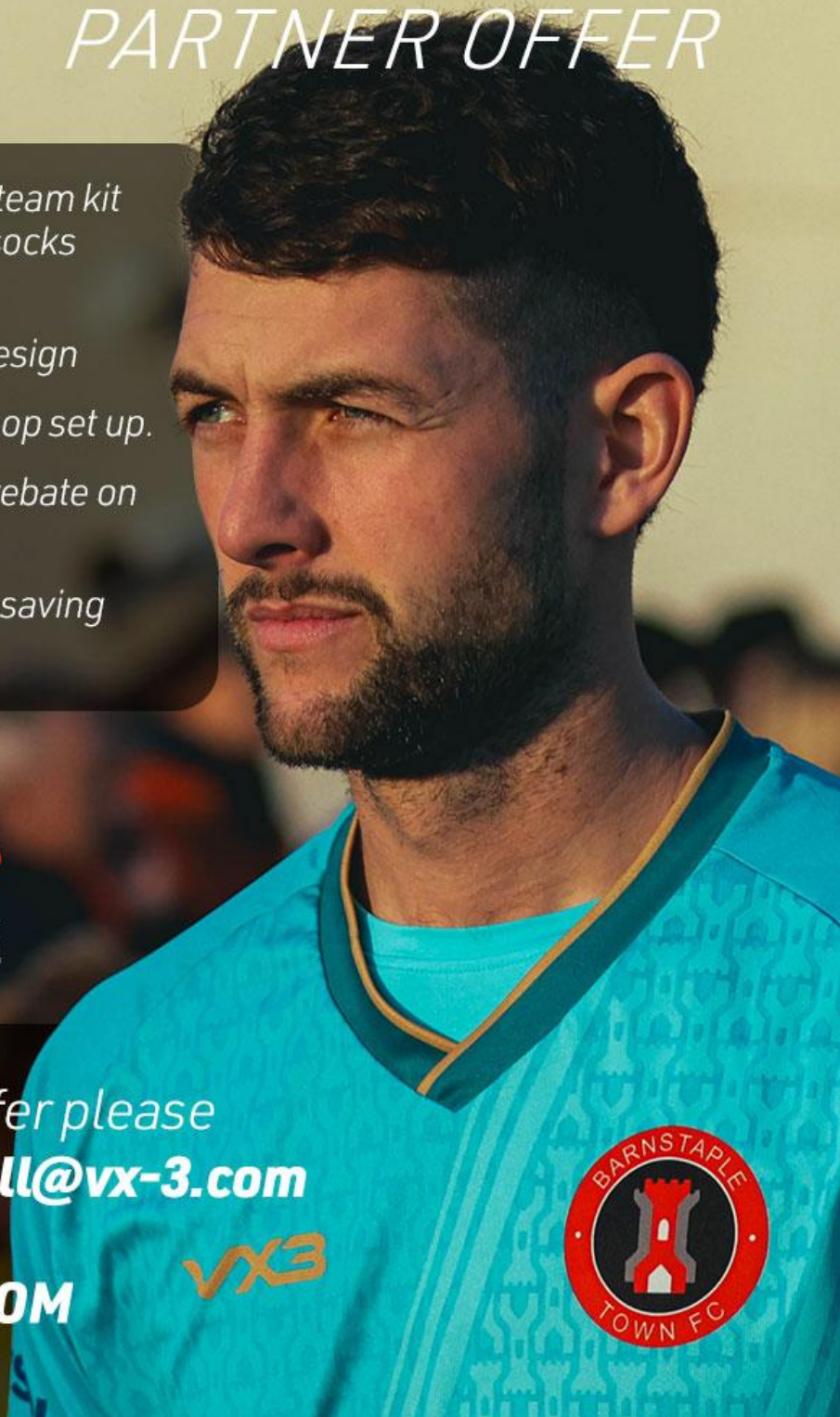
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