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SATURDAY 3PM AT HERNS WAY

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## WELWYN GARDEN CITY

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

# WELCOME TO HERNS WAY

**Welcome to Herns Way today for our eagerly awaited local derby with Hertford Town. We welcome everyone from Hertingfordbury Park to Welwyn Garden City and we hope they enjoy their day with us.**

I love these games against Hertford. The rivalry is great, but the two clubs get on well at committee/board level and I always look for these games first when the fixtures come out.

We come into today's game on the back of two fantastic away wins at Waltham Abbey and Beaconsfield. We sit again in 4th place, only 3 points off the leaders Winslow, so a win today would keep our recent good form going. We have 10 points from our last 6 games, which is a very decent return.

This time of year is when we remember all of those fallen armed forces personnel. It's important we never forget the sacrifice they made for us and this country. We will always remember them and we will pay our respects before kick-off.

**Enjoy the game.**

**David Coates**
Chairman

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FROM THE DUGOUT · GAVIN KELSEY

# FROM THE MANAGER

## "YOU WON'T GET MORE OF A LOCAL DERBY THAN THIS!"

**Today we welcome Hertford Town FC to The Boss Plumbing Stadium for this Southern Division One Central fixture.**

It's safe to say that I have fond memories of Hertford Town, having managed them a number of years back – Phil Lovell, Jay Lovell, Glenn Draper & myself had some good times over there, achieving promotion out of Step 5 into Step 4. A great set of fans that supported home & away.

We made some very good friends along the way that I haven't lost contact with, so will hopefully see them today.

5.5 miles separate the clubs, so you won't get more of a local derby than this! I remember visiting Herns Lane with HTFC & it was always a heated affair!

Our last game at home was a 1-1 draw with Biggleswade Town FC – I felt we had done enough to take the 3 points, but we switched off from a quick throw & that was our undoing.

Ryan Hayes had scored our goal after some great build-up play from Tyreece, Kendall, Malik & Junior.

It stopped the rot of 2 defeats & we took the point.

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FROM THE DUGOUT · GAVIN KELSEY · CONTINUED

# FROM THE MANAGER

Saturday was the rollercoaster that is non-league football! Waltham Abbey away, who are fancied by many to be in & around it come the end of the season.

A high-tempo game that would see us take the lead from a BDS free kick that was won by Ethan Rookard in the air for Kier to slot home – a good start!

Abbey found themselves down to 10, with Bailey Stevenson getting a 2nd yellow – this I felt put us in a very strong position, & we added another before HT after great work from Nick Ralfe on the left, with Ryan Hayes adding another to his season tally!

HT being 2-0 with the opposition down to 10 is harder than most think, & that proved right in the 2nd half. For every chance that went begging, you knew at some point it would come back to bite, & that proved to be the case – we won the game in the 91st minute with Reece Mosanya tapping in at the back post from Junior Moses's cross – we win 3-2!

It's Tuesday/Saturday on the fixture list for the next 3 weeks, as it has been for the last 2, so with no time to reflect we were on our way to Beaconsfield Town FC with a patched-up 16.

We lost Junior Moses, Ryan Hayes, Egan Ntege & Nick Ralfe for the game, so changes had to be made & the squad depth used – used so much that the ageing Glenn Draper was named on the bench (not something I like to do, as it gives the fella a little bit of hope) hahaha!

An early goal from Kendall set us on our way – great work to spin & hit the shot home for 1-0 – & again for the 2nd, a hit that the keeper pushed out for Reece Mosanya to tap home!

Again in a great position at HT – we came out for the 2nd half & calmed the storm before an unreal hit got BTFC back into the game at 2-1!

It was a case of match you & raise you for our 3rd – a great run from Eddie Corbit, who took out 2 defenders with his ball inside to Mosanya, who hit a shot that would still be going now if it wasn't for the net stopping it!

We should have added more, but took the points with a fine 3-1 win.

**We need to carry on the current form today & will need as much noise & support as possible!**

UTW **Gaffer**

LAST TIME OUT · MATCH REPORT TUE 3 NOV · HOLLOWAYS PARK

| BEACONSFIELD TOWN | 1 – 3 | WELWYN GARDEN CITY |
|---|---|---|
| Peapell 52′ | SL Div One Central | Gyamfi 2′, Mosanya 40′, 70′ |

# MOSANYA DOUBLE SINKS THE RAMS

**Kendall Gyamfi struck inside two minutes and Reece Mosanya scored twice as the Citizens made it back-to-back away wins.**

WGC could hardly have started faster. Inside two minutes Kendall Gyamfi, playing on the left of the front three, found the net – the quickest goal of the Citizens' season.

Gyamfi almost doubled the lead on 15 minutes, heading Kieran Gauthier's cross just wide, and Reece Barrett fired wide after Reece Mosanya cut inside to set him up. Beaconsfield managed one first-half effort, a swerving long-range shot from Pharrell Innocent that flew wide.

The second goal came five minutes before the break. Luis Cantello and Barrett worked the ball to Gyamfi, whose low shot was only half-saved by keeper Ifekoya, and Mosanya followed up to make it 2-0.

The hosts came out stronger after half-time and pulled one back on 52 minutes, Alex Peapell beating Connor Sansom from distance.

Mosanya settled it with 20 minutes left, sending a superb strike from around 25 yards into the top corner.

WGC had chances to add more – Evaristo Mendes headed just past the far post from Eddie Corbit's cross – while at the other end Cantello cleared off the line to make sure there was no way back for the Rams.

TUE 3 NOV · HOW IT HAPPENED

# KEY MOMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2' | GOAL | **Kendall Gyamfi · 0-1**<br>Scores inside two minutes – the quickest goal of WGC's season. |
| 40' | GOAL | **Reece Mosanya · 0-2**<br>Follows up after Gyamfi's low shot is half-saved by Ifekoya. |
| 52' | GOAL | **Alex Peapell · 1-2**<br>A long-range strike beats Connor Sansom. |
| 63' | SUB | **Eddie Corbit on**<br>Replaces Reece Barrett. |
| 70' | GOAL | **Reece Mosanya · 1-3**<br>Sends a strike from around 25 yards into the top corner. |
| 83' | SUB | **Teddy Stacey on**<br>Replaces Jay Lovell. |

## WGC LINE-UP

SUBS IN BRACKETS, WITH MINUTE

Sansom, Gauthier, Impey, Lovell (Stacey 83), Dixon-Smith, Cantello, Nosike, Barrett (Corbit 63), Mosanya, Mendes, Gyamfi

Unused subs: Robertson, Rookard, Draper · Minutes approximate

LAST FIVE L L D W W All competitions, oldest → latest

PITCHING IN SL DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

# THE TABLE

**4th**
WGC · 27 PTS

| # | CLUB | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Winslow United | 14 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 37 | 20 | +17 | **30** |
| 2 | Potters Bar Town | 16 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 34 | 21 | +13 | **29** |
| 3 | Didcot Town | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 35 | 17 | +18 | **28** |
| **4** | **Welwyn Garden City** | **15** | **8** | **3** | **4** | **34** | **22** | **+12** | **27** |
| 5 | Royston Town | 16 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 33 | 22 | +11 | **27** |
| 6 | Marlow | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 31 | 21 | +10 | **26** |
| 7 | Stotfold | 15 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 22 | 19 | +3 | **25** |
| 8 | Waltham Abbey | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 25 | +12 | **23** |
| 9 | Haringey Borough | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 24 | -2 | **23** |
| 10 | Thame United | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 18 | +9 | **22** |
| 11 | London Lions | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 35 | -7 | **22** |
| 12 | Beaconsfield Town | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 34 | -11 | **21** |
| 13 | Biggleswade | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 23 | +1 | **20** |
| 14 | Milton Keynes Irish | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 34 | -13 | **18** |
| 15 | Biggleswade Town | 15 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 21 | 21 | 0 | **16** |
| **16** | **Hertford Town** | **15** | **4** | **4** | **7** | **21** | **31** | **-10** | **16** |
| 17 | Leverstock Green | 15 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 22 | 0 | **15** |
| 18 | Barton Rovers | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 19 | 32 | -13 | **15** |
| 19 | Aylesbury United | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 27 | 37 | -10 | **13** |
| 20 | Ware | 14 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 32 | -12 | **13** |
| 21 | Hadley | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 19 | 32 | -13 | **11** |
| 22 | Flackwell Heath | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 32 | -15 | **8** |

Top spot · Play-off places · Bottom four

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2026/27 · ALL COMPETITIONS

# RESULTS SO FAR

| 21 PLAYED | 12 WON | 3 DRAWN | 6 LOST | 46 SCORED | 30 CONCEDED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 Aug | A | **Enfield** · FA Cup EP<br>— | L 0-2 | 275 |
| 11 Aug | A | **Hadley** · League<br>Ralfe (2), Harriman-Annous | W 3-1 | 161 |
| 15 Aug | A | **Buckhurst Hill** · FA Trophy P<br>Ralfe | W 1-0 | 125 |
| 22 Aug | A | **Barton Rovers** · League<br>Mendes, Hayes, Corbit (pen) | W 3-1 | 157 |
| 29 Aug | H | **Mulbarton Wanderers** · FA Trophy 1Q<br>Moses, Impey, Hayes | W 3-0 | 136 |
| 31 Aug | A | **Ware** · League<br>Corbit, Rookard, Gordon | W 3-0 | 405 |
| 5 Sep | H | **Didcot Town** · League<br>Impey | L 1-4 | 443 |
| 12 Sep | H | **Walthamstow** · FA Trophy 2Q<br>Corbit, Gyamfi | W 2-1 | 192 |
| 15 Sep | A | **Biggleswade Town** · League<br>Barrett | D 1-1 | 120 |
| 19 Sep | H | **Stotfold** · League<br>Dixon-Smith, Robertson, Gyamfi, Rookard, Gauthier | W 5-0 | 204 |
| 26 Sep | A | **Eastbourne Borough** · FA Trophy 3Q<br>Robertson, Mosanya | L 2-4 | 569 |
| 29 Sep | H | **Royston Town** · League<br>OG | D 1-1 | 231 |
| 3 Oct | A | **Flackwell Heath** · League<br>Robertson, Rookard, Ralfe | W 3-2 | 226 |
| 6 Oct | H | **Everett Rovers** · HSC 1st Rd<br>Sippetts, Gyamfi, Mendes, OG | W 4-1 | 134 |
| 10 Oct | H | **Winslow United** · League<br>Rookard | L 1-2 | 190 |
| 13 Oct | H | **London Lions** · League<br>Impey, Corbit, Hayes, Mendes (2) | W 5-3 | 154 |
| 17 Oct | A | **Thame United** · League<br>Nosike | L 1-2 | 94 |
| 24 Oct | H | **Haringey Borough** · League<br>— | L 0-1 | 224 |
| 27 Oct | H | **Biggleswade Town** · League<br>Hayes | D 1-1 | – |
| 31 Oct | A | **Waltham Abbey** · League<br>Gauthier, Hayes, Mosanya | W 3-2 | – |
| 3 Nov | A | **Beaconsfield Town** · League<br>Gyamfi, Mosanya (2) | W 3-1 | – |

WGC score shown first · H/A = home/away

Right-hand figure: attendance

THE ROAD AHEAD

# FIXTURES TO COME

H HOME A AWAY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sat 7 Nov | H | Hertford Town · League | 3.00pm |
| Tue 10 Nov | A | St Albans City HSC 2nd Rd | 7.45pm |
| Sat 14 Nov | A | Milton Keynes Irish League | 3.00pm |
| Tue 17 Nov | H | Biggleswade FC League | 7.45pm |
| Sat 21 Nov | H | Potters Bar Town League | 3.00pm |
| Tue 24 Nov | A | Royston Town League | 7.45pm |
| Sat 28 Nov | H | Beaconsfield Tow League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 5 Dec | A | Stotfold League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 12 Dec | A | Marlow League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 19 Dec | H | Aylesbury United League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 26 Dec | A | Leverstock Green League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 2 Jan | H | Ware League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 9 Jan | A | Potters Bar Town League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 16 Jan | H | Milton Keynes Irish League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 23 Jan | A | London Lions League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 30 Jan | H | Thame United League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 6 Feb | A | Haringey Borough League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 13 Feb | H | Barton Rovers League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 20 Feb | H | Hadley League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 27 Feb | A | Didcot Town League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 6 Mar | H | Waltham Abbey League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 13 Mar | A | Hertford Town League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 20 Mar | H | Marlow League | 3.00pm |
| Fri 26 Mar | A | Biggleswade League | 3.00pm |
| Mon 29 Mar | H | Leverstock Green League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 3 Apr | A | Aylesbury United League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 10 Apr | H | Flackwell Heath League | 3.00pm |
| Sat 17 Apr | A | Winslow United League | 3.00pm |

All fixtures subject to change — check the club's socials before travelling.

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FIRST-TEAM NUMBERS · 21 GAMES

# PLAYER STATS 26/27

**TOP SCORER**
**5**
Ryan Hayes

**MOST ASSISTS**
**7**
Brad Dixon-Smith, Junior Moses

**EVER-PRESENT**
**21/21**
Malik Nosike

| PLAYER | START | SUB | APPS | GLS | AST | YC | RC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reece Barrett | 2 | 12 | **14** | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Luis Cantello | 14 | 4 | **18** | **0** | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Eddie Corbit | 15 | 2 | **17** | **4** | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Brad Dixon-Smith | 15 | 1 | **16** | **1** | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| Glenn Draper | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oscar Frost | 1 | 0 | **1** | **0** | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Kieran Gauthier | 19 | 1 | **20** | **2** | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Luca Gordon | 6 | 4 | **10** | **1** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kendall Gyamfi | 6 | 10 | **16** | **3** | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Ryan Hayes | 13 | 7 | **20** | **5** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Frankie Impey | 15 | 1 | **16** | **3** | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Jay Lovell | 14 | 0 | **14** | **0** | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Dan McGowan | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Evaristo Mendes | 7 | 10 | **17** | **4** | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Bradley Monks | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reece Mosanya | 8 | 9 | **17** | **4** | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Junior Moses | 10 | 2 | **12** | **1** | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Malik Nosike | 18 | 3 | **21** | **1** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Egan Ntege | 15 | 0 | **15** | **0** | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Nick Ralfe | 12 | 6 | **18** | **4** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Tyreece Robertson | 9 | 4 | **13** | **3** | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Ethan Rookard | 11 | 5 | **16** | **4** | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Connor Sansom | 20 | 0 | **20** | **0** | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Joe Shenouda | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| George Sippetts | 0 | 5 | **5** | **1** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Teddy Stacey | 1 | 2 | **3** | **0** | 1 | 1 | 0 |

All competitions · figures to 3 Nov 2026

CURRENT SQUAD · CAREER HISTORY WITH WELWYN GARDEN CITY FC

# ALL-TIME STATS

**MOST APPEARANCES**
**124**
Jay Lovell, since 2011

**MOST GOALS**
**17**
Nick Ralfe, 34% strike rate

**CLUB SEASON RECORD**
**51**
Jason Caswell, 2014/15

| PLAYER | DEBUT | START | SUB | APPS | GLS | STRIKE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jay Lovell | Aug 2011 | 119 | 5 | **124** | **5** | 4% |
| Eddie Corbit | Aug 2022 | 78 | 15 | **93** | **10** | 11% |
| Evaristo Mendes | Aug 2025 | 23 | 37 | **60** | **8** | 13% |
| Ethan Rookard | Aug 2025 | 36 | 15 | **51** | **13** | 25% |
| Nick Ralfe | Jan 2025 | 37 | 13 | **50** | **17** | 34% |
| Connor Sansom | Aug 2019 | 22 | 0 | **22** | **0** | 0% |
| Malik Nosike | Aug 2026 | 18 | 3 | **21** | **1** | 5% |
| Ryan Hayes | Aug 2026 | 13 | 7 | **20** | **5** | 25% |
| Kieran Gauthier | Aug 2026 | 19 | 1 | **20** | **2** | 10% |
| Luis Cantello | Aug 2026 | 14 | 4 | **18** | **0** | 0% |
| Reece Mosanya | Aug 2026 | 8 | 9 | **17** | **4** | 24% |
| Frankie Impey | Aug 2026 | 15 | 1 | **16** | **3** | 19% |
| Kendall Gyamfi | Aug 2026 | 6 | 10 | **16** | **3** | 19% |
| Brad Dixon-Smith | Aug 2026 | 15 | 1 | **16** | **1** | 6% |
| Egan Ntege | Aug 2026 | 15 | 0 | **15** | **0** | 0% |
| Reece Barrett | Aug 2026 | 2 | 12 | **14** | **2** | 14% |
| Tyreece Robertson | Aug 2026 | 9 | 4 | **13** | **3** | 23% |
| Junior Moses | Aug 2026 | 10 | 2 | **12** | **1** | 8% |
| Luca Gordon | Aug 2026 | 6 | 4 | **10** | **1** | 10% |
| George Sippetts | Oct 2026 | 0 | 5 | **5** | **1** | 20% |
| Teddy Stacey | Aug 2026 | 1 | 2 | **3** | **0** | 0% |
| Bradley Monks | Apr 2026 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **0** | 0% |
| Oscar Frost | Sep 2026 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **0** | 0% |
| Dan McGowan | – | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | – |
| Glenn Draper | – | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | – |
| Joe Shenouda | – | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | – |

All competitions · sorted by appearances

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OUR STORY · PART ONE, 1921–1982

# CLUB HISTORY

## 1921
Welwyn Garden City formed, playing on a local playing field.

## 1922
Joined the Mid-Herts League with a permanent home at Parkway. First competitive match: home to Markyate, 26 August 1922.

## 1926–27
Into the Beds & District League and the FA Amateur Cup. Perry Cup finalists in 1927 (lost 6-1 to Ware), then joined the Spartan League and entered the FA Cup for the first time.

## 1934–35
Amalgamated with Shredded Wheat FC and moved to their Broadwater Road ground. When the facilities were withdrawn, the club was wound up at its AGM on 24 July 1935.

## 1937–38
A new Welwyn Garden City FC formed on 20 May 1937 and rejoined the Spartan League at Broadwater Road, before a season groundsharing with Murphy Radio FC at Handside.

## 1939
A permanent home at Springfields — for the next 29 years.

## 1939–44
Wartime: the Spartan League stopped after one game; the season finished in the Herts & Beds Combination. No matches recorded 1941–43. The "recently revived" team joined the Mid-Herts League in 1944.

## 1945–59
Spartan League (1945), London League (1951), Spartan League (1955), Herts County League (1959).

## 1970–71
Herts FA withdrew senior status. Greater London League Div 2, then the newly formed Metropolitan London League.

## 1973
Merged with Welwyn Garden United as Welwyn Garden FC, taking their South Midlands League place — and senior status regained.

## 1974 · Champions
**South Midlands League title. Welwyn Garden United re-formed as a separate club.**

## 1982
Renamed Welwyn Garden City Football and Social Club.

OUR STORY · PART TWO, 1982–TODAY

# CLUB HISTORY

## 1982
Division One title after five seasons, and promotion back to the Premier Division.

## 1985
Under John Sneddon, won the first Herts FA Senior Centenary Trophy, beating Pirton 2-0.

## 1987–88
Herts FA Charity Shield won in back-to-back seasons. Floodlights switched on at Herns Way.

## 1997
Founder members of the new Spartan South Midlands League, Premier Division North.

## 1998
First run to the FA Cup third qualifying round.

## 2002–04
Relegated to Division One, then promoted back to the Premier Division under Guillermo Ganet.

## 2006
A 19-match unbeaten run, FA Cup 3rd qualifying round and the FA Vase fifth round.

## 2010
Relegated to Division One.

## 2015 · The Double
**Division One champions and Division One Cup winners under Adam Fisher. Jason Caswell scored a club-record 51 goals.**

## 2016
League Challenge Trophy won for the first time.

## 2018 · Champions
**SSML Premier Division title and promotion to Step 4 and the Southern League. Club records of 25 unbeaten in all competitions and 18 in the league.**

## 2020–21
Two seasons cut short by COVID-19. A run to the FA Trophy third round proper.

## 2022
The Citizens celebrate their centenary.

## Today
Southern League Division One Central under Gavin Kelsey, at Herns Way, home since 1968.

TODAY'S VISITORS

# HERTFORD TOWN

| FOUNDED | GROUND | PLAYER/MANAGER | ASSISTANT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1901 | Smile IT Stadium | Ben Herd | Dave McAdam |

**HONOURS HIGHLIGHTS**

**Delphian League champions** 1960–61 & 1961–62 · **East Anglian Cup** 1962–63 (1–0 v Boston United, crowd 3,000) · **Spartan League Div One East** 1949–50 · **East Herts League** 1912–13 & 1913–14 · **Athenian League Memorial Shield** 1967–68

**Established in 1901 as Port Vale Rovers, the club was quickly renamed Hertford Football Club to be recognised as the town's main side, and became Hertford Town after a merger with Hertford United.**

They joined the Herts Senior County League in 1908–09, finishing runners-up, and moved from Hartham to Hertingfordbury Park. After the Second World War a fire destroyed the wooden stand in 1946, and the club sat out a season before returning to the Spartan League in 1948, winning Division One East in 1949–50.

The ground grew through the late 1950s – a 300-seat stand in 1959 and the six-step "Stable End" terrace – and the club won back-to-back Delphian League titles, then the East Anglian Cup at home in front of 3,000.

Spells in the Athenian and Isthmian Leagues followed, before joining the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division in 2006. Runners-up in 2016–17 brought promotion to the Isthmian North, and in 2021 they moved across to the Southern League Division One Central.

A 3G pitch arrived in October 2021, the ground became the Smile IT Stadium in 2023, and today the club is home to youth, girls', women's, inclusive and walking football teams – a true community hub.

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# HERTFORD PEN PICS

**BEN HERD · PLAYER/MANAGER**
Experienced defender who started at Watford before 400 Football League appearances for Shrewsbury and Aldershot. Integral to developing young players through the club's academy.

**DAVE MCADAM · ASSISTANT MANAGER**
Well known around non-league, having managed Baldock Town for four seasons before joining Hertford last year.

**Josh Bowler** – Goalkeeper who joined from Hitchin after an injury-ravaged season, and has already shown what a great shot-stopper he is.

**Harry Watson** – Composed, versatile defender who arrived from Baldock Town last season. A promising campaign was cut short by injury – now fit and raring to go.

**Fraser Findlay** – Young defender, previously with Baldock Town, who made the number 5 shirt his own last season. Dominant in the air and accurate on the ball.

**Ollie Porter** – Key part of the hugely successful academy side. Technically gifted, he can play midfield or right back, and has become a mainstay despite three months out injured last season.

**Albert McGregor** – Deep-lying midfielder who reads the game well and has a natural authority. Club captain who leads by example.

**Jesus Mendoza** – Versatile winger turned full-back from Paraguay, formerly with Biggleswade United. Always a threat on the overlap.

**Kye Teale** – Recently joined from Hitchin Town to add strength and guile to the midfield.

**Billy Heaps** – Creative midfielder from Hitchin, formerly at Tottenham's academy. An excellent season was cut short by injury – back soon.

**Marcus Painter** – Skilful left winger who has made a big impact since arriving from Woodford Town. His goals and assists are key to the attack.

**Finley Lynch** – Predatory centre-forward promoted after scoring prolifically for the academy and on loan at Baldock.

**Lawrence Ajong** – Imposing centre-forward, formerly of Baldock Town and Hadley, and a prolific scorer last season. A handful for every defence.

**Jack Heaton** – Solid defender from last year's academy side that went on to become national champions.

**Harry Chetwood** – Versatile midfielder/defender whose calm nature on the ball belies his rapid rise from academy to first team.

**Ayo Quadri** – Tricky, pacy winger who joined in the summer after moving south from Hyde United.

**Shay Taylor-Darcheville** – Winger who joined in the close season, having cut his teeth with Wormley Rovers.

**Patrick Matejko** – On loan from Barnet, and has impressed with his industry, skilful play and an eye for goal.

**Abdi Mohamud** – Wide player who beats players for fun and finds the cross when needed.

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| **Nick Ralfe** | Mark Boreham |
| **Tyreese Robertson** | Reggie Sones |

## MANAGEMENT & STAFF

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| **Gavin Kelsey** | Lauren Kelsey |
| **Glenn Draper** | David Vass |
| **Stuart Hardy** | Ian French |
| **Phil Lovell** | The Old Gits |
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# TODAY'S TEAMS

## WELWYN GARDEN CITY

All claret · Mgr Gavin Kelsey

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ | Connor Sansom | GK |
| ☐ | Brad Dixon-Smith | |
| ☐ | Kieran Gauthier | |
| ☐ | Egan Ntege | |
| ☐ | Jay Lovell | C |
| ☐ | Junior Moses | |
| ☐ | Frankie Impey | |
| ☐ | Reece Mosanya | |
| ☐ | Luis Cantello | |
| ☐ | Eddie Corbit | |
| ☐ | Ryan Hayes | |
| ☐ | Luca Gordon | |
| ☐ | Malik Nosike | |
| ☐ | Reece Barrett | |
| ☐ | Ethan Rookard | |
| ☐ | Kendall Gyamfi | |
| ☐ | Evaristo Mendes | |
| ☐ | Nick Ralfe | |
| ☐ | Tyreece Robertson | |

## HERTFORD TOWN

Player/Mgr Ben Herd

| | |
|---|---|
| GK | Josh Bowler |
| 2 | Albert McGregor |
| 3 | Jesus Mendoza |
| 4 | Kieran Barnes |
| 5 | Fraser Findlay |
| 6 | Ben Herd |
| 7 | Abdi Mohamud |
| 8 | George Kingham |
| 9 | Junior Morias |
| 10 | Kye Tearle |
| 11 | Marcus Painter |

### SUBSTITUTES

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|---|---|
| ☐ | Harry Chetwood |
| ☐ | Harry Watson |
| ☐ | Lawrence Ajong |
| ☐ | Patrick Metejko |

Likely line-up, supplied by Hertford Town

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