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I'd also like to welcome back our supporters, players, volunteers, and partners for our first home fixture of 2026. It's great to see familiar faces at the ground as we begin the new year together.

We know today will be a challenging match, and I'm sure our players will be determined to deliver a strong performance.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Yate Town FC for their ongoing support and cooperation. Over the past few weeks, we've been in discussions about strengthening the squad through loan players, and today we're pleased to welcome some familiar faces — former Sods and fan favourites — back to the Ridings.

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# CSFC History



In the summer of 1959 Cliff Phelps decided it was time football association was brought back to the town. It had been six long years since the boys of the town had donned the Blue & White of Sodbury in the Western League. After several meetings at The Bell Inn (Now Brooks Bar & Kitchen) the new club was formed. Major L.M.Harris was President, Mr. E Purbrick Chairman, Mr. C Phelps Vice Chairman, Club Captain Dennis Greenaway and Youth Captain Michael Boulton. In the initial 1959/60 season they entered a senior team into The Dursley & Wotton League and a team into the Youth Section. The following season Sodbury joined the Bristol and District League and throughout the 60's remained in Division 3.

The 1970's began with relegation, when we finished bottom of Division 3 and the slump continued in 1971/72 Season when finishing bottom of Division 4. The Mid 70's saw a few changes and the ground work of the team today. Mike Fox became player Manager and 'The Sods' began a Sunday Side. In the 1976/77 Season, Sodbury finished third in Division 5 and gained promotion. The 1978/79 Season saw us go one better and finished runners-up of Division 4. To finish the decade off and celebrate twenty years of the club's rebirth, we won the Championship of Division 3 in 1979/80.

The 1980's began were the 70's left off and a fourth place finish gave Sodbury promotion to Bristol and District Division 1. 1981/82 saw the rebirth of our Reserve side and by the end of the season, the 1st's had gained promotion to the Senior Division. From Division 5, to the Senior League in six seasons. The first season in the Senior division was mid-table finish and the end of the season saw Mike Fox's testimonial and an Ashton Gate appearance against Mangotsfield united. The following season we finished third. After finishing 15th in 1985/86 we were relegated to Division 1, where we remained until finishing runners up in 1988/89.

The 1990's kicked off with a third place finish and promotion to the Bristol Premier Combination Div 1. in 1990/91. The early 90's saw a new clubhouse and changing rooms built with Players and Committee members contributing their trades. A fourth place finish and the winning of the Premier cup in 1992/93 was the clubs best season so far. The Sods remained in Division 1 until the end of the nineties, when they were promoted to the Premier Division for the 1999/00 Season.

The 2000's and after 3 seasons in the Premier, the Sods were relegated at the end of 2001/02 season. A new manager and new era began in 2002/03. Les Underdown and his Assistant Jeff Clark both ex-players with the club took over the reins. A mid table finish in their first season, saw Les leave and left Jeff in the hot seat. The following season saw another mid-table

finish and the Reserves become Champions with the exciting players now in the squad. 2004/05 ended in a disappointing third place but the club now had a third team as well. The following season, the previous year was forgotten when the club won the Championship and promoted back to the Premier division.

A mid table finish in the Premier division and the other 2 teams both winning promotion was a good season in 2006/07. 2007/08 became the clubs most successful season, when the first's won the Championship of the Premier and the reserves Champions of Bristol & District division 1. The first season and a change of manager in the Gloucestershire county league and the team finished bottom of the league, only winning 5 games. Even though the club finished bottom, they were not relegated. Mark Stenner was appointed manager and he started the steady march up the County league.

The 2010's has produced the club's most successful time in their history. Mark Stenner had taken the team to a third place finish in the County league in 2010/11. After his departure early the following season, Scott Gibson took over. A disappointing bottom place finish was followed by two seasons of rebuilding and climbing the league. Karl Reese was appointed new manager at the beginning of 2014/15 season and in his first season had promoted the club from the County league to the dizzy heights of Western League football with a third place finish. Not a bad start for the new gaffer but with some new faces and playing great football, we went 1 better the following season and won the Western League Division 1 Championship. 2016/17 and the Western League Premier division was tough but a very creditable 13th position and competing in the F.A.Vase was our most successful season so far.

2017/18 was going to be a massive mountain to climb. Karl had left the club and also half the first team had departed to pastures new. Enter Neil Simons our new gaffer, a season in the Western league to take on with half a team and to make things a little more difficult, your first game is the clubs first ever game in the F.A.Cup. The season ended with a 13th place finish, an FA Cup victory and a quarter final place in the GFA Challenge trophy.

Early in the 2018/19 Season Neil decided to leave the club and shortly afterwards we appointed our present manager Joe White and his assistant Steve. At the end of the season under his leadership, the club had finished 10th in the Western League and had the best run in the FA cup in the clubs history. The club were successful in their appeal against the Hellenic League, sideways move by the F.A. So 2019/20 season was in the Western League Premier. The uncertainty of which League we would be playing in unsettled the players and so several departed the Club before a ball was kicked that Season. Three weeks before the season started the club also lost our Manager and his Assistant. Justin Bishop & Scott Gibson took control of the 1st team as Caretaker management and remained there until the League came to an abrupt halt. The F.A. announced on 26th March 2020 that the Step 1-7 game and all grassroots football leagues and competition under its umbrella had ended,

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as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. All results for the season would be expunged.

The 2020's began with Jeff Roberts and his team, Drew, Sean & Nick steering the 1st Team. The season was to be curtailed due to Covid-19. The 2021/22 season looked more promising with the new FA restructuring of the leagues; the football club then began their journey together with Jeff and his team in the Hellenic League - Premier Division. With a new 1st Team manager, James Mapstone, taking over towards the end of 2022/2023 season which unfortunately ended in relegation from the Hellenic Premier Division.

The 2023/2024 in the Hellenic Division 1 season showed great promise with new players joining the squad, things were looking up for the team. Pre-season went very well winning games. The team were looking good! Football has a way of knocking you back; picked up injuries to key players and never recovered from a bad run of results. Half way through the season, players began to leave. It was at this time Kevin Ashwood (was Wicks manager) became available to join the club, working alongside James. Kevin, then brought along his assistants and an influx of players.

The team finished in the relegation zone; due to other movements within the NLS stayed up.

The 2024/25 season was in the end quite successful. The team had a new manager in Kevin Ashwood who assembled a very good crop of young but inexperienced players at this level. The team played some really good football but just couldn't get results that we probably deserved. There had been some turmoil within the management team and sadly Kevin resigned his post as manager. Jeff Roberts who had stepped in to help Kevin just before resigning took over the reins again after a two year gap. Jeff managed to pick up where Kevin left off and got results that managed to see the team climb up the table. Unfortunately, the players ran out of steam and finished 10<sup>th</sup>.

## We look forward to the 2025/26 season.

For the rest of the club - The Reserves have a new manager, Tim Seymour, who is entrusted now to take the team to the Bristol Premier Combination League. The A team will have a name change to Development team with Will Theobald at the helm in Div 1 of the Bristol and District League. During this season Will stepped down due to a new job. This meant Mike Cunningham and Lee Rendle took over the role of joint managers.

If you feel you would like to join the club as a volunteer please contact the Club Secretary, Les Theobald via [Info@cstfc.co.uk](mailto:Info@cstfc.co.uk). The Committee have worked tirelessly over the break to update and move forward the club. We are all volunteers and always welcome more people to join this fantastic club.



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Keane Ashwood  
Harvey Baker  
Owen Bell  
Lewis Beazer  
George Box  
John Britton  
Tyrese Carter  
Josh Coombe  
Tyler Dacres  
James Dobson  
Goerge Hale  
Kyle Head  
Jordan Hickman  
Liam Jones  
Joshua Law  
Teddy Maggs  
Sean McSharry  
Josh Pandolfino  
Liam Pullen  
Kalil Traore  
Archie Williams



## Colours:

Black & White Shirts,  
Black Shorts,  
Black & White Socks

## Goalkeeper Jersey:

Green

## Management Team:

Jeff Roberts, Martin Robinson,  
Sean McSharry & John Britton

## Goalkeeper Coach:

George Hale

**Physio:** Ken Purnell



# Redditch Borough FC

## Squad Members:

David Anani  
Ibrahim Akhlaq  
James Baldwin  
Jack Carter  
Harry Crook  
Jamie Install  
Calum Lee  
Kenzie McKeon  
Leo Pinches  
Jack Richards  
Erik Savkin  
Harry Stone  
Cameron Watts  
Gerson Ladila  
Osaze Aigbe  
Jordan Assoua  
Owen Burton  
Corey Coleman  
Dale Edwards  
Rio Janic  
Shadi Mbi  
Calum Morgan  
Max Pinches  
Keith Rostrill  
Henry Smith  
Kedeiah Warren Paul  
Aaron Lescott  
Connor Deards



## Colours:

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Red Shorts & Socks

Goalkeeper Jersey:  
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# Redditch Borough FC - Club History



The club formed in 2006 as a children's football team based at Churchill Middle School, Redditch by Julian Workman.

The club remained at the school until 2012, and at this point had grown to twelve teams.

Redditch Borough Football Club then moved due to new league sanctions on female football to the Valley Stadium which is the home of Redditch United and rented the facility until 2017.

During this time, the club grew to twenty-eight teams, six female teams and twenty-two male teams with a first team men's which joined the Midland Football League for the 2013-2014 season.

Our very own home became a reality in April 2017, when the club moved into the old Mettis Sports & Social Club in Batchley, Redditch and then rewarded three years later with a 30-year lease by the company in May 2020 for the complete twelve-acre site including six tennis courts and a crown green bowls facility.

In the first five years of our tenure the focus has been the redevelopment of the site, and now we are immensely proud to call the club 'home.'

The club has grown in stature over recent years, both in male, female, and inclusive football.

We are a 3-Star England Accredited Football Club with 40 affiliated teams. We have the largest female section in Worcestershire which has the 1st team women's playing at Tier 5 of the women's football pyramid.

Our Inclusive section is award winning and has five teams from U12s to adults.

With our senior men's team now at Step 6 of the men's pyramid, the club has solid foundations and good sustainability to support this season's target of promotion to Step 5.

We look forward to the next 25 years with great optimism and excitement of what is to come for the club.

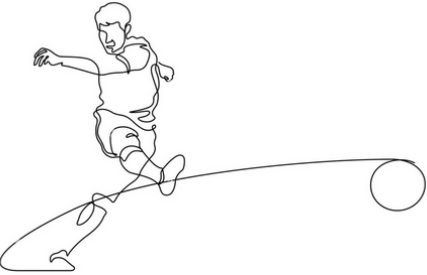
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# First Team Match Report

## 17/01/26 League v Bewdley Town – Away – Lost 2-0

Chipping Sodbury returned to the road for a daunting trip to league leaders Bewdley, fully aware of the challenge ahead. Yet from the opening whistle, Sodbury showed no fear and immediately set the tone with an energetic, front-foot start.

The visitors were quick out of the blocks, pressing high and unsettling the home side. Their early intent almost paid off inside eight minutes when Kyle Head burst through the Bewdley defence. Collecting the ball just inside the box, he fired low across goal, only to see his effort cannon off the post and bounce to safety.

Just minutes later, George Box found himself with a half-chance, but Bewdley's defence stood firm and cleared their lines under pressure.

Despite Sodbury's dominance, the opening goal went the other way. On 15 minutes, Bewdley broke quickly and, for the first time in the match, found space behind the Sodbury back line. With only debutant keeper Billy Thomas to beat, the forward calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner.

The goal lifted the hosts, who began to grow into the game and apply pressure of their own. Sodbury's back four, however, were immense — throwing bodies in the way, tracking runners, and refusing to let Bewdley settle.

The match soon took on a basketball-like rhythm, with both sides looking to counter at pace. Defences remained on top, and the first half closed with Bewdley holding a narrow 1–0 lead, though Sodbury had every reason to feel encouraged.

The second half picked up exactly where the first left off: fast transitions, committed challenges, and both teams eager to break forward. On 55 minutes, Tyler Dacres tried his luck from long range, but his strike rose over the bar.

Considering the heavy pitch — softened by a week of rain — both teams produced an impressive spectacle for the supporters. The game tightened into a stalemate, with neither side able to carve out clear chances as the clock ticked on.

Sodbury pushed hard for an equaliser, committing bodies forward for a corner. But when the ball broke to a Bewdley midfielder, the hosts launched a rapid counterattack. Suddenly it was a 3-on-2 situation, and although Billy Thomas made a superb initial save and Toby Allsopp-Jones bravely blocked the follow-up, the loose ball fell kindly to a Bewdley forward who tapped into an empty net. A cruel blow after such disciplined defending.

Late in the game, Josh Coombe received a second yellow card, meaning he will miss the next fixture — an unfortunate end to a spirited team performance.



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# Reserve Team Match Reports

## 10/01/26 League v Hambrook & Brimsham United – Won 5-2

Chipping Sodbury Reserves got straight back to winning ways after a long break courtesy of a 5-2 win over Hambrook & Brimsham United with striker Liam Barrett lethal in front of goal having bagged 4 goals.

There was a late reshuffle and change from the planned formation after two of the team were forced to pull out in the morning, but the squad rallied to get the job done.

The Sods took the lead as early as the 4th minute after Josh Bell latched onto a ball down the right before squaring to fellow winger Jamie Bradford who had time to take a touch before finishing with composure.

Hambrook did have a chance to level on ten minutes, but the striker could only fire over the crossbar. The Sods went on to make it 2-0 only four minutes later courtesy of some relentless pressing from Josh Bell which saw him rob the goalkeeper of possession before teeing up striker Liam Barrett to finish first time.

Hambrook saw an effort sail just wide of the post before The Sods made it 3-0 just before the half-hour mark when a ball down the right channel from fullback Adam Perks released Josh Bell who made it a hat-trick of assists by squaring for Liam Barrett to double his tally.

It looked like it was 4-0 with ten minutes left of the first half after Liam Barrett headed a deep corner back across the box allowing left back Ethan Roberts to finish, but the goal was ruled out with the referee judging Barrett to have pushed an opponent.

Hambrook managed to pull a goal back seven minutes before the break after Adam Perks scythed down a winger in the box. The resulting penalty was saved by debutant 'keeper Simon Cann but the rebound was tucked home by the taker.

The Sods started the second half as in control of the tie as they were in the first 45 minutes and within ten minutes of the restart a corner caused havoc inside the Hambrook box before centre back Luke Henderson saw an effort well blocked. Not long afterwards midfielder Russ Stone saw an effort from the edge of the box sail past the post.

Disaster struck for The Sods on 60 minutes when goalkeeper Simon Cann misjudged a cross with the loose ball being poked home from close range to put The Sods under pressure and give Hambrook some belief.

Hambrook were eventually reduced to ten men with 18 minutes remaining when the lively Josh Bell was brought down by the last defender just outside the box, leaving the referee no choice but to produce the red card. The resulting free-kick, dispatched by Ethan Roberts, forced an excellent fingertip save from the Hambrook no.1 and the corner that followed found defender Olly Hubbard who could only head into the 'keepers hands.

As the game entered the final ten minutes any nerves were put to bed after good hold-up play from Liam Barrett led to Josh Bell being brought down in the box, allowing Barrett to complete his hat-trick from the spot making the scoreline 4-2.



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Simon Cann was forced to make a good save from a looping effort in the last minute of normal time before Liam Barrett scored again in stoppage time, notching his fourth goal from a perfectly executed pre-planned corner routine with Adam Perks' delivery creating the goal.

The players voted Josh Bell as their Man of the Match following a lively performance complimented by four assists. The Managers award went to Liam Barrett for his 4 goals haul and how he led the line.

Great to be back on the pitch after such a long time without a fixture and made even sweeter with 3 points in the bag.

## **17/01/26 League v Lions – Won 3-1**

Chipping Sodbury Reserves left it late so seal a 3-1 victory over Lion on Saturday. You'd be forgiven for thinking it just wasn't going to be The Sods' day with the opposition goalkeeper in fine form, but following two late goals the home team secured a deserved victory.

The Sods started lively and in just the third minute carved out their first chance when winger Josh Bell broke down the right flank before creating a chance for midfielder Jordan Hickman who forced a save. Lion had a good chance of their own just afterwards following a quick break but luckily the attacker's effort across goal went wide of the post.

Josh Bell was again sent down the right channel on ten minutes before finding Jordan Hickman in the box whose effort was well blocked by the defender. The Sods did take the lead just two minutes later after winger Ethan Roberts battled well to win the ball on the byline before seeing a shot saved, luckily Jordan Hickman was on hand to find a composed finish from the rebound.

Despite The Sods continuing to dominate Lion made it 1-1 in bizarre fashion in the 20th minute, winning possession in midfield before threading a ball into the box which was met by defender Olly Hubbard who played it back to returning goalkeeper James Dobson who misjudged the roll of the ball and saw it nestle into the side of the goal, not helped at all by the muddy 6 yard box.

Josh Bell was next to test the 'keeper after good old-fashioned centre forward play from Liam Barrett, but the Lion 'keeper was left with a comfortable save.

Around the half-hour mark Lion had their goalkeeper to thank after two exceptional saves. Firstly acrobatically saving an Ethan Roberts header, then tipping an effort from range over the bar after Liam Barrett turned and hit first time.

The Sods continued to create but Lion defended whole heartedly with Jordan Hickman seeing another effort blocked.

With 6 minutes left of the first half midfielder Russ Stone was next to force the Lion 'keeper to produce more heroics, seeing his effort from inside the box tipped round the post at full stretch. The Sods came out fired up in the second half but had to wait until the 60th minute for their first real chance of the half, a corner from fullback Adam Perks finding the unmarked Olly Hubbard at the back post who could only head wide.

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Another chance came and went on 67 minutes after Ethan Roberts carried the ball with intent down the left hand side before carving out a chance for Jordan Hickman who forced another save, the rebound was then fired over by Josh Bell.

With twelve minutes remaining Manager Nick Trutch decided to change to a three at the back formation to go on the hunt for the winning goal. Midfielder Alex Fox took up a role in the heart of the defence with Adam Perks coming into the midfield to add energy. Jordan Hickman then joined Liam Barrett in a strike pairing.

The change had the desired effect by putting Lion on the back foot and the front two combined to put The Sods 2-1 up with six minutes remaining. Liam Barrett clipping the ball to the back post and Jordan Hickman heading home to double his tally.

The game was finally put to bed two minutes later when a ball from Adam Perks, now in his third position of the day at rightback, sent a deep free-kick into the box which was headed home by Liam Barrett to bag his 11th goal of the season.

Following the win the players voted the lively Ethan Roberts as their Man of the Match with the managers award going to Mr Utility Man, Adam Perks.

Three wins in a row now for The Sods as they continue to hunt down the pack in the race for promotion.



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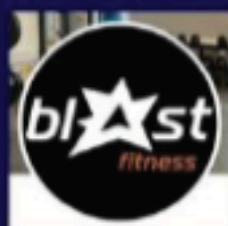




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# Hellenic League Division 1

#	Team	P	W	D	L	DIFF	Goals	Last 5	PTS
1	 Bewdley Town	22	15	3	4	+23	48:25	W D L W W	48
2	 Wantage	21	14	5	2	+45	77:32	W W W W W	47
3	 FC Stratford	20	15	2	3	+30	46:16	L W W W W	47
4	 Stonehouse Town	20	10	5	5	+23	48:25	W W W D L	35
5	 Newent Town	21	11	2	8	+7	46:39	L W L L W	35
6	 Redditch Borough	18	11	1	6	+20	49:29	W W L W L	34
7	 Cheltenham	19	9	4	6	+3	36:33	D L D W L	31
8	 Malmesbury Victoria	19	9	4	6	+2	35:33	L W D L W	31
9	 Ludlow	20	8	4	8	-9	37:46	W D W W L	28
10	 Alcester Town FC	20	7	4	9	+1	26:25	D W L L W	25
11	 Woodford United FC	19	6	5	8	-12	30:42	L L L L D	23
12	 Carterton	17	7	2	8	-11	26:37	L W W D L	23
13	 Chipping Sodbury	21	6	5	10	-8	24:32	L D L D L	23
14	 Brimscombe & Thrupp	20	6	4	10	-11	27:38	W L L D L	22
15	 Shortwood Utd	17	5	3	9	-5	29:34	W L W L W	18
16	 Wellington FC	23	5	2	16	-36	41:77	W L L W L	17
17	 Clanfield	21	3	5	13	-24	25:49	L L D L D	14
18	 Thame United Reserves	20	1	2	17	-38	21:59	L L L L D	5

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# Football Quiz

(Answers on last page of programme)

**Q1:** Which player won the PFA Players' Player of the Year award for the 2022-23 season?

**Q2:** Which club won the FA Cup in 2022, beating Chelsea on penalties in the final?

**Q3:** Who was the manager of Manchester United when they won the League Cup in 2023?

**Q4:** Who scored Liverpool's opening goal from the penalty spot in the 2019 Champions League final?

**Q5:** Which club achieved promotion to the Premier League in 2021, returning after a 7-year absence?

**Q6:** Name the Italian manager who led Brighton & Hove Albion to their highest-ever Premier League finish and European qualification in the 2022-23 season?

**Q7:** Who missed the decisive penalty for Italy in the 1994 World Cup final shootout?

**Q8:** What is the name of the top division in Italy?

**Q9:** Which two clubs have the two closest senior grounds in English Football?





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