



BIGGLESWADE UNITED F.C



MEN'S FIRST TEAM

v. Risborough Rangers (H)
Sat 24 Oct, 15:00



MEN'S RESERVES

v. Elstow Abbey (A)
Sat 24 Oct, 14:30



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

v. Garston Ladies (H)
Sun 1 Nov, 14:00



WOMEN'S DEVS TEAM

v. Birchwood Women (A)
Sun 25 Oct, 14:00

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UP THE COMMONERS!

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Guillem Balagué



There is a great deal happening behind the scenes at Biggleswade United at the moment. As the club continues to grow, we are reorganising, strengthening our structure, and focusing on the areas that will shape our future. This is an important moment for us — a chance to build something sustainable, ambitious and rooted firmly in the community we serve.

To guide that journey, we now have six directors overseeing key areas of the club's development:

Carl Cheevers
Director of Partnerships and Future Projects

Kayleigh Thomas
Director of Youth

Dave Poole
Vice Chairman and Director of Governance

Tracey James
Club Secretary and Director of Club Operations

Liz Choonara
Director of Community

Myself
Chairman and Director of External Affairs

Together, we are working to ensure that Biggleswade United grows with clarity, purpose and the right foundations. As part of this, we have prepared a link and QR code detailing the roles we need to fill so the club can run smoothly. These positions are vital, and we hope many of you will take a moment to explore them.

Non-league football is special because it belongs to the people who care about it the most. Clubs like ours don't run on big budgets or corporate machinery. What keeps us going is not lucre but love — passion, community spirit, and the wholehearted commitment of people who give up a little of their time so football can continue week after week.

Across the country, non-league clubs are powered by volunteers. They are the grease that oils the machine: the people who arrive early on match days to prepare the ground, run the bar, film the highlights, commentate for social media, make announcements, cook the post-match food, clean the dressing rooms, fix things, clean things, promote things, coach youth teams, organise events. The list is endless. They are the heartbeat of the game. Without them, we are dust.

Volunteering always costs time. But what it gives back is far more valuable: belonging, purpose, friendship, pride, and the knowledge that you're doing something that genuinely matters.

If you want to be part of what we are building here, come and join us. Give us as much or as little time as you can spare — every contribution helps. Biggleswade United is a community club, and when you volunteer with us, you're not just helping the club; you're helping your community. You're helping keep local football alive. You're helping create a place where kids can dream, families can gather, and football fans can feel at home.

Whatever your skills — tradesperson, marketer, student, organiser, football fan, or someone simply wanting to give something back — there is a place for you at Biggleswade United. Become part of our family, because football belongs to all of us.

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JIM MONGER, FOUNDER

"We are delighted to be sponsoring Biggleswade United for another season and are proud to be associated with a club that does so much good for the local community. Up the Commoners."

It is impossible to overstate just how vital sponsors are in helping clubs like ours operate on a daily basis. At grassroots level, the equation is disarmingly simple: without sponsorship, there is no grassroots football. The support of local businesses is what keeps pitches maintained, kits on players' backs, coaches trained, and opportunities open for people of all ages to enjoy the game.

Here at Biggleswade United, we are truly privileged to be one of the many community causes supported by Verdant Financial Planners. Their ongoing commitment to helping fund organisations close to their heart — many of them right here in the local area — makes a genuine and lasting difference. Verdant first became our official partners at the start of the 2023–24 season. Now, as we enter the third year of our collaboration, we are delighted to announce that they have committed to continue as our main sponsors for the 2026–27 season.

Their backing includes the naming rights to our home ground — with all home fixtures played at the Verdant Stadium — as well as shirt sponsorship for our men's first team. But the relationship between us goes far deeper than logos and signage.

We share many values with Verdant. They have strong family ties to the club, a genuine love of grassroots football, and a desire to help us grow sustainably.

Verdant Financial Planning's Managing Director is Jim Monger whose partner and fellow company Director is Helen McCormick, whose late father Dave "Macker" McCormick, was a former chairman, while her uncle Bear previously managed the club. Many of Helen's teenage years were spent helping out in the clubhouse — a reminder of how deeply rooted this partnership truly is.

Beyond the essential financial support, Verdant's contribution extends into expertise, guidance, and advocacy. Their willingness to champion our story to other potential partners — particularly during our Sponsors' Day events — has become invaluable. They help us build relationships, strengthen our foundations, and plan for the future with greater confidence.

Sponsorship provides us with a safety net — a sense of security that allows us to focus on building the infrastructure, environment, and opportunities that help players, volunteers, and the wider community thrive. It enables us to invest in youth development, improve facilities, support our coaches, and ensure football remains accessible to everyone who wants to be part of it.

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RESERVES

WOMENS

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Arlesey Town (H) 15:00	
	Dunstable (A) 19:45				Marston Shelton (A) 14:30	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					FA Vase, Great Waking (A) 15:00	
					Stopsley United (H) 14:30	Ware United (A) 14:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Baldock Town (H) 19:45				Stewkley First Team (H) 14:30	Watford Ladies Development (H) 14:00
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Enfield (A) 15:00	
					Baldock Victoria (A) 14:30	Bishop's Stortford (A) 14:00
28	29	30				



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Manager
Gary Meakin

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Josh **Williams**
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Niko **Muir**

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OUR OPPONENTS

Risborough Rangers



Risborough Rangers Football Club started in 1970 as a team of 12-year olds who wanted to play competitive football. The main motivators were Life Presidents Tony Elsey and Derek Wallace. Derek was instrumental in forming the Wycombe Star League that now provides football for hundreds of youngsters in the Wycombe area, and Risborough Rangers currently have teams at all ages ranging from the Under 10 to Under 16 playing in this league.

In the 1975/76 season, the previous years Under 16's went into the Wycombe & District League as a men's team, and in their second season in adult football won the 3rd Division. Unfortunately, the team then folded, after which the club provided only boy's football until the Under 16's of 1979/80, having won the United-Carr Cup, went into the Reading Youth League for two seasons, and then the Wycombe & District League. They won promotion in successive seasons and were followed two years later by the following years Under 16's as a reserve team, who emulated the feats of their predecessor, ending up in the Ercol Senior League and the FA Walters Premier League consecutively. At around this time, Rangers moved to 'Windsors', their current ground. 'Windsors' had been the home of the now defunct Princes Risborough Town FC who were one of the founder members of the Hellenic league in 1953. Within several years, club members had managed to improve the ground substantially by building the clubhouse.

In 1989 Risborough accepted an invitation to join the South Midlands League Division 1. In the first two seasons the club found the level difficult and finished second from the bottom and therefore had to apply for re-election. The 1991/92 season saw a great improvement when Risborough finished in 8th position whilst also celebrating its 21st anniversary.

In the 1994/95 season, they were promoted to the newly formed Senior Division, after finishing 4th under the management of Frank Carter and they consolidated with a mid-table position in the next season. In the mid-90s, Bob Rayner became manager for the first time and saw the establishment of a sound youth policy with an Under 18's team in the Wycombe & South Bucks Youth League. After a reasonably successful spell, in which the club reached the semi-final of the Senior Division Cup and the quarter final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy, Bob was offered the job of Brackley Town manager in the Southern league and took the opportunity to test himself at a higher level.

After Bob left at the start of the 1998/99 season, former assistant Jon Franklin took over as manager and maintained a consistent level of football at the club. After Jon's departure, the club began to struggle and were eventually relegated to Division Two.

In 2005, chairman Richard Woodward persuaded Bob Rayner to return to the club following his departure from Thame United. Finishing fourth in his first two seasons back and just missing out on the runners up spot in the final game in the second season, Bob has had to rebuild his side from the Rangers junior ranks. He has patiently waited for his young side to blossom and the patience began to pay off in the 2010/11 season when Rangers achieved a fifth-place finish and reached the semi-final of the Challenge Trophy, losing 2-0 to the eventual winner and Premier Division champions, Chalfont St Peter. On route to the semi-final, Rangers beat four teams from divisions above them including division one champions Berkhamsted Town.

The 2011/12 season was Risborough's best season of late with a late charge securing runners up spot in the league, and a first cup final reached in over 20 years, losing the Anagram Records Trophy final 1-0 to Baldock Town of the Hertfordshire County Senior League. The next season brought two good cup runs.

Risborough's progress in the Anagram Record's Trophy was halted in the Semi Final by Baldock Town. The rematch of the previous season's final ended up with the same score line as Baldock went on to defend the trophy. A second cup final in two years was achieved via the Division 2 cup, although the prospect of lifting the cup once again alluded Rangers, this time losing 2 nil to Aston Clinton. A league finish of fourth was achieved, and with the hard work off the pitch, including securing the funding for floodlights which were erected in time for the 2012/13 season.

In 2016 Risborough finally won some silverware, after several near misses over the last few years. The Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup was claimed after a 2-1 AET win over United Counties League Olney Town. 2016/17 season saw Bob Rayner retire and his son Jamie take charge saw the club finish in a creditable 6th position and reach the semi-finals of the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup before losing on penalties to eventual winners Woodley United. The 2017/8 season started with some promise but sadly this didn't last with the club finishing in 8th place, the highlight of the campaign, however, was a run in the Challenge Trophy which included victories over Premier Division sides Leighton Town, Oxhey Jets, Edgware Town and London Colney, but alas were beaten 3-1 in the Final by fellow Division One side Broadfields United at Colney Heath.

In October 2018 then current manager Jamie Rayner decided to step down from his position because of work commitments. The Club advertised the position and after a healthy response, the Board appointed the former Hemel Hempstead Town, Arlesey Town, Leighton Town Aylesbury United, Aylesbury FC boss Mark Eaton as their new man. When Eaton took over the club were 19th in Division One and a massive negative goal difference but come the end of the season Rangers finished in 7th spot with a positive goal difference as the season was turn on its head. The season ended though with some silverware when London Lions were defeated 2-0 in the final of the Spartan South Midlands League Division One Cup, which was played at Leverstock Green.

Because of the ongoing re-construction of the non-league system the club made a lateral movement to the Hellenic League Division One East from the Spartan for the start of the 2019/20 season. The 2019/20 season saw Rangers unbeaten and top the league by 14 points with a game in hand over 2nd place Abingdon United after playing 23 games out of the full 32.

Season 2021/22 saw the club promoted to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands Football League by the FA based on their results in the abandoned 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons. On the whole it was a very strong debut season at Step 5 with the Club never being outside the top two from the start of October. In a exciting two horse race with New Salamis which culminated in a last day shootout at the B.E.P. Stadium between the teams. New Salamis won the game 2-0 to become Champions and Rangers had to settle for second place, 10 points clear of 3rd placed Hadley. Further disappointment was to follow with the Ground Grading which the Club failed with Hadley taking Rangers place at Step 4.

Season 2022/23 was a season of two halves, early exits from all cup competitions and mediocre league form meant the club was languishing in mid-table but following a lengthy period of inactivity due to the inclement weather, Rangers were able to reset and go again. This meant that the team were to go on a strong second half of the season which resulted in 3rd position, three points behind 2nd place Stotfold.

For the 2023–24 season, Risborough were moved laterally to the Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North. Midway through the season, manager Mark Eaton stepped aside from first team management to become the clubs Director of Football. After over 5 years, 214 competitive matches, which consisted of 135 wins, 36 draws and 43 loses he arguably leaves as Rangers most successful manager. Former Wycombe Wanderers legend Mark West who previously managed at Thame United took over from mid-February 2024. At the end of the 2023/24 season Mark West left the club after guiding the team to a mid-table finish. Step in Mark Jones formerly of Oxford City, Hemel Hempstead Town and Banbury United.

After a complete overhaul of squad personnel with 1 player still in the squad in December 2024 who was in the squad the same time 1 year previous, and a run of poor results, the club parted ways with Mark Jones. In stepped Kevin Christou, previously of Tring Athletic, Oxhey Jets, Royston Town and FC Romania on 21st December 2024 to attempt to put an end to Risborough's poor form. Unfortunately, the run of poor results continued and Risborough finished 18th out of 20, avoiding relegation by a single goal on goal difference. At the end of the season, Kevin Christou left the club.

Over the course of the season, the club was deeply saddened by the sudden loss of three Risborough Rangers stalwarts: Colyn Makepeace, Chairman Richard Woodward, and Peter Boland.

During the close season Rangers appointed former Northwood, Rayners Lane and Beaconsfield Town boss Gary Meakin and with the club also receiving a lateral move back to the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division.

Rangers are now looking forward to the 2025/26 after a couple of turbulent seasons.



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"It's great that local businesses such as our partners at Pellys Solicitors are once again sponsoring our women's team. The women's game has grown exponentially over the past five years and to have such a highly respected business giving their support to our team is fantastic. Thank you Pellys - we all hope to do you proud." – Tracey James, Secretary, Biggleswade United

"One of the key values at Pellys Solicitors is to be involved in, and give back to, the local communities in which our offices are based. This is something we take very seriously and we like to be heavily involved in such things.

We have supported Biggleswade United over the last 12 months and seen first hand how everyone at the club, from the barstaff to the players, car park attendants to the chairman himself are as committed to this ethos as we are. In particular, knowing that the club is taking the growth of their Community football teams and the women's game as seriously as they are - made it a very easy decision to want to help them further.

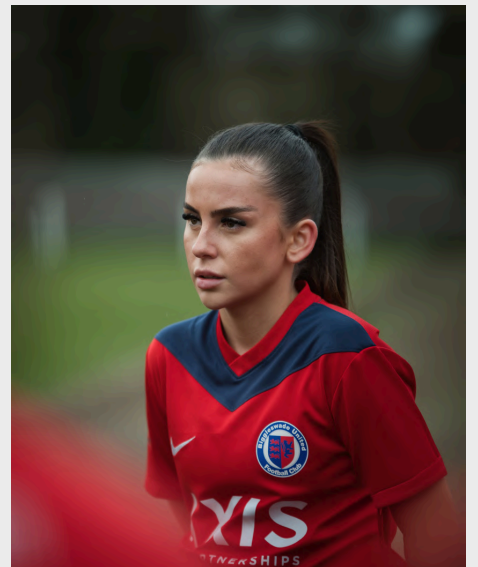
All at Pellys are very proud to be involved at the club and are looking forward to next season and beyond.

Up the Commoners!" – Martin Boniface, Director, Pellys Solicitors

"We're absolutely delighted that Pellys Solicitors are to be the front of shirt sponsors for our women's team next season.

Pellys are a truly local company who genuinely care about the community we represent, and that matters enormously to us as a club. Their long-standing commitment to local people is clear, and the fact that members of their team are also part of our Executive Committee shows just how invested they are in helping us grow in the right way.

It's fantastic to have them on board, not just as sponsors, but as partners who share our values and our belief in what a community football club can achieve." – Guillem Balagué, Chairman, Biggleswade United



Words by **LUCY BUCK**

Born & Bred



It's always great to see home grown players flourish and become the best player they can be, and this is certainly the case for our very own Naomi Perkins.

Naomi first played for Biggleswade United at 8 years old for U9 Wildcats and recently made her women's first team debut at the age of 16! It came in a pre-season friendly against Amptill Town and she subsequently made a second appearance 25 minutes into our women's first team friendly against Eaton Socon at home. During this game, Naomi showed brilliant composure and skill, kept a clean sheet and she and the team went on to win 7-0.

Naomi and the Perkins family are well known within the club as one of our most loyal supporters and so the club are very proud to be able to witness her development and success as a player from within the club.

Speaking about her journey with the club and her plans for the future and her recent first team debut with our women's side, Naomi says, " It was a really exciting experience as I've supported the team since I was 7 and I've been watching the women's team for the past few seasons and it was a really great experience being on the pitch with them"

"Women's football is definitely different to youth football but I felt so welcomed by the players and especially Ryan and Mark and PJ, it was a really great experience overall," she added.

She was also keen to stress her gratitude to first team goalkkeeper, Sarah Riddley. "When I was doing u15 football, I spent some time training with Sarah and she gave me some advice on how to improve myself as a goalkeeper which was really good to hear from an experienced goalkeeper."

She has now committed herself to continue playing at the club as number two goalkeeper behind Sarah for our women's team who play on Sundays while signing forms to play Saturday football at Under 18 level with Real Bedford."I've actually had an opportunity to move to Real Bedford in the summer to play my youth football at a higher level and to test myself more."

On her journey to the first team she says, " I was just 8 years old and playing for the Wildcats and we saw Guillem Balague down there. He was very nice and welcoming and he asked us if we wanted to go and watch a game. Everyone was so kind, especially Tracey and Heather and we have just been going there ever since"

Playing for the women's first team was always in her plans. "I've been watching them for quite a while and I could always picture myself playing with them," she says. As for the future, she now plans to combine her role as a vital part of our women's squad while playing her youth football with Real Bedford.

Whatever the future may bring for Naomi, she will always be Biggleswade United born and bred - one of our own!

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THE STORY OF OUR CLUB

Biggleswade United Football Club was re-formed on the 16th July 1959. However, local history records indicate that there was a **Biggleswade United** side playing at Second Meadow as early as 1929. Our first season (1959/60) saw us competing in Division Three of the North Herts.

League (NHL). After 10 successful years in the NHL the club made the step up to South Midlands League (SML) football. But towards the end of a 15-year association with the SML the club began to struggle and after three years of finishing in the bottom three of Division One we sought fresh fields. The club joined the Herts. Senior but club continued to find the going tough. In 1986 we elected to return to local League football, joining the Bedford and District Football League and began to build again.

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The appointment of Brian Swords as first team manager in 87/88 proved to be the turning point in the club's fortunes. During the next ten years the club achieved a tremendous amount of success on and off the football pitch. Our record of League and Cup honours speak for themselves but aligned to this a great deal of work went on behind the scenes to match the on-field success. The club now boasts one of the best clubhouse and ground facilities in the Mid-Bedfordshire area. The success of the club also attracted many new players as well as commanding a great deal of loyalty from those players who helped the club progress from Division Three of the Bedford and District League to County Senior Club status in just 15 years.

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In the season 1997/98 we finally achieved Senior status. This was achieved not only through the endeavours of the players on the field but ultimately as a result of an extremely hard working committee. With the help of the Biggleswade Town Council a new stand was erected and perimeter fencing installed. And two seasons later the club erected floodlights and on the evening of 26th October 1999 we played our first-ever floodlit game at Second Meadow, Ryman League side Leighton Town were the visitors in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

The next eleven years saw the first team led by Steve "Snowy" Wright and under his management the club continued to enjoy a very high level of League and Cup success ultimately achieving promotion to the Molten Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and with it the opportunity to compete in the FA Cup. And under Snowy the club made three Beds FA Senior Challenge Cup final appearances, winning two of the three with victories over Stotfold (4-1) and Leighton Town (1-0) but missed out in 2006/07 going down 2-0 to Dunstable Town.

Snowy's other cup successes came in the form of the Hunts Premier Cup, North Beds Charity Cup, Hinchbrook Cup, the SML Division One Cup and the SML Special Achievement Award once again. The end of the 2006 2007 saw Snowy step down as manager with his assistant, Nick Burton taking over the first team reins. January 5th 2009 saw the club embark on further ambitious ground improvements. With financial backing from Biggleswade Town Council, Mid Beds District Council and the Football Foundation we installed a 260-seater stand, fully enclosed the ground with a double turnstile entrance and players' secure walkway which raised the ground to Grade E status.

After several years of stability in terms of first team managers the next six years saw a regular turnover of first team and reserve team managers with Nick Burton, Dave Elkin and Phil Childs all taking over the first team reins for a time. At the start of the 2013 2014 season we appointed Mick Reardon and Mark Royal as first team managers both of whom had enjoyed success as coaches at the higher levels of football. Their disciplined approach was quickly adhered to and responded to by the players and under their stewardship we achieved the highest Premier Division position in nine years and first silverware in seven years winning the North Beds Charity Cup for the first time in the club's history.

In November 2014 the club took a further positive step to realise our ambitions with the appointment of Sky Sports Presenter and renowned author, Guillem Balague as Biggleswade United's Director of Football. Following Mick and Mark's decision to step down at the end 2014 2015, Guillem was quick to act and recruited a new Head Coach in Cristian Colas Beccera. Cristian was assisted by former professional player, Stuart Bimson, and under their guidance the team finished in eighth spot in the Premier Division in 2017 2018 - the highest position in the club's history. Having built a strong reputation for their outstanding coaching ability and playing philosophy Cristian and Stuart moved up to Step 3 level club, Staines Town, for the start of the 2018 2019 season. Guillem was again in search for a high quality coach and Jimmy Martin came highly recommended by his predecessor, Colas, who worked with Jimmy at Stevenage FC Academy. Jimmy was appointed Manager in May 2018 but he tendered his resignation in October 2018 having been offered a "hard to refuse" opportunity to take up a coaching role at Premier Division club Watford. Despite the setback the first team went on to record their highest ever League placing – a fourth spot in the Premier Division.

THE STORY OF BIGGLESWADE UNITED F.C

In the season 2019 2020 the club were sitting in a highly commendable third position in the Premier Division and under the management of Chris Dev-ane and Trishnan Patel were hoping for a promotion play off opportunity. However, in March 2020 the season was decalred Null and Void by the FA after the devastating outbreak of the Coronavirus. The club were also to learn that Chris and Tishnan had accepted the offer to work at Step 4 and departed the club at short notice.

Fortunately the club were able to call upon the services of former Head Coach Cristian Colas Cristian took the club to its highest ever position in the club's history at the curtailmant of the 20/21 season leaving us second in the table on PPG. The club applied for promotion to Step 4 but were unsuccessful. A double whammy came when the club were subjected to a lateral move to the Uhlsport United Counties League. The FA's actions had a devastating effect on the club and we spent most of the 2021 2022 season at the foot of the table. But we rallied and secured Step 5 football on the final day of the season. The club have now been re-instated in to the SML and with a strong squad will be looking to put that season's nightmare in to a distant memory and push on to return as a top of the table club.

With the nightmare season confined to the history books we kicked on and finished a very creditible 8th in the Premier Division but the highlight of the season was achieving the best ever run in the FA Vase. Starting at the qualifying round stages we came through five rounds reaching the fourth round proper but fell to Coventry Sphinx. At the end of a great season Cristian Colas made the difficult decision to step down after 7 (-2) seasons as head coach. Two United players came forward with the right experience, credentials and knowledge of the football world at this level and the next and the decision was felt to be the right one.

Gareth Hunt, who had captained the side and had been instrumental in helping us through the difficult season, will be partnered with Jordan Wright who captained the FA Vase winning Newport Pagnell Town team. Sadly though their tenure lasted just the one season and in May 2024 the club moved on with the appointment of Kane Dougherty who has enjoyed success at Shefford Town and Campton. Kane's coaching team for the 2025 / 2026 season will comprise of Paul Donnelly, Ruben Ward-Lindsay James Taylor, Del Digweed, and Martin Russell.



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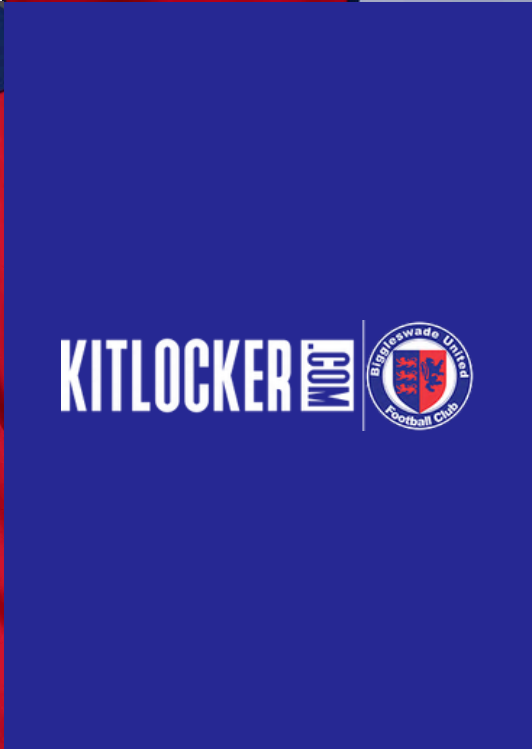


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Men's First Team Assistant Coaches - **Ruben Ward-Lindsay / Paul Donnelly
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Men's Reserve Team Manager - **Jim Starling**

Men's Reserve Coaches - **Darren Hunt / Lewis Digweed**

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Women's First Team Manager - **Ryan Carter**

Women's Secretary - **Peter Ward**

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Women's Development Team Manager - **Craig Hulbert**

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