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BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB
Official Match Day Programme



Berks County FC

Saturday 28th December 2024, KO 3pm



'Wildcats' will be our Match Day M A S C O T S

Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North



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A warm welcome and Happy New Year from Burnham FC

Happy New Year and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North fixture between Burnham and our friends from Berks County.

Berks County are currently in 16th position in the league table on 23 points from 24 games. This is our first encounter this season and their recent victories include a 2-3 win away at Virginia Water on the 30th November and a 2-1 home win against Reading City just before Christmas.

Burnham are now in 8th position in the Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North with 30 points from just 19 games. We've had some tough battles recently and I'm sure we'll have a point to prove this afternoon. The lads really showed some fantastic skills in our 5-0 victory over Wembley last weekend. Let's hope for another dominant performance again today.

Once again we have pleasure in welcoming our Match Day Mascots. This time they are young players from the Burnham Junior FC U10 Wildcats. Please give them a wave as they walk out with our first team players before the start of the match. Photos will be available via the Jonathan Biss website ([click here](#))

If this is your first visit, there is plenty of free parking available within the ground if everyone parks sensibly and close enough to the next vehicle. Please be careful not to restrict the flow of traffic or block driveways if you do park outside the ground and always keep valuables safely out of sight, on your person or better still leave them at home.

If you arrive early for today's game The Blues Bar will be open from 12 noon and as usual we will open our turnstiles approx. 45 minutes before kick-off. Just so you are aware, it is cash only at our turnstiles, cash and cards are accepted everywhere else within the ground. Our pitch side snack bar, M&Ms, is open for supporters this evening and there's a wide selection of hot and cold food and refreshments on sale including burgers, hotdogs, chicken burgers, bacon rolls and cheesy chips, plus a great selection of beers, barista coffees, hot chocolate and even Bovril.

Match updates including teams and goal scorers will be available on our **X** and **BlueSky** profiles as part of our responsibility to the league and Football Web Pages. If you want to follow us on our socials then just search [@BurnhamFC1878](#)

Reminder, this is a free interactive match day programme. Which means that tapping the links and certain images will open new pages on your web browser to provide further information. Thank you for coming to watch the game today. Enjoy the match everyone.

Paul Butler

Burnham Football Club

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Burnham FC



Recent Results | Burnham FC

PDN	21/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	5 - 0	Wembley FC	Premier Division North
PDN	18/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	1 - 2	Holyport	Premier Division North
FAV	14/12/2024	Epsom & Ewell	2 - 1	BURNHAM FC	ISUZU FA Vase
PDN	11/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	2 - 0	British Airways	Premier Division North
FAV	07/12/2024	Epsom & Ewell	P - P	BURNHAM FC	ISUZU FA Vase
PDN	30/11/2024	BURNHAM FC	1 - 4	Harefield United	Premier Division North
PDN	23/11/2024	BURNHAM FC	3 - 0	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	Premier Division North
PDN	16/11/2024	Risborough Rangers	1 - 0	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
FAV	09/11/2024	BURNHAM FC	1 - 0	Cobham	ISUZU FA Vase
PDN	02/11/2024	British Airways	0 - 4	BURNHAM FC	Premier Division North
PDN	26/10/2024	BURNHAMFC	1 - 1	Broadfields United	Premier Division North
PDN	23/10/2024	BURNHAMFC	2 - 2	Virginia Water	Premier Division North
FAV	20/10/2024	BURNHAM FC	0 - 0	Eastbourne United	ISUZU FA Vase (Pens 5-3)
PCC	15/10/2024	Woodley United	1 - 1	BURNHAM FC	Premier Challenge Cup
PDN	12/10/2024	BURNHAM FC	2 - 1	Reading City	Premier Division North

Upcoming Fixtures | Burnham FC *(Subject to change)*

PDN	28/12/2024	BURNHAM FC	V	Berks County	3pm	Premier Division North
	January 2025					
PDN	04/01/2025	Ardley United	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North
PDN	08/01/2025	BURNHAM FC	V	Risborough Rangers	7:45pm	Premier Division North
PDN	11/01/2025	BURNHAM FC	V	Amersham Town	3pm	Premier Division North
PCC	15/01/2025	Ardley United	V	BURNHAM FC	7:45pm	Premier Challenge Cup
PDN	18/01/2025	Wokingham Town	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North
PDN	25/01/2025	Egham Town	V	BURNHAM FC	3pm	Premier Division North

Combined Counties Football League

Premier Division North

League Table

Live Match Updates on X (Twitter)

Following trials the Combined Counties Football League has made the use of Football Web Pages compulsory for all clubs to use on match days. FWP is an online platform where supporters access fixture news and match updates via a mobile app or website. Each team has its own management area where representatives post live match updates including a **Team Sheet**. Typically it is the responsibility of the Home Team to manage live match updates.

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Amersham Town	23	16	3	4	32	51
2	Egham Town	22	15	5	2	56	50
3	North Greenford United	22	13	3	6	27	42
4	Bedfont Sports	21	12	3	6	29	39
5	Virginia Water	24	10	6	8	7	36
6	Holyport	24	10	6	8	0	36
7	Ardley United	23	11	2	10	-1	35
8	Burnham	19	9	3	7	14	30
9	Harefield United	18	9	3	6	6	30
10	British Airways	22	8	6	8	-4	30
11	Wokingham Town	22	9	2	11	-12	29
12	Hilltop	24	8	2	14	-33	26
13	Milton United	18	7	4	7	2	25
14	Reading City	19	7	4	8	-5	25
15	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	23	7	4	12	-11	25
16	Berks County	24	7	2	15	-29	23
17	Risborough Rangers	21	4	9	8	-16	21
18	Broadfields United	21	5	6	10	-17	21
19	Wembley	23	6	2	15	-23	20
20	Edgware & Kingsbury	19	4	3	12	-22	15



A BRIEF HISTORY OF BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1878, Burnham Football Club is the second oldest club Buckinghamshire. We played in the early years, with considerable success, in various leagues, before joining the Great Western Combination in 1948. We moved to the Wycombe Combination in 1964 and then spent one season (1970/71) in the Reading Combination. In 1971 the club was elected to the Hellenic League. Winning both the Premier Division and League Cup in 1975/76. We were also twice beaten finalists in the League Cup too.

In 1977 the club were elected to the Athenian League and were twice runners-up before the league folded in 1984. We competed in the London Spartan League in 1984/85. Winning both the Premier Division title and the League Cup.

The summer of 1985 bought about the amalgamation of the football club with Hillingdon Borough FC, who had lost their ground and were about to fold. We played in the Southern League as Burnham & Hillingdon FC and reverted back to the former name of Burnham FC in 1987. Season 1994/95 saw us finish bottom. Resulting in relegation to the Hellenic League.

After 3 seasons in the Hellenic League, finishing fifth, third and again third in 1998/99. the club won both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. Therefore, gaining promotion back to the Southern Football League. The 2006/07 season saw us achieve our highest league position. Finishing 3rd and thus qualifying for the end of season Promotion Play-Off semi-final. Unfortunately losing to the eventual winners – Swindon Supermarine.

The 2012-2013 season was, without doubt, the most successful in the football club's history. The First Team won the Evo Stik League Southern Division One Central (Southern League) championship. Earning promotion to the newly sponsored Calor League Premier Division (Southern League), while our Reserves won the UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two East championship at the first time of asking. Earning promotion to Division One East where they came up against the First Teams of many of the previous season's opposition.

CUP COMPETITION HISTORY

In cup competitions Burnham reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase in 1977/78 and then went one better in reaching the Semi Final in 1982/83. Losing 4-2 over two legs to Halesowen Town. The clubs record attendance of 2400 was achieved in the home leg. We have twice reached the Third Qualifying round of the FA Cup and in 2005/06 we reached the First Round Proper for the first time ever, before losing at home to Aldershot Town. In the F.A.Trophy we reached the Fourth Round (the last 16) in 1999/2000. Before losing to Scarborough in a replay after a creditable 1-1 draw at The Gore. In the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup we reached the Semi Final twice before losing on both occasions to Chesham United.

On the 22nd May 2024 the blues were successful in beating Virginia Water 2-1 at the Racecourse Ground (Ascot United) and won the 2023/24 Combined Counties Football League / Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup, aka the League Cup.

AND NOW...

Burnham FC now play in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier League North. During the Covid-19 pandemic the renamed 1878 stadium and its facilities have undergone a major refurbishment programme. Providing the new chairman, Glenn Skivington, with the chance to achieve one of his key objectives of building closer links with local clubs and the local community. We now have more teams, more clubs and more leagues enjoying the state of the art 3G pitch which was completed in July 2021. Going forward Burnham Football Club will continue to develop as a local sports facility. Creating a pathway for young players, whether they want to play professionally or build a career within the sports industry.

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Match Days at The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club

We welcome visitors to the 1878 Stadium on a regular basis. For some it's a frequent return and for others it's their first time to the ground. The following information provides some useful guidance with links for more information.

The 1878 Stadium

Maximum capacity 2,500 including covered seating for 300 in the main stand. There is also a small covered section on the far side of the pitch with standing room only. Supporters can watch from the concrete path behind the fencing which surrounds the artificial 3G surface. Supporters are not allowed on the pitch and pitch invasions are not permitted.

Travel

Burnham Football Club - The 1878 Stadium, Wymers Wood Rd, Burnham, Slough SL1 8JG

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If you're travelling by car, coach or train – [Directions here](#)

Burnham Railway Station (Elizabeth Line), buses Nos 5, 12, 53 and 702. It's a 1.7mile/ 30 mins walk to Burnham Football Club. There are local taxi firms and hotels listed on our useful links page: [Local Taxis](#)

Parking

There are approximately 100 free parking spaces at the 1878 Stadium. However, with players and management attending you may be required to park off site. If you do then please be park sensibly, keep traffic flowing and allow driveway access. Parking is offered on a first come first served basis. It takes approx 10-15 minutes to walk to the 1878 Stadium from Burnham Village High Street. Therefore, please park sensibly, walk or car share if possible.

Please DO NOT park in spaces reserved for Burnham FC Management or in front of the double gates which lead onto the pitch. These gates are to allow access for the emergency services during training and on match days. There is also [wheelchair access](#) to the ground, with access to toilets both inside the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#) and within the Stadium itself.

The Blues Bar and Cafe

Live matches on Sky and TNT (BT Sport) are available to watch while you relax and enjoy the club's main bar and social space. Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks are available, cash and card payments accepted. [The Blues Bar and Cafe](#) is also available for hire, please use the form provided if you would like to learn more and check availability.

Admission

Please check our [social profiles](#) prior to match days. Admission prices differ depending on who is playing and whether it is a league or cup fixture. As an example, admission prices for all Burnham FC LEAGUE MATCHES are as follows:

ADULTS £8

CONCESSIONS (65+) £5

UNDER 16S – FREE ADMISSION

PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH IS ACCEPTED AT THE TURNSTILES. Both cash and cards are accepted in the main bar and pitch side snack bar.

Refreshments and Food

Teas, coffees, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages can be purchased before and during the game from the Stadium Cafe hatch just inside the turnstiles. You can also purchase confectionery and hot food there too – Cash and card payments are accepted. *Only drinks purchased from the premises can be consumed on the premises – Plastic containers only within the stadium.*

[Toilets available](#) outside at the end of the stadium and inside the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#).

Please be aware:

- Abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.
- Dogs are allowed in the stadium, however, they must be kept on a lead at all times.
- No flares or fireworks allowed.
- No smoking in the stands.

Source: <https://www.burnhamfc1878.co.uk/matchdays-at-burnham-football-club/>



History of Berks County FC

Berks County FC is a community football club with over 35 youth teams and both Men's and Women's First Team designed to create an aspirational goal for our younger club players. The Club was founded from two clubs in 2009 by merging the junior teams of Sunninghill Saints and the Senior teams of Bracknell Rovers.

The Men's first team initially played in the Thames Valley League. Lee Simpson and Ellis Woods joined the club with the aspiration to develop the Men's first team and in 2021 they were admitted into Combined Counties Division One.

In the 2022-23 season they reached the play-off's but were unable to progress. However, in 2023-24 season after some close play-off games they were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division North. Reaching Step 5 is a great achievement for the club and unlocks many new opportunities for them, such as playing in the FA Cup for the First Time.

The First Team have a ground share agreement with Ascot United and play at the Racecourse Ground. The junior section is primarily based around the Ascot/Sunningdale area with pitches across multiple locations.





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If you arrive early, for whatever reason, no problem. You can wait in the Blues Bar or in the outside seating area until your allocated start time. We also ask you to allow enough time before your paid session ends for the hand over. Once you have finished your match why not grab some refreshments from the [Blues Bar and Cafe](#) before leaving The 1878 Stadium. Further information: [What's the difference between 3G and 4G?](#)

Pitch dimensions

115 yards by 75 yards. The distance of pitch from the dressing rooms is 5 meters.

Important information for players, managers and spectators

We have VERY strict rules regarding permitted footwear when anyone enters the pitch enclosure. Rules that apply to players, those in the dugouts and supporters who, for example, want to take photos. Please read – [Permitted Footwear at The 1878 Stadium, Burnham Football Club](#)

For the benefit of the players

We want people to enjoy their time at The 1878 Stadium. If for any reason you forget to bring your boots or Astros, there is a selection of boots in various sizes you can borrow while you are here. Just ask a staff member at pitch side hatch for help.

Sitting or laying on the pitch (unless genuinely injured), wearing flat shoes, trainers, sliders, socks or bear feet has the effect of ironing the grass fibres. Flattening the surface damages the complex water drainage system, causing waterlogging and dramatically reducing the life expectancy of the artificial pitch. Socks only, bear feet, shoes, trainers or sliders with flat soles are NOT permitted – No Excuses! Abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated. If you want to learn why, [click here](#)

Please be aware:

- All teams are asked to share permitted footwear guidance prior to match day.
- There are signs strategically positioned explaining the rules.
- Our pitch, our rules – Ignorance is no excuse.



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TODAY'S SQUAD LISTS

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Referee

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Assistant

David Cox

Assistant

Louie Chaisty



Berks County FC

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Louis Nualart
Connor Suckling
Ben Young
Luke Hayden
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