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Official Match Day Programme



Bedfont Sports FC

Wednesday 5th March 2025, KO 7:45pm

Combined Counties Football League Premier Division North



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A warm welcome from Burnham FC

Hello and welcome to The 1878 Stadium for this Combined Counties Football League fixture between Burnham and our friends from Bedfont Sports FC.

Bedfont Sports currently sit in 3rd position in the league table with 58 points from 29 games. Burnham, on the other hand, are in 8th position with 47 points from 29 games. This will be an exciting encounter, with both teams playing great football and keen to grab a valuable 3 points.

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 you can wait in The Blues Bar from 17:30, visiting teams will have access to the changing rooms when our first team management arrive 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 and interactive digital match day programme. Which means you can tap the links and certain images and it will provide further information. Enjoy the match everyone.

Paul Butler

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| PDN | 01/03/2025 | Harefield United | 2 - 1 | BURNHAM FC | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 25/02/2025 | Berks County | 1 - 4 | BURNHAM FC | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 15/02/2025 | Broadfields | 1 - 2 | BURNHAM FC | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 08/02/2025 | BURNHAM FC | 1 - 1 | Hilltop | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 01/02/2025 | BURNHAM FC | 4 - 1 | Edgware & Kingsbury | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 25/01/2025 | Egham Town | 3 - 0 | BURNHAM FC | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 18/01/2025 | Wokingham Town | 0 - 2 | BURNHAM FC | Premier Division North |
| PCC | 15/01/2025 | BURNHAM FC | 2 - 4 | Ardley United | Premier Challenge Cup |
| PDN | 11/01/2025 | BURNHAM FC | 0 - 4 | Amersham Town | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 08/01/2025 | BURNHAM FC | 1 - 1 | Risborough Rangers | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 04/01/2025 | Ardley United | P - P | BURNHAM FC | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 28/12/2024 | BURNHAM FC | 4 - 0 | Berks County | Premier Division North |
| 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 |

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

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|-----|------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|--------|------------------------|
| PDN | 05/03/2025 | BURNHAM FC | V | Bedfont Sports | 7:45pm | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 08/03/2025 | BURNHAM FC | V | Milton Ubnited | 3pm | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 11/03/2025 | Virginia Water | V | BURNHAM FC | 7:45pm | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 15/03/2025 | BURNHAM FC | V | Wokingham Town | 3pm | Premier Division North |
| PDN | 22/03/2025 | Wallingford & Crowmarsh | 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 | 33 | 23 | 5 | 5 | 50 | 74 |
| 2 | Egham Town | 31 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 76 | 72 |
| 3 | Bedfont Sports | 29 | 18 | 4 | 7 | 44 | 58 |
| 4 | Harefield United | 29 | 17 | 4 | 8 | 22 | 55 |
| 5 | Holyport | 33 | 15 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 53 |
| 6 | North Greenford United | 28 | 15 | 3 | 10 | 22 | 48 |
| 7 | Virginia Water | 32 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 48 |
| 8 | Burnham | 29 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 47 |
| 9 | Ardley United | 32 | 13 | 3 | 16 | -11 | 42 |
| 10 | Hilltop | 34 | 11 | 6 | 17 | -34 | 39 |
| 11 | Broadfields United | 31 | 10 | 8 | 13 | -13 | 38 |
| 12 | Milton United | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 37 |
| 13 | British Airways | 31 | 9 | 9 | 13 | -10 | 36 |
| 14 | Wallingford & Crowmarsh | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | -12 | 34 |
| 15 | Wokingham Town | 29 | 10 | 3 | 16 | -23 | 33 |
| 16 | Reading City | 30 | 8 | 8 | 14 | -15 | 32 |
| 17 | Berks County | 35 | 9 | 5 | 21 | -42 | 32 |
| 18 | Risborough Rangers | 30 | 6 | 11 | 13 | -28 | 29 |
| 19 | Edgware & Kingsbury | 30 | 8 | 4 | 18 | -36 | 28 |
| 20 | Wembley | 30 | 8 | 2 | 20 | -32 | 26 |



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 Bedfont Sports FC

Bedfont Sports Club was founded in 2002, when with considerable help from the local Council a lease was taken out on the near derelict Hatton Road Recreation Ground.

The only building on the site was refurbished to allow use as a bar and clubhouse on the ground floor and changing rooms on the upper one. Most of this work was carried out or supervised by the Chairman Dave Reader. Much work was also done to the playing area to provide playable pitches for Bedfont Sports on Saturdays and Bedfont Sunday, one of the oldest Sunday teams in Middlesex, on Sundays. To give the Club a junior section Bedfont Eagles, formed in 1978, joined the two adult Clubs a short time later.

Bedfont Sports started in the Hounslow and District League for two seasons and then joined the Middlesex County Football League, this being a feeder League to Step 5. More work was needed to enable the team to play in the Premier Division of the MCFL to which they gained promotion in 2004/05. After many ups and downs promotion was finally achieved to the Combined Counties in season 2008/09.

In the Combined Counties League Bedfont gained promotion to the Premier Division in season 2011/12 and have spent the past few seasons consolidating that position.

During this time the club worked hard to raise funds to upgrade our facility to one of the best in Middlesex. In 2010 we started work on Flood Lights and a new dressing room block was built together with a 3G five a side pitch and an 11v11 3G pitch along with over 750 seats in 4 stands on all 4 sides of the ground, which now complete gives us one of the best facilities not only in Middlesex but in the south of England.

Bedfont Sports is a true Community Club catering for 25 Junior Teams. a girls section, 2 Bedfont Sunday teams and our 1st Team who last season were promoted to the Isthmian League and step 4 football. The Youth Section is particularly vibrant playing in the Isthmian Youth League, and having won the Middlesex County Senior Cup back in 2015, and lost in the final twice in 2017/18 & 2018/19.

We are very proud that our Youth teams have been home-grown from Bedfont Eagles and with some real talent coming through this will continue for years to come. A Club such as Bedfont Sports could not exist without sponsors so a big thank you to them and to the volunteers who give their time on match days and to the marking and upkeep of the ground and facilities.

In November 2020 we lost our leader, David Reader who passed away. He left a massive hole in the club and our community which we are still recovering from now. David was a true grass roots hero, building the club from nothing to make sure children in the community not only had somewhere to play, but also have the very best facilities. His legacy will live on through every Bedfont Eagle that wears the shirt and im sure he is with us at every game, kicking every ball and as he always said, trying to suck it in at the other end !!

Club Website <https://www.bedfontsportsclub.co.uk>

Club X Profile https://x.com/BSFC_Official

Bedfont Sports Recreation Ground
Hatton Road
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Next Match

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KO 3pm



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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.
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