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# A WELCOME FROM BILLY MONTAGUE (CLUB SECRETARY)

## WELCOME!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the UTS Stadium this evening for our third PITCHING-IN NPL East Division game of the 2022-23 season.

Our opponents are OSSETT UNITED FC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their tough journey from West Yorkshire. It's always a testing experience with an early departure when you are forced to travel away on a mid-week evening. Who knows what sort of traffic delays you may encounter so let's hope that they have enjoyed a trouble-free run.

Since the birth of Ossett United FC in June 2018 when the two original Ossett Clubs, Town and Albion merged there has been much progress achieved. Despite surviving two curtailed seasons and a costly court case, the new club has enjoyed encouraging success. Last season began in fine style but a disappointing run of results saw Jas Colliver and Mark Ward take over the team-management duties and they steadied the team. Several new players were brought in and this resulted in some fine performances, achieving the very respectable ninth place finish in the NPL East Division Table. The pair have continued to strengthen their squad in the summer months, and they are confident that they can reach even higher achievements this time around.

When the two Clubs met last season in the PITCHING-IN NPL East Division, Dunston won the game at the UTS Stadium by two goals to one in early October 2021 and the return on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at The Ingfield Ground ended in a hard-fought 1-1 draw.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this evening. Referee Kieran Downey is joined by his Assistant Referees Kevin McKitterick and Gary Hargrave, all three coming from Sunderland. Our FA Match Observer is Ted Ilderton from Whitley Bay.

Supporters old and new are very well appreciated and we hope you enjoy your visit to the UTS Stadium this evening. If you require any help or information about the Club and facilities, please do not hesitate to contact any Management Committee Member. Details of Season Tickets, Executive Package, Club Merchandise, Concessions and Sponsorship Opportunities can be obtained from any Club Official or at the Club Office.

Let's look forward to a competitive match. Enjoy the game.

**The Editor**

## Dunston FC Football Club History

The Club first saw light of day in 1975 as a humble works outfit. Long-serving Club stalwart, John Thompson, along with some of his fellow workmates at Her Majesty's Stationery Office Gateshead, decided to form a football team and joined the Newcastle City Amateur League playing at the Civil Service Sports Ground, Longbenton, Newcastle.

Early success inspired John to develop the Club and it moved to a new base, The Bay Horse public house in Whickham. The Club name was changed to Whickham Sports FC. Playing on a public parks pitch in Dunston, the Club entered the Northern Amateur League. Numerous successes were achieved at this level including League Championships and League Cup wins.

In 1980 the Club joined the Northern Combination League. Further League and Cup triumphs followed and a move to a base nearer the home ground seemed logical. The Club moved to a new base at the Dunston Mechanics Social Club and became known as Dunston Mechanics F.C. As the club progressed, land in the locality was leased from Gateshead MBC and the management committee began to develop the present ground.

At this stage an approach was made to the Federation Brewery for sponsorship to assist in the progress of the Club. When they kindly agreed to become the Club's main sponsors, the name was changed to Dunston Federation Brewery F.C. After finishing as League Champions and League Cup Winners in 1987, the Club left the Northern Combination League and joined the Wearside League. Following a period of four seasons in the Wearside League – being League Champions twice and League Cup Winners once – the club felt a need to seek new opportunities and an application was made to join the prestigious Northern Football League.

During their time in the Wearside League, the club had made considerable improvements to Federation Park with progress to a higher status of football in mind, and their application to join the Northern League was successful. The Club had now realised one of its main ambitions and so entered the National Pyramid of Non-League Football.

In its second season in the Northern League, the Club won the Second Division Title and was promoted to the First Division. That season also saw the Club reach the last eight of the national FA Vase competition.

The Club was now an established Northern League Club having won the League Challenge Cup three years in succession from 1998 to 2000. Dunston also won the J. R. Cleator Cup in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. Season 2003/2004 was one to remember when the club won the Northern League Championship for the first time and also



lifted the League Challenge Cup. They also reached the final qualifying round of the F.A. Cup – the furthest they have ever reached in that competition.

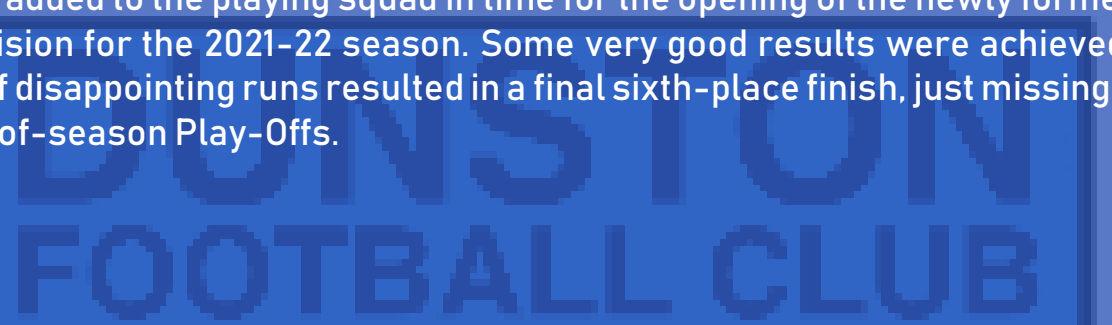
After such a magnificent season in 2003/2004, the club went one better the following season when they repeated the Northern League Championship and Challenge Cup Double and also lifted the J. R. Cleator Cup once more.

In 2009, having been without a main sponsor for the previous three seasons, Mr. Shaun Sadler of UTS Engineering kindly agreed to provide a generous sponsorship package and it was agreed that the Club be known as Dunston UTS Football Club. The name of the ground was changed from Federation Park to The UTS Stadium.

The Club enjoyed a momentous season in 2011-2012 when, under the Management duo of Billy Irwin and Tony Harrison, they finished third in the Northern League and achieved the greatest success in their history. After a memorable run in the FA Vase, the side reached the Final at Wembley Stadium and went on to lift the trophy with a superb 2-0 victory over West Auckland Town.

After a few barren years, the Club sprang back to life again at the end of the 2017-2018 season when finishing as Runners-Up in the Durham Challenge Cup Final and going one better with victory in the Brooks Miles Memorial League Cup Final. Building on the new-found momentum, Dunston continued in the same vein in the following season with a great run in the FA Cup, going out in the final Qualifying Round to National League neighbours Gateshead in front of a record crowd of 2,525 at the UTS Stadium. The Club finished the 2018-2019 season as convincing Champions of the Northern League First Division, seventeen points ahead of their nearest rivals. Promotion ensued to the BetVictor Northern Premier North West Division but FA Regulations dictated that the “Club Playing Name” must not include any reference to a sponsor so the “UTS” was reluctantly dropped from the Club Title before the new season commenced. Shaun Sadler showed remarkable understanding of the situation and agreed to continue his wonderful sponsorship of the Club. With the aid of a generous grant from the FSIF, improvements were completed to bring the ground up to NPL standards.

The step up proved a bit more difficult than expected against tougher opponents in the NPL North West Division. Some promising early results were tempered by some set-backs and it wasn't until the turn of the year that the team achieved any great consistency. The early cancellation of League proceedings due to Covid-19 in March 2020 saw the Club finish in mid-table. After yet another early curtailment in 2020-21, Dunston added to the playing squad in time for the opening of the newly formed NPL East Division for the 2021-22 season. Some very good results were achieved but a couple of disappointing runs resulted in a final sixth-place finish, just missing out on the end-of-season Play-Offs.



Over the years the Club has always recognised that success on the field must be coupled with hard work behind the scenes. The efforts of the management committee and ground staff at The UTS Stadium have ensured that the ground is a credit to the Club. Many of the back room staff at the Club have been involved since it was founded in 1975. It's a tribute to their commitment and hard work that the Club has become one of the most successful and respected on the North East non-league scene.



## Dunston FC Club Officials



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<b>Sat 27 Aug</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Worsop Town</b>	<b>NPL East</b>	<b>3pm</b>
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Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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# MATCH REPORT | BRIDLINGTON (A)

Bridlington Town 0-3 Dunston FC – Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

Goals: Jenkins 55', Elliott 63', Djalo 90'

Att: 282

On a sunny afternoon in East Yorkshire, it was the hosts who had the first chance of the game when a goal-bound header was scrambled off the line by the Dunston backline and pumped clear of danger.



Dunston themselves almost had a breakthrough on 15 minutes when an in-swinging cross from Jon Shaw was met by Richard Coulson, only for James Hitchcock to save well in the Bridlington net.

Dunston continued to grow into the game, with Craig Baxter forcing a corner with a deflected effort and Michael Fowler dragging an effort just wide from a sharp angle.

Dan Staples was looking sharp at the other end in his first competitive start for the club and saved well when Norfolk to aim for the hosts. It wasn't the most action-packed half, but both sides would go into the break pleased to not be behind.

Dunston started the second half the better and had the breakthrough they craved on 55 minutes. Ursene Mouanda picked out the on-loan Will Jenkins who raced through and slotted past Hitchcock.

Brid rallied following the goal, with both Sutton and Bulless going close, and Dan Staples making some smart saves to keep Dunston's lead intact.

Despite this, it was Chris Swailes' side who were able to grab the vital second goal and double their lead. Some neat interplay around the edge of the box found Mouanda, who was able to square to an unmarked Jack Elliott who slid the ball home to send the travelling Dunston barmy army into raptures.

The Brid fans finally had something to cheer midway through the half when Dunston's photographer took a dive off his stool following a Liam Thear blocked cross. 10/10 for the theatrics and probably should have been carded for the moves. Cynical game management from the man in the hat but nevertheless, killed 15 seconds of the game as Dunston tried to see out the match. More social media content to follow, don't you all worry.

Brid still searched for a way back into the game, but Staples continued to be equal to everything, stopping Bradley at his near post from halving the deficit.

With the Dunston backline standing tall, Sado Djalo put the game to bed, latching onto a cross-field ball from Elliott to score past Hitchcock to wrap up the victory. A dominant second-half display and into the hat for Monday afternoon's draw.

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# TODAY'S VISITORS | OSSETT UNITED FC

## **Edd HALL – Goalkeeper**

Edd joined the club in January 2022 and is widely acknowledged as one of the best goalkeepers at Step Four, being voted as the second-best goalkeeper in the NPL East for the '21/22 season. Edd has National League North experience having played for Bradford (Park Avenue) and Farsley Celtic.

## **Jake TEALE – Goalkeeper**

Young goalkeeper, formerly of York City, Jake has impressed Colliver and Ward since their appointment with his commitment and desire to improve. Jake is a key member of the squad and has not let the side down when called upon.

## **Prince ATTAKORAH – Defender**

Attakorah was part of the academy at Rotherham United and Chesterfield as well as playing for Harrogate Town u23s. Prince impressed last season when he got his opportunities, he has dual registered with Thackley this season to get important game time and experience.

## **Brad BEATSON – Defender**

Beatson is a central defender who joined the club from Frickley Athletic and made sixteen appearances. The former Sheffield Wednesday trainee swapped life at Gainsborough Trinity for Boston United in 2017 having spent the first season of his senior career in the National League North. Beatson was one of Colliver's first signings, a player he has targeted at previous clubs.

## **Jack COWGILL – Defender**

A former academy graduate at Barnsley, Cowgill made his EFL debut in 2014 for them against Walsall. He then had loan spells at Braintree and Fylde before signing for Boston United. After a spell out of the game Cowgill signed for Nostell Miners Welfare where he re-discovered his love for the game, signing for Ossett United in the summer of 2019 and becoming club captain 12 months later.

### **Tom CROPPER – Defender**

TC was a long-term target of Jas and Wardy before joining the club in July 2022. The former AFC Mansfield skipper is an athletic, no-nonsense defender who is known to also chip in with goals.

### **Harry GAGEN – Defender**

After a loan spell at Ingfield in 2020, Gagen signed permanently for the club on his release from Barnsley. Gagen established himself in the side last season winning the Players Player of the Year award.

### **Connor HODGSON – Defender/Midfielder**

Summer signing from Barnsley who he joined at the age of eight. Hodgson is equally adept in a number of positions and made appearances in the Barnsley U23 side to aide his development. Hodgson was targeted by a number of clubs before agreeing to join Ossett United.

### **Ross HARDAKER – Defender**

Hardaker is a very popular with players and supporters alike. He played for both Albion and Town, making his debut as a 15 year old after returning to England after a spell playing in Germany. Despite talk of a statue being built in Ossett for the cultured full back the rumours so far are unfounded.

### **Tom DEIGHTON – Midfielder**

Tom Deighton stepped up into the first team squad last season from the U18s where he was part of team that reached the FA Youth Cup for the first time. Tom is an attacking midfielder who is good on the ball and knows where the goal is.

### **Michael HOLLINGSWORTH – Midfielder**

Formerly of Boston United, Grantham Town and Matlock Town, ‘Holli’ has also played for Pickering Town and Frickley Athletic. In 2012/13 was voted ‘Apprentice of the Year’ at Nottingham Forest. ‘Holli’ is a natural leader and will bring experience, quality and work ethic to our midfield.

### **Oli METCALFE – Midfielder**



Metcalfe spent the second half of the '21/22 season on loan from Guiseley before making the move permanent in the summer. The central midfielder has gone from strength to strength as he looked to establish himself in the side. Metcalfe will undoubtedly establish himself as a key player at Ingfield.

### **Craig NELTHORPE – Midfielder**

A key player in Colliver and Ward's squad, Nelthorpe is an experienced player with Football League experience at Doncaster Rovers and Darlington as well as playing for a number of National League sides. 'Nelly' adds steel to the side and is always dangerous from set plays.

### **Joe STACEY – Midfield**

A versatile left sided player, Joe Stacey had a four-year stint in Virginia, USA, where he studied and played under a scholarship at Bluefield College. On returning to England he has played for Alfreton Town and Frickley Athletic.

### **Danny WARD – Midfielder**

Signed in the summer of 2022 after impressing the management whilst on trial, Danny is a fit, strong, box-to-box midfielder with a great attitude. He has previously played in the NCEL and wants to take this opportunity to step up to the NPL and prove himself.

### **Danny WASSELL – Midfielder**

Dan is a young midfielder who previously played for Ossett Town Juniors from the age of five before signing for Sheffield Wednesday. The attacking midfielder played for The Owls U18s and U23s and will bring danger and excitement to attacks.

### **Luke ALDRICH – Forward**

Summer signing from Eccleshill United where he scored over 20 goals as the side narrowly missed out on promotion to the NPL, Aldrich is an unselfish player as he looks to create space and opportunities for his teammates whilst also being very dangerous in front of goal himself.

### **Junayd CASSIUS-GILL**

21-year-old Junayd spent his youth at Huddersfield Town and Bradford City

before gaining NPL experience at Tadcaster Albion and Yorkshire Amateur. He can play in any of the attacking positions and will certainly excite the fans with his ability on the ball.

### **Ollie FEARON – Forward**

Much sort after Colliver and Ward are delighted to add Fearon to the squad this season, a player who averaged a goal every two games last season. Fearon is a hardworking forward with an eye for goal who will make the side stronger on and off the field.

### **Ify OFOEGBU – Forward**

Ofoegbu made an instant impact on signing from Grantham Town last season scoring the clubs goal of the season on debut in the New Year's Day victory over Brighouse Town and became an instant fans favourite, cemented further with an injury time winner v Sheffield.

### **Jack WILSON – Forward**

Signed on loan from Bradford City, Jack impressed for the Bantams in a pre-season friendly at Ingfield, the forward has great ability and will hope to follow in the footsteps of Charlie Wood and impress his parent club while he is on loan here.

## **Management Team**

### **Jas Colliver**

Colliver was appointed as manager on Christmas Eve 2021. His most recent role was at Grantham Town working with Carlton Palmer, he also has extensive managerial experience at Staveley Miners Welfare, Sheffield FC and Handsworth.

### **Mark Ward**

Ward was appointed alongside Colliver, the former England Youth International left Buxton on a 20-game unbeaten start to the 2021/22 season and prior to that has been involved at AFC Mansfield and Hednesford Town amongst others.

### **Gary Middleton**

Making over 1,000 games as a defender in his playing days, 'Midi' played alongside Colliver at Stocksbridge Park Steels and was his assistant at Sheffield FC. 'Midi' has extensive coaching experience and will be a valuable member of the management team

### **Emily Crispin – Sports Therapist**

Emily graduated from Leeds Beckett University with a BSc Honours in Sport and Exercise Therapy. She qualified in first aid at work and trauma management within sport.





Founded: 2018 (Formerly 1936 and 1944)

Nickname(s): The Sheepicorns

Ground: Ingfield

Capacity: 1950

Chairman: James Rogers

Manager: Jas Colliver

2021/22 League Position: 9<sup>th</sup> of 19.

Club Colours: Light and dark blue

Honours: West Riding County Cup winners 2018-19.



## CLUB HISTORY |

# OSSETT UNITED FC

Ossett United was created on the 1st June 2018 following the merger of Ossett Town AFC (est. 1936) and Ossett Albion AFC (est. 1944). Both Ossett Town and Ossett Albion had managed to gain Northern Premier League status and maintain that level of football for a remarkable period of time.

The two clubs merged under the leadership of a new board brought together from the two previous clubs. The founding directors were John Chidlaw (OA), James Rogers (OT), Emma Chidlaw (OA), Dawn Rogers (OT), Lee Summerscales (OA) and Lee Broadbent (OT) forming the new Board with support from Phil Smith as CEO. John Chidlaw took on the role of Chairman for the first season. The Club made its new home Ingfield, the previous home of Ossett Town, and used Dimple Wells, the previous home of Ossett Albion, as its Ladies and Academy Team base.

On the pitch, the first year (2018/19) was a remarkable success with attendances significantly increased from what either club had experienced previously, coupled with success on the pitch reaching the Play-off Semi-Final and winning the West Riding County Cup, under the guidance of manager Andy Welsh. Off the pitch things were not as successful with a number of resignations and board changes and some challenging financial issues to deal with following the merger. By the end of the 2018/19 season, Phil Smith had taken on the mantle of Club Chairman following a number of board changes.

Wayne Benn took up the managerial reigns in late 2019 following a poor start to the 2019/20 season, however, that season was ended abruptly in March 2020 with the onset of a global pandemic known as Covid 19. The season was null and voided. Off the pitch there were more troubles for Ossett United in November 2019 as a significant and unprecedented court case, dating back to a tackle in 2015 when Ossett Town were playing Radcliffe Borough, was lost with United facing legal and damages costs amounting to £135,000. Fortunately, the club received a generous loan from two of its closest supporters to avoid the club going into liquidation (at worst) or selling the Ingfield ground (at best).

The start of the 2020/21 season started late due to the ongoing pandemic and virtually finished as soon as it had started with only eight league games having been played by United. This time the season was curtailed rather than null and voided and meant a second season had gone unfinished. Off the pitch Rogers and Smith swapped roles due to Smith's work commitments and Rogers took on the role as Chairman, a role he had previously held at Ossett Town. 2020 also saw the club declare Dimple Wells as surplus

to requirements and made arrangements to surrender the lease making Ingfield the single home of the united club.

Last season saw many changes at Ossett United both on and off the field. After a strong start to the Pitching In NPL East season a run of only one win in three months saw Wayne Benn and Andy Hayward leave the club in December. Jas Colliver and Mark Ward were appointed to re-ignite the season and strengthen the squad which they did from day one. The duo saw the club go unbeaten at home with seven wins and draws however the away form continued to be inconsistent. Off the field new dugouts were installed before the erection of a new pitch side barrier followed by the upgrading of the floodlights to LED to bring the facilities to a high standard.

Colliver and Ward have spent the close season working hard to retain players from the squad as well as bringing in re-enforcements to strengthen the squad further as the club looks to improve upon the ninth placed finished in '21/22.





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# DUNSTON FC PLAYER PROFILES



## JAMES ANDERSON

Anderson joins on a year-long loan from Northern Premier League Outfit Morpeth Town. The young keeper shone during his time on loan at Whickham and looks to bolster Dunston's promotion credentials. Anderson has two appearances under his belt at Morpeth, one of which included a penalty save in an FA Trophy game against Warrington Town. Anderson links up with new goalkeeping coach Lee Kennedy in what sees an all-new line-up in Dunston's goalkeeping department.



## CRAIG BAXTER

Craig Baxter is a defensively strong and composed right back who brings a wealth of experience of playing higher up in leagues to the Dunston back line. Craig has a proven track record of success, a key player for The Mariners over a five-season spell and making 188 appearances and played an integral role in the Gateshead side which reached the National League playoff final at Wembley Stadium in the 2013/14 season. Described as rock solid at the back and strong going forward, Baxter's signing was a major coup for Dunston UTS FC, and Craig's addition was obvious, with the full back picking up the 2021/22 managers player of the season, players player of the season and committee's player of the season.



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## RICHARD COULSON

Richie arrived in early December 2021 from Northern League side Whitley Bay. He has an eye for goal and picked up six goals in the back end of the 2021/22 season. Able to play anywhere across the frontline, Richie has added versatility to the Dunston side, and will be looking to kick on in the 2022/23 season. The forward has had spells with Seaham Red Star in The Northern League and prior to that had played for his local side Hazelrigg Victory for whom he scored 174 goals, registered 100 assists and won 31 Man of the Match awards in only 189 appearances.



## SADÓ DJALÓ

Sadó arrived early on in the 2021/22 season from Northern League side Bedlington Terriers, where he had made a serious impression. His credentials were there for all to see, with the frontman scoring 11 goals for Dunston in a short period for the club. Sadó was quickly snapped up by National League North outfit Blyth Spartans, however under new boss Terry Mitchell his playtime was limited. A short loan back to the UTS Stadium has been followed by a more permanent deal, which sees Sadó return looking to ignite old form.



## JACK ELLIOTT

Jack Elliott is a very talented player who returned to Dunston in September 2019 following a brief spell with Hebburn Town. He progressed through Newcastle United's Academy and has had spells at Consett AFC and Wickham. Jack adds speed to the Dunston side and causes headaches for full backs of opposing teams. Since his arrival, Jack has been an ever-present figure in the starting eleven and continues to give his all in a Dunston shirt.





# MICHAEL FOWLER

Michael Fowler arrived at The UTS Stadium having recently completed a Scholarship in The USA with Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. He started his career with Sunderland AFC before then moving on to Burnley, where he was a prolific scorer at youth level.

Having completed a successful scholarship with The Premier League side, he then joined Fleetwood Town as part of their development squad. He has had loan spells with FC United of Manchester, Guiseley and Bamber Bridge, before moving to the UTS Stadium in July 2021. Michael hit the ground running in his first season and scooped the clubs top scorer award despite being at the club for just half a season.



# TEZ GALBRAITH

Terry Galbraith became Chris Swailes' second major signing of the 2020/21 season as the Club pulled off a major coup to bring the player back to where his footballing career began.

On his signing, Dunston FC Manager Chris Swailes said, "For me he'll bring leadership, he's vocal wherever he plays, he'll bring experience, and these are valuable especially in this league".

Galbraith made his name at Dunston FC as a youngster having joined from Redheugh Boys Club. He was a key player for Billy Irwin's FA Vase winning side in 2012 alongside Chris Swailes and Liam Connell.

Regarded as one of the brightest prospects in The Northern League during his first spell with the club, he left The UTS Stadium in November 2012 to join Darlington FC. During his seven seasons at Darlington, he would go on to win three promotion medals, making over 250 appearances and scoring over 50 goals for The Quakers and became a genuine favourite with their supporters.

After leaving Darlington at the end of the 2019/20 season, Dunston moved quickly to secure his signature. Long standing Club Chairman Mr Malcolm James said, "When Terry became available it was just natural that we'd be interested in the lad". He added "We're a club that is looking to go forward; Terry Galbraith and recent signing Liam Connell are two lads who we've always wanted to bring back to the club as this is where their hearts are".

Terry captained Darlington during the 2018/19 season and spent last season playing in The National League North.

Considered to be one of the best left backs in the history of Dunston FC, he can play at the centre of defence, centre midfield and left wing, adding quality, leadership, and versatility to the Dunston side.



## JAKE JENSEN

Jake was one of the multiple signings for the club in the summer of 2022. He was on a football scholarship in the United States for four years from Summer 2018 and that was where he most recently played. Jake is a technically gifted midfielder that brings energy and tenacity to the pitch along with a range of passing from the middle of the park. In his words, he tries to “emulate Bruno from the Toon”



## WILL JENKINS

Will Jenkins signed on-loan from South Shields in August 2022 and will remain with the club until January 2023. Will is a talented midfielder who has come through the youth system at The Mariners and has gone on to make over 40 appearances for the South Shields first team at quite a young age. Will can play across the midfield and netted his first goal for Dunston at Bridlington Town on August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round.





# URSENE MOUANDA

Ursene joined Dunston FC from South Shields in early January 2020 and marked his debut with a Man of the Match performance in a 1–0 win away to Colne. Known as an athletic and competitive defensive midfielder, he was previously with Rangers before signing professional terms with Kilmarnock.

A product of Monkseaton Academy, he was selected to captain England U18's Schoolboys in 2016, bringing him to the attention of numerous professional clubs.

Following his release from Kilmarnock, he was quickly snapped up by South Shields. With competition for places at Mariners Park high, he spent the start of the 2019/20 season on loan at Blyth Spartans before arriving at The UTS Stadium and has been an ever-present member of Chris Swailes' side ever since.



# MICHAEL PEARSON

Having previously played for Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields, the current Club vice-captain joined Dunston UTS FC prior to the start of the 2015/16 season from Consett AFC, a season in which he would receive The Player of the Season Award. An industrious and combative player, he possesses a versatility which allows him to comfortably play in numerous positions, he has since gone on to play more than 100 games for Dunston, captaining the side on many occasions.

His outstanding performances during Dunston's 2018/19 Northern League title winning season saw him deservedly collect a plethora of awards at the end of the season namely, Players' Player of the Year Award, Management Player of the Season and Committee Player of the Season.

During his time at Dunston, Michael has collected a Northern League winners medal, Northern League Cup medal and JR Cleator Cup Winners medal.





## CRAIG SCOTT

Craig Scott transferred to the club from Newcastle Benfield in October 2018 to bolster the backline and went on to cement his place in the side, becoming the club's captain and leading by example from the back.

Craig is a very experienced player at Northern League level having previously had two stints at Ashington and a spell at Slough Town while working in the London area.

"Scotty" played a vital role for the club during the Northern League title winning campaign and continues to be an assured and composed figure in the back line.



## JON SHAW

Jon signed for Dunston this summer from Northern Premier League side South Shields. Jon has a formidable record at non-league level within the North East, scoring 52 goals for Gateshead over two spells with the club. The ex-forward, who has now moved back into a central defensive position, adds an abundance of experience to the Dunston side. Spells at Luton Town, Sheffield Wednesday and Rochdale AFC outline his class, and he will add versatility and strength to the Dunston backline.

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## DAN STAPLES

Dan signed for the club in July 2022 after impressing during pre-season. The goalkeeper has spells with Newcastle United, Sunderland, Wrexham and Bedlington Terriers. Most recently, he was at Consett and made a huge impact in his first appearances in cup-competition against North Shields in the 2021/22 season. He saved a penalty inside the final five minutes to ensure his side the victory.



# JUDE SWAILES

Having been with Newcastle United since he was a youngster, Jude emerged through the club's Academy system, before moving up into the ranks of The Premier League side's Under 23's squad. Making over 30 appearances in a black and white shirt, across both the Premier League Under-18's and Under 23's in Premier League 2, the highly regarded youngster was offered a two-year contract at St James' Park at the end of last season. Jude decided against the offer, in favour of a move to the USA, where he joined Charleston College in South Carolina.



Jude is a strong thorn in the Dunston back line, and can be described as a no-nonsense centre half, willing to put his body on the line for the club.

# LIAM THEAR

Liam Thear has been at Dunston for a large number of years and moved to the club after completing a successful stint at Gateshead FC Academy, where he was highly rated. Following his release, he was snapped up by then Dunston manager Billy Irwin.

"Scrappy" is a very strong and tricky player who has matured and developed tremendously whilst at Dunston. After a superb start to last season, Liam suffered a serious ACL injury in The FA Cup fixture at home to local neighbours Gateshead FC last season. Since his recovery, he has proved to be a vital asset to Chris Swailes' side, fighting for every ball and contributing with both goals and assists.



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# JAKE TURNBULL

Jake Turnbull signed for Dunston on New Year's Eve 2021 from Northern League side Newcastle Benfield, and the pacy winger has had previous spells with Ashington and Heaton Stannington. Jake has kicked on since his arrival and has proved a tricky player for opposition defences to deal with.

Following his signing for the club, assistant manager Jon MacDonald stated:

"Jake is a very good athlete player, he's quick, strong and versatile and we think he has a good profile for this division".



# PHIL TURNBULL

Central midfielder Phil Turnbull can play with either foot and is described as a fiercely competitive player and joined the club along with ex-teammate Craig Baxter in 2021. Having started out at Hartlepool United before joining York City, with loan spells at Blyth Spartans and Gateshead, a permanent move to Gateshead in 2008 seen him play over 300 games for the Tynesiders and played a vital role in the National League season which saw the Heed reach Wembley.

In a 7-season spell, which included two successive promotions, the club eventually moved up to The National League and he became a firm favourite at The International Stadium before moving to Darlington in 2015 where he would gain promotion to The National League North in his first season.

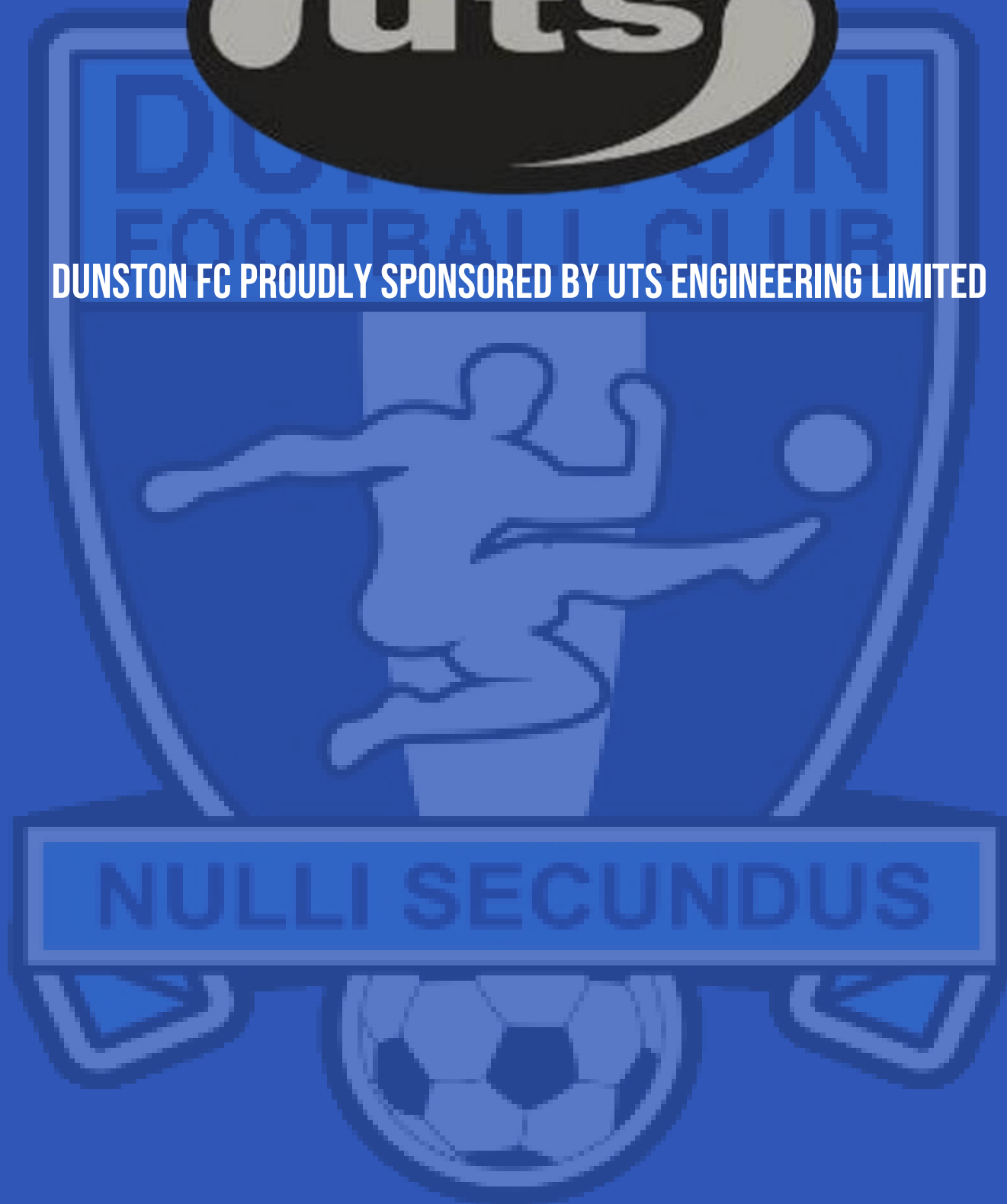
A move to his hometown club South Shields happened in 2018 and the move was seen as a major signing for the club. He has been key to the recent playing success at South Shields but with the club moving to full time this season Chris Swailes wasted no time in bringing the vastly experienced and talented midfielder to the UTS Stadium.







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# DUNSTON FC MANAGERIAL PROFILES

## CHRIS SWAILES

Chris was appointed manager October 2016 after the shock departure of long serving Billy Irwin, Swaz has a wealth of football experience, after a long professional career he played for Gateshead and Blyth Spartans before joining Dunston and was a lynchpin in the team when we won the FA Vase in 2012, he then moved to Morpeth Town where he guided them to more Wembley success, scoring in the final victory over Hereford FC.



## JON MCDONALD

A Wallsend lad, Jon made the move to The UTS Stadium in early March of 2021 from Northern Premier League side Morpeth Town, where he had held the equivalent position for three seasons. During his second spell at Craik Park, he had been part of two successive promotions with “The Highwaymen” and a Northumberland Senior Cup victory in the 2018/19 season. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge. He has previously managed Blyth AFC, guiding them to The Northern League 2nd Division title in the 2017/18 season, as well as managerial spells with West Allotment Celtic and North Shields in The Northern League. Jon successfully completed his UEFA A License with The Scottish FA in March 2022.



## IAN IRVING

Ian joined Chris Swailes' backroom staff in August of 2021. Having previously worked alongside Assistant Manager Jon McDonald at Blyth Town, he brings with him a wealth of experience to a Dunston side who continue to develop on and off the pitch.



## LEE KENNEDY

Lee joined Dunston in July 2022 and has immediately jumped into the task. Lee brings with him a wealth of experience, working with a range of teams at all levels of the game. Lee will look to pass on his knowledge and skills to Dunston's new breed of goalkeepers, following the departure of stalwart's Liam Connell and Andrew Clark, as the club look to push on under the helm of Chris Swailes.



## LEWIS BLACK

Lewis joined Chris Swailes' back-room staff in July 2021 having completed three years of studying at Newcastle College University Centre, graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree in Exercise & Sport Rehabilitation. Alongside his studies he completed a three-year placement at Park View Academy of Sport and was able to develop his skills as a practitioner. Following on, he then became sports therapist for Chester-le-Street United.



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🕒 19:45	Carlton Town	P - P	Stocksbridge Park Steels Stocksbridge in FA Cup
🕒 19:45	Cleethorpes Town	P - P	Long Eaton United Cleethorpes in FA Cup
🕒 19:45	Dunston	vs	Ossett United
🕒 19:45	Grantham Town	P - P	Grimsby Borough Grantham in FA Cup
🕒 19:45	Pontefract Collieries	vs	Consett
🕒 19:45	Sheffield	P - P	Lincoln United Lincoln in FA Cup

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In July 2022, over 6,300 people were waiting for an organ transplant in the UK. Beatrix's mother Cheryl is doing all she can to spread the message of organ donation as far as she can. She said, "The reality is, without parents considering the unthinkable or choosing to donate in the midst of their own tragedy, none of these children would have a chance at life."

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## OSSETT UNITED 1-1 DUNSTON FC

Dunston earned a point away at Ossett United in the last fixture between the pair, just after the New Year when both sides were pushing for a playoff charge. A Michael Pearson effort early into the second half was cancelled out by an Aaron Haswell charge down, with the sides sharing the honours on a mightily cold day in West Yorkshire.



## THE REPORT | Ossett United 1-1 Dunston FC

Chris Swailes named an unchanged side from the one that had beaten Marske United on New Years Day and was yet again able to name a strong bench.

The game ebbed and flowed, with both sides having concerted spells of pressure, a final score of 1-1 was a fair reflection on the game. On a heavy pitch, Ossett United started the brighter of the two. Walshaw had the ball in the net after 7 minutes, a 3 man move opening the Dunston back line, the linesman's flag, rightly, ruling the play offside.

Dunston got on top of the game towards the middle of the second half, but in truth, there was little in the way of clear-cut chances created by either side, in what was a war of attrition. Ossett changing tactic having started the game with a passing from the back, possession based, flowing based system, discovering quickly in the game that a pitch in Yorkshire, after a full night and morning of heavy rain, is not best suited for such frivolities. The beautiful game is not up for the cold depths of January in the southern part of the former Kingdom of Northumbria, now known as Yorkshire. Long ball you go, it's the only way.

The visitors having decided early that they were ready to dig in and fight for points. If you look at the pictures from training, you'll find evidence of shorts and sliders and t-shirts donned by most Dunston lads. They'd prepared for this, like when Rocky runs through the woods in Russia, before he knocks Drago out in Rocky IV.

Ossett had a bit of an excited flurry during added time of the first half, as the two sides went into the interval level. With the supporters at Ingfield making a swift dash to escape the cold, into the warm relief of Pies, Bovril, Pints of gravy and a possible fine selection of Northern foods, possibly chips.

The visitors took the lead 3 minutes into the 2nd half. A goalkeeping blunder savagely punished, Zaniewski fumbling a Thear cross which kindly fell into the path of Michael Pearson\*, the midfielder capitalizing on the error and prodding in from close range.

Moments later Zaniewski made up for his error, palming away an effort from Thear from the edge of the box as Dunston came out after the interval firing on all cylinders.

Against the run of play, Ossett equalised on 58 minutes and in strange circumstances. Connell trying to clear a long ball, only for his clearance to deflect off the on-rushing Haswell, who had closed down the long ball, and in the back of the net for the equalizer.

Dunston had dominated the opening stages of the second half, Ossett seemingly unable to get to grips with their opponents; like the bit in Rocky IV, where machine like, Soviet built, face punching baddy Drago is really punching Rocky, and you're thinking "Rocky IV is struggling a bit here, Drago is probably going to do this".

The goal lifted Ossett, who had started the second half under the cosh, as you'd say, minus all of this Rocky IV nonsense. Charlie Wood had a great chance to extend the home sides lead, a quick move on the break, Wood fluffing his lines as the ball bounced away from him.

Lee Mason was denied from a free kick as Zaniewski tipped over his goal bound effort. From a Dunston corner, coming from some quick link up play between Thear and Craig Scott, a poor delivery resulted in a rapid break from Ofoegbu, Connell reacting quickly as he raced out to prevent the danger. It was a scrappy game towards the end, Thear and Green both booked, as Dunston had chances to win the game. A header put wide from a Craig Baxter free kick whilst a cross fired across the box missed everyone.

Neither side were able to find a winner, but both sides will probably look back on today's match up as a valuable point, with results around the grounds going their way.



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# INTERVIEW – MICHAEL FOWLER

Striker Michael Fowler is enjoying the beginning of his first full season as a Dunston FC player. The forward, who joined up in January of the 2021/22 season hit the ground running and set the team alight, scoring 14 goals in less than half the season, to help Chris Swailes' side to a sixth place finish. He has started this season in similar fashion to how he finished the last, scoring 3 goals in his first two NPL East games, and already looking like he will quickly surpass last season tally.

We sat down with Michael to discuss the season so far, and just how important pre season is with so many games at the start of the season

Michael, we are two league games into the season now, with one win and one loss to our name. As a group, how do you assess that start?

It wasn't the start we all wanted in terms of the result against Stocksbridge Park Steels, but we managed to put things right last Tuesday against Shildon. It's just the start of a very long season and we are looking forward and are confident in what we can achieve.



It was a great response from the lads at Shildon last Tuesday, and I'm sure the whole dressing room, is looking to build on that performance?

Of course. It was our first win of the season and that certainly helped the momentum going into Saturday. There is a superb morale within the dressing room and the lads are getting stronger every session. It has showed in the last two games and we will continue to improve.

On a more personal note, you've grabbed yourself three leagues goals already in just two league games. Continuing on from your good form last season, you must be delighted with your start in front of goal?

Yeah I mean as a striker my job at the end of the day is to find the back of the net and give us the best chance of getting the three points. I'm disappointed to be honest as I should have had a hat trick against Shildon but the two will have to do for now! It's a strength of mine I showed last season and something I'm confident I can build on this season.

Saturday saw us build on our league win with another clean sheet, do you the whole team are becoming more confident in each other as a collective?

We are taking every game as it comes and they are coming thick and fast. It's massively important to get a good run of results early and this will give the lads great confidence moving into the next game.

With tonight's game making it four in ten days, do you as a player really start to feel the importance of pre season in terms of your match fitness?

The lads understand the importance of resting and recovering, but the hard work we put in throughout preseason is most definitely paying off now. You can see it in the games that we are playing. We will continue to run and work for each other, and I think that will be the key to our success this season.





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2.	<b>Stockton Town</b>	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	1	4	6
3.	<b>Cleethorpes Town</b>	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
4.	<b>Pontefract Collieries</b>	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	4	4
5.	<b>Bridlington Town</b>	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
6.	<b>Grantham Town</b>	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
7.	<b>Stocksbridge Park Steels</b>	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
8.	<b>Consett</b>	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
9.	<b>Dunston</b>	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
10.	<b>Carlton Town</b>	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
11.	<b>Ossett United</b>	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
12.	<b>Long Eaton United</b>	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
13.	<b>North Shields</b>	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
14.	<b>Sheffield</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
15.	<b>Brighouse Town</b>	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
16.	<b>Lincoln United</b>	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
17.	<b>Tadcaster Albion</b>	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	4	7	-3	1
18.	<b>Worksop Town</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
19.	<b>Shildon</b>	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
20.	<b>Grimsby Borough</b>	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

**DUNSTON UTS FC**  
Are delighted to present

# JONNY BOYLE



**DUNSTON UTS FC CLUBHOUSE**  
**SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**  
**BAR OPENS AT 13:30**  
**TICKETS £4**

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We are delighted to present Jonny Boyle. An extremely talented singer/songwriter. His latest single 'Hear me Calling' recently reached the top 10 in the Official Apple charts.

Jonny will be playing a wide range of covers from many genres, as well as his new single, in the Dunston UTS clubhouse on Sunday 18th September.

Come and join us for a great afternoon's entertainment. Club house Bar will be open from 13:30 with Jonny Boyle performing live from 3pm

Tickets can be purchased from the club shop on match day's or text 07813 635162 or DM us directly on any of our social media platforms. We expect this event to sell out quickly, so order yours now.



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**UP-COMING FIXTURES AT THE UTS STADIUM**

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## STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS (H)

15:00 Saturday 13th August



## OSSETT UNITED (H)

19:45 Tuesday 23rd August



## CONSETT AFC (H)

15:00 Monday 29th August



## PONTEFRAC T COLLIERIES (H)

19:45 Tuesday 6th September



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# PITCHING IN

## Ever thought of volunteering to help your local football club?

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The Trident Leagues and Pitching In have recently launched a new online Volunteer Hub where you can find opportunities and contact your local football club.

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