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# A WELCOME From Billy Montague (Club Secretary)

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the UTS Stadium this afternoon for this PITCHING-IN Northern Premier League East Division game.

Our opponents today are WORKSOP TOWN FC who arrive at the UTS Stadium after their long journey from Nottinghamshire. “The Tigers” have enjoyed a phenomenal season, comfortably clinching the Championship and promotion to the Premier Division of the NPL with several games left to play. They have been outstanding since the very start of the campaign. They have only tasted defeat in a League game on one occasion so far when Stockton Town edged the very first game of the season by two goals to one. They currently lead the table by twenty-seven points and boast a goal-difference of +80 having played one game less than their closest rivals! They have already netted 100 League goals and will be looking to add quite a few more in their remaining five fixtures.

Worksop Town Team Manager Craig Parry, his Assistant Manager Luke Jeffs and Head Coach Mark Whitehouse have brought together a superb squad of players from the start of the season. Their strength in depth, with cover in every position, has meant that they have excellence to overcome injuries when they occur. They have ensured that they have a big, strong and experienced set of players with ex-professional performers throughout the team.

When Dunston FC visited the excellent Windsor Food Services Stadium in Worksop at the end of August the game was fairly even throughout most of the first half. “The Tigers” grabbed the lead in added-time just before the break and then they turned up the heat in the second-half to run out worthy 3-1 victors.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this afternoon. Our Referee is Jamie Cann who travels from Stockton and he is joined by his Assistant Referees Kevin McKitterick from Sunderland and Matthew Davidson from South



Shields.

Supporters old and new are very well appreciated and we hope you enjoy your visit to the UTS Stadium this afternoon. If you require any help or information about the Club and facilities, please do not hesitate to contact any Management Committee Member. Details of next season's Season Tickets, Executive Package, Club Merchandise, Concessions and Sponsorship Opportunities will be decided upon in the coming weeks and will be available from any Club Official or at the Club Office in the very near future.

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





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## 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 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 setbacks, 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 backroom 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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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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# CLUB NEWS

Following the postponement of our home match against Grimsby Borough FC last Saturday, we can confirm that the game has been rescheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – 7:45pm kick off.

Tickets cost just £9 Adults, £6 Concessions and £3 U16s and it would be great to have a big crowd in to push the lads towards the playoff places.



After a tightly fought Player of The Month competition for March, Jack Camarda took the crown after the voting period.

Camarda had an excellent month after showcasing a number of superb showings at left back following injury to Craig Scott.

Well done Jack!



# MATCH REPORT | GRANTHAM TOWN (H)

FT: Dunston FC 1 Grantham Town 1

Goals: Djaló (36')

Att: 218

Despite going ahead in the first half through Sadó Djaló, Dunston failed to build on their lead after half-time, and were pegged back mid-way through the second half when Grantham captain Jake Wright equalised.

Will Jenkins served his final game of a three-match suspension, whilst Craig Scott returned to the bench after missing the Bridlington Town game through injury.



It was a quiet start to the game with both teams struggling to get to grips with the tricky pitch, but nevertheless Dunston were in the ascendancy and had the first opportunity when Richard Coulson pick up a lay off and fired into the hands of Grantham goalkeeper Dan Haystead.

But it was Grantham who were almost ahead on 22 minutes. A cross was almost turned into his own net by Terry Galbraith, but Dan Staples was able to scramble and dive onto the ball before it crossed the line.

As the half ebbed on, Dunston began to assert more dominance on the game. Carl Finnigan saw a dinked effort cleared off the line, before Djaló blazed wide from range.

But on 36 minutes, Djaló did get Dunston on the scoresheet. A flowing counter attack saw Djaló meet a delightful through ball from Dale Pearson, and the striker was able to calmly slot past Haystead for 1-0.

Despite the lead, Dunston struggled to get going in the second half and they were punished on 61 minutes. With Grantham in the ascendancy, a corner that was originally cleared off the line bounced towards Wright who was able to head home to level the game.



Both teams went hammer and tongs to win the game, and Finnigan had Dunston's best chance. A brilliant floated cross towards the back post from substitute Jack Elliott was met by Finnigan, but the defenders just about did enough to put the striker off and his header rose agonisingly over the bar.

And there was one more chance for Dunston late in the game as Pearson met Craig Baxter's cross from the right, but his header drifted just wide of the target as Dunston were held to a frustrating draw.

The point sees Dunston close the gap to the playoff places to 5 points, and they now have a busy Easter weekend, first hosting Champions Worksop Town before heading to second placed Hebburn on Bank Holiday Monday.



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# Today's Visitors | Worksop Town

**SEBASTIAN MALKOWSKI - GOALKEEPER** The former Polish International joined the club in the summer of 2020 having previously played for Frickley Athletic and Pontefract Collieries amongst others.

**DEEGAN ATHERTON - DEFENDER** Deegan joined the Tigers in 2018 from Rotherham United. The dependable defender is comfortable at full back and centre back.

**JOSH WILDE - DEFENDER** Josh joined the club in this summer from Alfreton Town FC. Josh started his career at Sheffield Wednesday before moving onto Buxton FC, North Ferriby United where he was an FA Trophy winner, and Halifax Town.

**REGAN HUTCHINSON - DEFENDER** Regan joined the club from Farsley Celtic earlier this season. He started his career in the academies of Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham United before joining Chesterfield. He left the Spirites to join Guiseley before joining Farsley.

**HAMZA BENCHERIF - DEFENDER** The French born defender joins us from Guiseley AFC, where he was club captain. His previous clubs include Guingamp, Notts County, Lincoln City and Macclesfield Town.

**CONNOR O'GRADY - DEFENDER** Connor is a big, strong centre half who can play in a number of positions. Previously he was at Stalybridge Celtic, after spending six years in the Manchester United Academy before signing youth team forms for Sheffield Wednesday. After leaving the Owls he joined Buxton before joining Stalybridge.

**JACK BROADHEAD - DEFENDER/MIDFIELD** Jack joined the club from Pontefract Collieries in the summer of 2020. Jack has a strong aerial presence in both penalty areas where he scored a hat trick of headers in a game against Pickering Town last January.

**LUKE HALL - MIDFIELD** Luke joined the club from Sheffield FC in February 2022 in a deal that saw James Baxendale move in the other direction. The former England Schoolboy International came through the Sheffield Wednesday Academy

**VAUGHAN REDFORD - FORWARD** The enigmatic forward re-joined the club from Pontefract Collieries FC where he spent the early part of last season. He went on to score 12 goals in 37 appearances.

**JAY ROLLINS - MIDFIELD** Joined the club from Boston United where he had spent 7 seasons. Prior to that he played for Armthorpe Welfare and Askern Villa.

**ALEKSANDRS STARCENKO - MIDFIELD** The Latvian midfielder joined the club in October 2020, but due to the COVID 19 pandemic it was not until last season that we saw the young attacking midfielder's full potential.

**SAMUEL WEDGBURY - MIDFIELD** The vastly experienced midfielder joins us from Stalybridge Celtic FC where he was Club Captain. The former Sheffield United Junior lists Macclesfield Town FC, Forest Green Rovers and Wrexham amongst his former Clubs.

**TERRY HAWKRIDGE - MIDFIELD** The Nottingham born winger joins us after having spent the 2021/22 season with Boston United and Matlock Town. In the last game of the 2016/17 season Terry scored both the goals that ensured Lincoln City's return to the Football League.

**LIAM HARDY - FORWARD** Liam joined the club from Hyde United FC in October 2021 and it took little time for the Doncaster born goal scorer to become a firm fans favourite.

**JAMES HANSON - FORWARD** The Bradford born forward began his Non-League career with Eccleshill United FC and Guiseley AFC before making over 300 appearances for Bradford City FC. He then moved onto Sheffield United and others before returning to Non-League Football.

**LIAM HUGHES - FORWARD** The former Matlock Town FC Captain was a long time transfer target for Tigers Manager Craig Parry. The vastly experienced forward will be a major presence both on and off the pitch.

**TAVONGA KULEYA - WINGER** Young, pacy winger on loan from Doncaster Rovers who scored on his second appearance for the Tigers. Spent time on loan at FC United earlier this season.

**BEN TOMLINSON - FORWARD** The locally born forward has recently taken up the roll of Player/Coach. Ben has scored over 50 goals in two spells with the club. After moving from the Under 19 team to the first team Ben signed a professional contract with Macclesfield Town FC.





# Club Profile | Worksop Town



**Founded:** 1861

**Nickname(s):** The Tigers

**Ground:** Sandy Lane

**Capacity:** 2500 (200 seated)

**Chairman:** Peter Whitehead

**Manager:** Craig Parry

**2021/22 League Position:** 8<sup>th</sup> of 19 – Northern Premier League East

**Club Colours:** Yellow/Black

**Notable Honours:** Northern Premier League East Winners 2022/23.

Northern Premier League Premier Division Runners-up 1998-99

Northern Counties East League Champions 2018/19.

Sheffield & Hallamshire Cup: 13x Winners

FA Cup: Third Round 1955/56

FA Trophy: Quarterfinals 2001/01, 2005/06



# Club History | Worksop Town

The club was formed over 150 years ago in 1861, but the first public recorded items referring to its existence were dated 1873. Playing in green and white striped shirts the team was a mixture of professional and amateur players, administered by a fifteen strong committee.

In 1886 William Allen of the Worksop and Retford Brewery Company was the President and it was his influence which guided the club, especially through the Great War period. Games were played against teams from the Sheffield area, and with the formation of the Sheffield Association League it became clear that a new ground of a more central situation was a priority.

This was resolved in 1891 when the Lord of the Manor, by this time the Duke of Newcastle, decided to sell the Worksop Manor Estate to Mr John Robinson who later became Sir John of Daybrook and Home Brewery fame. William Allen and his committee intervened and obtained the lease on land in the centre of the town.

In granting a lease to Worksop FC the Duke of Newcastle also gave the club £50 to assist in developing the ground. Worksop's playing strip was now black and white stripes.

Sheffield Association and Midland League football attracted the fans and success in the latter was frequent both before and after the Great War. The 1908 season in the Midland League saw the club drawn away against Chelsea in the FA Cup Sixth Round. Worksop lost, but the gates were closed with 70,184 fans inside the ground.

Worksop's 1921-22 season was the most successful since the war and the team included Hodthorpe born goalkeeper, Jack Brown, who became the club's first England international. Brown served Worksop brilliantly until his transfer to Sheffield Wednesday in 1923, after which he played for the English League against the Scottish League at Leicester in March 1927. At Wembley on 2nd April 1927 Brown kept goal for the full England side in a victory against Scotland.

The 1921 season is also remembered for national recognition and disaster, because Worksop became one of the famous FA Cup minnows by holding Tottenham Hotspur to a 0-0 draw at the Division One side's White Hart Lane ground.

In the mid-1960s Worksop won the Midland League and became founder members of the Northern Premier League. Sadly, after one season Worksop were relegated back to the Midland League. The arrival of Fred Horne as Chairman in the late 1970s gave a newly re-formed football club some stability again, culminating in re-entry into the Northern Premier League. The highlight of the seventies came when Worksop reached the FA Cup First Round and were drawn away to Barnsley on Saturday 25 November 1978, a tie which they lost 5-1.

1987/8 saw a best ever 6th place attained in the NPL, but 1988/89 found the Tigers bottom and relegated to the newly formed Division One. To pile on the agony the club also lost the Central Avenue ground, sold to extend a car park. The then Supporters Club took over the ailing club and guided it through three difficult seasons, ground-sharing 20 miles away at Gainsborough Trinity. Tommy Spencer came for a second spell as manager and almost, but for the lack of its own ground, guided the club back into the Premier Division at his second attempt.

The 1990s on the playing front were dominated by one Kenny Clark, top scorer of no less than six seasons, and latterly the arrival of a new management team, Paul Mitchell and Danny Hague, who in 1997/8 regained for the club the Premier Division place lost 10 years earlier.

The very first season back in the top flight brought a best ever runners-up place, while the first season of the new century saw a Quarter-final place in the FA Trophy competition against Forest Green Rovers which the Tigers lost by a 2-1 margin.

In mid-April 2003 Paul Mitchell and his assistant Peter Rinkcavage were dismissed after a successful six and a half year spell and the board appointed new Manager, Steve Ludlam, with whom they put their trust to gain promotion to the Nationwide Conference North League.

After gaining entry to the Conference North League by virtue of a seventh-place finish, financial difficulties off the field forced the club into a Creditors Voluntary Agreement. But despite a 10-point deduction the club just managed to stave off relegation down to the UniBond Premier League. Manager Steve Ludlam left the club, and the former Barnsley and Celtic favourite Ronnie Glavin was installed in May 2004 along with his assistant Peter Price.



The club reached the quarter finals of the FA Trophy in 2005/06, after victories over Conference opposition in Burton Albion and Accrington Stanley along the way. In September 2006 Ronnie Glavin left the club and caretaker boss Ian Bowling was installed as temporary manager. Ex-Chairman Keith Ilett was given the position of Life President of the club after many years involvement. John Hepworth became chairman of the Club.

Unfortunately results faded, and Worksop were relegated to the Premier Division of the UniBond League at the end of 2006/07. Peter Rinkcavage returned to Worksop in June 2007 to take the club forward on the playing side.

At the end of the 2007/08 season, Worksop Town were locked out of Sandy Lane by the leaseholder, who later was to sell the ground to Parramore FC from Sheffield. 2008/09 was spent at Hucknall Town FC and after a difficult first half of the season whilst the club were reeling from losing the ground, manager Peter Rinkcavage turned the fortunes of the club around and results were much improved after the New Year, maintaining the club's Premier League status.

The following season saw the Tigers play their home games at Ilkeston Town, with Jason Clark taking over as chairman.

2011/12 saw the Tigers back at Sandy Lane, sharing with the new owners Parramore Sports. A Sheffield Senior Cup victory over Frickley at Hillsborough augured well for the future. A new manager in Simon Clark joined the following season looking to improve on recent performances, but after looking good for a play-off place the team faded away to finish 9th and he departed. Mark Shaw followed and performed miracles on a reduced budget getting the team into the promotion play off places by finishing fourth. A defeat at AFC Fylde saw the hopes fade but just a short time later news broke that club backer Jason Clark was leaving and that the Board had resigned from the Northern Premier League.

2014/15, then, found the club making its bow at Step 5 in the Premier Division of the Northern Counties East League where second place in the table was attained. After a couple of indifferent seasons, Worksop won both the Northern Counties East League and the League Cup in 2018/19, after no less than 22 consecutive victories, to gain promotion back to the lower regionalised tier of the Northern Premier League.

At the end of the 2019/20 season Peter Whitehead took over as Chairman and started a programme of ground improvements the first stage included installing a FIFA quality 3G surface and the building of a new changing room and reception complex. The start of the 2020/21 season saw the appointment of the former Pontefract Collieries management duo Craig Parry and Craig Rouse along with an influx of new players. With only one defeat in their opening seven league the Tigers found themselves on the fringe of the play-off positions, However, due to the COVID 19 pandemic the season was curtailed, and all results expunged.

Before the start of the 2021/22 season Craig Rouse returned to his former club and the leagues constitution changed with another Step 4 division added. Despite a spate of player movements throughout the season the team did threaten to break into the play-off places. However poor form in the last weeks of the season, the club could only finish the campaign in a mid-table position. The last game of the season saw the club win the Sheffield & Hallamshire Senior Cup for the 13th time, beating NCEL team Maltby Main FC 3-0 at Doncaster Rovers Keepmoat Stadium.

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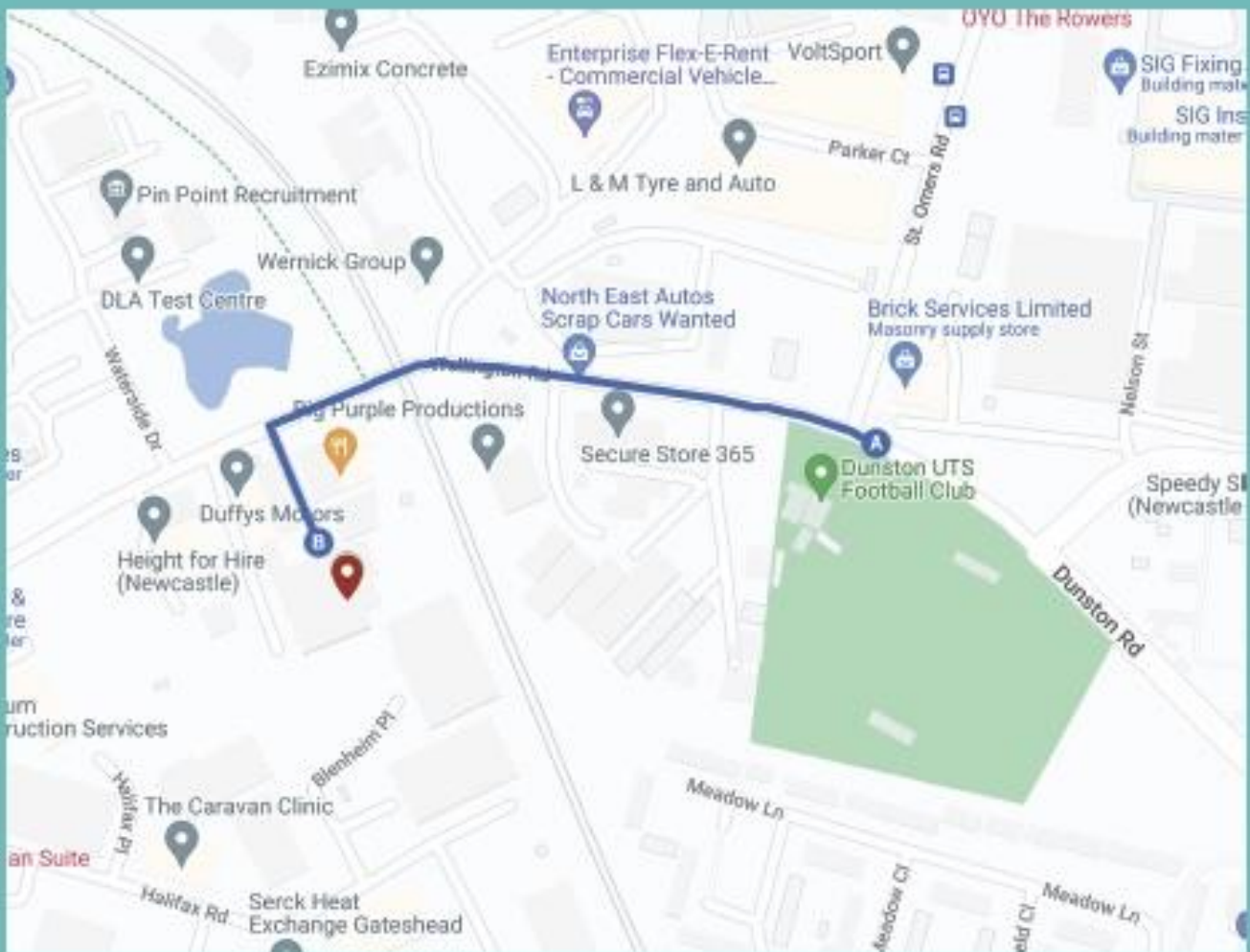
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# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### 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 Whickham. 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.





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### **Carl Finnigan :-**

Carl arrived at the UTS Stadium in September 2022 following a period on the sidelines due to a health scare. After 8 months out, Finnigan will look to provide Dunston with experience and fire power up front, having enjoyed spells with Falkirk, Gateshead, South Shields, Whickham and Morepeth Town. The frontman was on fine form for South Shields, scoring 72 goals in 115 games, including one at Wembley in the clubs FA Vase triumph. Carl has also enjoyed spells in South Africa and Botswana, and will be looking to reignite his fine goalscoring pedigree in what is a lethal front line.



### **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.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### 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.



### 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 19th in the Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round.





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### **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.



# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### Brampoque Serra Da Silva Sá

“Brash” joined Dunston in the early stages of the 2022/23 season, primarily as a midfielder. The Guinea-Bissau born player links up with former teammate Sadó Djaló, and provides key cover across the whole of midfield.



### 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.





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### 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.



### 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".





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 2022-2023



### 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.



### 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.



### Jack Camarda:-

Jack Camarda comes to Dunston UTS looking to add extra quality to an already exciting midfield. In the past, he spent various spells at Oldham Athletic, Mansfield Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers as a junior, before landing a two-year academy scholarship at Fleetwood Town. T

More recently, Jack has been playing for island club Isle of Man FC, where he quickly established himself in the starting XI during the club's inaugural season in the NWCD West Division. Now studying Sports Science at Durham University, Camarda looks to add fire to Dunston's midfield when required, with the youngster bringing speed, trickery and agility to Chris Swailes' squad.





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## 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.



### **Mark Scott :-**

Mark joins the club with experience in coaching at South Shields FC and North Shields FC where he worked with assistant manager Jon McDonald, More recently, he has spent time at Spennymoor Town FC where he was part of the academy coaching staff. He holds a UEFA A License and will be a superb addition to an already vastly experienced coaching set up.

Upon joining the club, Mark said: “I’m delighted to join the club. As an opposing player and coach over the years I have always admired Dunston as a well-run and successful club.





# Dunston FC Player Profiles

## Managerial Profiles



### 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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# INTERVIEW | LEE KENNEDY

Since his arrival in the summer of 2022, Lee Kennedy's impact has been obvious to all. The goalkeeping department has been a real thorn of the Dunston side this season, and on numerous occasions Dan Staples and James Anderson have produced Man of the Match performances and big saves to win the side key points.



We sat down with Lee to discuss the season so far, the goalkeepers at his disposal and the end of season run in.

The first point of discussion was a recent change in the goalkeeping department. James Anderson was recalled by Northern Premier League side Morpeth Town, with youngster Matty Cassap being brought in to fill the void, provide much needed back-up to Dan Staples, and also in a bid to build for the future.

On Cassap's arrival, Lee said:

*"Matty is a talented young keeper and has settled straight into the squad well.*

*"He's already impressed me with his athleticism and agility, and he's a very good addition to the team."*

Lee then also discussed James' departure, and insists the young goalkeeper has an extremely bright future ahead of him. He said:

*"James did very well for us this season and it was disappointing seeing him recalled by Morpeth. It has been a very competitive role (the number 1 spot), and Dan and James have really pushed each other hard in training.*

*"James has all the attributes of a top goalkeeper and will do well when he gets his chance at Morpeth."*



Anderson's departure back to Morpeth has paved the way for Dan Staples to claim the number one spot as his own. Dan has been one of the most consistent performers in a Dunston shirt this season and is a big character both on and off the pitch. Lee was unable to play down his role within the side's success this season. He said:

*"Dan has had an excellent season. He's a big character on the pitch, and also an excellent leader."*

*"He communicates well with his defence and has produced some really big moments that have won us games this season. He was patient after recovering from an injury mid-season but has been outstanding since his return to the side."*



Despite Lee's impact in developing strong goalkeepers, Dunston find themselves five points off the playoff places with just five games remaining. With a tough Easter weekend brewing, in which the visit by Worksop Town is followed by a tricky trip to Hebburn, Dunston will have to be at their very best to find the much important points as the season reaches it's tail end. Lee explained that the players are fighting for every point and will not be giving up on the push for the top 5. He said:

*"We still have 15 points to play for and are still in the mix for the playoffs. Everyone knows the situation we are in and as a squad we are focused on Saturday's game and then the trip to Hebburn."*

*"The fans and everyone at the club have been right behind us all season and we owe it to them to give it everything until the very end."*



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2.	<b>Hebburn Town</b>	34	9	2	6	10	3	4	19	5	10	53	50	3	<b>62</b>
3.	<b>Stockton Town</b>	34	10	2	5	8	5	4	18	7	9	67	34	33	<b>61</b>
4.	<b>Long Eaton United</b>	34	8	5	4	9	3	5	17	8	9	62	49	13	<b>59</b>
5.	<b>Stocksbridge Park Steels</b>	34	7	4	6	10	2	5	17	6	11	52	38	14	<b>57</b>
6.	<b>Dunston</b>	33	6	6	4	8	4	5	14	10	9	55	44	11	<b>52</b>
7.	<b>North Shields</b>	34	7	6	4	5	4	8	12	10	12	43	39	4	<b>46</b>
8.	<b>Grimsby Borough</b>	33	5	5	7	8	3	5	13	8	12	50	52	-2	<b>46</b>
9.	<b>Cleethorpes Town</b>	33	7	2	7	5	6	6	12	8	13	44	45	-1	<b>44</b>
10.	<b>Consett AFC</b>	34	7	3	7	4	7	6	11	10	13	46	53	-7	<b>43</b>
11.	<b>Pontefract Collieries</b>	33	7	6	3	3	6	8	10	12	11	58	55	3	<b>42</b>
12.	<b>Ossett United</b>	34	4	4	9	6	8	3	10	12	12	45	48	-3	<b>42</b>
13.	<b>Bridlington Town</b>	34	5	7	5	5	5	7	10	12	12	41	60	-19	<b>42</b>
14.	<b>Brighouse Town</b>	33	5	3	9	6	3	7	11	6	16	55	61	-6	<b>39</b>
15.	<b>Sheffield</b>	33	5	7	4	4	4	9	9	11	13	43	52	-9	<b>38</b>
16.	<b>Lincoln United</b>	34	5	5	7	4	6	7	9	11	14	50	62	-12	<b>38</b>
17.	<b>Sildon</b>	34	6	4	7	4	2	11	10	6	18	39	62	-23	<b>36</b>
18.	<b>Carlton Town</b>	33	2	2	13	8	3	5	10	5	18	39	61	-22	<b>35</b>
19.	<b>Grantham Town</b>	34	4	4	9	3	8	6	7	12	15	33	42	-9	<b>33</b>
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## Ever thought of volunteering to help your local football club?

There are many different volunteer roles in non-league football and Northern Premier League football clubs need your help with them.

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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