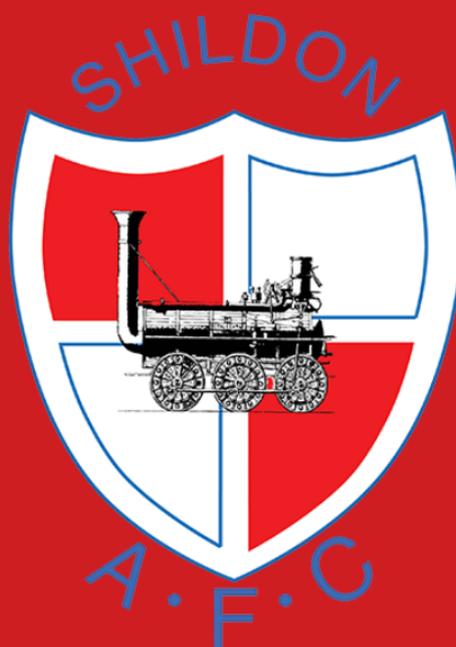


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Our opponents this evening are our old Northern League rivals Shildon AFC who, along with Stockton Town and Hebburn Town, were promoted after the early curtailment of the Leagues due to Covid-19. The promotion and relegation issues were decided by points-per-game and then goal-difference where necessary. It's great to have three more relatively local sides in the same League, meaning that the number of miles spent travelling to games will be substantially reduced.

Shildon AFC will make the 27.6 mile journey this evening in very good heart after producing a superb 4-0 victory over Pickering Town on Saturday in their opening NPL fixture. Their brand of attacking football will undoubtedly make them a force to be reckoned with in their Maiden Season in the League.

Player/Manager Daniel Moore and his supervisory staff have assembled an impressive mixture of experienced players and blended them with some very exciting youngsters who are eager to learn.

We also extend a warm welcome to our Match Officials this evening, Referee Mark Ryan from Sunderland and his Assistant Referees Tom Lishman who travels from Newcastle and Stephen Beresford from Hebburn.

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.

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Early success inspired the club to progress and a piece of land was leased from Gateshead M.B.C. and the committee began to develop what is now the UTS Stadium.

The club were now gaining much success in the Northern Combination and with aspirations to progress further they approached the Federation Brewery to become the club's main sponsor. With the Federation Brewery as their main sponsor the club joined the Wearside League in 1987 and after another period of success the club felt a need to seek new opportunities and an application was made to join the prestigious Northern League. The club had now realised one of its main ambitions and entered the National Pyramid of Non-League Football. In its second season in the Northern League the club won the Second Division and was promoted to the First Division.

Since joining the Northern League the club has won the Second Division, been First Division Champions twice, League Cup winners on five occasions and JR Cleator Cup winners on five occasions. Included in these successes were back to back First Division title winners and League Cup winners in seasons 2003/2004 and 2004/2005. A magnificent achievement.

Season 2007/2008 had seen the club lose the word Brewery from its name as sadly it lost the main sponsor. After a period of 18 years of continuous sponsorship the Federation Brewery was taken over by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries who continued to sponsor the club for a further two seasons and after a period of twenty years the club had lost its main sponsor and had no association with a brewery. In our hour of need two new companies became involved with the club to partially compensate for the loss of our main sponsor.

Dunston Van and Truck Centre became our home shirt sponsor and Astley Signs became our away shirt sponsor. Both companies are still with us at the present time. Season 2008/2009 a company, UTS Engineering (Utility Technology Services), became involved by sponsoring the player's travel and training kit and during the close season of 2009/2010 they kindly agreed to become the club's principal sponsor. The club name was changed from Dunston Federation F.C. to Dunston UTS F.C., the name of the ground was changed to the UTS Stadium and company owner, Mr. Shaun Sadler became Club President.

On the 2nd April 2016 Dunston UTS celebrated their 1000th Northern League game. Prior to kick off on behalf of the club Malcolm James received an engraved plate from Northern League President George Courtney.

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 Northern Premier N/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.

Over the years the club has always recognised that success on the field must be coupled with success and hard work off the field and the efforts of the people behind the scenes at the UTS Stadium has ensured that the stadium is a credit to the club. Many of the committee of the club have been involved since it was founded in 1975, some as former players and some as management on the playing side.

It is a tribute to their commitment and hard work that the club has become one of the most successful in the North East.

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Finally another season is upon us, and after the curtailment of the last two seasons, I am sure that we can not wait to get started.



I would like to begin my review with a massive thank you to all our sponsors for their support throughout the last two seasons and their continuing support for season 2021/22. It has been a testing time for non-league football, especially last season when the season was called to a halt in October, and without the support of sponsorship I am sure many clubs would no longer be with us.

A special thank you to our Club Sponsor, Mr Shaun Sadler and UTS Engineering.



Shaun has been a magnificent sponsor of our club for twelve seasons and much of our success on the field and the facility improvements to the UTS Stadium can be attributed to Shaun and we are indebted to him to have his support as a person and principal club sponsor.

During the close season there has been changes behind the scenes in the playing side of the club with manager Chris Swales recruiting to his backroom staff and playing staff. Jon McDonald has joined us from Morpeth to become Assistant Manager replacing Chris Errington who left the club during the curtailed 2019/20 season.

Lewis Black has joined us as Sports Therapist replacing Ian Murray and Ian Irving has come in as strength and conditioning coach replacing Ben Sherwood.



On the playing side Luke Page has left because of work commitments as has Dan Halliday. Mark Fitzpatrick has been released and has joined our neighbours at Wickham. We wish all three the very best of luck for the future. Incoming players are Craig Baxter, Phil Turnbull and Lee Mason from South Shields plus Luke Porritt from Scarborough.

There is great feeling of optimism throughout the club for the new season and hopefully with no disruptions we will be up there at least in the play-off places come next

April. The last two seasons have seen major improvements to the UTS Stadium and we have been awarded the necessary Ground Grading by the F.A. as required for Step 4 in the National League System and enable the club to move forward should we gain promotion.

Finally I would appeal to our supporters to encourage new support to our club. As a club we are looking to progress within the pyramid system and support it is vital to our progress. The club has made efforts by improving the playing side of the club and stadium facilities. What we need now is to increase our support through the gate. Your help would be much appreciated.



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2017-18

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2011-12

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Dunston travelled to Brighouse Town for their opening game of the Pitching-In Northern Premier East Division. The visitors left with a point and a clean sheet and maybe disappointed not to have taken all three points.

Chris Swailes was without the services of Terry Galbraith, out due to an ankle injury, Michael Hall serving a three game suspension and Mechack Kanda who was unavailable.

In a game of minimal clear cut chances for either side, it was a War of attrition for 90 minutes. Dunston seemed to be more in control of the game however both sides rarely produced much of note in the final 3rd of the pitch.

Brighouse thought they'd opened the scoring after ten minutes, against the run of play and with their first real attack of the game, Dan Capewell was dispossessed in the box and with an option out wide the hosts had the ball in the back of the net, only for the assistant referee to rule the Brighouse player off-side.

Dunston's best chance came 5 minutes later through Lee Mason; spotting the keeper off his line, the forward chipped his goal bound effort over the keeper, only for a defender to scramble back and clear the ball off the line.

Jake Stafford volleyed an effort over the bar following some good pressure from Jack Elliott, Phil Turnbull and Lee Mason. Turnbull's vision in the middle of the park was asking questions of the Brighouse defence, but the hosts seemed capable of preventing the wide players from creating goal scoring opportunities.

Jack Elliott tried his luck with a curling effort, his shot missing it's target as the Brighouse keeper watched it sail over.

Dunston had Liam Connell to thank before half time, a dangerous free kick whipped in from the edge of the box, evading the heads of the Dunston defence, the keeper with a fine reaction save to prevent Brighouse from taking the lead.

Michael Pearson's effort on target was parried by Brighouse keeper Brett Souter, however there was no follow up as the game remained level. Chances in the second half were scarce, on the balance of play, both sides seemed to lack a killer instinct in front of goal and a scoreless draw seemed a fair result for both sides.

Final Score: Brighouse Town – 0 Dunston – 0

Dunston UTS Manager Chris Swailes gave his thoughts after the game:

"It was a hard fought point if I'm honest. I'm delighted to have kept a clean sheet on the first game, it's a hard place to come to, as we've known from the past".

"I'm pleased to have got a point but there's a hinge of disappointment, that we didn't take all three points".

On going into the game with key players missing and his selections for the game, Swaz said

"We've got some good options, we played different systems throughout pre-season and we chose to play a different system today which I thought suited the players."

"I thought we dictated the game, we had the better chances, we had had most of the ball but we just didn't create those opportunities. We were rueful in front of goal, Mason had a good chance early doors, Pearson had a chance, Capewell had a header, we could've done a lot better in front of goal, but I'll take a point and move onto Tuesday night against Shildon".



Match day photography. Brighouse Town vs Dunston FC
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LIAM CONNELL (Goalkeeper) Liam re-joined Dunston FC prior to the start of the 2020-21 season. A key member of the Dunston UTS side that lifted the FA Vase in 2012, Liam completed an amazing eight seasons with the Club before moving on to South Shields where he enjoyed several successful campaigns before going out on loan to Darlington last season.

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ANDREW CLARK (Goalkeeper) Andy returned to Dunston in the summer to begin his third spell with the Club. His previous Clubs include South Shields, Newcastle Benfield and Ashington. He brings a wealth of experience and provides excellent cover in goal.

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CALLUM ELLIOTT (Defender) Callum has tremendous potential to carve out a great career after coming to Dunston at the start of the 2017-18 season from Spennymoor Town. He gained some valuable experience at Huddersfield Town before his release.

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MICHAEL HALL (Defender) Michael moved to Dunston from Morpeth Town at the start of the 2017-18 season and has proved to be a vital member of a solid defence. The big central defender brings experience and confidence to the heart of the back-line.

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DAN CAPEWELL (Defender) Dan is a very promising central defender who transferred to Dunston from Bedlington Terriers three seasons ago. He produced some great defensive displays last season and was nominated for Northern League Young Player of the Year. Dan collected The Dunston UTS FC Supporters Club Player of the Season Award in 2018/19.

Home shirt - Jimmy Souley

Away shirt - Billy Irwin Painter and Decorator

Training kit - Christina Shell.



CRAIG SCOTT (Defender) The tall central defender transferred to the Club from Newcastle Benfield in October 2018. Craig is a very experienced player at Non-League level having previously enjoyed two stints with Ashington and a spell at Slough Town. Voted Managers Player of the season 2019/20 Scotty was appointed as Club Captain for the 2020/21 season

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TERRY GALBRAITH (Defender/Midfield) Tez re-joined Dunston before the start of the 2020-21 season after a superb career at Darlington FC in the National League North. He was a key member of the Dunston UTS team that lifted the FA Vase at Wembley in 2012 before joining Darlington to further his playing career. "Tez" was an immediate success at the ex-League Team and played over 250 games for them, scoring around sixty goals in the process.

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LOUIS PERRAL (Defender) Gibraltar Under-19 International Louis Parral, 18, joined Chris Swailes' side in October 2020 having recently moved to Newcastle, where he is currently studying a degree in Media and Journalism at Northumbria University. Previously with Gibraltar National League side Lions Gibraltar FC and spent part of last season on-loan to Europa Point FC.

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CRAIG BAXTER (Defender) Described as rock solid at the back and strong going forward, Baxter's signing is somewhat of a major coup for Dunston UTS FC.

The 34 year old right back comes with of a wealth of experience, having playing higher up in leagues and has a proven track record of success. He was a key player for South Shields over a five season spell, making 188 appearances before joining Dunston UTS FC for the start of the 2021/22 season. Having started his football career with Newcastle United Baxter would spend 9 years with Gateshead FC as the club moved up the pyramid.

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JAKE STAFFORD (Midfield) Hard working defensive midfielder who brings stability to the team. Re-joined the squad in early November 2019 from Consett AFC after solving previous work commitment problems that had prevented him from travelling. Jake was a vital part of the Dunston team that lifted the Northern League Title at the end of the 2018-19 season.

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URSENE MOUANDA (Midfield) joined the Club in early January 2020 from South Shields FC. A product of the Gateshead Academy, he has earlier experience in Scotland with Rangers and Kilmarnock. He made a positive impression before the cancellation of the 2019-20 season and much is expected from him in the coming season.

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MICHAEL PEARSON (Midfielder) Joined Dunston prior to the start of the 2015-16 season from Consett AFC. Previous Clubs include Hartlepool United, Blyth Spartans and South Shields. Michael is a very popular member of the squad who gives his very best every time he pulls on the shirt.

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PHIL TURNBULL (Midfielder) Chris Swailes wasted no time in bringing the vastly experienced and talented midfielder to the UTS Stadium for the start of the 2021/22 season. Capable of playing with either foot and is described as fiercely competitive player.

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 Tynesider's. 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.

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JACK ELLIOTT (Forward) A very talented player who returned to Dunston after a short spell at Hebburn Town FC in September 2019. He progressed through Newcastle United Academy then Consett AFC before moving to Dunston.

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LIAM THEAR (Forward) Liam is in his sixth season at the Club after completing a successful stint at the Gateshead Academy where he was very highly rated. A very strong and tricky player who has finally fully recovered from a serious injury suffered in the momentous FA Cup Tie against Gateshead in October 2018.

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MECHACK KANDA (Forward) Recent acquisition from Newcastle Benfield, Mechack is an honest player who gives everything for the team. Manager Chris Swailes was delighted to sign him prior the start of the season having already coached him as a member of the Gateshead College side that won the National Cup. Previously with Gateshead FC and South Shields FC.

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SCOTT HESLOP (Forward) Hard-working forward who joined Dunston ahead of the 2016-17 season from Chester-le-Street Town where he was a prolific goal-scorer. Scott ended up as Dunston's top-scorer in his debut season at the UTS Stadium. He was voted Player of the Year as well Committee Player of The season and Players Player of the season in 2019-20.

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LEE MASON (Forward) Joining Dunston UTS FC from South Shields in May of 2021, Lee Mason brings with him a wealth of experience. The forward had been on the radar of Dunston Manager Chris Swailes for some time and became the club's third major signing ahead of the 2021/22 season. Capable of playing anywhere across the front line, he has great strength on the ball, scores goals, provides assists and he rarely gives the ball away.

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LUKE PORRITT – (Midfield) Porritt became Chris Swailes fourth signing of the 2021/22 season having previously played for Northern Premier League side Scarborough Athletic, before moving to the North East. Prior to that he had been with Hyde United and had started out as a youngster at Guiseley. He has had loan spells with Frickley and Ossett Albion and come with a solid pedigree of playing at a higher level.

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CHRIS SWAILES (Manager) After a long professional career, Swaz played for Gateshead and Blyth Spartans before joining Dunston UTS and was a lynchpin in the team that lifted the FA Vase in 2012. He then moved on to Morpeth Town where he guided them to more Wembley success, scoring in the outstanding Wembley Final victory over the much fancied Hereford Football Club.

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JON MCDONALD (Assistant Manager)

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 holds a UEFA B coaching license and is currently undertaking his UEFA A license.

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.

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IAN IRVING (COACH)

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.

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Lewis Black (PHYSIOTHERAPIST)

The 22 year joined Chris Swailes' back room staff in July 2021 having completed 3 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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Ursene Mouada
Louis Parral
Michael Pearson
Luke Porritt
Craig Scott
Jake Stafford
Liam Thear
Phil Turnbull



Squad List

Shaun Newbrook (GK)
Matthew Bateman (GK)
Bryan Wood (GK)
David Atkinson
Dominic Curl
Billy Greulich-Smith
Aidan Heywood
Chay Liddle
Kurt Matthews
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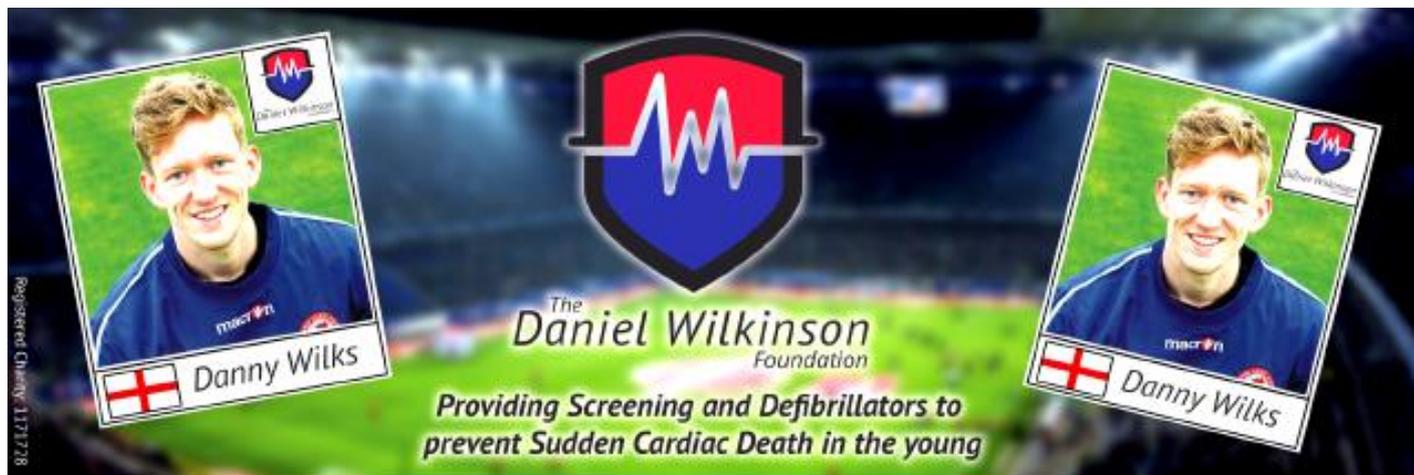
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🕒 19:45	Pickering Town	vs	Pontefract Collieries
🕒 19:45	Sheffield FC	vs	Worksop Town
🕒 19:45	Yorkshire Amateur	vs	Bridlington Town

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🕒 19:45	Stockton Town	vs	Hebburn Town
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Shildon AFC Player Profiles 2020/21

Shaun Newbrook – Goalkeeper - Signed at the beginning of the 2018/19 Season. Previously at Jarrow Roofing and Seaham Red Star. Excellent shot stopper with good distribution. Played 100 games for the club.

Matty Bateman – Goalkeeper - Young Goalkeeper signed from Bishop Juniors in October 2019. Signed his first contract with the club on his 18th Birthday in 2021.

Bryan Wood – Goalkeeper – Previously played in the USA with Valley United, signed at the beginning of the 2018/19 Season

Daniel Moore – Player/Manager – Defender - Nicknamed ‘Bobby’, Daniel Moore age 34 originally from Mansfield, now Hartlepool, first played for Mansfield Town until he enlisted in the army. Daniel proudly gave eight years’ service in the Infantry unit The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers completing two tours of Afghanistan, one of Iraq and one of Kosovo and lived in Northern Ireland for two and half years. A transfer to Catterick brought him to the North East where he played for Shildon, Spennymoor Town, Celtic Nation and of course a return to Shildon AFC where he has played close to 500 games.

Dominic Curl – Defender - has loved football from an early age and first put his boots on when he was 8. He made his appearance playing for Shildon AFC first team aged 17 after training in the Shildon Development Centre Under 18s in the 2016/17 season. Has made over 100 appearances for the club

Billy Greulich-Smith – Striker - Billy was born in Barnet, North London and Billy moved to Sunderland when he was 10. Playing football from a young age he enjoyed a kick about with his Dad until he was old enough to join a team. Billy is a familiar face at Shildon AFC and had played over 300 games in the time he has been with the club. When asked why he has stayed so long at the club he put it down to the “great people” and the “best fans”. From the age of 16 he signed for Brandon, before moving to Luton and resigning at the age of 17. This was followed by a 2 year stint with Hartlepool, Durham City for half a season before moving to Shildon. He also spent time at Watford, Middlesbrough, and Sunderland when he was growing up.

Aidan Heywood – Defender - Signed from Team Northumbria at the beginning of the 2018/19 Season and has been a regular at right back ever since. Can play anywhere across the back line or midfield.

Ben Trotter – Midfield - Ben Trotter, a Shildon lad through and through! Born in Shildon he started playing the game aged 7 in a local junior team which led to a signing for Newton Aycliffe FC before coming back to his roots in 2017. Playing for a hometown club is every lads dream and Ben is no different: *“Lots of friends and family support the club, it was an easy decision to make and speaking to management I can see their ambition for the future”*

David Palmer – Midfield - Signed in October 2018 from Seaham Red Star, made over 100 appearances for the club and formed a good partnership with Chay in the middle of the park. All action who can pick a pass

Jack Vaulks – Defender - Signed from Darlington FC in 2019 Jack has had loan spells at Whitby and Pickering Town. He is a calm defender who goes about his job with confidence and gives confidence to the defenders around him.

Kurt Matthews – Midfield - Signed at the beginning of the 2019/20 Season. Kurt who can play on either wing or as a central striker has spent the last 2 seasons at Newton Aycliffe. As a schoolboy he also played at Leeds United.

Chay Liddle – Midfield - Chay signed from Marske United in the summer of 2019, is an intelligent defensive midfielder who reads the game well. He played a key part in their title-winning campaign of 2017/18. His previous clubs also include Spennymoor Town & Guisborough Town

Dean Thexton – Striker – Signed from Local rivals Newton Aycliffe after scoring 26 goals in 2019. Previously at Willington.

Joe Posthill – Midfield – Signed from Thornaby in 2019, has had 2 short seasons at the club due to Covid curtailing the seasons, but, has impressed with his work rate and lightning pace.

Michael Sweet – Striker - signed for us permanently, after being released by Blyth Spartans, on a 2 year contract. Michael led the Spartans attack regularly last term with 30 appearances to his name with a goal return of five. He signed for Blyth Spartans in the summer after scoring 128 goals in four seasons at Consett AFC. Michael is a proven goalscorer.

Alex White – Defender – signed at the beginning of the 2020/21 season, but a knee injury saw him only complete 4 games. He played over 150 games at Centre Half for Whitby Town and was previously at a host of other clubs including, Jarrow Roofing, Washington, Spennymoor, Stranraer, Hartlepool, Gretna, Ilkeston & Workington.

Craig Moody – Midfield – signed for the first team at the beginning of this season after a string of impressive displays for the reserves last year.

David Atkinson – Midfield – Signed from Darlington. David who grew up in Shildon started his career at Middlesbrough and played in a variety of defensive and midfield positions. During his time Middlesbrough, he had a loan spell at Carlisle, and helped them avoid relegation in 2015 eventually making his move permanent. He played for the Cumbrians in the FA Cup against Everton – and played a season there before moving to Blyth. In his first spell at Blyth, he helped them win promotion to the National League North in season 2016-17, before he had a spell at IBV Vestmannaeyjar in Iceland, helping them win the Icelandic Cup and Europa League qualification before a second move to Blyth and a return to Iceland and played in the Europa League. A third spell at Blyth in 2019 helped them into the National League play offs, in which they were narrowly beaten by Altrincham. At the end of the Season he became a free agent, and signed for Quakers.

Will McCamley – Midfield – Signed after being released from Huddersfield at the beginning of this season. Will started with the South Shields Academy side between 2017 and 2019 and his performances there earned him a move to Championship side Huddersfield, he joined Hyde United on loan briefly but was quickly recalled by Huddersfield. He then re-joined South Shields on loan.



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Shildon AFC History

Formed in 1890 as Shildon Town, the Railwaymen joined the Auckland and District League two years later and in 1894 merged with the Rangers and Heroes to become Shildon United. In 1900, the club played in the new Northern League Division Two but folded that season due to financial problems – as did the Second Division. A re-formed club joined the Northern League in 1903 to replace Stockton St John's. In 1907, Shildon joined the semi-professional ranks of the North Eastern League, finishing second in season 1932/33.

Before WWII the club won four successive Northern League Division One titles; a record that stood until overhauled by Blyth in 1984. In 1937 the team was unbeaten on their march to the title with Jack Downing firing in a record 61 league and cup goals. A replay win at York City in 1927/28 saw the club reach the first round proper of the FA Cup for the first time. In the first round, they have also played Brentford, Doncaster Rovers, Lincoln City, Scunthorpe United, and Oldham Athletic three times. The last time the club reached the first round was in 2003/04, losing out 7-2 against Notts County. The club also reached the second round, in 1936/37 against Dartford.

The Dean Street turnstiles and distinctive grandstand were erected in 1923. A £45,000 grant saw new dressing rooms and a social club built beneath the stand 60 years later.

Shildon won the Second Division championship in 2001/02, scoring 135 goals, and finished runners-up in two cup competitions. The following season they won the Northern League Challenge Cup with a 3-2 golden goal victory over Billingham Synthonia at Feethams. Tragedy struck the club in February 2004 when 26-year-old player, Lee Hainsworth was killed in a road accident on his way to training. He had been with the club for six years. The Brown Street stand was renamed in his memory. Bill Aisbitt, a lifelong stalwart at the club, died in June 2003 and the boardroom was named in his honour after over 50 years of loyal service.

At the end of the 2004 season, the Railwaymen came under serious threat through financial difficulties when the former chairman severed all ties with the club. At the end of the season, all the players and the manager left the club, leaving it crippled. But during the close season, the club appointed a new chairman, Brian Burn who ensured its survival. The club survived a relegation scare and since then has gone from strength to strength.

In 2012-13, the club reached two cup semi-finals. A depleted side lost in the Durham Challenge Cup to Spennymoor Town. The match brought an end to the playing career of midfielder Chris Hughes after he suffered a knee injury. And there was more heartbreak as the side narrowly missed a dream day out at Wembley after losing their two-legged FA Vase semi-final to a late extra-time goal in the second leg at home.

In season 2013-14, the management team further strengthened the playing squad, bringing in several experienced players in a determined move to bring silverware back to Dean Street for the first time. The investment paid off with the club narrowly missing out on the league title, remaining competitive until the final weeks of the season. But the club was able to avenge the semi-final defeat of the previous season when they faced Spennymoor Town in the final of the Durham Challenge Cup. On a historic Good Friday, Shildon striker, Billy Greulich-Smith added a new chapter to the club's history books with two late goals – the winner in added time at the end of the 90 minutes – to overcome their local rivals by two goals to one. After missing out on the Northern League Championship in the 2014-15 season by one point, the team re-grouped and won the Northern League Cup and became Champions of the Northern League the following season.

Following the sudden departure of the Management Team, Chairman David Dent appointed Daniel Moore in January 2017 and Moore guided us to 3rd position in the League and a Durham Challenge Cup Semi-Final. The first piece of silverware came at the start of the 2018/19 season with a 4-1 Penalty victory against Dunston UTS. During this season, Daniel Moore guided us to another top 6 finish and the season finished as it started with silverware coming back to Dean Street after the Club defeated South Shields 1-0 in the final of the Durham Challenge Cup held at the Stadium of Light.

For the 2021/22 season, and after 2,896 games in the Northern League, the Club has been promoted to Step 4 of the Football Pyramid (Northern Premier League – East), the highest level the Club has ever played at.

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1.	Shildon A.F.C.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
2.	Yorkshire Amateur	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3.	Liversedge	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4.	Marske United	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5.	Ossett United	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
6.	Frickley Athletic	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7.	Sheffield FC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
8.	Tadcaster Albion	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
9.	Brighouse Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10.	Dunston	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
11.	Stocksbridge Park Steels	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
12.	Stockton Town	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
13.	Bridlington Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Hebburn Town	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
15.	Cleethorpes Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
16.	Lincoln United	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
17.	Pontefract Collieries	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
18.	Worksop Town	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
19.	Pickering Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0





Liam Connell



What is your favourite food?

Favourite food is meat feast pizza or if I was to pick somewhere to go out to I would go for Teppanyaki.

What has been your best moment in football?

Can't look past winning the Vase for a second time with South Shields but I loved the chance to play at a higher level with Darlington after being out of favour with Shields and helping them get to the first round of the FA Cup against Walsall.

What has been your worst moment in football?

I haven't got a stand out moment but it's never nice getting beat or being at fault for a goal resulting in a loss for the team.

How do you like to relax when you are away from football?

I relax by spending time with my partner Charlotte and my daughter Evie. We try to get out as much as possible and spend some quality family time together.

What is your favourite TV show and/or film?

My favourite film is Law Abiding Citizen starring Gerard Butler and my current TV show is The Walking Dead.

How do you see this season going, could promotion happen?

I see the season going extremely well. Dunston, Swaz (Chris Swailes) and his staff have brought in some quality players to an already strong squad but in this league we have strong teams amongst us, so we just need to stay focused and produce what we know we can and see where that takes us. I think promotion is paramount and I see us finishing in the top two, I will go so far as to say that it will be a 1 and 2 finish between ourselves and Marske but unsure in what order.

Who is the funniest in the changing room?

Funniest has to be Scrappy (Liam Thear), not because he's actually funny with jokes but his stories are beyond belief and straight out the Viz magazine.

This is a question that could ruffle a few feathers lol but who do you think is the best player in the current squad?

We have a lot of gifted players in and around the squad and each of them have their skills, strengths and abilities but because I played with him at a different club and I know what he can do and will show this season I'd say Phil Turnbull, an all-round quality player and top bloke.

What is the best thing about being part of the ever growing Dunston UTS FC family?

A) The best part about DUTS is how it is ran, it's ran by proper people who look after you on & off the pitch. It's a friendly family venue where everyone is welcome.

If you could pick any team in the world for Dunston to play against, who would you pick?

I think the obvious one would be Newcastle as it's our local pro team, however everyone associated with football wants to play the best players in the world wherever they might be so Barcelona, Juventus etc.

What has been your favourite moment at Dunston so far?

My favourite moment has to be our Magaluf trip after we won the Vase in 2012. We spent a few days all together having a right laugh. Hopefully we get to do it all again 10 years on.

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