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THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY
PROGRAMME OF
ARUNDEL FOOTBALL CLUB



SATURDAY 31TH OCTOBER
KICK OFF: 3PM
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Welcome to Arundel FC



Welcome to Arundel FC. We're delighted to have you with us and hope your visit is filled with great football and good moments. Whether you're here backing the home side or cheering on our visitors, we hope the match brings excitement, fair play, and plenty of joy for everyone. While you're here, feel free to explore our food and drink options.

Our new tea hut offers warm meals including burgers, sausages, chips, and other tasty choices. The clubhouse is also open with a wide range of drinks and snacks. Our team will greet you with a smile at both counters, making your visit friendly and relaxed from the moment you arrive. Settle in, enjoy the atmosphere, savour the food, and let the football take centre stage. Thank you for joining us at Arundel FC, and we wish you a safe trip home after the game.

Regards,

Arundel FC Committee and Club Volunteers



History **OF THE CLUB**

Arundel FC, nicknamed The Mullets, is a distinguished non-league football club located in the picturesque town of Arundel, West Sussex, England. Founded in 1889, it is one of the region's oldest continuously operating clubs, boasting a rich heritage and a strong community identity closely tied to the town's history.

Early Years and League Foundations

The club was established in 1889 and became a founder member of the West Sussex League in 1896, participating in its Senior Division for more than fifty years. This era laid the foundation for Arundel's enduring presence in local football. In 1949, the club advanced to the Sussex County League (Division One), setting the stage for future achievements.

- *Golden Era: Back-to-back Sussex County League Division One titles in 1957–58 and 1958–59, each season marked by the team scoring over 100 goals.*
- *Third Division One title and Challenge Cup double in 1986–87.*
- *Promotions as Division Two runners-up in 1966–67, 1976–77, 1983–84, and as champions/runners-up in 1999–2000.*
- *Division Two Cup winners in 1976–77.*
- *Notable cup victories, including the John O'Hara League Cup (2003–04) and Sussex RUR Cup wins (1968–69, 1972–73, 1978–79, 1979–80).*



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Nationally, Arundel's best FA Cup run saw them reach the second qualifying round several times, most notably in the late 1950s and 1986–87. Their deepest FA Vase journey was to the fourth round in 2002–03.

League Rebranding and the Modern Era

In 2015, the Sussex County League was rebranded as the Southern Combination Football League, with its top division renamed the Premier Division. Arundel initially competed in this division before being relegated to Division One at the end of the 2018–19 season. The club has remained in Division One since, demonstrating resilience through mid-table finishes, and disruptions such as the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to the abandonment of the 2019–20 and 2020–21 seasons.

- *Recent notable finish: 6th place in 2024–25 and 2025–26, reaching the play-off semi-finals 2024–25.*
- *Continued presence in Southern Combination Division One as of the 2025–26 season.*
- *Youth success: Recent achievements include Arundel U18s finishing as runners-up in the 2022–23 season and winning the league in 2025–26, highlighting both investment in youth development and competitive success.*



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Club Identity and Heritage

The nickname "The Mullets" stems from Arundel's historic association with the River Arun, which is renowned for its abundant grey mullet fish. For over two centuries, individuals born within the parish have proudly been referred to as "Mullets". This tradition is mirrored in the club's badge, featuring a mullet fish that symbolizes both local pride and the town's scenic riverside environment.

Home Ground: Mill Road

Arundel FC plays its home matches at Mill Road, widely considered one of the most picturesque grounds in English non-league football. Situated near the historic Arundel Castle—which dates back to 1067—and surrounded by beautiful countryside, the venue features a capacity of approximately 2,200, including 100 seats and 200 covered spaces. The record attendance of 2,200 was established against Chichester City during the 1967–68 season, cementing matchdays as a vital cornerstone of local community life.

Community Involvement and Initiatives

The club actively engages in fundraising via initiatives such as The 100 Club, dedicated fundraising nights, and commercial sponsorships. We also partner and collaborate with the town on festival events and local fundraising efforts to support the community. Furthermore, the club hosts a project called "The Men's Shed," providing a dedicated space for local men to support each other's well-being and mental health while collaborating on projects that benefit the wider community.



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Youth Development

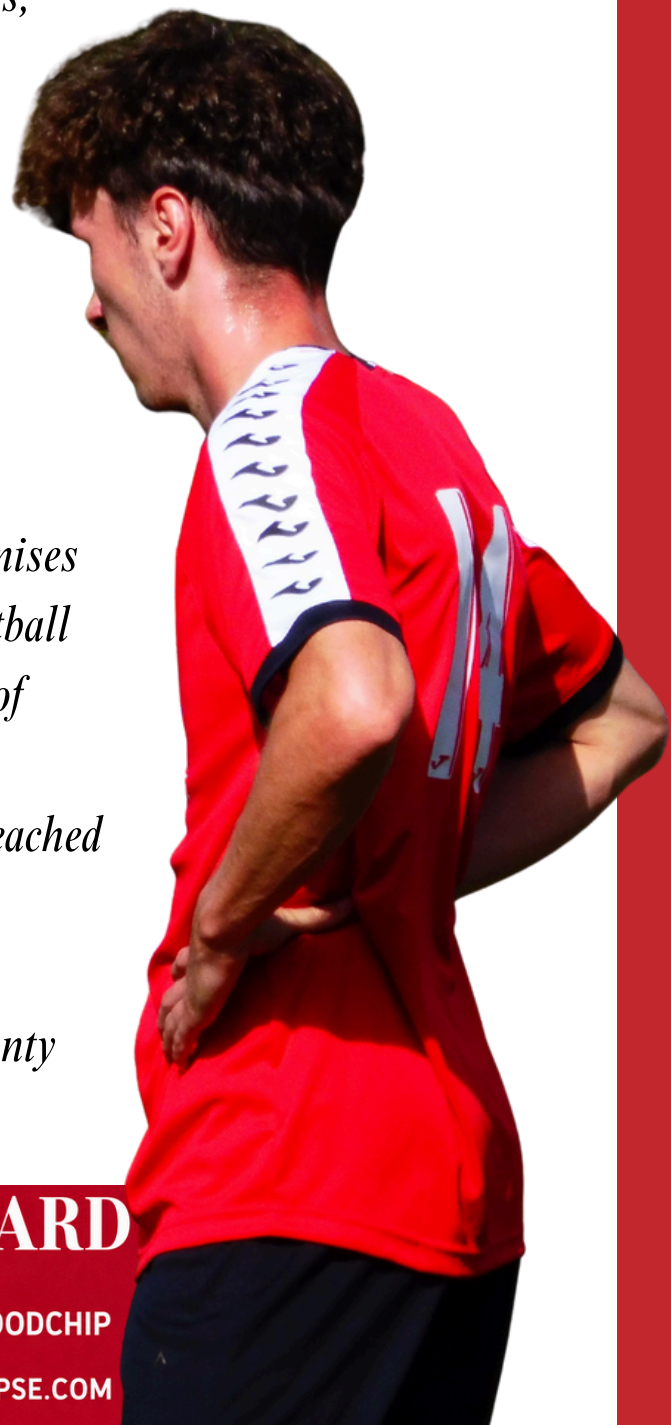
Our clubs youth programmes encourage teamwork and healthy lifestyles, while social media campaigns using hashtags like #UpTheMullets foster fan engagement. The club faces ongoing challenges, including facility maintenance and balancing tradition with modern requirements, such as upgrading floodlights.



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Legacy

Over its 135+ year history, Arundel FC epitomises the enduring spirit of English non-league football —marked by longevity, local pride, moments of glory, and a profound connection to the town's people and landscape. While they have never reached the professional ranks, their resilience and commitment to community have ensured their continued importance in West Sussex and County League football.



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Westfield Football Club, based in Westfield near Hastings, England, was established before World War I. They joined the Sussex County Football League Division Three in 1997 but were relegated from Division Two despite not being in the relegation zone due to failing ground grading regulations. They now play in the Southern Combination League Division One at The Knight and Davey Stadium, Westfield, where they moved in January 2024.

Westfield first joined the East Sussex League Division Two in 1971, finishing as runners-up in the 1972–73 season. They won a league and cup double the following season in Division One and repeated this feat in the Premier Division in 1977–78. By 1991, the club had returned to Division Two.

The club re-entered the Sussex County League Division Three for the 1997–98 season and was promoted to Division Two after finishing fourth in the 1998–99 season. They reached the final of the Division Two Challenge Cup in the 2002–03 season, finishing sixth, and placed third in 2006–07 but were not promoted due to the lack of floodlights at their ground.

In June 2022, Premier League footballer Steve Cook acquired a majority stake in the club. In January 2024, Westfield moved to their new community stadium at Westfield Downs, a short distance from their previous ground, the Parish Field.

A new 50-seater stand was officially opened on the 31st of August 2024 and named “The Graham Drinkwater Stand” in honor of club legend Graham Drinkwater with Graham and his family in attendance. November 2024 saw the club finally get planning permission for floodlights to be installed at The Knight & Davey Community Stadium.

*In March 15th, 2025, the Graeme Kempster Stand was officially opened. The start of the 2025/26 season saw the floodlights installed at the K&D and in use from the start of September, a real historic moment for the club ! During this time the first team were promoted back to the SCFL also winning the SCFA Intermediate Cup
The start of the 2026/27 season sees the club boast 14 youth teams and 5 Adult sides.*



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James Warren

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Physio:
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Bradley Pritchard
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Tommy Buckley
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Hayden Lee
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Quinn McMahon
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UPCOMING FIXTURES

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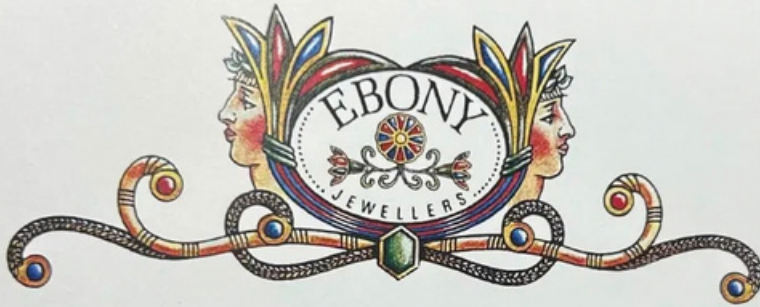
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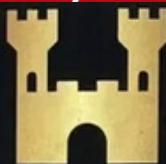
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