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MANAGER NOTES

NEAL ARDLEY

Good Evening, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to John his staff, players and everyone from Portsmouth FC. Most importantly I'd like to say hello again to you faithful Cards for the first time at home this season.

I'd like to think we have quietly and effectively gone about our business this summer, keeping key players and adding quality to the squad with some work still to be done.

It's important during pre-season to create a strong mentality and good training and playing habits that will hopefully bring success to us this season.

Hopefully tonight and over the coming weeks we put the foundations in place.

Hope to see you again soon.

Ards



CEO NOTES

WELCOME

We are excited to welcome our fans back after a busy and productive off-season. There have been a number of developments that have taken place around the ground, most notably the layout of the away supporters' section.

The new layout not only improves the experience for both sets of fans but also increases our home capacity and helps the club boost matchday revenue, which is a vital step forward for our continued growth.

We've also invested time and energy into improving key areas of the stadium, including the cardinals bar, club shop, and general maintenance across the ground.

We're also continuing to develop our home fan zone. One of the latest additions is a brand-

new digital screen, which will display live scores, matchday team sheets, ticket information, plus more. Further improvements are already in the pipeline to make sure our home fans enjoy the best possible matchday experience.

A huge thank you must go to our hardworking and dedicated volunteers, the cards crew, whose tireless efforts make everything possible. In particular, we'd like to give a special shout-out to Derek Bicknell for going above and beyond.

So, we can't wait to welcome you back and hope you'll notice and enjoy, all the improvements, knowing that there is still more still to come.. COYC!

Robin Byrne
Managing Director

WELCOME BACK TO THE LAITHWAITE COMMUNITY STADIUM

It's been 80 days since we played our last home fixture and we hope you can notice the positive changes that have happened around the club! Today, we welcome Championship side Portsmouth FC. A firm test for The Cards, but an exciting opportunity nonetheless. We hope you've brought your voice and passion to encourage the lads tonight! We all have our part to play in the success of this amazing team.

Together. We are Woking.





2025/26

SEASON TICKETS





IN SAFE HANDS

As a reminder, it is our goal to ensure that all supporters feel safe and welcome at the Laithwaite Community Stadium. To that end, on 11 December 2021, the Club launched the “In Safe Hands” programme to help our fans report racist, sexist, homophobic, or other abusive language simply and anonymously.

If you hear any abusive language, experience it yourself or if you or someone you see feels / looks threatened, you can text the Club anonymously and the message will be monitored by our Safety Officer during the match. Simply text WFC (followed by the nature of your concern and location) to 66777 and we will address your concerns. Example: If you hear racial abuse whilst sitting in the KRE, please send the following text to 66777: “WFC racial abuse centre section of KRE.”

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AHEAD OF THE GAME



Woking vs Portsmouth

Pre-Season Friendly

Tuesday 16th July 2025

19:00 Kick-Off

Woking's second pre season runout comes with the visit of Sky Bet Championship side Portsmouth, who will send a strong side up the A3 and to the Laithwaite Community Stadium.

Neal Ardley's men got off to a winning start with a dominant performance at Met Police rounded off by two Inih Effiong goals, with a number of academy players and a solitary trialist putting in impressive shifts in the relentless heat.

With the forecast promising a much cooler temperature and even some rain on offer, a faster paced game could well be on offer for the Cards against a side who successfully saw off their first season in the Championship and are looking to build on solid foundations.

Opposition Watch

Pompey were somewhat a surprise package in that they were never really in relegation trouble and ended the season in 16th place, but with teams coming up such as Birmingham and Wrexham promising to splash the cash, John Mousinho has a task on his hands to keep his side improving.

With just one new addition in the form of Australian forward Adrian Segecic, along with seven departures, Pompey will aim for

consistency to help them in a competitive division. Segecic joins three other Australian players in Mousinho's squad, a real outlier in the English game but one that Pompey seem to benefit from.

Mousinho's squad travel to the Laithwaite off the back of a training camp in Bratislava, with this fixture being the first of six friendlies against the likes of Havant & Waterlooville, Farnborough and Crawley Town as Pompey stay local.

Around the Ground

Please note that this fixture is a 7pm kick off. Doors will open at 5:30pm.

Tickets are available [here](#).

Tickets can be purchased on the door at the same price.

Portsmouth fans will have access to the away section and a brand new away fan zone!

One to Watch

Brother of Jacob, Josh Murphy has rapidly become a Pompey fan favourite with seven goals last season only bettered by Callum Lang and Colby Bishop, with the former Norwich man lighting up Fratton Park last season.

TICKETS

Adults – £14

Concessions – £12

Youth (17-22) – £8

Under 17 – £8

Under 14 – £5

PURCHASE TICKETS

Arriving at the Stadium

Kingfield Road turnstiles – blue and yellow entry opens two-and-a-half hours before kick-off, unless otherwise stated.

Westfield Avenue turnstiles – red and orange entry opens two-and-a-half hours before kick-off, unless otherwise stated.

Away supporter turnstiles – white entry opens two hours before kick-off, unless stated otherwise.

Supporters who have purchased a hospitality package will have green entry and should enter through the Guest Entrance, Kingfield Road.

Supporters are reminded to arrive at the Laithwaite Community Stadium in good time, and are not guaranteed to gain entry in time for kick-off when arriving less than 30 minutes before kick-off.

Food & Drink at Laithwaite Community Stadium

The Cardinals Bar is located at the front of the stadium.

The bar has full draught and bottle beer options. The Fan Zone is the newest addition for supporters and is located opposite the Cardinals Bar.

Moaners Corner Café is located next Moaners Corners Stand, with hot and cold drinks, plus snacks available.

The Seymours Community Stand has hot food options and a last lane for beverages.

Club Shop

The Club Shop is open two-and-a-half hours before kick-off, located by the Fan Zone.

The shop is also open Mon - Fri, 10:00 - 16:00, upon check-in at reception.

Ticketing Information

All Woking FC Season Ticket holders can use their Season Ticket card to enter Laithwaite Community Stadium for all Vanarama National League matches.

Supporters with individual match tickets can use the e-ticket they purchased which was emailed from noreply@ktckts.com. Such tickets can be scanned on a smartphone or when printed.

Any assistance needed for matchday please contact tickets@wokingfc.co.uk, call 01483 772470, or come to reception Mon - Fri, 09:00 - 17:00, or matchdays, 09:00 - half-time.

Other Information

Away supporter information can be found [here](#).

Directions to the ground are available [here](#).

Disabled access information is available [here](#).

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SOCIAL

2025/26 FIXTURES

AUGUST	NOVEMBER	FEBRUARY
Sat 09 Carlisle United	Wed 05 Southend United	Sat 07 Boreham Wood
Sat 16 Southend United	Sat 08 Tamworth	Sat 10 Thurro City
Tue 19 Walsley	Sat 11 Boston United	Sat 14 Aldershot
Sat 23 Hartlepool United	Sat 22 Aldershot Town	Sat 21 Rochdale
Mon 25 York City	Sat 29 Brackley Town	Wed 26 Solihull Moors
Sat 30 Macclesfield		Sat 28 Boston United
SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER	MARCH
Wed 03 FC Halifax Town	Sat 06 Carlisle United	Sat 07 Tamworth
Sat 06 Gillingham	Sat 13 Luton FA Trophy R3	Sat 14 Brackley Town
Sat 13 Yeovil Town	Sat 20 Southport United	Sat 21 Aldershot Town
Sat 20 Forest Green Rovers	Fri 26 Epsom	Wed 25 Southend United
Tue 23 Sutton United	Tue 30 Braintree Town	Sat 28 York City
Sat 27 Boreham Wood		
Tue 30 Solihull Moors	JANUARY	APRIL
	Sat 03 Hartlepool United	Fri 03 Southleigh
	Sat 17 Wokingham	Mon 05 Braintree Town
	Tue 20 Sutton United	Sat 11 Morecambe
	Sat 24 Yeovil Town	Sat 18 Gillingham
	Sat 31 Forest Green Rovers	Sat 25 FC Halifax Town
OCTOBER		
Sat 04 Thurro City		
Sat 11 Emirates FA Cup 4th		
Sat 18 Aldershot		
Sat 25 Rochdale		

Bold denotes home
Neutral denotes away
(exc. cup matches)



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2025/26 at a glance.

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FULL TIME



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PRE-SEASON 2025/26

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We open our pre-season with a win at Imber Court. Two second-half goals from Inih Effiong were enough to break down a stubborn Met Police side.



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the cards trust

woking fc supporters working for their club

ABOUT

The Cards Trust (Cardinals Supporters Society) has worked with the Club to represent fans for more than a decade. The Trust is a shareholder of the Club (and owns around a quarter of it) and has a representative on the Board to put forward the fans' views.

MEMBERSHIP

Supporters can join The Cards Trust for just £10 per year. Information about joining is on the Trust website.

BOOST THE BUDGET

An initiative to help the Club's playing budget with regular contributions. More than £200,000 has gone to the Club throughout the scheme.

THE 400 CLUB

A prize draw with twelve draws per year. Around £20,000 has been given to support the Club and more than £12,000 in prizes.

GOLDRUSH

The prize draw that gives back 50% to the lucky winner with a draw at half-time on matchday, with a minimum stake of just £1. The prizes have recently been around £400 and the winning number is announced and displayed on the digital screen at half-time.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERING

The Trust also organises social events and co-

ordinates the activities of volunteers. Please get in touch if you would like to help on match days.

JUNIOR CARDS

A scheme with a range of activities for under 16s including stadium tours and competitions.

PLAYER AWARD VOTES

The Fans' Player of the Month and Player of the Season polls are conducted by the Trust.

AWAY MATCH TRAVEL

The Cards Trust arranges coach travel to away matches for supporters at the lowest cost possible. If you are an advertiser that would like to sponsor the travel, please get in touch.

Details of all coaches are available on the Trust website, where tickets can be booked online, usually up to 23:00 on the day before the match. Members and Junior Cards get discounted away match travel.

SUPPORTERS' LIAISON GROUP

The SLG consults with fans (both Trust members and non-members) and the Club to improve the fan experience.

Real change has been made based on ideas from the group including the successful Turner's Tannoy appeal which has financed the recent upgrade in the PA at the stadium.

WELCOME PORTSMOUTH



CLICK HERE for the
complete squad list



LAST 5 SEASONS

16th - 24/25



1st - 23/24



8th - 22/23



10th - 21/22



8th - 20/21



2025/26 FIXTURES

AUGUST

Sat Aug 9	Carlisle United
Wed Aug 13	NL Cup 1
Sat Aug 16	Scunthorpe United
Tue Aug 19	Wealdstone
Sat Aug 23	Hartlepool United
Mon Aug 25	York City
Sat Aug 30	Morecambe

SEPTEMBER

Wed Sep 3	FC Halifax Town
Sat Sep 6	Gateshead
Sat Sep 13	Yeovil Town
Wed Sep 17	NL Cup 2
Sat Sep 20	Forest Green Rovers
Tue Sep 23	Sutton United
Sat Sep 27	Boreham Wood
Tue Sep 30	Solihull Moors

OCTOBER

Sat Oct 4	Truro City
Sat Oct 11	Emirates FA Cup 4Q
Sat Oct 18	Altrincham
Wed Oct 22	NL Cup 3
Sat Oct 25	Rochdale

NOVEMBER

Wed Nov 5	Southend United
Sat Nov 8	Tamworth
Sat Nov 15	Boston United
Sat Nov 22	Aldershot Town
Wed Nov 26	NL Cup 4
Sat Nov 29	Brackley Town

DECEMBER

Sat Dec 6	Carlisle United
Sat Dec 13	Isuzu FA Trophy R3

Sat Dec 20	Scunthorpe United
Fri Dec 26	Eastleigh
Tue Dec 30	Braintree Town

JANUARY

Sat Jan 3	Hartlepool United
Sat Jan 17	Wealdstone
Tue Jan 20	Sutton United
Sat Jan 24	Yeovil Town
Wed Jan 28	NL Cup Quarter-Final
Sat Jan 31	Forest Green Rovers

FEBRUARY

Sat Feb 7	Boreham Wood
Tue Feb 10	Truro City
Sat Feb 14	Altrincham
Wed Feb 18	NL Cup Semi-Final
Sat Feb 21	Rochdale
Wed Feb 25	Solihull Moors
Sat Feb 28	Boston United

MARCH

Sat Mar 7	Tamworth
Sat Mar 14	Brackley Town
Wed Mar 18	NL Cup Final
Sat Mar 21	Aldershot Town
Wed Mar 25	Southend United
Sat Mar 28	York City

APRIL

Fri Apr 3	Eastleigh
Mon Apr 6	Braintree Town
Sat Apr 11	Morecambe
Sat Apr 18	Gateshead
Sat Apr 25	FC Halifax Town

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- Signed home shirt
- Half-page programme promotion
- PA promotion
- Social media and website promotion
- Access to our "Partner Perks" for the 25/26 season
- Full matchday hospitality for a table of ten (add additional guests for only £50 per person)
- Choose player of the match – read out on PA
- Executive VIP parking

Match Ball Sponsorship

- Signed match ball
- Half-page programme promotion
- PA promotion
- Social media and website promotion
- Access to our "Partner Perks" for the 25/26 season
- Full matchday hospitality experience for a table of six (add additional guests)

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

The club are delighted to announce the Player Sponsorship package for the 25/26 season.

The club have reviewed the price and enhanced the offer to make supporting your favourite 1st team management or player more accessible and rewarding.

From the 25/26 season, player and management sponsors will receive:

- Signed match worn home and away jerseys near the start of the season presented at our Player & Management Sponsors dinner.
- Dedicated video shout-out from the player on signing and/ or on your birthday/special event (or a significant others).
- 2 x hospitality tickets during the season and the opportunity to meet your sponsored player after/before the game.
- Option to attend manager/player meet and greet throughout the season.
- Pre-game scoreboard reel with players and your name/ logo next to them.

**To sponsor a player, please email
Ben Stone: ben.stone@wokingfc.co.uk**

MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY

**Woking Football Club is pleased to
confirm its matchday hospitality prices
for the 2025/26 season**

Enjoy VIP matchday hospitality for only £69 per person at the Laithwaite Community Stadium, giving you that extra luxury and comfort on your match day.

You will be able to book in advance for all 2025/26 fixtures online once our fixture list has been released on the 9th July.

What's included?

- Two-course meal* prepared by our in-house chef using locally sourced ingredients, including our sponsor Boz's fruit and veg. This includes a main meal and a hot or cold dessert served pre-match, as well as a cheese board served at full time.
- Executive leather-padded seats in the Seymours Community Stand.
- Dedicated lounge emcee.
- Exclusive bar and drinks options.
- Pre-match first-team management or player visit.
- Hear from the match sponsors' player of the match after the game.
- The lounge opens 1 hour and 45 minutes before kick-off. The meal is served promptly
- 1 hour before kick-off.

Single Match Pricing 25/26

VIP Hospitality: £69.00

Existing Season Ticket Holders: £54.00

Under 14's VIP Hospitality:** £39.00

Hospitality Season Tickets

VIP Hospitality: £1,428 (£157 discount)

Under 14's VIP Hospitality:** £810 (£90 discount).

Please note – cash is not accepted in the Geoff Chapple Lounge, and we will not accept cash payments on the day.

All payments for hospitality season tickets shall be payable upon booking. If you have already purchased a 2025/26 season ticket and wish to upgrade to hospitality for the season, do so by calling the Club on 01483 772 470.

Hospitality will be bookable online via the online ticketing platform or through the Club phone lines.

Other information

* Consisting of a main meal and hot/cold dessert served promptly 1 hour before kick-off, and a cheese board for the table to share post-game.

Please share in advance any dietary requirements or allergens so these can be catered for. Please email any dietary requirements or allergens in advance to events@wokingfc.co.uk. The meal menu will be available on match day.

**** Under 14's hospitality will enjoy all the benefits of a VIP Hospitality ticket; however, their main meal options are:**

Cheeseburger & Chips

Hotdog & Chips

Vegan Hotdog & Chips

Chicken Nuggets & Chips

Chicken strips & chips

Chicken burger & chips



JUNIOR CARDINALS

GUESS THE PLAYERS

WHOSE BADGE?



ANSWERS

PLAYERS:
Morgan Rogers
Cole Palmer

BADGE:
Hull City

INTERACTIVE QUIZ

Welcome to our latest interactive quiz of the season, click here to test your knowledge...

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MASCOTS PACKAGE



There are two options available

Package One: Full Experience £120* (includes match shirt)

*Current season ticket holders receive a 10% discount (£108 total cost)

- 2025/26 match shirt
- Complimentary match day tickets for 1 adult and 1 child.
- Pre-match stadium tour
- Meet & Greet with photo opportunities with players
- Food & drink voucher.
- Kickabout pitch side as the players warm up.
- Digital programme feature
- Tannoy announcement
- Walk out with the players
- Picture with team captains and match officials
- A Woking FC representative present throughout

Package Two: Full Experience £80* (does not include match shirt)

*Current season ticket holders receive a 10% discount (£72 total cost)

Includes all the above

A training top will be lent to the mascot to wear during the pitch-walk in the case that you do not have the current 24/25 match shirt.

Team Mascot Packages are available – please contact the club for more information.

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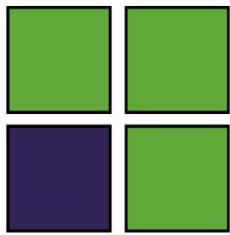
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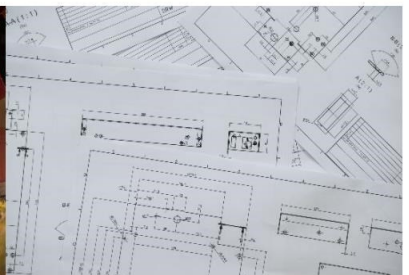
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ACADEMY

The Woking FC Academy has been operating in its current format for over a decade with the aim of helping talented young footballers make progress into the club's first team set up or in their sporting careers whilst continuing with their academic studies.

For the 2025/26 season, the youth and academy setup runs in three stages; a pre-academy for six to nine-year-olds, a youth academy for nine to 16-year-olds, and a full-time academy for talented young players above the age of 16, including an education plan.

The Academy works with the Football Club's partner charitable and community organisation, Cardinals in the Community (CITC).

Notable academy graduates in recent history include Woking legends Craig Ross and Joe McNerney, Wrexham's Ollie Palmer, and ex-Chelsea and now-Reading's Jayden Wareham.

PRE-ACADEMY

The Pre-Academy is for the very youngest players, covering U7s, U8s and U9s. Meeting once a week, players train and learn in a fun and friendly environment under the watchful eye of our coaches. Players that show real talent have the opportunity to progress to Woking FC Academy Youth.

The Pre-Academy trains at The Winston Churchill School in Woking, Thursdays, 17:00 - 18:00.

YOUTH ACADEMY

Starting with U9s and progressing through the age groups right up to U16s, players train with our Academy coaches and have the opportunity to play competitively in the Junior Premier League. Training is held twice weekly at CITC's sports hub, within the grounds of Woking College, and matches are played on Saturdays. At this level, players are able to continue playing for their grassroots clubs.

As with the main Academy, players receive a progress report twice per season, which helps identify areas of their game to work on and improve. U16s players are assessed throughout the season with a view to being invited to join Woking FC Academy.

WOKING FC ACADEMY

Woking FC Academy is a National League licensed academy. We aim to develop each and every player to reach their full potential, instilling ambition and a professional attitude. We work as closely as possible to Category 3 Academy standards, creating a professional environment in which players thrive.

Players train 5-6 hours per week at CITC's sports hub. Their development is supported by video analysis of training and matches, group workshops and strength and conditioning sessions. One-to-one reviews are held twice every season, along with player reports so that both the coaching staff and the players themselves have a clear focus on individual development.

Woking FC Academy plays competitive matches in the U18 Isthmian League, U19 National League and also have the opportunity to play in U23 fixtures. Players in our Elite Development Plan (EDP) compete in the Tactic League and National B League. Cup competitions are a feature of the fixture calendar. Pre-season training includes friendlies and there are opportunities to travel abroad for football tours and tournaments, including the Gothia Cup.

Our football timetable is planned in conjunction with players' education. Academy players can

choose to attend Woking College or focus on gaining the NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport, which is delivered by SCL Education at Westfield FC. Players on the EDP pathway study towards the NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport (equivalent to 3 A levels) with SCL.

AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS

Under 23s - Second and third years (and progressing first years)

Play in: Suburban Football League - Premier Division

Home games: Knaphill FC, Thursdays, 19:30

Under 19s - Second and third years (and progressing first years)

National League U19 Alliance - Academy South Division

Home games: Westfield FC, weekdays, daytime

Under 19B - predominantly U17s - first years
National League U19 Alliance - Division E
Woking College, weekdays, daytime

Under 18s - predominantly U17s - first years
Pitching In Isthmian Football League - Youth West Division
Knaphill FC, Thursdays, 19:30

Players will also have the chance to represent the academy in the prestigious FA Youth Cup.





WOKING FC

MANAGER: NEAL ARDLEY

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