



MATCHDAY PROGRAMME | ISSUE FIVE | 2023/24 SEASON

BLYTH TOWN FC

VS RYTON & CRAWCROOK ALBION
SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST | 3:00PM
GATEWAY PARK

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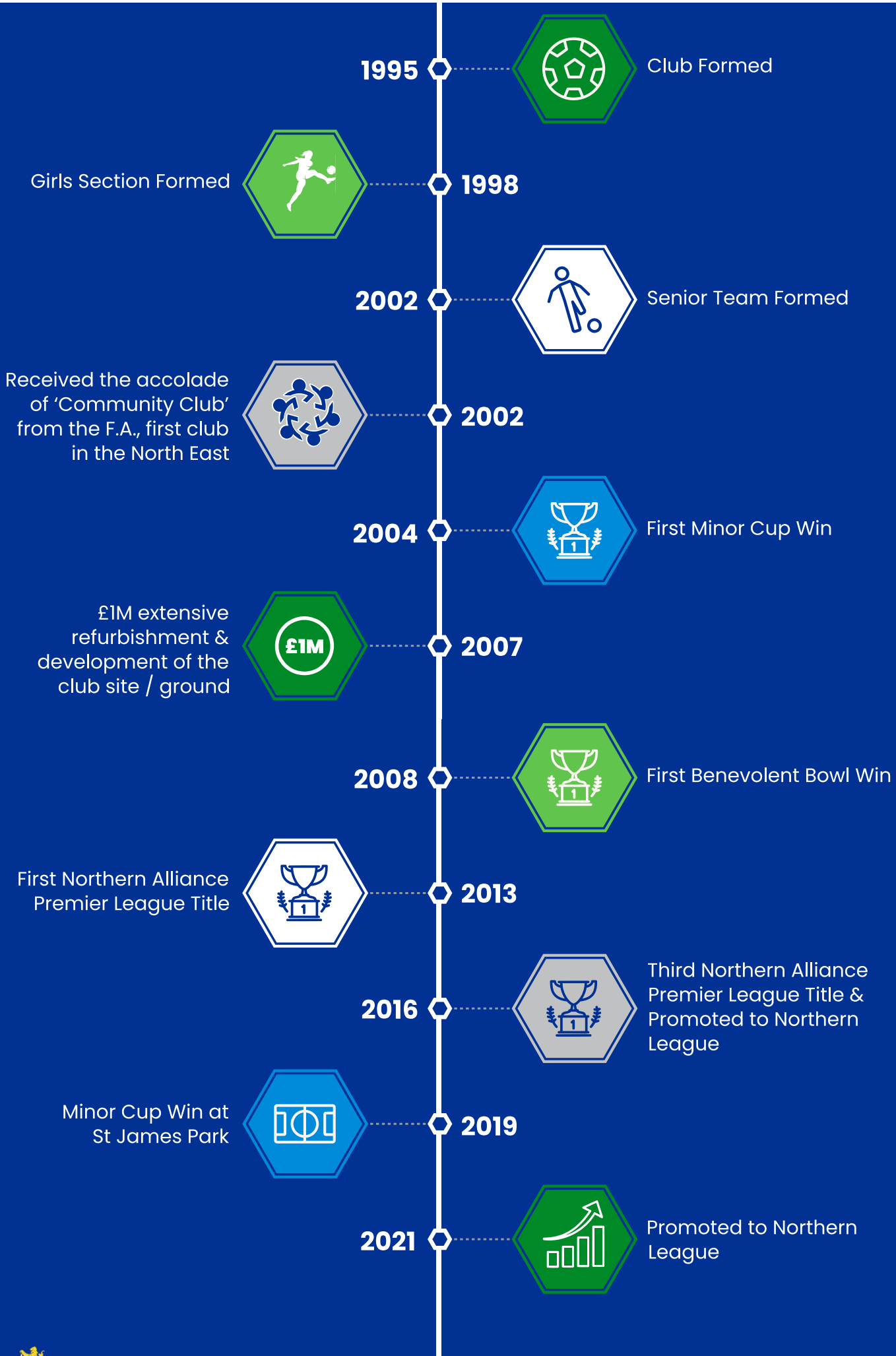
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MEET THE TEAM

Goalkeepers

Lewis Baker – Goalkeeper. Former Clubs – Bedlington Terriers & New Hartley Juniors. A young goalkeeper with loads of potential, great shot stopper, good distribution and someone who has a big season ahead of him.

Taylor Chapman – Goalkeeper. Former Clubs – New Hartley Juniors. A young goalkeeper who that has a great future, great shot stopper and has good distribution, his first experience of northern league and will only continue to grow and learn.

Kyle Hayes – Goalkeeper. Former Clubs – Ashington, Morpeth Town, North Shields, Shildon, Spennymoor Town, West Allotment Celtic, Whitley Bay. An experienced goalkeeper who has played all his football at a high level, Kyle is a great communicator, wonderful shot stopper and distributes the ball really well, he will also be great for our young goalkeepers and will support them on their development.

Defenders

Nathan Beesley – Right back. Former Clubs – New Hartley. Attacking full back, who always gives 100%, very quick and has a great attitude towards games and training.

Lewis Brannen – Centre Back. Former Clubs – Newcastle United, North Shields. Played as a professional football at Newcastle United, super comfortable with the ball, never looks under pressure and starts attacked ms from centre half

Robbie Dale – Defender. Former Clubs – Blyth Spartans, Whitley Bay, Ashington. An experienced Conference football player, who has played all his football at a much higher level, Robbie is renowned throughout non league football, well respected, super talented and a Blyth Spartans Legend. In some peoples opinion one of the best non league players their has been, Robbie's experience will only help our younger players grow and develop.

Joseph Gibson (Gippa) – Centre half / Centre midfielder. Former Clubs – Been at Blyth Town since 17 years old. Gippa is a player who gives you 100%, loves a tackle, has a great engine and leads by example on the pitch. Deadly from free kicks, our longest serving player at the club and is still in his early 20s.

Ben Fell – Centre Half. Former Clubs – Wallsend Boys Club, New Hartley Juniors. Young 6ft 5" defender who has made over 50 appearances for the club, a quick, ball playing centre half, who also doesn't mind the physical side of the game, a player who is still very young and has a bright future in the game.

Evan Fogarty – Centre half. Former Clubs – New Hartley Juniors. Young defender who is quick and strong, loves to get forward, can play central of right of defence, very aggressive in a tackle.

Harry Sawyer – Left back. Former Clubs – Burradon & New Fordley and Blyth Town FC. Can play anywhere down the left. Got a wand of a left foot from both open play and dead balls.

Henry Harvey – Left back/winger. Former Clubs – Bedlington Terriers. Young defender with bags of pace, super quick and super fit, has a great attitude, very comfortable defending lvl.



MEET THE TEAM

Midfielders

Harrison Borley – Midfielder. Former Clubs – Morpeth Town. Technically a great player, very comfortable in tight areas, got a great football brain on his shoulders for such a young lad.

Lucas Cooper – Centre Midfield. Former Clubs – Newcastle United. Young footballer who has come out of the pro game, so comfortable moving with the ball, low centre of gravity which allows him to get out of a tight spot with his the ability to glide pass players, also has a little bit about him off the ball.

Max Cowburn – Midfield. Former Clubs – South Shields, Whickham, Ashington & Heaton Stannington. Has so much technical ability, his delivery from anywhere on the pitch is second to none. Can split a defence, or put it on a plate from set pieces, also chips in with some special goals.

Gavin Dick – Centre Midfield. Former Clubs – Whitley Bay, Bedlington Terriers, Ryton. Fabulous attitude, technically a very good footballer, and can play in a number of positions. Gav has lots of experience of northern league football and is vital for the dressing room.

Luke Heppell – Centre Midfield. Former Clubs – North Shields, AFC Newbiggin, Ashington. Young centre midfielder with a knack for special scoring goals, uses the ball really well and has very good technique, good fitness levels and plays above his age.

Matty Nelson – Winger. Former Clubs – AFC Newbiggin. A player who on his day can terrorise any defender, has the ability to go inside or outside with pace, he is a defenders nightmare.

Dillan Short – Centre Midfield. Former Clubs – New Hartley Juniors. A ball playing midfielder, comfortable using both feet and has a knack for scoring special goals.

Charlie Walker – Midfield. Former Clubs – Boldon CA. Charlie can play left, right or through the middle, very comfortable in procession, super fit and technically very good.

Josh Willis – Centre Midfield. Former Clubs – Newcastle Blue Star & Wallington. A hardworking player who covers every blade of grass, has fitness levels any player would want, you don't know what he gives you until he isn't there, great attitude and great lad.

Forwards

Louis Calvert – Forward. Former Clubs – Newcastle Blue Star, Ponteland. Young attacking player who can play left or through the middle, strong, quick and scores some special goals.

Adam Johnson – Forward. Former Clubs – Ashington. Physically strong, pace to burn and scores goals, AJ is a match winner and some who will and loves scoring goals, last couple of season has played in promotion winning teams, we are thrilled he is back at Blyth Town

Brandon Slater – Winger. Former Clubs – Gateshead, Billingham Synthonia, Ashington. Slats was last seasons top goal scorer with 30 plus goals, he has a fabulous attitude towards football, hardworking covering 11k regularly, has pace to burn, he is very direct and can play either on the right or through the middle.

Dean Walker – Forward. Former Clubs – Quite a Few. Experienced northern league player, who can play in a number of positions in midfield or attack. Has been known to put the gloves on and kept a clean sheet in his one time spell in goal last year. Was part of the North Shields FA Vase winning side, hardworking, attack minded player, who is great to have in the dressing as his experience is important in supporting the younger lads.

Dan Wilson – Striker. Former Clubs – North Shields, Seaham Red Star, Dunston. A goal scoring machine, that thrives on hitting the back of the net, very experienced player, big, strong, comfortable with his back to goal and has a turn of pace for a big man. Top goal scorer in the first division of the northern league two seasons ago and has won promotion with North Shields.





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Our Bar and Function facilities are open to the public on matchday and weekends and our function rooms are available to hire on a daily or hourly rate.

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LIVE AT THE CLUBHOUSE THIS AUGUST

Sat 12th **Newcastle v Aston Villa** 5.30pm



Sat 19th **Man City v Newcastle** 8.00pm



Sun 27th **Newcastle v Liverpool** 4.30pm



Plus all games Live on  

Clubhouse Open -

Friday 5pm - 11pm | Saturday 12pm - 11pm | Sunday 12pm - 11pm
& for all Men's First Team games - All Welcome

COMING UP... SEPTEMBER 8TH - 7PM

STEVE HOWEY & PETER REID TALK IN



Tickets only £50 including Pie & Pea Supper

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RYTON & CRAWCROOK ALBION HISTORY

Ryton & Crawcrook Albion are a football club based in the North-East of England, playing in the Northern League Division 2.

Shortly after the start of the 1970-71 season John Oliver, the club's first secretary, and Les Robson were approached to see if a club could be formed to take over the fixtures of Prudhoe and West Wylam Co-op who had resigned from the Northern Combination League. After securing a loan from Ryton Social Club, the club got permission to play at Stargate. Ryton played their first NCL game, a 3-3 draw, against Parsons Athletic on 17th October 1970.

The 1980's saw the club transfer to Clara Vale and during this period won the Prudhoe Cup twice, NCL Cup and the Durham FA Trophy.

Following the amalgamation of the Northern Alliance, the NCL and the Northern Amateur League's in 1988, Ryton were allocated a position in the NA. Ryton won Division 1 in 1997, thus securing promotion to the Premier Division where the club remained until gaining promotion to the Northern Football League in 2005.

The 2005-06 season marked Ryton's first campaign in the NL, finishing a respectable 11th place in Division 2, followed by a 12th place finish then a historic 3rd place in 2007-08 which gained promotion to Division 1 for the 2008-09 season where the club finished in 10th. Ryton then finished 17th, then came the infamous 2010-11 season which saw the club relegated after picking up just 8 points.

The club was granted permission to change the name to Ryton and Crawcrook Albion at the commencement of the 2011-12 campaign in which they finished 18th in Division 2. They finished 14th in 2012-13 and survival was famously secured on the last day of the 2013-14 season before a mid-table finish in 2014-15 and 16th-place in 2015-16.

The 2016-17 season saw several managerial changes with Anthony Fawcett steering the club to safety at the end. A steady season followed culminating in an appearance in the EA Cup final followed by a mid-table finish.

A strong start to 2019-20 saw RACA amongst the promotion-chasers but the campaign was halted due to Covid-19. Fawcett moved on and Mark Bullock stepped up. After a difficult start to 2020-21, the club parted company with Bullock after 15 games.

In January 2021, Daniel Iredale was appointed manager. But the season was curtailed. Iredale had to wait over six months for his first game and his first season saw Albion finish 6th and lift the EA Cup. The cup final turned out to be the last for captain Callum Turnbull – one of the club's longest-serving players after 11 years.

After one win in ten last season, Iredale departed the club by mutual consent and he was replaced by Joe Kendrick. Nathan Beckham was appointed in late 2022 after Kendrick was forced to step aside and he steered the side to safety. Assistant Andrew Waugh stepped up to join as joint manager in July.



RYTON & CRAWCROOK ALBION

PLAYER PROFILES

Noah Adotey

Young striker from the RACA Under-17 team.

Stephen Ardley

Experienced centre-back returns after a year away.

Scott Bamborough

Central midfielder re-signed after a spell at Heaton Stannington and Burradon & New Fordley last term.

Glenn Caygill

Experienced centre-back signed from Brandon United. Also featured for local team Greenside.

Aaron Costello

Centre forward who signed from Stobswood Welfare last term.

Harrison Devine

Central midfielder signed from West Allotment Celtic midway through last season.

Paul Dudgeon

Midfielder signed from Blyth Spartans U19s.

Laquan Esdaille

Captain and centre-back signed from Heaton Stannington last season.

Joseph Groves-Forbes

Midfielder signed from Whitley Bay last term.

Lucas Hildreth

Left or right-sided winger signed over the summer from Cramlington United.

Richard Hoggins

Experienced striker signed from Heaton Stannington over the summer.

Dylan Lawson

Talented local youngster played his way up from the RACA junior teams.

Liam Lowery

Right-back signed from Whitley Bay last year.

Fergus Lynch

Midfielder signed from Newcastle Chemfca.

Rhys McLeod

Attacking local midfielder re-signed after a short spell at Blyth Town.

Michael McMullen

First team coach signed up as a back-up.

Adam Mooney

Talented young goalkeeper signed from Cramlington United in 2021.

James Peart

Backup goalkeeper signed over the summer.

Joseph Robertson

Made a substitute appearance for RACA this season.

Harvey Russell

Left-back signed from Cramlington United midway through last term.

Abubaker Salim

Forward signed from Jarrow.

Kristian Sands

Strong centre-back signed from Bedlington Terriers.

Callum Senior

Left-back signed from Whitley Bay last season.

Josh Skivington

Central midfielder signed from Whitley Bay last season.

Ryan Smith

Exciting young central midfielder signed from Cramlington United.

Oliver Symons

Right-back signed from Cullercoats in 2021.

Lee Waugh

Centre back turned centre forward. Scored over 30 at Burradon & New Fordley last term.

Graham Williams

Experienced centre-back who returns to the club after sign from West Allotment Celtic last term.

Scott Young

Defender signed from Burradon & New Fordley over the summer.



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Wednesday 2nd August
Newcastle University 7.30pm KO



Saturday 5th August
Redcar Town 3.00pm KO



Wednesday 9th August
Billingham Town 7.30pm KO



Wednesday 16th August
Thornaby 7.30pm KO



Saturday 19th August
Ryton & Crawcrook Albion 3.00pm KO



Wednesday 23rd August
Prudhoe YC Seniors 7.30pm KO

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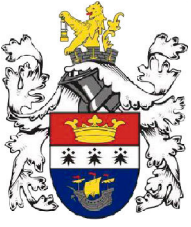
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