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TOW LAW TOWN | SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER | 3:00PM | GATEWAY PARK | NORTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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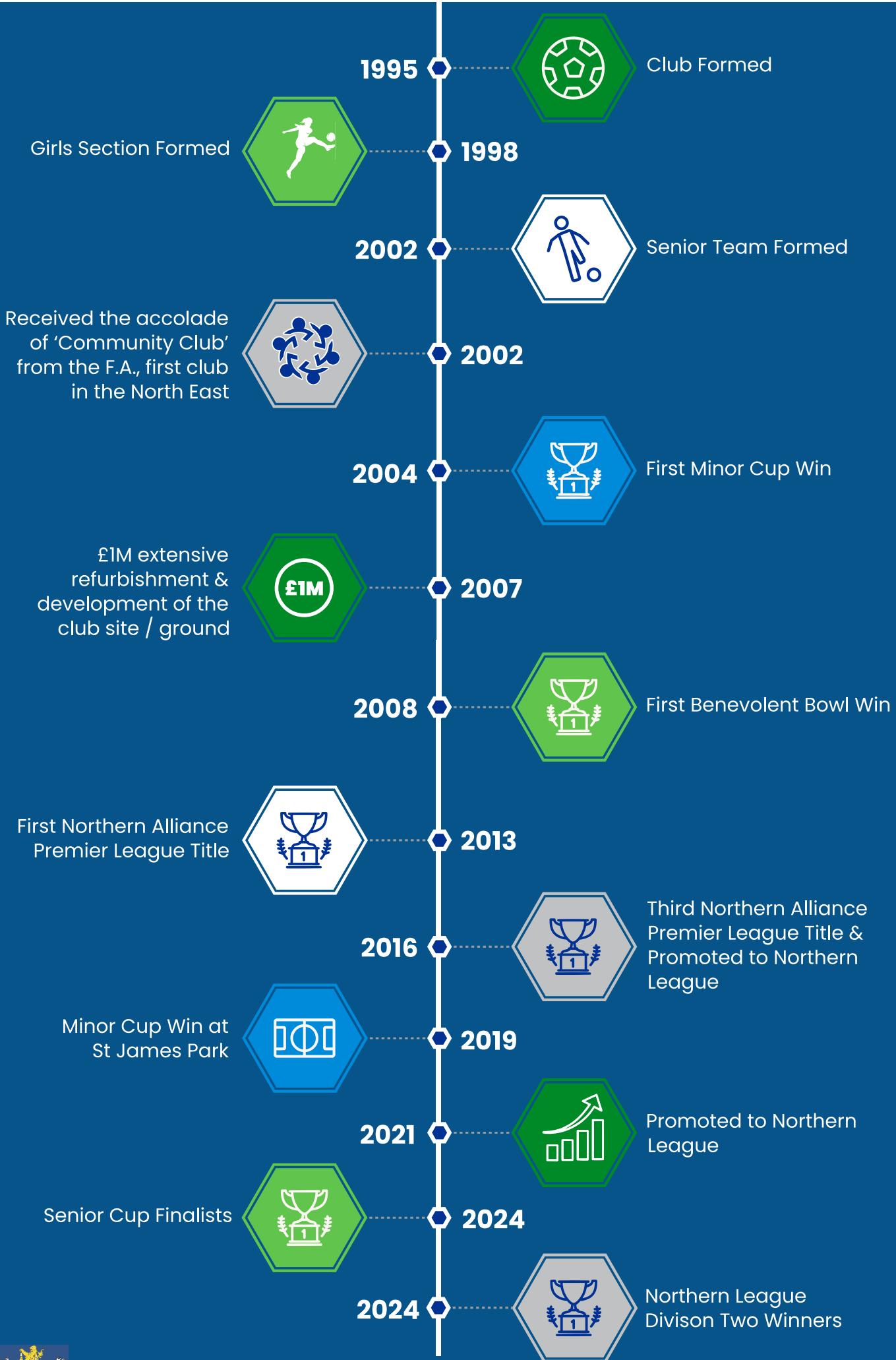
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MEET THE TEAM

Goalkeepers

Lewis Baker – 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.

Adam Cameron – Former Clubs – Sunderland, Gateshead, Bedlington Terriers. Adam is a very accomplished and confident goalkeeper, he has great hands, strikes the ball with great accuracy, very confident in coming for crosses, and has been known to pull off saves, that he has no right even getting close to never-mind stopping. Adam is a superb goalkeeper with a bright future ahead of him.

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.

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.

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.

Alex Fil – Alex is a quick, athletic defender who can play multiple positions, a young player with loads of promise and joins with lots of northern league experience. Alex's previous clubs are Sunderland RCA & Chester Le Street Utd. There was plenty of interest in Alex and we are delighted he has signed for Blyth Town!

George Hayton – Former Clubs – Ashington, Blyth Town, Bedlington Terriers. George is a born winner, his second spell at the club, we are delighted George came back, he is a player that never gives less than 100%. Quick over the ground, strong and tenacious in a tackle, and player who always sets high expectations of himself and his fellow teammate's

Luke Parker – Young defender with a huge future, quick, tenacious and very comfortable on the ball, loves to get forward and a player so young, he has such mature head on his shoulders, we all are excited to see Luke development over this season

Stephen Forster – Former Clubs – Newcastle Blue Star, North Shields, Morpeth Town, Hebburn Town. Fozzie in many people's opinions is one of the best defenders in the northern league, great experience, very confident on the ball and a very fit player.

Midfielders

Max Cowburn – Midfield. Former Clubs – South Shields, Wickham, 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.



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Midfielders (Continued)

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

Ben Sayer - Midfielder - Former Clubs Wickham and Morpeth Town. A hugely experienced midfielder, cool in possession, great vision and someone who leads by example, Ben has a great passing range, and chips in with some special goals, he is player who is very consistent in his performances.

Yannick Aziakonou - Former Clubs - Newcastle United, Newcastle Blue Star, Ashington. A really calm player, sits in the midfield and uses the ball really well, very fit player that never looks tired and someone who is very comfortable in possession.

Ben Franklin - Former Clubs - Scunthorpe, Gateshead, Ashington, Bedlington - Ben is a highly rated midfielder for a young lad, he has great energy, very comfortable on the ball and chips in with his fair shares of goals

Liam Wotherspoon - Midfield. Former Clubs - Heaton Stan, Blyth Town, Birtley Town, Blyth Town - Liam is a box to box midfielder with a real eye for goal, good on the ball and very combative midfielder with real quality

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 top goal scorer two seasons ago 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.

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 three seasons ago and has won promotion with North Shields.

Ollie Dixon - Former Clubs - Altrincham FC, Gateshead FC - Ollie is a young player who has a great future, very quick with and without the ball, super fit and with great feet, in the coming seasons he is going to be a real handful, a player who excites you when he is playing and moving in full flow

Tom Potter - Former Clubs - Morpeth Town, Hebburn Town, North Shields, Blue Star. A player with great feet, great vision and superb delivery, can take defenders inside or outside, very experienced and someone who will play his fair when it comes to assisting and scoring goals.

Marcus Giles - Former Clubs - Morpeth Town, Whitley Bay, Whitby Town, Bishop Auckland. a player that is very quick, direct and aggressive, he is a defenders nightmare, never stops working, always causes problems and scores goals, you will know you have been in a game after 90 minutes.





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TOW LAW TOWN HISTORY

Tow Law Town Association Football Club is an English non-league football club from Tow Law, County Durham, currently playing in the Northern League Division One, in the ninth level of the English football league system. The team, nicknamed "The Lawyers", play their home games at Ironworks Road. The club's fans are known as "The Misfits".

The club was founded in 1890 as Tow Law F.C., before adding the Town to their name in 1905, and throughout their history they have played in several local leagues including the Auckland and District League, the South Durham Alliance and the Crook and District League, before joining the Northern League in 1920. They have won the Northern League's Division Two twice—in 1988 and 1992—and its Division One on three occasions—in 1924, 1925 and 1995—but they have never been promoted or demoted from the Northern League since joining it more than 90 years ago. Tow Law reached the final of the FA Vase in 1998, having progressed all the way from the first round, but were beaten by Tiverton Town in the final at Wembley Stadium.

There was a football team operating in Tow Law as early as 1881, when a vicar captained the team. However, the club still playing today was founded as Tow Law in 1890. The club became one of the founding teams of the Auckland and District League in 1892 and won the Durham Amateur Cup the following year. They then joined the Northern League in 1894. In 1896 they won the Durham Challenge Cup. They left the Northern League and played in the South Durham Alliance from 1900 to 1905. In 1905 the club changed its name to Tow Law Town which they have stuck with ever since. The club played in the Crook and District League from 1912 until 1914. After the end of World War I in 1918, the club again played in the Auckland and District League until 1920, when they returned to the Northern League where they have played ever since. The club were league winners two seasons in a row, in 1923–24 and 1924–25. They were runners up in 1928–29. In the Second World War they resigned from the Northern League on 20 March 1940 and their record of the season was deleted. They re-joined the league in 1945 on its resumption after the War.

In the 1967–68 season, the club had their best run in the FA Cup. After reaching the first-round proper, they beat Mansfield Town 5–1 at Ironworks Road, and took Shrewsbury Town to a second round replay after a 1–1 draw at home. The team went into the third-round draw and were drawn against Arsenal at home. However, this never happened because they were beaten 6–2 by Shrewsbury in the replay. Arsenal said to have been "saved from a fate worse than death – a trip to Tow Law in January."

In 1974, they won the Northern League Cup, beating Ashington 2–1 in the final at Crook. In the summer of 1978, Chris Waddle started playing for the club. In the summer of 1980, Waddle move to Newcastle United.

Tow Law Town were runners-up in the 1988–89 season, before finally winning the league again in 1994–95, sitting 14 points clear at the end of the season. They missed out on the runners up spot the following year on goal difference. Harry Hodgson had long served as Chairman of the club, but stood down at the end of 1995–96,

John Flynn took over as chairman. At the end of 1996–97, Harry Dixon, another long-standing official at the club, stood down as treasurer, but stayed on as the club's president. Kevin McCormick took over as treasurer.

The club made their first and so far, only visit to Wembley Stadium on 9 May 1998, by winning through to the final of the FA Vase, under the management of Peter Quigley and his assistant Tony Heslop. They reached the final, beating Taunton Town 5–4 on aggregate in a two-legged semi-final. In reaching the final, Tow Law, with its population of only 2,200, became the smallest town to ever reach a Wembley final. The team took around 4,000 supporters with them down to London, about twice the population of Tow Law at the time. They were beaten in the final 1–0 by Tiverton Town.

They finished second in the league in 1998–99 and 2001–02. With Harry Dixon's death in 2002, Harry Hodgson took up the post of President. In 2004, John Flynn stood down as chairman, and so for a yearlong period, Hodgson took up the title of club chairman as well. At the end of the 2004–05 season, he retired from the club. His replacement, Sandra Gordon was the first ever female Chair of the club, and only the third in the history of the Northern League. In 2007, Bernard Fairbairn, who had followed his father and grandfather into the job, stood down as club secretary, a post he had held since 1961, giving him a total of 46 years in his position. Stephen Moralee has now taken over as club secretary.

Sir Bobby Robson was raised a few miles away from Tow Law, in the village of Langley Park. He had held the title of life president at the club and had helped them out when they hit financial difficulties after the 2001 foot and mouth crisis, which devastated the local area. He was known to spend a lot of time on the club, attending fund raisers and giving talks. On 1 August 2009, the club held a minute's silence before their game with Workington, following his death the day before.



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TOW LAW TOWN PLAYER PROFILES

James Rutherford (Goalkeeper):

James signed early in the season, but made his debut in January 24. He will bring experience to the Goalkeeper department.

James Brown (Goalkeeper):

James is a young up & coming keeper, who joined last season from Horden CW. Made his debut in the last game against Bishop Auckland.

Jan Dluosz (Defender):

Jan joined from Crook Town, a defender who can play full-back or central defender. He previously played in the United Arab Emirates.

Charlie Hawdon (Defender):

Charlie is a versatile defender who is comfortable anywhere across the defensive line, Charlie has both stamina and pace and loves to play out from the back.

Connor Lane (Defender):

Connor is a strong, aggressive, tough-tackling defender. Previously with Gateshead Leam Rangers.

Liam McNamara (Defender):

Liam is a solid, calm and clear thinking Centre-Back who joined the club after stints at Team Northumbria, North Shields, Newton Aycliffe Newcastle Benfield & Newcastle Independent. Liam is hard to beat defensively and is comfortable on the ball and developing the play from the back. Liam is a natural leader on the pitch.

Jack Salkeld (Defender):

Jack is a young, commanding centre-half, a natural in the air. He loves old fashioned tackles.

Robbie Shields (Defender):

Robbie is a strong centre-half/right back with lots of Northern League experience. He returns to us from Esh Winning FC.

Callum Williams (Defender):

Callum is a vastly experienced Northern League player, who's previous Clubs include Bishop Auckland & Guisborough Town. He also has experience of college football in the U.S.A.

Ellis Wymer (Defender):

Ellis is an excellent right back, good on the ball with a great delivery. Recently signed from Willington AFC.

Matty Fisher (Midfield):

Matty returns to Tow Law, having spent the 22-23 season with Bedlington Terriers. He brings experience to our midfield, along with a great range of passing ability.

Bradley Hughes (Midfield):

An energetic midfield dynamo with an eye for goal and a broad range of passing, Bradley loves to get on the ball and dictate the game.

James Hughes (Midfield):

James is a product of Middlesbrough FC Academy. He returned to the area after graduating at Bath University & immediately linked up to our Club

Brandon Mallaburn (Midfield):

Brandon is a central midfielder player. He joined us in 2022-23 from Shildon Reserves.

Leon Scott (Midfield):

Leon is a vastly experienced midfielder who was previously at Darlington, where he made 222 appearances.

Previous clubs include Marske United, West Auckland & Whitby Town.

Lewis Shorrocks (Midfield):

Lewis is a very experienced midfield player, extremely comfortable on the ball. Previously in the Northern League with Team Northumbria.

Leon Watson (Midfield):

Combative left sided attacker, never shirks a tackle.

Finn Beadle (Forward):

A strong centre forward with excellent link up play and a desire to score goals and has huge potential for the Lawyers.

Ben Dibb-Fuller (Forward):

Ben is an exciting forward, 2 footed by bags of pace & an eye for goal. Previously with Team Northumbria & Newcastle Benfield, Newton Aycliffe & Shildon.

Mason Morrow (Forward):

Mason will run through a brick wall. Signed from the local leagues, he has an eye for goals and is determined to succeed.

Jamie O'Brien (Forward):

Jamie is a powerful centre forward, previously with Darlington Town.

Will Risbey (Forward):

An exciting prospect at Tow Law, Will has pace and energy to burn and has the ability to change games in an instance.

Dan Smith (Forward):

Dan is an exciting forward, brought in to score goals. Previous Clubs include Birtley Town, Consett & Newcastle Benfield.



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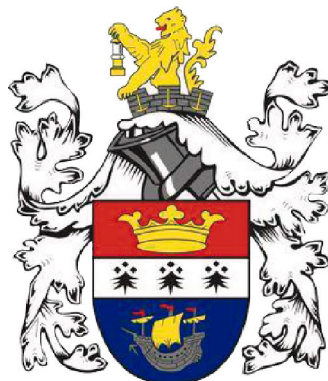
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POS	CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	 Redcar Athletic	16	12	3	1	50	11	39	39
2	 Boro Rangers	15	12	1	2	46	19	27	37
3	 Blyth Town	15	9	4	2	41	17	24	31
4	 Marske United	15	9	0	6	33	21	12	27
5	 West Auckland Town	16	7	5	4	33	25	8	26
6	 Kendal Town	14	7	3	4	26	18	8	24
7	 North Shields	14	6	5	3	24	18	6	23
8	 Guisborough Town	13	6	4	3	22	17	5	22
9	 Newcastle Blue Star	13	6	3	4	19	12	7	21
10	 Crook Town	12	6	3	3	18	13	5	21
11	 Carlisle City	15	6	3	6	23	32	-9	21
12	 Shildon	14	6	1	7	23	24	-1	19
13	 Northallerton Town	15	5	3	7	18	22	-4	18
14	 Penrith	14	6	0	8	23	32	-9	18
15	 Whitley Bay	13	4	4	5	15	20	-5	16
16	 Easington Colliery	15	4	4	7	19	31	-12	16
17	 Birtley Town	15	4	3	8	23	32	-9	15
18	 Whickham	14	4	1	9	16	31	-15	13
19	 Newcastle Benfield	12	3	2	7	16	33	-17	11
20	 West Allotment Celtic	14	2	3	9	13	33	-20	9
21	 Seaham Red Star	14	2	2	10	12	31	-19	8
22	 Tow Law Town	16	2	1	13	14	35	-21	7



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