# BURSCOUGH FOOTBALL CLUB











# Welcome

# to The Community Ground, the home of Burscough Football Club.



As you can see, we are still working hard to complete all the new development and infrastructure improvements at the ground, so we appreciate your patience whilst this continues.

We have made great progress since the end of the 22/23 season and our new function room named the '1946 Lounge' is now fully operational and our viewing terrace will be completed very soon.

You can purchase hot and cold drinks plus a variety of food at our Burscough FC snack bar. This can be found next to our new Burscough FC pitch side Bar which is fully licensed to sell you alcoholic beverages too. You will find all of this either side of the entrance when you arrive inside the ground.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

# We would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors Squires Gate



# Burscough FC Honours

Northern Premier League Premier Division Champions: 2006/07

North West Counties League Champions: 1982-83

League Cup Winners: 1992-93, 1995-96 Lancashire Champions: 1955-56, 1969-70

Division Two Champions: 1953-54

Liverpool County Football Combination Champions: 1949-50

FA Trophy Winners: 2002-03

Liverpool Senior Cup Winners: 2000-01 Cheshire Senior Cup Winners: 1974-75

Lancashire Junior Cup Winners: 1947-48, 1949-59, 1966-67, 2006-07

# **Staff/Committee**

Chairman: Paul Gilchrist

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Help grow the club and follow us on social media!







# BURSCOUGH FC ASSISTANT MANAGER CHRIS STAMMERS

Good evening and welcome to Squires Gate hope they have had a safe trip.

We are really looking forward to our first home league game of the season as the lads have worked hard during preseason ready for the season ahead.

We are all looking forward to the season ahead and want to really improve this season and move up the league table which we believe we can with this group of lads.

Preseason has gone really well and we have used it to challenge the players physically and for them to understand how we want to play which they have all taken on board. The games we have used to get the squad ready for the season and has been very positive in there displays on pitch.

We also appreciate the support from the committee we have had and hopefully we can show this in our hard work, performances and results on the pitch.

Up the Linnets,

**Chris Stammers** 





# WELCOME MESSAGE FROM ALL AT BURSCOUGH FOOTBALL CLUB



Dear Fans and Community Members,

As we gather for the first home game of the 2024/2025 season in the North West Counties Premier Division, we wish to express our profound sorrow and solidarity with the Southport community following yesterday's devastating incident. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and everyone affected by this heart-breaking occurrence.

The Chairman, Directors and Committee would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to an improved Burscough Football Club. Over the summer break and pre-season, we have invested heavily in our infrastructure, adding to the 1946 Lounge and Bar unveiled towards the end of last season. We are excited to unveil our new 100-seater stand.

Additionally, we have constructed a disability viewing platform to ensure our matches are accessible to all members of our community.

We are also in the final stages of completing a new hospitality cabin, which will provide an upgraded facility for our VIP guests to enjoy an enhanced matchday experience

Before the start of the match, we will be holding a one-minute silence as a mark of respect for the victims of yesterday's devastating incident. We invite everyone to join us in this moment of reflection and solidarity.

We look forward to an exciting season ahead and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely, Burscough Football Club





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# Squires Cate



# **Squires Gate FC Club History**

Squires Gate were formed in 1948 as Squires Gate British Legion FC and competed in the Blackpool & District Amateur League. They won the leagues Rawling Shield in their first season. The name of the club was changed to Squires Gate FC in 1953. They won the leagues First Division in 1955-56 and 1956-57; also the Blackwell Cup in 1958-59 and 1959-60. They spent the 1960-61 in the Fylde District League, winning the Fylde Cup and losing finalists in the Bannister Cup.

The following season they moved up to the West Lancashire League where they spent the next thirty years. From 1961 until 1980 they were in Division Two and were promoted in 1981 as champions. In the 1986-87 season they won the Richardson Cup.

They were elected into the North West Counties Football League for the 1991-92 season, joining Division Two for the 1991-92 season. They won the 2001-02 season Division Two Trophy and then the following season they missed the runner-up spot on goal difference but were still promoted to Division One following the demise of Stand Athletic who had originally been promoted as Division Two champions. They reached their highest league placing in the 2005-06 season also reaching the quarter finals of the FA Vase.

To cap a very impressive 2007-08 season, Squires Gate were delighted that no less than nine of their members were honoured with long service awards: Albert Hamer, George Diggle, Roy Westhead, Brian Hugill and Brian Addison all collected Football Association Order of Merit mementos for 50 years service; and Steve Bellamy, Mick Farrer, John Maguire and Tony Hornby received 30 years awards from the Lancashire FA.

Groundsman Brian Addison was judged the best at our level in the Northern Region, and a magnificent third nationally at the FA Groundsman of the Year presentations in London last September, and his pitch is clear evidence of his commitment.

Due to an indifferent start in the 2015/16 season, club captain Danny Penswick took over as player manager and ensured survival with a memorable last game victory at Ashton Athletic. Danny also ensured Premier Division status in 2016/17 thanks to a late surge including a victory at home to Runcorn Linnets. Andy Clarkson took over in October 2017 and guided the club to a creditable 8th place finish and improved again in 2018/19 season with another 8th place finish.

After a difficult start to the 2019/2020 season Luke Evans was appointed manager by Chairman Tony Jo, assisted by Shane Hudson. Evans led the club up the table, with Gate sat in 9th place before COVID-19 struck the nation, cutting the season short in March.

The time away allowed the committee to look at how to move the club forward off the pitch, with much needed improvements made across the board. New changing rooms were implemented, with various other improvements made around the stadium.

The 2020/21 season only saw nine league matches take place for Gate, before COVID struck once again to cut the season short after December. Again though this allowed time for Luke Evans to keep moving the club forward, as strong partnerships with Talented Player Development and Global Football Network were made. Meanwhile, a new Under 23's team was formed, led by Liam Robinson of Talented Player Development.

Forward to the start of the 2021/22 season, a decent start in the league coincided with Gate putting together a good run in the FA Cup, reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round - matching their best run in the club's history. The highlight of this run came in the Preliminary Round, as Gate hosted newly formed Macclesfield FC at The Brian Addison Stadium. A record crowd of 738 watched an incredible match, as Gate came away 6-4 winners to progress into the next round. After knocking out North Shields, Gate were narrowly beaten 3-2 by Pontefract Collieries to end their run. Gate kept ticking in the league too, finishing 17th with safety confirmed comfortably by the start of March.

Unfortunately during the 21/22 season, the club had the devastating passing of beloved chairman Tony Jo. Luke Evans and the rest of the club committee now had the club in their hands. It made for a difficult summer in 2022, with the club only just surviving, but the committee and its volunteers pulled together to keep the club afloat and put together a new young and hungry squad for the 2022/23 season. While the previous season's FA Cup achievement couldn't be matched, an excellent run was put together in the FA Vase, with Gate reaching the Third Round.

The summer of 2023 saw more off the field changes, with club legend John Maguire stepping down from his role as Secretary, ending 48 years of stellar service. James Ashton and Alan Davis were elected onto the club committee, as well as Ian Moore who became the new secretary. Hayden Moore was appointed Head of Recruitment, while a new chairman was also appointed - head of Global Football Network, John Pladas.





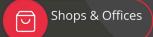
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# **BURSCOUGH FOOTBALL CLUB 2024/25 FIXTURES**

# JULY/AUGUST 2024

SAT 27/7 LONGRIDE TOWN (A) **TUE 30/7** SQUIRES GATE (H)

SAT 3/08 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (A) FA CUP

SAT 10/8 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (A) TUE 13/8 CHARNOCK RICHARD (H) LOWER BRECK (H) TUE 20/8

DROYLSDEN (H) FA VASE MON 26/8 PADIHAM (H)

SAT 31/8 GLOSSOP NORTH END (H)

# SEPTEMBER 2024

SAT 24/8

WED 4/9 LITHERLAND REMYCA (A) SAT 7/9 STOCKPORT TOWN (A) TUE 10/9 PRESTWICH HEYS (H) SAT 14/9 RAMSBOTTOM UTD (H) TUE 17/9 FC ST HELENS (A) TUE 24/9 PILKINGTON (H) SAT 28/9 SOUTH LIVERPOOL (H)

# OCTOBER 2024

SAT 5/10 COLNE (A) **TUE 8/10** AFC LIVERPOOL (A) SAT 12/10 ABBY HEY (H) SAT 19/10 RAMSBOTTOM UTD (A)

SAT 26/10 STOCKPORT TOWN (H)

# **NOVEMBER 2024**

LOWER BRECK (A) SAT 2/11 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (H) SAT 9/11 FC ISLE OF MAN (A) SAT 16/11 IRLAM (H) SAT 23/11

BURY (H) SAT 30/11

# **DECEMBER 2024**

SAT 7/12 CHARNOCK RICHARD (A) SAT 14/12 FC ST HELENS (H) SAT 21/12 PADIHAM (A) THU 26/12 AFC LIVERPOOL (H) SAT 28/12 BARNOLDSWICK TOWN (A)

## **JANUARY 2025**

PILKINGTON (A) SAT 4/1 CHEADLE TOWN (H) SAT 11/1 ABBEY HEY (A) SAT 18/1 BARNOLDSWICK TOWN (H) SAT 25/1

## FEBURARY 2025

SAT 1/2 SOUTH LIVERPOOL (A) CHADDERTON (H) SAT 8/2 SAT 15/2 SQUIRES GATE (A) SAT 22/2 IRLAM (H)

### **MARCH 2025**

SAT 1/3 ISLE OF MAN (H) PRESTWICH HEYS (A) **SAT 8/3** COLNE (H) SAT 15/3 LITHERLAND REMYCA (H) SAT 22/3

SAT 29/3 CHEADLE TOWN (A)

### **APRIL 2025**

LONGRIDGE TOWN (H) SAT 5/4 GLOSSOP NORTH END(A) SAT 12/4 BURY (A) SAT 19/4

# ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE











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# PYROTECHNICS\* PRESENT DANGERS TO SPECTATORS, PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS.

The North West Counties Football League takes a zero tolerance approach to the use of pyrotechnics in its stadiums. It is a criminal offence to enter a stadium carrying pyrotechnics, or set them off.

Anyone found carrying, or setting off pyrotechnics will be reported to the authorities and banned from attending matches.

\* Pyrotechnics include flares, smoke bombs & fireworks.





# **NWCFL Table**





	Premier Division	Р	w	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	West Didsbury & Chorlton	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
2	Stockport Town	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
3	## FC St Helens	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
4	@ AFC Liverpool	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
5	Cheadle Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6	Longridge Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7	₩ Bury	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	1
8	Squires Gate	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	1
9	Barnoldswick Town	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
10	O Lower Breck	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
11	(ii) Chadderton	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
12	FC Isle of Man	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
13	▼ Litherland REMYCA	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
14		1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
15	Pilkington	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
16	Ramsbottom United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
17	Charnock Richard	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
18		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
19	▼ Colne	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
20	₹ Irlam	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
21	# Prestwich Heys	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
22	**Burscough	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
23	Abbey Hey	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
24	Glosson North End	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

**Source:** www.nwcfl.com/league-tables







# **MATCHDAY SQUAD**



Kier Barry (GK) Adam Reid (GK) Harry Cannon-Noren Kian Bell James McCulloch © Charlie Ball Stephen Rigby Matty Hamilton Matty Coughlan Harvey Sample Thomas Grindrod John McGrath James Barrigan Anthony Walsh Delial Brewster Michael Monaghan Cian Spencer-McDermott Che Trapasso-Tully Rajwinder Uppal Saad Mekkaoui-Abouzaid Osawemwengie Imadiyi



Scott Adamson Theodore Ball Conah Bishop James Boud Rowan Chambers Regan Crossley Joshua Few Scott Harries James Hughes Dean Ing Musa Jobe Louis Miller-Tamsitt Andrew Murphy Jack Page Nathan Pennington (GK) Mwirusi Ramadhan (GK) Ruan Rileu Dominic Ritchie Christopher Webster Alex Welsh

Manager: David Dempsey

**Assistant Manager:** Chris Stammers

Physio: Liam Thompson

Manager: Luke Evans Coach: Daniel Bunce Coach: Neil Crossley

Referee: Ciaran Willaims

**Assistants:** Molly Langford & Ben Houghton





