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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 23/24 season and our new function room named the '1946 Lounge' is now fully operational along with the viewing terrace and new 100-seater stand, located next to the new hospitality suite and accessible viewing area.

Visitors can purchase hot and cold drinks plus a variety of food and snacks at our Burscough FC "snack hut". Along with these is the Burscough FC pitch-side bar. which is fully licensed to sell alcoholic beverages as well as soft drinks.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today...

Glossop North End



Ground: The Community Ground

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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

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BURSCOUGH FC MANAGER DAVID DEMPSEY

Good Afternoon.

As always let me start by welcoming Glossop North End to The Community Ground for this afternoon's fixture. This is a massive game for both teams given the league table at present and Glossop North End like ourselves will no doubt come to us today confident of 3pts. Glossop always brings an underlying rivalry with the management team previously working at Burscough which gives this game a different dynamic than most. This is a positive for both teams as last season's fixture was a great game with the honours shared.

Today we need to make sure we start the game bright. We need to make sure we take control of the tempo and play our own game well. If we do this I back us against any team in the league. If we don't then the game will be another one where we are fighting for points and trying to scrape through a fixture hoping for the 3pts. We have had an up and down start to the season but albeit a frustrating Bank Holiday Monday we have come out of the weekend unbeaten and progressing through to the next round of the FA Vase. This gives us something to build on and a foundation for us to start picking up more points.

I hope you all enjoy today's game and we manage to give you all what you deserve this weekend. A nice Saturday night celebrating a win in the league!!!



All the best.

Demps.



2024/25 FIXTURES

JULY/AUGUST 2024

SAT 27/7 LONGRIDE TOWN (A) L 1-0 **TUE 30/7** SQUIRES GATE (H) W 4-2 SAT 3/08 WEST DIDS (A) FA CUP L 3-2 WEST DIDS & CHORLTON (A) W 1-2 SAT 10/8 CHARNOCK RICHARD (H) L 2-3 TUE 13/8 SAT 17/8 RAMSBOTTOM UTD (A) L 4-0 **TUE 20/8** LOWER BRECK (H) L 1-2 SAT 24/8 DROYLSDEN (H) FA VASE W 2-1 MON 26/8 PADIHAM (H)

SAT 31/8 GLOSSOP NORTH END (H)

SEPTEMBER 2024

WED 4/9
SAT 7/9
TUE 10/9
SAT 14/9
TUE 17/9
TUE 17/9
TUE 24/9
SAT 28/9
SOUTH LIVERPOOL (H)

OCTOBER 2024

SAT 5/10 COLNE (A)
TUE 8/10 AFC LIVERPOOL (A)
SAT 12/10 ABBEY HEY (H)
SAT 26/10 STOCKPORT TOWN (H)

NOVEMBER 2024

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

SAT 30/11 BURY (H)

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

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

FEBRUARY 2025

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

MARCH 2025

SAT 1/3 ISLE OF MAN (H)
SAT 8/3 PRESTWICH HEYS (A)
SAT 15/3 COLNE (H)
SAT 22/3 LITHERLAND REMYCA (H)
SAT 29/3 CHEADLE TOWN (A)

APRIL 2025

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

ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE















NWCFL Premier

Division League Table



As of 29/08/2024

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

Source: www.nwcfl.com/league-tables



Club History



It's a classic quiz question, which is the smallest town in England to have been the home of a top division football club?

The answer is Glossop.

Of course, it's a long time since that 1899/1900 season but the Hillmen (or Hillsmen, as they were known back then, in honour of owner Sir Samuel Hill-Wood) supporters never forget the proud history of the club. However more recently they were given some more moments that they will talk about in the town for years to come and are hopeful of providing a few more.

Founded in 1886, Glossop North End began by playing friendly amateur matches. They entered the North Cheshire League in 1890 and introduced professional players in 1894. Their Chairman and benefactor was local cotton magnate Sir Samuel Hill-Wood who later left to become Chairman of Woolwich Arsenal. In 1898, on their third application, they were admitted to the Football League.

In their first season, by finishing runners-up to Manchester City, they won promotion to the Football League Division 1. Unfortunately, they spent just one year in the division, the best victory being a 3-0 result against Nottingham Forest.

Glossop played in League Division 2 until the end of the 1914/15 season, In 1908/09 reaching the quarter finals of the FA Cup where they lost to Bristol City in a replay. They ceased playing during the latter part of the First World War but were reformed by Oswald Partington MP, who had been club captain in the 1890's.

Between the wars the club played in the Lancashire Combination and the Manchester League, of which they were champions in 1927/28. They also won the Gilgryst Cup on three occasions.

Matches again ceased during the Second World War, Glossop rejoining the Manchester League afterwards. They won the Gilaryst Cup for a fourth time in 1949.

In 1955 they moved from their original ground at North Road to the present home at Surrey Street. Since then they have played in the Lancashire Combination, the Manchester and the Cheshire Leagues before becoming founder members of the North West Counties League in 1982.

Glossop have spent most of the time in the First (now Premier) division, although much of it was spent at the lower end fighting against relegation, whilst the club itself fought for survival, victim of a criminally corrupt owner in the 1980s. It was only the hard work of board members and supporters kept the club afloat after the disgraced regime. There was a little success, the club was Manchester Premier Cup winners in 1997 and 1998, and Derbushire Cup winners in 2000-01.

More recently though, things have improved for the Hillmen. 2008/09 saw the biggest day in the history of the club after Steve Young & Dry Hincks' side embarked on a terrific FA Vase run which saw North End reach the final at Wembley.

They played in every single round of the competition leaving some fantastic memories for supporters along the way... none more dramatic than the 123rd minute equalizer in the semi-final against Chalfont St. Peter. This led to a penalty shootout where the Hillman seized the opportunity to head down Wembley Way.

Whilst the final saw a disappointing result, losing 2-0 to Whitley Bay, the run awakened interest in the Hillmen throughout the town. There is now a thriving Supporters Club, which has funded makeovers to the ground and helped generate interest in the club home and away.

This forms part of a more dramatic overhaul that has seen a refurbishment of changing rooms, a new clubhouse, a new covered standing area and new perimeter fencing. Ground grading for the league above has been achieved too and the club feels it is ready to progress up the pyramid.

2015/16 - Hello Step 4

In their first season the Evo-Stik Northern First Division they reached the playoffs but were beaten by Northwich Victoria.

2016/17

Finished 8th in the league after stuttering end to the season. Manager Chris Willcock resigned shortly after the end of the season and the board replaced him with Paul Phillips and Steve Halford.

2017/18

Glossop started well under the new management duo. Starting with almost a new squad they maintained a solid payoff position through until mid season. Unfortunately with the team suffering multiple injuries, including Keeper/manager Philips, the management had to play almost 60 players throughout the year. With a result the team's position started to slip into mid table.

On 12th March the management pair left the club to join local rivals Buxton FC, leaving the club managerless for the remaining half dozen games. The board acted quickly to appoint Mark Canning, former GNE player and latterly goalkeeper coach under Halford/Philips, as caretaker manager until the end of the season. Mark was assisted by Andy Bishop, of Bury FC fame, in the role of Joint Manager/Player. The team finished a respectable 11th when the final table was drawn up.

2018/19

Andy and Mark's role was made a permanent position at the start of the 2018-19 season. The start of the season saw a very young squad attempt to play at the NPL level with a few highlights of recording the first win of the season after beating Radcliffe at Stainton Park. Few other highlights on the pitch saw Mark and Andy's reign come to an end after a Widnes match on 13th Oct 2018. After a short search the board appointed ex Mossley due Peter Band and Lloyd Morrison as joint managers a couple of days later. The duo's task was to keep the club in the NPL and with wins against relegation rivals this was achieved with a few weeks to go in the season.

2019/20

After another change in league boundaries, set by the league, Glossop found themselves in the new season in a South Eastern division. In an unprecedented move the majority of football activities were ceased mid March 2020 due to the coronavirus, and by the end of March the NPL took the decision along with all step 4 and lower divisions to end the season early and expunge all results with no promotion or relegation taking place.

2020/21

Due to the Null and Void end to the previous season Glossop found themselves still in the South East Division rather than the re-aligned league which should have been introduced in the 20/21 season. In April 2023 GNE were relegated from step 4 after a period of 8 years, ending manager Stuart Mellish's two year stint at the helm. Michael Worthington was appointed as manager in the summer of 2023 as the Hillmen headed into their first season back in the NWCFL This was to be a difficult season for many reasons, which saw Worthington's tenure at the club come to an end in late October 2023. Richard Brodie then took the reigns at GNE and leads the Hillmen into the new NWCFL season this year.



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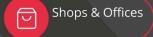
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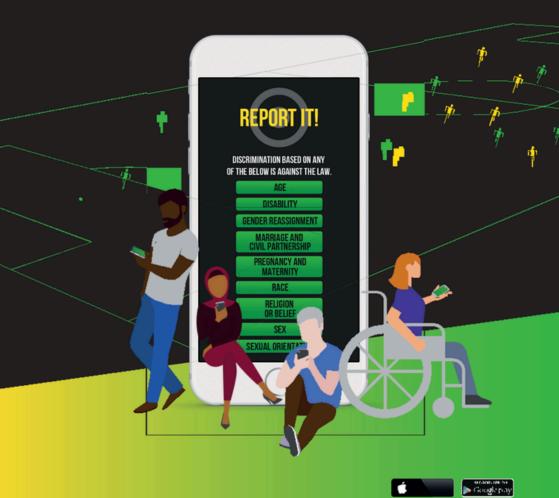
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