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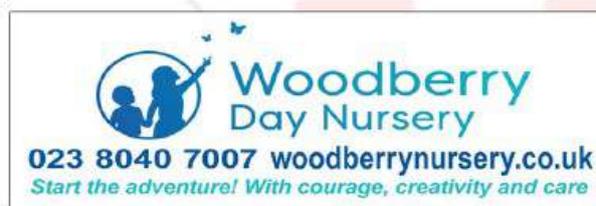
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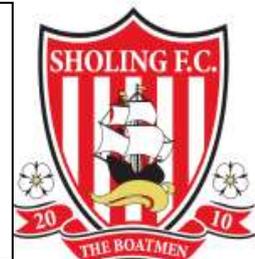
1. Sholing FC (hereafter referred to as "the Club") reserves the right to eject any person who is considered by the Club to have behaved inappropriately on the Club's premises.
2. Examples of inappropriate behaviour which could give lead to ejection include:
 - Using obscene or abusive language or gestures, whether racial, sexual or otherwise offensive
 - Fighting
 - Being under the influence of drugs or excess alcohol
 - Spitting
 - Defacement of any sign, notice or advertisement within the ground
 - Playing ball games in spectator areas
 - Throwing coins, missiles or other objects
 - Climbing on trainers' boxes, buildings, trees, fencing, walls, stands, gates or floodlights
 - Entering the playing area without permission
 - Behaving in a manner likely to bring either the Club into disrepute
 - Behaving in a manner which interferes with the comfort, enjoyment or safety of other spectators, players or officials
 - Failure to comply with instructions given by a Club official or police officerThe Directors of the Club may, at their absolute discretion, bar from entry any persons ejected under this rule for such a length of time as they see fit.
3. Any person barred from the ground shall not be permitted to enter or attempt to enter the ground during the term of any such ban. Any person found on Club property during such term may be reported to the police.
4. No alcohol may be brought onto the Club's premises without the permission of the Club directors.
5. Glasses and glass bottles may not be taken out of the clubhouse. Plastic glasses are available from the clubhouse bar.
6. All authorised users must park in the car parking areas as instructed by the Club's stewards and/or other officials and in such a way as to cause no obstruction to the access or exit routes of any emergency vehicles. The Club reserves the right at its absolute discretion to remove any vehicle parked in contravention of this rule and shall not be liable for any damage to the vehicle howsoever caused.
7. Any unauthorised vehicles parked within the ground may be subject to removal or be locked in without notice and the Club shall not be liable for any losses incurred or damage caused to those vehicles.
8. The Club does not accept any responsibility for the safe custody of any vehicle or articles thereon or therein, or for any damage to vehicles or articles however caused. All vehicles parked on the premises are in all respects parked left at the owner's own risk.
- 9. No dogs are permitted within the ground.**
10. Refund of cash admission charges paid at the turnstiles will only be made at the discretion of the Club directors. The right of admission is reserved and may be refused without reason.
11. If any person is barred for any breach of the aforementioned rules, he or she has the right of appeal to the Board of Directors. Any such appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the Chairman of the Club, giving full reasons for such appeal, within 14 days of notification of any such ban.
12. The Directors reserve the right at their absolute discretion to alter these rules from time to time as they deem appropriate. Any such changes will be communicated in the manner that the Directors deem most suitable.

All persons entering the Ground shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Ground Rule

By order of the Board of Directors of Sholing Football Club. – August 2019



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WELCOME To the Officials, Players & Supporters of Slimbridge

The Committee and players of SHOLING FC offer a very warm welcome to our visitors for today's **Pitching In Southern League South** match.

We hope you enjoy your visit, and the game is played in a sporting manner. We also hope you take advantage of our hospitality and enjoy a drink in the clubhouse after the game.

May we remind you that under no circumstances must glasses or alcohol leave the bar area or be seen in the vicinity of the football playing area.

May we wish you a safe journey home!

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Ownership:

In accordance with the Football Association Rule 2.13 Publication of ownership in relation to Step 1 to Step 4 Clubs within the football pyramid, we hereby confirm that the legal status of Sholing Football Club is identified by Company Number 7280365, and is a Company Limited by Shares. VT FC Ltd trading as Sholing Football Club.



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Volunteers Needed ! We need help with the following :

Matchday Stewards - Crowd control and general duties on matchday. Experience not necessary.

Videographer - To film 1st team home games, edit footage, provide highlights & publish online in a timely fashion (must be able to provide own equipment)

Ground Maintenance - To assist groundsmen with pitch care, facility cleaning and maintenance (Normally, Monday, Tuesday & Fridays, depending on fixtures)

Volunteers receive free entry to home games & discounted food & drink.

If you can help us out, please speak to Gerry Roberts or Greg Dickson on matchday. Or message the club on Facebook or email secretary@sholingfc.com Thank you



Greg's Graffiti



Good afternoon welcome back to a new season here at the Mackoy Stadium. What a strange 6 months we have had in these uncertain times. Our last match here saw us reach the semi-final with a win over Ian Saunders Bemerton Heath Harlequins team, then we had the Covid 19 lockdown where all football stopped. At the time Sholing were in a good position moving up the table pushing for a playoff spot.

Then we hit lockdown we were eventually told the season would be null and void. So our last 6 months has been dominated by things off the field. Firstly we lost committee member stalwart Ray Tyrrell, Ray was a vital cog to the successful running of Sholing FC (see full tribute in next pages). Claire Paine our Treasurer has worked tirelessly to get Sholing FC moving forward into the 21st Century from the dark ages. We welcomed the return to football in August but preseason was a behind close doors affair frustrating many fans desperate for their football fix. Off the field with grants secured and the massive help of a crowdfunding page we have been able to achieve our ground grading to allow us to play in the Southern League.

As you will see today if this is your first visit we have managed to build new changing room facilities and only this week we have had a new covered stand installed on the dugout side of the picture. This has been achieved by the generous sponsorship of Graham Deacon who has provided the money for this to be installed. We have also been indebted to numerous volunteers giving up their time to help the club move forward. Also special thanks to Trevor, Michael & Keith who have worked tirelessly to adhere to the ground grading requirements needed for us to return to football.

We our return to football our preseason saw away wins at Wimborne Town, Brockenhurst and then a draw at AFC Stoneham. Three weeks ago saw our first test here at the Mackoy Stadium with 'Let Fans In' when we hosted Salisbury and in front of 181 crowd (restricted to 200) beat The Whites 4-1. Our season kicked off in the Russell Cotes Cup with last season's semi-final against Christchurch and again a tight as when we played them the previous year in the final, but this time it went to a penalty shoot out. Saves from Ryan Gosney put us through to final for the 2nd season running with a home tie in the final verses Lymington Town on Tuesday 20th October. Then it was back to the Emirates FA Cup with a trip to Moon Park for tricky tie to Bemerton HH a 1-0 saw us progress to the next round. Last Saturday saw us open our Pitching In Southern League campaign with an away 3-0 win at Evesham United then it was straight back into FA Cup action with another midweek match. On Tuesday we travelled to Cinder Lane for a game verses Fairford Town another potential banana skin but a 2-1 win put us in the hat for today's draw, the draw has given us another away trip this time to Cornwall against South West Peninsular side Saltash United who play at step 6. Tomorrow we are back in to League action were we welcome Slimbridge, lets hope our fans can help us get the 3 points then it is a quick return to the Mackoy Stadium for a home game on Tuesday verses Highworth Town. Also a reminder we now have the clubhouse open every Saturday morning for breakfasts etc, your support of Sholing FC is really appreciated.

Greg ~ Sholing FC Secretary



What is Pitching In?

Pitching In is, according to the website, a corporate responsibility arm of GVC Holdings which is 'a major new multi-million-pound investment programme designed to support and promote grassroots sports. The programme launches at a time when football clubs and sporting organisations are facing an unprecedented impact on their finances of the COVID-19 pandemic.'

What is Pitching In?

The programme is in short supplying financial support as well as aiming to facilitate and encourage community volunteers to 'pitch in'.

None other than former England and Nottingham Forest captain Stuart Pearce.

So no more betting companies?

Well, yes and no. Certainly, there will be no more betting ads on club websites, no restrictions around who can and can't see advertising and essentially, a whole lot less stress for club administrators.

The business behind Pitching In though, GVC Holdings is one of the biggest sports-betting and gaming groups including brands like Coral and Ladbrokes.

BUT! The sponsorship provided by Pitching In will not include any promotion of betting or gaming brands. According to the companies website: “

In line with the decision taken by GVC in 2019, to unilaterally pull-out of sponsorship of football in the UK, the *Pitching In* partnership will not promote any of the Group's betting or gaming brands and no branding will be used at any of the leagues' grounds. "Where GVC will contribute its expertise to deliver extensive educational programmes on responsible gambling and sports integrity to all of the leagues' clubs."

A tribute to our friend, Ray Tyrrell

Sadly, Ray "Raymondo" Tyrrell passed away on Sunday 15th March 2020. Ray had long been a volunteer at Sholing FC, with most people knowing him from running the old clubhouse bar for years. However, he did so much else for the club as well as all the other teams who played at the ground. From providing refreshments for the Soccer Schools, to caretaking work and really, whatever was asked of him. Ray would always help us out and ask nothing in return. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

All our love and thoughts to Pauline, Vanessa, Vicky, Ben and all of his family and friends.

Below are some of the many tributes posted on the club's social media pages. If you wish to add your own, please email admin@sholingfc.com

Another Member of the Sholing family has departed. You were such a special person, who dedicated the majority of your retired life to the Club we will all miss you so much. R.I.P Ray, gone but will never be forgotten - **Dave Diaper, First Team Manager & Club Director**

RIP Big Ray. A real top bloke and a club legend - **Byron Mason, First team Captain**

Devastated at the news. Ray was a wonderful man and someone I spent plenty of time discussing the beautiful game with. My condolences to Ray's family - **Gary Pratt, Hampshire FA**

Such sad news. Such a lovely man. Rest in Peace Ray - **Marc Diaper - First Team Assistant Manager**

This world has lost another lovely man. Thinking of all the family at this sad time. Ray was always there to help me in everything I did at Sholing FC and everything else that went on. So so sad tonight. Will miss you Ray! - **Kevin Brewster**

A Sholing FC legend leaves behind a devastated Sholing Family. Ray you were a diamond and will be a difficult cog to replace. We will certainly miss our chats at the ground and on the phone Till we meet up again RIP - **Greg Dickson, Sholing Club Football Secretary**

Pauline, Ness, Vicky and Ben, my heart goes out to you all. Ray was, and always will be, a part of our Sholing football family. He will never be forgotten. RIP Ray. Lots of love - **Claire Paine - Sholing FC Director**

Thoughts prayers and condolences to all the family. Absolutely heartbroken, Ray was an amazing wonderful gentleman and will never be forgotten. An absolute stalwart of Sholing Youth - **Carly Kinsey - Sholing Youth Chairperson**



RIP Big Ray, you will be missed, a top top bloke - **Marv McLean**

RIP Big Ray - **Dan Mason**

Ray was not only a fellow Sholing volunteer, but also our man at the ground when Southampton Saints Girls & Ladies FC played there. More importantly a friend that will be sorely missed. Condolences to all Ray's family - **Adam Lee**

Absolutely gutted, RIP Ray - **Jake Hoole**

RIP Ray - **Ryan Gosney**

Gutted to hear the news. Always had time to chat to everybody. Lovely guy. Thoughts with his family at this sad time. RIP the great Raymondo - **Lee Webber**

Top bloke was Ray, always had time for chat and a damn nice guy, RIP my friend - **Andy Hill**

I remember doing some work at the ground with Ray when I first started following Sholing, he could not have been any more helpful and his commitment to Sholing was unbelievable. He always said hello mush, he will be missed - **Lee Edmond-Hiett**

Really Sad news, was a true gentleman and kind soul. Will be missed by all - **Paul Knott Director**

RIP Ray, a real top man who will be sadly missed - **Lee Wort**

A personal friend of mine who throughout the years was a great support to me and my teams. A grumpy auld mate who I will miss giving me grief and always being there for me. RIP mate - **Patrick McGonigle, Sholing Reserve Team manager**

Ben, Vanessa, the Tyrell and extended families, Ray was an absolute gent and will be sadly missed, sincere sympathies to you all from all at Sholing Youth u18 - **Mark Costello**

Sorry to hear this sad news. Ray was one of the nicest guys I've met. My thoughts with all family at this tough time - **Tyrone Bowers**

So sorry to hear this, an absolute gent - **Mick Marsh**

So sad to hear this news, lovely man and will be missed by all at Sholing FC. Thinking of his family at this time. RIP Ray - **Colin Chamberlain**

Sad news, lovely man with a lovely family who are a credit to him. Rest in Peace Ray. I won't miss you trying to crash into me up Bitterne Hill in your bus! - **Adam Clanfield**

Good night mate, will miss you - **Dave Bell**

He was a really lovely man and always up for a laugh and a good chat. I would like to send you all of my sincere condolences for your loss to you and your family - **Terry Miller**

So sorry for your loss & everyone connected with the club's loss as Ray was such a huge part Sholing. A smashing bloke, he will be greatly missed - **Keith Legg**

Lovely Man, RIP Ray - **Jack Smith**



So sorry to hear this, Ray was a legend - **Barry Mason**

Top man was Ray - **Lewis Fennemore**

RIP Ray, sending love to all the family - **Lee Bright**

So sorry to hear this, Raymondo was such a help to the soccer schools - **Nick Yeomans**

He was always willing to help he will certainly be missed, condolences to the family - **Michael Simmons**

So sad to hear about Ray, he was a true gent always happy to help & have a good old chat, will miss him - **Anne Dickson**

Ray was a top man, so sorry to hear the sad news - **Mike Spinney**

Had the pleasure of working with Ray back in the 90s, he was a true gentleman - **Scott Campbell**

Such a loving man, helping Sholing in any way he could, and also being involved in ladies football especially my old team, pleasure to have had him in our lives!- **Abbie Lee**

What a lovely man he was. I had the pleasure of meeting him when I was a nurse at his surgery. His family must have been so proud of him. Bless them all at this really sad time - **Carole Lambourne**

Ray was a great bloke. Trained me from the age of 6-7 and dedicated a big part of his life to local football. Very sad news - **Joe Colyer**

What a man he was. I lived across the road from him for 18 years and always stopped and chatted with him. He will be missed - **Dominic Bellinger**

Sorry to hear this sad news. Sending all our thoughts and condolences from everyone at Thatcham Town - **Danny Robinson, Thatcham Town Manager**

RIP Ray, a lovely man, thoughts at this time with the Tyrrells - **James Thomson**

Rest in peace, Ray, you were an integral part of the Sholing FC family - **Joel Whitfield**

So sad, a cracking bloke and always friendly. Thoughts are with his family - **Chris Carey, Emerald Motor Company**

Raymondo the legend! RIP my friend - **Dave Fear**

RIP Ray, a true gentleman and friend to many at Sholing and will be sadly missed - **Richard Weldon**

Sad news, Ray was such a legend at Sholing - **Mick Catlin, AFC Portchester Manager**

Such sad news, such a lovely guy, thoughts are with the Tyrrell family - **John McFarlane**

So shocked and saddened by the news. Remember his amazing support during my time at Sholing my thoughts and sympathy are with all the family - **Martin Tongs**

Our condolences to you all and Rays family and friends from us at **Buckland Athletic FC**

Everyone at **Bashley FC** send their condolences. RIP Ray

All our condolences from all players and staff connected to **Winchester City FC**. People like Ray are what non league football is all about

Condolences to Ray's family and Sholing FC from everyone at **AFC Totton - Wayne Mey, AFC Totton Chairman**

Terribly sad news. Our condolences from everyone at **Hamble Club FC**



RIP RAY

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In The Beginning



The Gloucestershire village of Slimbridge is world renowned for its Bird Sanctuary, but much hard work has gone into making Slimbridge better known in football circles.

The Club's history can be traced back to the 1899/1900 season, when the team were playing in local football at various venues in and around the village. A gap in the records suggests there may have been a couple of seasons when no games were played, and thus, officially, the Club's centenary was celebrated in 2002/03.

For the next forty-odd years the Club were predominantly members of the Stroud and District League with varying degrees of success and failure, except for a period between 1960 and 1968 when they were in the Gloucester Northern Senior League.

It was not until 1951 that the current ground at Wisloe Road (Now renamed as Thornhill Park) became the club's home, and it subsequently became the legal property of the club after former player, and ex-Chairman of the club, Evi Thornhill, bequeathed the land to the Club in his Will, with the Club becoming legal owners in 1960. It was to prove an incredibly valuable treasure in future years.

Point Of Collapse

By 1988, the club had fallen on hard times, but fortunately, a handful of committee members led by Gordon King and Gordon Tudor kept the Club afloat. The following season local businessman Paul Chappell arrived. The Club was stabilised and construction of new changing facilities, to County League standard, were completed. Paul Chappell was to remain a vital part of the club until his retirement from his duties in 2020.

Start Of A New Reign

As playing standards improved, 2000 saw the completion of the building of a long awaited Social Club in an area of the ground that in it's old life had housed a cowshed. John Mack, a successful local entrepreneur, joined the club as Chairman, and he remains a committed supporter of the club to this day as Club President. In the summer of 2001, Doug Gray was appointed Manager, and the club began a period of upward momentum.

The team achieved a Runners-up spot in their first season in the Gloucester County League, and were accepted into the Hellenic League. Hellenic Division One West was won by an eleven point margin in 2002/03. A creditable fourth place finish was achieved in the Hellenic Premier League in 2003/04. In a marvellous season the club also claimed the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the G.F.A. Challenge Trophy.

Arrival Of Floodlights

Floodlights arrived at the ground in the summer of 2003. A pre-season visit from Conference side Forest Green Rovers on 22nd July, produced a then ground record attendance of 427 to witness the inaugural game under lights at Wisloe Road.

A few weeks later on Sunday 24th August, that ground attendance record was beaten at a Bank Holiday Hellenic Premier Division fixture that was part of the 2003/04 annual 'Ground Hop' weekend. Local rivals Shortwood United provided the opposition in front of a crowd of 525.

Season 2004/05 again saw a fourth place finish in the Hellenic Premier. The club also made their first appearance in the F.A. Vase, which resulted in a run to the third round proper before a 2-1 extra time defeat at Western League side Backwell United. In February 2005, Gray stood down after nearly four seasons at the helm of the club.

The club started season 2005/06 under newly appointed Manager Doug Foxwell. A first entry into the F.A. Cup saw a visit from Wessex League side Wimborne Town. A 1-0 defeat did not dampen the sense of occasion on the first day of the season. A second successful run in the F.A. Vase came to an end in the Third Round Proper, with a 3-1 defeat at South Midland Premier, Welwyn Garden City.

After a record-breaking 64 game season, the team achieved a fifth place finish in the Hellenic Premier, and the club also won the Hellenic 'Norman Matthews' Floodlit Cup and the GFA Challenge Trophy, both for the second time in three seasons.

Reserves Make Headway

The Club's Reserve side were also making progress - After two successive third place finishes in the Stroud and District League First Division, season 2005/06 saw them finally win the title and with it, promotion to the Gloucester Northern Senior League Division Two. This was the same League title that the first team won in season 1998/99 which proved the springboard for five successive first team promotions.

Rise To New Heights

Season 2006/07 proved to be the most successful in the Club's history to date, with both the First Team and Reserve side recording League and Cup doubles, with the added bonus of record-breaking F.A.Cup and Vase runs for the senior side.

The Club has gained a great local reputation both on and off the pitch for looking after players and developing them in their careers - Already some of those previously with the club in the last 2 seasons have moved to Conference South level to ply their trade.

It is a tribute to the committed and very talented team of coaches and managers in place at all levels of the club, that the future is very bright indeed for the Swans...



Lewis Adams

Lewis is in his third season with the club having progressed through our U/18s side. A very good goalkeeper who has a bright future ahead of him.

Joel White

Joel was recruited from Tuffley Rovers, a strong defender who will be looking to continue to impress at Thornhill Park in his second season.

Danny King

Danny is in his third season with us, a young player who can play in defence or attack, capable of scoring goals, has great potential. Former Gloucester City player.

Korey Pring

Korey has been a long term injury casualty but has now returned and is looking as sharp as ever, a good header of the ball, important squad member.

Christien Turner

A strong lad with a good head, reads the game well, a popular figure here at Thornhill Park now in his third season with the club.

Myron Turner

A popular lad here at Thornhill Park, in his third full season having previously played for Longlevens FC.

Dean Turner

Club Captain who needs no introduction here at Thornhill Park, long time servant of the club in his eleventh season having played nearly 300 games for the club.

Ethan Dunbar

Another young player who caught the manager's eye in our U/18s, Ethan has plenty of pace and will further strengthen our attack.

Jamie Martin

Another popular figure here at Thornhill Park, a very loyal player who has improved with age, Jamie is a regular goal scorer and another long term servant of the club scoring 79 goals in his 330 appearances.

Leighton Tuodolo

Young striker who has impressed in pre-season, plenty of pace, looks an exciting prospect.

Owen Giles

Young defender who is a good prospect for the future after having a great season last year in the Under 18 development side and promoted to the first team this year.

Will Hawes

Will has a very good eye for goal and is a very skilful player, he will be looking to notch plenty more for the Swans this season. Missed much of last season due to injury and a spell of traveling overseas.

Ben Deakin

Recently signed from Brimscombe & Thrupp after an impressive preseason.

Nick Humphreys

Experienced player who has signed from Yate Town, can play anywhere across the back but also comfortable in mid-field.

Joe Stokes Former Forest Green midfielder returns to Thornhill Park for a second spell, good passer of the ball and capable of scoring important goals.

Jack Twyman

Another player returning to Thornhill Park this season after two years away at Yate Town. Another player with over 200 appearances for the club, very popular lad who will bring an additional attacking presence to the midfield.

Johan Flo

Talented young lad with a good pedigree, looking to step up to the Southern League having previously played at Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Nick Tilling

Another new young recruit who showed great promise during preseason.

Ben Pricor

Defender with much experience at Southern and Hellenic League level, played a handful of games for Slimbridge in 2016-2017.

Jay Malshanskyj

Young striker with a good future previously played for Yate, Cirencester and Weston Supermare.

Edjija Mbunga

Rejoined the club from a spell at Highworth Town last season, pacey striker who is a handful in the penalty area.

Micheal Ford

Had a good season last year, can play in defence or midfield. Recently returned from a spell playing and coaching in Iceland.

Ellis Parker

Young reserve team keeper currently studying at Hartpury, previously with Chippenham Youth setup.



FIXTURES/RESULTS/SCORERS~~ SEASON 2020-2119-20

08/09	CHRISTCHURCH	RCC SF	A	0-0	(Won 5-3 on pens)	99
12/09	BEMERTON H HARLEQUINS	FAC P	A	1-0	Green	101
19/09	EVESHAM UNITED	PIS-1S	A	3-0	Herbert Mason (D) Green b	252
22/09	FAIRFORD TOWN	FAC 1Q	A	2-1	Mason (D) Watts	151
26/09	SLIMBRIDGE	PIS-1S	H			
29/09	HIGHWORTH TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
03/10	SALTASH UNITED	FAC 2Q	A			
06/10	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
10/10	CIRENCESTER TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
17/10	WANTAGE TOWN	FAT 1Q	H			
20/10	LYMINGTON TOWN	RCC F	H			
24/10	MONEYFIELDS	PIS-1S	H			
27/10	FROME TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
07/11	WILLAND ROVERS	PIS-1S	H			
10/11	MANGOTSFIELD TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
14/11	BARNSTAPLE TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
21/11	MELKSHAM TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
28/11	SLIMBRIDGE	PIS-1S	A			
05/12	PAULTON ROVERS	PIS-1S	H			
12/12	CINDERFORD TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
19/12	LARKHALL ATHLETIC	PIS-1S	A			
26/12	AFC TOTTON	PIS-1S	H			
02/01	THATCHAM TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
09/01	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
16/01	BRISTOL MANOR FARM	PIS-1S	A			
23/01	BIDEFORD	PIS-1S	H			
30/01	FROME TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
06/02	WINCHESTER CITY	PIS-1S	H			
13/02	WILLAND ROVERS	PIS-1S	A			
20/02						
27/02	MELKSHAM TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
06/03	BARNSTAPLE TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
13/03	PAULTON ROVERS	PIS-1S	A			
20/03	MONEYFIELDS	PIS-1S	A			
27/03	CIRENCESTER TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
03/04	BRISTOL MANOR FARM	PIS-1S	H			
05/04	AFC TOTTON	PIS-1S	A			
10/04	EVESHAM UNITED	PIS-1S	H			
17/04	MANGOTSFIELD UNITED	PIS-1S	A			
24/04	LARKHALL ATHLETIC	PIS-1S	H			
01/05	CINDERFORD TOWN	PIS-1S	A			
03/05	THATCHAM TOWN	PIS-1S	H			
08/05	HIGHWORTH TOWN	PIS-1S	A			

Sholing Football Club History

The Boatmen have a long but fragmented history, running teams from the Woolston Works as early as 1884, when they are recorded as being refused permission by the Hants & Dorset FA to introduce fresh players as substitutes at half-time.

In March 1887 they were finalists in the first Portsmouth Challenge Cup, beaten 1-0 by Portsmouth Association Club. The Club were only beaten twice in 16 games that year (goal tally 72-6) and won the last Hants & Dorset Challenge Cup before these Associations split.

Woolston Works won the first ever Hampshire Senior Cup Final in 1888, beating Winchester 2-0. There was some controversy that year concerning Woolstons professional attitude, which was infamously referred to as "Kesson's Boots". Andover were beaten in an earlier round by Woolston, in which a Glasgow - based player called J. Kesson played a prominent part.

Andover protested that Kesson should be disqualified on the grounds of residency - although he had played for Woolston Works earlier that season, he had since moved back to Glasgow. Woolstons appeal rested on the fact that Kesson had left a number of clothing items at his lodgings in Woolston, and this should be interpreted as his intention to return. The Hampshire FA upheld the appeal and allowed Kesson to play.

Re-forming after World War 1 as Thornycrofts (Woolston), they turned professional and were admitted into the Hampshire County League from 1920/21 to 1925/26. In 1920/21 Thornycrofts reached the FA Cup First Round proper, meeting first Division Burnley at Fratton Park, and held them to a 0-0 draw, before losing 5-0 in the replay. Burnley were in the middle of a 30 game unbeaten run and went on to win the first Division Championship.

Thornycrofts Woolston re-formed in 1947 but were only able to keep going until 1952. The Club were re-formed as Vosper Thornycroft FC in 1960 and joined the Southampton Junior League. After several successful years, Vospers were promoted to the Hampshire League Division 3 in 1991. The following season they were promoted to Division 2. 1997/98 saw Vospers as Hampshire Division 2 Runners-up and also Hampshire Intermediate Cup Winners.

In **2001/02** Vospers won the Southampton Senior Cup.

2002/03 Vospers were re-named as VT FC (after the parent company), and saw the Club as Runners-up in the Southampton Senior Cup.

2003/4 saw VT as Hampshire Premier League Champions, Southampton Senior Cup Winners and promotion to the Sydenhams Wessex League Division 1.

2005/06 VT Reserves won the Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's Stadium which gave the club their 3rd victory in 5 years.

2006/07 was a great season for the club. The first team finished in third place and the reserves finished runners-up in Combination 1 and they also won the Southampton Senior Cup again. The Club's 4th victory in 6 years.

2007/2008 The 1st team were Runners-up to Totton in the Premier League and the Reserves won 3 out of 4 trophies. They are the Sydenhams (Wessex) Combination 1 League Champions, the Southampton Senior Cup Champions (for the third consecutive year) and the Sydenhams (Wessex) Combination Cup Champions. They missed out on the Hampshire Intermediate Cup by losing to Nursling in the semi-final which was the ONLY defeat they suffered all season. An achievement to be proud of.

2008/09 was equally a very successful season with the first team again Runners-up in the Wessex Premier, this time to Poole Town. They were Wessex League Cup Winners with a close 2-1 victory over Hamworthy United. Runners-up in the Hampshire Senior Cup with a narrow 1-0 defeat against Fleet Town. Reserves again won Wessex Combination 1 and the U18 Youth team made a clean sweep winning four trophies i.e The League, The League Cup, The Hampshire FA Youth Cup and the Echo Floodlit Cup....what a great season.

2009/10 In our very first season in the Zamaretto Southern League we finished a creditable 4th (play-off position) in the South & West Division and finished Runners-up in the Red Insure League Cup after going so close and finally losing on penalties to Cambridge City. The Reserves regained the Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's defeating Team Solent 2-0....the sixth time in the last ten years the Club has won it.

The Club changed their name in July 2010 to **Sholing FC** after the parent company VT Group were no longer in existence.

2010/11 In only their second season in the Southern League South & West, the 1st team reached an incredible 2nd place, only 2 points behind AFC Totton. Also Hampshire Senior Cup Finalists at St Marys losing 3-1 to AFC Totton. The Reserves gained an incredible Double by winning the Wessex Combination League and League Cup in its Final year.

2011/12 For the third season on the trot we once again reached the playoffs only to fall at the first hurdle by a 1-0 away defeat by Gosport. The reserves copied last year's achievement by winning the League and League Cup in the newly formed Wyvern League.

2012/13 Despite being bottom of the league just before Christmas, the first team went on an incredible run in the second half of the season and finished 7th in the Southern League South & West. The Reserves once again won the Wyvern League, this time going unbeaten the whole season.

The club made the difficult decision to voluntarily drop out of the Southern League South & West (step 4) and into the Wessex League Premier (step 5). With the focus of the club turning to developing the Silverlake Arena, we didn't want

to financially extend ourselves and sink into debt.

2013/14 Back in the Wessex League Premier Division saw the club playing lots of old local rivals and the first team got off to a storming start to the season and it wasn't to be until February when we were first defeated. However, due to terrible weather & cup commitments, the club barely played in January & February, meaning a huge backlog of fixtures in the final weeks of the season. Despite having to play 20 games in 30 days, including NINE successive away games, Sholing won the League with 104 points and a goal difference of +105.

The Reserves made it a hat-trick of Wyvern League titles in the most thrilling way, scoring a goal in injury time in the last game of the season, to deny Portchester the title. They also won the Southampton Senior Cup at St Mary's.



Of course, the **FA Vase win** will be what most people will remember from this season, the greatest honour in the club's history. Back in October as we faced Winchester in the 1st round, no one was dreaming of Wembley, but as the rounds were ticked off, we started to get the feeling that this would be our year. So on the 10th May 2014 at the home of football, Wembley Stadium, backed by over 3,000 fans, Marvin Mclean scored the only goal and Byron Mason & Dave Diaper lifted the Vase. In a whirlwind of activity that followed, the team paraded the FA Vase in front of the Southampton FC fans at St Mary's, were given an official reception by the Mayor of Southampton and appeared on both local TV stations.

After 15 years in charge of the first team, Dave Diaper handed over the reins to Dave Fear & Mick Marsh, in order to concentrate on the Ground redevelopment (for which the club has kindly received backing and grants from Sport England & the FA to build a new clubhouse and 3G pitch). We also said a fond goodbye to players Marc Diaper, Tyrone Bowers & Lee Bright, who all decided to "retire at the top" after Wembley.

2014/15 Club was granted promotion back into the Southern League South & West division. After 21 matches in charge Mick Marsh & Dave Fear stepped down from their managerial role leaving Chairman Dave Diaper to step back into the fray alongside Stuart Hussey. Sholing finished in 17th position having been in that position for 32 weeks. Sholing reached the semi-final Russell-Cotes cup and the final of the Hampshire Senior Cup losing out 3-0 to Gosport Borough at Fratton Park. Ground grading issues saw Sholing relegated back to the Wessex League.

The Reserves much like the 1st team had a change of management part way through the season with Martin Tongs stepping up from U18's to take charge. The Wyvern title eluded them this season losing out to AFC Portchester and had to settle for runners up and the two cup competitions saw them runners up again to Petersfield Town in the League Cup but were successful in the John Stimpson Memorial Shield beating AFC Totton.

2015/16 Following a ground grading issue Sholing returned back to the Sydenhams Wessex League. Sholing welcomed Darren Burdle into the coaching staff. A remarkable season for Sholing as ten players from within the under 18 ranks made their first team appearances something that has never happened before. Cup disappointments meant the season was all about the League and Sholing finished the season Runners Up to Salisbury losing one home League game which was our first game against Moneyfields the only team to do the League double over us. Dan Mason was pipped by former Sholing striker Sam Wilson on the final day of the season to deny Dan being the League's leading scorer.

2016/17: Behind the scenes saw another change in management within the Development side with Iain Calder Steve Ross & Steve Blackburn taking over the reins. Finishing 4th in the League and reaching S/F of JSMS & ¼ Final of SDFA Sen Cup. Sholing FC were rocked in Dec 16 with the sudden death of Coach Darren Burdle aged 50. Sholing FC finished season 3rd with Dan Mason again being the leading marksman. Sholing completed a cup double winning the Sydenhams Wessex League Cup then 52 hrs later lifted the SDFA Senior Cup for the 9th time at St Mary's.

2017/18: The season like last season saw changes in management with Development manager Iain Calder stepping up to 1st team coach. Steve Blackburn & Curtis Osbourne along with Steve Ross took on the Development role and took the U18's to the 1st Round of the FA Youth Cup. Steve & Curtis left the club midseason with Patrick McGonigle and Steve Terry doubling up their roles with U18'S and Development with Steve Ross. The 1st team finished third in the Sydenhams Wessex League and failed to defend both trophies losing out in the semi-finals in both competitions. The Development side finished mid-table with many U18's stepping up to the Development side. The U18's won the HCYL League Cup and a number of the U18'S featured in 1st team games.

2018/19: Sholing won the Sydenhams Wessex League title with 8 games remaining of the season & promotion back to Bet Victor Southern League South a winning double was achieved beating Christchurch to win the Russell-Cotes Cup for the 1st time in their history. The Reserves finished runners-up in The Wyvern Combination League Premier Division with the U18's losing out on penalties to Moneyfields in HCYL League Cup Final.



Southern League South

Sholing
Red & White/Black/Black

v
Slimbridge
All Green

Manager Dave DIAPER

Manager Lee DRIVER-DICKERSON

Ryan GOSNEY (Lime Green)	1	Lewis ADAMS (Orange)
Terry(TJ) CUTHBERTSON	2	Ben DEAKIN
Marvin McLEAN	3	Nick HUMPHREYS
Prince (PJ) McLean	4	Myron TURNER
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By Sam Emery

FOOTBALL hangs in the balance following the latest tightening of restrictions by the government which could last for six months in an attempt to limit the rise of coronavirus cases. No sooner had the 2020-21 season kicked off at Steps 3 and 4 last weekend in front of limited crowds, did it look like it may be nearing its suspension.

The National League campaign had been scheduled to start on October 3 with the intention of fans being allowed back in grounds at Steps 1 and 2 but Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed on Tuesday (22nd) this would not be allowed to happen. It is believed the division will not start without fans. Four test events had been scheduled to take place involving National League clubs in front of 1,000 fans and three of the friendly fixtures went ahead on Tuesday.

Notts County against York City, scheduled for Saturday (26th), suspended ticket sales following the new restrictions pending further updates from the government and football authorities. This is an ever-changing scenario and at the time of writing it is impossible to say what will happen next. Local lockdowns in north England shows crowds in football grounds are on a knife edge.

At midnight last Thursday (17th), restrictions were introduced in the north-east aimed at halting the rise in coronavirus cases. Then, the next day, similar measures were announced for large parts of Lancashire while Yorkshire and the Midlands were also seeing restrictions. The responsibility lies with local authorities meaning there can be inconsistencies in different regions.

A joint-statement from the Northumberland FA and the Durham FA confirmed football below Step 6 in the Sunderland, Gateshead and South Tyneside areas is not allowed, but said clubs at Step 6 and above can play on for now although there is a possibility the 30 per cent capacities could be reduced back to 15 per cent. As part of the measures, people are “advised not to attend amateur or semi-professional sporting events as a spectator”, which has only added to a confusing picture.

Where the latest restrictions leaves football remains to be seen but never has it been more important for clubs and particularly fans from Step 3 and below to follow the rules and protocols in order to keep stadiums open. Fans must cooperate with social distancing at games – clubs do not have the finance to deploy an army of stewards to make sure they are doing so at all times during games.

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BIDEFORD AFC	The Sports Ground, Kingsley Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 2NG Tel: - 01237-474974 156 Miles
BASINGSTOKE TOWN	The Simplyhealth Denplan Ground, Hillier Way Abbots Barton, SO23 7SR Tel: - 21 Miles
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Fleet Town 4-4 Whitchurch United (4-3 on pens)
Fleet Spurs 2-0 Solent University
Fareham Town 3-3 United Services Portsmouth (4-3 on pens)
 Totton & Eling 0-3 **Andover New Street**
 Romsey Town 1-5 **Bashley**
 Christchurch 2-2 **Royal Navy FA** (3-4 on pens)
Newport (IOW) 2-2. Bournemouth (Sat) (7-6 on pens)
 Brockenhurst 1-2 **Petersfield Town**
Lymington Town 1-0 Alresford Town
Hythe & Dibden 4-2 Eversley & California
Folland Sports 3-3 Andover Town (4-3 on pens)
 Fawley AFC 0-3 **Cowes Sports**
 Cove 1-2 **Horndean**
 Hamble Club 2-2 **East Cowes Victoria Athletic** (3-4 on pens)

2nd Round

AFC Totton 4-1. AFC Portchester
AFC Bournemouth 8-0 Basingstoke Town
Eastleigh 3-0. Fleet Spurs
 Cowes Sports 2-4 **Petersfield Town**
Farnborough 2-1 Blackfield & Langley
Andover New Street 4-1. Horndean
Havant & Waterlooville 5-0 Portsmouth
 Hythe & Dibden 3-8 **Winchester City**
Southampton 3-0 Royal Navy FA
 Baffins Milton Rovers 0-2. **Lymington Town**
Gosport Borough 6-2. East Cowes Victoria Athletic
Hartley Wintney 5-1. Fareham Town
Moneyfields 4-3 Aldershot Town
 Newport (IOW) 0-6. **Sholing**
 Fleet Town 2-4. **AFC Stoneham**
Bashley 4-1. Folland Sports

Russell-Cotes Cup 1st Round

Hamble Club 4-1 Totton & Eling
Horndean 5-0 Infinity FC
Fareham Town 4-2 Romsey Town
 Andover New Street 1-6 **Brockenhurst**
 Eversley & California 0-1 **Bemerton Heath Harlequins**
 Folland Sports 0-3 **AFC Stoneham**
 Moneyfields 1-2 **Fawley AFC**
Petersfield Town 3-2 Andover Town
AFC Totton 3-1 Fleetlands
Alton 2-2 Bush Hill (Alton win 5-4 on pens)
Hythe & Dibden 3-2 Stockbridge
 Ringwood Town 2-3 **Fleet Town**
AFC Portchester 5-0 Overton United
 New Milton Town 0-1 **Lymington**



Byes:- Christchurch & Sholing

3rd Round

Eastleigh 1-0 Petersfield Town
Andover New Street 2-1 Lymington Town
 Hartley Wintney 3-4 **Bashley**
 AFC Stoneham v1-1 **Sholing** (5-4 on pens)
 AFC Totton 1-4 **Southampton**
 Winchester City 0-1 **Moneyfields**
AFC Bournemouth 3-2 Farnborough
 Gosport Borough 0-3 **Havant & Waterlooville**

1/4 Finals

Sholing 0-4 **AFC Bournemouth**
 Andover New Street 1-3 **Moneyfields**
 Bashley 1-3 **Eastleigh**
Southampton 3-1 Havant & Waterlooville

Semi-Finals

AFC Bournemouth v Moneyfields
 Eastleigh v Southampton

2nd Round

Brockenhurst 4-1 Hythe & Dibden
Alton 3-0 AFC Stoneham
 Fleet Town 0-2 **Bemerton Heath Harlequins**

Hamble Club 1-4 **Lymington Town**

Christchurch 4-1 Fawley AFC

Sholing 6-0 Horndean

AFC Totton 2-1 Petersfield Town

AFC Portchester 1A1 1-1 **Fareham Town**

(Fareham win 2-4 on pens)

3rd Round

Alton 2-1 Fareham Town

Sholing v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Christchurch 4-0 Brockenhurst

AFC Totton 0-2 **Lymington Town**

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Christchurch 0-1 **Sholing**

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