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# FROM THE CHAIR

*Welcome to the PSD Vehicle Rental Stadium at Ruskin Drive for today's football, and especially to our visitors Upton JFC, from Chester.*

We have already played this season's away fixture at Upton: an action-packed 3-3 draw on a beautiful sunny evening last August. With a long autumn, winter and early spring having passed since then, it feels like a very long time ago.

Tuesday's trip to Congleton Town (Reserves) was a treat. Plainly, we're pleased because we won the game, but there was more to enjoy than the result.

Midweek games often mean that some players aren't available due to work commitments, and that was the case this time. Everyone brought into the squad played their part, demonstrating our strength in depth. There were plenty of individual highlights (good goals from Ben Noonan and Ethan Wetton, and a penalty save from Lewis Jenkinson, among others), but the teamwork and energy stood out most of all. The lads represented Town and the town terrifically.

Congleton Town as a club were very good hosts, friendly and hospitable. It was a treat to visit their historic Booth Street ground (currently named the 'Cleric Stadium'), long an important part of the North West Counties League scene and now gracing the Northern Premier League West. With covered areas on all four sides, including a proper main stand, all set into a gentle hillside in a housing estate, it is very characterful. I especially liked the black and white photos of Congleton teams and fans from decades gone by, on display in the clubhouse – there are few things in life that can't be improved with a flat cap and a football rattle.

Especial thanks to club stalwart Paul Webster, who personally produces programmes for their Reserve team home matches. He sought out the travelling

Town supporters and generously handed out copies for free, ultimately accepting a donation to the club. As a member of the Keepers' Union, I was moved to find it included a 'Golden Moments In Goalkeeping, with Cool Hands Travis' cartoon strip featuring an intrepid knight-errant in gloves, who caught a baby dropped from a burning building...and punted it into the middle distance. Jenko has been warned!

All the best for a good afternoon of football, and **Come on the Town!**

*Ste Lingard*



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# A WORD WITH THE MANAGER



Peo & Seddo

*Myself and the club would like to welcome everyone from Upton JFC to Ruskin Drive this afternoon. No matter what the score is, we hope you'll join us after the game for refreshments in The Wicket bar.*

Writing these notes the morning after the Congleton game and after the fantastic performance away at Winsford to the lack lustre and huff and puff of the home game against Knutsford, we turned up and produced one of the most battling performances of the season, every single one of the 15 lads named contributed to that performance and victory, special mention to Luke Diggle and Alex Petterson who both acted so mature and supportive with everything that went. It's not easy when games are like that.

Once again Jenko proved what an incredible signing he has been, (considering it was a drunken promise over lots of beer one Christmas) that convo will forever be between him and myself but think we have both lived up to it lol.

As we go into the last 8 games we find ourselves pretty much with it all to play for and all in our own hands, and that's exactly what we planned for behind the scenes. Onto Upton today's opponents who gave us a real insight into this division early on in the season at their place and the fact that every game is a tough one, so we know to expect another battle.

As always thank you for your continued support, we definitely need it these next games as we look to achieve the aims we set out. X

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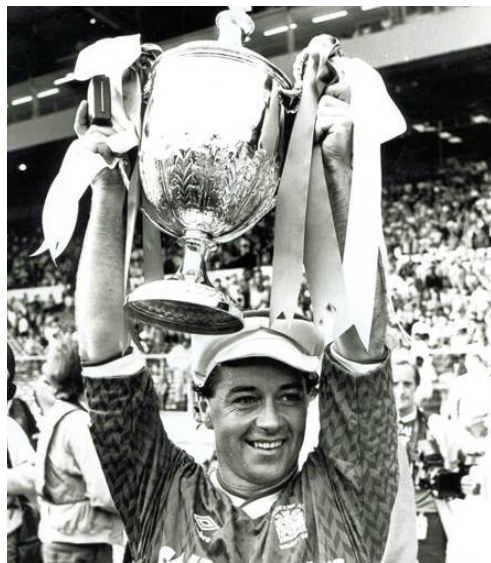
# A BRIEF HISTORY OF TOWN

The original St. Helens Town club was formed in 1901 and played at Park Road, behind the Primrose Vaults public house. Although it was known as the Primrose Ground, the players changed further down Park Road at the Black Horse pub. Playing in the Lancashire League and Lancashire Combination, the team enjoyed some early success, but struggled after the Great War and appears to have folded midway through the 1928/29 season.

The club was re-formed by George Fryer and a group of local businessmen in 1946. They took over a lease of the former cricket ground at Hoghton Road, Sutton, adjacent to the St. Helens Junction railway station and, although it entered in the FA Cup in the 1946/47 season, a team could not be raised in time to fulfil its tie with Prescot Cables.

Friendly games were played, then local team Derbyshire Hill Rovers were taken over in April 1947, those players forming the nucleus of the team which entered the Liverpool County Combination at the start of the 1947/48 season. St. Helens Town soon began to prosper and early results included a sensational 10-4 win over Everton "A" on 6th December 1947. Former German prisoner-of-war Bert Trautmann joined the club in the Summer of 1948, the strapping goalkeeper helping the team to win its first trophy, the George Mahon Cup, which was secured with a 2-1 win over Runcorn at Prescot on 7th May 1949. Crowds averaged over 2000 that season, peaking with a league record attendance of 3012 against Burscough in October 1948.

The following season, 1949/50, Town entered the Lancashire Combination and, despite losing Trautmann to Manchester City in October 1949, they won the Second Division title in some style the



following season, three players, Albert Leadbetter (36), Harry McCann (32) and Terry Garner (31) all netting over 30 goals apiece. An all-time club record attendance of "between 8000 and 9000" witnessed a friendly game against Manchester City, arranged as part of the Trautmann transfer deal, in April 1950 and another 4000 witnessed a second match with City the following season.

Although relegated by a slender margin from the First Division in 1951/52, the club continued to look forward, even contemplating Football League status and, in order to further its ambitions, moved to the former St. Helens Recs. rugby league ground at City Road. Initial crowds were encouraging but, despite success, the club decided to move back to Hoghton Road in October 1953, where they remained until April 2000.

Town produced a number of fine players who joined Football League clubs, including Bill Foulkes (Manchester United), John Quinn (Sheffield Wednesday) and John Connelly who joined Burnley, later transferring to Manchester United and who played in the England 1966 World Cup winning squad. More recently, Dave Bamber scored goals in all four divisions of the league with a host of different clubs, starting and ending

his league career at Blackpool and in more recent times, Karl Ledsham, who had a productive career at conference level with Southport, Lincoln City, Barrow and Stockport County before moving to the USA.

Following a second relegation in 1956, St. Helens Town continued to play in the Lancashire Combination, winning the Championship in 1971/72, by nine points ahead of Accrington Stanley.

However, the formation of the Northern Premier League in 1968 led to a gradual drain of stronger clubs from the Combination and St. Helens joined the Cheshire League in 1975, becoming founder members of the North West Counties League seven years later. They held the proud record of being the only club



to play in the NW Counties' top flight every season until they were relegated in April 2015, conceding an injury-time equaliser to Silsden in the last game of the season, a match they had to win to stay up.

Town enjoyed a golden era in the late 1980s, just missing out on an appearance in the First Round proper of the FA Cup in 1985/86, losing to Morecambe in a Fourth Qualifying Round Replay, but they obtained ample compensation by winning the FA Vase at Wembley in 1987, beating near neighbours Warrington Town 3-2, with two goals from Phil Layhe and one from Brian Rigby.

They were regular promotion candidates for many years, largely due to the scoring exploits of Steve "Pellet" Pennington, who grabbed 216 goals in 351 games, his season's best hauls of 45 in 1993/94 and 46 in 1997/98 just failing to beat the club record of 47 scored by Phil Stainton in 1963/64. Former club captain Andy Gillespie won the NW Counties' golden boot with 34 goals in the 2015/16 season and netted another 24 times the following season.

Town moved from Hoghton Road in 2000 to ground share with St. Helens RFC, as part of the merger into the new Sporting Club St. Helens. Developing the new Saints stadium took years longer than anticipated, and when Knowsley Road closed in 2010 Town became nomads, plaig variously at Ashton Town, Ashton Athletic, Prescot Cables and Atherton Collieries. Town returned to St. Helens Borough in August 2017, playing on a 3G surface at Ruskin Drive, after St. Helens Council redeveloped the facilities.

The 2021-22 season saw Town in the NW CFL First Division North. It was a disastrous campaign, with only four wins and four draws from 36 league games. The club finished bottom of the table, 21 points adrift, and was relegated to the Liverpool County Premier League.

A consortium of Town fans bought the club from St. Helens RFC in Summer 2022. They took the decision to move it to the Cheshire League, believing it offered the most constructive environment in which to rebuild the club. It was a difficult decision, however, as it involved having to start at the bottom of that league system, a further two divisions down. The 2023/24 season was the club's first in Cheshire League Division 2. The following season Town finished 11 points clear having lost only one league game in the whole campaign, securing their first title for more than 50 years and promotion to Division 1.

The rebuild is ongoing.

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# CULTURE VULTURE

## WHEN SATURDAY COMES

Back in January, I got a message out of the blue from a chap called Paul Webster. He was after a copy of our matchday programme from the Congleton Reserves fixture. Naturally, I assumed he was a diehard Congleton Town F.C. supporter who'd heard we still produced printed programmes and fancied adding one to his collection. As a fellow middle-aged football geek, there was no chance I was ignoring that request.

As it turned out, things weren't quite so straightforward. "Congleton Town Reserves" is actually Congleton Vale Rovers in all but name. Paul, originally a fan of Liverpool South, now lives down Macclesfield way and has adopted Vale Rovers as his local side. They play under the Congleton Town banner these days... still with me?

Anyway, here's where it gets interesting. Paul doesn't just follow them—he produces a matchday programme for them as well. Properly does it. Writes it, pulls it together, gets it printed. At the game, we had a quick chat and he very generously handed us a copy for free.

Reading it genuinely took me back. Not just to old programmes, but to the heyday of football fanzines—those brilliant, rough-around-the-edges publications that captured the real voice of supporters. These fanzines weren't polished or corporate—they were raw, funny, opinionated, and completely authentic. They had that DIY charm, typed-up pages, dodgy photocopying, and jokes you wouldn't get anywhere else.

And that whole fanzine scene didn't just appear out of nowhere either. It really took off in the late 70s and

80s, mass unemployment, strikes, political turmoil (pretty much the same). Grounds falling apart, fans getting blamed for everything. The mainstream coverage didn't exactly help—if you picked up a paper back then, you'd think every supporter was public enemy number one. Fanzines stepped into that gap and basically said, "we'll tell our own story, thanks."

What started with scruffy, photocopied efforts soon grew into something much bigger. When Saturday Comes is probably the classic example—knocked together in 1986 and somehow ending up as a national magazine. But it wasn't just one or two. Clubs up and down the pyramid had their own. Proper local stuff, full of in-jokes, digs at rivals, and that sense that it belonged to the people reading it.

And the way they were made was half the charm. No fancy design teams or media departments—just typewriters, early word processors, and a dodgy photocopier that may or may not have been on its last legs. But that roughness is exactly what made them feel real. The people writing them weren't journalists, they were the same ones you'd be stood next to on the terrace. Which meant they could say what they wanted as well—ticket prices, dodgy owners, policing, the lot. No filter, no PR spin.

They also weren't afraid to stand up when it mattered. The 80s was a heavy time for football, and fanzines became a place where fans could challenge what they were being told and back each other. They weren't just a laugh (although they were that as well), they were part of something bigger—clubs, communities, and people sticking together.



Town fanzine from the early nineties. Proving the fanzine trend went down the pyramid.

Then the 90s rolled in, along came the Premier League, and suddenly football had a shiny new coat of paint and a Sky subscription. While the game went global and a bit more corporate, fanzines kept their feet on the ground. You had titles like Red Issue, King of the Kippax, Red All Over The Land and When Skies Are Grey becoming part of the matchday ritual—buy one on the way in, have a read at half time, and probably nod along (or argue with it) on the way home. They were still calling things out as well—ticket prices creeping up, soulless all-seater grounds, and that feeling that something of the old game was slipping away.

Then, of course, the internet turned up and changed everything again. A lot of fanzines moved online—blogs, forums, social media—the lot. Suddenly you could reach more people, quicker, and argue with strangers at 2am if you fancied it.

In a world now dominated by TikTok takes and YouTube thumbnails with someone pulling a shocked face, it's nice to know that somewhere, someone is still sat there putting together a programme the old way.

No algorithms. No sponsors breathing down your neck. Just football, a bit of humour, and a voice that actually sounds like a fan.

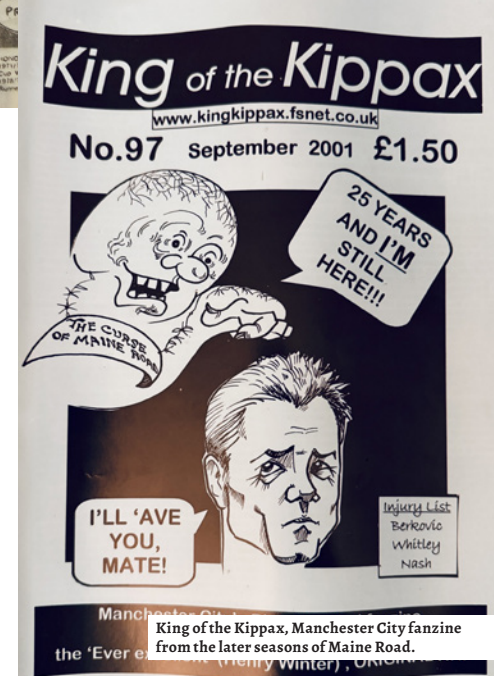
And sometimes, that's more than enough.

Enjoy the match, c'mon The Town and as ever, stay cultured.

Mike Bagshaw - Culture Vulture



Paul's Congleton Reserves programme from last Tuesday's fixture.



# MEET A MERT!

## LIAM DIGGLE

**Age:** 28 **Position:** Centre Midfield

**Supports:** Everton **From:** Liverpool

**Best Player of All Time?** Has to be Messi



**Favourite other sport?** I'm a fan of most sports... Rugby league, darts, cricket if I had to choose.

**Pre-match ritual?** Rush my a\*\*\* off from work most Saturdays to get to footy for kick off. 😊

**Which famous player would you compare your playing style to?** Playing centre forward - Rooney; centre mid - Lampard.

**Who have been your favourite teammates through the years?** I've had a few over the years to be fair, when I first joined we had **Andy Presho**, **Alex Hope-O'Connor** and **Carl Williams** - great lads, can't forget **Cliffy** (*Paul "The GOAT" Cliff - Ed.*) in that, boss character to have in the changies (*Fine incoming - Ed.*). In recent years, I can't not mention **Kenny Dixon** as someone I looked up to - proper footballing fella and set unbelievable standards for the rebuild of the club from a playing standard.

To name a few of the current playing squad would be a bit unfair as I can't name them all but to name one, I'd have to say **Cookie** great lad, always at the bar and brings some entertainment to the squad - but on the pitch in my opinion his work rate gets overlooked. He offers us a lot when he does play - centre forward is probably

Liam Diggle's Town Stats	
Appearances	149
Goals	78
Hat-Tricks	6
Debut	 16/12/2017 - vs Carlisle City (H)
First Goal	 16/12/2017 - vs Carlisle City (H)

the most difficult position on the pitch.

**Favourite position?** Was always centre forward, there's no better feeling than a player being the centre point of the team banging goals in. But in recent years I've really enjoyed dropping back into the midfield - ever since I roasted Oli Filson and scored 2 screamers I've not looked back 😊. So I'd say centre midfield does it for me now.

**Out of the many you've scored, what's your favourite goal for Town?** I've scored a few good ones but my favourite is quite a simple one, it has to be the penalty I scored at the Totally Wicked Stadium (*at time of writing, currently the Brewdog Stadium - they sure can pick 'em - Ed.*) the first year the club did festival of football. To score playing at the ground in front of that many people there was a great feeling on what was a great night for the club.

**What is your best experience playing for Town?** Playing at the Totally Wicked is up there on what was a brilliant occasion for the club to play for the first time there. But the best experience has to be the day we lifted the league trophy last

### THE DIGGLE DYNASTY

As well as the current Diggle brothers, dad Graham also had a stint playing in goal for Town, and Uncles John & Brian also played for Town back in the day. Records aren't clear, but it seems John scored 23 times for Town, including a four-goal haul in one game.

season - the first trophy the club had lifted in 38 years was some feeling! But to win it with your mates and the group of lads we've got is even better.

**What made you come back to Town after the relegation from the counties?** Gav Scott, he messaged me out the blue to meet up with him so he could bribe me to come down with free Clone Roses tickets - I declined the tickets but said "Why not? I'll come back down". The rest is history 😊.

**Has the experience of playing for Town changed over the years?** - The difference now compared to when I first started is worlds apart. What the current committee has created off the pitch is a great advertisement in where we want to get back to as a club. And what Peo has created as a playing squad is unbelievable. He's brought quality lads from all over together, to create a great squad that is capable of matching top, top teams on our day... Not forgetting the banter we have in the changies (*Double fine incoming - Ed.*) and off the pitch.

**Do you think the standard of the leagues (counties and Cheshire) has changed since you started playing?** This is the first time I've experienced playing in a feeder league for leagues like the counties, and genuinely the standard is a lot better at Cheshire League level than counties in my opinion although fitness plays a huge part - technically Cheshire league is better, fitness is what wins you games at counties level.

## ABOUT THE SQUAD

**Biggest moaner:** Oli Filson, he could have an argument in a phone box with no money that lad. Travelled to Congleton on a Tuesday night, got 60 minutes and still moaned.

**Worst dancer:** Old teammate this one - Kenny Dixon, I've seen more movement in a coat stand.

**Less cleverest:** Lew Bateman - can't understand a word that comes out of that lads mouth and he's always 10 years behind in conversations. 😊

**Worst tattoo:** Tay - 'grifters' on his a\*\*\* cheek he's got. Shocking tattoo!

**Worst dressed:** Gibbo or Ben Noonan - them baggy trackie bottoms are shocking, they would even look big on Peo.

**Worst haircut:** Lee O'Connor - holding onto the last strands of hair by using powder that makes it look like he's got more hair.. Ben Noonan is up there too, a mullet is bad enough but a permed mullet is criminal.

**Tightest:** Lew Bateman - he asked me for the money back for a train ticket he bought for me the other week going into town... it was £3.

**Least like to be stuck in a lift with:** Foz - he would chew my ear off about what he had for breakfast or how well he played in a game 3 years ago.

**Laziest:** Jenko stands there all game doing nothing.



(L-R) Liam, Graham & Luke Diggle with the Cheahire Div 2 Champions Trophy



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# TOWN IN ACTION

St Helens Town AFC 0 - 0 Knutsford FC - March 14th

Photos by Mary Castrogiovanni



The Knutsford 'keeper alert at the near post



Jake Sant



Chris Foster



Ethan Wetton



Player of The Match Lewis Jenkinson

*Town had a frustrating afternoon in a tough battle against Knutsford FC in Town's first 0-0 scoreline since 2019!*

The experienced Knutsford team would prove difficult to break down time and again and the form of their excellent keeper Dominic Smith was a major factor in keeping Town at bay. Town dominated possession for large swathes of this game but could not break the visitors down.

Ethan Wetton struck the crossbar twice in the first half and both times Smith had got a hand to it.

The second half went much the same with Town trying manfully to break down the stubborn visitors defence but without any luck. On seventy five minutes it looked as though Town may break the deadlock when Liam Diggle was put clear but again Smith pulled off a tremendous save.

He would also deny Marc Gibson and Taylor Prescott as the game wore on and this galvanised Knutsford who would have two counterattacking opportunities themselves requiring the home number one Lewis Jenkinson to make two fine saves that would earn him the St. Helens Borough Food Pantry player of the match award as the points were shared.



Charlie Simpson

# ST HELENS TOWN AFC U23s

St Helens Town AFC U23s 5 - 3 Styal Reserves - March 14th

Photos by Mary Castrogiovanni



Not got a clue what's going on with Makol and Pogs here TBH



Paddy Dunne



Ole Croxton

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### Cheshire Reserve League 2

21/03	12:15	U23s v Haydock Res.	Ruskin Drive
28/03	14:00	Styal Res. v U23s	Altrincham Rd, SK9 4JE
11/04	14:00	Winstanley Warriors v U23s	Little Lane, WN3 6PZ
25/04	12:15	U23s v Winstanley Warriors	Ruskin Drive

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>1</b>	<b>St Helens Town U23s</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>
2	Winsford Town Res.	17	8	6	3	46	37	9	30
3	Styal Res.	14	9	1	4	55	33	22	28
4	Warrington Rylands Dev. Res.	15	9	1	5	57	43	14	28
5	Winstanley Warriors Res.	14	8	2	4	38	28	10	26
6	Golborne Sports Dev.	14	4	2	8	28	31	-3	14
7	Egerton FC Res.	15	4	2	9	35	52	-17	14
8	Haydock Res.	11	3	3	5	26	30	-4	12
9	Moore United Dev.	16	2	3	11	23	62	-39	9
10	Newton-Le-Willows Res.	12	1	4	7	29	41	-12	7

# ST HELENS TOWN AFC U18s

Photos by Mary Castrogiovanni



## NEXT FIXTURE

Sunday 29th March

14:15 St Helens Town AFC U18s v Stalybridge Celtic  
Ruskin Drive, St Helens, WA10 6RP

		P	W	D	L	Pts
<b>1</b>	Abbey Hey	13	9	3	1	30
<b>2</b>	Chorley	14	9	1	4	28
<b>3</b>	Atherton Collieries	14	7	5	2	26
<b>4</b>	Pilkington	12	8	1	3	25
<b>5</b>	Stalybridge Celtic	16	7	3	6	24
<b>6</b>	Nantwich Town	11	6	2	3	20
<b>7</b>	Clitheroe	13	5	3	5	18
<b>8</b>	Altrincham Youth	12	5	0	7	15
<b>9</b>	<b>St Helens Town</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>10</b>	CMB	13	2	3	8	9
<b>11</b>	Cheadle Town	15	2	0	13	6

*In a perfect world, a life-saving defibrillator will hang up on the wall on every sports club or facility in the world and simply gather dust.*

Sadly, though, there are occasions when these remarkable bits of kit are brought into use – and they might just save a life!

Take last weekend for example when The NLP became aware of three separate medical emergencies, including one where the life of an assistant referee was saved by a hero team captain

Martin Weedon, 73, - an official of more than 40 years - was running the line for Desborough Town's Spartan South Midlands League Division One Cup semi-final against Belstone when he twice collapsed during the early stages of the game.

The match was immediately abandoned while Mr Weedon was treated on the pitch by Belstone captain Mitchell Swain – a firefighter by day – and the two team physios, Desborough's Carl Mallett and Alan Dunphy, of Belstone.

The heroic trio deployed the defibrillator kept at the ground to restart his heart and bring him back to life before Mr Weedon was rushed from Desborough's VPK Stadium to Kettering General Hospital, less than five miles away, to undergo treatment.

"If Desborough hadn't had a defibrillator, Martin would have died 100%." Mr Weedon's son-in-law Andy Hobbs told BBC Sport after learning of the incident from Desborough manager Neil Healey.

"It's so important that sports venues of all sizes have them because they save lives."

"Neil called me to say Martin had collapsed and had stopped breathing and they were going to use a defibrillator on him.

"Apparently he collapsed once but tried to carry on. One of the players from the opposing team was worried and told the referee he didn't like the look of him and within a few seconds, he had fallen again.

"I believe their captain is medically trained and he and the others did an amazing job, they followed the right procedures."

Sadly, Desborough wasn't the only place to be thrown into an emergency situation last Saturday. Coventry United also revealed on Sunday that their chairman Raymond Nowack collapsed suddenly after their home United Counties League match with Northampton ON Chenecks.

A statement read: "Thanks to the incredible work of our staff, especially our physio Lucy Stead, as well as assistance from manager Terry Anderson, Serena from the Butts Park Arena, the Northampton physio and assistant referee Kieron Large, plus the speedy response of the ambulance crew, Ray received immediate treatment and was swiftly taken to hospital. He has since been released and is now resting at home."

And there was a further incident nearby, at Midland League Division Three side Leamington Hibernian, where the club revealed that an unnamed player had suffered a "heart attack" during their game with AFC Balsall.

The Step 8 club said on X: "It is in times like this that put things into perspective and shows the togetherness of the football family in coming together to help and support each other."

The events of Desborough last weekend are certainly testament to that.

While it is unclear what medical procedures were deployed on the patients at Coventry and Leamington, it only serves as a fitting reminder, if one was ever needed, of the importance of installing a defibrillator at your local club's facility as a matter of priority and urgency.

In his NLP column last April, Francis Duku, a former Non-League defender and founder of the Sports Circle - a movement that aims to make communities healthier using the medium of sports & exercise - told how there are more than 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the UK every year - with a survival rate of less than one in ten.

The Sports Circle are successfully working alongside the JE3 Foundation, set up to honour the legacy of former professional footballer and National League winning manager Justin Edinburgh, who went into cardiac arrest at his local gym in June 2019 and passed away five days later.

Founder of the JE3 Foundation, Edinburgh's son Charlie, is leading calls for legislative change on the installation of Automated External Defibrillators within health and sports facilities, while raising awareness of cardiac arrest, delivering CPR training and empowering every person to act fast, with the right skills and access to life-saving resources.

"Early CPR and defibrillation can significantly improve survival chances," Duku said.

"If something happened near you at a game or just in the street, would you know what to do?"

"Through the JE3 Foundation, Justin's legacy shines brightly."

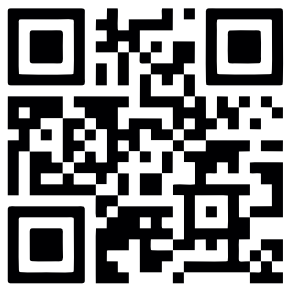
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Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Who Succeeded Fabio Capello as England manager?
2. Which North West Counties League clubs ground is back to back with Wren Rovers FC?
3. Who was top scorer at Euro 88?
4. Which Northern Ireland club play at the National Stadium (Windsor Park)
5. Who won the Champions League in 2009?
6. Who did Chelsea sign goalkeeper Robert Sanchez from?
7. Which Manchester club play at Broadhurst Park?
8. Who scored Manchester City's goal v Real Madrid on Tuesday night?
9. Which country are Newells Old Boys from?
10. Which Cheshire League 1 club have already completed their fixtures.



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- 1949 George Mahon Trophy Winners
- 1951 Lancashire Comb Division 2 Champions
- 1972 Lancashire Combination Champions
- 1973 Bass Charrington Cup Winners
- 1974 Watson Trophy Winners
- 1978 St Helens Hospital Cup Winners
- 1979 St Helens Combination Div 1 Runners Up
- 1979 St Helens Hospital Cup Runners Up
- 1980 St Helens Combination Div 1 Champions
- 1985 NWCFL Reserve Division 2 Runners Up
- 1986 NWCFL Reserve Division 1 Runners Up
- 1987 FA Vase Winners (Wembley)
- 1994 League Challenge Cup Finalists
- 1994 NWCFL Reserve Division Runners Up
- 1995 NWCFL Reserve Division Champions
- 1996 NWCFL Reserve Division Runners Up
- 1998 Floodlit Trophy Finalists
- 1999 REALCO Fair Play Award Winners
- 2009 Bert Trautmann Trophy Winners
- 2014-15 South Lincs League U17s Cup Finalists
- 2014-15 Cheshire FA U21 League Champions
- 2015-16 Cheshire FA U21 Premier Cup Finalists
- 2016-17 Cheshire FA U21 League Cup Finalists
- 2016-17 Cheshire FA U21 Premier Div Runners Up
- 2017-18 NWYA U18s President's Cup Winners
- 2020-21 NWYA U18s President's Cup Winners
- 2024-25 Cheshire Division 2 Champions

### Record Attendances:

- 9000 at Prescott Cables v Runcorn (1949)
- 8000 at Hoghton Road v Man City (1950)
- 3012 at Hoghton Road v Burscough (1948)
- 2096 at Langtree Park v Wigan Town (2023)
- 1723 at Knowsley Road v FC United of Man (2006)

### Programme Awards:

- NWCFL Programme of the Year  
1993-94, 1995-96, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01
- NWCFL Premier Division  
2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15
- NWCFL First Division / First Division North  
2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- Wirral Programme Club National Survey  
NWCFL Programme of the Year  
1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99
- Programme Monthly  
NWCFL Programme of the Year 2007-08
- Soccer Club Swap Shop  
National Programme Awards  
2010-11 28th, 2011-12 8th,  
2012-13 7th, 2013-14 8th,  
2014-15 5th, 2015-16 8th,  
2016-17 2nd, 2017-18 5th,  
2018-19 6th, 2019-20 5th
- M60 Programmes  
NWCFL Division One North  
Programme of the Year 2019-20

### St Helens Town AFC - Player Records 1946-2021

Goals in a Career	Goals in a Season	Career Appearances (250+ games)
216 Steve Pennington	47 Phil Stainton 1963/64	448 Alan Wellens (inc. 207 estimated)
118 Terry Garner	46 Steve Pennington 1997/98	359 John Critchley (16 estimated)
108 Gary Laird	45 Jackie Kendrick 1973/74	352 Steve Pennington
105 Lee Cooper	45 Steve Pennington 1993/94	346 Gary Lowe (1 estimated)
101 Glenn Walker	40 Bob Potter 1952/53	345 Glenn Walker
94 Iain Dyson	38 Terry Fearn 2000/01	327 Jackie Atherton (122 estimated)
84 Andy Gillespie	36 Albert Leadbetter 1950/51	300 Jackie Cooke (1 estimated)
83 Harry McCann	35 Arthur Tyrer 1957/58	287 Gary Laird
81 Ray Fairweather	34 Lee Cooper 2001/02	280 Kevin Grice (147 estimated)
78 Liam Diggle	34 Andy Gillespie 2015/16	278 Jimmy Woodyer (67 estimated)
72 Arthur Tyrer	33 Ronnie Rigby 1952/53	276 Iain Dyson
68 Phil Stainton	32 Harry McCann 1950/51	272 Ray Fairweather (3 estimated)
63 Mervyn Bull	31 Terry Garner 1950/51	265 Larry Redmond (134 estimated)

