

Willand Rovers Football Club

For residents of Willand that are unaware of our status in English football, we are a semi-professional football club playing at Step 4 of the English FA National League System (NLS). We play in the Southern Football League Division One South, just one division below our illustrious neighbours Tiverton Town and just two divisions below the National League where Torquay United and Taunton Town ply their trade.

This achievement is quite incredible when you consider we are a village club now competing against some very big non-league teams, many of which have generous benefactors and eye-watering weekly budgets to fund their team and facilities. We are under no illusion that we are a very small fish in a very big sea, so it is a credit to the management team and players that we compete so well against our peers and to our off-field volunteers that help to maintain our superb club facilities to such a high standard.

Throughout the past year we have continued to grow as a club by increasing our membership numbers, continuing our partnership with Bravehearts FC and by hosting more activities for the non-football local community such as family fun days at Christmas and Easter, the Pencarrie Sports Day, open quiz nights, events for Willand School PTFA and many others.

We have again held successful larger functions during the past year: these include raising funds for the "Running for Shelly" charity, our December Charity Santa Run; "live music" nights featuring local bands Stillyano, K2 and Spikey & the Bandits (to name just a few); a superb New Years Eve Party with the stunning covers band Turnette Doone. We will again be hosting more events and live bands on a regular basis through the next twelve months so keep an eye on our website, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram streams for dates and ticketing information.

We continue to strive for the football club to be seen as a valuable community asset and are working hard to forge more relationships with local community groups and businesses. We would welcome anyone in the local area, and particularly residents of Willand, to make use of the excellent facilities we have at the Club.

Our facilities include a licenced bar, skittles alley and kitchen, and we can comfortably accommodate 150 guests. The clubhouse can be booked for parties, functions and for regular meetings of any group or organisation: for more details and to check availability please email willandroversfc@outlook.com or call 01884 33885.

Why not come in and see us to watch a match, have a social quickie with us or just to inspect the facilities we have: you can always be assured of a very friendly and warm welcome, and you may be surprised what we have to offer!

I would close by thanking all the volunteers that give freely of their time to help manage and sustain the Club, the corporate and personal sponsors without whose generosity we would not be able to compete at the level we now play, the players and football management team for giving the village something to be proud of, and to our supporters who turn up in all weathers to support the players.

We would love to see some new faces at the Club, and we look forward to welcoming you and your families into our Silver Street home in the very near future: We're sure you will enjoy your visit.

Mike Hawkins

Chairman, Willand Rovers Football Club