

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 Taunton Town, and just two divisions below the National League where Torquay United ply their trade.

Footballing wise, this season has been chaotic with the departure of long-standing manager David Steele and the arrival of new manager Ben Watson. Ben has built a new team which is now growing in confidence and giving improved performances game on game. We are confident of a good mid-table finish and look forward to another year in the Southern League in 26/27. Please come along and support your local team on matchdays: the lads really do lift their game when they have a good crowd behind them!

Throughout the past year we have continued to grow our non-football activities for the local community by hosting and organising events such as our bi-monthly Bingo Nights, open Quiz Nights, family fun days at Christmas and Easter, charity events, skittles & darts, events for Willand Guides and many others.

We have again held successful larger functions during the past year: these include "live music" nights featuring local bands Stillyano, China Grove and Hundred Faces (to name just a few); a superb New Years Eve Party with the stunning covers band We are the Lost Boys. We will again be hosting more events and live bands, many of which are "FREE ENTRY" events, on a regular basis through the next twelve months so keep an eye on our website, X, 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: you will always receive a friendly and warm welcome and we're sure you will enjoy your visit.

Mike Hawkins

Chairman, Willand Rovers Football Club

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