



Laverstock & Ford Football Club History

Established in **1956**, Laverstock & Ford Football Club had always been a force in local football. In that opening season we came runners up in Salisbury & District league 3B and, of course, promotion to Salisbury & District Division 2. Unfortunately we were relegated in **1961-62** but during that season regained promotion back to Division 2 and were runners up in the Heseltine Cup.

In **1962-63** we were again runners up, this time in Division 2 which gained us promotion to Salisbury & District Division 1 whereupon we came runners up in **1963-64**, maintaining top positions in that league until **1969-70**.

In **1970-71** Laverstock & Ford FC won Division 1 and the following year came runners up and won the Morrison Cup.

1972-73 saw another blip being relegated to Division 2 where we remained for some 9 seasons, winning the Wiltshire Junior Cup and the Heseltine Cup along the way.

In **1982-83** we were playing in Division 1 once again and in **1984-85** the club entered the Salisbury & District Premier league where we finished runners up and also won the Stonehenge Cup. Between **1985** and **1991** the Club participated in the Wiltshire League, gaining promotion to Division 1, but being relegated in **1989** to Division 2.

In **1991-92** we returned to Salisbury & District Premier League and finished 6th and the following year we entered into the Hampshire League where we remained for one season, returning to Salisbury & District Premier in **1993-94**.

Between **1993** and **1999** the Club achieved success in the Morrison Cup (2 years running), the Riley Cup and were Premier League Cup Winners twice.

1999-2000 saw us re-enter the Hampshire League again. During that season, we played in Hampshire Division 2, with a reserve side in Combination 1; we won the Wiltshire Junior Cup again in 2000.

2001-02 saw the senior side narrowly misses out on promotion from Hampshire League Division 2 but achieve a remarkable series of victories in the Hospital Cup, beating Salisbury City and Shrewton United before succumbing to Bemerton Heath Harlequins in the final.

2002-03 we won the Bledisloe Cup and were champions of Hampshire Division.

2003-04 saw us regain the Bledisloe Cup, win the Stokes Cup and came 11th in Hampshire Division 1.

In **2004-05** we joined the Sydenham Wessex League Division 3, finishing a disappointing 11th in our first season.

In **2005-06** we finished runners-up in Division 3, and with the reshaping of the Sydenham Wessex League were promoted to Division 1.

In **2012/13** Laverstock first team finished 13th. Due to changes within the cups and league rules Laverstock were not able to enter the FA Cup.

In **2006-07** in our first season in Division 1 we finished a disappointing 12th.

The **2007-08** seasons saw a vast improvement; we reached the Wiltshire Senior Cup Final for the first time in the club's history and were promoted to the Wessex Premier League after coming runners up.

Off the pitch in **2005-06** we played our first match under floodlights at Church Road.

In **2006-07** we completed the hard standing around the pitch.

In **2007-08** we erected our 114 seater stands and bought the rest of the facilities up to the required ground grading requirements for the Wessex Premier League. Lost to Melksham Town in the final of the Wiltshire Senior Cup 4-2.

2008-9 saw us compete in the Wessex Premier League for the first time finishing 20th, we also entered the FA Vase for the first time; unfortunately we lost to Warminster Town at the first hurdle. Finished 20th in the league.

2009-10 FA Vase First Round proper lost 2-1 to Brockenhurst. Entered the FA Cup for the first time, lost to Alton Town 3-1. Finished 21st in the league. Lost to Calne Town in the final of the Wiltshire Senior Cup 4-3 and lost to BHH in the quarter finals of the Sydenams Wessex Cup 4-2.

2010-11 Finished 17th in the Premier League, our highest position to date.

2011-12 Laverstock finished bottom and therefore relegated to Wessex Division 1 where we play today.