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SHELLEY FC VS SHEFFIELD FC

NORTH MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL LEAGUE | 1.10.26 | 7.45pm



SHELLEY U21S



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PHOTOGRAPHY



Welcome to Shelley FC...Our Story



Shelley FC was founded in 1903, and for 70 years played football in the Huddersfield District League, before folding in 1972, and being reformed in 1980 by Ash Berry, Paul Hirst and Steven Shephard.

With the support of The Leslie Sports Foundation and the Football Foundation, in 2011 the club relocated to our current ground, and formed a junior section, which today provides football from u4s to u18s and for around 270 juniors.

Since the move to Storthes Hall Park the club has enjoyed several promotions, through the West Yorkshire Association Football League, and into the North West Counties Football League in 2018, all under the management of Ash Berry.

After two successful seasons, and with the club on track for promotion to the NWCFL Premier division, the season was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the economic downturn the club returned to an amateur status and resigned from the NWCFL.

The club were re-elected to the North West Counties League for the 2023/24 season, moving laterally to the North East Counties league a year later, before a further restructuring of the club saw the club return to amateur status for 2025/26, playing in the Yorkshire Amateur League.

2025/26 was another milestone season for the club, with the launch of our U21s side; and the Adults first team gaining promotion to the Yorkshire Amateur League Supreme Division, as well as winning the Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA Trophy.

For 2026/27 the club will be running two adult sides, two U21 sides, a walking football side, and the junior section continues to grow.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Graham Leslie Arena, and ask that you respect our facilities, the players, coaches, staff and supporters, whilst doing so.



Our visitors: SHEFFIELD FC



Sheffield Football Club (Sheffield FC) is an English amateur football club universally recognized by FIFA and the FA as the world's first and oldest active football club.

Founded on 24 October 1857 by Nathaniel Creswick and William Prest, the club predates the Football Association (FA) and modern professional sports leagues. Affectionately known as "The Club," they currently compete in the United Counties League Premier Division North (the 9th tier of the English football pyramid).

Historical Influence: The Sheffield Rules

Before standard rules existed, the club developed the "Sheffield Rules". This ruleset pioneered elements of the sport that define modern football today, including:

- The solid crossbar to replace string tape.
- Set pieces, introducing corner kicks, free kicks for fouls, and throw-ins.
- The legal heading of the ball.

Key Accomplishments & Honours

- FIFA Order of Merit: Awarded in 2004 for their historic contribution to the game, a rare honour they share only with Real Madrid.
- The Rules Derby: They contest the oldest active local derby in the world against nearby Hallam FC, first played on Boxing Day in 1860.
- FA Amateur Cup: Their greatest on-pitch success came when they won the tournament in 1904.

Current Status (2026)

- The Stadium: The team currently plays at the Home of Football Stadium in Dronfield, Derbyshire. However, the club's new leadership is actively planning a move back within Sheffield's borders to a new 5,000-seat community stadium and football museum.
- League Realignment: For the 2026/27 season, the FA laterally shifted the club into the Midlands-heavy United Counties League.
- Media Spotlight: A 2026 BBC podcast, *Mud, Sweat and Cheers: Trouble at the Bottom*, highlighted a dramatic off-pitch takeover tug-of-war for the club involving a Qatari-backed venture firm and a rock star, emphasizing its enduring cultural value.

Information taken from Google AI

The Birth of a League



Early in the year 2000 it was recognised by a small group of football enthusiasts that there was a pressing need for a League to accommodate players at age +18. It was felt beneficial to join with a currently operating League and this was achieved by amalgamation with The Northern U19 Alliance Football League and operating as the Southern Section.

Unfortunately, over a period of time, both the Southern Section Committee and it's member Clubs found serious problems in trying to operate in the manner required by the League and as a result relationships deteriorated.

The Southern Section Committee realised that to keep it's member Clubs playing football they would have to break away and form a new League, and as a result The North Midlands U19 League was formed in 2006.

For it's first year the Committee was Brian Rudkin, Stephen Hall, Tony Beale, Barry Crownshaw, Pam Crownshaw, Peter Lang, Brian Bradley, Bob Beswick and Andrew Duckering. In it's last year with the Northern U19 Alliance the Southern Section had 25 teams in three divisions so it was a great relief to the Committee to eventually register a total of 20 teams to start the 2006-07 season. The teams were split into two divisions roughly based on the previous season's performance. North and South wasn't a consideration in those days.

After some debate regarding affiliating the New League to the FA in London it was eventually decided to affiliate to Notts FA, because of the larger number of teams registered with them. The team at Notts FA were very supportive and helpful and the meetings held with them proved most productive.

Finance was a major Committee worry as we were not aware of any available Central FA funding. However with careful monitoring of income and expenses our fears proved unfounded and the League soon became financially sound and remains so to this day.

Of course this situation has been assisted by our various sponsors over the years, namely Windsor Food Service, Baris, HKL, and Worksop Van Hire and Clubs have benefited greatly from their input.

For the 2014-15 Season the Committee recognised the need to move forward with a restructuring to conform with the then current thinking at FA level and the U21 divisions were introduced. At the same time the League was renamed the North Midlands Development League and remains so to this day.

After 15 years of the League's existence only two members of the original Committee still remain in Pam Crownshaw and Bob Beswick. Unfortunately we lost our President Barry Crownshaw who passed away in June, Barry for the past 15 years had filled numerous roles throughout that time and will be truly missed, we are delighted that his wife Pam will remain as Vice President and also Bob Beswick who had to stand down as Chairman last campaign but remains on the committee as Vice President.

The Committee, because of changing circumstances, is looking very carefully at the need for structural changes but hopes that the Worksop Van Hire North Midlands Development League, with it's new affiliation to Sheffield and Hallamshire FA, will remain an important part of the local football scene which we feel we very much are given the increase in teams and moving to four divisions which proudly have the names of the original members back in 2000.

FA Respect Code of Conduct

Respect



We adhere to the FA's Respect Code of Conduct

Spectators are requested to watch the game from the allotted viewing areas.

All spectators, coaches and players not adhering to the FA Codes of Conduct may be asked to leave the premises and incidents may be reported to League and County FA for review.

If you have any concerns over the conduct of anyone attending the game this should be raised immediately with your team coach, match day host, your own club's welfare officer, or Shelley's Club Welfare Officer, Alison Moody, via email at alison.moody@outlook.com

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However, I don't exclusively shoot sport and am willing to try (nearly) anything. I have taken photos at dance rehearsals, dog get togethers, scuba diving trips and gigs to give you a few examples.

Specialising in sports (mainly football and cricket) but always willing to try new sports and events.

Please get in touch if you would like me to attend your event and we can have a chat about what you would like me to do.

Contact me to come to a match!

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If you would like to support the team there are a number of sponsorship opportunities available

- **£100 - Player Sponsorship**
- **£200 - Half-page advert**
- **£250 - Full-page advert**
- **£420 - Pitch-side advertising board**



Football Partnerships...All Skills Elite

Shelley Community Football Club and All Skills Elite Academy announce strategic partnership to aid player development.

We are delighted to announce that we have formed a strategic partnership between Shelley Community Football Club and All Skills Elite Academy.

The partnership will create:

- **Player Pathways:** A clear, structured route for players to progress from youth football through to U21 and adult football.
- **Coaching Excellence:** Access to top-level coaching and development programs, enhancing player skills, technique, and tactical understanding.
- **Talent Development:** mentoring opportunities that allow players to thrive in a competitive yet supportive environment.
- **Community Engagement:** Strengthening our local football communities by fostering a culture of teamwork, dedication, and passion for the game

Shelley will operate **two adult teams** in the 2026/27 season playing in the Yorkshire Amateur League and Huddersfield District League; as well as **two U21 sides**, and **18 junior teams**, from U8 upwards. We also provide **football for U4-U7** through our partnership with Project Sport as well as running a weekly **Walking Football** session.

The Shelley All Skills Elite team will play under the Shelley name in the Junior Premier League u18s division in the upcoming season.

If you're interested in joining any of our teams as a player, coach or sponsor, please get in touch at Shelley_fc@outlook.com



Allskills Elite

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"This partnership represents the vision we have to grow the club, and provide pathways for local junior players who wish to progress into adult football.

We are delighted to welcome Iain, Brad and Kippy to the club"

Chris Johnson, Chairman, Shelley Community FC



Sarah Collins
PHOTOGRAPHY

Football Partnerships...Project Sport

Welcome to Shelley Stars Football Programme – Where Dreams Take the Field!

Ignite your child's passion for football with **our dynamic programme designed for youngsters starting from 4 years old.**

Every Saturday morning from 9:15am to 10am, the Graham Leslie Arena comes alive with the laughter, cheers, and budding talent of our young football enthusiasts.

Under the expert guidance of Coach Antony, your little one will embark on an exciting football journey.

Our program goes beyond the game – **it instills teamwork, discipline, and a love for physical activity in a supportive and energetic environment.**

Join us in shaping the next generation of football stars as **we focus on skill development, coordination, and fostering a genuine love for the beautiful game.**

Shelley Stars is not just a football session; **it's a community where friendships are forged, and dreams of scoring goals come to life**

Enrol your child today and witness the magic unfold at Shelley Stars – where every Saturday is a new chapter in their football adventure!



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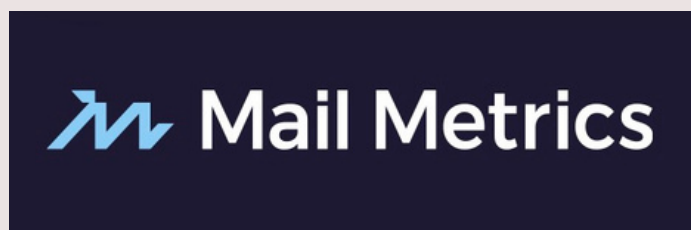
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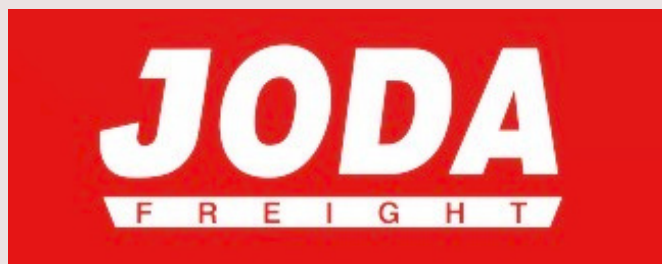


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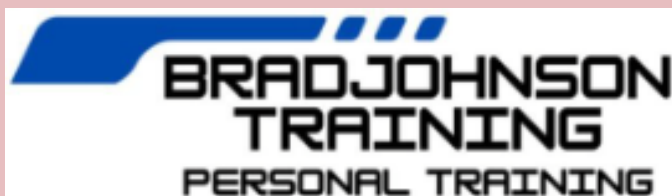
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Chris JOHNSON
TEAM MANAGER



Fixtures, Results and League Table



STEVEN HALL - (NORTH WEST) DIVISION

AWAY HOME	ATHERSLEY RECREATION	DINNINGTON TOWN	PENISTONE CHURCH	SHEFFIELD FC	SHELLEY	SWALLOWNEST	THORNCLIFFE VILLA
ATHERSLEY RECREATION	-	6/1	27/1	28/10	18/11	4-2	14/10
DINNINGTON TOWN	30/9	-	28/10	1-4	3-1	20/1	2/12
PENISTONE CHURCH	26/11	2-0	-	17/12	15/10	4-2	12/11
SHEFFIELD FC	4/2	12/11	7-0	-	3/12	26/11	22/10
SHELLEY	1-3	26/11	14/1	1/10	-	17/12	P-P
SWALLOWNEST	12/11	22/10	19/11	28/1	4-1	-	7/1
THORNCLIFFE VILLA	14/1	1-3	P-P	21/1	29/10	1/10	-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Sheffield FC	2	2	0	0	11	1	6
2 Athersley Recreation	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
3 Dinnington Town	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
4 Penistone Church	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
5 Swallownest	3	1	0	2	8	9	3
6 Thorncliffe Villa	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
7 Shelley FC	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

Note: Handsworth FC and Parkgate FC have withdrawn from the league.



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Tonights Teams

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SQUAD:

Owen KAYE
Ben NORTON
Dudley CARTWRIGHT
Harry LEWIS
Leo AKID (c)
Zack SMITH
Fin MUNRO
Sam SULLIVAN
Rennell McDONALD
Milo BILLINGE
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Mussab Benomair, Alonzo Blake
Yahya Bouhya, Jake Carr,
Ben Eades, Sam Eades,
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George Hollingworth, Kelly Imade,
John Kargbo, Kupa Kasongo,
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Vincent McKinney, Kobbie Nyarko,
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Ebube Okoromebong, Brad Platts,
Archie Rodgers, Sam Rodgers,
Luke Tester, Jude Vernon,
Charlie Winter

Head Coach: Dan Heppenstall

Coach: Will Marriott

Team Manager: Chris Johnson

Lead Coach: -

Coach: -

Coach: -

Referee: Jim McGUINNESS

Assistant Referees: James WHITE, Paul EASTBURN

