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# UP THE BEARS

BY KEN MEAD CLUB SECRETARY

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone at the Cleric Stadium today and particularly to the players, officials and supporters of Hanley Town who have made the trip for this afternoon's Pitching In Northern Premier League Division One West match.

We start today with the news that Anthony Griffith (Griff) has left the club after joining us as a player at the start of season 2018/19. Griff has decided the time to step down is right as he is one of a number of ex-Professional players chosen to be part of the accelerated referees promotion programme. Recently, he also qualified as a driving instructor and has started picking up work there. He will be spending an increasing amount of time looking to become a successful referee and everyone at the club (along with many supporters) will wish him every success. Griff joined the Bears as a player – covering the defensive mid fielder playing in front of the back four. Boy, did he make a difference - the opening six games of that season saw the Bears not conceded a goal! To see his influence more widely, that season the Bears played 51 competitive matches and they kept clean sheets in no less than 25 of them.

In recent times, his playing career ended, and he moved to the management side and in the past few seasons, he has been assistant to Richard Duffy. Supporters will recognise the previous 2 seasons as among the most successful in the club's history. Winning the Cheshire Senior Cup, NWC Macron Cup, Midland League Cup and Midland League Championship as well as reaching the FA Vase semi-final and the 3rd qualifying round of the FA Cup with the match at home to AFC Fylde (3 divisions above the Bears) featured on BBC TV. So, thanks again Griff for your contribution to those successful times and we hope to see you from time to time down at the ground cheering the lads on.

Our last league game here was against Newcastle Town who themselves were in a run of good form. The match ended 0-0 and overall, the Bears would have been the happier as Newcastle, under the... ... guidance of Neil Baker looked to be the stronger on the day. It must be said that having played just 4 games in September (all Saturdays) and then from 5th October until Saturday23rd November, the Bears have played 13 games in the 35 days. So, it is no wonder that players have struggled to recover from injury and fatigue and be as effective as earlier in the season.

A week ago, the Bears travelled to Wythenshawe Town and after the referee took a good deal of time before deciding the match could go ahead, the Bears put in a good defensive display to keep a clean sheet and the return of Max McCarthy from a niggling injury was rewarded with a well taken goal from a Pete Williams through ball.

It could be said that Hanley Town led the way with their lateral move to the Midland Football League rewarded by an immediate promotion to the Northern Premier League, a feat the Bears were to replicate last season, and we know that same ambition will have been in the minds of those at 1874 Northwich this season. Surprisingly for many, Hanley have had their struggles in the early half of this season and currently sit one from bottom after 18 games with just 12 points accumulated. Scoring just 15 times leaves them as the lowest scorers in the league for now may indicate their problems.

Looking forward to upcoming games the Bears have two more successive home games starting with the visit of Wythenshawe on Saturday 7th December ko 3pm.



That is followed by the re-arranged recently postponed Clitheroe match on Tuesday 10th December ko 7.45pm. Then we face two away trips. On Saturday14th December we travel to Stalybridge Celtic ko 3pm and a week late on Saturday 21st December we travel to Trafford ko 3pm

We hope everyone here enjoys the match and importantly, stays safe and has a safe journey home.







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Joshua Ryder
Marco Fregapane
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Richard Duffy

#### **MIDFIELDERS:**

Callum Stringer
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# HOW IT STARTED...

Based in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, has a rich and storied history that reflects its deep roots in the local community and the broader football landscape. Early Years and Formation Hanley Town Football Club was founded in 1966. initially competing in local leagues. The club's formation was driven by a passion for football in the Hanley area and a desire to provide a platform for local talent to showcase their skills. Local Leagues and Growth In its early years, Hanley Town played in various local leagues, gradually building a reputation for competitive play and fostering local talent. The club's dedication to the sport and its community helped it grow steadily, both in terms of its supporter base and its performance on the pitch.

Entrance into the North West Counties League A significant milestone in Hanley Town's history came when the club joined the North West Counties Football League. This move marked a step up in competition and provided greater exposure and opportunities for the club. Competing in this league allowed Hanley Town to test itself against stronger opponents and develop its players and facilities further.

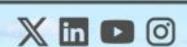
Recent Developments and Achievements In recent years, Hanley Town FC has continued to progress, achieving notable successes and consolidating its status in the football hierarchy. The club has focused on building a strong team, improving its infrastructure, and engaging more deeply with its supporters and the local community. One of the club's key achievements includes its promotion to higher divisions within the non-league football system, showcasing its growth and ambition. Hanley Town's commitment to excellence has also been reflected in its performances in various cup competitions, where the team has often punched above its weight.



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# **HANLEY TOWN**

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Kieran Cliffe Kyle Blake

Daniel Moore Adam Watson Dylan Scott **Brandon Newell** Joe Edwards Reece Jones Lucas Baker Jack Bostock

Sam Turner



# ANDYSMANCLUB



#### WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

#### WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

#### WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

#### HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

# SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)

- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with NO SYMPTOMS or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.

#### Find out more

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SENIOR FOOTBALL: Chris Rowley

SECRETARY: Ken Mead MEDIA: Adam Gosling

#### FIRST TEAM:

MANAGER: Richard Duffy

ASST MANAGER: Anthony Griffith

CLUB PHYSIO: Abi Blythe

#### **RESERVE TEAM:**

MANAGER: Martin Cornes



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#### UNDER 18'S:

MANAGER: Paul Heler

GROUNDSMAN: Paul Minshall CLUBHOUSE: Rebecca Young PHOTOGRAPHER: Elliot Treanor KIT PROVIDER: Fused Sport

#### CLUB CHARITABLE PARTNER:

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## Ever thought of volunteering to help your local football club?

There are many different volunteer roles in non-league football and Northern Premier League football clubs need your help with them.

The Trident Leagues and Pitching In's online Volunteer Hub is the place where you can find opportunities and contact your local football club.

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to find out more







