

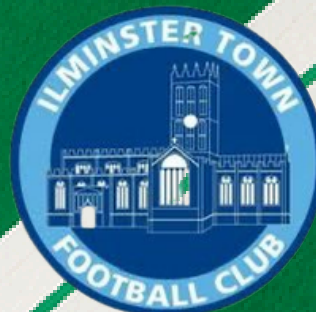
Official Matchday
Programme of
The Cobblers

FA VASE 2026-27
2nd Round
Qualifying

12th September 2026

Ilminster FC

3pm KO





**THE ISUZU
FA VASE**

ROUND DATES

SEASON 2026-27

FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2026

FOURTH ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 9 JANUARY 2027

SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIFTH ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2027

FIRST ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

SIXTH ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2027

SECOND ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026

SEMI FINAL

1ST LEG - SATURDAY 3 APRIL 2027
2ND LEG - SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2027

THIRD ROUND PROPER

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2026

FINAL

SUNDAY 16 MAY 2027

Please note: Dates are subject to change.



MEET TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Ilminster FC

Back in 1910, the town of Ilminster was represented in the Perry Street League by St Marys FC, who played at the well-developed Swan Mead Sports Ground. The ground was complete with tennis courts and a bowling green and was shared with Ilminster Cricket Club. It was situated where Herne View Community School (Swanmead) now stands.

St Marys were offered the option of calling themselves Ilminster Town and moving to the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground. However, the Great War intervened and, towards the end of hostilities, Ilminster United began playing a number of friendlies before dropping 'United' and becoming Ilminster Town in 1920.

The club remained in the Perry Street League, playing back at St Marys, until the syndicate running the ground threw them off. They moved back to Wharf Lane and then to the Town Recreation Ground, which was opened next door with much pageantry in the mid-1930s.

In 1938, a 200-seat grandstand was built. With it came the all-conquering 1938/39 team, who won the Perry Street Junior League, Somerset Junior Cup, Perry Street Challenge Cup, both the Chard and Crewkerne Charity Hospital Cups, Ilminster Charity Cup and Ilminster Carnival Cup. They also won the Somerset Senior Charity Cup, a competition they had entered by mistake. After beating senior clubs on their way to the final, Ilminster defeated Bishops Sutton 3-2 at Street.

The Second World War led to the break-up of that great team, and it was not until 1946/47 that success returned. The Blues won the Perry Street Junior League again and gained promotion to the Somerset Senior League, where they were crowned champions in 1947/48, 1956/57 and 1962/63.

In the FA Cup, Ilminster reached the Second Qualifying Round in 1952/53, 1953/54, 1955/56, 1957/58 and 1959/60. The club joined the newly formed Western League Division One in 1976/77, with promotion following in 1977/78 to the Premier Division. Their all-time highest finish came in 1978/79, when they finished 14th.

In 1976/77, Ilminster also reached the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round again, earning a trip to Yeovil Town, where they were beaten 10-1.

Relegation from the Western League Premier Division followed in 1979/80. After finishing bottom of Division One in 1981/82, the club failed in their re-election bid. In the days before the pyramid system, they applied to rejoin the Somerset Senior League but were placed in Division Three, right at the bottom. It came as no surprise when Ilminster won Division Three in 1982/83.

The club remained hopeful of returning to the Somerset Premier Division and, despite winning Division Two in 1988/89 and 1995/96, it took 20 years to return. In 2002/03, the team were promoted back to the newly named Somerset County Premier League.

Relegation and further promotions as Division One champions followed in 2011/12 and 2016/17, the latter from Division One West. Ilminster then became well established as a Somerset County Premier side, spending eight seasons in the top division.

In 2024/25, the club enjoyed their most successful season for many years, winning the Somerset County Premier League and the Somerset County Premier/Division One League Cup. This earned promotion to Step 6 and the South West Peninsula League, beginning a new chapter for the club.

The Archie Gooch Pavilion ground has also undergone major redevelopment, including floodlights, fencing and improvements in front of the pavilion, preparing the club for the return of Step 6 football after 44 years.

Ilminster Town now continue their journey following their return to Step 6 football.



Street FC

CO- MANAGER: CRAIG LAIRD

CO -MANAGER/PLAYER:
SCOTT LAIRD

GK COACH: CAMERON PIKE

PHYSIO: JACK BAKER

KIT: KEITH LAWRENCE

TOMMY SKIDMORE (GK)

FINLAY CROFT (GK)

LICIO TURNER (GK)

CALLUM LAIRD (C)

JAKOB DICKENS (C)

MARK CORNISH

JORDAN HAYMAN

TOM STONE

CHRIS BARRETT

JACOB SHORE

RILEY WILLIS

EDDIE TOWNSEND

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Ilminster FC

MANAGER: JASON BEHAN

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PEARSON

PHYSIO: STEVE NEWTON

GK COACH: STEVE GARLAND

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CALEB PACK

THOMAS LEE

JACK STEER

BRAEDEN SYMES

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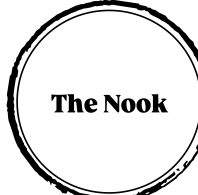

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CLUB HISTORY

UP THE COBBLERS

Founded in 1880, Street Football Club quickly became known as "The Cobblers", reflecting the village's proud shoemaking heritage.

The club enjoyed early success, winning the Somerset Senior League five times and lifting the Somerset FA Senior Cup on three occasions before joining the Western League in 1911. Street twice finished runners-up in Division Two during the 1930s before reaching the FA Cup First Round Proper for the first time in 1938, travelling to Football League side Ipswich Town. After the Second World War, the Cobblers enjoyed another memorable FA Cup run, defeating Yeovil Town 2-1 in front of a record crowd of around 5,000 before facing Cheltenham Town in the First Round Proper. In 1967, the club moved to its current home at The Tannery Ground.

Following a difficult spell that saw Street drop into the Somerset Senior League, the club fought its way back. Under Simon White, the Cobblers won a record eighth Somerset Senior League title in 1996/97, earning promotion back to the Western League after a 37-year absence. Floodlights, new stands and improved facilities soon followed as the club continued to grow.

The modern era has brought some of the club's greatest achievements. Richard Fey guided Street to the Western League title in 2017/18, with an incredible run of 26 consecutive league victories, earning promotion to the Southern League for the first time in the club's history.

After one successful season at Step 4, the club chose to return to the Western League to protect its long-term future.

The 2024/25 season marked another fresh chapter with a new committee and club identity. Street finished eighth in the Western League Premier Division and reached the semi-finals of the Les Phillips Cup. Today, Street FC is far more than its first team. The club fields four senior sides, a thriving youth section, a growing women's team and a successful partnership with Millfield School. Every week, hundreds of players, volunteers and supporters make The Tannery Ground the heart of football in the community.

In 2026, the club entered another exciting era under Street Football Club 2026 Ltd, with directors Joanna Simpson and Rob Malone, alongside father-and-son management team Scott and Craig Laird, leading the club into the future while proudly preserving its traditions.

Street Football Club. The Cobblers. Since 1880.

WH'S WHO



MEET THE PEOPLE BEHIND STREET FOOTBALL CLUB

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Director

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Bar & Sponsorship Manager

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Club Secretary

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Head of Youth Development

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Head of Grounds & Maintenance

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First Team Manager

CRAIG LAIRD

First Team Manager

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Women's Manager

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