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Welcome to Ribbesford Meadows

We welcome the officials, players and supporters from Uttoxeter Town for this afternoons' league fixture.

Uttoxeter currently sit in eighth place in the league with two wins and one draw from their four games so far.

Last season Bewdley drew 4-4 at home and lost 2-0 away.

This weekends fixtures.

09/09/2023 15:00	Northwich Victoria	VS	Tividale	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Romulus	VS	A F C Wulfrunians	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Shifnal Town	VS	Lichfield City	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Stone Old Alleynians	VS	Highgate United	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Stourport Swifts	VS	Dudley Town	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Studley	VS	Atherstone Town	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Whitchurch Alport	VS	Darlaston Town	Premier
09/09/2023 15:00	Wolverhampton Casuals	VS	Congleton Town	Premier

BEWDLEY TOWN MANAGEMENT TEAM



Manager: Andy Shaw



Assistant: Stuart Brogan



Midland Football League Table 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	A F C Wulfrunians	6	4	0	2	10	4	6	12
2	Studley	4	3	1	0	15	6	9	10
3	Romulus	4	3	1	0	10	5	5	10
4	Whitchurch Alport	5	3	1	1	7	3	4	10
5	Highgate United	4	3	0	1	7	6	1	9
6	Lichfield City	4	2	2	0	8	3	5	8
7	Shifnal Town	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
8	Uttoxeter Town	4	2	1	1	10	8	2	7
9	Darlaston Town	4	1	3	0	7	6	1	6
10	Stourport Swifts	4	1	2	1	7	11	-4	5
11	Congleton Town	4	1	1	2	8	8	0	4
12	Stone Old Alleynians	6	0	4	2	7	11	-4	4
13	Dudley Town	5	1	0	4	10	14	-4	3
14	Bewdley Town	5	1	0	4	7	15	-8	3
15	Atherstone Town	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
16	Northwich Victoria	3	0	2	1	4	7	-3	2
17	Wolverhampton Casuals	4	0	2	2	6	10	-4	2
18	Tividale	6	0	1	5	6	16	-10	1

TODAYS VISITORS

Uttoxeter Town



Uttoxeter Town were formed in 1972 when the Bamfords Sports Ground became vacant following the demise of Bamfords Ltd. The facility was taken over by the East Staffs Borough Council and they offered a lease to the newly formed Oldfields Sports & Social Club. Use of the football pitch was offered to Uttoxeter Amateurs who were at that time using a pitch on Uttoxeter Racecourse. They were split between those that wished to remain at the Racecourse and those who wished to move. Those that moved formed Uttoxeter Town FC and moved to Oldfields.

Initially UTFC fielded two Saturday sides in the Staffs County League. However as interest in Saturday football declined, one of the teams moved into the very competitive Uttoxeter Sunday League.

By the end of the 1970's UTFC had pulled out of Saturday football altogether and concentrated on Sunday football with their only side now competing in the Burton & District Sunday League. After a few years

the team were in decline and merged with the Weaver Lodge team from the Uttoxeter and District Sunday League. Initially they were renamed Oldfields Lodge but soon reverted back to the familiar UTFC name.

Uttoxeter Town then enjoyed many years success in the Burton and District Sunday Premier League, winning the Premier League title seven times in addition to many cup successes. In the 2010-2011 season the Town won the Premier League Title and all 3 cups in which they competed. The League's first 'quadruple' in nearly 50 years.

With no opportunities for promotion or advancement in Sunday football the logical step was to revert to Saturday football. Town applied to the Staffs County Senior League and were invited to join Division One. A league and cup double followed and promotion to the Premier League.

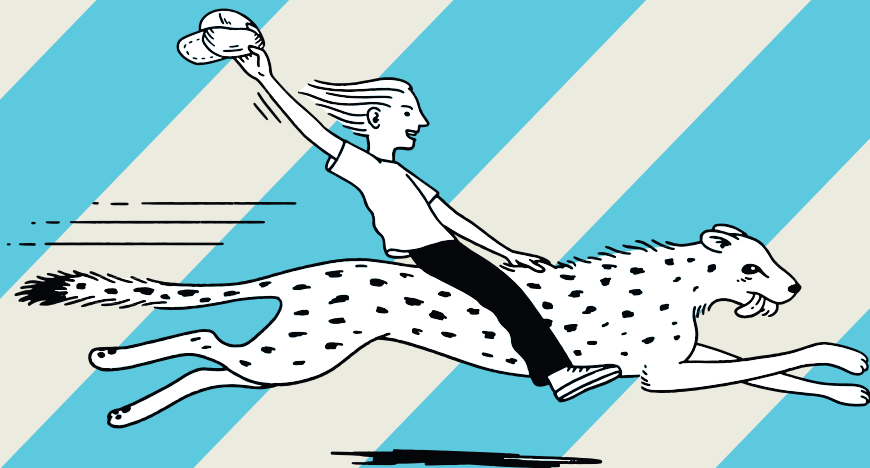
To sustain this progress Town were obliged to establish a reserve team for the 2013/14 season which joined the Staffs County Senior League Division Two.

That season the first team finished 2nd to Wolstanton in the Staffs County Senior League Premier Division and the reserves finished 2nd to Featherstone in Division Two. Both teams were promoted with the first team playing in the Midland League Division One. The first time a Uttoxeter club has competed at level 6. The reserve team have been promoted to Division One of the SCSL, the League the first team played in 2 years ago. The Town also started an U18 team who over the last 2 seasons have won 2 cups and finished runner up twice in their respective league.

On 28th 2014 October the Town played their first ever game under floodlights to mark another milestone in their recent progression. They also won the game 3-1 against Atherstone to mark a memorable night. The 2014/15 season for Uttoxeter Town FC was an eventful one with the first team finishing fifth in their first season in the Midland League Division One, thus qualifying for 2015/16 FA Vase competition and the reserve team finishing fourth in Division One of the SCSL. Despite success on the field, the club had some significant financial difficulties to overcome towards

the end of the season and suffered the loss of the first team management, key sponsors and a number of volunteers and so were forced to consolidate. The consolidation led to the merger of the first team and reserve team and the withdrawal from the Midland Football League with the team moving to the SCSL Premier Division. Uttoxeter Town FC returned to the Midland Football League for the 2016-17 campaign finishing a creditable 11th place and finished 11th place last season too. In 2018/19 Season Town Placed a improved 7th Place in the MFL Div 1.

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By Matt Badcock, Editor-at-large

YOU can't beat a good feel-good story and Alex Fletcher's return to playing football certainly is one.

You may remember the 24-year-old was involved in a shocking incident last November while playing for the Romans against Dulwich Hamlet.

Fletcher collided with a perimeter wall during the game and had to be rushed to hospital where he spent five days in a coma.

Recovery has been long and arduous. He even had to learn how to walk again. But there were plenty of people in his corner with messages of support from across the game, including England manager Gareth Southgate and new Fulham signing Raul Jimenez, who himself suffered a serious head injury.

For us on the outside it's almost impossible to imagine what a tough period it has been for Fletcher.

We all read about the incident at the time, then heard of his recovery, but the hours away from the spotlight getting ready to come back with the support of his club must have gruelling. That's why it's so nice to see.

In last week's NLP, Fletcher told Bath City reporter - and NLP Step 2 results guru - Mark Stillman about his road back to the pitch, one he was determined to make.

And he did just that a fortnight ago, coming on as an 85th-minute substitute for good friend Cody Cooke. It was a poignant moment for Fletcher, his family and all at the National League South club.

"It was a bit emotional getting back out there," said Fletcher. "I can't really describe the words to say how it felt. It was goosebumps.

"I've played the situation so many times over in my head, just being here again. For it to finally happen felt surreal.

"The reception I got from everyone in the ground, including the Hampton players, meant so much to me.

"I've got over that hurdle. It's a massive milestone reached for me and now it's about building my minutes up but not rushing it, it's important for my body that I don't do that."

Jerry Gill's side have started the season well as they look for a return to Non-League's top flight.

Fletcher, who now wears a protective headband, added: "Hopefully I can start putting myself in contention for what's been a great start to the season though it might be tough as we've got such good attacking players, which can only be good for the team."

Good for Bath but also good for Alex. It's great to see him back doing what he loves.

BEWDLEY TOWN DEVELOPMENT SEASON 2023/24



West Midlands Div 2 Table 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Oldbury United FC	5	3	2	0	13	5	8	11
2	A F C Bentley	4	3	1	0	8	0	8	10
3	Stourbridge Standard	4	3	0	1	17	8	9	9
4	B R S United	4	2	1	1	15	14	1	7
5	Punjab United	4	2	0	2	10	6	4	6
6	F C Premier 2008	4	2	0	2	8	9	-1	6
7	Wombourne Allstars	4	2	0	2	7	8	-1	6
8	P S Olympic	4	1	2	1	10	10	0	5
9	Walsall Wood Prims FC	5	1	2	2	14	16	-2	5
10	Billbrook FC	4	1	2	1	6	9	-3	5
11	Kidderminster Harriers Reserves	5	1	0	4	13	17	-4	3
12	Dudley Kingswinford FC	3	1	0	2	7	13	-6	3
13	Bewdley Town FC Developments	4	0	0	4	4	17	-13	0

Bewdley Town Development Fixtures

Date	KO	H/A	Opponent	Comp	Result	Bewdley Scorers
August 2023						
Sat 5 Aug	15:00	A	Oldbury United FC	Div 2	L2-1	Wilfie Cavanagh
Sat 19 Aug	15:00	H	Punjab United	Div 2	L1-5	Tommy Power
Sat 26 Aug	15:00	H	Wombourne Allstars	Div 2	L0-3	
Sat 2 Sep	15:00	H	B R S United	Div 2	L2-7	Cameron Powell, Tommy Power

BEWDLEY TOWN LADIES

SEASON 2023/24



West Midlands Div 1 South Table 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leamington Lions Ladies	1	1	0	0	5	3	0	0
2	Alvechurch Ladies	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	0
3	Bewdley Town Ladies	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
4	Long Itchington LIWFC	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
5	Redditch Borough Ladies	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
6	Worcester City Women	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
7	Kingfisher LFC Firsts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Rugby Town Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Sedgley & Gornal United Women	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0
10	Hereford Pegasus Ladies	1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0
11	Redditch United Redditch United Women	1	0	0	1	-2	0	0	0
12	Droitwich Spa LFC First	1	0	0	1	-5	0	0	0

Bewdley Town Ladies Fixtures

Date	KO	H/A	Opponent	Comp	Result	Bewdley Scorers
September 2023						
03/09/23	14:00	A	Sedgley & Gornal United Women	Div 1 South	W4-3	Chelsea Mudge, Bethney Taylor, Lauren Thompson, Kirsty Robert
17/09/23	14:00	A	Hereford Pegasus Ladies	Div 1 South		
24/09/23	14:00	A	Leamington Lions Ladies	Div 1 South		
01/10/23	14:00	H	Droitwich Spa Lfc First	Div 1 South		
08/10/23	14:00	A	Long Itchington Liwfc 1st Team Women	Div 1 South		

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PLAYER STAT

Player Name	Goals	Pens	Assists	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	2nd Yellow Card	Sin B
Abbas Aon	1						
Adenusi Michael				1			
Batchelor James							
Beresford Louis Thomas							
Bibb Declan				2			
Chirata Craig							
Collins Casey							
D'jalo Nataniel							
Darboe Lukman							
Darby Jordan				1			
Day Reece							
Del Kiffin Kai	1			1			
Griffiths Perry Jack				1			
Harrison Joshua	1			1			
Hickey Michael							
Hinds Joshua				2			
Moseley Lewis				1			
Nderemani Jason							
Ricketts Jack	1						
Segree Tyrese	1						
Tait Joe							
Tivey Ethan	2						
Williams Matthew				1			
Worthington Ben	7						
Yaya Bah Amadou							

Excludes last nights fixture.

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TATS 2023/24

Sin Bin	Started	Subbed On	Subbed Off	Bench Used	Bench Unused	Own Goal Conceded	Captain	Opp POM
		1		2	1			
	2	1		1	1			
	1	1	1	1				
	3							
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		3		4				
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	5	1		1				
	3	1	2	1	1			
		2		2	1			
	5		2					1
	2	1	1	1				
	4	1	1	1				1
	2		1		1			
	4				2			1
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	3							
	6		1					
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Date	KO	H/A	Opponent	Comp	Result	Bewdley Scorers
August 2023						
Sat 5 Aug	15:00	H	Daventry Town	The FA Cup	7-3	Ben Worthington 3, Ethan Tivey 2, Tyrese Segree, Aon Abbas
Sat 12 Aug	15:00	H	Romulus	Premier	1-4	Josh Harrison
Tue 15 Aug	19:45	H	A F C Wulfrunians	Premier	0-2	
Sat 19 Aug	15:00	A	Hinkley LR	The FA Cup	2-1	Kai Del Kiffin
Sat 26 Aug	15:00	A	Tividale	Premier	1-4	Ben Worthington 2, Kai Del Kiffin, Jack Ricketts
Mon 28 Aug	15:00	A	Dudley Town	Premier	5-0	
September 2023						
Sat 2 Sep	15:00	A	Highgate United	Premier	3-2	Ben Worthington 2
Thu 7 Sep	19:45	A	Walsall Wood Prim	JW Hunt	3-4	Lukman Darboe, Ethan Tivey, Ben Worthington, Fahme Ibrahim
Sat 9 Sep	15:00	H	Uttoxeter Town	Premier		
Tue 12 Sep	19:45	H	Shifnal Town	Premier		
Sat 16 Sep	15:00	A	Whitchurch Alport	Premier		
Sat 23 Sep	15:00	A	Hinckley AFC	FA Vase		
Mon 25 Sep	19:45	A	Studley	Premier		
Sat 30 Sep	15:00	H	Stone Old Alleynians	Premier		
October 2023						
Sat 7 Oct	15:00	H	Congleton Town	Premier		
Sat 14 Oct	15:00	A	Lichfield City	Premier		
Tue 15 Oct	19:45	A	Droitwich Spa	WFA Cup		
Tue 24 Oct	19:45	A	OJM or Studley	League Cup		
November 2023						
Sat 4 Nov	15:00	H	Northwich Victoria	Premier		
Sat 11 Nov	15:00	A	Romulus	Premier		
Sat 18 Nov	15:00	H	Wolverhampton Casuals	Premier		
December 2023						
Sat 2 Dec	15:00	H	Whitchurch Alport	Premier		
Sat 9 Dec	15:00	A	A F C Wulfrunians	Premier		
Sat 16 Dec	15:00	H	Highgate United	Premier		
Sat 23 Dec	15:00	A	Uttoxeter Town	Premier		
Tue 26 Dec	19:45	A	Stourport Swifts	Premier		
Sat 30 Dec	15:00	H	Darlaston Town	Premier		
January 2024						

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RESULTS 2023/24

Sat 6 Jan	15:00	A	Atherstone Town	Premier
Sat 13 Jan	15:00	H	Dudley Town	Premier
Sat 20 Jan	15:00	H	Lichfield City	Premier
February 2024				
Sat 3 Feb	15:00	A	Wolverhampton Casuals	Premier
Sat 10 Feb	15:00	A	Darlaston Town	Premier
Sat 17 Feb	15:00	H	Atherstone Town	Premier
March 2024				
Sat 2 Mar	15:00	A	Stone Old Alleynians	Premier
Sat 9 Mar	15:00	H	Tividale	Premier
Sat 16 Mar	15:00	A	Shifnal Town	Premier
Sat 30 Mar	15:00	H	Studley	Premier
April 2024				
Mon 1 Apr	15:00	H	Stourport Swifts	Premier
Sat 6 Apr	15:00	A	Congleton Town	Premier
Sat 13 Apr	15:00	A	Northwich Victoria	Premier



From the moment I walked into the club everything has been above what I expected. I knew this season would be one of transition in a variety of areas but the area that matters to me is on the pitch and the players have been fantastic.

They have made it enjoyable and hopefully now we are becoming more settled the results will start to improve. A new squad, new coaching set up was always going to take time but the results don't tell the whole story as the football being played is very good and only our errors are costing us which we will look to improve on.

We keep pushing.

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BEWDLEY TOWN F.C. A BRIEF HISTORY

Bewdley Town Football Club, as it is now known, was formed in 1978, following over 90 years competing under various local names, one of which has been resurrected recently by the youth section as Bewdley Comrades.

The club was formed with the merger of two local teams, Bewdley Old Boys F.C and Woodcolliers FC, the latter who played on a Sunday and both originally playing at Gardeners Meadow in Bewdley. The ground at Gardeners Meadow was sold for re-development which meant the club had to seek a new venue and moved temporarily to Kidderminster. A massive fundraising project commenced, which enabled the club to purchase land and return to Bewdley, to their home Ribbesford Meadows under the guidance of Robert Burns.

After playing in the Kidderminster and District Leagues, the main senior side under the management of Craig Payton and Chairman Geoff Edwards, joined in 1999, the West Midlands Regional League Division One South. Prior to this Ribbesford Meadows had been an on going project, providing football facilities for all ages including, youth football in the Stourport and District League and Midlands Floodlit League, adult football in the Kidderminster and District League, and can boast being one of the first clubs in Worcestershire in 1993 under FA Coach Chris Middleton to start a Mini Soccer Centre. This centre is still in operation, and draws children of all abilities from the age of 4, from all areas of the Wyre Forest region, under the expert tuition of FA Coach Wayne Payton and co-ordinator Jo Payton, and their team of qualified coaches.

In 2005, Bewdley Town finished runners up in Division 1 and gained promotion to the West Midlands Premier League, however in order for them to compete at this level, they had to rent the facilities of near rivals Stourport Swifts. In 2006 permission was granted to build stands and erect floodlights, and in their second season, finished third in the league, having lead for much of it, only being thwarted from possibly winning the league, by bad floods meaning them having to play a large number of games in a short period at the end of the season eventually having its toll on the players, if they had won the league however, they would not have been granted promotion due to the on going development of the ground not being completed.

In 2007-8 the ground had been given a higher rating allowing them to compete in matches at a higher level and gain promotion if they finished in any of the top places. Bewdley Town FC also made history in this season, when they were allowed to enter the F.A. Vase for the first time, where they reached the third round proper, losing to higher ranked opposition Coventry Sphinx. The following season saw Bewdley make their appearance in the FA Cup, although short lived, when they lost at home to Midland Alliance side Alvechurch FC.

The last few seasons, have seen Bewdley Town, under the guidance of joint managers Craig Payton and Brian Lacey, become one of the top sides in the West Midlands Regional League. Their attractive style of football has made them one of the hardest sides to beat, and one which has attracted supporters from all over the country.

Work is on going at Ribbesford Meadows, as the committee and loyal band of volunteers continue to develop the ground for higher levels of competition. Their hard work and achievement, was recently recognised by an award from "Groundtastic Magazine" for the best stand in the lower levels of non league football and narrowly missed winning best ground in the same category, they have recently attained the necessary grading to allow them to proceed up the non league ladder.

The 2008/09 season saw Bewdley Town reach the final of the Worcestershire Senior Urn, losing narrowly to Midland Football Alliance side Studley 3-2 at Aggborough, although many thought they were unlucky to do so. However two years later in the 2010/11 season, they gained their revenge beating Studley 2-1 in front of a crowd of over 500.

The 2011-12 season saw Bewdley become a strong cup side, they again reached the final of the Worcestershire Senior Urn, where they retained the trophy, once again in front of a 500+ crowd beating Alvechurch FC from the Midland Football Alliance, coming from a goal down to win 3-2. They also nearly caused an upset in the FA Cup, where after progressing through to the 2nd Qualifying round, they very nearly claimed the scalp of Evostik Southern Premier League side Stourbridge, leading 1-0 with 13 minutes of the game left, but eventually losing 2-1, their victors progressed through to the 2nd round proper.

In the 2011/12 season saw Bewdley Town enter a team in the new Under 21 league of the Midland Combination, the first season

saw them finish a creditable 4th place in a strong league with a number of academy sides. Season 2012/13 also begins a new chapter, with a new Under 18's and our Under 14's entering the Midland Junior Premier League, playing on Saturday mornings, where, very much like the Under 21's, the competition will be against strong academy sides. The introduction of these teams bodes well for the future of Bewdley Town FC, with a direct route now through from Youth to 1st XI football and beyond, which the club has continued to pursue since the introduction of the Mini Kickers.

Bewdley Town were awarded the Charter Standard Adult Status in April 2012 and together with their successful Youth Section, are striving towards Community Club Status.

At the end of 2012/13 season, Bewdley added to the trophy cabinet by winning both the Worcestershire Infirmary Charity Senior and Junior Cups with the 1st team beating Malvern Town 4-3 and the Under 21 beating the same opponents 2-1.

May 2014 saw an era come to an end, when joint managers Craig Payton and Brian Lacey decided to retire. The position of 1st team manager was handed over to the vastly experienced Phil Mullen with former Kidderminster Harriers striker Paul "Ocker" Davies as his number 2.

The 2014-15 season was a struggle for the new look Town, as, not only did the club have new managers, but also had a new team, with a number of the "older heads" deciding to retire, leaving Phil no option but to look to youth. Town finished the season in 17th position, well clear of relegation, but the final game of the season saw them regain the Worcestershire Infirmary Charity Senior Cup with a 1-0 win again at Malvern Town.

The 2016-17 season saw the reintroduction of a second team, having been accepted by the West Midlands Regional League, they will compete in Division 2. The team will be under the joint leadership of Wayne Payton and Russ Godfrey giving a much needed link from the youth section to adult football.

This season saw the club enter and win the Smedley Crooke Charity Cup with a victory on penalties against Coton Green. The 1st team finished in a creditable 6th position in the league having been as low as 17th at the beginning of January, the Reserves in their 1st season finished 14th.

During the close season, the club also obtained an FA grant enabling them to have major drainage work done to the main pitch, hopefully this will mean no mid season break due to waterlogging as has happened in previous years.

The 2019-20 season although wiped out through the coronavirus pandemic would have been a successful one for the club, as at the time the season was curtailed, the 1st team were sitting second in the league and very close to promotion to the 5th tier of the non league pyramid.

The season was also blighted by some of the most severe flooding in the area, which effected large portions of the pitches and surrounding area's. Thanks to funding from the Football Foundation, local grants and the generosity of supporters, the club were able to carry out extensive work including new fencing, a new block toilet facility and numerous other changes to the facilities.

The new season 2020-21 has seen the reintroduction of the Under 21 team which will be playing in The Midland Football League U21 West division under the stewardship of Phil Gates, this once again provides the link between junior football and senior and can only be good for the future of Bewdley Town Football Club. For the season 2021-22 the Under 21's became the Reserve team and entered the MFL Division 4 / Reserve league.

The 2020-21 season followed the same fate as that of the previous season being curtailed by the pandemic. However, Bewdley had a great run in the FA Vase reaching the 2nd round proper for the 1st time in their history unfortunately losing 3-1 away to Radford FC. Due to their cup run and a number of games effected by Coronavirus, the 1st team only managed to play 4 league games, however the restructuring of the non league pyramid went ahead, their record was added to that of the previous season, and with a superior points per game record, were promoted to the 5th tier for season 2021-22 into The Midland Football League, where a number of mouth watering "derby" ties would be available, including near neighbours Stourport Swifts.

The 2022-23 season saw further changes for the football club. The management team of Phil Mullen and Paul Davies decided to stand down with Phil taking on the role of General Manager, in charge of all footballing activities within the club and also helping more with the Committee in ground improvements. The managers role was taken up by former Wolverhampton Wanderers player Chris Cornes assisted by former Kidderminster Harriers and Stourbridge local lad Ryan Rowe, their task in their first season was simple, keep the club in the MFL Premier league, which they did. Other changes saw the Reserve team appoint a new manager with former Bewdley Town player Sam Woodhouse taking over, this also saw the return to the West Midlands Regional League, once again reacquainting the club with a league held in great affection with many. Another big and important change saw a new team join the ranks with the formation of Bewdley Town Ladies FC under the management team of Tim Rudd and Matt Preece, they entered the West Midlands Regional Womens League and carry the great name of Bewdley Town FC into a whole new world within football in the Midlands region.



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