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VS BLYTH SPARTANS



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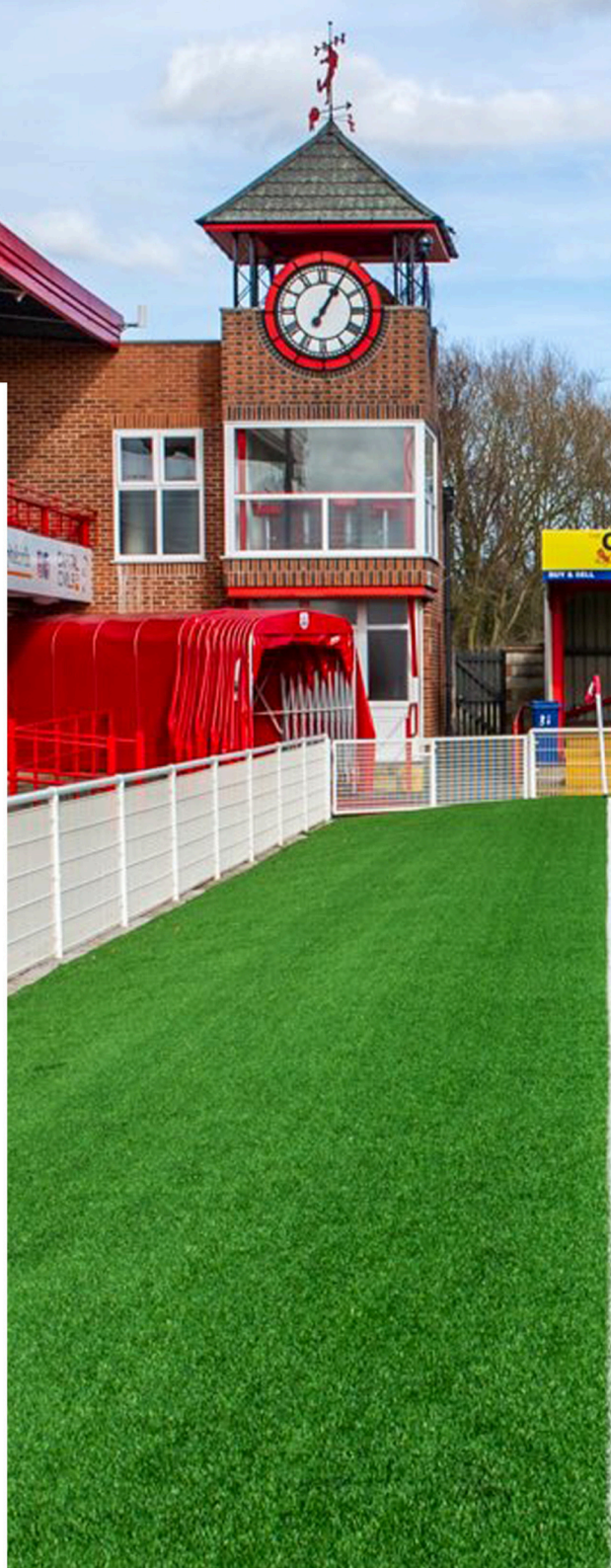
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HISTORY - BLYTH SPARTANS

Founded in 1899 by Fred Stoker, Blyth Spartans was inspired by the Greek Spartans to encourage players to give their all on the field. Initially playing friendly matches, they joined the East Northumberland League in 1901, winning it on their first attempt.

The club moved to the Northeastern League, remaining there until it folded in 1958. A highlight came in the 1977-78 season when they reached the FA Cup fifth round, drawing with Wrexham and losing 2-1 in a replay at St James' Park.

In 2004, Harry Dunn returned as manager, leading the team to win the Northern Premier League Premier Division and gain promotion to the Conference North. They finished 7th in their first season there but struggled in subsequent years.

The 2008-09 season saw another FA Cup run, ending in the third round against Blackburn Rovers. Blyth faced their first relegation in 2011-12 after losing to Gloucester City.

In 2014, they famously beat Hartlepool United in the FA Cup but lost again in the third round to Birmingham City. After narrowly missing promotion in 2015-16, they finally won the Northern Premier League title under Alun Armstrong the following season.

Their best finish in the National League North came in 2018-19, placing sixth. However, the club faced challenges in recent seasons and was relegated from the National League North in 2023-24.



PEN PICS - BLYTH SPARTANS

Michael Hogan (19): Joined Blyth in 2023, stepped in as a first-team keeper due to injuries, also played for the under-19 team.

Harrison Bond (20): On loan from Gateshead. Joined Gateshead after a successful trial, previously played for Sunderland's youth teams and has loan experience with Shildon and Whitley Bay.

Joe Oliver (21): Joined Blyth in August 2023, played 18 games in National League North, previously with Newcastle's youth teams and the under-23 squad.

Harrison Clark (21): First signing of the 2023/24 season from Gateshead. Made 31 appearances last season, previously played for Chester-le-Street and had loan spells in Scotland.

Ben Milburn: Joined Blyth in 2021, spent time on loan at Whickham and North Shields, and recently played for Consett AFC.

Joseph Abrahamart (24): Joined Spartans in 2024 after playing for South Shields and at MacEwan University in Canada.

Joel Holvey (19): Signed after being released by Rotherham, played for Gainsborough Trinity on loan and made his professional debut with Rotherham.

Nicky Deverdics (36): Club captain and longest-serving player since rejoining Blyth in 2021, has a long career in various leagues.

Michael Woods (34): Former Chelsea academy graduate, played for several clubs before joining Blyth in June 2024.

Lucas Reed (21): Spent time in Gibraltar, product of Middlesbrough's academy, and joined Spartans in June 2024.

Ryan Donaldson (33): Joined Blyth in June 2024 after three seasons at Morpeth Town, has played for several professional clubs and represented England at youth levels.

Joao Gomes (21): On loan from South Shields, made his debut last season and has also played for their academy.

Isiah Cornet (22): Joined from Middlesbrough, previously played for their youth teams and had a loan spell at Spennymoor Town.

Connor Pani (20): Back on loan at Blyth, familiar from a previous short-term loan in 2023.

Charlie Aitken (18): Joined Blyth after impressing in pre-season, played 16 games and scored once last season.

Billy Gordon (19): Signed as a trialist and made a permanent deal in February 2024 after injuries affected his season.

Marcello Benedetti (22): Joined in July 2024, can play various forward positions, has a background with Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday.

Max Storey: On loan from Hartlepool, debuted for the first team last season, scored 22 goals for their academy.

Dan Savage: On loan from South Shields, debuted in January 2024, has experience in youth football with Hebburn Town.

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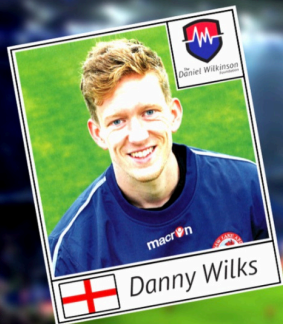
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The
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*Providing Screening and Defibrillators to
prevent Sudden Cardiac Death in the young*



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.

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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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