



CLUB History

Hamworthy Recreation Football Club was formed in 1948 as Hamworthy Engineering FC and played on the Sports Ground opposite the factory at Fleetsbridge in Poole (where the Tesco supermarket now stands). When the site at Fleetsbridge was sold to Tesco in the late 1980's the football, along with the Sports & Social Club, moved to its current home at Magna Road.

At that time 'Hamworthy Engineering FC' were playing in the Bournemouth League (Division 1). The Club won the Bournemouth Senior Cup in the 1988-89 season, and after winning the Division One Championship in 1990/91 'The Rec' successfully applied to join the Dorset Combination League for season 92/93 when they finished 3rd.

Success soon followed when the Club won a hatrick of Combination League Championships in 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

'The Rec' have lifted the League Championship Trophy on another nine occasions, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2004/05, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2021/22.

The Club have won the League Cup on six occasions - 2000/01, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2021/22.

'The Rec' consider that their greatest achievement was in 1995, when not only did they win the League Championship, but also won the Dorset Senior Cup, defeating Weymouth Football Club from the Southern League by 3 goals to nil at Magna Road in the Semi-Final, and Poole Town FC, another Southern League team, 4 - 1 in the Final.

The 2001-01 season saw the Club change its name to Hamworthy Recreation FC to reflect the name of their current headquarters.

Our proud boast – we've never finished below 6th since Ham Eng joined the Combination in 1992/93.

Since entering the (old) Dorset Combination the Reserves have played in the Bournemouth Premier Division (old Div 1). They have had their ups and downs (as most reserve teams do) but remained competitive in League and Cups. 2019/20 saw the Reserves move over to the Dorset Leagues as it was felt that the Bournemouth Prem was getting less competitive.

When the Club won promotion to the Wessex League the Reserves moved to The Hampshire Development League, winning Div 1 at the first attempt and finishing a commendable mid table in 20223/24 having been promoted to the Premier Div.. For the 2024/25 season they applied for, and were granted, a place in the Dorset Premier League, in which the Club has such a rich history.

During 2022, with funding support from the Football Foundation and local sponsors' we managed to get the ground upgraded to have floodlights and a 50 Seat Stand and so have progressed to the Wessex League Division 1.

We have a Development/Reserves Team, both as a feeder team from our Under 18's and upwards towards our First team.

We now have the following teams and Leagues:

- First Team in the Premier League of the Wessex League
- Reserves in the Dorset Premier League
- Under 18 Team, which for the 2023/2024 Season is totally back within Hamworthy Recreation FC

First Team Managers.

1992/93 – 2004/05	Pat Notley	1 Dorset Combination League & Cup Double, 5 more Championships AND 1995 Dorset Senior Cup
2005/06 – 2008/09	Steve Manuel	2 Dorset Premier League Cups
2009/10 – 2011/12	Gareth Daniel	2 Dorset Premier League Championships
2012/13 – 2015/16	Keith Whatling	1 Dorset Premier League & Cup Double, 1 League Cup
2016/17 – 2017/18	Wayne Smith	1 Dorset Premier League Championship
2018/19 – 2020/21	Kirk Grice	1 Dorset Premier League Championship
2021/22 – 2023/24	Joint Mgrs. Kirk Grice & Wayne Smith	1 Dorset Premier League & Cup Double Wessex League Div. 1 Championship & Dorset Senior Cup