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Ebac Northern League Division 2  
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## Welcome to Grounsell Park

Good afternoon dear reader and welcome to Grounsell Park where today we face Tow Law Town. Welcome to all the players, committee and fans who have made the journey over from Tow Law.

So, here we are the final match of the season, can you believe that, seems like only yesterday we were kicking the season off, but here we are waiting to see if we'll be playing Division 1 football next season. It's been an incredible season and the lads have given us some brilliant day, I don't think those of us that were there will forget Barnoldwick soon or Carlisle away, but what will live long in the memory will be the change we've seen here at home. The crowds this season have been incredible and a joyous feast has been placed before us week after week which has kept you all coming back in big numbers. So at this point, let me thank all the supporters both old and new for turning up each week to give the team your backing. We all hugely appreciate it and hope to see you back again next season.

As I now know this will be the last programme of the season I can pass on some thanks to those without whom it would be impossible to produce this programme each home game. Firstly to Brian Pratt who pulls together all the statty stuff, secondly to Kevin Mochrie for his match reports and last but not least Joe street who has stepped into the breach this season to take his amazing photos. Thanks so much for all your help this season chaps.

Also special thanks to our good friend Gavin Perry who has come to our rescue and is printing some physical copies of this programme, thanks Gav, you're a legend.

On to this afternoon though and you don't need me to tell you how important this game is. It's make or break time, I don't think any of us would disagree that the lads, Dean, Andy, Scott and Tom deserve this, so lets get right behind the, from the off and make some noise, it really does help the team.

Enjoy the match, make yourself heard and I'll see you in the bar afterwards.

Howay the Stan

**Gary Done**  
***Programme Editor***

## Heaton Stannington - a history

Although officially founded in 1910, Heaton Stannington were in existence by 1903 and playing at Miller's Lane on the site of the current Fossway. The club name originates from its links with the Stannington Avenue area of Heaton.



In 1903-04 they finished fifth in division 2 of the Newcastle and District Amateur League. In December 1904, they resigned from the league with the reserves also appearing to have resigned from the Northern Amateur League (NAL) and there is no further record of the team until 1910. This suggests that they might have folded and then reformed nearly six years later. The summer of 1910 saw Heaton Stannington field a cricket team. The next football match played by the Stan appears to have been on 24th September 1910 when they were beaten 4-1 by Sandyford.

From at least 1913, home games were taking place at Paddy Freeman's Park. The club played friendly matches until joining the Tyneside Minor League in 1913 and NAL Division Two in 1914. The club were elected to membership of the Northumberland FA (NFA) on 10 September 1914, just over a month after the start of the First World War. The Stan stopped playing until 1919 as at a NFA emergency meeting on 24 November 1914 it was announced that the club were unable to take part in a Minor cup replay 'on account of not being able to raise a team as so many of their members had joined the army.'

The club spent the next 19 years in NAL Division One and gained their first trophies in 1934 and 1936 when they won the Tynemouth Infirmary Minor Cup and NAL Challenge Cup respectively. The first glory season came in 1936-37 when the club won NAL Division One, were Northumberland Amateur Cup winners and NAL Challenge Cup runners up. The reserves were also NAL Division Two runners up. For one season, 1938-39, the Stan participated in the Tyneside League and were runners up. By the 1930s the team were playing at the Coast Road ground. In October 1935, they started playing at Newton Park in High Heaton on the site of a recently filled-in quarry. In 2007, the ground was renamed Grounsell Park in honour of the service given, both on and off the pitch, by Bob Grounsell.

One of the most memorable matches played there took place in July 2012 when Heaton Stannington were beaten 4-0 by the Gabon national side. This warm-up match for the Olympics included an appearance by Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.



The club were elected to the Northern League in 1939. They only managed one season in the league before it was suspended for the duration of the Second World War. The league restarted in 1945 but Heaton Stannington were elected, until 1946, as a non-playing member as their ground was being used by the military. After 5 consecutive bottom three finishes, the club resigned at the end of the 1951-52 season and joined the Northern Alliance until 1956.

The next 16 seasons included involvement in the NAL (1956-59), North Eastern League (1959-60) and the Northern Combination (1960-72). In 1972 the club stepped up to the Wearside League and remained there for ten years. They were forced to resign from the league in 1982 for financial reasons due to the club trustees, who had formed a limited company in 1968, putting the annual rent up from £400 to £1500.

The company then tried to build a supermarket on the ground but the planning application was defeated. In 1983 the High Court ruled that the ground belonged to the football club and the company had to relinquish ownership. The team played in the Tyneside Amateur League (TAL) during 1982-83 as Heaton United. Back as Heaton Stannington, they won the TAL in 1983-84 which was only their second league title up to this point. The next 2 seasons were spent back in the NAL where they were champions in 1985-86 as well as winning the Northumberland Minor Cup and the C&E Injections Service Shield.



For the next 27 years the club were in the Northern Alliance. After two relegations to Division One, the Stan achieved stability by spending 9 seasons in the Premier Division. The club won their highest level league trophy when they became Champions in 2012. In 2012-13, they achieved the treble by not only retaining the title but by also winning the Northern Alliance League Cup and the Northumberland Senior Benevolent Bowl.

From 1911 to the financial crisis of 1982, the club had a competitive reserve team. It played much of the inter war years in the North Eastern Amateur League before rejoining the NAL on and off for nearly fifty years but with a five-year spell in the 1960s, including two runners up spots, in the TAL. The club had an 'A' and 'B' team for 2016-17 before these teams reverted back to their previous name of Newcastle Chemfica. A reserve side was re-established in 2019 and they play in the Northern Alliance 4th tier development league. In their first season, they reached the final of the Neville Cowey Cup.

For season 2013-14, after a gap of 61 years, the Stan returned to the Northern League. They were in the promotion race throughout the season and finished 5th. They then finished 9th and qualified for the FA Cup for the first time in 39 years. Season 2015-16 saw the Stan again finish 9th and they also reached the semi-final of the Northumberland Senior Cup against Blyth Spartans. In 2016-17, the Stan surprised many by just missing out on promotion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> last game of the season, coming 4th after winning 11 games in a row starting in January. In 2017-18 & 2018-19 they were again in the promotion race until the 2<sup>nd</sup> last match, ending 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. Due to covid, the 19-20 season was declared null & void with the Stan still challenging for promotion in 5<sup>th</sup> place after 28 games. Last season was also abandoned with the Stan in 11<sup>th</sup> place having played 12 games.

Since the club gained promotion to the Northern League, improvements have been made to Grounsell Park including floodlights, a stand and a new terracing. These complement the existing facilities which include a bar serving real ale with the club being voted CAMRA Tyneside club of 2018 and 2020. Much of the success was due to Derek Thompson, manager 2002-21, along with the support of an increasingly large band of volunteers. In June, Dekka stepped down and was replaced by Dean Nicholson.



# Heaton Stannington Honours

## League

- Northern Amateur League Division One Champions 1936-37
- Tyneside Amateur League Division One Champions 1983-84
- Northern Amateur League Champions 1985-86
- Northern Alliance Premier Division Champions 2011-12, 2012-13
- Northern Amateur League Division One Runners Up 1922-23
- Tyneside League Runners Up 1938-39
- Northern Amateur League Runners Up 1956-57
- Northern Alliance Division One Runners Up 2003-04

## Heaton Stannington 'A' (Reserves)

- Northern Amateur League Division Two Runners Up 1936-37
- Tyneside Amateur League Division One Runners Up 1962-63, 1963-64
- Northern Alliance Division Three Runners Up 2020-21

## Cup Wins

- Tynemouth Infirmary Cup 1933-34
- Northern Amateur League Challenge Cup 1935-36, 1937-38, 1956-57, 1958-59
- Northumberland Amateur Cup 1936-37a
- Wallsend Charity Cup 1955-56
- Northumberland Minor Cup 1985-86
- C&E Injections Service Shield 1985-86
- Northern Alliance Challenge Cup 1989-90
- Northern Alliance Combination Cup 1997-98
- Northern Alliance Subsidiary Cup 1999-00
- Northern Alliance League Cup 2010-11, 2012-13
- Northumberland Senior Benevolent Bowl 2012-13
- Shunde Worldwide Friendship Association Cup 2014
- Gary Hull Memorial Trophy 2019, 2021
- Jimmy Rowe Cup 2021

## Heaton Stannington 'A' (Reserves)

- Northern Amateur League Challenge Cup 1969-70, 1976-77.
- Neville Cowey Cup 2020-21a

## Ebac Northern Football League Division 2 League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Carlisle City	40	15	1	4	68	19	11	3	6	47	30	82	66
2 Heaton Stannington	40	16	2	2	68	22	9	5	6	35	25	82	56
3 Boldon C. A.	40	12	3	5	58	34	11	5	4	65	45	77	44
4 Tow Law Town	40	13	5	2	39	19	10	3	7	32	22	77	30
5 Easington	40	12	3	5	49	30	11	4	5	39	24	76	34
6 Ryton & Crawcrook	40	11	3	6	42	34	12	2	6	45	26	74	27
7 Horden CW	40	12	3	5	53	35	10	3	7	41	30	72	29
8 Billingham Synthonia	40	13	4	3	47	20	8	3	9	40	34	70	33
9 Sunderland West End	40	15	1	4	53	25	7	2	11	31	44	69	15
10 Redcar Town	40	11	4	5	36	24	9	4	7	40	30	68	22
11 Newcastle University	40	9	2	9	41	40	11	4	5	56	31	66	26
12 Jarrow	40	9	2	9	47	36	7	6	7	42	38	56	15
13 Birtley Town	40	8	3	9	39	45	7	2	11	37	38	50	-7
14 Willington	40	8	2	10	30	29	6	2	12	44	49	46	-4
15 Blyth Town	40	6	3	11	35	45	8	0	12	30	38	45	-18
16 Brandon United	40	6	4	10	32	42	7	2	11	31	42	45	-21
17 Chester le Street	40	4	4	12	26	42	8	0	12	34	36	40	-18
18 Bedlington	40	4	5	11	37	56	5	4	11	25	39	36	-33
19 Washington	40	8	0	12	34	52	3	2	15	21	61	35	-58
20 Esh Winning	40	4	1	15	15	55	6	1	13	33	58	32	-65
21 Durham City	40	1	2	17	15	72	0	0	20	8	124	5	-173

## Ebac Northern Football League Division 2 Top Scorers

<b>Levi Collins (Boldon CA)</b>	<b>50</b>
Liam McBryde (Heaton Stannington)	31
Carl Williams (Redcar Town)	27
Jordan Palmer (Carlisle City)	26
Liam Adamson (Easington Colliery)	25
Kurtis Howes (Billingham Synthonia)	25
Jack Maskell (Horden CW)	25
Channon North (Jarrow)	23
Tom Romano (Newcastle University)	22

## Heaton Stannington Player Stats

Name	Appearances, Cards and Goalscorers											Career with Stan	
	NL 2021/22												
	League App	Cup App	Play Off	Total App	League Goals	Cup Goals	Play off Goals	Total Goals	Yellow Card	2nd Yellow	Straight Red	Apps	Goals
Ryan Bailey	23(5)	3	1	27(5)	4			4	4			135(23)	19
Joe Blackburne	5(1)	1		6(1)								18(7)	
Andy Burn	24(10)	4	1	29(10)	5	1		6	1			29(10)	6
Lewis Burns	2(3)	0(1)		2(4)					1			116(20)	36
Connor Campbell	6(12)	2(1)		8(13)	5			5				51(17)	39
Kevin Carr	20(12)	2(2)		22(14)	2			2	3			55(27)	5
Jason Chaneyne	2(1)	0(1)		2(2)								2(2)	
Joe Davey	1			1					1			1	
Kyle Dobson	8(3)			8(3)					1			8(3)	
Laquan Eddelle	31(2)	4	1	36(2)	1			1	5			36(2)	1
Tom Flynn	2			2								2	
Rhys Groves	7(1)	1		8(1)	1			1	1	1		8(1)	1
Michael Hall	30(2)	2	1	33(2)		1		1				138(4)	1
James Harper	0(1)			0(1)								0(2)	
Dean Holmes	27(3)	4	1	32(3)	16	2	1	19	1			32(3)	19
Leighton Hopper	28	4	1	33	17	2		19	4			33	19
Jay Hornsby	26(3)	4	1	31(3)	1			1	2			31(3)	1
Evan Howard	2(6)	0(1)	0(1)	2(8)	1			1				2(8)	1
Dean Inray	3(2)			3(2)								152(32)	19
Lee Kerr	3(2)		0(1)	3(3)	1			1				3(3)	1
David Luke	13(3)	1(1)	1	15(4)								15(4)	
David Mason	0(1)			0(1)								33(15)	2
Lee McAndrew	27(3)	2(1)	1	30(4)		1		1	1			30(4)	1
Liam McBryde	36	4		40	32			32				40	32
Josh Morton	0(1)			0(1)					1			0(1)	
Harry Poole	0(1)			0(1)								0(1)	
James Proctor	14(17)	1(3)	0(1)	15(21)	7			7	2			22(24)	7
Dan Regan	38	5	1	44					3			106(1)	
MacKenzie Sharpe	6(8)	0(1)		6(9)	2			2	1			6(9)	2
Daniel Stephenson	35	4	1	40	7	1	1	9	1			40	9
Alistair Stoddart	15(4)	4		19(4)					3			180(9)	1
Harvey Walsh	0(4)			0(4)								0(4)	
Sam Walton	1			1								25(2)	8
Kye Waters	2(5)	1		3(5)					1			18(8)	
Jordan Watson	3			3							1	3	
o.g.					1								

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# FIXTURES

Date	Opponent	Comp	Venue	Att	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17/07/21	Pitsey Heat	F	A		W 9-0	Regan	Stoddart #	Hornby	Bailey	Watson	Dobson *	Stang
20/07/21	Whitby Bay	F	H	218	D 2-1	Regan *	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey **	Blackbourne *	Dobson *	Pro
24/07/21	Ashington	F	H	182	L 0-2	Flynn	Travis	Hall	Blackbourne	Dobson **	Estelle	Pro
31/07/21	Ryton & Crewrook	ENL2	A	204	L 2-2	Flynn	Stoddart	Hall	Bailey	Estelle	Dobson	Hop
04/08/21	Bilby Town	ENL2	H	283	W 3-2	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey	Estelle	Dobson	Pro
07/08/21	Carlisle City	ENL2	H	160	D 2-2	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby (1)	Bailey	Estelle	Dobson	Pro
13/09/21	Washington	ENL2	A	48	W 3-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Watson	Dobson	Blackbourne	Pro
14/09/21	Tow Law Town	ENL2	A	95	L 0-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hall	Watson	Dobson	Blackbourne	Ca
18/09/21	Byth Town	ENL2	H	306	W 2-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey	Hall	Estelle	Pro
21/09/21	Willington	ENL2	H	136	W 4-2	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey	Hall	Estelle	Hopp
25/09/21	Bedlington	ENL2	A	103	W 2-0	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey	Hall	Estelle	Hop
28/09/21	Bordon C. A.	ENL2	A	82	D 3-3	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey	Hall *	Estelle (1)	Ca
01/10/21	Horden	ENL2	H	228	W 1-0	Regan	McAndrew*	Hornby	Bailey	Blackbourne	Estelle	Hop
04/10/21	Durham City	ENL2	A	37	W 4-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Brady	Blackbourne	Estelle	Pro
09/10/21	Sal Whinning	ENL2	A	154	W 3-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey (1)	Blackbourne	Estelle	McAn
13/10/21	Newcastle University	FA V Q2B	A	88	W 3-1 B	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey	Blackbourne	Estelle	McAn
15/10/21	Chester le Street	ENL2	H	264	W 4-1	Regan	McAndrew	Stoddart	Bailey	Hall	Estelle	Pro
18/10/21	Radar Town	ENL2	H	289	W 4-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey	Hall	Estelle	Pro
23/10/21	Jarrow	ENL2	A	306	W 3-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Burn (1)	Hall	Estelle	Hopp
25/10/21	Barnoldswick	FAV Q2B	A	266	W 2-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Burn (1)	HMR (1)	Estelle	Hop
29/10/21	Sunderland West End	ENL2	H	374	W 3-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby *	Bailey (1)	Hall	Estelle	Burn
02/11/21	Billingham Synthonia	ENL2	A	102	W 2-0	Regan	Stoddart	Stephenson	Bailey	Hall	Estelle	Pro
08/11/21	Bedlington	ENL2	H	429	W 7-0	Regan	McAndrew #	Stephenson	Bailey *	Dobson	Estelle	Burn
14/11/21	Brandon United	ENL2	H	209	W 3-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Burn	Dobson	Estelle *	Shery
23/11/21	Eastwell United	FAV 18P	H	619	L 2-6	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey *	Burn	Estelle	Hopp
30/11/21	Newcastle University	ENL2	H	244	D 3-1	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Luke *	Dobson	Estelle *	Hop
06/12/21	Bilby Town	ENL2	A	165	D 2-2	Flynn	McAndrew	Hornby	Burn	Hall	Groves	Hop
13/12/21	Washington	ENL2	H	493	W 3-3	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Luke	Burn	Hall	Pro
19/12/21	Byth Town	ENL2	A	326	W 1-0	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Luke	Hall	Groves	Steph
24/11/21	Seaham Red Star	F	A		D 0-0 A	Flynn	Stoddart **	Hornby	Burn *	Hall	Dobson	Pro
21/12/21	Sal Whinning	ENL2	H	299	W 3-0	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby*	Bailey	Hall	Groves	Hop
16/12/21	Chester le Street	ENL2	A	172	L 1-2	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey #	Hall	Estelle	Pro
20/01/22	North Shields	NSC QF	A	210	L 2-6	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Luke *	Hall	Estelle	Hopp
06/01/22	Jarrow	ENL2	H	303	W 3-0	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson#	Burn	Hall	Estelle	Hop
15/01/22	Sunderland West End	ENL2	A	63	D 1-1	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson (1)	Burn	Hall	Estelle	Cher
22/01/22	Ryton & Crewrook	ENL2	H	410	L 0-1	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Stephenson	Hall	Estelle	Hop
28/01/22	Carlisle City	ENL2	A	158	W 1-0	Regan	McAndrew #	Hornby *	Groves	Hall	Estelle	Lu
05/02/22	Tow Law Town	ENL2	H	394	WWS-1	Regan	McAndrew #	Stephenson	Groves (1)	Hall	Estelle	B
12/02/22	Willington	ENL2	A	86	L 1-2	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson	Groves *	Hall	Estelle	Lu
19/02/22	Bordon C. A.	ENL2	H	307	L 2-2	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Burn	Hall	Groves #	Hop
26/02/22	Durham City	ENL2	H	374	W 3-2	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey #	Hall	Estelle	Pro
02/03/22	Newcastle University	SA Cup 1	H	149	L 1-3	Regan	Stoddart	Hornby	Bailey	Groves	Estelle	Pro
05/03/22	Essington	ENL2	A		F							
12/03/22	Radar Town	ENL2	A	164	L 0-3	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby *	Stephenson #	Hall	Estelle	Pro
19/03/22	Billingham Synthonia	ENL2	H	382	W 2-0	Regan	Stoddart	Stephenson	Kerr (1)	Hall	Estelle	Ca
02/04/22	Brandon United	ENL2	A	82	D2-2	Regan	Devey	Watson	Kerr #	Hall	Estelle	Hop
05/04/22	Horden	ENL2	A	179	L 1-3	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson	Watson	Hall	Estelle	Ker
09/04/22	Essington	ENL2	H	822	W 3-2	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson	Luke	Watson	Estelle *	Pro
16/04/22	Newcastle University	ENL2	A	191	W 2-0	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson	Luke	Hall	Burn	Pro
30/04/22	Essington	ENL2	A	301	D2-2	Regan	McAndrew	Stephenson	Luke	Hall	Burn *	Pro
04/05/22	Essington	F. CR 3P	H	952	W 2-0	Regan	McAndrew	Hornby	Bailey #	Hall	Estelle	Hop
07/05/22	Tow Law Town	F. CR F	H									

**NEXT UP AT GROUNSELL PARK**

That's us for this season.

# & RESULTS

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Erin	Erin	Hopper	Car	McAndrew	Proctor	Blackbourne	Simpson	Paule
2	Burn	Burn	Hopper	Holmes	McAndrew	Hall	Flynn	Car	Holmes
3	Bailey	Bailey	Hopper	Holmes	McAndrew	Trallet	Paule	Trallet	Trallet
4	Burn	McBryde	Car	Hornaby	Sharpe	Holmes	McAndrew	Erin	Blackbourne
5	Erin	McBryde	Burn	McAndrew	Holmes	Proctor	Car	Hall	Blackbourne
6	Erin	McBryde	Burn	Stephenson	Waters	Proctor	Holmes	Hall	Blackbourne
7	Burn	McBryde	Stephenson	Sharpe	Holmes	Campbell	Hall	Bailey	Car
8	Bailey	McBryde	Burn	Stephenson	Sharpe	McAndrew	Campbell	Hornaby	Estelle
9	Burn	McBryde	Stephenson	Sharpe	McAndrew	Campbell	Erin	Dobson	Car
10	Burn	McBryde	Stephenson	Sharpe	Campbell	Erin	Car	Dobson	Blackbourne
11	Burn	McBryde	Stephenson	Campbell	Proctor	Car	Dobson	Erin	Blackbourne
12	Burn	Hopper	Holmes	Campbell	Dobson	Blackbourne	Waters	Erin	Stoddart
13	Burn	Campbell	Holmes	Stephenson	Stoddart	Proctor	Waters	Erin	Car
14	Burn	McBryde	Stephenson	Hopper	Waters	Car	Campbell	Paule	Bailey
15	Burn	McBryde	Stephenson	Campbell	Proctor	Waters	Car	Paule	Sharpe
16	Waters	McBryde	Stephenson	Campbell	Proctor	Car	Higgins	Paule	Flynn
17	Car	Hopper	Stephenson	Holmes	Burn	Paule	Hajer	Erin	Blackbourne
18	Car	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Burn	Sharpe	Burn	Stoddart	Blackbourne
19	Car	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Burn	Campbell	Sharpe	Proctor	McAndrew
20	Car	Campbell	Stephenson	Holmes	Holmes	Burn	McAndrew	Bailey/Waters	Blackbourne/Sharpe
21	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	McAndrew	Proctor	Campbell	Dobson	Sharpe
22	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Burn	Sharpe	Campbell	Dobson	McAndrew
23	Car	McBryde	Campbell	Hopper	Proctor	Burn	Morton	Erin	Stoddart
24	Car	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Proctor	Bailey	Campbell	Erin	Burn
25	Car	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Proctor	Sharpe	McAndrew	Erin/Dobson	Campbell/Flynn
26	Stephenson	McBryde	Holmes	Proctor	Burn	Car	Sharpe	Bailey	Campbell
27	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Stephenson	Bailey	Sharpe	Luke	Proctor	Stoddart
28	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Bailey	Sharpe	Campbell	Stephenson	Stoddart
29	Bailey	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Burn	Proctor	Car	McAndrew	Campbell
30	Car	Campbell	Holmes	Sharpe	Stephenson	Bailey	Luke	McAndrew	Hopper
31	Luke	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Campbell	Burn	Proctor	Estelle	Dobson
32	Luke	Campbell	Stephenson	Holmes	Chenayke	Car	Burn	Groves	Stoddart
33	Burn	McBryde	Holmes	Stephenson	Campbell	Car	Flynn	Paule	Stoddart
34	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Chenayke	Howard	Campbell	Dobson	Hornaby	Groves
35	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Sharpe	Proctor	Howard	Hornaby	Bailey	Groves
36	Bailey	McBryde	Holmes	Walter	Proctor	Burn	Groves	Howard	Luke
37	Stephenson	McBryde	Hopper	Burn	Holmes	Howard	Stoddart	Dobson	Car
38	Luke	McBryde	Hopper	Holmes	Howard	Car	Stoddart	Dobson	Hornaby
39	Luke	McBryde	Howard	Holmes	Proctor	Car	Stoddart	Bailey	Hornaby
40	Luke	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Proctor	Car	Estelle	Bailey	McAndrew
41	Stephenson	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Howard	Car	Luke	Burn	Stoddart
42	Burn	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Howard	Chenayke	Luke	Car	Dobson
43	Luke	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Burn	Howard	Stoddart	Car	Bailey
44	Bailey	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Luke	Burn	Proctor	Hornaby	Howard
45	Car	McBryde	Stephenson	Holmes	Walsh	Proctor	Bailey	Luke	Burn
46	Bailey	McBryde	Hopper	Burn	Hornaby	Proctor	Car	Holmes	Walsh
47	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Hall	Walsh	Kerr	Hornaby	Bailey
48	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Walsh	Bailey	Hornaby	Kerr	Stoddart
49	Car	McBryde	Holmes	Hopper	Walsh	Estelle	Kerr	Hornaby	Bailey
50	Luke	Holmes	Burn	Stephenson	Proctor	Howard	Kerr	Walsh	McBryde

## NEXT UP ON THE ROAD

Look forward to seeing you next season.

## Heaton Stannington Attendances

Heaton Stannington Home Attendances  
since return to the Northern League in 2013/14.

*Italics used for cup games that had a larger attendance than league game*

Season	Best Attendance	Lowest Attendance	Home Games	Total	Average
2013/14	412 v Birtley	63 v Brandon	21	2567	122.24
2014/15	134 v Ryton & Craw.	49 v Stokesley	21	2173	103.48
2015/16	426 v South Shields	75 v Birtley	21	3160	150.48
<i>16/03/16</i>	<i>515 v Blyth Spartans (NSC)</i>				
2016/17	192 v Blyth Town	73 v Bill. Synthonia	20	2392	119.60
<i>06/08/16</i>	<i>280 v West Auckland (FACEPR)</i>				
2017/18	194 v Hebburn	93 v Darlington R. A.	20	2680	134.00
2018/19	401 v. Bill. Town	112 v Brandon	19	3272	172.21
2019/20	257 v Carlisle City	107 v Easington	13	2350	180.77
<i>23/10/19</i>	<i>509 v Blyth Spartans (NSC)</i>				
2020/21	258 v Carlisle City	94 v Chester le St	6	961	160.17
2021/22	<b>532</b> v Easington	136 v Willington	20	6389	319.45
<i>04/07/22</i>	<i><b>652</b> v Easington (Play off Semi Final)</i>				



## Tow Law Town Player Profiles

**Lewis Graham (Goalkeeper):** Lewis joined the club for the 2019-20 season. He has proved that he is one of the top goalkeepers in the League.

**Tom Orton (Goalkeeper):** Tom is an experienced Northern League goalkeeper, re-turning to Tow Law for his 3rd stint as competition/cover for Lewis Graham.

**Jeb Atkinson (Defender):** Jeb is a left sided midfielder player, joined the Club at the start of 2019/20 season. Previously with Jarrow FC.

**Ryan McKinnon (Defender):** The big centre-back originally signed on loan from Consett in January 2020, making the move permanent for the 20-21 season.

**Lewis Milner (Defender):** Lewis is another player who joined The Lawyers from Willington.

**Barrie Smith (Midfield):** Barrie brings a great deal of experience with him from his time at South Shields, where he made 323 appearances & won six trophies during his time at the club.

**Callum Williams (Defender):** Callum is a product of Newcastle United U23's. He is comfortable anywhere across the back 4 or midfield. Lots of experience higher up the Football Pyramid with Gateshead, Spennymoor Town & Morpeth

**Archie Gardiner (Midfield):** Archie is a tough tackling midfielder, who we signed in 2020 from Carlisle City. He loves the Club banter.

**Liam Goldsborough (Defender):** Liam is a young full back with experience in the EBAC Northern League. He joins us having been with Bishop Auckland last season. Previously with Fleetwood FC in the Football League, under Joey Barton.

**Adam Knowles (Midfield):** Adam began his ENL career with Esh Winning & Chester-le-Street, before joining Tow Law. He had a short spell at Consett, returning in October 2017. He has played over 100 games for the Club.

**Drew Lake (Midfield):** Drew is an exciting young prospect, joining us from Consett, who have high expectations that he will further his career with The Lawyers.

**Joel Pearson (Midfield):** Joel is a midfielder player, who can also be an attacking wing back. He joined Tow Law after 7 years at Queen of the South.

**Chris Renshaw (Midfield):** Renny is 1 player you wouldn't want to cross. A fully committed tackler, who leads by example. Experienced Northern League player, who lifts the crowd & the players around him.

**Darren Richardson (Midfield):** Daz is a tough tackling midfielder that had been on the Management team radar for a while. He has previously been with West Auckland & most recently with Bishop Auckland for almost 3 seasons

**Jay White (Midfield):** An experienced Northern League player, who links the midfield & forward line very effectively. Previously with Willington.

**Aaron Hardy (Forward):** Aaron joins us for the 2021/22 season from Hayden Bridge FC in the Northern Alliance, where he was a prolific, young goal scorer.

**Michael Hogg (Forward):** A strong forward thinking player with a powerful shot. Joined from Coxhoe on October 21.

**Nic Marley (Forward):** Nic joined Tow Law in November 2021, from Esh Winning. He's a big strong centre-forward, a threat in the air or on the ground.

**Thomas McAloon (Forward):** Thomas joined Tow Law from Consett. He is a Northern Ireland U17 international. He can play midfield or up front. Previous Clubs include Bishop Auckland, Sunderland RCA & Newton Aycliffe.

**Mattie Moffat (Forward):** Mattie is an experienced centre forward, who scores goals for fun. He has played 1st Division football for West Auckland, Bishop Auckland & Consett. He was with Willington for most of the 2018/19 season

**Alfie Pearn (Forward):** Alfie joined us from Bishop Auckland in October 21. He's a pacy forward, scoring 2 goals on debut at Bedlington.

**Lewis Teasdale (Forward):** Lewis has returned to The Lawyers to provide goals for the team. A proven centre forward with an eye for goal.

**Aaron Willoughby (Forward):** Aaron is a local lad, who played against us for Hartlepool United in the 19/20 Durham Challenge Cup. A forward with an eye for goal, he has lots of ability.

## Heaton Stannington Players and Staff

**Dean Nicholson – Manager:** Former W. B. A. midfielder, and then played for Hebburn and West Allotment Celtic. Moved into the dug out in 2011/12 as Paul Bennett's assistant before moving to Jarrow Roofing as Player/ Asst. Manager. Also managed AFC Killingworth.

**Andy McBride – Assistant Manager:** Been at Bedlington Terriers for the last 2 years. Has known Dean Nicholson many years, was with him when Dean managed AFC Killingworth in 2015.

**Scott Flynn – First Team Coach:** Formerly with Blyth Town, Shankhouse and Birtley as a forward and midfield player. Coached at Ryton.

**Thomas Flynn – First Team Goalkeeper Coach:** Began his career with Newcastle United Academy before joining Hibernian. Was loaned out to Albion Rovers and Alloa Athletic, then moving to Cowdenbeath, before moving south to join Alfreton, and then Whitley Bay. Joined Stan July 2021.

### Players

**Ryan Bailey:** Very comfortable on the ball with a good passing range and battling qualities. Plays with a mature head on young shoulders. Club captain.

**Andrew Burn:** Defensive midfielder. Had trials with Sunderland at u14, Middlesbrough at u15, as well as representing Gateshead and Newcastle district at u13 level. Was part of a successful school team, reaching the National Schools final against Winsor School Boys in 2016/17. Was part of the academies at Plymouth and South Shields. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

**Kevin Carr:** Part of our Northern Alliance treble winning side, who later played for Whitley Bay and Newton Aycliffe before rejoining in 2020.

**Kyle Dobson:** A left back or centre half in over 200 appearances in the Northern League. Previously at West Allotment Celtic and Bedlington Terriers. Signed for Stan July 2021.

**Laquan Esdaille:** Towering centre back, played for Oldham, Stalybridge, Bacup Borough, Clitheroe (player manager was Simon Garner,) Congleton, Chorley, Guisborough, and Newcastle Benfield. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

**Michael Hall:** Centre half who signed from Whitley Bay. A key player in our back four.

**Richard Hoggins:** Forward but also the ultimate utility man Richie has played in just about every position including a spell in goal when he saved almost everything thrown at him.

**Lee Kerr** Signed for Stan in March and marked his debut on 19 March with opening goal of the game against Billingham Synthonia. Ex Whitley Bay Vase winner, Jarrow and Seaham Red Star.

**Harvey Walsh** Tricky winger, joined Stan on 22 March from Dunston on a dual registration, formerly with EFL 2 Salford City.

**Dean Holmes:** Played for Heaton Stannington at the age of 18 in the Northern Alliance, and was top scorer in 2010/11. North Shields signed him during that season. He made around 300 appearances for North Shields, in two spells. He was a key player in their run to the Vase in 2015, culminating in their win at Wembley. Also played for Blyth Spartans and Newcastle Benfield. Re signed for Stan in July 2021.

**Leighton Hopper:** Signed in July 2021 from Bedlington. He scored 3 league goals for them in the curtailed 2019/2020. Two of those goals he scored against Stan at Dr Pitt Welfare Park. Previously he was a regular scorer for AFC Killingworth.

**Jay Hornsby:** Played for Alnwick Town, then signed for Ashington in the Summer of 2017. He played against Stan on 30/10/18 in ENL Cup match which Stan won 1-0. His grandfather played in goal for Stan approx. 1970. Signed for Stan from Bedlington Terriers in July 2021.

**Dean Imray:** A local lad that signed from Walker Central. A solid midfielder who is good on the ball and scores memorable goals.

**David Luke:** Midfielder, with a good engine. previously with Ashington. Had spells at Durham, Consett, Team Northumbria and Ryton.

**Lee McAndrew:** Previous clubs include Ellington Juniors, Walker Central, Whickham, West Allotment, Ashington, Morpeth, Spennymoor, and he was part of Dunston's Vase winning side at Wembley in 2012. Lee made over 175 appearances for Dunston. Can play on either flank. Signed for Stan in July 2015.

**Liam McBryde:** Striker. Played for Ryton, Hebburn, Whitley Bay, Sunderland RCA, Seaham Red Star and Jarrow Roofing. Excellent both in the air and on the ground. Signed for Stan in July 2021.

**Harry Poole:** Box to box midfielder, who played for Heaton Stannington A, captaining the side side in 2020/21, which gained promotion. Missed out on a Neville Cowey Cup Final over Cullercoats on 8 May, when he was injured in the warm up. The club have high hopes for Harry and signed for first team in July 2021.

**James Proctor:** An attacking midfielder signed from Whitley Bay here he previously played alongside Paterson and Campbell.

**Daniel Regan:** Goalkeeper. A commanding shot stopper at the back, comfortable with the ball at his feet. Quite shouty.

**Mackenzie Sharpe:** Previously with Forest Hall F.C., Northumberland FA under 18's and a product of Wallsend Boys Club. Has also played for Whitley Bay and Bedlington terriers.

**Dan Stephenson:** A versatile young player, previously at AFC Killingworth, where he was part of the side that won the Northern Alliance Les Todd Senior Benevolent Bowl at the end of May 2021. Signed for Stan at the beginning on August 2021.

**Alistair Stoddart:** A Stan stalwart, experienced defender with over 180 appearances for the first team. He can play in either full back position. Signed from Shankhouse. Debut on 8 August 2014 at home to Seaham Red Star.

**Evan Howard** Played for Blyth Town, scoring 6 goals for them this season. Strong, holds the ball up well. Signed for Stan in January 2022.

**Heaton Stannington 0-0 Easington Colliery  
Northern League Division 2 Promotion Play Off Semi-Final, 4 May 2022**

Although the opposition was the same, a lot had changed in this play off game from the last league match 4 days earlier after which heads had been down as the league title was missed out on due to goal difference. Knowing promotion was still up to them, the Stan took control of the match and provided a positive display which resulted in them booking a place in Saturday's play-off final at home against Tow Law. This was very much appreciated by the record crowd of 652, which resulted in the crowd being 3 deep on dug-out side, & it gave a cup tie feel to Grounsell Park. There were 3 changes from the match at Easington with Hornsby, Bailey and Esdaille replacing Proctor, unavailable Carr & McBryde who had a thigh strain.

On a pleasant evening, the Stan started on the attack with Steavans in the Easington goal saving in 3 minutes from a Hopper shot. The resulting corner saw Hopper head straight at the keeper. Apart from 1 Easington shot over the bar, the Stan dominated the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 minutes. Stephenson shot just over the bar in 6 minutes & the early pressure paid off in 9 minutes when **Holmes** advanced & lobbed the keeper for 1-0. In 17 minutes, Burn hit the bar & Hopper then headed just wide & they continued to put pressure on the visitors. In 26 minutes, Hopper intercepted the ball but Steavans got to it on the edge of the box before he could shoot. The Stan were playing well although Regan had to put out with his feet in 29 minutes. From the corner, Regan made a great save when he put the close range header over the bar. 2 minutes later Hopper made a great run which resulted in the ball being deflected for a corner. In 32 minutes, **Stephenson** won the ball just inside the Easington half & advanced confidently beating the keeper to make it 2-0. The Stan continued to put the visitors under pressure, often through clever interceptions, especially though Holmes and Stephenson.

The Stan again started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half positively & continued to put Easington under pressure & in 48 minutes a Bailey low long shot was put out by the keeper. Stephenson & Holmes continued to create opportunities although an Easington attack against the run of play in 57 minutes was headed clear. A minute later & a Holmes shot was blocked by the keeper's feet. Soon after Hopper hit the post. It was still mainly Stan attacks although Easington tried to advance when they could although this was not very often, but they shot wide in 63 minutes & over the bar in 69 minutes. After 2 good Stan corners were cleared, Luke shot over in 75 minutes. 3 minutes later & a low Bailey header was stopped by Steavans. A confident Stan continued to pressure although just as the 4 minutes of added time approached, Easington had a late surge which lasted to the final whistle. In 90 minutes, from a corner, Regan made a great double save & in the 94<sup>th</sup> minute he put a shot over the bar. The ball from the resulting corner was headed over but it was too little too late for the visitors & it was the Stan who advanced to the play off final.

It was a great attacking team performance although Regan also made some great saves, when Easington did on occasions threaten, which is why he was voted man of the match. Close 2nd though was Dan Stephenson who had a great performance working hard all night and he also scored the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal. The match resulted in the Stan now only being one game away from promotion & another record Grounsell Park crowd is expected at it on Saturday when Tow Law are the visitors.

Stan: Regan; McAndrew (Y); Hornsby; Bailey (Kerr 92); Hall; Esdaille; Hopper; Luke; Holmes (Proctor 80); Burn; Stephenson (Howard 86). Subs unused: McBryde; Walsh.

**Man of the Match:** Dan Regan. **Attendance:** 652.

**Kevin Mochrie**

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## Tow Law Town Club History

The "Lawyers" were founded in 1890 and became founder members of the Auckland and District League in 1892. The following year they won the Durham Amateur Cup. They first joined the Northern League in 1894, winning the Durham Challenge Cup two years later. After leaving the Northern League the Lawyers played in the South Durham Alliance (1900 to 1905) and Crook and District League (1912 to 1914). After the war the club played in the Auckland and District League until being readmitted to the Northern League in 1920 where it has played ever since.

Until 1994/95 season the club had not won the championship apart from two successive seasons 1923/24 and 1924/25. In between the League Cup was won in 1973/74 when Ashington were beaten 2-1 in the final at Crook. The 1994/95 League Championship win is a certainly an outstanding memory for the club especially as it was won by 14 clear points.

Another outstanding memory was the tremendous F.A. Cup run of 1967/68. Having reached the first round Tow Law beat Mansfield 5-1 and in the second round drew 1-1 with Shrewsbury at Ironworks Road. The Lawyers went into the hat for the Third Round and drew a home tie with Arsenal. Sadly, it was not to be after they went down 6-2 at Shrewsbury in the replay. Frank McGee reported after the replay "Arsenal were saved from a fate worse than death - a trip to Tow Law in January".

Peter Quigley and Tony Heslop took the Club on its first visit to Wembley was made on 9th May 1998 after a tremendous F.A. Vase run. It was a splendid adventure which sadly ended with a 1-0 defeat by Tiverton.

The Lawyers first ground was in Church Lane, but the present Ironworks Road ground was built by volunteers during the miners' strike of 1892/93. Ironically it was rebuilt during another miners strike in 1921. Today the much-improved state of the ground is down to the regular work which has been done since 1921 by many hardworking bands of voluntary labour. A major scare occurred early in the 2004/05 season, the playing surface was struck by subsidence, rendering it unplayable. The Club was forced to ground share at Esh Winning for the remainder of the season, whilst repairs were carried out by the Coal Board.

Continuity at the club was provided by the longest serving trio of officials in the League, Chairman Harry Hodgson, Treasurer Harry Dixon and Club Secretary Bernard Fairbairn who followed his father and grandfather into the job.) They had over 100 years' service between them. Harry Hodgson stood down as Chairman at the end of the 95/96 season. At the end of 1997 Harry Dixon also stood down but stayed on as the Club President until his death in 2002. Harry Hodgson took over as President. Bernard Fairbairn stepped down as Secretary in 2007 after being in the post since 1961 – over 40 years. "A prisoner would get less for murder

During 2004, Harry Hodgson again showed his devotion to the Club, returning as Chairman for 1 last year. Following the 2004/05 season he was replaced by Sandra Gordon, the first female Chair at the Club and only the third in the long history of the League.

Famous ex-players include Billy Hall who played for Blackpool and Manchester City, Chris Waddle who transferred to Newcastle in 1980 & Steve Howard of Leicester City.



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## Today's Teams



**Ryan Bailey  
Andrew Burn  
Kevin Carr  
Jason Chanayire  
Kyle Dobson  
Laquan Esdaille  
Rhys Groves  
Michael Hall  
Richard Hoggins  
Dean Holmes  
Leighton Hopper  
Jay Hornsby  
Evan Howard  
Dean Imray  
David Luke  
Lee McAndrew  
Liam McBryde  
Harry Poole  
James Proctor  
Daniel Regan  
Dan Stephenson  
Alistair Stoddart  
Lee Kerr  
Harvey Walsh**

**Manager: Dean Nicholson  
Assistant: Andy McBride  
Coach: Scott Flynn  
GK Coach: Tom Flynn**



**Lewis Graham  
Tom Orton  
Jeb Atkinson  
Ryan McKinnon  
Lewis Milner  
Barrie Smith  
Callum Williams  
Archie Gardner  
Liam Goldsborough  
Adam Knowles  
Drew Lake  
Joel Pearson  
Chris Renshaw  
Darren Richardson  
Jay White  
Aaron Hardy  
Michael Hogg  
Nic Marley  
Thomas McAloon  
Mattie Moffat  
Alfie Pearn  
Lewis Teasdale  
Aaron Willoughby**

**Manager: Michael Vasey  
Coach: Warren Pearson  
GK Coach: Mark Spedding  
Physio: Rachel Davison**

## Today's Match Officials

**Referee: Tom Wilson 4th Official: Andrew Bailey  
Assistants: David Standley & Liam Lacey**