

Introduction to Dinas Powys Football Club

The village of Dinas Powys is situated within the Vale of Glamorgan, four miles west of Cardiff and is regarded as providing home for professional commuters. Dinas Powys Football Club is an integral part of village life and has established a close connection for the past thirty years through our junior, senior and more recent ladies section.

The junior section provides organised football for boys and girls through qualified coaches/managers trained to a minimum FAW Leaders level, for over 300 children from ages six to seventeen, fielding twenty-six teams every Saturday morning and junior girl's teams on Sunday morning in the newly established Vale League. As a responsible organisation within the community we have in conjunction with the Vale of Glamorgan, trained and appointed a Child Protection Officer whose duties will involve understanding the needs of players, parents and coaches. As part of our goal of quality and excellence in sport we have also embarked on a nationally recognised grading accreditation in excellence and are currently at Silver level.

The ladies section consists of one senior team who have now embarked on their fourth competitive season in the South Wales Women's League. The ladies section has established them as an integral part of the club structure and has become a welcome addition to the club.

The senior section is currently made up of five teams; the youth team who play in the Welsh League Youth Division East and are the lifeblood of the club and as so are encouraged and afforded opportunities to progress through the senior ranks; Two senior teams, all of whom gain regular success in both league and cup competition throughout South Wales and finally the Veterans team who are made up of ex-players and club members wishing to have a regular game of competitive football.

The flagship of the club, the first team, has gained unparalleled success over the last few years winning the first division title of The South Wales Amateur League over three consecutive seasons, a feat which has never before been achieved in the long history of that league. In 1998 the first team won the FA of Wales Carlsberg Amateur Trophy, which is a very prestigious trophy with teams from all over Wales competing. As a result of this success the club has been profiled on Channel Four Wales sports programme 'Goal', and was voted the village club of the year in Football Magazine 1998.

In 2000 the club secured Welsh League status after winning a playoff, against the winner of the South Wales Senior League. This gave the club the opportunity to play in the higher profile Welsh League, and compete in the Welsh Cup against teams of the standard of Bangor City and Barry Town who have subsequently gone on to play in European Cup football.

After gaining promotion from the third Division in 2002 in the runners up position, season 2003 saw the club win the second division Championship of the Welsh league at the first attempt, to take the club to the pinnacle of the Welsh league, the first division.

Our first season at this level saw the first team finishing in sixth place in the first division and although the subsequent season was not so successful.

In 2007-08 the Club achieved its highest ever position in Welsh Football by finishing 2nd in Division One; just a whisker away from gaining the Title. The season before last saw the club relegated to Welsh League Division Two, the only step back in more than ten years of progress, but the club is striving to regain Division One status as soon as possible.

Pen Pictures of Dinas Powys Squad 2011-2012

Name: Mark Dunford
Position: Player Manager
Date of Birth: 7th June 1981
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys, Pontardawe,
Goytre Utd, Maesteg Park,
Trialist with Tottenham,
South West England U19's & U21's
Signed for Club: July 2009

Name: Phil Clay
Position: Asst Manager
Date of Birth: "Post War"

GOALKEEPERS

Name: Damien Lack
Date of Birth: 08/09/1985
Previous Clubs: Sully

Name: Dave Burnett
Date of Birth:
Previous Clubs: Port Talbot Town

DEFENDERS

Name: Rhys Davies
Date of Birth: 11/01/1993
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys
Signed for Club: 2010

Name: David Blackwell
Date of Birth: 18/09/1978
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Chris Hinam
Date of Birth: 31/01/1987
Previous Clubs:
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Mike Lewis
Date of Birth: 10/11/1985
Previous Clubs: Sully
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Dave Penikett
Date of Birth: 12/09/1990
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys
Signed for Club: 2010

Name: Steve Provis
Date of Birth: 10th Oct 1987
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys, UWIC
Signed for Club: 2010

DEFENDERS

Name: Michael Brooks
Date of Birth: 18th April 1983
Previous Clubs: Croesyceiliog, Bridgend Street
Signed for Club: 2011

MIDFIELD

Name: Ricki Morgan
Date of Birth: 3rd February 1981
Previous Clubs: Tenby, Carmarthen Town,
Milford Utd, Haverfordwest, Taffs Well,
Llanelli, Bridgend Town
Signed for Club: July 2005-May 2008 & July 2009

Name: Joseph Hinds
Date of Birth: 02/07/1987
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Liam Jeremy
Date of Birth: 22/11/1988
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Mathew Trotman
Date of Birth: 20/05/1988
Previous Clubs: Merthyr
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Chris Lewis
Date of Birth: 31/08/1986
Previous Clubs:
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Jordan Phillips
Date of Birth: 12/09/1980
Previous Clubs: Ely Rangers
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Richard Yarr
Date of Birth: 19/07/1980
Previous Clubs: Sully
Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Will Penikett
Date of Birth:
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys
Signed for Club: 2010

Name: Nicky Bruce
Date of Birth:
Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys Youth
Signed for Club: 2010

FORWARDS

Name: Dan Jose

Date of Birth: 29th October 1990

Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys, Sully, Ely Rangers

Signed for Club: 2008

Name: Paul McCarthy

Date of Birth: 05/10/1981

Previous Clubs:

Signed for Club: 2011

Name: Gareth Tedstone

Date of Birth: 16/09/1991

Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys

Signed for Club: 2010

Name: Joe Briscoombe

Date of Birth:

Previous Clubs: Dinas Powys

Signed for Club: 2010

Name: Adam Raymond

Date of Birth:

Previous Clubs: Taffs Well, Newcastle Emlyn

Signed for Club: 2011