

BETTWS FC - CLUB HISTORY

1957: formation of Bettws Welfare by President Stan Epton. Played in the Llynfi Valley, Bridgend & District and Port Talbot & District Leagues. Bettws Welfare then became Bettws AFC.

1981: Bettws Boys Club was formed. Played in Bridgend & District League before becoming Bettws Athletic, one of the founder members of the South Wales Senior League in 1990 as part of the new pyramid system formulated by the FAW.

The 1990s: Bettws FC (established from an amalgamation of Bettws AFC and Bettws Athletic) was formed in 1995, sponsored by Bettws Social Club. The target was Welsh League 2000, a 5 year plan. **1998-99** – Runners up in the Senior League once again. **1999-2000** – Senior League winners, South Wales Intermediate Cup winners but lost the play off for a place in the Welsh League to Dinas Powys.

The 2000s: **2000-01** - After a successful appeal, Bettws won the 3rd Division title at the first attempt. **2001-02** - Followed on with a 2nd place promotion from Division 2, behind Garden Village. **2002-03** - Bettws went into the 1st Division hoping to consolidate at mid table but achieved much more. Runners up to Neath in the League Cup. Welsh League winners. However, this magnificent achievement came too early for Bettws to progress into the FAW Premier League due to inadequate facilities. **2005-06** Unfortunately relegation became a reality on the final day of the season. **2007-08** – Greater success followed with promotion back to the first division – by six clear points before relegation loomed again in the 2009-10 season.

The 2010s: **2010-11** – Once again personnel changes bring some instability to the club but a mid-table finish in division 2 was achieved. **2011-12** – A poor season by Bettws standards, resulting in relegation to Division 3 for the first team. The reserve team, however, were runners up in the cup. **2012-13** – A young team remained in the Welsh League, only due to a late restructure of the 3rd division to include 19 (rather than the usual 16) teams.

2013-14 – A mid table finish ensured the team would play Welsh League football again next season.

Main Honours: Welsh League Champions 2002-3
 2nd Division Champions 2007-8
 3rd Division Champions 2000-1

PLAYER PROFILES

Manager: Gareth Darks
Assistant: Gareth Morgan

Lewis Bissmire

Joined the club last season and cemented a place in the first team very quickly.

Simon Collins

New to the club this season but has already has made a mark.

Gareth Darks

Team manager – provides a steady hand for this young team.

Jonathan Davies

Strong, reliable goalkeeper. Both Manager's and Player of the Year last season.

Adam Dunster

Reads the ball well and will chase anything.

Rhys Dyke

A good fullback with great delivery of the ball and a long throw – tireless.

Dan Hale

Energetic, motivating and dependable.

Robbie Hugglestone

Midfielder with bags of energy and motivation.

Jason James

Regular first team player. A committed midfielder who will chase everything.

Martyn Jones

Regular 1st team midfield player. A challenge for any defender.

Tom Jones

Stepped up to the senior squad last season. Showing good results.

Simon Lock

Regular 1st team player. Bags of enthusiasm to match his talent.

Karl Miller

Enormously experienced – a steadying influence for the youngsters.

Luke Miller

Returning to Bettws this season after a season at Llangeinor.

Gareth Morgan

Returning to Bettws after a year out injured.

Andrew Sebburn

Tall, talented and flexible – can play anywhere on the park.

Dean Simons

Former Wrexham junior and schoolboy international. Can also play midfield if required.

Evan Thomas

A tall lad who has talent, youth and energy on his side.

Jonathan Thomas

A committed and regular player in the first team. Enjoys every challenge.

Tom Walters

Another product of the youth system – now a regular first team player who will challenge any defence.

John Wile

Bags of experience. Still plays for Wales over 40s. Directs everything on the pitch.

Nicky Williams

Returning to the club after a couple of years out of the locality. Enthusiastic and committed.

Scott Williams

Long-term defender who can also score goals. Boundless energy.