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WELCOME TO STONEYLANDS

Good afternoon everyone. Let's start by giving a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Gorleston and today's three match officials. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us this afternoon.

The last time we played Gorleston in 2019, we were towards the top of the table on a long winning run, while the Greens were bottom of the league. Now the roles are reversed and it's Gorleston flying high and we are trying to stay up.

It shows what happens on the pitch can change dramatically from season to season, depending on various factors. Most of our squad have won trophies at the club, winning the First Division or League Cup (or in some cases both). Unfortunately this season has been difficult, particularly the last few months.

At times like this players' confidence can be affected. It's important we all play our part on the sidelines by supporting the players and keeping the atmosphere around the club positive. We're only a point away from safety at the moment so there's everything to play for between now and the end of the season. AC

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HISTORY

Long Melford Football Club has a long and illustrious history as one of the country's oldest clubs, with records dating back to 1868.

Looking back, history tells us that the first record of the Club that year was a 5-1 victory over Ipswich Rangers in a game that was played on the Church Green.

More than 150 years later, the club is still going strong, and continues to grow.

You can read all about the different stories from the club's history on our website, and if you have any of your own Long Melford tales, have pictures, or artefacts, we'd love to hear from you.

Drop us a line via our website contact form to help us keep Long Melford's history alive...



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- Eastern Counties First Division (1)
- Eastern Counties League Challenge Cup (1)
- Suffolk Senior Cup (8)
- Essex & Suffolk Border League (5)
- Essex & Suffolk Border League Cup (3)



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Long Melford Community Sports Trust, a non-profit making charity, was set up to design, finance, build a new multi-purpose sport and leisure clubhouse at Stoneylands in order to;

- **Safeguard the long term future of Long Melford FC, the 10th oldest football club in the country.**
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- **Provide a wide range of sport and leisure opportunities for the whole community.**

The Trust has set up a subsidiary company, Stoneylands Facilities Management, who will take day-to-day responsibility for running the building and ensuring any profit is reinvested to meet The Trust's aims.

The Trust and Stoneylands Facilities Management are made up of representatives from both clubs and 'independent' volunteers committed to ensuring facilities at Stoneylands are continually improved.

LAST TIME HERE

Long Melford 0 - 5 Mildenhall Town

Thurlow Nunn Premier, Saturday 29 January

The game was in effect dominated by the league leaders, all orchestrated by the talented ex Kings Lynn youngster Nathan Stewart, who deservedly ended up with a hat trick.

Kicking towards the River end into the face of a near gale Mildenhall adapted well and demonstrated football does not have to be complicated.

One of the few glimpses of Melford came after nine minutes Jacob Brown fired in a fierce shot which Josh Pope the older brother of Burnley and England keeper Nick Pope pushed round the post.

Sloppy defending by Melford from a corner after 14 minutes allowed the ball to cross the box and find MATT GREEN on the far post to prod into the net.

On 17 minutes, man of the match and chief tormentor of the Melford defence NATHAN STEWART was in receipt of a direct pass from the Mildenhall half and he fired into net from the angle.

On 24 minutes the skill and pace of NATHAN STEWART mesmerised the Melford defence, and without challenge he fired home from 12 yards.

With the wind at their backs Mildenhall showed Melford that shooting on sight was a good idea, and hit the post and bar twice.

On 51 minutes the lead increased, a slide rule pass put in NATHAN STEWART to take the ball round Matt Walker in the Melford goal for his hat trick.

The final goal came on 77 minutes when from a free kick MATT GREEN scored with a glancing header. CHENOBERET

LONG MELFORD: Matt Walker, Sam Mills (56), Will Wingfield, Dan Smith, Jake Jackson (56), Anthony Waugh, Ross Waugh, Jacob Brown, Jamie Griffiths, Ollie Emsden, Kyle Hurley (56)

Subs: Hassan Ally, (56), David Lopez (56), George Day (56)

not used: Steve Chisholm, Alex Utteridge (gk)

NEXT UP

On Tuesday night we play our first midweek game of the year as the first team makes the tricky trip up to Kirkley & Pakefield in the Suffolk Premier Cup.

We've faced Kirkley three times already this season, twice away from home, drawing in the FA Cup before losing the home replay, while also winning 3-0 up there in the league. It's a game that could go either way!

AROUND STONEYLANDS

Reserves Review

After the previous week's defeat at Halstead Town (0-3) the Reserves returned to winning ways in emphatic fashion on Saturday, beating Diss Town 8-0 at Stoneylands.

The Villagers reserve side went back top of the League, whilst the brave, young and plucky Diss Town second string remained bottom of the League.

Again it was a great entertainment spectacle for the home supporters and some very concise fluent football played by manager Dave Hennessey's squad.

The goals were scored by James Dormady (hat-trick), Charlie Coy (pen), Ismail Marshall, Perry Newman, Callum Hemson and Alfie Parnell.

LONG MELFORD RES: Utteridge, Coy, T Williams, Walker, Collins, A Roy (capt), Newman, Marshall, Delaune, Parnell, J Dormady
Subs all used (roll on and off): Hemson, Holmes, Cox, Andrews not used: Fayers

Today the Reserves head to local rivals Cornard United.

Under 18s Update

After a lengthy winter break the Under 18s returned to action with a 2-1 win at Cornard United last week.

Cornard took the lead through Luke Spurling, but Melford hit back with a brace from James Dormady to take all three points.

The match was watched by an impressive crowd of 90 and Villagers' manager Nathan Bartlett (pictured) was pleased to see his team finally back in action:

"What a way to restart the season after a long break. A nice win over our local rivals. It was a very competitive game but great to have this feeling back."

On Tuesday night, despite a solid performance and leading 2-1 at the break, Nathan's side went down 5-3 at Little Oakley.



FROM THE DUGOUT



It doesn't get any easier for us today as, for the second home game on the bounce, we welcome the side currently sitting top of the table, Gorleston.

It will obviously be a tough test for us, considering how little we have been getting for our efforts recently. But we'll do what we can today and know that in the past we've snatched points from the sides in the promotion hunt, but need things to go our way.

Not much has favoured us lately. Against Mildenhall two weeks ago we just weren't good enough, but at Whitton last Saturday it was like a carbon-copy of so many fixtures this season. If we'd have won the game it wouldn't have been undeserved, based on opportunities and possession. But, like so often we've conceded sloppy strikes, which makes our goals a premium commodity when they come.

We know what we need to do this season, though, to ensure we get to where we need to be, and any point we can collect will be valuable in the grand scheme of things. Gorleston will no doubt ask a lot of questions today and be huge favourites, with the players they have at their disposal, many who have a pedigree of winning this division in recent years. If we work hard and stay focused, then we feel we can snatch something.

We know as a regular follower of the Villagers, you'll be disappointed with the results we have had this season, but hopefully you can see the lads are putting in the effort, working hard both in games and in training, and hopefully that will pay off when push comes to shove. With your support and backing, the boys will have the confidence they need to get themselves out of this sticky situation. It's a team effort - players, management, and supporters.

Once again, we'd like to thank you all for your support, particularly during a tough campaign. We hope you all enjoy today's game, get yourself something to eat from Debs, and a drink from the bar, and have a safe journey home after.

We travel to Kirkley & Pakefield for the Suffolk Premier Cup on Tuesday, then Lakenheath next Saturday so will hopefully have a few of you there to support us, otherwise we are back here in a fortnight against another top three side, Wroxham.

Have a good afternoon!
The Management

THE VILLAGERS SQUAD

Meet the Long Melford management and players...

Jamie Bradbury (Manager) – Now in his fifth season as manager, Jamie guided the club to its highest ever Step 5 points total in 2017/18 and a League Cup Final victory in 2019.

Steve Chisholm (Player/Assistant Manager) – A former Long Melford Youth player who has also played at AFC Sudbury, now combining playing with a management role.

Jonathan Brown (Coach) – A recent addition to the coaching team last season, previously with Mildenhall Town and also coaches with Long Melford Colts.

Brian Dunster (Physio) – A former Melford player and now a very experienced physio, in his 11th season at the club. Previously with Cornard United and Halstead Town.

Matt Walker (Goalkeeper) – Experienced keeper who signed in September 2019 on a dual registration from Coggeshall Town, has also played for Halstead Town.

Steve Adams (Defence/Forward) - Club Captain for several years who lifted the First Division title in 2015 and League Cup in 2019. Began in the Under 18s and has now played 250 senior matches.

Dan Smith (Defence) – Previously with AFC Sudbury, a regular in the team in recent years approaching 150 appearances for the club.

Sam Mills (Defence) – Signed last summer from Haverhill Rovers in a season cut short due to Covid, has also played for Whitton United and AFC Sudbury.

Ross Waugh (Defence) – Ross is now in his ninth season at the club, making well over 250 appearances and chips in with the occasional goal.

Ant Waugh (Defence) – A club icon who was part of the side that won the first division and then helped the Villagers lift the league cup in 2019.

Dan Swain (Defence/Midfield) - Over 150 appearances for the club and is comfortable at left back or in midfield. Previously with Cornard, Sudbury and Whitton.

Jake Jackson (Defence/Midfield) - Jake is in his eighth season with the club since joining from AFC Sudbury, a versatile player comfortable at the back or central midfield.

Callum Hemson (Midfield) – Joined in 2017 from AFC Sudbury Academy. Callum has impressed over the last couple of seasons at right back or a more advanced role.

THE VILLAGERS SQUAD

Elliot Walker (Midfield) - Previously played for Border League side Boxted Lodgers, made a successful step up to this level making 50 appearances. Now on his way back from a serious knee injury.

Ollie Emsden (Midfield) - Comfortable on the ball, Ollie joined the Villagers in January 2022 following spells with Woodbridge Town, Witham Town and Saffron Walden.

David Lopez (Midfield) - Returns to the club following a two-year absence at Wivenhoe Town. Helped the Villagers reach the League Cup final in 2019.

Jacob Brown (Midfield) - Signed in December 2018, the experienced former AFC Sudbury and Mildenhall man was influential in the battle to stay up and win the League Cup in 2019.

Alfie Parnell (Midfield/Forward) – Impressed in the Reserves last term, played youth football at Needham Market. Scored his first senior goal in the FA Cup in August.

Kyle Hurley (Forward) - Signed in 2019 from Cornard United. A wide player who likes to run at defenders and delivers a great cross.

Will Wingfield (Forward/Defence) - Stepped up from U18s scoring on his debut in the FA Vase win at Woodbridge in 2012. In recent years has switched to left back.

Jamie Griffiths (Forward) - A welcome return to the club from Needham Market in 2019, a prolific scorer and Supporters' Player twice in 2015 and 2016.

Hassan Ally (Forward) - A regular in recent years apart from a brief spell with Whitton United. Entertaining player who won the Supporters' award in 2018.

James Dormady (Forward) – Under-18s player who has impressed in pre-season while playing for the Reserves and First Team.

George Day (Forward) – Returned to the club this summer. A prolific scorer in local football with Cavendish, also played for Thurlow Nunn clubs Stanway and Whitton.





HALF-TIME QUIZ



1. Paul Stirling and Andrew Balbirnie represent Ireland in which sport?
2. In golf, how many shots under par is an albatross?  .
3. Terry Venables only lost once as England manager. True or false?
4. In 1993, who became the first pair of brothers to score tries in the same match for the England rugby team? 
5. Much-travelled goalkeeper Jimmy Glass scored a last minute goal to keep which club in the Football League in 1999?
6. Former England and AC Milan striker Luther Blissett briefly played for which Norfolk-based Thurlow Nunn League club?
7. Which snooker player is nicknamed The Thunder From Down Under? 
8. In the 1972 Munich Olympics, which female British athlete won a Gold medal in the Pentathlon?
9. Henry Cooper is best remembered for his 1963 fight with Muhammad Ali. Name two of the other three British boxers who fought Ali.
10. The former Portugal and Real Madrid footballer Luis Figo is an award-winning stamp collector. True or false? 

Answers

- 1 Cricket, 2 Three, 3 True, 4 Rory & Tony Underwood, 5 Carlisle, 6 Fakenham, 7 Neil Robertson, 8 Mary Peters, 9 Brian London, Joe Bugner and Richard Dunn, 10 True

THURLOW NUNN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Gorleston	25	19	3	3	41	60
2	Mildenhall Town	28	18	6	4	37	60
3	Wroxham	23	19	1	3	59	58
4	Mulbarton Wanderers	26	16	4	6	20	52
5	Walsham Le Willows	28	14	6	8	13	48
6	March Town United	28	14	4	10	12	46
7	Norwich United	27	13	7	7	12	46
8	Woodbridge Town	30	11	7	12	1	40
9	Newmarket Town	26	11	5	10	-1	38
10	Ely City	29	10	6	13	-7	36
11	Lakenheath	25	9	8	8	8	35
12	Fakenham Town	24	10	4	10	2	34
13	Kirkley & Pakefield	26	9	6	11	-4	33
14	Whitton United	25	9	6	10	-17	33
15	Hadleigh United	25	6	8	11	-9	26
16	Thetford Town	27	6	5	16	-18	23
17	Brantham Athletic	28	6	5	17	-26	23
18	Haverhill Rovers	28	6	4	18	-23	22
19	Long Melford	26	4	9	13	-18	21
20	Swaffham Town	26	2	2	22	-82	8

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Fakenham 3 Haverhill 1
Gorleston 6 Brantham 1
Hadleigh 2 Swaffham 0
Kirkley 0 Lakenheath 0
March 2 Newmarket 0
Mildenhall 0 Wroxham 4
Norwich 1 Mulbarton 1
Walsham 3 Thetford 2
Whitton 3 Long Melford 1
Woodbridge 4 Ely 0

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Ely City v Kirkley
Haverhill v Norwich
Long Melford v Gorleston
Mildenhall v Hadleigh
Mulbarton v Wroxham
Walsham v Fakenham
Whitton v Lakenheath



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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Home	KO/RES	Away	League	Ground
03/08/2021	Newmarket	3 - 0	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Tristell Stadium
07/08/2021	Kirkley	1 - 1	Long Melford	The Emirates FA Cup	Walmer Road
11/08/2021	Long Melford	0 - 4	Kirkley	The Emirates FA Cup	Stoneylands
14/08/2021	Wroxham	7 - 1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Trafford Park
28/08/2021	Long Melford	0 - 2	Thetford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
01/09/2021	Long Melford	2 - 3	Woodbridge	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
04/09/2021	Long Melford	5 - 0	Swaffham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
07/09/2021	Hadleigh	0 - 5	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Millfield
11/09/2021	Long Melford	3 - 0	Little Oakley	The Buildbase FA Vase	Stoneylands
18/09/2021	Long Melford	1 - 1	Whitton	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
25/09/2021	Burnham	3 - 4	Long Melford	The Buildbase FA Vase	Leslie Field Stadium
28/09/2021	Walsham	3 - 1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Morrish Stadium
02/10/2021	Long Melford	1 - 1	Mulbarton	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
09/10/2021	Kirkley	0 - 3	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Walmer Road
13/10/2021	Long Melford	1 - 0	Haverhill R	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
16/10/2021	Norwich U	2 - 1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Plantation Park
23/10/2021	Risborough	3 - 1	Long Melford	The Buildbase FA Vase	The BEP Stadium
27/10/2021	Long Melford	1 - 1	Brantham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
30/10/2021	Fakenham	2 - 2	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Clipbush Park
02/11/2021	Ely	4 - 2	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Demcom Stadium
06/11/2021	Long Melford	1 - 1	Hadleigh	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
13/11/2021	Swaffham	2 - 0	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Shoemakers Lane
20/11/2021	Thetford	0 - 0	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Mundford Road
23/11/2021	Mildenhall	2 - 1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Recreation Way
04/12/2021	Long Melford	0 - 4	Newmarket	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Home	KO/RES	Away	League	Ground
03/01/2022	Brantham	0 - 0	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Brantham Leisure Centre
08/01/2022	Long Melford	2 - 2	Ely	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
15/01/2022	Woodbridge	1 - 1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Notcutts Park
22/01/2022	Long Melford	2 - 3	Lakenheath	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
29/01/2022	Long Melford	0 - 5	Mildenhall	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
05/02/2022	Whitton	3 - 1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	King George V
12/02/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Gorleston	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
15/02/2022	Kirkley	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Suffolk Premier Cup	Walmer Road
19/02/2022	Lakenheath	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Pit
26/02/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Wroxham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
05/03/2022	March	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Robingoodfellow's Lane
12/03/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	March	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
19/03/2022	Mulbarton	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Common
26/03/2022	Gorleston	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Emerald Park
02/04/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Fakenham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
09/04/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Kirkley	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
16/04/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Norwich U	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
18/04/2022	Haverhill R	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	New Croft
23/04/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Walsham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands



HOWDENS

Many thanks to Howdens Joinery Sudbury who have donated units for our new clubhouse kitchen. It's greatly appreciated by all at LMFC, Long Melford Colts & Fillies FC, and the Long Melford Community Sports Trust.

If you would like to hire The Melford Clubhouse for a party, gathering or event, contact the Community Sports Trust via email themelford@longmelfordfc.com

TODAY'S OPPOSITION



Gorleston Fact File

Founded: 1887 **Nickname:** The Greens

Club colours: All green (home)

League Form (most recent on right): L D W W L W

Top scorer (League & Cup): Christy Finch 20

The club was established on 27 September 1887 by members of Gorleston Cricket Club looking for a winter pastime, and were initially nicknamed the "Cards", playing in crimson shirts and blue shorts. Their first competitive match was a game against Beccles Caxton in the Suffolk Senior Cup (at the time, Gorleston was still in Suffolk), losing 1–0. In 1900 they joined the Aldred League. In 1903 the club began playing in green shirts and white shorts, and in 1905–06 they were Aldred League champions. Gorleston won the Norfolk & Suffolk League in 1920–21. After finishing as runners-up in 1927–28 and 1928–29 and winning the Senior Cup again in 1927–28, they won the league for a third time in 1929–30. They were runners-up and Senior Cup winners in 1930–31, and went on to win four consecutive league titles between 1931–32 and 1934–35. They also won the East Anglian Cup in 1931–32 and the Senior Cup in 1932–33.

In 1935 Gorleston were founder members of the Eastern Counties League. Their final trophy before World War II was the Senior Cup in 1937–38, beating local rivals Great Yarmouth Town 3–0. After the war, the club won the Senior Cup again in 1951. In 1951–52 the club reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, and were drawn against Leyton Orient. After a 2–2 draw at Brisbane Road and a 0–0 draw at the Recreation Ground (at which the club's record attendance of 4,473 was set), a second replay was held at Arsenal's Highbury Stadium, resulting in a 5–4 win for Leyton Orient, with Gorleston having been 4–1 down at one point in the match.

The late 1950s saw a decline in the club's fortunes; they finished bottom of the league in 1956–57, and after finishing second-from-bottom in 1959–60, financial problems forced them to drop back into the Norfolk & Suffolk League. In 1964 the league merged with the East Anglian League to form the Anglian Combination, with the club placed in Section A. After winning both the Anglian Combination and the Senior Cup in 1968–69, the club returned to the Eastern Counties League.

Gorleston won the Eastern Counties League for a second time in 1972–73. A twelfth Senior Cup victory was achieved in 1977–78, and the club won back-to-back league titles in 1979–80 and 1980–81. The club won the Senior Cup in 2012, beating Thetford Town 2–0 in the final, and again in 2014 with a 1–0 win over Wroxham.

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MELFORD MEMORIES



Although he only played six matches for the club, Italian midfielder Alessandro Zarrelli was one of the Villagers' more memorable signings over the years.

Zarrelli was born in Rivoli in 1984 and moved to the UK around 2005. He featured in a 2006 Sky TV documentary called Super Fakes, in which aspiring footballers were caught trying to con professional clubs into signing them.

The highest profile player in the documentary was Ali Dia who tricked Southampton into thinking he was George Weah's cousin and had played for Paris Saint-Germain. He only played once for Southampton in the Premier League in 1996 and based on his performance described as "Bambi on ice" the club realised they had been duped.

Before the internet took off, it was far easier for players to hoodwink clubs. By the 2000s, when Zarrelli claimed to have played youth football for Rangers and Sheffield Wednesday, a quick Google search by the club would reveal the lie.

Nevertheless, many non-league clubs did sign Zarrelli, despite the infamous Sky documentary. In fact he played for around 25 clubs including teams in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Zarrelli joined Melford in 2013 having previously played for other Thurlow Nunn League sides like Diss and Downham. He made an impressive debut but after only a couple of months he moved on again to Erith & Belvedere.

Tragically, Zarrelli died in a road accident in Cambridgeshire in 2018. He was only 34.

VENUE HIRE



The new clubhouse at Stoneylands, known as The Melford, opened in September 2021 and is available to hire.

Facilities include a large community hall, a smaller meeting room, kitchen, bar and changing rooms.

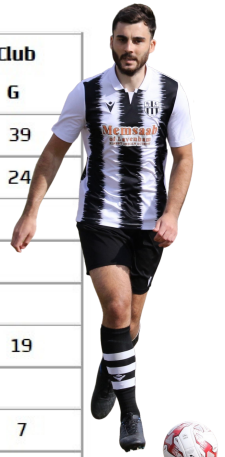
To discuss your requirements and obtain a personally tailored quote, please contact Peter Turner on 07776 182860 or via email themelford@longmelfordfc.com

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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2021/22	2021/22	Total for Club	
	Apps	Goals	A	G
STEVE ADAMS			261	39
HASSAN ALLY	20+4sub	3	165	24
JAMES ASKEW	1		1	
KALUM BENHAM	1		1	
MAX BOULTER	2		3	
JACOB BROWN	31	6	101	19
CHARLIE COY	1+1		2	
GEORGE DAY	20+8	7	36	7
JAMES DORMADY	6+12		18	
OLLIE EMSDEN	4+1		5	
JAMIE GRIFFITHS	20+4	5	149	79
CALLUM HEMSON	5+2		97	10
DION-CURTIS HENRY	1		1	
KYLE HURLEY	7+4	1	34	1
JAKE JACKSON	28+1	2	167	3
JASON JOSEPH	1		4	
BEN JUDGE	20	6	92	17
DAVID LOPEZ	15+6	1	71	7
DAVID LORIMER	4		11	6
SAM MILLS	27		40	
PERRY NEWMAN	4+6	1	11	1
ALFIE PARNELL	12+10	2	22	2
ASHLEY SKEGGS	2		247	46
CODY SKEGGS	2		2	
DANIEL SMITH	19+3		161	5
DANIEL SWAIN	3	1	166	12
MATT WALKER	25		57	
ANTHONY WAUGH	9	1	256	4
ROSS WAUGH	25	1	285	22
WILL WINGFIELD	26+1	5	265	54





JOIN THE TEAM AT LONG MELFORD FC

Do you love football? Are you keen to work within the game? Are you interested in digital media? Would you love to help out on matchday?

If so, Long Melford wants you...

We're on the lookout to add to our team off the pitch to support the club in a number of different capacities.

As the club continues to grow, these responsibilities are also key in helping the First Team, Reserves and Under-18s sides.

The roles we are currently keen to recruit for are;

- Club Secretary
- Team Administrator / Fixtures Secretary
- Social Media, Marketing and Content
- Matchday Volunteers
- Matchday Bar Staff

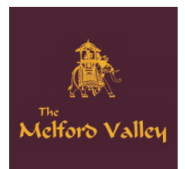
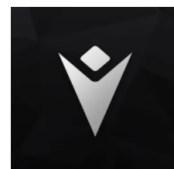
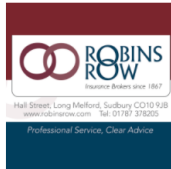
Like everyone at Stoneylands, these positions are voluntary, unpaid roles, but will give you the opportunity to work within the game at Step 5 and play an important part in our growing club.

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please contact us via the contact form on our website at www.longmelfordfc.com

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Visit our website to see our current available sponsorship packages...



THE TEAMS



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Matt Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Mills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Steve Taylor
Luke Goreham
Joel Watts
Connor Deeks
Mitch McKay
Kyle Ingram (c)
Dominic Docherty
Christy Finch
Connor Ingram
Robbie Sweeney
Harrison Bacon
Ross Gilfedder
Angus Mackie
Peter Lambert
Panashe Mundawarara

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Manager: Jamie Bradbury
Assistant: Steve Chisholm
Coach: Jon Brown
Physio: Brian Dunster

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Joint Managers:
Ricci Butler/Scott Butler

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Jack Ridge
Assistants: Daren Bigg & Matthew Webb