# **Cumberland FA**

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# WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP FINAL 2022-23



Wednesday 3 May 2023

# Carlisle United Ladies v Penrith AFC Ladies







#### A Message from the Chief Executive Officer of Cumberland FA

On behalf of Cumberland Football Association, I would like to welcome you to the 2022-23 Women's County Cup Final.

The fact that I am writing this a little bittersweet for me as this would usually be the task of our late Chair Fred Conway, who we sadly lost towards the end of the 2022 and who we still miss dearly.

Fred was immensely proud of his being a part of Cumberland FA and most latterly his role as Chair, to which he dedicated a large part of his life, time, and energy towards various aspects of the grassroots game.

This was certainly the case when it came to our County Cup Competitions. He loved the fact that these competitions brought teams together from across the county. He loved the Finals and the opportunity to attend different grounds to catch up with and have a good crack with their volunteers, some of whom became close friends of his through this association. He also loved the competitive element and would often be heard telling anyone who would listen, and even some who would not, of his success as manager in leading Mirehouse AFC to three Sunday County Cup victories in a row. However, as competitive as he was, ensuring that the game was played within the right spirit and, whilst he didn't always agree with their decisions, respecting match officials was integral to his philosophy and character.

So on Fred's behalf I would to congratulate the teams who have made it to the Final and thank all of the club officials, team coaches, parents and supporters who will have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to allow the players to have the success on the pitch.

I would also like to thank the volunteers of the host venue Penrith AFC, who's support has enabled us to provide a suitable and fitting County Cup Final match day experience for this Final.

Finally, a special mention to the match officials who we wish to congratulate on their performances this season, which has led to their appointment to the final.

We hope all those in attendance have a good experience, although often this is very much dependent upon the result and play their part in ensuring that this year's finals are befitting of the memory of Fred.

Regards, Ben Snowdon



#### **Mr Fred Conway**

It is no understatement to say that Fred Conway's life was based around football and more specifically football within Cumberland.

Season 2022-23

Chairman

John Rogerson

Vice Chairman

Adam Pattison

**Directors** 

Steve Poole John Taylor Ian Parker Adam Pattison Jackie Hayhow

Ben Snowdon

#### **Honorary Members**

Fred Dandy, Andrew Jenkins, Albert Murphy, John Taylor, Geoff Turrell, Jack Williamson, Tommy Jackson, Tony Barnett, Brian Taylor

Chief Executive & FA Representative
Ben Snowdon

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As with most people his love of the game had been developed from his time playing.

Described as tenacious but talented player, his love affair with the game started when he began playing for the Boys Brigade before moving to Cockermouth Albion Under 18's where he won the Derwent Valley Junior League. His career then moved onto playing within the Wearside league for Marchon on a Saturday and he also had a successful spell at Calder Lions, and then Egremont Athletic in the Sunday League.

Well known for his strong opinions, he was never going to sit back quietly and let others lead, and so when, in the 1980s, an opportunity arose to join the Egremont & District Sunday League Committee he took it.



In the mid-80s Fred passed the basic referee course and registered as a referee. In the late 1990s Fred was elected onto the Cumberland County FA council and in 2004 he was nominated and subsequently voted in as Chair of The County FA.

It was his position as Chair of Cumberland FA of which he was most proud, and he would often be heard telling new members of the County that the Cumberland FA badge meant more to him than anything else.

He was unique, which is why he will be irreplaceable.

We are eternally grateful for all of your support, not only to the grassroots game as a whole, but also to those individuals within it and particularly the staff team at Cumberland FA.

And between you me and the gatepost, you didn't do bad, for how you commonly and tongue in cheek, referred to yourself, as 'a thick storeman'.

Mr Chairman. You will be missed but most of all, on behalf of grassroots football and Cumberland FA,

Thank you.

# Cumberland FA Cup Finals Season 2022-23

DATE	COMPETITION / VENUE	FIXTURE	OFFICIALS	
Sunday 26 March	Under 16 Girls County Cup Cleator Moor Celtic FC	Abbeytown Juniors U16 – 3 Whitehaven AFC Juniors U15 – 3 Abbeytown 5-3 on penalties	Referee: John Burns Assistant Referees: Lillias Hodgson & Seb O'Reilly 4th Official: Jake Davidson	
Sunday 26 March	Under 16 County Cup Cleator Moor Celtic FC	Carlisle City Juniors U15 – 1 Crusaders – 1 Crusdaers 5-4 on penalties	Referee: Lee Tedford Assistant Referees: Harry Hufton & Austen Davidson 4th Official: John Burns	
Tuesday 2 May 7:00pm	Fred Conway Cumberland Cup Carlisle United FC	Penrith AFC – 1 Workington AFC – 9	Referee: John Mulligan Assistant Referees: Kevin Mulraine & Matthew Rogerson 4 <sup>th</sup> Official: Mark Hunter	
Sunday 7 May 11:00am	Sunday Cup Carlisle City FC	Inter Pirelli v AFC Scotby	Referee: Ben Whitfield Assistant Referees: Colin Varty & Ben Kinnersley 4 <sup>th</sup> Official: Colin Heron	
Friday 12 May 6:30pm	Under 18 County Cup Penrith AFC	Crown Newlaithes Juniors U17 v Workington Juniors U18	Referee: Cameron Sealby Assistant Referees: Paul Stephenson & Christian Ndubuisi 4 <sup>th</sup> Official: Leigh Musgrave	
Saturday 13 May 11:00 am	Under 12 County Cup Keswick FC	Cockermouth JFC U12 Cosmos v Dalston Junior Black Reds U12	Frazer Sealby Ben Willis	
Saturday 13 May 2:00pm	Under 14 County Cup Keswick FC	Northbank Juniors U14 v Whitehaven AFC U14 Blue	Tommy Linford	
Sunday 14 May 11:00am	Under 12 Girls County Cup Keswick FC	Silloth Juniors U12 Girls v Whitehaven AFC U12 Blue	Jade Taylor Sarah Smith	
Sunday 14 May 2:00pm	Under 14 Girls County Cup Keswick FC	Northbank Juniors U14 Girls v Unisun Athletic Juniors U14 Girls	Zara Sandelands	







#### **TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS**

WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP				
Referee	Georgia Vyse			
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Assistant Referee	Craig Bennison			
Fourth Official	Geoff Ellison			



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#### **Make a Difference to the Game**

In partnership with the local leagues, Cumberland FA are delighted to confirm an additional Referee course in June to support the recruitment of match officials for the older age groups and into adult football.

There is support available from the Carlisle Glass Longhorn Youth Football League for the cost of the course for attendees completing the course and officiating a set number of Sunday games for the CGLYFL.

Visit www.CumberlandFA.com/referees/get-into-refereeing

#### **ADULT ONLY COURSE**

DATES\*: Tuesday 20 and 27 June 2023

TIMES - 6:00pm - 10:00pm | VENUE - Harraby 3G, Carlisle

\*Attendance on both dates is essential

No alcohol or pyrotechnics or flares are allowed and in line with FA regulations action will be taken against Club's if this occurs at the final.

#### **NEW PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHED**

Cumberland FA are delighted to team up with the British Heart Foundation to raise awareness of their fantastic work and promote the potentially lifesaving RevivR training across the Cumberland grassroots football community, as well as help raise vital funds for their ground breaking research.

Beginning now, the partnership will initially span the 2023-24 season.

The partnership will see Cumberland FA provide a calendar throughout the season to support the understanding of health information linked to the heart as well as provide opportunities for Clubs, Teams, Match Officials and Individuals to get involved in fundraising and coordinate the grassroots football community into action.

As part of the partnership, Cumberland Clubs who are at the hub of their communities will have the opportunity to get involved by selling pin badges or housing collection boxes within their club houses ("Buy a pint for a loved one" donations) and / or become a hub for BHF charity shop donations collection.

These are just two ideas where there is potentially huge gains for the BHF with little additional work from the Club's themselves. In the midst of the cost-of-living crisis we're keen to offer our support to this vital charity without over burdening our Clubs. If everyone can do a little, it can go a long way!

Following the launch of the partnership, we will be communicating with Clubs to move forward in time for the new season.



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We're asking clubs across #CumberlandFootball to **Join The Wall**by signing our Positive Football Environment Club Commitment
Statement





# JOINTHE WALL & PROTECT OUR POSITIVE FOOTBALL ENVIRONMENT!

- Abbeytown JFC
- Abbeytown Ladies
- AFC Carlisle
- Allerdale Girls FC
- Alston Moor Football Club
- Aspatria FC
- Aspatria Juniors FC
- Aspatria Vets FC
- Border City Greens
- Carlisle Reivers FC
- Carlisle United Ladies FC
- Cleator Moor Celtic Juniors
- Creighton Rangers

- Eden Academicals
- Flimby Social FC
- Gretna 2008 Walking Football
- Greystoke FC
- Kirkoswald FC
- Langwathby United
- Maryport Athletic
- Mirehouse AFC Juniors
- Moor Row FC
- Northbank FC
- Penrith Walking Football
- Seaton FC
- Silloth AFC
- Silloth Juniors Football Club

- St Bees JFC
- Stanwix FCStanwix Bees
- Sun Inn FC
- Tubby FC
- Workington Diamonds

Sun Inn Athletic FC

- Workington Juniors FC
- Workington Reds Ladies FC
- Whitehaven AFC
- Whitehaven Miners Social
- Whitehaven Miners Social JFC
- Xtreme Ladies FC

@1pm Friday 14April

2023



## In Cumberland 99% of our football played within leagues has been played without any report of misconduct.

**However**, we are aware that the number of reports is slowly growing, and the perception of the game is under threat and so in order to ensure that we do not see incidents, that have been widely reported in other counties, here in Cumberland, we understand that we must continue to address the problematic few that display undesirable or unacceptable behaviours.

FIND OUT MORE:

https://www.cumberlandfa.com/news/2023/apr/03/cumberland-clubs-join-the-wall

#### **MORE REFEREE COURSES**



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#### Make a Difference to the Game

If you're thinking about taking up the whistle, remember, refereeing is a great way to:

- · Give something back to the game you love
- · Remain involved in the game after injury or retirement
- Play a vital role in ensuring players enjoy the game
- · Increase participation in the sport and make new and lasting friends
  - · For anyone aged 14+

Visit www.CumberlandFA.com/referees/get-into-refereeing

#### **NEXT COURSE DATES**

Course 1: Friday 14 July (5 – 8pm) & Saturday 15 July (10am – 4pm)

VENUE: • Workington (St Joseph's Catholic High School)

Course 2: Monday 24 July & Tuesday 25 July 2023 10am-3pm

VENUE: St Benedict's Catholic High School, Whitehaven

Course 3: Monday 4 Sept & Tuesday 5 Sept 2023 10am-4pm

VENUE: Gillford Park Stadium, Petteril Bank Road, Carlisle



#### REFEREE ARMBAND INITIATIVE

The armbands act as a visual reminder to Coaches,
Players and Spectators that the Match Official is
New to Refereeing or a Child.

Ben Snowdon, Cumberland FA CEO commented on what the armband initiative brings to Cumberland Football:

"The armbands were devised as part of our commitment to Safeguarding. They act as a visual reminder to coaches, players and spectators that the individual wearing them are new to refereeing, have less experience and, like everyone else learning something new, will make mistakes.

They support the FA Respect programme and our responsibility to creating the safe and positive environment that in turn leads to an enjoyable experience for all."



#### **RESPECT NEEDS YOU**



The FA's Respect Programme is based on a collective responsibility to promote what is good about football and deal with anything that diminishes the nation's favourite game.

Whether you're a Referee, a Player, a Coach, a Parent, a Spectator or a Club or League Official we all have a responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which children can play football.

For more information visit <a href="https://www.englandfootball.c">https://www.englandfootball.c</a> <a href="mailto:om/explore/inclusive-">om/explore/inclusive-</a>

## **TEAM NEWS**

The Route to the Final

**Coach / Manager** 

Squad

**A Short History** 

**Team Photo** 

# WOMEN'S CUP FINALIST 2022 / 23 CARLISLE UNITED LADIES



#### **Route to the Final**

Q/Final Abbeytown Ladies 0-2 CARLISLE UNITED LADIES

Semi Final CARLISLE UNITED LADIES 1-0 Workington Reds Ladies

#### **MANAGER | Tracy Gannon**

SQUAD: Chelsea Norris, Melissa Mallin, Sarah Nixon, Emma Blenkinship (Captain), Ciara Bland, Sammi Norman, Charlotte Murray, Sharena Robinson, Kerri Mallinson, Rachel Blaylock, Janice Alderson, Paris Alderson, Lauren Ullyart, Nataly Mason, Chelsea Browbank, Emma Morton, Lauren Campbell, Jamie-Lee Bell, Amy Boyd, Rachel Deer, Alice Heaton, Ruth Hopton, Emma Kenyon, Keely McDowell, Gillian Telford, Katherine Johnston, Jessica Cleasby, Alicia Messenger



Carlisle United Ladies play in the North West Women's Regional League, competing across the region in Division One North. For 2023 the Club have entered a team into the Andrea Buggy League (Summer League)

The Blues lifted the Cumberland FA Women's County Cup in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

# WOMEN'S CUP FINALIST 2022 / 23 PENRITH AFC LADIES



#### **Route to the Final**

Quarter Final BYE

Semi Final PENRITH AFC LADIES 3 – 1 Stanwix Ladies

MANAGER | Jamie Fitzwilliam
ASSISTANT MANAGER | Rob Dixon
COACH | Georgia Smethurst

SQUAD: Kim McCormick (Captain), Georgia Campbell, Bethany Cater, Hannah Coulthard, Darcie Dixon, Cara Dudson, Heather Fawkes, Abbie Forster, Jess Forster, Carly Green, Chloe Grisedale, Stacey Harkness-Grant, Hope Lawson, Jess Nelson, Chantelle Peart, Amy Shepherd, Georgia Smethurst, Charlotte Smith, Sarah Smith

Formed in 2000 Penrith AFC Ladies have been Cumberland FA Women's County Cup Champions 4 times and runners up 5 times.

The Club has a strong girl's section, with the women's first team competing in the North West Women's Regional League. Additional women's teams play in the LFA Women's Premier Division and the Andrea Buggy League offering many opportunities for females to play the game at different levels.





Formed in 2011, the **Ability Counts League** offers regular playing opportunities to disabled players aged 16 and over. Fixtures are held once a month between March and October, with teams from across Cumberland taking part at a central venue in Carlisle.

With continued support from Cumberland Building Society the League has been renamed 'The Cumberland Ability Counts League'



The **Cumberland Walking Football League** began across Cumberland in 2019 with players aged 50+ playing regular festival and league fixtures at central venues.

Contact Ray.Sempill@CumberlandFA.com for more details or 07807 665543



The 9 v 9 midweek league is played from April to September offering regular playing opportunities for girls and women aged 16 and over across the County.

For 2023 there are 11 teams playing weekly with almost 200 female players enjoying the format of the game.

It's open to all ages (16+) with many players returning to the game or starting their football journey in the League.



The brand new 'Stepping over the Sidelines' workshop will be delivered across the county to support the recruitment of new female volunteers and coaches into the grassroots game.

Two dates have been arranged – visit our website for details and to register.



#### **FOOTBALL FOR WOMEN AGED OVER 35**

Cumberland FA have already delivered 2 FREE taster sessions giving women aged 35 and over an opportunity to come along in a friendly and fun environment to have a kick about.

Any women aged 35 and over are invited to come along and play – with any experience welcome – the events are played in a friendly atmosphere as we aim to increase the number of playing opportunities for this age group.

The Cumbria Veterans League offers more than 500

Over 35's an opportunity to play weekly throughout the summer months.

The League operates in two sections keeping the mid-week fixtures local while the League Cup and Cumbria Veterans Trophy offers cross county ties.

Get in touch if you're interested in 'pulling your boots back on!' Development@CumberlandFA.com



# Cumbria Veterans League

#### THE JOHN TWENTYMAN SPIRIT OF CUMBERLAND FOOTBALL AWARDS

Nominations will close at 5pm on Friday 19th May

As part of our continued push towards ensuring a positive football environment for all involved within the game in Cumberland, we want to celebrate those who have displayed, through their actions, a truly memorable sporting moment that you believe deserves recognition.



These awards are open to all involved with an affiliated Cumberland clubs and you can nominate a club, a coach, a player, an official, a club or league volunteer, a spectator, a team or even a whole club, by completing a short nomination form outlining how they have demonstrated the true spirit of the game and why they merit a **John Twentyman Spirt of Cumberland Football Award**.

Who encourages respect for players and supporters on your match days?







### www.every-life-matters.org.uk

For the past couple of seasons, Cumberland FA have been working in partnership with Every Life Matters who promote suicide safer communities and provide bereavement support across Cumbria.

We're asking Cumberland Teams to help raise awareness of Every Life Matters, Cumbria amongst players and volunteers as well as having the open conversations which could ultimately support someone in need.

#### **Every Life Matters Training Courses Summer 2023**



All these courses are fully funded for people living or working in Cumbria (except Youth MHFA which is heavily subsidised) and can be booked via:

Every Life Matters Events | Eventbrite

Almost £2000 has been raised by the grassroots football community across the county to support the local charity.

Find out more on how you can support your Club members and donate by clicking <u>HERE</u>.



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# Cumberland FA County Cups

#### **TEAMS STATS**

No.	Sub	Goal	No.	Sub	Goal

OFFICIALS	CUMBERLAND CUP
Referee	Georgia Vyse
	Adrian Ashbridge
Assistant Referee	Craig Bennison
Fourth Official	Geoff Ellison

