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Welcome to Ribbesford Meadows

We welcome the officials, players and supporters from Clanfield 85 for this afternoon's uhlSPORT Hellenic League Division One game.

Clanfield currently lie in 14th place in the table with one win and six draws from their ten games so far.

Today's match officials: Alan Robinson, Kevin Eades, Michael Wright

This weekend's fixtures.

26/09/26 15:00	Alcester Town	VS	Newent Town	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Bewdley Town	VS	Clanfield (85)	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Brimscombe Thrupp	VS	Chipping Sodbury Town	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Cheltenham Saracens	VS	Shortwood United	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Lydney Town	VS	Carterton	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Redditch Borough	VS	Swindon Supermarine Reserves	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Sharpness	VS	Ludlow Town	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Studley	VS	Bromyard Town	Hellenic League Division One
26/09/26 15:00	Wantage Town	VS	Stonehouse Town	Hellenic League Division One

MEET THE BEWDLEY TOWN MANAGEMENT TEAM



Manager: Paul "Ocker" Davies



Player/Coach: Mike Bridges



Coach: Alex Kilgour



Coach: Scott Mason



Unisport Hellenic League Table 2026/27

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Alcester Town	11	8	1	2	11	25
2	Wantage Town	9	6	2	1	15	20
3	Sharpness	9	6	1	2	7	19
4	Carterton	11	5	3	3	5	18
5	Bewdley Town	12	5	3	4	1	18
6	Cheltenham Saracens	11	4	3	4	6	15
7	Lydney Town	9	4	2	3	1	14
8	Studley	9	4	2	3	0	14
9	Ludlow Town	9	4	2	3	0	14
10	Swindon Supermarine R	10	4	1	5	7	13
11	Stonehouse Town	8	4	1	3	1	13
12	Bromyard Town	10	4	1	5	-5	13
13	Redditch Borough	9	4	1	4	-6	13
14	Clanfield (85)	10	1	6	3	-2	9
15	Newent Town	10	1	6	3	-4	9
16	Shortwood United	8	2	0	6	-10	6
17	Chipping Sodbury Town	11	1	3	7	-12	6
18	Brimscombe & Thrupp	10	1	2	7	-15	5



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TODAYS VISITORS

Clanfield 85



Clanfield Football Club was founded in 1890 and for many years played in the Witney & District League. Two years were spent in the North Berks League in the 1960's and for 1967-68 season the club joined the Hellenic League.

Clanfield's first game in the Hellenic League was on the 19th August 1967 against Hungerford Town in front of an attendance of 146. In 1969-70 the club won the Hellenic Division One Championship and were promoted to the Premier Division for the first time. In 1971-72 they missed out on the Runners-Up position only on goal average but went on to secure the Runner- Up spot for the next two seasons also winning the Premier Division Challenge Cup in 1973-74. In 1974-75

the Club reached the Final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup. The first game ended in a draw after extra time, but Pressed Steel won the replay. 1975-76 saw a repeat of the Cup run to the Final but again Clanfield ended up losing Finalists. After a great period through the 60s and 70s they were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1979-80 Season. However, the Club soon bounced back finishing in second place the following season. At the end of the 1984-85 Season they were once again relegated to Division One where they have remained ever since.

The Club re-entered the FA Vase in 2006 when Buckingham Athletic were visitors to Radcot Road, in a game Clanfield won 1-0. The club won the Jim Newman Memorial Cup in 1978 & 2018 and have been finalists in recent staging of the same event and won the Faringdon Memorial Cup in 1996-97 and 2016-17. Season 2010- 11 saw the club finish in fourth place in Division One West and narrowly miss out on promotion to the Premier Division.

The Club have recently adopted a positive youth policy. The Under 18 Team have won the Allied Counties Youth League Central Division and last season their County Cup Competition. The previous season, 2016-17 the Under 17 Team won the Oxfordshire Invitation Youth League Division B whilst the Under 16 Team won their County Cup Competition.

For the 2020-21 season former player Jamie Butt alongside Chris Blakley and Martin Staddon continued as the first team management, with Gary Brown joining them. The season was looking very positive but again was curtailed by the Corona Virus Pandemic.

There was a management restructure for the 2021-22 season with Andy Lyne joining the club as the first Director of Football. Chris Blakely and Martin Staddon stood down from their First Team commitment and the club thanks them both for all their effort over their time with Jamie. Following a nasty injury whilst playing elsewhere, Jordi Mulvany returned to the club as First Team Coach. The season was a success for the club as Clanfield finished third in Division One, losing out in the semi final to Hereford Pegasus who went on to secure promotion in the final against Worcester Raiders. They were also losing semi-finalists in the Challenge Cup as they went out 1-0 to the eventual winners Cribbs FC.

For the 2022-23 season Craig Connor stepped into the First Team Assistant role after deciding to step away from the rigours of playing. The club enjoyed success in the pre-season retaining the Jim Newman Trophy and winning it for the third time in recent years beating Cropredy 8-1 in the final. Clanfield finished the season in fourth place, securing a Play-Off berth for the second season running this time against Milton United. This time the Robins lost out on penalties, with Milton going on to secure promotion on penalties over Hartpury University. The coming season sees Shaun Morgan joining the coaching staff as Jamie and Craig continue at the helm. Preseason has been promising with the club winning the Jim Newman Trophy for the third year running. The club wishes the players and managers all the best for the season.

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By Matt Badcock

JUST the mere mention of the upcoming international break sends colleagues from our sister title The Football League Paper into a cold sweat.

The thought of two Saturdays without any Championship football along with less than half of the scheduled League One programme is enough to induce sleepless nights as they contemplate quite how to fill all their pages.

To make it worse, even some League Two games have been postponed because of call-ups, so how much longer will it be before National League games are under threat too?

The good news is The FLP team will produce great papers worth reading in the new reality of two international breaks - September and October - squashed together.

The move was approved in March 2023 with the later than usual 2026 World Cup finish because the tournament expanded - remember that bright idea - to reduce the number of journeys around the world so many players have to take.

It means England and Wales will be playing four games in this window rather than the usual two and the shutters come down on the top two divisions in England effectively for three weeks.

Step into the limelight. Non-League football. We all know about the rip-roaring success of Non-League Day, founded by James Doe to encourage fans to their local Non-League club when both the Premier League and Championship are on hold.

This upcoming break is a great opportunity to get out the Non-League Day textbook and entice fans through the turnstiles.

A lot of match-going fans will be starved of their usual fix but still keen to see some live action.

It has to be said, watching Non-League football - particularly in the National League - is becoming more expensive in some cases.

Many Step 1 clubs charge north of £20 now - and car parking fees seem to be on the rise too! You have to go a bit further down to Pyramid fulfil the cliched twenty quid gets you in the ground with change for a burger and a pint.

Of course, costs have gone up across the board. All businesses are feeling the pinch and it's never been more expensive to run a football club. But great value days out still reign supreme in Non-League.

So let's see top special offers, the 'kids go free with an adult' deals, the extra events around the game that draw supporters in.

Forward-thinking clubs are working out how to get fans to their grounds earlier and keep them there longer.

While Wales' weekend games are on Sundays, England do play on Saturdays but, crucially, at 7.45pm and 5pm - ideal to get people in the ground for a 3pm game, then keep them on for a couple of pints and some evening football on the box (starting with England v Spain tonight), while bringing in valuable revenue before the winter months.

And also keep showing what a great level of the game this is.



West Midlands Division One Table 2026/27

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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wolverhampton Sporting Community	6	6	0	0	19	6	13	18
2	A F C Wolves	6	4	1	1	24	11	13	13
3	Wombourne Allstars	4	4	0	0	28	1	27	12
4	Avery	5	4	0	1	16	8	8	12
5	M G R	5	4	0	1	13	8	5	12
6	Old Wulfrunians	5	3	0	2	10	9	1	9
7	Bartley Reds	5	2	1	2	19	14	5	7
8	Tipton Town Development	4	2	0	2	11	4	7	6
9	Kewford Eagles	4	2	0	2	7	10	-3	6
10	Bewdley Town Reserves	6	2	0	4	14	27	-13	6
11	Wednesfield Community Reserves	4	1	0	3	12	13	-1	3
12	Walsall Phoenix	4	1	0	3	9	11	-2	3
13	Birmingham Albion	5	1	0	4	6	13	-7	3
14	Oldbury United Reserves	4	1	0	3	7	15	-8	3
15	Lye Town Reserves	4	1	0	3	5	13	-8	3
16	BYSA	7	0	0	7	4	41	-37	0

Correct at 24/09/2026

Reserve Team Fixtures & Results

Date	KO	H/A	Opponent	Comp	Result	Bewdley Scorers
Sat 15th Aug	3.00pm	H	Avery	Div 1	L1-0	
Sat 22nd Aug	3.00pm	A	Avery	Div 1	L4-2	George Andrewartha, Lewis Moore
Sat 29th Aug	3.00pm	A	Bartley Reds	Div 1	L8-5	Luke Rogers 2, Josh Hale, George Andrewartha
Sat 5th Sep	3:00pm	H	Wombourne Allstars	Div 1	L12-0	
Tue 8th Sep	7:45pm	H	Lye Town Reserves	Div 1	W3-1	Jake Tew, Luke Roberts, Will Fletcher
Sat 12th Sep	3:00pm	H	BYSA	Div 1	W4-1	Ethan Everett, Will Fletcher, Jack Loughnane, Jake Tew
Sat 19th Sep	3:00pm	H	Tenbury United	WFA Cup	L2-1	Mikhail Duran-Smith
Sat 26th Sep	3:00pm	A	M G R	Div 1		
Sat 3rd Oct	3:00pm	A	Wolverhampton Sporting Community	Div 1		
Sat 10th Oct	3:00pm	A	Walsall Phoenix	Div 1		
Sat 17th Oct	3:00pm	A	Wednesfield Community Reserves	Div 1		
Sat 24th Oct	3:00pm	H	Tipton Town Development	Div 1		
Sat 31st Oct	3:00pm	H	Oldbury United Reserves	Div 1		



BEWDLEY TOWN YOUTH TEAMS

Under 14s



The Under 14's play in the Stourbridge Youth Football League
Manager: Chris Hough 07525 052634 Assistants: Sam Poutney & Russ Godfrey
Colours: Blue & Yellow

Under 12s



The Under 12's play in the Stourbridge Youth Football League
Manager: Dave Walker 07547 525245 Assistant: Mitch Leake
Colours: Blue & Yellow

Under 9s



The Under 9's play in the Stourbridge Youth Football League

Manager: Simon Walker 07825 554129

Assistant: Dave Walker

Colours: Blue & Yellow

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Manager: Darren Pace Assistant: Steve Mannion

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Player Name	Played	All Goals	Goals	Penalties	Assists	Yell Cards	Red Cards	Second Y/C	Subs
Abdulkadir, Hussein	2								
Austin, Samuel	13								
Bailey, Jack	12	3	3						
Bangay, Ryan	8					2			
Benham, Jonathan						1			
Bevan, Joseph	3								
Bill, Rio	11					2			
Bissell, Jack	5					1		1	
Bridges, Michael	10	1	1			1			
Carter, Ewan	7	4	4						
Clarke, Alexander	9	2	2			1	1		
D'Jalo, Nataniel	1								
Dearlove, William	7	1	1						
Downs, Jack	10								
Egginton, Benjamin	2								
Espley, Ben	10								
Fletcher, William	1								
Hall, Myles	2	1	1						
Harrison, Tobey									
Hart, Samuel	12	1	1			2			
Hughes, Owen	2								
Lees, Elliott	10	8	8						
Lloyd, Kai	12								
Phuyal, Kushal	1								
Price, Alex	1								
Price, Thomas	10					1			
Sutton, Daniel	13					1			
Thompson, Fraser	10	2	2						
Vernon-Cane, Travis	6					1			
Worthington, Ben	1								

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STATS 26/27

in Bin	Started	Subbed On	Subbed Off	Sub Used	Sub Unused	Own Goals	Captain	POM	Opp POM
	1	1	1	1	2				
	13								
	6	6	3	6					
	7	1		1					
	1	2	1	2	1				
	11		7						
		5		5	3				
	6	3	7	3					
	6	1	5	1					
	8	1	1	1					
	1		1						
	5	2	1	2					
	1	9	1	9					
		2		2	1				
	9	1	3	1					
	1								
		2		1					
					1				
	9	3	1	2					
	1			1	3				
	10								
	12				1				
	1								
		1		1					
	7	3	4	3					
	13						13		
	10		8						
	3	3	1	3	1				
		1		1					

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BEWDLEY FIXTURES/RES

Date	KO	H/A	Opponent	Comp	Result	Bewdley Scorers
August 2026						
Sat 1 Aug	15:00	A	Lydney Town	League	L1-0	
Tue 4 Aug	19:45	H	Ludlow Town	League	L2-3	Alex Clarke, Jack Bailey
Sat 8 Aug	15:00	H	Carterton	League	W1-0	Jack Bailey
Sat 15 Aug	15:00	A	Alcester Town	League	D0-0	
Tue 18 Aug	19:45	A	Bromyard Town	League	L3-1	Elliott Lees
Sat 22 Aug	15:00	H	Sharpness	League	L5-4	Elliott Lees, Fraser Thompson 2
Sat 29 Aug	15:00	H	Stonehouse Town	League	W2-1	Elliott Lees, Ewan Carter
Mon 31 Aug	15:00	A	Redditch Borough	League	D2-2	Elliott Lees, Ewan Carter
September 2026						
Sat 5 Sep	15:00	A	Chipping Sodbury Town	League	D3-3	Ewan Carter 2, Sam Hart
Sat 12 Sep	15:00	A	Telford Town	FA Vase	W2-0	Elliott Lees, Mike Bridges
Tue 15 Sep	19:45	H	Cheltenham Saracens	League	W3-2	Will Dearlove, Elliott Lees, Alex Clarke
Sat 19 Sep	15:00	A	Shortwood United	League	W2-0	Elliott Lees, Myles Hall
Tue 22 Sep	19:45	A	Newent Town	League	W1-0	Jack Bailey
Sat 26 Sep	15:00	H	Clanfield (85)	League		
October 2026						
Sat 3 Oct	15:00	A	Stonehouse Town	League		
Sat 10 Oct	15:00	A	Birstall United	FA Vase		
Sat 17 Oct	15:00	H	Redditch Borough	League		
Tue 20 Oct	19:45	A	Bromyard Town	WFC		
Sat 24 Oct	15:00	A	Ardley Utd Dev	UHL CC		
Sat 31 Oct	15:00	A	Studley	League		
November 2026						
Tue 10 Nov	19:45	H	Redditch Borough	WFA Cup		
Sat 14 Nov	15:00	A	Brimscombe & Thrupp	League		
Sat 21 Nov	15:00	A	Carterton	League		
Sat 28 Nov	15:00	A	Sharpness	League		
December 2026						
Sat 12 Dec	15:00	H	Shortwood United	League		
Sat 19 Dec	15:00	H	Chipping Sodbury Town	League		
Sat 26 Dec	15:00	A	Ludlow Town	League		

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RESULTS 2026/27

January 2027

Sat 2 Jan	15:00	H	Studley	League
Sat 9 Jan	15:00	A	Clanfield (85)	League
Sat 23 Jan	15:00	H	Wantage Town	League
Sat 30 Jan	15:00	A	Swindon Supermarine Re	League

February 2027

Sat 6 Feb	15:00	H	Lydney Town	League
Sat 13 Feb	15:00	A	Brimscombe & Thrupp	League
Sat 20 Feb	15:00	H	Newent Town	League

March 2027

Sat 6 Mar	15:00	H	Bromyard Town	League
Sat 13 Mar	15:00	A	Wantage Town	League
Mon 29 Mar	15:00	H	Alcester Town	League

April 2027

Sat 10 Apr	15:00	H	Swindon Supermarine Re	League
Sat 17 Apr	15:00	A	Cheltenham Saracens	League



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League

Sat 3rd October versus Stonehouse Town away.

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A BRIEF HISTORY

Bewdley Town Football Club, as it is now known, was formed in 1978, following over 90 years competing under various local names, one of which has been resurrected recently by the youth section as Bewdley Comrades.

The club was formed with the merger of two local teams, Bewdley Old Boys F.C and Woodcolliers FC, the latter who played on a Sunday and both originally playing at Gardeners Meadow in Bewdley. The ground at Gardeners Meadow was sold for redevelopment which meant the club had to seek a new venue and moved temporarily to Kidderminster. A massive fundraising project commenced, which enabled the club to purchase land and return to Bewdley, to their home Ribbesford Meadows under the guidance of Robert Burns.

After playing in the Kidderminster and District Leagues, the main senior side under the management of Craig Payton and Chairman Geoff Edwards, joined in 1999, the West Midlands Regional League Division One South. Prior to this Ribbesford Meadows had been an on going project, providing football facilities for all ages including, youth football in the Stourport and District League and Midlands Floodlit League, adult football in the Kidderminster and District League, and can boast being one of the first clubs in Worcestershire in 1993 under FA Coach Chris Middleton to start a Mini Soccer Centre. This centre is still in operation, and draws children of all abilities from the age of 4, from all areas of the Wyre Forest region, under the expert tuition of FA Coach Wayne Payton and co-ordinator Jo Payton, and their team of qualified coaches.

In 2005, Bewdley Town finished runners up in Division 1 and gained promotion to the West Midlands Premier League, however in order for them to compete at this level, they had to rent the facilities of near rivals Stourport Swifts. In 2006 permission was granted to build stands and erect floodlights, and in their second season, finished third in the league, having lead for much of it, only being thwarted from possibly winning the league, by bad floods meaning them having to play a large number of games in a short period at the end of the season eventually having its toll on the players, if they had won the league however, they would not have been granted promotion due to the on going development of the ground not being completed.

In 2007-8 the ground had been given a higher rating allowing them to compete in matches at a higher level and gain promotion if they finished in any of the top places. Bewdley Town FC also made history in this season, when they were allowed to enter the F.A. Vase for the first time, where they reached the third round proper, losing to higher ranked opposition Coventry Sphinx. The following season saw Bewdley make their appearance in the FA Cup, although short lived, when they lost at home to Midland Alliance side Alvechurch FC.

The last few seasons, have seen Bewdley Town, under the guidance of joint managers Craig Payton and Brian Lacey, become one of the top sides in the West Midlands Regional League. Their attractive style of football has made them one of the hardest sides to beat, and one which has attracted supporters from all over the country.

Work is on going at Ribbesford Meadows, as the committee and loyal band of volunteers continue to develop the ground for higher levels of competition. Their hard work and achievement, was recently recognised by an award from "Groundtastic Magazine" for the best stand in the lower levels of non league football and narrowly missed winning best ground in the same category, they have recently attained the necessary grading to allow them to proceed up the non league ladder.

The 2008/09 season saw Bewdley Town reach the final of the Worcestershire Senior Urn, losing narrowly to Midland Football Alliance side Studley 3-2 at Aggborough, although many thought they were unlucky to do so. However two years later in the 2010/11 season, they gained their revenge beating Studley 2-1 in front of a crowd of over 500.

The 2011-12 season saw Bewdley become a strong cup side, they again reached the final of the Worcestershire Senior Urn, where they retained the trophy, once again in front of a 500+ crowd beating Alvechurch FC from the Midland Football Alliance, coming from a goal down to win 3-2. They also nearly caused an upset in the FA Cup, where after progressing through to the 2nd Qualifying round, they very nearly claimed the scalp of Evostik Southern Premier League side Stourbridge, leading 1-0 with 13 minutes of the game left, but eventually losing 2-1, their victors progressed through to the 2nd round proper.

In the 2011/12 season saw Bewdley Town enter a team in the new Under 21 league of the Midland Combination, the first season saw them finish a creditable 4th place in a strong league with a number of academy sides. Season 2012/13 also begins a new chapter, with a new Under 18's and our Under 14's entering the Midland Junior Premier League, playing on Saturday mornings, where, very much like the Under 21's, the competition will be against strong academy sides. The introduction of these teams bodes well for the future of Bewdley Town FC, with a direct route now through from Youth to 1st XI football and beyond, which the club has continued to pursue since the introduction of the Mini Kickers.

Bewdley Town were awarded the Charter Standard Adult Status in April 2012 and together with their successful Youth Section, are striving towards Community Club Status.

At the end of 2012/13 season, Bewdley added to the trophy cabinet by winning both the Worcestershire Infirmary Charity Senior and Junior Cups with the 1st team beating Malvern Town 4-3 and the Under 21 beating the same opponents 2-1.

May 2014 saw an era come to an end, when joint managers Craig Payton and Brian Lacey decided to retire. The position of 1st team manager was handed over to the vastly experienced Phil Mullen with former Kidderminster Harriers striker Paul "Ocker" Davies as his number 2.

The 2014-15 season was a struggle for the new look Town, as, not only did the club have new managers, but also had a new team, with a number of the "older heads" deciding to retire, leaving Phil no option but to look to youth. Town finished the season in 17th position, well clear of relegation, but the final game of the season saw them regain the Worcestershire Infirmary Charity Senior Cup with a 1-0 win again at Malvern Town.

The 2016-17 season saw the reintroduction of a second team, having been accepted by the West Midlands Regional League, they will compete in Division 2. The team will be under the joint leadership of Wayne Payton and Russ Godfrey giving a much needed link from the youth section to adult football.

This season saw the club enter and win the Smedley Crooke Charity Cup with a victory on penalties against Coton Green. The 1st team finished in a creditable 6th position in the league having been as low as 17th at the beginning of January, the Reserves in their 1st season finished 14th.

During the close season, the club also obtained an FA grant enabling them to have major drainage work done to the main pitch, hopefully this will mean no mid season break due to waterlogging as has happened in previous years. The 2019-20 season although wiped out through the coronavirus pandemic would have been a successful one for the club, as at the time the season was curtailed, the 1st team were sitting second in the league and very close to promotion to the 5th tier of the non league pyramid.

The season was also blighted by some of the most severe flooding in the area, which effected large portions of the pitches and surrounding area's. Thanks to funding from the Football Foundation, local grants and the generosity of supporters, the club were able to carry out extensive work including new fencing, a new block toilet facility and numerous other changes to the facilities.

The new season 2020-21 has seen the reintroduction of the Under 21 team which will be playing in The Midland Football League U21 West division under the stewardship of Phil Gates, this once again provides the link between junior football and senior and can only be good for the future of Bewdley Town Football Club. For the season 2021-22 the Under 21's became the Reserve team and entered the MFL Division 4 / Reserve league.

The 2020-21 season followed the same fate as that of the previous season being curtailed by the pandemic. However, Bewdley had a great run in the FA Vase reaching the 2nd round proper for the 1st time in their history unfortunately losing 3-1 away to Radford FC. Due to their cup run and a number of games effected by Coronavirus, the 1st team only managed to play 4 league games, however the restructuring of the non league pyramid went ahead, their record was added to that of the previous season, and with a superior points per game record, were promoted to the 5th tier for season 2021-22 into The Midland Football League, where a number of mouth watering "derby" ties would be available, including near neighbours Stourport Swifts.

After three seasons in the MFL Bewdley were relegated and dropped down a step. The club was then moved to the Hellenic league Division one. The club finished in a creditable 10th place. Season 25/26 saw them challenge for the title, but eventually finished third and losing in a tight playoff game to Stonehouse Town.

Season 26/27 will see them competing in the Hellenic league Division One again. The club also introduced a reformed reserve side who'll play in the West Midlands Regional league Division One. A new Under 14 team, Bewdley Town Youth, will also be playing alongside the existing youth teams.

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