

# THE GREATEST STORY IN FOOTBALL

## BUT WHY?

- THE ONLY TEAM TO HAVE WON THE AMATEUR & PROFESSIONAL FA CUPS IN 1963 & 1988, RESPECTIVELY
- THE MOST NOMADIC CLUB - 22 DIFFERENT HOME LOCATIONS
- THE REAL INVINCIBLES - A RECORD 78 GAMES UNBEATEN
- FACED THE MOST DIFFERENT OPPONENTS, 781 AND COUNTING
- THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS WITHOUT GAINING PROMOTION, CCL 2002/03
- IT ONLY TOOK 9 YEARS - FROM REFORMATION TO FOOTBALL LEAGUE RETURN
- THE FASTEST RISE IN FOOTBALL FROM LEVEL 4 TO LEVEL 1 1982/83-1986/87
- THE FASTEST RISE FROM THE ASHES: FRANCHISED BY THE FA IN MAY 2002, LEVEL 2 FIRST MATCH AS AFC WIMBLEDON JULY 2002, LEVEL 9
- THE MOST AWARDED CLUB - 85 DIFFERENT TROPHIES
- THE ONLY CLUB IN THE WORLD WITH THREE CHARITIES: AFC WIMBLEDON FOUNDATION, DLG, WISH



## BRINGING OUR SPORTING HERITAGE TO LIFE

Wimbledon in Sporting History is going from strength to strength. Just like behind the scenes at the football club, and the Dons Trust, there is so much hard work that goes on to deliver projects that will be of interest to you – the supporters.

And the key thing is, it doesn't matter how old or young you are, or how long you have been a fan of the Club, or even the game in general. The work that is carried out by a passionate group is now in its fifth year, something that is incredible in itself, and just as promised in those early stages the heritage of not just the football side of sports in the area is being brought back to life.

Within the stadium itself, you may have seen Speedway displays, and very soon, as you will have seen in a past programme, we are welcoming back and honouring one of the most famous names to have graced this area, when we unveil the Mick the Miller greyhound mosaic next month.

From the Wombles bench – which acts as a meeting point, as well as many photographs – to the Cup winners statue, and the many images that adorn the walls of the concourses, WISH leaves a trail that will be enjoyed by

all. Speaking of trails, there is something lined up which will be of huge interest to many in the coming weeks...

As we look ahead, here is a list of just some of the projects that have either gone through the completion stage or are very much in the works for this year and beyond.

- Lego stadium model – February
- Bespoke charity donations point – March
- Mick the Miller mosaic – unveiling on 15 March
- Stadium multi-sports artwork and storyboards – April
- Going to the Dogs film Premiere – May
- Remembering club volunteers event and display – May
- Shirt history event and display – August
- Digitally archiving and online history database – ongoing
- Yellow and Blue international partners drive – ongoing
- Wimbledon Speedway Dons race once more. Four team charity event – July
- Tapes Up Speedway history film – starts Autumn this year
- Speedway statue (first ever in the UK) – March 2025
- Tapes Up Speedway film premiere – May 2025

As stated, there is truly something for everyone in this list. There could be something here that you could be interested in, and maybe even be able to help with. If this is the case then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com](mailto:info@wimbledoninsportinghistory.com) with your offers of help, or maybe your ideas as to how we can continue to gather the area's rich sporting legacy.



You may have noticed in this past Saturday's programme that we have a Lego model that is being made for all to view in the main reception area. This will also be available to purchase, and all preorders can be placed here. This is an item that has already gained a lot of queries, so be sure to place your order by visiting this site: <https://buildablebybrickthis.com/collections/lego-football-grounds/products/wimbledon-fc>