






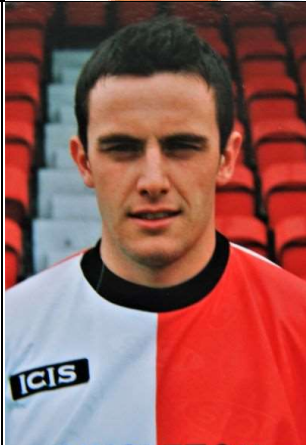




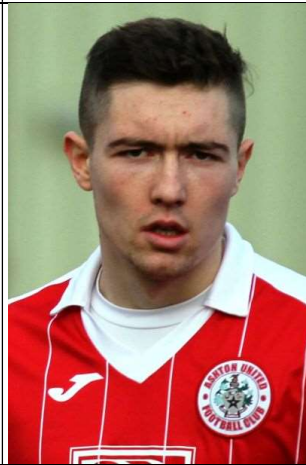








| <i>Player</i> | <i>Playing Career</i> | <i>AUFC Info</i> | <i>Biography</i> | |
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| BABER, Derek Midfield 2 games 0 goals | Runcorn Ashton United (76; 2-0) | Debut 23/11/1976 Rossendale United (A) Cheshire County League Last game 05/03/1977 Horwich RMI (H) Cheshire County League | Baber had left Runcorn to move to Wearside – he made only limited Ashton appearances after being signed by Phil Staley on his return to the North West. |  |
| BAGNALL, John Born 23/11/1973 (Burscough) Goalkeeper 11 games 0 goals | Preston North End Southport Chester City (93-94; 1-0) Wigan Athletic Congleton Town Ashton United (95; 11-0) Winsford United Southport (98-99; 9-0) Radcliffe Borough (loan, 98; 1-0) Burscough St Helens Town Lancaster City Hyde United Burscough Witton Albion (04; 1-0) Southport (06-07; 1-0) Burscough TNS (loan, 07; 1-0) Warrington Town (07; 3-0) | Debut 02/09/1995 Lancaster City (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last Game 21/11/1995 Whitley Bay (H) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | A well-travelled keeper whose eleven consecutive first team appearances ended after conceding a second successive three-goal haul; it proved to be his only spell between the sticks. Away from football Bagnall proved a very accomplished cyclist, winning national masters titles after finishing playing. |  |
| BAGULEY, Chris Born 01/09/1987 (Salford) Midfield 133 games 34 goals | Oldham Athletic Altrincham (trial, 07) FC United of Manchester (07-09; 73-22) Mandurah City (Australia) Leigh Genesis (09; 17-11) Salford City (09; 2-0) Leigh Genesis New Mills (10; 9-7) Rossendale United Salford City Ashton United (12-15; 64-14) New Mills (loan; 14; 3-0) Ramsbottom United (15; 5-0) Ashton United (15-16; 69-20) | Debut 21/08/2012 AFC Fylde (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division 2 nd debut 14/03/2015 Kings Lynn Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 26/12/2016 Warrington Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | Midfielder with a great range of passing skills and a scorer of spectacular goals; a serious knee injury limited his progress in 2013 – Baguley returned to the squad after a short loan spell to become an integral part of the squad that made the play-offs in 2014, 2015 and 2016, either side of a brief stay at Ramsbottom United in 2015. Brother of Jamie. |  |



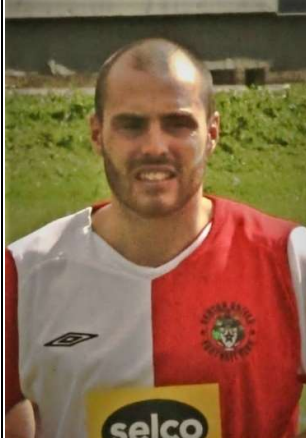
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| | Prestwich Heys (16; 1-2) Stalybridge Celtic (17; 4-1) Prestwich Heys (17; 33-12) Glossop North End (17-18) <i>Player-coach</i> Prestwich Heys (18-19; 21-8) <i>Manager</i> AFC Monton (19-?) | | | |
| BAGULEY, Jamie Born 12/12/1984 (Salford) Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Manchester United (Youth) Stockport County Altrincham (loan, 04; 12-2) Rochdale (trial, 04) Radcliffe Borough (04; 2-0) Rossendale United (04-05) Flixton (05) Woodley Sports (05) Ashton United (05; 1-0) Rossendale United (05) Flixton (05) Salford City (05-07) FC United of Manchester (07-09; 60-6) Leigh Genesis (09-10) New Mills (10) Salford City (10) Trafford (10-11) <i>Assistant player-manager</i> Rossendale United (11) <i>Player</i> Salford City (11-12) Radcliffe Borough (12-13) New Mills (13-14) AFC Monton Prestwich Heys Wythenshawe Town AFC Monton | Debut 20/08/2005 North Ferriby United (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | Summer 2005 signing Baguley made his debut as a substitute on the opening day of the season following a couple of outings in pre-season games; Ashton's first game after relegation from Conference North proved to be his only competitive game for the club. Brother of Chris. |  |
| BAILEY (1) Defender 4 games 0 goals | Hurst (37; 4-0) | Debut 12/11/1937 Stockport County Reserves (A) Cheshire County League Last game 03/12/1937 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League | Bailey's time at Hurst Cross comprised four successive games at right back in the middle of the 1937-38 campaign |  |






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| BAILEY (2) Defender 4 games 0 goals | Ashton United (56; 4-0) | Debut 14/04/1956 Morecambe (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 05/05/1956 Oldham Athletic Reserves (H) Manchester Intermediate Cup | Bailey played four games at right back at the very tail end of the 1955-56 season. |  |
| BAILEY, Alan Born 01/11/1978 (Macclesfield) Forward 2 games 0 goals | Manchester City (96-99; 1- 0) Macclesfield Town (loan, 99; 10-1) Stockport County (99-01; 21-2) Burton Albion (01-02) Marine Guiseley Mossley (03-04; 25-11) Ashton United (04; 2-0) Woodley Sports | Debut 16/08/2004 Nuneaton Borough (A) Conference North Last Game 22/08/2004 Altrincham (H) Conference North | Alan Bailey signed for The Robins at the start of the 2004-05 Conference North campaign but was injured in only his second game and never pulled on an Ashton shirt again. A talented musician, after retiring from playing he later turning his hand to acting and film production with some notable success; he co-founded the Manchester Film Festival in 2015. |  |
| BAILEY, Tim Forward 4 games 0 goals | Ashton United (01; 4-0) Abbey Hey | Debut 15/09/2001 Skelmersdale United (H) FA Cup Last Game 10/12/2001 Emley (A) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup | Promoted from the reserves as an occasional substitute, Bailey made one league appearance in an excellent 6-2 win at Spennymoor. |  |




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| BAILEY, Tony Half back 5 games 0 goals | Ashton United (52; 5-0) | Debut 21/04/1952 Netherfield (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 05/05/1952 Droylsden (H) Manchester Challenge Shield | Promoted from the reserves, Bailey made his debut at left wing but also played in both half-back positions over the latter stages of the 1951-52 campaign. |  |
| BAINBRIDGE, Gary Defender 15 games 1 goal | Winsford United (81-83) Ashton United (83; 15-1) | Debut 13/08/1983 Curzon Ashton (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 10/12/1983 St Helens Town (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Bainbridge made his debut wearing number the 8 shirt, before establishing himself at full back over the first half of the 1983-84 campaign under manager Glyn Watson |  |
| BAINES, Andy Forward 25 games 6 goals | Stalybridge Celtic Runcorn Stalybridge Celtic Hyde United (90-91; 26-9) Curzon Ashton Mossley (93-94; 15-5) Ashton United (94-95; 25-6) Mossley (95-97; 70-33) | Debut 08/10/1994 Worksop Town (H) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last Game 1995 06/05/1995 Goole Town (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | A more than useful striker, Baines joined Ashton from Mossley but netted only one league goal in his club tally. He played an entire game in goal against Curzon Ashton as emergency cover with no recognised goalkeepers available. |  |
| BAINES, Cecil Peter Born 11/09/1919 (Australia) Died 06/01/1997 Forward 2 games 0 goals | Oldham Athletic Wrexham Ashton National Denton United Hurst (40; 2-0) Audenshaw United Wrexham (42-46; 58-36) <i>Wartime - Grimsby Town, Hartlepool United, Liverpool, Middlesbrough</i> | Debut 25/03/1940 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League Last game 30/03/1940 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League | Probably the club's first non-white player, Peter Baines made one wartime appearance at inside right and one on Hurst's right wing before going on to feature for a host of professional clubs, mainly as a guest player during the war but also after competitive football resumed in 1946. |  |




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| | Crewe Alexandra (46-47; 8-0) Hartlepool United (47; 9-1) New Brighton (47; 2-0) Clitheroe | | | |
| BAINES, Lewis Born 10/10/1998 (Ashton-under-Lyne) Defender 28 games 2 goals | Fleetwood Town (17-19) Bamber Bridge (loan, 17-18) Ashton United (loan, 18; 20-2) Ashton United (loan, 18; 8-0) Chorley (loan, 18-19; 5-0) Stockport County (loan, 19; 5-0) Chorley (19-?) | Debut 13/02/2018 Lancaster City (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division 2 nd debut 29/09/2018 Leamington (H) National League North Last game 06/11/2018 Guiseley (H) National League North | Tall left-sided defender, Baines belied his age of 19 with some composed displays at both centre half and left back during a loan spell that saw Ashton win promotion to National League North, re-joined the club for a second, shorter spell the following season. |  |
| BAINES, Stephen Born 13/01/1970 (Liverpool) Defender 26 games 0 goals | Kirkby Town Newtown Southport (91-92; 53-2) Caernarfon Town Winsford United (95-96) Witton Albion (96; 1-0) Droylsden Marine Accrington Stanley Ashton United (99; 26-0) | Debut 14/08/1999 Whitley Bay (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last Game 11/12/1999 Chorley (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | 'Basher' Baines was a John King signing - he played mainly at right back and was also tried in midfield by King's successor, Gerry Quinn, before he eventually moved on from Hurst Cross. |  |
| BAK, John Defender 5 games 0 goals | Glossop Congleton Town Ashton United (82-83; 5-0) Glossop (83) Droylsden | Debut 06/11/1982 Lancaster City (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 11/12/1982 Rhyl (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Bak made his Robins' debut as a substitute, then made four further outings at left back as 1982 drew to a close. |  |





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| <p>BAKARE, Mathias Born c. 1995 (Nigeria) Defender 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Aveley (14-15) VCD Athletic (15-16) Brentwood Town (16) Billericay Town (16-17) Aveley (17) Stalybridge Celtic (17; 14-0) Connah's Quay (17-18) Warrington Town (18) Ashton United (18; 3-0) Hendon (18; 1-0) Halesowen Town (18-19) Farnborough Town (19; 1-0) Corinthian Casuals (19-?)</p> | <p>Debut 04/08/2018 Nuneaton Borough (H) National League North</p> <p>Last game 01/09/2018 AFC Telford United National League North</p> | <p>A very quick player, Bakare featured in full back / wing back roles for Ashton. He was unlucky to pull a muscle early on debut and never really got chance to establish himself when fit again.</p> |  |
| <p>BAKER Forward 10 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Ashton United (48; 10-1)</p> | <p>Debut 27/03/1948 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 28/08/1948 New Brighton Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Baker made his debut over Easter 1948 and remained a fixture at inside forward until the early part of the following season.</p> |  |
| <p>BAKER, Charlie Half back 88 games 6 goals</p> | <p>Stalybridge Celtic Hurst (40-42; 50-5) Audenshaw United Hurst (45-46; 38-1)</p> | <p>Debut 19/10/1940 Manchester United 'A' (H) Manchester League</p> <p>2nd Debut 01/09/1945 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 05/05/1946 Droylsden (N) Ashton Charity Cup</p> | <p>Charlie Baker played right half for much of two wartime seasons until the club stood down in 1942; he resurfaced at Hurst Cross after the conflict was over, going on to be a major contributor to the club's first post-war campaign.</p> |  |
| <p>BAKER, Clive Forward 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (60; 2-0)</p> | <p>Debut 15/10/1960 Burscough (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 22/10/1960 Skelmersdale United (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Reported in the press to have endured an unhappy debut, Baker was still selected again the following week at inside right – that however, proved to be his final club outing.</p> |  |





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| BAKER, Darren Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Local football Ashton United (89; 1-0) | Debut 22/08/1989 Nantwich Town (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Baker (or possibly Barker) had one outing in the number 4 shirt early in the 1989-90 season. |  |
| BAKER, Roy Defender 34 games 3 goals | Ashton United (75-76; 34-3) Amateur football <i>Also</i> Fire Brigade Representative XI | Debut 11/10/1975 Leek Town (A) FA Trophy Last game 14/05/1976 Droylsden (A) Manchester Senior Cup | Roy Baker established himself as an accomplished left back for Ashton United – although he was only signed originally as injuries & suspensions hit hard. The son of a cricket professional (Flowery Field CC), he had to give up playing for Ashton when he joined the Fire Brigade, for whom he also played football. |  |
| BAKER, Tom Born 28/03/1985 (Salford) Midfield 75 games 11 goals | Manchester City Everton Barnsley (03-05; 4-0) Altrincham (05) Stalybridge Celtic (05; 6-0) Gainsborough Trinity (05-06) Scarborough (06) Ashton United (06-07; 47-7) Bradford Park Avenue (07-08) FC Halifax Town (08-12) Droylsden (12; 1-0) Ashton United (12-13; 28-4) Chorley (13-15; 26-5) <i>Manager</i> Trafford (15-?) | Debut 19/08/2006 Lincoln United (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division 2 nd debut 25/08/2012 Eastwood Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 23/02/2013 Kendal Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | As a young man, Baker had played alongside future England skipper Wayne Rooney at Everton's academy; a diminutive but creative midfielder, he was voted Directors' Player of The Year in 2007. He re-joined the club in 2012 after being a key man at Halifax (where he captained a side containing future England man Jamie Vardy), playing two-thirds of the 2012-13 season before being tempted to Victory Park to play for a resurgent Chorley. He retired aged just 29 due to knee problems and went into management. |  |






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| BALDWIN, Stan Winger 23 games 6 goals | <i>Wartime – Darlington</i> Hurst (45-46; 23-6) | Debut 22/09/1945 Earle (H) FA Cup Last game 31/08/1946 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League | The RAF man got off to a flying start by helping Hurst to their biggest ever FA Cup win on debut; Baldwin established himself as a frequent flyer on the right wing during the immediate post-war season. |   |
| BALL Born c. 1907 Defender 1 game 0 goals | Cheadle Hurst (26; 1-0) | Debut 08/01/1926 Tranmere Rovers Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Ball's solitary outing at centre half saw The Robins fall to a heavy defeat on the Wirral. |   |
| BALL, Alan James (Junior) MBE Born 12/05/1945 (Farnworth) Died 25/04/2007 Midfield 7 games 1 goal | Ashton United (60-61; 7-1) Wolverhampton Wanderers (trial) Bolton Wanderers (trial) Blackpool (62-66; 116-41) Everton (66-71; 208-66) Arsenal (71-76; 177-45) Hellenic (South Africa, loan, 76) Southampton (76-78; 132-9) Philadelphia Fury (USA, 78-79; 33-5) Vancouver Whitecaps (Canada, 79-80; 31-10) <i>Player-manager;</i> Blackpool (80-81; 30-5) <i>Player</i> Southampton (81-82; 63-2) Floreat Athena (Australia, loan; 82) Eastern AA (Hong Kong, 82-83) Bristol Rovers (83-84; 17-2) <i>Manager</i> Portsmouth (84-89) <i>Assistant manager</i> Colchester United (89) Stoke City (89) <i>Manager</i> Stoke City (89-91) Exeter City (91-94) Southampton (94-95) Manchester City (95-96) Portsmouth (98-99) <i>Also</i> Football League XI | Debut; 25/08/1960 Glossop (A) Lancashire Combination Challenge Cup Last Game 24/04/1961 Mossley (A) Manchester Intermediate Cup | One of the finest English midfielders of his generation, Alan Ball played seven times as a teenager for Ashton under his father's management, finishing with a Manchester Intermediate Cup Final appearance. He was rejected by Wolves and Bolton for being 'too small' before he was taken on as a trainee with Blackpool. Alan went on to a long professional career and World Cup glory as the youngest member of the England team in 1966. His playing career was followed by many years as a high-profile manager before his untimely death aged just 61. |  |




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| | England (65-75; 72-8) | | | |
| BALL, John Forward | Hurst | Player of the 1880s – under research | Brother of R. Ball, John Ball was a member of the Hurst side that won the first ever Manchester Cup final in 1885. |  |
| BALL, R Half Back | Hurst | Player of the 1880s – under research | Like brother John, a member of the Hurst side that won the inaugural Manchester Cup final in 1885. |  |
| BALLAGHER, John Born 21/03/1936 (Ashton-u-Lyne) Forward 1 game 0 goals | Manchester United Maidstone United Bolton Wanderers (trial) Ashton United (56; 1-0) Dukinfield Town (56) Stalybridge Celtic (56) Sheffield Wednesday (57-61; 3-0) Doncaster Rovers (61-62; 41-13) Gillingham (62-63; 40-10) Margate | Debut 18/08/1956 Chorley (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Started the 1956-57 season as Ashton's centre forward and ended it on a contract at Hillsborough. |  |


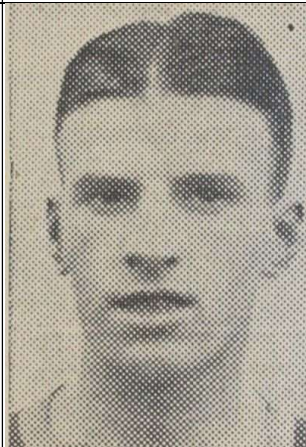

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| BAMBOROUGH, Steve Born c. 1954 Midfielder 34 games 1 goal | Oldham Athletic Ashton United (72-73; 34-1) | Debut 25/03/1972 Formby (A) Cheshire County League Last game 04/12/1973 Sandbach Ramblers (H) Cheshire County League | Bamborough impressed on debut, earning a regular slot in the side as a result but was unable to continue his fine early form on a regular basis into a second season |  |
| BAMFORD, Paul Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (79; 1-0) | Debut 21/04/1979 Chorley (H) Cheshire County League 1 | Bamford made one appearance after becoming a late season addition to manager Eddie Hopkinson's midfield options. |  |
| BANIM, Jody Born 01/04/1978 (Manchester) Forward 39 games 6 goals | Manchester United Trafford (96-97; 34-23) Altrincham (trial, 97) Flixton (97-99; 32-25) Hyde United (99-01; 92-31) Rossendale United (01) Radcliffe Borough (01-03; 125-97) Shrewsbury Town (03-04; 15-2) Accrington Stanley (loan, 04; 3-0) Droylsden (04-05) Stalybridge Celtic (05-06; 21-2) Radcliffe Borough (loan, 06) Droylsden (06-08) Torquay United (loan, 08; 8-0) Burton Albion (08-09; 15-0) Altrincham (loan, 09; 3-1) Droylsden (loan, 06; 6-0) Real Maryland Monarchs (USA, 09) Salford City (09; 3-0) Droylsden (09; 1-0) Radcliffe Borough (09-10; 24-12) Stalybridge Celtic (10; 24-12) Droylsden (10-11) Ebbsfleet United (11-12) Clapton (12-13) Ilford (13) Inactive Ashton United (15-16; 8-1) Radcliffe Borough (16) Ashton United (16; 3-0) <i>Joint player-manager</i> | Debut 19/09/2015 Skelmersdale United (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division 2 nd debut 20/08/2016 Hednesford Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 12/11/2019 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup | Veteran striker best known for his goalscoring escapades during a prolific spell with Radcliffe Borough, where he set a national record of scoring in 14 consecutive games in 2003; although he never made the Football League, Banim did feature for Shrewsbury Town (alongside future England goalkeeper Joe Hart) in the season they won the Conference title. The latter half of his career took in a number of clubs in short-term and loan deals and he came out of retirement on his return to the North West (following spells working in London and then Bangkok), scoring with his first touch as an Ashton player. After a brief return to Stainton Park he was back at Hurst Cross for the start of the 2016-17 campaign and within a month was appointed joint manager alongside Will Haining; he assumed full control of the team at the end of the season (with Haining retiring) and led Ashton to runners-up spot and promotion via the Play-offs. Despite the disappointment of relegation the following season, the board backed him as the man to lead the team into the new season but, with the team struggling, he left his post towards the end of November 2019. |  |






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| | Ashton United 16-17; 24-5) (Two games as caretaker) <i>Player-manager</i> Ashton United (17-19; 4-0) <i>Manager</i> Stafford Rangers (20-?) | | | |
| BANKS, Andy Born 26/04/1976 (Preston) Goalkeeper 4 games 0 goals | Preston North End Bury Ashton United (95; 4-0) Morecambe (95-01; 117-0) Lancaster City (01-02) Bamber Bridge (loan, 01) Fleetwood Town (02-04) Bamber Bridge (04-05) Fleetwood Town (05-07) Marine (07-08) Bamber Bridge | Debut 15/03/1995 Radcliffe Borough (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last game 06/05/1995 Goole Town (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | Teenaged loan signing Banks acted as cover for regular number one, Peter Cole, before going on to become a quality non-league keeper over many seasons. |  |
| BANKS, David Defender 21 games 0 goal | Bury Ashton United (74; 11-0) | Debut 26/01/1974 Radcliffe Borough (H) Cheshire County League Last game 21/09/1974 Prestwich Heys (A) Cheshire County League | After making his debut in Dick Oxtoby's first game as caretaker manager, David Banks was primarily selected in one of the two full back slots over his 20+ appearances |  |
| BANNISTER, Thomas Forward 1 game 1 goal | Burslem Port Vale Hurst (19; 1-1) | Debut 29/11/1919 Rochdale (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Bannister's solitary outing at centre forward brought him a goal in Hurst's first post-war season. |  |
| BANTON, Arnold Half back 2 games 0 goals | Bolton Wanderers Ashton United (49; 2-0) Dukinfield Town Stalybridge Celtic Mossley (54-55; 27-1) Altrincham (55-56) Mossley (56; 12-0) National Service Mossley (58-59; 2-1) | Debut 28/04/1949 Fleetwood (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 29/04/1949 Hyde United (N) Ashton Charity Cup | Banton played for several clubs in the local area, his son Geoff played as a professional with Plymouth & Fulham |  |







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| BARBER, Kevin Half back/Forward 89 games 8 goals | Amateur Football Rochdale Buxton Ashton United (58-60; 89-8) | Debut 25/10/1958 Lancaster City (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 15/10/1960 Burscough (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Barber scored on debut as a forward, switching between the half backs and Ashton front line over the following two years. |  |
| BARBER, William Forward 3 games 1 goal | Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (56; 3-0) | Debut 21/01/1956 Nelson (H) Lancashire Junior Cup Last game 04/02/1956 Prescot Cables (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Bill Barber was originally trialed in a cup tie and scored on debut, but he only played once in a league fixture. |  |
| BARCLAY, Robert Born 27/10/1906 (Scotswood) Died 13/07/1969 Forward 15 games 3 goals | Scotswood United Church Bell's Close Amateurs Scotswood Derby County (28-31; 61-23) Sheffield United (31-36; 231-67) Huddersfield Town (36-39; 76-19) <i>Wartime - Barnsley, Bradford Park Avenue, Bradford City, York City, Crewe Alexandra, Sheffield United, Oldham Athletic</i> Ashton United (46; 15-3) Altrincham <i>Trainer</i> Huddersfield Town <i>Coach</i> Dutch football <i>Also</i> England (32-36; 3-2) | Debut 31/08/1946 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League Last game 30/11/1946 Congleton Town (A) Cheshire County League | A vastly experienced former international, Bobby Barclay had twice featured in the FA Cup Final (1936 and 1938) during a long playing career – he appeared for Hurst post WWII on either side of his 40 th birthday, playing in his customary role of inside forward |  |
| BARDSLEY, Jimmy Winger 44 games 8 goals | Sheffield Wednesday Ashton United; (61-62; 12-2) Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (65-66; 18-5) <i>Unknown</i> Ashton United (67-68; 14-1) Glossop | Debut 22/11/1961 Northern Nomads (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division 2 nd debut 30/08/1965 Alfreton Town (A) Midlands League | Dukinfield lad and former Wednesday junior player signed during the 1961-62 season after a successful trial. Bardsley re-joined for Ashton's final season in the Midland League and played for them again in the club's final Lancashire Combination season – by making one Cheshire League appearance the following season he has the rare distinction of representing the club in three different |  |




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| | | 3 rd debut 10/02/1968 Morecambe Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination 2 nd Division Last game 07/09/1968 Oswestry Town (A) Cheshire County League | leagues. | |
| BARFIELD, Albert Born 1900 Goalkeeper 45 games 0 goals | Hyde United New Mills Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (25-26; 45-0) Wellington | Debut 31/04/1925 Tranmere Reserves (H) Cheshire County League Last game 02/10/1926 Runcorn (H) Cheshire County League | Established as Hurst's regular keeper for a spell of over a year until falling seriously ill, Barfield later became a qualified referee. |  |
| BARKER (1) Forward 1 game 0 goals | Rossendale United Hurst (38; 1-0) | Debut 24/12/1938 Buxton (H) Cheshire County League | Barker made one pre-war outing at left back |  |
| BARKER (2) Forward 3 games 1 goal | Hurst (41; 3-1) Glossop | Debut 22/11/1941 Glossop (A) Manchester Joint League Last game 06/12/41 Urmston (H) Manchester Joint League | Barker made three appearances at inside forward during World War II, scoring on debut |  |
| BARKER, A Winger 2 games 1 goal | Ashton United (35; 2-1) | Debut 31/08/1935 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League Last game 05/09/35 Tranmere Rovers Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Barker was described as coming from Chadderton, and he had a promising start with a goal on debut - but the following Saturday proved to be his final outing for the club. |  |
| BARKER, Albert Forward 6 games 1 goal | Ashton National Hurst (30; 6-1) Buxton Droylsden | Debut 30/08/1930 Crewe Alexandra Reserves (A) Cheshire County League Last game 16/09/30 Manchester North End (H) Cheshire County League | Former National man Barker played inside right for the first six games of the 1930-31 season, scoring once. |  |


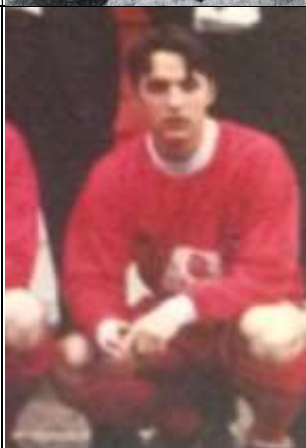
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| <p>BARKER, Glyn (1) Forward 63 games 24 goals</p> | <p>Rossendale United Horwich RMI Ashton United (81-83; 63-24)</p> | <p>Debut 31/10/1981 St Helens Town (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 07/05/1983 Chadderton (N) Manchester Premier Cup</p> | <p>The popular Barker was top scorer in his one full season in Ashton colours, netting 18 times in total and signing off with a cup final win.</p> |  |
| <p>BARKER, Glyn (2) Born 23/10/1984 (Wythenshawe) Forward 16 games 3 goals</p> | <p>Stockport County Rochdale Stalybridge Celtic (01-03; 7-0) Ramsbottom United (03; 17-18) Hyde United (03-04; 13-4) Clitheroe Woodley Sports (05) Trafford (05-07; 82-48) Ashton United (07; 16-3) Radcliffe Borough (07; 5-1) Trafford (08; 6-1) Curzon Ashton Trafford (09-10; 25-5) Salford City Trafford (12) Ashton United (12; 0) Prescot Cables</p> | <p>Debut 18/08/2007 Ilkeston Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 24/11/2007 Fleetwood Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Glyn Barker had been a prolific striker in his final season at Trafford – although he never shirked the hard graft, he found goals elusive for the Robins. Looked to have matured as a player during pre-season trial games in 2012 when returning for a second spell, but strong competition for a striking role saw him move on without adding to his appearance tally.</p> |  |
| <p>BARKER, Harry Defender 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Hurst Ramblers Hurst (09; 2-0)</p> | <p>Debut 16/10/1909 Sale Holmfield (H) Manchester League</p> <p>Last game 23/10/1909 Ramsbottom (A) Manchester League</p> | <p>Local player Barker featured twice at right back in the club's reformation season of 1909-10.</p> |  |

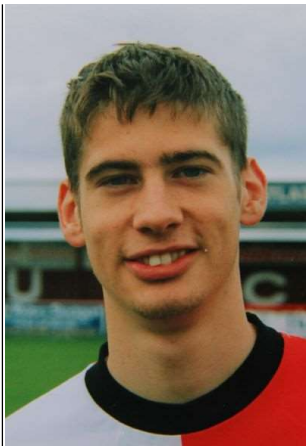
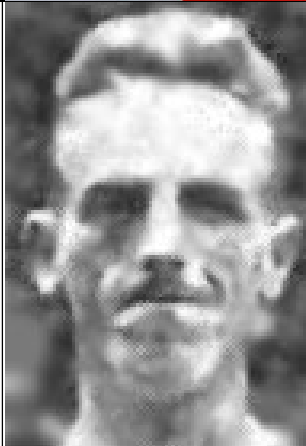

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| <p>BARLOW Winger 3 games 2 goals</p> | <p>Hurst (10; 4-2)</p> | <p>Debut 25/03/1910 Tonge (H) Manchester League</p> <p>Last game 28/03/1910 Hooley Hill (A) Manchester League</p> | <p>Barlow was tried at outside right over Easter 1910 as Hurst juggled their line up in an attempt to find a consistent winger.</p> |  |
| <p>BARLOW, Joseph Half back 83 games 4 goals</p> | <p>Hyde United Hurst (38-41; 83-4) <i>Army (Royal Engineers) Manager</i> Droylsden (45-46) Hurst (46-47) Mossley (47-48) Blackpool 'A' (48-49) Droylsden Stalybridge Celtic (59-61) Darwen</p> | <p>Debut 27/08/1938 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 13/12/1941 Goslings (H) Manchester Joint League</p> | <p>Joe Barlow was a regular at right half but also played centre back and inside right around the period of WWII. After WWII finished his playing days, he managed a number of local teams including Hurst and an experimental Blackpool FC development team based in the Manchester area.</p> |  |
| <p>BARLOW, Matthew Born 25/06/1987 (Oldham) Forward 37 games 8 goals</p> | <p>Oldham Athletic (04-07; 10-0) Stafford Rangers (loan, 06; 2-0) Stalybridge Celtic (loan, 07; 15-5) Stalybridge Celtic (07-10; 113-30) Armadale (Australia, 10-11) Hyde (11; 12-3) Armadale (Australia) (11-12) Stirling Lions (Australia) (12) Ashton United (12-13; 37-8) New Mills (13-14) Cockburn City (Australia, 14) New Mills (14-15) Bacup Borough</p> | <p>Debut 18/08/2012 Workshop Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 04/05/2013 North Ferriby United (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Matty Barlow scored on debut and always looked a quality player, even though the goals dried up for him towards the end of the season.</p> |  |

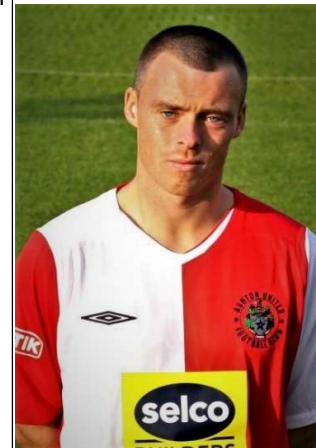


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| BARLOW, Ray Half back 31 games 3 goals | Ashton United (66-67; 31-3) | Debut 05/04/1966 Grantham (H) Midlands League Last game 22/08/1967 Chorley Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 2 nd Division | Introduced at left half in the club's final days in the Midlands League, Ray Barlow featured regularly over the course of the 1966-67 campaign, scoring in his last club outing |  |
| BARNARD, Trevor Goalkeeper 16 games 0 goals | Mossley (51-52; 5-0) <i>Unknown</i> Ashton United (60; 16-0) | Debut 08/10/1960 Earlestown (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 24/04/1960 Mossley (A) Manchester Intermediate Cup | Brought in as cover when regular keeper Swindells lost a bit of form, Barnard had the distinction of making his last Ashton appearance in a final against one of his former clubs. |  |
| BARNES Forward 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (46; 1-0) | Debut 29/04/1946 South Liverpool (H) Cheshire County League | Inside left Barnes helped Hurst earn a draw in his only outing |  |
| BARNES, Hilbert Half back 10 games 0 goals | Oldham Athletic Grimsby Town Hurst (29-30; 10-0) | Debut 12/10/1929 Congleton Town (H) Cheshire County League Last game 15/03/1930 Whitchurch (A) Cheshire County League | Featured for Hurst at right half in the early part of the 1929-30 campaign, Barnes also played for Crompton Cricket Club. |  |
| BARNES, John Born c. 1947 (Salford) Defender 1 game 0 goals | Winsford United Stalybridge Celtic Sandbach Town <i>Player-coach</i> Macclesfield Town (73-75; 7-0) <i>Manager</i> Macclesfield Town (76) <i>Player</i> Middlewich Athletic <i>Coach</i> Ashton United (77-78; 1-0) | Debut 29/10/1977 New Brighton (A) Cheshire County League | John Barnes was managing Macclesfield's reserves and playing the odd game when appointed first team manager of a struggling Silkmen in 1976 – he lost most of his first team squad and lasted only months in the job. He was a member of Phil Staley's coaching staff when called into emergency action following a player shortage; he came on for injured left back Milroy. |  |





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| BARRETT, Roy Defender 6 games 1 goal | Wigan Athletic Rossendale United Ashton United (68; 6-1) | Debut 27/04/1968 Nelson (A) Lancashire Combination 2 nd Division Last game 01/05/1968 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Manchester Intermediate Cup | Played in the club's final six games in the Combination, scoring in Ashton's final appearance in the competition before they switched to the Cheshire League. |  |
| BARNETT, Peter Forward 1 game 0 goals | England Police XI Ashton United (54; 1-0) | Debut 22/03/1954 Morecambe (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Barnett made one club appearance, playing at inside right in the spring of 1954. |  |
| BARROW, Ian Forward 4 games 1 goal | Copster Villa Ashton United (84; 4-1) | Debut 03/04/1984 Leek Town (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 28/04/1984 Lancaster City (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division | A Manchester FA u18s forward, Barrow had a promising debut in April 1984 but wasn't retained at season's end. |  |
| BARROW, Ricky Forward 38 games 20 goals | Stockport County Ashton United (62-63; 38-20) | Debut 19/09/1962 Witton Albion (H) Inter Challenge Cup Last game 26/05/1963 Droylsden (A) Manchester Intermediate Cup | Having scored eleven times in twenty-six games for County's Reserve XI the previous season (without breaking into the first team), Barrow marked his Hurst Cross debut with two goals and remained a regular scorer throughout his one season with the club. |  |
| BARTON (1) Winger 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (45; 1-0) | Debut 01/09/1945 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League | Barton helped the club back on its feet after WWII, featured at left wing early in the season |  |
| BARTON (2) Forward 3 games 0 goals | Ashton United (54; 3-0) | Debut 29/03/1954 Rossendale (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 08/09/54 Burscough (A) Lancashire Combination | Twice featured at inside right early in the 1954-55 season, following on from one outing during the previous campaign. |  |

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| <p>BATES</p> <p>Half Back</p> <p>1 game 0 goals</p> | Hurst (46; 1-0) | <p>Debut 09/09/1946</p> <p>Mossley (A)</p> <p>Ashton Charity Cup</p> | Given a trial at left half in this drawn Ashton Charity Cup tie at Seel Park |  |
| <p>BATHURST, Jonathon</p> <p>Born 28/07/1989</p> <p>(St Helens)</p> <p>Forward</p> <p>51 games 13 goals</p> | <p>AFC Liverpool</p> <p>Skelmersdale United</p> <p>Southport (09; 4-0)</p> <p>Vauxhall Motors (09-10)</p> <p>Burscough (10)</p> <p>Warrington Town (10)</p> <p>Ashton United (10-12; 51-13)</p> <p>Winsford United (loan, 11; 2-1)</p> <p>Airbus UK (12; 14-3)</p> <p>Prescot Cables (12-13)</p> <p>Rhyl (13-14; 27-1)</p> <p>Prescot Cables</p> | <p>Debut 20/11/2010</p> <p>Ossett Town (H)</p> <p>Northern Premier League</p> <p>Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 10/01/1912</p> <p>Salford City (A)</p> <p>Manchester Premier Cup</p> | <p>A strapping young striker picked up from Warrington Town, Jon Bathurst proved a willing worker for the team - good in the air and on the ground; he later moved to live and work in Dubai.</p> |  |
| <p>BATLEY</p> <p>Winger</p> <p>1 game 0 goals</p> | Hurst (45; 1-0) | <p>Debut 15/09/1945</p> <p>Wellington Town (A)</p> <p>Cheshire County League</p> | Batley had the misfortune to be part of a Hurst team that fell to a club record defeat on the day of his only first team outing |  |



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| <p>BAURESS, Gary Born 19/01/1971 (Liverpool) Forward 47 games 8 goals</p> | <p>Everton Tranmere Rovers (89-90; 2-0) Stalybridge Celtic (91-93) Ashton United (93-94; 47-8) Leek Town (95-97; 84-6) Barrow (97-99) Stalybridge Celtic (99-01) <i>Player-coach;</i> Southport (01-02; 23-1) Halesowen Town (03) Aberystwyth Town (03) Lancaster City (03-05) Barrow (05-07) <i>Coach</i> Droylsden (07-13)</p> | <p>Debut 21/08/1993 Worksop Town (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last Game 07/05/1994 Spennymoor United (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Four times a winner of Northern Premier League titles over his career, Gary Bauress was a member of the Ashton squad that just missed out on promotion from the 1st Division of the NPL during the 1993-94 season</p> |  |
| <p>BAXTER, Brett Born Manchester Midfield 30 games 3 goals</p> | <p>Trafford Tranmere Rovers Ashton United (97-99; 30-3) Accrington Stanley (99-01; 96-7) Chester City (01-02; 2-0) Rossendale United</p> | <p>Debut 15/12/1997 Great Harwood (H) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup</p> <p>Last Game 01/05/1999 Harrogate Town (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Although he only appeared once in his first campaign, Brett became a regular in John Coleman's final season as Ashton manager and followed his gaffer on to Accrington.</p> |  |






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| <p>BAYLIS, Phil Born c. 1982 (Manchester) Defender 18 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Crewe Alexandra Trafford Ashton United (02; 18-1) Chorley (02-03; 33-2) Bacup Borough Salford City Lancaster City Rossendale United Flixton Salford City</p> | <p>Debut 20/08/2002 Whitby Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last Game 05/12/2002 Runcorn (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Attacking full back Baylis seemed to have established himself as a regular in the Robins' line up until replaced by former Premier League player Matthew Rush part way through the season.</p> |  |
| <p>BAYNHAM, William Winger 14 games 5 goals</p> | <p>Stalybridge Celtic Runcorn Sandbach Ramblers Mossley (32-34; 66-27) Sheffield Wednesday (34; 0) Hurst (34-35; 14-5)</p> | <p>Debut 25/08/1934 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 04/05/1935 Buxton (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Billy Baynham started the 1934 season on the left wing, but was displaced and only featured occasionally later in the season</p> |  |
| <p>BEARDWOOD Forward 1 game 2 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (47; 1-2)</p> | <p>Debut 01/10/1947 Chester Reserves (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Despite hitting a double on debut, the goalscoring form of Fred Leech denied Beardwood a second appearance in Ashton's colours.</p> |  |






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| <p>BEATTIE, Warren Born 18/10/1986 (Preston) Midfield 35 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Preston North End Kendal Town (loan, 06) Hednesford Town (loan, 07) Porthmadog (07-8; 16-2) Fleetwood Town (08-09) Kendal Town (loan, 09) Kendal Town (09-10) Bamber Bridge (10-11) Armada SC (Australia, 11) AFC Fylde (11) Ashton United (11-12; 32-1) Nelson (13) Ashton United (13; 3-0) Northwich Victoria (13) Kendal Town (13-15) Warrington Town (15) Nelson Clitheroe Kendal Town (18-19)</p> | <p>Debut 17/12/2011 Mickleover Sports (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>2nd debut 02/03/2013 Nantwich Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 09/03/2013 Marine (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Combative midfield player with a wealth of experience in non-league circles, Beattie won Managers' Player of the Year in his first season with Ashton. Spent time away from the game due to personal issues before re-signing but left after finding himself unable to commit regularly to training – he retired from playing in 2019 due to arthritis, aged just 32.</p> |  |
| <p>BEAUMONT, Jim Winger 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Mossley (13-15) Hurst (19; 2-0)</p> | <p>Debut 08/03/1919 Newton (H) Ashton Charity Cup</p> <p>Last game 15/03/1919 Mossley (A) Lancashire Combination</p> | <p>Beaumont featured twice as a right winger for post WWI Hurst.</p> |  |
| <p>BEE, Keith Goalkeeper 7 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Stockport County Radcliffe Borough (66-67) Ashton United (67; 7-0)</p> | <p>Debut 19/08/1967 Oldham Athletic Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination Challenge Cup</p> <p>Last game 23/09/1967 Dukinfield Town (H) Lancashire Combination Challenge Cup</p> | <p>One of several players tried in the problem goalkeeper position of the period; started brightly but was soon out of contention.</p> |  |






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| <p>BEESLEY, Will Born 19/09/1994 (Whiston) Defender 9 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Blackburn Rovers Southport (15-16; 26-0) Chorley (loan, 16) Chorley (16-18) Ashton United (loan, 17; 9-0) Curzon Ashton (18) Glossop North End</p> | <p>Debut 07/10/2017 Mickleover Sports (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 11/11/2017 Warrington Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Beesley was signed as cover, on a dual-registration basis, to cover for absences through injury; he proved to be an alert defender, with an eye to join the attack from his favoured left back role - he proved a popular signing during his short spell at Hurst Cross.</p> |  |
| <p>BEHAN, Peter Defender 16 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (68-69; 15-0)</p> | <p>Debut 20/12/1968 Tranmere Rovers Reserves (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 27/08/1970 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League Challenge Cup</p> | <p>Versatile full back, played left and right back in the middle of the 1968-69 season, he resurfaced for one game in 1970.</p> |  |
| <p>BELL, Adam Born 21/01/1984 (Huddersfield) Forward 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Amateur Football Ashton United (02-03; 2-0) Heywood Sports AFC Emley Kirkheaton Bay Athletic Huddersfield Irish</p> | <p>Debut 14/12/2002 Blyth Spartans (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last Game 2003 TBC</p> | <p>Another of Gerry Quinn's young recruits from Yorkshire football, Bell had only limited opportunities at the higher level before returning to play east of the Pennines.</p> |  |
| <p>BELL, Ian Born c 1958 Defender 26 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (74-75; 26-0)</p> | <p>Debut 16/11/1974 Burscough (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 05/05/1975 Droylsden (A) Reporter Floodlit League</p> | <p>Ian Bell was promoted from youth team to good effect, as he established a regular place at right back over second half of the 1974-75 season</p> |  |






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| <p>BELL, Jimmy Born 08/10/1964 Forward 163 games 68 goals</p> | <p>Burscough South Liverpool Southport (87; 2-0) Kirkby Town Winsford United (88-89) Rhyl Knowsley United Ashton United (92; 26-9) Caernarfon Town Prescot Cables Fleetwood Lancaster City (95-96; 34-9) Ashton United (96-99; 137-59) <i>Player-assistant manager from November 1996 onwards</i> <i>Player-assistant manager</i> Accrington Stanley (99-02; 46-7) <i>Assistant manager</i> Accrington Stanley (02-12) Rochdale (12-13) <i>Youth Development</i> Port Vale (13) <i>Assistant manager</i> Southport (13-14) Sligo Rovers (14) Accrington Stanley (14-?)</p> | <p>Debut 22/08/1992 Eastwood Town (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>2nd debut 24/08/1996 Netherfield (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 29/04/1999 Droylsden (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division Cup</p> | <p>An experienced goal scorer, Bell made his club debut on the day that Ashton played their first NPL game, twice going on to finish as top scorer during his time with The Robins. In his second spell at the club he played alongside his nephew, Karl, and was also assistant manager to John Coleman, whom he followed – with great success – to Accrington Stanley.</p> |  |
| <p>BELL, Karl Born 14/05/1974 (Liverpool) Defender 116 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Caernarfon Town Prescot Cables Nantwich Town (94-95; 29-0) Prescot Cables Nantwich Town (95; 5-0) Cemaes Bay Garswood United Ashton United (97-99; 116-1) St Helens Town (loan, 97; 1-0) Accrington Stanley (99-00; 59-2) St Helens Town (00-03) Rossendale United (03) Burscough (03-06) Maghull (09) Prescot Cables (06-09) Burscough (09-10) AFC Liverpool (10) <i>Assistant manager</i> Prescot Cables</p> | <p>Debut 18/01/1997 Moor Green (A) FA Trophy</p> <p>Last Game 01/05/1999 Harrogate Town (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Jimmy Bell's nephew was John Coleman's first signing - he proved to be a reliable and adaptable player, at home in central defence or at full back. Karl remained a stalwart of the Merseyside football scene for a decade after leaving Hurst Cross.</p> |  |





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| | <i>Caretaker manager</i> Prescot Cables <i>Manager</i> Prescot Cables Reserves Vauxhall Motors (16-18) <i>Assistant manager</i> Skelmersdale United (18-19) <i>Coach</i> Ashton Town (19) <i>Joint manager</i> Ashton Town (19-?) | | | |
| BELL, Tommy Born 30/12/1923 (Crompton) Died 21/11/1988 Defender 45 games 3 goals | Glossop Mossley (46-47; 16-0) Oldham Athletic (47-52; 170-0) Stockport County (52-53; 31-0) Halifax Town (53-56; 117-1) Chorley (56-58) Mossley (58-59; 47-0) Ashton United (59-60; 45-3) | Debut 22/08/1959 Rossendale United (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 30/04/1960 Horwich RMI (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | A tough full back with vast experience, Tommy Bell was team captain for the 1959-60 season; a regular at right back during his time at Hurst Cross, his son (Graham) was to follow in his footsteps as a professional with Oldham. |  |
| BELL, William Born 16/06/1953 (Manchester) Midfield 3 games 0 goals | Oldham Athletic Ashton United (71; 3-0) Droylsden Hyde United Rochdale (74-75; 6-0) Mossley (75-76; 45-1) Buxton Prestwich Heys | Debut 25/09/1971 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League Last game 09/10/1971 Great Harwood Town (H) FA Cup | Featured at left half and left wing for Ashton before breaking into the pro ranks with Rochdale. Billy Bell had something of a reputation of asking, and giving, few favours on the pitch – after leaving Hurst Cross, he was sacked by Mossley after a cup final sending off |  |






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| BELTON Midfielder 3 game 0 goals | Ashton United (70; 3-0) | Debut 18/08/1970 Buxton (A) Cheshire County League Last game 05/09/1970 Ellesmere Port Town (H) Cheshire County League | Belton made three early season appearances for Ashton but did not feature in the club's long-term plans after manager Jack Rowley left his post. |  |
| BEMBO-LETA, Joel Born 15/02/1992 (Kinshasa, DR Congo) | Curzon Ashton Youth Oldham Athletic Youth Stalybridge Celtic (08-14; 150-5) Mossley (loan, 10; 1-0) Colwyn Bay (14) Marine (14-15) Buxton (15-16) Droylsden (16) Buxton (16-17) Altrincham (17; 20-0) Witton Albion (17-18) Bangor City (18) Ramsbottom United (18-20) Ashton United (20-?) | Debut 03/03/2020 Warrington Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | One of three brothers plying their football trade in the Manchester area, Joel Bembo-Leta signed for Ashton soon after Michael Clegg took over but remained on the fringes of the team. <i>AUFC stats include the abandoned 2019-20 season.</i> |  |
| BENNETT (1) Winger 17 games 1 goal | Hurst (10; 17-1) Hazel Grove | Debut 29/01/1910 Berry's (A) Manchester League Last game 03/09/1910 Rusholme (A) Manchester League | Hurst's regular left winger during the second half of the 1909-10 season, Bennett featured just once - on the opening day – of the following season. |  |
| BENNETT (2) Half-back 5 games 0 goals | Hurst (19; 5-0) | Debut 08/02/1919 Mossley (H) Lancashire Combination Last game 05/04/1919 Monks Hall (H) Lancashire Combination | Bennett featured at right-half in the first season after WWI. |  |
| BENNETT (3) Defender 5 games 0 goals | Hurst (37; 5-0) | Debut 31/08/1937 Nantwich Town (H) Cheshire County League Last game 27/09/1937 Witton Albion (A) Cheshire County League | After an early season outing at right back, Bennett played in most of September's fixtures until being one of four players omitted after a heavy defeat. |  |





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| BENNETT (4) Forward 1 game 0 goals | Manchester City Hurst (41; 1-0) | Debut 07/06/1941 Hyde United (H) Manchester League | Bennett played inside left for the final game of the 1940-41 wartime season. |  |
| BENNETT, Ian Born 24/02/1986 (Littleborough) Midfield 218 games 31 goals | Manchester City Ashton United (06-12; 218-31) Prescot Cables (12; 1-0) Ramsbottom United (15; 12-1) Droylsden Glossop North End (18; 10-0) | Debut 24/10/2006 Oldham Town (A) Manchester Premier Cup Last game 21/04/2012 Mickleover Sports (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | One of Ashton's most reliable performers of the period, Ian Bennet had an injury-delayed start to his time with the club after an off-field incident but went on to be voted Supporters' Player of the Year in 2008 and Players' Player of the Year in 2009; he quit playing to concentrate on university studies and became a teacher after qualifying. |  |
| BENNETT, James Goalkeeper 11 games 0 goals | Stalybridge C (50-51) Ellesmere Port (51) Ashton United (51-52; 11-0) Mossley (52-53; 5-0) | Debut 15/09/1951 Earlestown (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 17/04/1952 Hyde United (H) Manchester Charity Shield | Jim Bennett proved to be a competent deputy for regular keeper Bill Fielding during the 1951-52 season. |  |
| BENNETT, John Defender 2 games 0 goals | Stalybridge Celtic New Mills Ashton United (78; 2-0) Witton Albion | Debut 27/04/1978 Chorley (A) Cheshire County League Last game 04/05/1978 Winsford United (A) Cheshire County League | Left back John Bennett was Phil Staley's last signing at the end of his first spell as manager, playing in his final two matches in charge. |  |
| BENNETT, Phil Half back 51 games 1 goal | Broadbottom West End Hurst (26-28; 50-1) Prescot Cables Hurst (29; 1-0) Hyde United | Debut 13/11/1926 Nantwich (A) Cheshire County League 2 nd debut 24/08/1929 Connah's Quay Nomads (H) Cheshire County League | After limited success at centre forward in his first season, Bennett became a regular at right half for Hurst over 1927-28; he returned for the opening game of the 1929-30 season before moving on again. |  |




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| <p>BENNETT, Richard Born 03/03/1991 (Oldham) Forward 26 games 7 goals</p> | <p>Oldham Athletic (Youth) Springhead (08-12) Curzon Ashton (trial, 10; 1-0) Mossley (trial, 11; 1-0) Curzon Ashton (12-13) Mossley (13-14) Ashton United (14; 26-7) Northwich Victoria (14-16) Barrow (16-17; 43-15) Carlisle United (17-19; 59-10) Morecambe (loan, 19; 16-5) Port Vale (19-20; 30-7) Stockport County (20-?)</p> | <p>Debut 16/06/2014 Belper Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 29/11/2014 Whitby Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>6' 4" tall striker Richie Bennett; netted a goal on debut but fell down the pecking order after the vastly experienced Dale Johnson returned to the club. Moved on to Northwich after initially signing for them on loan, before securing a transfer to Conference side Barrow off the back of two solid seasons with the Vics.- continuing to mature as a player, he made the step up to the Football League at the age of 26.</p> |  |
| <p>BENNETT, Rod Forward 5 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Ashton United (70-71; 5-1)</p> | <p>Debut 24/09/1970 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 03/04/1971 Rhyl (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Bennett made only occasional appearances spread across the 1970-71 season; he scored in his second outing and began and ended his time with The Robins against the Welshmen from Belle Vue.</p> |  |
| <p>BENTLEY Winger 4 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Hurst (10; 4-0)</p> | <p>Debut 26/09/1910 Tyldesley Albion (A) Manchester League</p> <p>Last game 15/10/1910 Buxton (H) Manchester League</p> | <p>Bentley's brief stint on the right wing ended when the experienced Harry Lappin was signed.</p> |  |
| <p>BENTLEY, Joe Defender 15 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (54; 15-0)</p> | <p>Debut 10/10/1953 Netherfield (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 03/04/1954 Oldham Athletic Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Bentley enjoyed a regular run in the team at right back in the middle of the 1953-54 season</p> |  |
| <p>BERESFORD Defender 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Hurst (19; 3-0)</p> | <p>Debut 08/03/1919 Newton (H) Ashton Charity Cup</p> <p>Last game 22/03/1919 Altrincham (H)</p> | <p>Three club outings for Beresford came at right back in the 1918-19 campaign</p> |  |

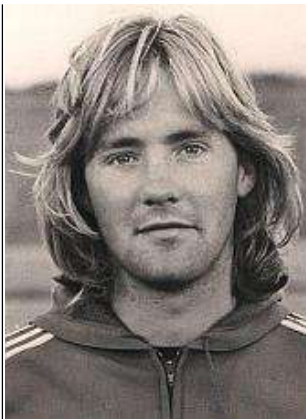
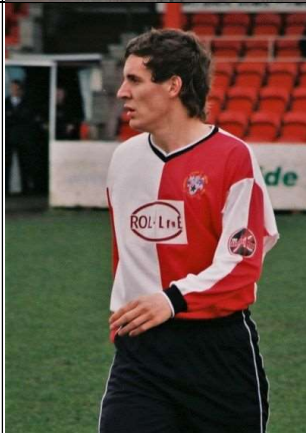


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| BERRY, Alan Winger 16 games 3 goals | Ashton United (74; 16-3) | Debut 17/08/1974 Horwich RMI (H) Cheshire County League Last game 26/10/1974 Radcliffe Borough (H) Cheshire County League | Former Navy man from Stretford, Berry featured primarily on the left wing. |  |
| BERRY, T Goalkeeper 1 game 0 goals | Halifax Town Selby Hurst (28; 1-0) | Debut 25/08/1928 Macclesfield (A) Cheshire County League | Berry made one outing for Hurst as the 1928-29 season dawned |  |
| BERTENSHAW, George Born c. 1889 Died 08/1942 Winger 173 games 23 goals | Hurst (11-19; 173-23) Stalybridge Celtic (15-16) Macclesfield | Debut 02/09/1911 Eccles Borough (A) Manchester League Last game 26/04/1919 Monks Hall (A) Lancashire Combination | 'Bertie' was a regular feature on the left wing for many seasons, such was his consistency that he barely missed a game - his appearance record would have been even higher but for interruptions for war; Bertenshaw played for Stalybridge during the 1915-16 season when Hurst were inactive. |  |
| BESWICK (1) Winger 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (46; 1-0) | Debut 30/11/1946 Congleton Town (A) Cheshire County League | Reserve right winger Beswick made one first team outing, which ended in a heavy defeat at Congleton |  |
| BESWICK (2) Forward 2 games 1 goal | Ashton United (57; 2-1) | Debut 30/03/1957 Bacup Borough (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 02/09/1957 | Reserves player brought in at the back end of 1956-57 for a debut, Beswick scored with his first touch of the following campaign in what turned out to be his last game for the first XI. |  |




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| | | Droylsden (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | | |
| BETTERIDGE, Raymond 'Mike' Born 11/08/1924 (Alcester) Died 05/04/1999 Forward 30 games 4 goals | Warslow Celtic West Bromwich Albion (48-51; 5-0) Swindon Town (51-54; 121-26) Chester City (54; 8-1) Leek Town (54) Ashton United (54-55; 30-4) | Debut 06/11/1954 Oldham Athletic Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 14/05/1955 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Manchester Challenge Shield | Experienced striker Betterridge signed off with a winner's medal in the last ever Manchester Challenge Shield final |  |
| BEVAN Half back 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (27; 1-0) | Debut 09/02/1927 Crewe Alexandra Reserves (A) Manchester Senior Cup | Solitary outing in an experimental Hurst side saw a heavy defeat to Crewe's second string |  |
| BICKERTON, Harry Defender 16 games 0 goals | Mossley (12-14) Ashton United (14-15; 16-0) Mossley (20-23) | Debut 31/10/1914 Hyde United (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 26/04/1915 Barrow (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Bickerton briefly contested the centre half spot with Alf Davies before the club stood down during WWI. |  |
| BIERNE, Micky Forward 3 games 1goal | Droylsden Curzon Ashton Flixton Ashton United (96; 3-1) Wilmslow Albion Hyde United (01; 10-2) | Debut 13/04/1996 Leigh RMI (H) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last Game 04/05/1996 Lincoln United (H) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | Bierne featured briefly for Ashton in the final games of the 1995-96 season, scoring on debut. |  |


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| BINGHAM, John Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Nantwich Town Ashton United (86; 1-0) | Debut 12/04/1986 Ford Motors (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Bingham signed from Nantwich late in the 1985-86 season but was not retained for the following campaign. |  |
| BINGHAM, Ray Defender 20 games 1 goal | Ashton United (83; 11-0) Chadderton Radcliffe Borough Ashton United (89; 9-1) | Debut 13/08/1983 Curzon Ashton (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division 2 nd debut 19/08/1989 Chadderton (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 09/02/1990 Atherton LR (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Primarily selected at right back Bingham was also tried on the right side of midfield by manager Glyn Watson, He then re-signed under Trevor Ross some six years later to resume at right back, although he was by no means a regular. |  |
| BIRCH Defender 13 games 0 goals | Hurst (91-92; 13-0) | Debut 05/09/1891 Hollingworth (A) Ashton District League Last game 20/02/1892 Taunton (A) Ashton Charity Cup | Birch was a regular selection at full back throughout Ashton's first ever league campaign |  |
| BIRCH, A Forward 2 games 4 goals | Openshaw Hurst (19; 2-4) | Debut 22/02/1919 Marple (H) Lancashire Combination Last game 21/04/1919 1 st & 9 th Manchester Regiment (H) Ashton Charity Cup | Birch became the first and, so far, only Hurst / Ashton player to score four times on debut when featuring in the 13-1 club record win over Marple – but he only managed one more appearance for Hurst in the club's first season after WWI. |  |
| BIRCH, Jack Forward 103 games 60 goals | Johnson & Nephew Hurst (29-30; 31-20) Stalybridge Buxton Hurst (30-32; 69-39) Manchester North End Hurst (35; 3-1) Manchester North End Ashton National | Debut 26/10/1929 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League 2 nd debut 15/11/1930 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League 3 rd debut 07/09/1935 Stalybridge Celtic (A) | The consistent Jack Birch managed an excellent goal return in three spells at Hurst Cross, mainly from inside left, making his 100 th appearance in the penultimate league fixture of 1931-32. |  |




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| | | Cheshire County League Last game 17/09/1935 Mossley (A) Cheshire County League | | |
| BIRCH, Peter Midfield 2 games | Ashton United (91; 2-0) | Debut 07/09/1991 Clitheroe (A) North West Counties League 1st Division Debut 10/09/1991 Skelmersdale United (A) North West Counties League 1st Division | Played twice in the number seven shirt in the season that Ashton won the NWCL Championship – both games were away, and both ended in draws. |  |
| BIRCHENOUGH, Neil Defender 2 games 0 goals | Ashton United (81; 1-0) New Mills | Debut 24/10/1981 Horwich RMI (A) FA Trophy Last game 31/10/1981 St Helens Town (A) Cheshire County League | Left back Birchenough was promoted from the Reserves for two away fixtures in October 1981. |  |
| BIRKS Half back 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (19; 1-0) | Debut 21/04/1919 1st & 9th Manchester Regiment (H) Ashton Charity Cup | Solitary outing in the post WWI season against the team from the local barracks. |  |
| BIRMINGHAM Half back 2 games 0 goals | Oldham Athletic Hurst (36; 2-0) | Debut 28/08/1936 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League Last game 15/09/1936 Manchester North End (A) Cheshire County League Challenge Cup | Birmingham was given a debut at right half on the opening day of the season, but he only made further appearance – that coming in a heavy cup defeat to the Mancunians |  |

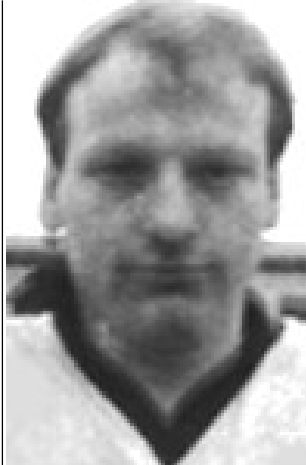

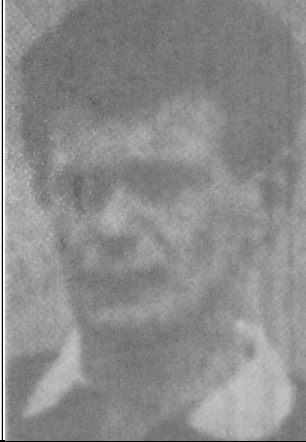

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| <p>BIRMINGHAM, Charles Born 24/08/1922 (Liverpool) Died 01/01/1993. Forward 71 games 28 goals</p> | <p>Everton Tranmere Rovers (46-47; 2-1) Macclesfield (47; 11-7) Winsford United (47-49) Wellington Town (49) Ashton United (49-51; 71-28)</p> | <p>Debut 17/09/1949 Darwen (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 05/05/1951 Bootle (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Reliable inside-forward Charlie Birmingham became an integral part of the Ashton attack at the end of the 1940's and early 50's, managing better than a goal every three games</p> |  |
| <p>BIRTLES, Steve Defender 11 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Droylsden Ashton United (83-84; 11-0)</p> | <p>Debut 10/12/1983 St Helens Town (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 03/04/1984 Leek Town (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> | <p>One of Glyn Watson's last signings, Birtles saw out the remainder of the season under new manager Billy Chell, appearing when free of injury</p> |  |
| <p>BISHOP, J Half back 6 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Rusholme Hurst (30; 6-0) Glossop</p> | <p>Debut 30/08/1930 Crewe Alexandra Reserves (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 27/09/1930 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Bishop started the 1930-31 season as first choice left half but was displaced in the second month of the campaign.</p> |  |





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| <p>BITHELL, Brian Born 05/10/1956 (Winsford) Defender 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Stoke City (73-77; 17-0) Port Vale (loan, 77; 2-0) Wimbledon (77-78; 6-0) Winsford United Macclesfield Town (79;16-2) Witton Albion (79; 4-0) Ashton United (79-80; 1-0) Stafford Rangers Congleton Town Rhyl Winsford United Ashton United (86; 0)</p> | <p>Debut 26/03/1980 Radcliffe Borough (A) Cheshire County League 1</p> | <p>Former Football League defender Bithell joined Ashton's 'One Game' club when appearing in a 0-0 draw at centre half, his debut coming some three months after signing. He did re-join the club a few years later but was released without making any additional competitive appearances; he has worked as a logistics manager since giving up the game.</p> |  |
| <p>BJORK, Andreas Born 28/09/1980 (Finland) Forward 13 games 5 goals</p> | <p>BK-IFK (Finland) VPS (Finland) I-JBK (Finland) Sundom (Finland) Kraft FF (Finland) IFK Vasa (Finland, 06-07) Ashton United (06; 13-5) IFK Mariehamn (Finland) Jomala IK (Finland) Also Aland Islands</p> | <p>Debut 04/02/2006 Blyth Spartans (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 14/04/2006 AFC Telford United (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Workhorse Finnish striker Andreas Bjork signed on loan in the same deal that saw Jan Ahlvik join the Robins for a three-month loan spell. Scored in the final of the 2009 Island games as his side, Aland, lost to Jersey.</p> |  |
| <p>BLACK Winger 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (50; 3-0)</p> | <p>Debut 29/08/1950 Fleetwood (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 04/09/1950 Oldham Athletic Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Black made three successive outings on Ashton's left wing but failed to finish on the winning side.</p> |  |
| <p>BLACKBURN, W Defender 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Huddersfield Midweek Hurst (30; 3-0)</p> | <p>Debut 30/08/1930 Crewe Alexandra Reserves (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 10/09/1930 Witton Albion (A)</p> | <p>Blackburn started the season as first choice centre half but was not selected again after a defensive shake up followed a 7-0 mauling in Northwich</p> |  |







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| BLACKHURST, Tommy Forward 4 games 0 goals | Mossley (45-46; 30-13) Stalybridge Celtic (46-47) Ashton United (47; 4-0) Mossley (47-48; 14-9) Droylsden | Debut 17/09/1947 Buxton (A) Cheshire County League Last game 01/10/1947 Chester Reserves (H) Cheshire County League | Tommy Blackhurst was tried at outside left and as an inside forward early in the 1947-48 season, but the period he spent at Hurst Cross was short compared to playing time elsewhere in the locality. |  |
| BLACKMAN, Ricardo Born 02/09/1962 Defender 33 games 0 goals | Chadderton Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (93; 33-0) Hyde United (94; 17-0) | Debut 09/01/1993 Guiseley (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last game 09/11/1993 Maine Road (A) Manchester Premier Cup | Ricky Blackman was club captain under Sammy McIlroy, but he fell out with his successor - Kevan Keelan - and moved across Tameside to Ewen Fields. |  |
| BLACKSHAW, Lee Born 24/11/1982 (Manchester) Midfield 34 games 8 goals | Oldham Athletic Springhead Ashton United (01-02; 34-8) Mossley (02-03; 0) Dukinfield Town Springhead Glossop North End Mossley (07-09; 89-17) Glossop (09) Mossley (09-11; 52-10) Woodley Sports (11) Winsford United (11) Curzon Ashton (11-13) Glossop North End (13-15) | Debut 03/11/2001 Rochester (H) FA Trophy Last Game 12/10/2002 Runcorn (H) FA Cup | A tidy and effective winger, Blackshaw flitted in and out of the first team without ever fully establishing himself; he did feature in the play-off victory over Bamber Bridge as Ashton were promoted to the Premier Division of the NPL. |  |




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| <p>BLACKSHAW, William Born 06/09/1920 (Ashton-u-Lyne) Died 17/06/1994 Winger 7 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Audenshaw United Ashton National Manchester City (38-39; 3-0) Audenshaw Hurst (39-40; 7-1) Audenshaw Droylsden Oldham Athletic (46-48; 67-22) Crystal Palace (49-51; 32-5) Rochdale (51; 0) Stalybridge Celtic</p> | <p>Debut 07/10/1939 Ashton National (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 22/03/1940 Ashton National (A) Manchester Challenge Shield</p> | <p>Bill Blackshaw was an Ashton lad who joined Hurst for a handful of wartime games, starting and ending against rivals from across town at the Nash. Having featured briefly for Manchester City pre-war, he carved out a decent professional career after the hostilities were over.</p> |  |
| <p>BLACKWELL, Richard Forward 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (88; 1-0)</p> | <p>Debut 29/10/1988 Prescot Cables (A) North West Counties League</p> | <p>Gee Cross lad Blackwell had one Robins outing in the number 10 shirt.</p> |  |
| <p>BLAIR, Andy Defender 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Stalybridge Celtic Northern Nomads Droylsden Ashton United (76; 2-0) Dukinfield Town</p> | <p>Debut 20/11/1976 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 23/11/1976 Rossendale United (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Blair played as part of a defence that did not concede a goal in 180 minutes of football (both at full back and centre half) but, despite this record, did not feature again for Ashton.</p> |  |
| <p>BLAIR, Hugh Winger 44 games 13 goals</p> | <p>Manchester City Hurst (32-34; 44-13)</p> | <p>Debut 03/12/1932 Port Vale Reserves (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 05/05/1934 Winsford United (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Hugh Blair enjoyed a mid-season run on the left flank in 1932-33 before reappearing in the Hurst ranks towards the end of the following campaign.</p> |  |
| <p>BLAKE, Bernard Born c 1920 Defender 53 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Woodhouse Brunswick Hurst (32-34; 53-0) Mossley (34-36; 59-0)</p> | <p>Debut 05/04/1932 Hyde United (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 25/04/1934 Altrincham (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Regular full back over his first full campaign at Hurst Cross, Blake was called on less regularly for the following campaign</p> |  |





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| BLAKE, David Born c. 1962 Winger 1 game 1 goal | Ashton United (80; 1-1) | Debut 09/05/1980 Curzon Ashton (A) Cheshire County League 1 | Seventeen years old on debut, Blake scored from the left wing in a final game of the season 'derby' but was not selected again. |  |
| BLAKE, Steve Died 10/05/2016 Midfield 7 games 1 goal | Hyde United Altrincham (81; 1-0) Hyde United (82; 1-0) Winsford United Stalybridge Celtic Curzon Ashton Stalybridge Celtic Hyde United (loan, 87; 2-0) Ashton United (loan, 88; 1-0) Macclesfield Town (loan, 89; 1-0) Accrington Stanley Curzon Ashton Ashton United (89-90; 6-1) Curzon Ashton | Debut 07/05/1988 Great Harwood Town (A) North West Counties League 2 nd Division 2 nd debut 30/12/1989 Bootle (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 17/02/1990 Vauxhall GM (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Blake signed on a dual-registration basis as cover and played in the final game of the 1987-88 season as a defender, re-joining the club in time for the last game of the 1980s and scored his only club goal on the first day of the 1990s. |  |
| BLAKEMAN, Alan Born 02/11/1937 (Oldham) Forward 67 games 46 goals | Bolton Wanderers Ashton United (57-58; 30-20) Bournemouth (trial, 58) Rotherham United (58-59; 2-0) Workington (59; 14-8) Southport (59; 0) Ashton United (59; 4-1) Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (67-68; 33-25) Radcliffe Borough (68; 2-2) | 1 st debut 03/05/1957 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Ashton Charity Cup 2 nd debut 24/10/1959 Morecambe (A) Lancashire Combination 3 rd debut 09/09/1967 Wigan Athletic Res (H) Lancashire Combination Challenge Cup Last game 14/05/1968 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Manchester Intermediate Cup | Alan Blakeman all the ability needed to make it in the professional ranks but reportedly reverted to playing at local level due to commitments with his family's dairy farm business. His third spell at the club saw him finish well clear as the club's top scorer in their last season in the Lancashire Combination. |  |





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| BLAKEMAN, David Forward 4 games 3 goals | Chadderton Mossley (83-84; 6-0) Curzon Ashton Ashton United (85; 0) Chadderton (85) Ashton United (85; 4-3) Chadderton Curzon Ashton | Debut 02/11/1985 Warrington Town (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division Last game 30/11/1985 Skelmersdale United (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Signed in the summer of 1985 but initially left without making the team, Blakeman was back at the Cross later the same year under a new manager, breaking onto the team briefly but soon on his way again despite a good scoring ratio. |  |
| BLEA Forward 1 game 0 goals | Greenfield Hurst (34; 1-0) | Debut 08/09/1934 Prescot (A) Cheshire County League | Blea's short-lived Hurst career was one outing as centre forward. |  |
| BLEASE, Peter Forward 146 games 95 goals | Bury Benchill Ashton United (54-56; 51-32) Hyde United (56) Altrincham (56-58; 47-31) Mossley (59; 1-0) Ashton United (59-61; 95-63) Earlestown Hyde United (trial, 62) Droylsden | Debut 20/11/1954 New Brighton (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division 2 nd debut 06/09/1959 Leyland Motors (H) FA Cup Last game 04/05/1961 Prescot Cables (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Recommended to the club by Colin Gleave Blease made a great start by scoring twice on debut; he went on to become a popular player and a reliable contributor on the scoresheet in two spells at Hurst Cross. |  |
| BLINKHO, Charles Born c. 1905 (Middlewich) Forward 16 games 14 goals | Stalybridge Celtic Chester Chamber Colliery Openshaw Hurst (29-30; 16-14) | Debut 28/12/1929 Runcorn (A) Cheshire County League Last game 12/04/1930 Ashton National (H) Cheshire County League | Having failed to score in his opening two games Blinkho proceeded to blitz 14 goals in his next seven outings – oddly enough, he then failed to score in five more matches before season's end. |  |


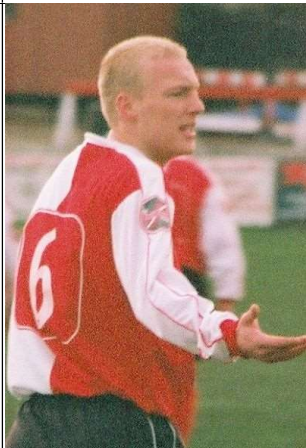


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| BOLD Forward 1 game 0 goals | Blackpool South Liverpool Hurst (19; 1-0) | Debut 26/04/1919 Monks Hall (A) Lancashire Combination | Bold was one of many to make a single outing in the 1918-19 campaign, his opportunity came at centre forward near the end of the season. |  |
| BOLGER, Tony Forward 4 games 1 goal | Mossley (83; 2-0) Unknown Ashton United (86; 4-1) | Debut 14/09/1985 Atherton LR (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division Last game 28/09/1985 Colne Dynamos (A) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Having trialled briefly at Mossley earlier in his career, Bolger later appeared for a similarly short spell at Hurst Cross. |  |
| BOLLAND, Phil Born 26/08/1976 (Liverpool) Defender 1 game 0 goals | Altrincham (95-96) Salford City Trafford Knowsley United Southport (97-01; 169-14) Oxford United (01-02; 23-1) Chester City (02-06; 159-13) Peterborough United (06; 17) Chester City (06-08; 36-2) Wrexham (08) Cambridge United (08-09) Barrow (09-12; 101-0) Droylsden (12) Halifax Town (12-13; 6-0) Ashton United (loan, 12; 1-0) Airbus UK (13-14; 15-3) <i>Physiotherapist</i> Liverpool | Debut 19/09/2012 Buxton (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division | A vastly experienced centre-half with Football League experience - as well as having featured in two FA Trophy finals - Boland endured a miserable debut after signing on loan from Halifax; he conceded a penalty that saw him become the second Ashton player dismissed before half time, as The Robins fell - not surprisingly - to a heavy defeat; he retired in 2014 to concentrate on his physiotherapy business, which included working with Liverpool's academy players. |  |
| BOLLINGTON, Trevor Forward 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (66; 1-0) | Debut 25/04/1966 Grantham (A) Midlands League | Marple High School student Bollington was part of a scratch XI taken to Lincolnshire for a difficult midweek fixture. |  |

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| BOLTON, F Defender 5 games 0 goals | Littlemoss Hurst (24-25; 5-0) | Debut 18/10/1924 Middlewich Athletic (H) Cheshire County League Last game 14/02/1925 Congleton Town (A) Cheshire County League | Oldham-lad Bolton provided cover for Ashton's regular right-back Charlie Hey. |  |
| BOND Defender 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (85; 1-0) | Debut 12/10/1985 Colwyn Bay (A) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Bond made one outing for The Robins, featuring at centre half over in North Wales. |  |
| BOON Half back 7 games 0 goals | Ashton United (56; 7-0) | Debut 02/01/1956 Hyde United (A) Ashton Charity Cup Last game 05/05/1956 Oldham Athletic Reserves (H) Manchester Intermediate Cup | Boon managed seven appearances at left half in a season when there was strong competition for the position. |  |
| BOOTH (1) Half back 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (34; 1-0) | Debut 01/01/1934 Tranmere Rovers Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Booth played once for Hurst, appearing at left half on the first day of 1934 |  |
| BOOTH (2) Defender 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (41; 1-0) | Debut 15/02/1941 Bacup Borough (H) Manchester League | Booth made one wartime appearance at right back. |  |
| BOOTH (3) Half back 29 games 1 goal | Local football Ashton United (56-58; 29-1) | Debut 29/10/1956 Mossley (H) Manchester Intermediate Cup 2 nd debut 22/09/1958 Oldham Athletic Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 11/10/1958 South Liverpool (A) Lancashire Combination | Booth, from Dukinfield, provided cover at both centre half and half back in two spells at Hurst Cross roughly three years apart from each other. |  |



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| BOOTH, Charles Born 1869 (Gainsborough) Died 17/09/1898 Forward | Gainsborough Trinity Hurst Wolves (89-92; 61-9) Woolwich Arsenal (93-94;16-2) Loughborough Town | Player of late 1880's, under research | Charles Booth was probably the first Hurst player to join a Football League team when signing for Wolves at the start of the second ever Football League campaign in 1889. |  |
| BOOTH, Cyril Winger 10 games 0 goals | Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (47-48; 7-0) Hyde United Droylsden Ashton United (49-50; 3-0) | Debut 29/11/1947 Macclesfield (H) Cheshire County League 2 nd debut 05/11/1949 Horwich RMI (H) Lancashire Combination Last game 28/01/1950 Clitheroe (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Left winger Booth helped Hurst to two high scoring wins in his first two games, he later re-joined as cover in 1949-50, having featured across several teams in the borough. |  |
| BOOTH, Kevin Born c. 1962 (Ashton-under-Lyne) Defender 4 games 0 goals | Bacup Borough Stalybridge Celtic (91-95; 133-1) Curzon Ashton (loan) Ashton United (loan, 95; 4-0) Leigh RMI (95-96) Stalybridge Celtic (96; 1-0) Radcliffe Borough (97; 6-0) <i>Assistant manager</i> Stalybridge Celtic (97-98; 2-0) | Debut 15/03/1995 Radcliffe Borough (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last game 25/03/1995 Eastwood Town (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | Kevin Booth played four times on loan from Stalybridge towards the end of Kevan Keelan's term of office he was later Keelan's assistant manager at Bower Fold. |  |





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| BOOTHMAN, James Born 02/12/1920 (Great Harwood) Died 1980 Defender 1 game 0 goals | Royton Amateurs Hurst (37; 1-0) <i>Services Football</i> Oldham Athletic (46-49; 44-0) | Debut 01/10/193 Macclesfield (A) Cheshire County League | 'Jerry' Boothman was the fourth right back in eleven games - Hurst shipped eight goals in his only outing, but that score was obviously no reflection on ability as the player later enjoyed a professional career |  |
| BOSWELL Half back 1 game 0 goals | Bath City Ashton United (48; 1-0) | Debut 27/03/1948 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League | Boswell had the misfortune to face the champions-elect in his only outing, resulting in an 8-2 loss |  |
| BOTHAM, Ray Forward 3 games 0 goals | Manchester United Sheffield Wednesday (loan, 76) Sydney Olympic (Australia, 77; 26-5) Ashton United (77; 1-0) Rochdale Sheffield United <i>Australian Football</i> Ashton United (80; 2-0) | Debut 26/11/1977 St. Helens Town (A) Cheshire County League 2 nd debut 17/09/1980 Darwen (H) Cheshire County League 1 st Division Last game 20/09/1980 Glossop (H) Cheshire League Challenge Cup | Snapped up by Rochdale after just 25 minutes playing time with Ashton, Botham never actually made a Football League appearance. He made a brief return to Ashton colours on his return home from a second spell in Australia, where he had suffered a broken leg. |  |
| BOUSFIELD Forward 2 games 0 goals | Ashton United (58; 2-0) | Debut 23/08/1958 Clitheroe (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 02/09/1958 Fleetwood (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Striker Bousfield was given two outings at inside forward in the early part of the 1958-59 season |  |






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| BOVE, Jordan Born 12/12/1995 (Manchester) Forward 3 games 0 goals | Oldham Athletic (13-16; 6-1) Hyde (loan; 14; 4-0) Colwyn Bay (loan, 15; 3-0) Ashton United (loan, 15; 3-0) Ramsbottom United (loan, 15-16; 10-3) Droylsden (loan, 16) Curzon Ashton (16; 0) Mossley (16-17; 26-4) 1874 Northwich (17) Congleton Town (17-18) Radcliffe Borough (18) Glossop North End (18; 6-0) | Debut 15/08/2015 Mickleover Sports (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 05/09/2015 Ilkeston (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division | Highly rated Latics loanee Bove had already featured for the first XI at Boundary Park when joining The Robins on loan; he scored his only goal at Hurst Cross against Ashton in his second loan spell of the 2015-16 season. |  |
| BOWDEN, Tom Forward 9 games 5 goals | Ashton United (56; 9-5) | Debut 15/09/1956 Prescot Cables (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 27/10/1956 Accrington Stanley Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | A lively inside forward, Bowden was on National Service based at the local barracks when featuring at Hurst Cross, scoring twice on debut. |  |
| BOWES, John Goalkeeper 13 games 0 goals | Runcorn Northern Nomads Ashton United (74; 13-0) | Debut 17/08/1974 Horwich RMI (H) Cheshire County League Last game 12/10/1974 Leeds Carnegie (H) FA Trophy | Bowes was a 6'4" tall goalkeeper; his spell in the team ended at the same time as manager Dick Oxtoby left his post. |  |
| BOWKER, Dave Forward 2 games 0 goals | Curzon Ashton Ashton United (83-84; 2-0) | Debut 31/12/1983 Accrington Stanley (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 21/01/1984 Caernarfon Town (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Bowker made just one appearance under Glynn Watson after becoming his last signing for Ashton, then made one further substitute outing under new man Billy Chell. |  |

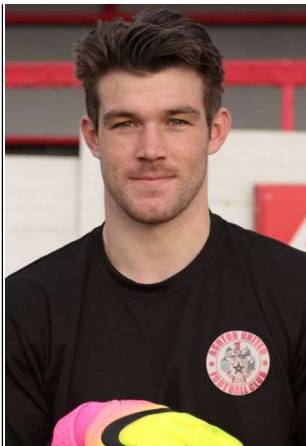




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| BOWKER, Lee Forward 5 games 2 goals | Macclesfield Town (74-76; 22-4) Ashton United (77; 5-2) Knutsford New Mills | Debut 22/01/1977 Radcliffe Borough (A) Cheshire County League Last game 05/03/1977 Horwich RMI (H) Cheshire County League | Struck twice on debut as part of an impressive start to his time at Hurst Cross, but Bowker soon found himself displaced by other new arrivals. |  |
| BOWKER, Terry Born 18/01/1981 (Manchester) Defender 60 games 6 goals | Altrincham (99-00) Bamber Bridge (00; 1-0) Altrincham (00-01; 17-1) Maine Road (loan) Castleton Gabriels (loan) Bamber Bridge (01-02) Bradford City (trial, 02) Stalybridge Celtic (02-05; 103-3) Radcliffe Borough (loan, 04; 3-0) Ashton United (05-06; 43-5) Mossley (06; 13-1) Ashton United (06-07; 17-1) Buxton (07-09; 78-5) | 1 st debut 20/08/2005 North Ferriby United (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division 2 nd debut 14/10/2006 Frickley Athletic (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 20/01/2007 Matlock Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | A summer signing in 2005, Bowker played in midfield, at centre-half or full-back and proved himself not just versatile but also a sound striker of a dead ball. Left briefly for Mossley before re-signing in the Autumn of 2006. |  |
| BOWMAN, Darren Born 04/11/1978 (Abergavenny) Defender 10 games 0 goals | West Bromwich Albion Grantham Town Radcliffe Borough Leigh RMI Ramsbottom United (00-01; 7-6) Rossendale United Stalybridge Celtic (02-05; 97-2) Leek Town (05) Fleetwood Town (05) Ashton United (05;10-0) Radcliffe Borough (05-06) <i>Academy Coach</i> Manchester City | Debut 04/04/2005 Alfreton Town (H) Conference North Last Game 08/10/2005 Marine (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division | Bowman signed towards the end of the inaugural season of Conference North and provided cover at right back or right midfield. Released as a player, he returned to assist with the club's 2006 pre-season training but did not add to his appearance tally. |  |
| BOWMAN, Simon Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Curzon Ashton (Youth) Rochdale Stalybridge Celtic Ramsbottom United (04; 1-0) Ashton United (04; 1-0) Rochdale Town | Debut 26/10/2004 Worksop Town (A) Conference North | Bowman made a solitary appearance as a substitute in Paul Fletcher's first weeks as Ashton boss |  |




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| <p>BOYD, Tommy Midfield 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Glasgow Celtic Ashton United (80; 1-0)</p> | <p>Debut 23/08/1980 Kirkby Town (H) Cheshire County League 1st Division</p> | <p>Former Celtic youth Boyd had moved to the Ashton area; match coverage indicate he was not fully fit when making his debut as a substitute.</p> |  |
| <p>BOYLE, Gary Midfield 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Stambridge United Canvey Island Wycombe Wanderers Walton & Hersham Macclesfield Town (86-87; 12-0) Ashton United (loan, 86; 2-0) Witton Albion (87-91; 173-2) Stalybridge Celtic (92-94; 39-0) Droylsden Nantwich Town</p> | <p>Debut 16/08/1986 Great Harwood Town (H) North West Counties League 2nd Division</p> <p>Last game 27/09/1987 Blackpool Mechanics (H) North West Counties League 2nd Division</p> | <p>Local lad whose work had previously taken him down south, Boyle signed on dual registration basis from Macclesfield but was reported as less than impressed with NWCL playing standards.</p> |  |






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| <p>BOYLE, Ian Born c. 1969 Midfield 287 games 41 goals</p> | <p>Blackpool Ashton United (86-88; 63-4) Bolton Wanderers (trial, 87) Cork City (88) Altrincham (88) Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (89-90; 26-1) Droylsden Ashton United (91-95; 198-36)</p> | <p>1st debut 27/10/1986 Mossley (A) Lancashire Floodlit Trophy</p> <p>2nd debut 23/09/1989 Atherton LR (H) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>3rd debut 21/09/1991 Great Harwood (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last Game 07/10/1995 Lincoln United (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Younger brother of Micky and a key member of the Ashton sides that won two NWCL promotions, Boyle's second spell was on a dual registration deal with neighbours Stalybridge Celtic; by the end of his third spell he had amassed well over 250 club appearances.</p> |  |
| <p>BOYLE, Micky Born 04/07/1963 (Ardwick) Midfield 333 games 27 goals</p> | <p>Waterloo FC Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (84-88; 131-21) Dukinfield Town Ashton United (89-93; 205-6) Mossley (93-95; 84-4) Droylsden <i>Manager</i> Glossop North End</p> | <p>Debut 18/02/1984 Bootle (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>2nd debut 19/08/1989 Chadderton (H) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 27/04/1993 Harrogate Town (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Bricklayer Micky Boyle spanned almost a decade at Ashton – voted Clubman of the Year in 1985 and Supporters' Player of the Year 1991, he was awarded a testimonial in the 1992/93 season, by which time he had amassed more than 300 club appearances, and is rightly considered one of the club's finest servants.</p> |  |




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| <p>BRACEY, Lee Born 11/09/1968 (Barnet) Goalkeeper 39 games 0 goals</p> | <p>West Ham United (87-88) Swansea City (88-91; 118-0) Halifax Town (91-93; 78-0) Bury (93-97; 74-0) Ipswich Town (97-99) Hull City (99-01; 30-0) Ossett Town Chorley Mossley (04-06; 68-0) Ashton United (06-07; 39-0) Rossendale United (07-08) Bacup Borough</p> | <p>Debut 24/09/2006 Grantham Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 28/04/2007 Fleetwood Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Seasoned ex-pro signed in September 2006, immediately giving confidence to a relatively inexperienced back four; Bracey was to be found working as a police officer in Greater Manchester away from the game.</p> |  |
| <p>BRADBURY, John Winger 3 games 1 goal</p> | <p>New Mills Ashton United (76-77; 3-1) Middlewich Athletic</p> | <p>Debut 18/12/1976 Prestwich Heys (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 24/01/1977 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Bradbury scored on debut in what turned out to be his only start for the club, completing his appearance tally by twice featuring as a substitute</p> |  |
| <p>BRADFORD, Leo Born 1895 (Eccles) Died 18/04/1947 Winger 126 games 33 goals</p> | <p>Prestwich Hurst (21-25; 126-33) Manchester City (25-26; 5-1) Ashton National</p> | <p>Debut 10/12/1921 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Ashton Charity Cup</p> <p>Last game 02/05/25 Ashton National (H) Ashton Charity Cup</p> | <p>Leo Bradford was a regular sight along Hurst's right wing throughout the first half of the 1920s – he rarely missed a game until joining Manchester City in 1925.</p> |  |
| <p>BRADLEY, Paul Forward 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Oldham Athletic Ashton United (68; 1-0)</p> | <p>Debut 26/12/1969 Droylsden (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Former Latics trainee Bradley was recruited for a Boxing Day derby clash but not called upon again thereafter.</p> |  |






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| BRADLEY, Peter Forward 4 games 0 goals | Postal FC Ashton United (67; 1-0) Birch Vale Ashton United (67-68; 3-0) | Debut 22/08/1967 Chorley Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division LC2 Last game 25/09/1968 Witton Albion (H) FAC | Bradley was a local amateur player – he was twice signed by Ashton but found opportunities limited. |  |
| BRADLEY, Steve Goalkeeper 3 games 0 goals | Oldham Hulmelians Mossley (82-3; 7-0) Glossop Ashton United (85; 3-0) Curzon Ashton Oldham Hulmelians | Debut 13/08/1985 Salford (A) North West Counties League 2 nd Division Last game 26/08/1985 Chadderton (H) FA Cup | Bradley provided competition for the keeper's jersey but moved on as Chris Shyne became entrenched in the number 1 jersey. |  |
| BRADLEY, Tommy Defender 114 games 2 goals | Hyde St. Thomas Hurst (27-30; 114-2) Hyde United | Debut 03/05/1927 Port Vale Reserves (H) Cheshire County League Last game 27/09/1930 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League | Tommy Bradley developed into a Hurst regular at right back, becoming captain before a string of injuries disrupted his later career. Brother of Bill. |  |
| BRADLEY, William Half back 3 games 0 goals | Hurst (27; 3-0) | Debut 23/04/1927 Mossley (H) Cheshire County League Last game 07/05/27 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League | Bill Bradley preceded brother Tommy as a Hurst player when he featured in the last three league games of the 1926-27 season. He also played once in 1928 but the match was abandoned, and the game expunged from club records. |  |
| BRAMHALL, Edgar Winger 13 games 4 goals | Wrexham Hurst (09-10; 13-4) | Debut 04/09/1909 Altrincham (H) Manchester League Last game 29/01/1910 Berry's (A) Man | Edgar Bramhall had the distinction of scoring the club's first Manchester League goal and enjoyed a good games-to-goals ratio over the first half of the 1909-10 season. |  |




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| BRANAGAN, Ritchie Born 20/10/1991 (Gravesend) Goalkeeper 5 games 0 goals | Bolton Wanderers Bury (09-12; 2-0) Salford City (12-13; 38-0) Macclesfield Town (13-17; 14-0) Ashton United (loan, 16-17; 5-0) Chorley (17) Droylsden | Debut 12/11/2017 Frickley Athletic (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 03/12/2017 Spennymoor Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | The son of a well-respected former Football League keeper (Ken), Branagan arrived at Hurst cross on loan from Macclesfield as Ashton underwent a keeper crisis; did well in his short spell before joining Chorley on a permanent basis. |  |
| BRAND, David Winger 15 games 2 goals | Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (74; 15-2) | Debut 31/08/1974 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League Last game 16/11/1974 Burscough (A) Cheshire County League | Brand featured on the wing during the first three months of the 1974-75 season |  |
| BRAVENDER, Paul Forward 5 games 1 goal | Ashton United (88; 5-1) Salford City Radcliffe Borough (91; 0) | Debut 20/08/1988 Formby (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 05/12/1988 Rossendale United (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Hailing from Middleton, Bravender started in the number 8 shirt on the first day of the 1988-89 season but did not feature again until scoring against Prescot at the end of October; made three further appearances before leaving the club. |  |
| BRAY, Les Defender 2 games 0 goals | New Mills Ashton United (81; 2-0) | Debut 02/09/1981 Fleetwood Town (A) Cheshire County League 1 Last game 03/10/1981 Darwen (H) Cheshire County League 1 | Full back Bray signed in the summer of 1981; few complete match reports remain from the period he played. |  |
| BRENNAN, Mark Born 20/05/1966 (Liverpool) Midfield 88 games 15 goals | South Liverpool Bootle Morecambe Southport (91-94; 89-15) Chorley Ashton United (96; 4-0) | 1 st debut 19/08/1996 Farsley Celtic (H) Northern Premier League 1 st Division 2 nd debut 30/08/1997 | Experienced midfielder Brennan had previously won the NPL title with Southport; he played for the Robins in two spells and went on to win promotion under John Coleman at Accrington Stanley, |  |




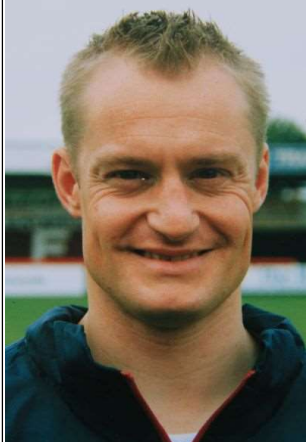

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| | <p>Chorley Marine Bangor City Bamber Bridge Ashton United (97-99; 84-15) Accrington Stanley (99-02; 131-13) <i>Assistant manager</i> St Helens Town (02) <i>Player</i> Accrington Stanley (02-03) Burscough</p> | <p>Workington (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 01/05/1999 Harrogate Town (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | | |
| <p>BREWSTER, Michael Born 17/01/1996 Midfield Current</p> | <p>Manchester City (Youth) Oldham Athletic (Youth) FC United of Manchester (14-15; 2-1) St Mirren (15) Southport (15-16) Witton Albion (loan, 15) Colwyn Bay (loan, 16) Skelmersdale United (loan, 16) Northwich Victoria (16) Shaw Lane (16-17) Marine (17-18) Droylsden (18-19) Atherton Collieries (19; 12-0) Ashton United (19-?)</p> | <p>Debut 07/12/2019 Basford United (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>One of a clutch of three players that new Ashton manager Michael Clegg immediately returned to his old club for, Brewster helped turn around the club's fortunes with his driving displays from midfield. <i>AUFC stats include the abandoned 2019-20 season.</i></p> |  |
| <p>BRIARS, Ryan Goalkeeper 4 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (95-96; 4-0) Mossley (96-97; 2-0) Caernarfon Town</p> | <p>Debut 23/10/1995 Hyde United (A) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup</p> <p>Last Game 13/04/96 Leigh RMI (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Beaten three times on debut as Ashton exited the Challenge Cup, Briars had a happier league debut, keeping a clean sheet</p> |  |
| <p>BRICKELL, Len Defender 111 games 3 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (48-53; 111-3) Hyde United</p> | <p>Debut 26/04/1948 Nelson (H) Lancashire Combination</p> <p>Last game 09/05/1953 Northern Nomads (A) Manchester Challenge Shield</p> | <p>Brickell started off as a reliable deputy at centre half or half back before he eventually established himself at right back; he was dogged by injuries in his final season at Ashton but still passed the 100 appearances mark for the club.</p> |  |






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| BRIDDON, Tom Born circa 1889 48 games 9 goals | Hyde United Manchester United Hurst (14-19; 48-9) | Debut 05/09/1914 Rossendale United (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 15/03/19 Mossley (A) Lancashire Combination | Tom Briddon was a regular name on the teamsheet either side of WWI, mainly as an inside right although he later moved to right half. |  |
| BRIDGEHOUSE Goalkeeper 10 games 1 goal | Hurst (41-42; 10-) | Debut 17/05/1941 Manchester United 'A' (H) Manchester League Last game 16/05/1942 English Steel (A) Manchester Joint League | The versatile Bridgehouse made half a dozen appearances in goal and later helped out by playing outfield – he scored the last Hurst goal before the club stood down from playing in WWII. |  |
| BRIDGES, C Forward 1 game 0 goals | Leeds United Hurst (19; 1-0) | Debut 06/12/1919 Prescot (H) Lancashire Combination | Bridges was a trialist who led the line in a 5-0 victory - he didn't overly impress the match reporter and was not selected again. |  |
| BRIGGS Winger 1 game 0 goals | Higher Broughton Hurst (21; 1-0) | Debut 24/12/1921 Eccles United (A) Lancashire Combination | Briggs filled in on the right wing in a Christmas Eve victory at Eccles |  |
| BRIGGS, Harold Defender 49 games 0 goals | Ashton National Mossley (30-32; 25-0) Stalybridge Celtic Hurst (34-35; 49-0) | Debut 01/09/1934 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League Last game 28/09/1935 Winsford (H) Cheshire County League | Regular right back for much of 1934/35 season Briggs lost his place in the team nine games into the following campaign. |  |







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| <p>BRIGGS, Keith Born 11/12/1981 (Glossop) Midfield 4 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Stockport County (95-03; 58-2) Norwich City (03-05; 5-0) Crewe Alexandra (loan, 04; 3-0) Stockport County (05-08; 90-8) Shrewsbury Town (08; 2-1) Mansfield Town (08; 13-0) Stalybridge Celtic (08-10; 38-0) Kidderminster Harriers (10-11; 43-6) Fleetwood Town (11-12; 16-1) Kidderminster Harriers (12-13; 33-1) Halifax Town (13; 2-0) Barrow (13; 2-0) <i>Player-manager</i> Stalybridge Celtic (13-15; 11-0) <i>Player</i> Ashton United (15; 4-0) <i>Player-manager</i> New Mills (15) <i>Academy coach</i> Sheffield United (15-16) <i>Assistant manager</i> Southport (16-17) <i>Academy coach</i> Derby County (18) Barnsley (18-?)</p> | <p>Debut 04/04/2015 Stamford (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 25/04/2015 Rushall Olympic (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Veteran ex-pro signed on for the final promotion push in 2015 just days after leaving his first managerial role at neighbours Stalybridge; although subsequently appointed manager at New Mills, Briggs left for a full time post with Sheffield United's academy before the season started, the first of a number of coaching positions he held.</p> |  |
| <p>BRIME Winger 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (49; 1-0)</p> | <p>Debut 28/04/1949 Fleetwood (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Brime was pressed into service at right wing during an unprecedented spell of six games in just eight days.</p> |  |
| <p>BRINDLE Goalkeeper 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Dukinfield Excelsior Hurst (27; 2-0)</p> | <p>Debut 03/05/1927 Port Vale Reserves (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 07/05/27 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Brindle's two outings as Hurst keeper in the final two games of the 1926-27 season included one clean sheet.</p> |  |





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| BRITTON, James Born 27/05/1920 (Salford) Half back 3 games 0 goals | Lowestoft Town Hurst (46; 3-0) Bradford Park Avenue (46-47; 1-0) Rochdale (47-48; 20-0) Mossley (48-49; 3-1) Rossendale United | Debut 27/04/1946 Tranmere Rovers Reserves (H) Cheshire County League Last game 26/10/1946 Rhyl (H) Cheshire County League | After being given a late season debut, Britton played for the reserves the following campaign until briefly breaking into the first team once more. |  |
| BROAD Forward 1 game 2 goals | Ashton United (61; 1-2) | Debut 02/09/1961 Droylsden (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Displaced by the signing of the experienced Eric Anderson despite his efforts on debut |  |
| BROAD, Austin Defender 2 games 1 goal | Waterloo Ashton United (84; 2-1) | Debut 03/04/1984 Leek Town (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 09/04/1984 Stalybridge Celtic (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division | A local amateur player signed to provide cover; Broad acquitted himself well over two late season outings but wasn't retained for the following campaign. |  |
| BROADBENT, Gary Utility 8 games 0 goals | Rochdale Ashton United (85; 8-0) Glossop | Debut 10/08/1985 Kirkby Town (A) North West Counties League 2 nd Division Last game 19/10/1985 Ford Motors (A) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Stated as being a centre half when signing, Broadbent did play that position but actually made more appearances in midfield rather than defence. |  |
| BROADBENT, Tony Defender 5 games 0 goals | Ashton United (70-71; 5-0) | Debut 24/09/1970 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League Last game 29/03/1971 Mossley (A) Cheshire County League | Emergency signing Broadbent featured in four autumn games at right back with one further outing as substitute the following spring. |  |






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| <p>BROADHEAD, Ryan Born 03/09/1982 (Plymouth) Midfield 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Middlewich Town Witton Albion (03) Middlewich Town Runcorn Town (loan 07; 4-0) Tarporley Victoria (loan; 08; 8-1) Northwich Victoria Alsager Town (09) Ashton United (09; 1-0) Witton Albion Northwich Victoria Radcliffe Borough (11; 13-1) Winsford United Alsager Town Rudheath Social <i>Assistant manager</i> Eccleshall <i>Player</i> Barnton Cheadle Heath Nomads <i>Also</i> England Independent Schools XI</p> | <p>Debut 19/10/2009 Curzon Ashton (H) Manchester Premier Cup</p> | <p>Left-sided midfielder signed as cover part-way through the autumn of 2009, Broadhead remained on the fringes of the squad without featuring again after making his debut in a local derby.</p> |  |
| <p>BROADHURST Forward 1 game 1 goal</p> | <p>Hurst (46; 1-1)</p> | <p>Debut 16/02/1946 Stockport County 'A' (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Broadhurst made a goalscoring appearance at inside right in one post war outing</p> |  |
| <p>BROADHURST, Charlie Born c. 1906 (Moston) Forward 60 games 62 goals</p> | <p>Newton Heath LM&S Hurst (25-26; 60-62) Ashton National Manchester City (26-29; 33-25); Blackpool (29-31; 18-6) Manchester North End Ashton National Hyde United (39-40) Droylsden Newton Heath Loco</p> | <p>Debut 24/01/1925 Chester Reserves (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 31/04/26 Northwich Victoria (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>In a season and a half Charlie Broadhurst established himself as one of the finest strikers to wear the club's colours. Making a goalscoring debut he hit 55 of his 62 club goals in the 1925-26 season – seven of which came in his final outing for the club. He later turned professional and scored at a good rate for his employers.</p> |  |




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| BROCKLEBANK Defender 15 games 0 goals | Hurst (26-27; 15-0) | Debut 26/02/1926 Sandbach Ramblers (A) Cheshire County League Last game 03/05/1927 Port Vale Reserves (H) Cheshire County League | Sometimes listed as Brocklebrow, his debut came at left wing – the majority of his other appearances were made as a full back. |  |
| BROCKLEHURST Defender 1 game 0 goals | Preston North End Hurst (29; 1-0) | Debut 05/10/1929 Middlewich Athletic (H) Cheshire County League | Brocklehurst played once at left back – may possibly have been the same player as Brocklebank / brow from two seasons earlier. |  |
| BROMLEY Defender 1 game 0 goals | Tonge United Hurst (37; 1-0) | Debut 22/10/1937 Stockport Reserves (H) Cheshire County League | Bromley was one of many players tried at right back early in the 1937-38 season |  |
| BROOK, Jimmy Born Huddersfield Defender 4 games 0 goals | Storthes Hall Ashton United (03; 4-0) | Debut 19/08/2003 Bradford Park Avenue (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last Game 18/11/03 Southport (H) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup | Full back Brook never quite made the breakthrough at Ashton that some of Gerry Quinn's other signings from West Yorkshire football managed. |  |
| BROOKES Forward 1 game 0 goals | Droylsden Hurst (46; 1-0) Droylsden Goslings Stalybridge Celtic | Debut 09/02/1946 Wrexham Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Brookes trialed at centre forward as Hurst struggled to find an effective leader |  |


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| BROOKIN, William Born 14/06/1919 (Tilehurst) Died 02/05/1976 Goalkeeper 2 games 0 goals | Newport County (46; 2-0) Runcorn Ashton United (54; 2-0) | Debut 11/10/1954 Rochdale Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination Challenge Cup Last game 23/10/54 Nelson (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division | Had played football for the Air Force whilst based at RAF Credenhill (Hereford), Brookin was twice drafted in as keeper cover during the 1954-55 season. |  |
| BROOKS Defender 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (29; 1-0) | Debut 26/01/1929 Crewe Alexandra Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Brooks' one outing for the club was at centre half in January 1929. |  |
| BROOKS, Colin Defender 3 games 0 goals | Chadderton Ashton United (70; 3-0) | Debut 23/03/1970 Frickley Colliery (A) Cheshire County League Last game 01/04/1970 Horwich RMI (A) Cheshire County League | Colin Brooks was drafted in as cover for regular centre half Ove Svendsen on three occasions during the tail end of the 1969-70 season. |  |
| BROOKS, Percy Forward 39 games 9 goals | Manchester United Bolton Wanderers Walkden Central Hurst (19; 6-6) Farnworth Hurst (20-22; 33-3) | Debut 30/08/1919 Fleetwood (H) Lancashire Combination 2nd debut 28/08/1920 Rossendale (A) Lancashire Combination Last game 08/04/1922 Great Harwood (A) Lancashire Combination | The highlight of Percy Brooks' first spell at Hurst Cross was four goals in a game against Rossendale; after joining Farnworth, he returned for the start of the following season and became Hurst's first choice right winger |  |
| BROOKS, W Half back 3 games 0 goals | Hurst (47; 3-0) Goslings | Debut 04/04/1947 Droylsden (H) Cheshire County League Last game 07/04/1947 Hyde United (A) Cheshire County League | Brooks probably holds some kind of club record, he only played three times for Ashton – but all three appearances came within four days over the Easter weekend of 1947. |  |




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| BROOME Goalkeeper 1 game 0 goals | Mossley Amateurs Ashton United (69; 1-0) | Debut 25/01/1969 Winsford United (A) Cheshire County League | Broome was signed to cover the absence of regular custodian Malcolm Harding. |  |
| BROOME, David Forward 2 games 0 goals | Ashton United (78; 2-0) Radcliffe Borough (79-80) | Debut 11/11/1978 St Helens Town (A) Cheshire County League 1 st Division Last game 25/11/1978 Witton Albion (H) Cheshire County League 1 st Division | Broome was described as a forward from the Rochdale area; he was twice a substitute in Ashton colours |  |
| BROUGHTON Forward 12 games 4 goals | Hurst (91-92; 12-4) | Debut 05/09/1891 Hollingworth (A) Ashton & District League Last game 20/02/92 Taunton (A) Ashton & District League | Broughton was the regular choice at centre forward during Hurst's first campaign in the Ashton & District League |  |
| BROWN (1) Forward 1 game 0 goals | Hurst (18; 1-0) | Debut 26/12/1918 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Lancashire Combination | Brown played at centre forward in Hurst's first game after WWI, his only club appearance. |  |
| BROWN (2) Winger 1 game 0 goals | Burnley Hurst (30; 1-0) | Debut 01/03/1930 Crewe Alexandra Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Brown's Ashton career consisted of one left wing outing as Easter 1930 approached. |  |
| BROWN (3) Forward 6 games 0 goals | Audenshaw United Hurst (47; 6-0) | Debut 25/09/1947 Tranmere Rovers Reserves (A) Cheshire County League Last game 22/11/47 South Liverpool (H) Cheshire County League | Brown was tried as a centre forward originally and then at inside left in Ashton's final season in the Cheshire League before moving to the Lancashire Combination. |  |





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| BROWN (4) Winger 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (71; 1-0) | Debut 16/10/1971 New Brighton (H) Cheshire County League | Brown made one appearance at outside left for The Robins. |  |
| BROWN, Alf Born 27/12/1898 (Sheffield) Forward 70 games 29 goals | Carrbrook Reform Sheffield United Rotherham Town Blackpool (21-23; 9-0) Barnsley (23-25; 12-0) Swindon Town (26-27; 14-1) Nelson (trial, 27; 2-0) Barnsley (trial, 27) Hurst (27-29; 70-29) Manchester Central Stalybridge Celtic | Debut 05/11/1927 Chester (H) Cheshire County League Last game 27/04/29 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League | Former Football League player Alf Brown converted from half back to inside forward and played in Hurst's front five over two seasons. |  |
| BROWN, Chris Born 21/02/1992 (Stockport) Defender 6 games 0 goals | Rochdale (09-11; 1-0) Bamber Bridge (loan) Ashton United (loan, 10; 6-0) Bamber Bridge (loan) Droylsden (loan, 11) Hyde (loan, 11) Mossley (11; 0) Droylsden (11-12) Mossley (12-13; 23-0) | Debut 18/09/2010 Matlock Town (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 27/10/2010 Maine Road (A) Manchester Premier Cup | 18-year-old centre-half Brown signed on loan from Rochdale, having already featured in Dale's first XI. Also able to play in a midfield holding role, he was at Hurst Cross for just over a month. |  |
| BROWN, David Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (80; 1-0) | Debut 12/11/1980 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League 1 st Division | Brown appeared off the bench to play his part in an amazing match - the final score of 6-6 being the club's highest scoring drawn game. |  |




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| BROWN, Gordon Born c. 1958 Midfield 6 games 1 goal | Rochdale (trial) Blackburn Rovers (trial) Ashton United (78-80; 6-1) Blackburn Rovers (trial, 79) | Debut 03/04/1978 Darwen (A) Cheshire County League 1 st Division Last game 29/04/1980 Curzon Ashton (H) Manchester Premier Cup | Only 19 on debut; Brown made a bright start at Hurst Cross with a goal on debut but never established a regular place despite being invited back for further trials at Ewood |  |
| BROWN, H (1) Goalkeeper 2 games 0 goals | Atherton Hurst (24; 2-0) | Debut 12/01/1924 Northwich Victoria (H) Cheshire County League Last game 19/01/1924 Chester Reserves (A) Cheshire County League | Brown was required to cover for regular keeper Grundy on two occasions during January of 1924. |  |
| BROWN, H (2) Forward 1 game 1 goal | Chorlton-cum-Hardy Hurst (28; 1-1) | Debut 01/05/1928 Macclesfield (A) Cheshire County League | Brown's one late season outing brought a goal at the home of The Silkmen. |  |
| BROWN, J Defender 1 game 0 goals | Middlewich Hurst (30; 1-0) | Debut 06/09/1930 Sandbach Ramblers (H) Cheshire County League | Played once at centre half as Hurst recorded their first win of 1930-31 |  |
| BROWN, Jackie Born c. 1937 Winger 45 games 10 goals | Adelphi Lads Club Mossley (56-57; 23-2) Ashton United (57-59; 35-7) Stalybridge Celtic (59-60) Ashton United (60; 10-3) | Debut 28/12/1957 Rossendale United (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division 2 nd debut 27/02/60 Burscough (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 30/04/1960 Horwich RMI (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Jackie Brown was the son of a World Champion boxer of the same name; a regular on the left wing for just over a year in the late 50's, he returned at the start of the new decade to feature briefly for The Robins a second time. |  |





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| BROWN, James defender 8 games 0 goals | Sankeys Altrincham Northwich Vics Macclesfield Ashton United (73; 8-0) | Debut 03/09/1973 Radcliffe Borough (H) Cheshire County League Challenge Cup Last game 20/10/1973 Hyde United (A) Cheshire County League | All of Jimmy Brown's appearances came at right back during the autumn of 1973. |  |
| BROWN, John Born 06/12/1967 (Liverpool) midfield 98 games 18 goals | Liverpool Winsford United (87-88) Witton Albion (88-90; 104-12) Stalybridge Celtic Ashton United (loan, 96; 19-1) Leek Town (96; 0) Ashton United (96-98; 79-17) Newcastle Town Alsager Town <i>Coach</i> Alsager Town Norton United Stone Dominoes <i>Manager</i> Alsager Town (11-12) | Debut 06/01/1996 Farsley Celtic (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last Game 13/04/98 Droylsden (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | A schoolteacher and cultured midfielder, Brown initially signed for Ashton on loan from Stalybridge then signed for Leek (without making an appearance for them) prior to completing a permanent switch to Hurst Cross. |  |
| BROWN, Joseph born 03/03/1988 (Bradford) forward 3 games 0 goals | Bradford City (04-07; 22-4) York City (trial, 07) Halifax Town (trial, 07) Bradford Park Avenue (07-08) FC Halifax Town (08) Ashton United (08; 3-0) Albion Sports Thackley | Debut 23/08/2008 Boston United (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 02/09/08 Cammell Laird (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division | Joe Brown was a young striker signed at a time of strong competition for places in the forward ranks; he soon moved on despite having a Football League pedigree |  |




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| <p>BROWN, Karl Born 05/07/1982 (Liverpool) winger 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Derby County (Trainee) Getafe (Spain) (01-02) Barry Town (02-03; 7-0) Stafford Rangers (03-04) Walsall (trial; 04) Hednesford Town 04) Gresley Rovers (04) Runcorn FC Halton (04) Gresley Rovers (04-05) Colwyn Bay (05-06) Warrington Town (06) Colwyn Bay (06) AFC Telford United (06) Llangefni Town (06-07) Marine (07-08) Leek Town (08; 12-1) Warrington Town (08) Colwyn Bay(08) Ashton United (08; 3-0) Warrington Town (08-09) Leigh Genesis (09) Chorley(09) Mossley (09-10; 23-2) Prescot Cables (10) Ashton Athletic St Helens Town Marine (11; 5-0) Winsford United Prescot Cables Also Wales u-17's</p> | <p>Debut 25/10/2008 Worksop Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 18/11/2008 Guiseley (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>A former Derby trainee and vastly experienced non-league wideman with a sound pedigree - including international honours and a year playing in the Spanish 1st Division - Brown signed as cover as a spate of injuries hit The Robins. Made one start and twice featured off the bench, the highlight being a 6-2 win on debut, before he continued on his nomadic journey through non-league.</p> |  |
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| <p>BROWN, Les Born c.1949 (Preston) Midfield 36 games 4 goals</p> | <p>Blackburn Rovers Wigan Athletic Stalybridge Celtic Droylsden Radcliffe Borough (75-77) Ashton United (77-78; 36-4) Chorley</p> | <p>Debut 05/11/1977 Hyde United (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 13/05/1978 Hyde United (A) Reporter Floodlit Cup</p> | <p>A Chorley-based window cleaner, Les Brown scored one of his four club goals in his final appearance as Ashton won the Reporter Floodlit Cup</p> |  |
| <p>BROWN, Ray Born c. 1963 Forward 1 game 1 goal</p> | <p>Crewe Alexandra Ashton United (86; 1-1) Nantwich Town (87-88) Rhyl Nantwich Town (91-92)</p> | <p>Debut 05/04/1986 Nantwich Town (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> | <p>Brown joined a select group of players to score on their Ashton debut and not get chosen again as one of a host of late season signings in 1986 made by new manager Albert Pike that were not retained for the following season.</p> |  |
| <p>BROWN, Richard Born 13/01/1967 (Nottingham) defender 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Nottingham Forest Derby County Ilkeston Town (84-85) Sheff Wednesday (85-86) Grantham Town (86-87) Boston United (loan, 87) Derry City (87) Kettering Town (87-90) Cheltenham Town (loan, 90) Blackburn Rovers (90-95; 33-0) Maidstone United (loan, 91; 3-0) Stockport County (95; 1-0) Blackpool (95-96; 3-0) Kettering Town (96) Bacup Borough (96) Mossley (96; 12-0) Stalybridge Celtic (96; 6-0) Altrincham (96-97; 7-0) Netherfield Ashton United (99; 3-0) Salford City <i>Manager</i></p> | <p>Debut 16/10/1999 Belper Town (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last Game 23/10/1999 Lincoln United (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>With his professional career effectively ended by injury aged just 27, Brown - a former Premiership player - was a substitute in John King's final game in charge of The Robins; he played the next two games at right back, before being discarded by incoming manager Gerry Quinn.</p> |  |






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| BROWN, Steve Forward 2 games 0 goals | Waterloo Ashton United (86; 2-0) Dukinfield Town | Debut 15/02/1986 Lancaster City (A) North West Counties League 2nd Division Last game 08/03/1986 Colwyn Bay (H) North West Counties League 2nd Division | Powerful striker Brown signed from local amateur football, where he had been playing for Waterloo alongside another player with AUFC connections, Barry Howard. |  |
| BROWNE, Robert Goalkeeper 11 games 0 goals | Ashton National Ashton United (63-64; 10-0) Curzon Amateurs Ashton United (66; 1-0) | Debut 12/04/1963 Bacup Borough (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division 2 nd debut 08/10/1966 Kirkby Town (A) Lancashire Combination 2 nd Division | Bob Browne from Audenshaw lad proved reliable understudy to two fine keepers – firstly Malcolm Harding and then Rod Jones; he also turned out for Dukinfield CC. |  |
| BROWNHILL, David Forward 14 games 2 goals | Ladbrooke FC Ashton United (73-74; 14-2) | Debut 22/09/1973 Rossendale United (H) Cheshire County League Last game 16/03/1974 Radcliffe Borough (A) Cheshire County League | Local amateur Brownhill scored on debut after coming on as substitute, breaking into the starting XI on and off over the next few months |  |
| BROWNHILL, Liam Born 28/11/1986 Defender 11 games 0 goals | Stockport County Altrincham (trial, 05) Bangor City (05; 2-0) GAP Connah's Quay (05; 7-0) Witton Albion (05-08) Altrincham (trial, 08) Droylsden (08-11) Chester (11-12) Bangor City (12-13; 28-2) FC United (13-16; 132-4) Ashton United (16; 11-0) Trafford (16-17) Abbey Hey (17) Ramsbottom United (17-18) Wythenshawe Town (18-?) Also | Debut 15/03/2016 Frickley Athletic (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division Last game 26/04/2016 Salford City (A) Northern Premier League Play off semi-final | 'Brownny' combined his work as a plasterer with playing full back at the highest levels of non-league football in England and Wales, featuring for England C and playing in the Europa League. Equally comfortable with left or right foot, Brownhill's in-swinging corners were a great asset to the team, at first during a loan spell then as a permanent signing. |  |



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| BROXUP Forward 3 games 0 goals | York City Ashton United (56; 3-0) | Debut 01/12/1956 Southport Reserves (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 15/12/1956 Chorley (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Broxup was based at the local barracks during his National Service and, as was often the case at that time, Ashton were legitimately able to call on his services – even if only briefly. |  |
| BRYANT, Neil Goalkeeper 4 games 0 goals | Ashton United (83; 4-0) | Debut 19/09/1983 Netherfield (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 01/10/1983 Penrith (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Bryant reportedly endured a torrid debut but retained his place afterwards, until the talented Lee Cooper was signed for the same position. |  |
| BUCHAN, George Born 02/05/1950 (Aberdeen) Defender 10 games 2 goals | Banks of Dee Aberdeen (68-73; 29-2) Manchester United (73-74; 4-0) Bury (74-76; 65-6) Motherwell (loan) Mossley (76; 25-2) Lancaster City (76-79) Runcorn (79-80) Glossop (80-83) Ashton United (83; 10-2) | Debut 22/01/1983 Glossop (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 09/04/1983 Skelmersdale United (H) North West Counties League Challenge Cup | Brother of former Scotland international Martin, George Buchan combined played non-league football with a career as a teacher after his professional days ended. |  |

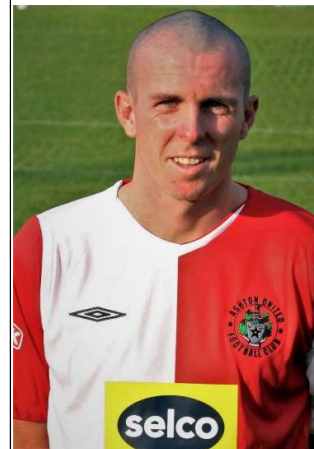


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| <p>BUCKLEY, Arthur Born 03/07/1913 (Greenfield) Died 20/10/1992 Winger 35 games 17 goals</p> | <p>Greenfield Oldham Athletic (34-36; 47-10) Leeds United (36-39; 91-22) <i>Wartime - Oldham Athletic, Aldershot</i> Mossley (47-48; 43-26) Ashton United (48-49; 35-17)</p> | <p>Debut 21/08/1948 Rochdale Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 17/09/1949 Darwen (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Arthur Buckley was an experienced winger who lost a good chunk of his career to the war; although already 35 years old by the time he signed, he still managed a goal every two games in Ashton's colours.</p> |  |
| <p>BUCKLEY, Harold Forward 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Mossley (47-48; 6-1) Ashton United (48; 2-0)</p> | <p>Debut 22/10/1948 Bacup Borough (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 29/10/1948 Leyland Motors (H) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>Brother of Arthur, Harold Buckley had one outing at centre forward and one on the right wing, playing in the same forward line as his sibling.</p> |  |
| <p>BUCKLEY, John Defender 22 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (67-68; 22-0)</p> | <p>Debut 24/03/1967 Dukinfield Town (H) Lancashire Combination 2nd Division</p> <p>Last game 06/04/1968 Padiham (H) Lancashire Combination 2nd Division</p> | <p>Promising full-back Buckley suffered from a broken ankle in his spell at Hurst Cross and received a benefit match as a result.</p> |  |
| <p>BUCKLEY, Mark Born c. 1965 Defender 2 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Xaverian College Ashton United (84; 2-0)</p> | <p>Debut 18/02/1984 Bootle (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 03/03/1984 Ellesmere Port (H) North West Counties League Challenge Cup</p> | <p>Centre half Buckley was one of four debutants to make the trip to Merseyside; his only other outing came as a substitute</p> |  |


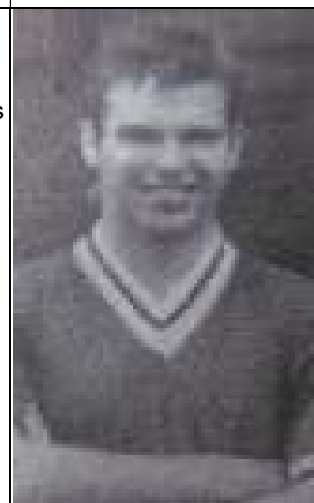
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| BUCKLEY, Paul Midfield 9 games 0 goals | Ashton United (90; 9-0) | Debut 05/03/1990 Clitheroe (A) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last game 28/04/1990 Warrington Town (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division | Wide midfielder Buckley was utilised throughout the last two months of the 1989-90 - his appearances being roughly split between starting roles and coming on as a sub. |  |
| BUCKLEY, Robson Born 24/09/1997 (Oldham) Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Oldham Athletic Altrincham FC United of Manchester St Kilda (Australia, 16; 10-11) Ashton United (16; 1-0) Abbey Hey (16-17) Radcliffe Borough | Debut 10/12/2017 Stourbridge (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division | Young midfielder Robson Buckley was drafted in amidst a deep injury crisis, making a solitary appearance off the bench. |  |
| BUDTZ, Jan Born 20/04/1979 (Hillerod, Denmark) Goalkeeper 1 game 0 goals | B1909 (Denmark, 04-05) FC Nordsjaelland (Denmark, 05) Doncaster Rovers (05-07; 27-0) Wolverhampton Wanderers (loan, 07; 4-0) Hartlepool United (07-09; 38-0) Oldham Athletic (loan, 09; 3-0) Eastwood Town (09-10) Stalybridge Celtic (10-12; 79-0) Buxton (12) Gainsborough Trinity (12-13; 31-0) Worksop Town (13-14) Gainsborough Trinity (14-16; 66-0) Buxton (16-18) Ilkeston (18) Ashton United (18; 1-0) Rossington Main (18-?) | Debut 13/10/2018 Spennymoor Town (A) National League North | Keeper well known to Robins fans for his performances against Ashton for Gainsborough, Worksop, and Buxton, Budtz was drafted in as cover with Luke Pilling on international duty for Wales under 21s. Away from playing he worked at one of his former clubs, Doncaster Rovers, for several years in their community outreach programme. |  |



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| BULLOCK Defender 3 games 0 goals | Siemens FC Hurst (19; 3-0) | Debut 11/01/1919 Witton Albion (H) Lancashire Combination Last game 08/02/1919 Mossley (H) Lancashire Combination | Bullock made three outings at right back during the 1918-19 campaign |  |
| BULLOCK, David Forward 1 game 0 goals | Northwich Victoria Ashton United (86; 1-0) | Debut 29/03/1986 Chadderton (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Unlike fellow debutant Andy Lynch, this was to be David Bullock's only game in Ashton's colours. |  |
| BUNTER, Steve Forward 2 games 1 goal | Curzon Ashton Hyde United (87-88; 12-5) Ashton United (88; 2-1) Buxton (88-93; 134-44) | Debut 02/04/1988 Vauxhall GM (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division Last game 04/04/1988 Atherton Collieries (H) North West Counties League 2 nd Division | Bunter was a late-season addition to the Ashton attack, featuring twice and scoring once as The Robins secured the NWCL 2 nd Division title |  |
| BURDETT Winger 8 games 3 goals | West Bromwich Albion Ashton United (47; 8-3) | Debut 27/09/1947 Rhyl (H) Cheshire County League Last game 08/11/47 Witton Albion (H) CCL | Burdett showed up well on the left wing in an unbroken run of eight games, before regular winger Bob Graham returned to the team at his expense. |  |
| BURGESS (1) 2 games 0 goals | Hurst (91-92; 2-0) | Debut 14/11/1891 Hollinwood (A) Ashton District League Last game 30/01/1892 Marple (A) Ashton District League | Burgess had one recorded game at centre forward and another as goalkeeper during the 1891-92 season |  |
| BURGESS (2) Goalkeeper 8 games 0 goals | Hurst (36-38; 8-0) | Debut 04/09/1936 Stalybridge Celtic (H) Cheshire County League Last game 18/04/1938 Hyde United (A) Cheshire County League | Burgess was one of three keepers tried in the first five games of the 1936-37 season - he returned for nine more games the following campaign. |  |

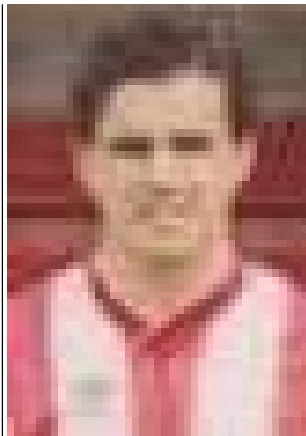

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| BURGESS (3) Forward 1 game 1 goal | Hurst (46; 1-0) English Steel | Debut 24/09/1946 Mossley (H) Cheshire County League | Reserve player Burgess played one first team game at centre forward - it ended in a heavy defeat, despite him scoring on debut. |  |
| BURGESS (4) Defender 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (87; 1-0) | Debut 05/09/1987 Formby (A) FA Cup | Burgess arrived unheralded and played at centre half in a solid FA Cup win |  |
| BURGESS, J Forward 1 game 0 goals | Newton Heath Athletic Hurst (21; 1-0) | Debut 28/03/1921 Fleetwood (H) Lancashire Combination | Burgess made a solitary appearance for Hurst at inside right in the spring of 1921. |  |
| BURGESS, Neil Midfield 1 game 0 goals | Winsford United Nantwich Town (92-93; 9-0) Winsford United Nantwich Town Ashton United (86; 1-0) | Debut 12/04/1986 Ford Motors (H) North West Counties League 2nd Division | Neil Burgess arrived along with John Bingham from Nantwich - they both featured just once for the club when appearing in this late-season game. |  |
| BURKE Goalkeeper 1 game 0 goals | Ashton National | Debut 03/05/1941 Droylsden (A) Manchester League | Emergency signing Burke had the misfortune to concede five times in his solitary wartime outing |  |





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| <p>BURKE, Anthony Forward 48 games 22 goals</p> | <p>Bacup Borough Radcliffe Borough (58; 1-0) Mossley (59-65; 127-63) Radcliffe Borough (loan, 63; 1-0) Hyde United Witton Albion Mossley (67-68; 29-14) Ashton United (68-69; 48-22) Radcliffe Borough (69-71)</p> | <p>Debut 25/09/1968 Witton Albion (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 18/10/1970 Ellesmere Port Town (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Tony Burke was the club's leading scorer over the 1968-69 season; after a solid season in a struggling team, he left part way through the following campaign for a third spell at Stainton Park.</p> |  |
| <p>BURKE, Johnny Born c. 1932 (Middlesbrough) Half back 410 games 19 goals</p> | <p>Brushes Rangers New Mills Ashton United (53-64; 410-19) <i>Manager</i> Curzon Ashton</p> | <p>Debut 19/08/1953 Fleetwood (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 16/04/1964 Altrincham (A) Manchester Intermediate Cup</p> | <p>Ashton's record appearance holder Johnny Burke was a near permanent fixture in the Ashton United side for over a decade; later in his career he captained the side and was cited as a fine example to younger players for his ability, consistency, and endeavour. In 2019 his son David – who had played for him at Curzon Ashton, along with grandson Jonathon became co-chairmen of the club.</p> |  |






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| <p>BURKE, Matty Born 14/12/1985 (Manchester) Midfield 53 games 1 goal</p> | <p>Blackpool (trainee) Salford City (05-08) Barrow (trial, 08) Vauxhall Motors (08-09) Alfreton Town (09) Hyde United (09-11; 65-1) Salford City (11) Vauxhall Motors (11-12) Ashton United (12-13; 53-1) Stafford Rangers (13-14) Vauxhall Motors (14) Droylsden (14-15) Ramsbottom United (15) Droylsden (15-16) Glossop North End (16) Mossley (16-17; 32-4) Also England Youth (6-0)</p> | <p>Debut 18/08/2012 Workshop Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 16/10/2013 Whitby Town (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> | <p>Skilful ball-playing midfielder Burke was a regular selection throughout much of the 2012-13 season, but found opportunities limited under a new management team; forced to retire at 27 due to recurring injury problems.</p> |  |
| <p>BURKE, Tony Midfield 3 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (82-83; 3-0)</p> | <p>Debut 20/11/1982 Nantwich Town (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 19/02/1983 Irlam (A) Manchester Premier Cup</p> | <p>Tony Burke made one start in an MPC semi-final and two substitute outings - as a player whose record with Ashton was played three, won three.</p> |  |
| <p>BURNETT, Tony Midfield 8 games 2 goals</p> | <p>Little Lever Clitheroe Rossendale United Ashton United (89; 8-2)</p> | <p>Debut 18/02/1989 Warrington Town (H) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 29/04/1989 Warrington Town (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> | <p>Burnett occupied the right flank for Ashton during the last couple of months of the 1988-89 season. Ashton lost 2 points due to him being incorrectly registered – he was listed as a Clitheroe with the league after he had signed for them at the start of the season, although he never made an appearance there.</p> |  |




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| <p>BURNS, Aaron Born 08/11/1987 (Manchester) Forward 138 games 73 goals</p> | <p>Manchester United (trainee, 05-07) Afturelding (Iceland, 07; 2-1) Yeovil Town (trial, 07) Shrewsbury Town (trial, 07) Cardiff City (07; 0) Altrincham (trial, 07; 0) FC United of Manchester (07-08; 14-8) Northwich Victoria (08-10) Droylsden (loan, 08) Altrincham (loan, 09; 9-1) GAP Connah's Quay (loan, 10; 16-3) Chester City (10; 0) Ashton United (10-13; 121-69) Nantwich Town (13-14; 48-28) Marine (14; 5-3) Nantwich Town (14-15; 29-15) Chorley (15; 20-4) Ashton United (15; 17-4) Trafford (15-17) Stalybridge Celtic (17) Trafford (17-19) Radcliffe Borough (19) Droylsden (19) Northwich Victoria (19-20) Nantwich Town (20-?)</p> | <p>Debut 21/08/2010 Burscough (H) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>2nd debut 18/08/2015 Marine (A) Northern Premier League Premier Division</p> <p>Last game 10/11/2015 Nantwich Town (H) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup</p> | <p>Aaron Burns proved to be a prolific striker for The Robins; he scored in seven successive games on his way to becoming top scorer in 2011 - a position he held in each of his first three seasons at the club. Re-joined in August 2015 after two seasons away but suffered some bad luck, as two harsh sendings-off disrupted his chances of a regular berth.</p> |  |
| <p>BURNS, Barry Born 19/06/1937 (Dunscroft) Died 04/2009 Forward 38 games 20 goals</p> | <p>Dunscroft Welfare Rotherham United (57-59; 5-4) Ashton United (loan, 56-57; 29-16) Ashton United (59; 38-20) Stalybridge Celtic</p> | <p>Debut 27/10/1956 Accrington Stanley Reserves (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> <p>2nd debut 02/10/1959 Northern Nomads (H) Lancashire Combination Challenge Cup</p> <p>Last game 08/11/1959 Horwich RMI (A) Lancashire Combination 1st Division</p> | <p>National Service saw Burns posted to the local barracks and set him on his way to a better than 1-in-2 return whilst on loan at Ashton; he made a brief return to Hurst Cross after a short but free-scoring spell with his parent club.</p> |  |

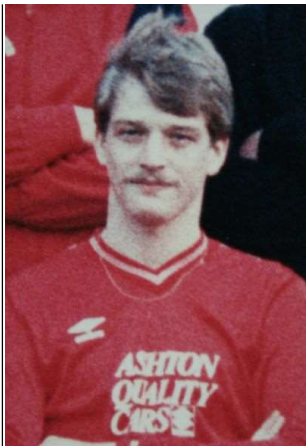


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| <p>BURNS, Jimmy Born 20/06/1865 (Liverpool) Died 11/09/1957 Forward</p> | <p>Hurst London Caledonians West Bromwich Albion (90-91; 15-5) Notts County (91; 1-0) South Weald</p> | <p>Under research, player of the 1880s</p> | <p>Member of the Hurst side that won the first ever Manchester Cup final in 1885, scoring twice in a 3-0 win; Burns also played cricket for Essex between 1890 and 1901.</p> |  |
| <p>BURNS, Steve Defender 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Stockport County Ashton United (05; 1-0) Glossop North End Trafford Mossley (97-98) Trafford (98-00) Mossley (00-02) Witton Albion (02-03; 0) Curzon Ashton</p> | <p>Debut 19/08/2005 Farsley Celtic (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Burns was another player to have a short- lived stay at Hurst Cross under manager Phil Staley; he came on as sub for right back Steve Jordan during the season's opener but never even made the bench again.</p> |  |





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| <p>BURRELL, Mark Born 18/06/1963 (Gainsborough) Defender 50 games 2 goals</p> | <p>Retford Town Harworth Colliery Goole Town Hatfield Main Witton Albion (89-91; 91-8) Stalybridge Celtic (91-93; 31-1) Droylsden (loan, 92) Ashton United (93-94; 50-2) Warrington Town <i>Scout</i> Motherwell</p> | <p>Debut 30/01/1993 Worksop Town (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last Game 07/05/1994 Spennymoor United (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> | <p>Burrell signed on loan before joining The Robins permanently; began his first full season as captain at Ashton, as The Robins just missed out on promotion for a second successive season.</p> |  |
| <p>BURRIDGE, Ben James Herbert Born 11/03/1898 (Beamish) <i>Died 22/12/1977</i> Defender 114 games 3 goals</p> | <p>Oxhill Villa Houghton Rangers Annfield Plain Darlington (21-26; 92-7) Sheffield Wednesday (26-30; 26-0) Oldham Athletic (30-31; 6-0) Macclesfield (31-33; 65-2) Hyde United Hurst (34-40; 114-3) Ashton National <i>Secretary</i> Hurst</p> | <p>Debut 05/09/1934 Macclesfield (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 25/02/40 Audenshaw United (H) Manchester Challenge Shield</p> | <p>Bert Burrridge was an experienced and reliable centre-half from the 1930's who signed in 1934 and became player-manager for 1935-36; he also acted as club secretary when Sam Batty fell ill in 1937.</p> |  |

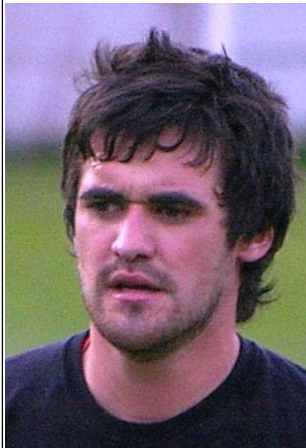

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| <p>BURROWS, Arthur Born 04/12/1919 (Stockport) <i>Died 03/05</i> Half back 22 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Stockport St Pauls Stockport County (36-47; 5-0) Ashton United (47-48; 22-0) Accrington Stanley (48-50; 9-0) Mossley (51-52; 4-0) Winsford Buxton</p> | <p>Debut 23/08/1947 Stalybridge Celtic (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 10/01/48 Northwich Victoria (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Son of a former Stockport player of the same name from the early 1920's, Burrows was a regular member of the side during the first part of 1947-48 and played for Football League clubs either side of his time at Hurst Cross.</p> |  |
| <p>BURROWS, Derek Midfielder 1 game 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (78; 1-0)</p> | <p>Debut 04/03/1978 Rhyl (A) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Burrows was substituted in his only outing, as he helped Ashton gain a draw in North Wales</p> |  |
| <p>BURTOFT, Steve Midfield 6 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (75; 6-0)</p> | <p>Debut 16/08/1975 St Helens Town (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 15/09/1975 Droylsden (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Burtoft started the first three games of the 1975-76 season, his last three outings were all to be made from the substitutes' bench</p> |  |
| <p>BURTON, Joe Forward 21 games 13 goals</p> | <p>Hurst Lads Hurst (26-27; 21-13) Ashton Brothers Mossley (28-29; 4-0) Droylsden Glossop North End Alexandra Road</p> | <p>Debut 20/11/1926 Northwich Victoria (H) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 22/10/27 Macclesfield (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Local lad Burton showed promise in his first season; he scored twice on debut but still hadn't established a regular place by the following campaign</p> |  |

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| BURTON, Simon Born 29/12/1973 (Farnworth) Midfield 8 games 0 goals | Preston North End (92-94; 24-3) Barrow Chorley Atherton LR Bamber Bridge Ashton United (96; 8-0) Atherton LR | Debut 02/03/1996 Curzon Ashton (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division Last Game 08/04/96 Great Harwood Town (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | Burton was in and out of the team in the latter stages of the 1995-96 season, playing left-sided midfield. |  |
| BURTON, Syd Died 04/01/1949 Half back 4 games 0 goals | Hurst (20; 4-0) Mossley (20-21; 4-0) Stalybridge Celtic Accrington Stanley (27; 0) | Debut 18/09/1920 Bacup Borough (A) Lancashire Combination Last game 23/10/20 Eccles United (A) FA Cup | Burton saw little action at Hurst Cross but was a multi-disciplined sportsman - he mixed football with playing golf and cricket, winning the Central League title with Ashton CC, and also appearing for Dukinfield CC. |  |
| BUTLER Forward 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (54; 1-0) | Debut 16/04/1954 Wigan Athletic (H) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division | Butler helped Ashton to victory over the Wigan 'Latics, when given a trial at centre forward |  |
| BUTTERWORTH, Albert Born 20/03/1912 (Ashton-u-Lyne) Died 01/1991 Forward 30 games 10 goals | Droylsden Hurst (29-31; 6-3) Manchester United (trial, 31; 0) Blackpool (32-34; 22-5) Preston North End (34-36; 14-4) Bristol Rovers (36-39; 98-13) Stalybridge Celtic (46) Hurst / Ashton United (46-47; 24-7) | Debut 09/09/1929 Hyde United (H) Manchester Senior Cup 2 nd debut 30/11/1946 Congleton Town (A) Cheshire County League Last game 14/05/1947 Stockport County 'A' (A) Cheshire County League | 'Alf' Butterworth shared his efforts between Droylsden and Hurst prior to a long professional career. He had the distinction of scoring the club's first goals as Ashton United after the name change from Hurst. Father of David. |  |
| BUTTERWORTH, Daryl Forward 37 games 3 goals | Ashton United (68-70; 37-3) Bacup Borough | Debut 06/12/1968 Mossley (A) Cheshire County League Last game 19/09/1970 Formby (A) | Brother of Steve, Daryl Butterworth played across the forward line as a provider rather than goal-getter |  |

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| BUTTERWORTH, David Born 04/05/1937 (Bristol) Midfield 114 games 19 goals | Guildford City Exeter City (57-60; 27-0) Hyde United (60-62) Ashton United (62-65; 114-19) Curzon Amateurs | Debut 18/08/1962 Prescot Cables (A) Lancashire Combination 1 st Division Last game 27/04/1965 Belper Town (A) Midlands League | David Butterworth served Ashton well, appearing for Ashton over a hundred times - he was renowned for his thunderous shooting. Son of Albert and father of Gary; uncle to Lee and Mark. |  |
| BUTTERWORTH, Gary Born 28/12/1959 (Exeter) Defender 125 games 5 goals | Curzon Ashton Stalybridge Celtic (83-88) Ashton United (loan. 88; 10-0) Accrington Stanley Moravians Ashton United (90-93; 115-5) Hyde United (93; 3-0) | Debut 29/08/1988 Ellesmere Port & Neston (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division 2 nd debut 17/03/1990 St Helens Town (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division Last Game 27/04/1993 Harrogate Town (A) Northern Premier League 1 st Division | Third generation from his family to represent the club following on from Albert and David; Gary Butterworth helped Ashton gain promotion from the NWCL and played during the club's debut season in the NPL. Cousin to Lee & Mark. |  |
| BUTTERWORTH, John Midfield 3 games 0 goals | Bethesda Athletic Ashton United (77; 3-0) | Debut 15/01/1977 Prestwich Heys (H) Cheshire County League Last game 22/03/1977 Horwich RMI (A) Cheshire County League | Butterworth had appeared for manager Phil Staley at his previous club, but featured only rarely when following him to Hurst Cross |  |

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| <p>BUTTERWORTH, Lee Born 27/07/1966 (Ashton-u-Lyne) Forward 193 games 81 goals</p> | <p>Curzon Ashton Dukinfield Town Ashton United (86-88; 92-56) Hyde United (88; 3-0) Accrington Stanley Ashton United (89-92; 59-18) Mossley (92; 2-0) Radcliffe Borough Springhead</p> | <p>Debut 08/03/1986 Colwyn Bay (H) North West Counties League 2nd Division</p> <p>2nd debut 06/11/1989 Chadderton (A) Manchester Premier Cup</p> <p>Last game 15/04/1992 Flixton (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> | <p>The goals scored by postman Lee Butterworth were a significant factor in helping Ashton to the NWCL 2nd Division title in 1988, which in turn earned him a move to higher grade football; he returned to the club later in his career and won the NWCL 1st Division title as part of the all-conquering side that won four trophies in the 1991-92 season. Brother of Mark, cousin to Gary.</p> |  |
| <p>BUTTERWORTH, Mark Defender 47 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Ashton United (86-91; 47-0) Witton Albion (91) Mossley (91-92; 9-0)</p> | <p>Debut 09/08/1986 Wren Rovers (A) North West Counties League 2nd Division</p> <p>Last game 24/08/1991 Blackpool Rovers (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> | <p>Left back Mark Butterworth signed in the summer of 1986 - he was less of a regular in the team than brother Lee (he made just one outing in each of his last three seasons at Hurst Cross) with most of his appearances having been made when Ashton were in the 2nd Division of the NWCL – his best season being when helping The Robins to the title and promotion in 1988.</p> |  |
| <p>BUTTERWORTH, R Winger 5 Games 0 goals</p> | <p>Rossendale United Hurst (38; 5-0)</p> | <p>Debut 26/02/1938 Manchester North End (A) Cheshire County League</p> <p>Last game 19/03/1938 Hyde United (H) Cheshire County League</p> | <p>Butterworth played five games in a row on Hurst's right wing at a time when the club were struggling for results</p> |  |

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| BUTTERWORTH, Steve Defender 51 games 1 goal | Ashton United (69-70; 51-1) Bacup Borough Droylsden | Debut 19/03/1969 Frickley Colliery (H) Cheshire County League Challenge Cup Last game 19/09/1970 Formby (A) FA Cup | Steve Butterworth broke into the Ashton team at the end of the season at the same time as his brother Daryl - and the siblings made their last club appearance in the same game. |  |
| BUXTON, Colin Goalkeeper 1 game 0 goals | Ashton United (75; 1-0) | Debut 28/04/1975 Horwich RMI (A) Cheshire County League | AUFC committee man Buxton was talked into stepping in to cover a keeper shortage for an away game at Horwich; he was later Chairman of the club between 1982-89. |  |
| BYRNE, Charlie Forward 8 games 2 goals | Bolton Wanderers Hurst (37; 8-2) | Debut 31/08/1937 Nantwich Town (A) Cheshire County League Last game 29/10/1937 Buxton (A) Cheshire County League | Inside left Byrne's eight outings were spread over the first two months of the 1937-38 season. |  |
| BYRNE, Chris Midfielder 9 games 1 goal | Amateur football Altrincham (88-90) Ashton United (loan, 89; 2-0) Ashton United (90; 7-1) | Debut 02/12/1989 Leyland Motors (H) North West Counties League 1 st Division 2 nd debut 14/04/1990 Prescot Cables (A) | Byrne played twice for Ashton on loan from Conference side Altrincham over the winter months of the 1989, returning to the team for the final month of the 1989-90 season and the first couple of games of the following campaign. |  |

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| | | <p>North West Counties League 1st Division</p> <p>Last game 27/08/1990 Colwyn Bay (A) North West Counties League 1st Division</p> | | |
| <p>BYRNE, Danny Born 30/11/1984 (Frimley) Midfield 12 games 0 goals</p> | <p>Manchester United, Hartlepool (loan, 03; 3-0) Reading (trial, 04) Southport Chester City Walsall (trial, 04) Weymouth Droylsden Runcorn Dundee (trial, 05) Leigh RMI (05) Witton Albion Flixton Mossley (06; 1-0) Ashton United (09; 12-0) Salford City (10; 2-1) A/so Republic of Ireland u-19s</p> | <p>Debut 26/09/2009 Chorley (A) FA Cup</p> <p>Last game 14/12/2009 Lancaster City (A) Northern Premier League Challenge Cup</p> | <p>A former-Manchester United trainee - when he signed for Ashton in September 2009 Byrne was returning to playing action after taking a break from playing to complete some coaching qualifications; he displayed a great range of passes and excellent shooting ability but never established a regular place in the team.</p> |  |
| <p>BYRNE, Steve Defender 62 games 2 goals</p> | <p>Vauxhall GM Runcorn Ashton United (93-94; 62-2) Leigh RMI</p> | <p>Debut 21/08/1993 Worksop Town (H) Northern Premier League 1st Division</p> <p>Last Game 30/04/1994 Bamber Bridge (A) Northern Premier League 1st Division Cup</p> | <p>Left back and captain in his first season at the club, Byrne was less of a regular selection during the 1994-95 campaign but ended his time with The Robins as a cup winner.</p> |  |