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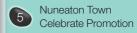
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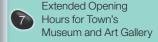
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Nuneaton Town Celebrate Promotion

Fans of the reformed Nuneaton Town Football Club are celebrating the start of their journey back to the top of English football's non-league pyramid by winning promotion at the first attempt.

Loyiso Recci, James Harrison and Louis Baker scored the goals in a 3-1 win at Kirby as they won the Midland Football League Division One with three games to spare.

Nuneaton have 99 points, the

highest anywhere in the country, while their tally of 118 goals from 39 games makes them joint top scorers in English football, along with Bury FC.

The achievements of joint managers Russell Dodd and Darren Acton are a happy outcome after running into major financial problems last season.

"It is nice to see so many smiles again," club legend Acton told BBC Sport. "This is only the beginning. I hope we can go onto even better things.

"This was just testament to the lads and how hard they've worked. And the support from the fans has been unbelievable. Without them this club wouldn't be possible."

Nuneaton Borough were originally formed in



1899, but reformed in 1937 and again in 1991, before being recreated as a phoenix club in 2008 after Borough were liquidated.

The club, founding members of the first national non-league in 1979, were allowed to resume playing under the old Boro name again but, after withdrawing from the Southern League Premier Division Central in January 2024, were wound up by His Majesty's Revenue & Customs.

Currently on a two-year rental deal at nearby Bedworth United, they have generated £40,000, mostly off the back of surplus gate receipts from their above-average following.

The club, currently playing in Bedworth, have started feasibility studies for a ground back in Nuneaton.

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Extended Opening Hours for Town's Museum and Art Gallery



Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery is increasing its opening hours all year round from this month.

New funding investment from the council has allowed new Museum Assistants to be appointed with increased opening hours being introduced from Monday, 14 April 2025.

The new opening hours are 10:30am to 4:30pm, Thursday to Saturday.

Cllr Tim Jenkins, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Health, said: "I'm really pleased that the extra funding we have provided will bring several benefits to our fantastic museum.

"The new, stable, year-round, opening hours will end visitor confusion and enable greater access, particularly to school groups over the winter months.

"Furthermore, the additional assistants that our funding has provided for means the museum will be protected from short notice closures due to employee shortages."



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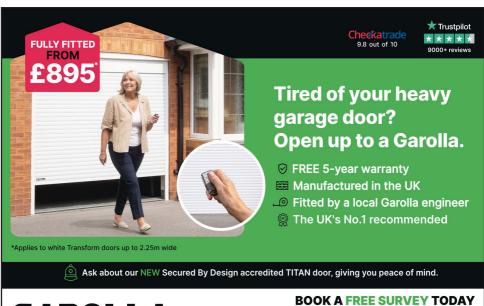
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Mental Health Support for New Mothers

A community group that provides mental health support for new mothers has secured six-figure funding to continue the project for three more years, including in Nuneaton.

Project Matrescence is a six-week programme which provides a safe space for all new mothers in Warwickshire who are between six to 12 months postpartum.

Funding by a local donor and supported by The Parenting Project

will mean the group can go on supporting women until 2028.

It aims to run six groups a year for free in various locations, including Nuneaton, Bedworth

In 2023-24 NHS England estimated that perinatal mental illness - defined as significant stress, anxiety and depression - affected 57,000 new mothers, external.

Helen Davies, psychotherapist and Project Matrescence lead, said: "Becoming a mother, is a unique time of change in a person's life, affecting every part of their experience;



physical, psychological, social, economic and existential.

"We know that community support, psychoeducation, open and shared conversations around the realities of motherhood, and its individual impact, are incredibly helpful."

Groups are limited to 12 participants and include group discussions and activities such as claywork, drawing, collage, journaling and poetry.

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