

# FC ST HELENS WOMEN



**2021**

Chairman, Ste Leather, and club director, Judith Hughes, launched FC St Helens Women. Amie Hand and Rosie Havelin stepped into the management role.

**2022**

In their inaugural season, FC St Helens Women were promoted to the County League after accumulating 47 points from an available 54.

**2023**

The FC Women finished their second season undefeated, and were crowned champions after defeating their rivals Wirral Phoenix 3-1 away from home.

**2024**

In their inaugural Tier 6 season, the Stripes secured a fourth-place finish. A standout moment was their 4-1 victory against semi-professional Wythenshawe, making them the only team to take points from the eventual league champions that season.

**2025**

The Stripes capped a strong campaign by finishing 2nd in the league amidst tough competition. A standout moment was their 2-1 victory over six-time FA Cup champions Doncaster Belles in the FA Cup, securing their progression to the 2nd Round Proper.



**PROMOTION IN 2022**



**THE LEAGUE WINNING  
TRIO IN 2023**



**UNDEFEATED COUNTY  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS IN 2023**

# WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED SO FAR

**In April 2021, as FC St Helens geared up for its 6th season, Chairman Ste Leather and club director Judith Hughes decided to launch a women's team. This initiative aimed to guide the club forward and champion women's football in the town of St Helens.**

## *2021-NOW*

In 2021, following talks with Ste and Judith, Amie Hand and Rosie Havelin took on the management role at FC St Helens Women. Both are accomplished footballers: Amie hails from St Helens and was coached by Judith at Everton Women. Rosie has had the honour of playing for her national team, Northern Ireland, and has also played for several clubs in England, including Liverpool, Manchester City, Bolton, and Liverpool Feds.

The duo quickly put together a team to start their first season just a few months after they first met with the club. In their inaugural season, the newly created FC St Helens Women racked up an amazing 47 points out of a possible 54, leading to their first promotion.

The second season brought rapid success, with the team's prior achievements attracting experienced players vital for growth. This proved pivotal, as FC St Helens Women finished their second season as undefeated champions, securing back-to-back promotions from the county leagues into the North West Regional Division (Tier 6).

Following this triumphant season, Amie Hand stepped down from her management role due to career commitments, having been instrumental in establishing the team's strong foundation. Rosie Havelin then assumed sole leadership, subsequently bringing Jack Wylde on board to help shape the club's future.

# FC ST HELENS' STORY SO FAR IN TIER 6

Rosie, Jack and the FC Women ventured into the uncharted waters of a new league, competing against well-established teams throughout the northwest. The team got off to a fantastic start and used the third season to further enhance the club's reputation while allowing current players to experience the challenge of playing against semi-professional teams.

Securing an impressive 4th place was a fantastic accomplishment, highlighted by a 5-1 victory over Wythenshawe. Remarkably, the Stripes were the only team to take points off them all season!

As one season ended, another swiftly began. Ahead of the new campaign, a number of experienced

players were recruited to strengthen the squad. The backroom staff also expanded, with the addition of Lara Constantine, a much-needed and fantastic physio. Armed with new additions and valuable league experience, the team came into the season prepared and ready.

Week in, week out, the team delivered strong performances, maintaining tight competition with Poulton Vics throughout. Unfortunately, injuries to key players late in the campaign proved costly, and the team narrowly missed out on the top spot to Poulton. Still, finishing second in such a competitive league is a fantastic achievement, and a clear sign of the club's upward momentum and continued growth.



**RACH WOOD'S EXPERIENCE PROVED INVALUABLE LAST SEASON**



**24/25 SIGNING, BECKY BARKER, WITH A TRADEMARK TACKLE**



**THE FC WOMEN TRIUMPHANT AFTER DEFEATING LEAGUE LEADERS WYTHENSHAW 4-1, MARKING THE ONLY POINTS WYTHENSHAW DROPPED IN THE LEAGUE DURING THE 23/24 SEASON**



# FC ST HELENS' FA CUP RUN

The 2024-2025 season's incredible Women's FA Cup run stands out as a major highlight, complementing the FC Women's league campaign. It became a topic of conversation in the town of St Helens, with the FC Women's name being mentioned by some key figures in the sport.

The team advanced to the First Round Proper of the FA Cup after winning 3 qualifying games, defeating eventual league champions Poulton Vics 5-1 along the way.

The historical fixture against Doncaster Belles drew in a crowd of almost 400, a record breaking number of spectators for the FC Women. The FA Cup run significantly boosted the women's team's profile within St Helens and brought in a staggering amount of money for the club.

In an incredible display of togetherness, the Stripes ground out a 2-1 victory against the Tier 4 side, a club with six FA cup titles to their name (two of which were won against St Helens in the 1980s!).

What a moment... to pull off such a shock victory in just their fourth season was a huge achievement and a sign of how far the club had come. For many of the FC players, the scenes of the game against Doncaster Belles will live long in the memory.

Despite valiant efforts in the Second Round, FC St Helens were ultimately defeated by Cheadle Stingers. Still, the whole experience was nothing short of amazing for everyone at the club and a real glimpse of what the future could hold for the Stripes.



**FC ST HELENS VS DONNY BELLES:  
A HISTORIC FIXTURE**



**GOALSCORER, ASHLEY BEARD, IN  
ACTION AGAINST DONNY BELLES**



**THE FC WOMEN PULLED TOGETHER TO GET THE JOB DONE AGAINST TIER 4 SIDE DONCASTER BELLES**