

# MANAGERS

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## Grimsby Town Managerial Record (inc. league, cup, play offs)

Name	Birthplace	DOB	From	To		P	W	D	L	F	A	
Artell DJ	David	Rotherham	22/11/1980	27th November 2023	present							
Ashman RG	Ron	Whittlesey	19/05/1926	23rd June 1973	3rd February 1975		87	31	25	31	114	114
Bignot M	Marcus	Birmingham	22/08/1974	7th November 2016	10th April 2017		27	9	7	11	34	40
*Booth D	Dave	Kexborough	02/10/1948	#11th January 1982	#16th April 1982		20	6	7	7	29	31
				17th April 1982	20th October 1985		176	66	47	63	251	247
Buckley AP	Alan	Mansfield	20/04/1951	6th June 1988	20th October 1994		281	110	74	97	358	320
				21st May 1997	21st August 2000		175	67	45	63	193	189
				9th November 2006	15th September 2008	h	96	36	18	42	115	140
Casey T	Tom	Comber	11/03/1930	28th February 1975	8th November 1976		81	23	22	36	94	118
*Chilton AC	Allenby	South Hylton	16/09/1918	16th March 1955	22nd April 1959		193	79	30	84	310	311
*Cockerill J	John	Grimsby	12/07/1961	#20th October 1994	#28th November 1994		7	4	2	1	8	7
				#1st November 1996	#14th November 1996		1	0	0	1	2	4
				#21st August 2000	#28th August 2000	g	2	1	0	1	2	1
*Conner RJ	Dick	Jarrow	13/08/1931	#8th November 1976	#20th December 1976		7	4	1	2	12	7
*Davies BJ	Ben	Birmingham	27/05/1981	#23rd December 2020	#30th December 2020		2	0	1	1	1	3
				#29th October 2023	#27th November 2023	s	5	2	3	0	14	8
Fraser G	George	Elgin	05/08/1878	23rd March 1921	31st March 1924	a	132	53	31	48	187	165
Fraser JM	John	Montrose	20/09/1932	#3rd February 1975	#28th February 1975		3	1	1	1	5	4
*Gillow WB	Wilf	Preston	08/07/1892	30th June 1924	15th May 1932		355	143	68	144	624	639
*Grotler PD	Peter	Stratford	18/10/1950	#21st October 1985	11th November 1985		4	2	0	2	9	7
*Groves P	Paul	Derby	28/02/1966	28th December 2001	9th February 2004		103	24	30	49	115	174
Harvey W	Bill	Grimsby	09/05/1920	17th January 1968	19th January 1969		53	16	15	22	61	75
*Higgins G	George	Dundee	16/06/1925	#26th October 1964	#23rd November 1964		7	3	4	0	10	4
				#19th January 1969	#3rd March 1969		4	0	0	4	3	12
Holloway IS	Ian	Kingswood	12/03/1963	31st December 2019	23rd December 2020	r	38	12	7	19	44	67
Hurst PM	Paul	Darnall	25/09/1974	23rd March 2011	6th September 2013	jnt	128	57	36	35	204	131
				6th September 2013	22nd May 2016	k	169	88	42	39	281	159
				23rd May 2016	24th October 2016	m	17	6	2	9	20	25
				30th December 2020	28th October 2023	s	154	59	35	60	196	199
Johnston TD	Tom	Coldstream	30/12/1918	13th July 1962	26th October 1964	f	111	32	34	45	145	183
Jolley M	Michael	Sheffield	30/03/1977	2nd March 2018	15th November 2019	p	85	30	16	39	93	114
*Kennedy R	Bobby	Motherwell	23/06/1937	4th March 1969	5th May 1971		111	35	28	48	125	153
*Kerr GAM	George	Alexandria	09/01/1943	#11th July 1979	#12th August 1979		1	1	0	0	2	0
				10th August 1979	10th January 1982		130	59	35	36	172	141
^Lambton WE	Bill	Nottingham	02/12/1914	#22nd April 1959	#4th February 1960	e	34	13	11	10	67	58
Law N	Nicky	Greenwich	08/09/1961	4th March 2004	10th May 2004		12	3	2	7	11	21
Lawrence RM	Lennie	Brighton	12/12/1947	28th August 2000	28th December 2001	g	78	23	18	37	76	121
*Laws B	Brian	Wallsend	14/10/1961	29th November 1994	1st November 1996		99	30	28	41	121	146
^Limbrick AR	Anthony	Hobart (Tasmania)	09/04/1983	#15th November 2019	1st January 2020	q	9	1	4	4	3	10
*Lyons MJ	Mike	Everton	08/12/1951	12th November 1985	30th June 1987		77	21	21	35	82	117
McEvoy DW	Don	Golcar	03/12/1928	19th July 1967	13th January 1968		30	6	7	17	30	52
McGuigan J	Jimmy	Addiewell	01/03/1924	24th November 1964	1st July 1967		136	48	37	51	191	193
McMenemy L	Lawrie	Gateshead	26/07/1936	24th May 1971	21st June 1973		108	55	20	33	175	135
*Moore DC	Dave	Grimsby	17/12/1959	#23rd February 2011	#22nd March 2011	j	4	2	1	1	7	6
				#24th October 2016	#7th November 2016	n	2	0	1	1	0	1
Newell MC	Mike	Liverpool	27/01/1965	6th October 2008	18th October 2009		53	13	12	28	61	82
Newman JHG	John	Hereford	13/12/1933	21st December 1976	11th July 1979		132	59	28	45	181	153
Pearce G	George	Grimsby	13/07/1880	#15th October 1936	#22nd March 1937		28	10	8	10	56	54
*Pearson SM	Shaun	York	28/04/1989	#29th October 2023	#27th November 2023	s	5	2	3	0	14	8
Price HI	Haydn	Mardy	01/03/1883	30th June 1920	22nd November 1920	a	16	6	1	9	20	29
Roberts R	Bobby	Abbeyhill	02/09/1940	1st July 1987	9th May 1988		54	15	15	24	57	70
*Rodger G	Graham	Glasgow	01/04/1967	#9th February 2004	#3rd March 2004		6	3	0	3	13	11
				5th June 2006	6th November 2006		20	5	4	11	17	37
Scott R	Rob	Epsom	15/08/1973	23rd March 2011	6th September 2013	jnt	128	57	36	35	204	131
Shankly W	Bill	Glenbuck	02/09/1913	6th June 1951	31st December 1953	c	124	64	24	36	222	153
Slade RM	Russell	Wokingham	10/10/1960	28th May 2004	31st May 2006		104	41	28	35	124	107
				12th April 2017	11th February 2018		43	11	10	22	41	62
Spencer CW	Charlie	Washington	04/12/1899	19th March 1937	May 1951	b	282	93	64	125	415	535
*Swain KM	Kenny	Birkenhead	28/01/1952	#15th November 1996	#10th January 1997		8	2	3	3	9	15
				11th January 1997	21st May 1997		22	6	6	10	34	37
*Tweedy GJ	George	Willington	08/01/1913	#July 1950	#20th January 1951	b	29	4	10	15	46	71
Walsh WJ	Billy	North Wall	31/05/1921	19th February 1954	1st March 1955	c	48	14	11	23	59	82
Ward TV	Tim	Cheltenham	17/09/1917	4th February 1960	22nd June 1962	e	111	54	21	36	187	159
*Watkiss SP	Stuart	Wolverhampton	08/05/1966	#6th November 2006	#13th November 2006	h	1	0	1	0	1	1
				#15th September 2008	#7th October 2008	i	4	0	1	3	3	8
*Wilkinson P	Paul	Louth	30/10/1964	#11th February 2018	#4th March 2018	p	3	0	1	2	1	6
Womack F	Frank	Stannington	16/09/1888	23rd May 1932	15th October 1936		189	86	35	68	369	315
				#20th January 1951	#7th May 1951	b	15	4	3	8	20	30
*Woods NS	Neil	York	30/07/1966	#19th October 2009	#23rd November 2009		6	0	3	3	4	10

		23rd November 2009	23rd February 2011		65	18	26	21	86	87
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\* Also played in Football League for Grimsby Town

^ Previously a coach, but never player for Grimsby Town

# Period as Caretaker Manager

\*Correct to appointment of David Ardell

a - Before Haydn Price was appointed the Mariners' first 'Team Manager' in June 1920, the team had been chosen by a Selection Committee made up of several different figures since 1878 including club directors, club officials and senior players. Since his appointment as club secretary in March 1898 Harry Hickson had been a prominent member on this committee and was still serving the club until, during and after Price's reign. After Price's resignation assistant secretary Bill Hooton headed a similar committee before George Fraser was appointed secretary-manager. The committee's record during the latter period reads as follows:

#22nd November 1920	#23rd March 1921	a	19	7	7	5	21	19
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b - Charlie Spencer announced as manager 19th March 1937 and travelled to watch his new side at Manchester United the following day, though didn't officially take office until Monday 22nd March 1937. His figures are calculated from the latter date.

His figures include the aborted 1939-40 season and 1945-46 FA Cup games, but no other wartime games.

His figures do not include the 1950/51 season (see Tweedy/Womack). Though officially manager, he was absent through illness.

c - Bill Shankly resigned on New Year's Eve 1953, though agreed to continue as manager until either the Mariners found a suitable replacement or Shankly found a new club. He was soon appointed manager at Workington and his last game in charge of the Mariners was a thrilling FA Cup tie which ended 5-5 against Fulham on 9th January 1954. Chairman George Pearce and Director Arthur Would, assisted by Trainer Tom Dawson then selected the sides before the appointment of Billy Walsh. Walsh agreed terms on 11th February, but didn't take office until the 19th. Shankly's figures include 09/01/1954. The selection committee's record for this period:

#10th January 1954	#19th February 1954	c	6	2	1	3	5	12
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d - After the sacking of Billy Walsh the team were chosen by a 4-man Selection Committee (probably including Chairman Arthur Would, Director Arthur Drewery and possibly acting trainer Hugh Jacobson, secretary Byron Robinson or captain George Higgins) until the appointment of player/manager Allenby Chilton. The committee's record reads as follows:

#1st March 1955	#16th March 1955	e	3	2	0	1	4	4
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e - Tim Ward announced as new manager when his club Barnsley agreed to release him on 4th February 1960. He saw Town play at Port Vale (10/02/1960) being unveiled before home supporters against Wrexham (13/02/1960), eventually taking office on Monday 15th February 1960. His figures are calculated from the latter date.

f - Tom Johnston announced as new manager when his club Rotherham United agreed to release him on 13th July 1962. He actually took office 18th July 1962.

g - Lennie Lawrence unveiled before home supporters against Sheffield Wednesday (26/08/2000), though the side was selected by John Cockerill and Lawrence officially took office on Monday 28th August 2000.

h - Alan Buckley was appointed the Mariners manager for a third time on Thursday 9th November 2006, but assistant manager and caretaker boss Stuart Watkiss selected the side to play the FA Cup tie at Northampton (11/11/2006) having conducted training the previous week after Graham Rodger's sacking. Buckley's first game back in charge was Wycombe away (18/11/2006).

i - Mike Newell was appointed the Mariners new manager on 6th October 2008, but left assistant Stuart Watkiss in charge for JPT defeat at Scunthorpe (07/11/08). Newell took charge for first game v Wycombe at home (11/10/2008).

j - Dave Moore caretaker manager assisted by Robbie Stockdale.

jnt - Rob Scott and Paul Hurst appointed as joint managers. Scott was suspended on 6th September 2013, leaving Hurst in sole charge for first time for 0-0 draw at Luton (07/09/2013). Scott was eventually sacked for 'gross misconduct' on 19th September 2013 and Hurst was confirmed as remaining sole manager. As Scott had no further input from 6th October 2013, his record is given up to then and Hurst as sole manager from that time.

k - Paul Hurst's record as sole manager in non-league to the end of 2015/16, including the FA Trophy final (22/05/2016) despite the club being previously promoted to the Football League after winning the Vanarama National League Play-Off final (17/05/2016).

m - Paul Hurst's record from the beginning of 2016/17 as members of the Football League.

n - Dave Moore caretaker manager assisted by Stuart Watkiss who was drafted in on a temporary basis and also goalkeeper coach Andy Warrington.

p - Michael Jolley was appointed the Mariners new manager 2nd March 2018, but assistant manager and caretaker boss Paul Wilkinson selected the side to play Carlisle United (03/03/2018). Jolley's first match in charge was v Port Vale (10/03/2018).

q - Anthony Limbrick caretaker manager assisted by physio Dave Moore.

r - Ian Holloway was appointed the new Mariners manager on 31st January 2019, but left assistant Anthony Limbrick in charge for the win over Salford (01/01/2020). Holloway took charge 2 January 2020, his first game being at Mansfield on 4 January 2020.

s - Paul Hurst was sacked immediately after defeat at Doncaster Rovers (28/10/2023) and coaches Ben Davies and Shaun Pearson were installed as joint interim head coaches until the appointment of new head coach David Artell (17/11/2023).