

Cribbs Football Club was founded in London in 1958 as Sun Life Assurance. The Bristol team was established in 1976 when Sun Life first relocated to Bristol. Initially, two teams were run, participating in the Bristol and Avon League, playing at Dundridge Farm. However, when the Cribbs Causeway ground was opened in 1978, the first team were promoted straight to the Avon Premier Combination League (later renamed Bristol Premier Combination) where they stayed for 20 years until they eventually won promotion to the County League in 1999–2000.

In the summer of 2011, the club changed its name from AXA to Cribbs Friends Life FC ready for the 2011–12 season. The season was Cribbs' most successful season to date as the club claimed its first Gloucestershire County League title on the way to an unprecedented League and Cup double. The team later adding the Les James League Cup to the League Championship and in the process becoming the first and only side to achieve this feat at that time.

As a result of winning the league, the club earned promotion to the Western League Division One for the 2012–2013 subsequently changing their name to simply, Cribbs FC.

Cribbs were promoted into the Western League Premier Division for the commencement of the 2015-2016 season and obtained numerous top half finishes until at the end of the 2020–21 season the club were transferred to the Premier Division of the Hellenic League.

Under the stewardship of Richard Luffman, Cribbs in his first full season in charge, recorded their highest Step Five position of fourth in the Hellenic League. They also were winners of the League Cup defeating Hereford Pegasus 1-0 through a George Kellow goal.

Cribbs gained Southern League status in 2023 after becoming champions of the Hellenic League, clinching promotion with a 1-0 win over Wantage Town with a match to spare.

2023/2024 was the first season in the Southern League and saw a third placed finish and a play-off for promotion to the Premier Division, where we lost 2-1 against local rivals Bristol Manor Farm.

Our second season at Step 4 proved a tougher proposition to the first, finishing in relegation places and as a result returning to the Hellenic League.

At the end of the 2025/2026 season, Cribbs finished in the second relegation place but received a reprieve to remain in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

Since its inception the club has run multiple sides across the Bristol Premier Combination and Bristol & District League. The Reserve Team won the Premier Combination in 2021/2022 season and did so in numerous seasons prior. They were granted entry to the Gloucestershire County League for 2022/2023.

In their first season in the GCL they finished six points in front of Bromley Heath United to clinch the title and earn promotion to the Toolstation Western League Division One.

The Reserves finished sixth in the Western League Division One in 2023/2024 and twelfth in 2024/2025. For 2025/2026 season they return to the Gloucestershire County League, keeping the requisite number of divisions between themselves and the 1st XI.