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Friday 3rd October - K.O. 7:45pm

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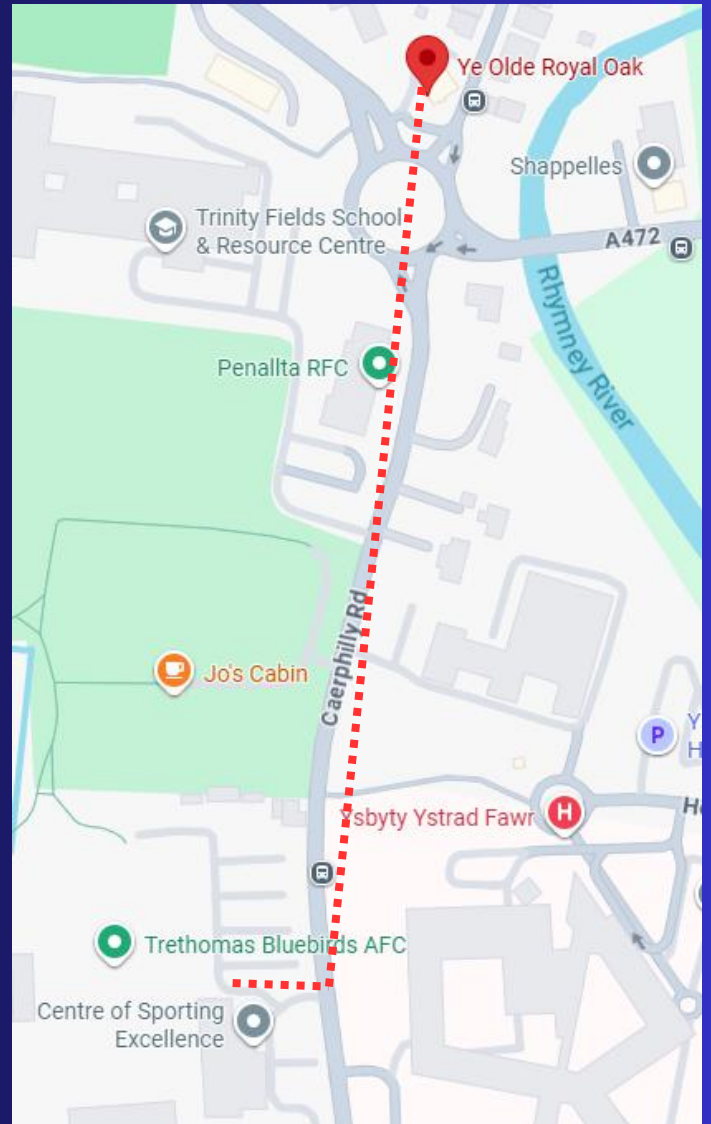


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Rachael from Ye Olde Royal Oak said: “We’re proud to support Trethomas Bluebirds and be part of the local football community. We’re looking forward to welcoming the teams after their matches and celebrating a great season ahead.”

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



On behalf of all of us at Trethomas Bluebirds, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Ammanford, for this Friday night game, under the lights here at The Centre of Sporting Excellence.

We had a hard fought point on the road last Friday, playing Cwmbran Celtic at Caerau Ely's ground in Cardiff, an early goal on 9 minutes by Josh Williams, assisted by Dylan Salmoni's great Crossfield pass, cancelled out by one of our old players, Joshua Gibson, scoring just after the break and although we took the lead in the second half, a well worked goal scored by Haben Samson, assisted by Jack Shaw, we succumbed to a late equaliser by Cwmbran from a penalty.

We're all hoping that we can replicate the score in our last home game against Ynyshir, where we ran out as 4 – 1 winners, our goals coming from Jay Thomas, Brandon Griffiths, Josh Williams and Haben Samson, who slotted home the penalty after being brought down in the box.

Ammanford, who have started the season well, have won 4, drawn 3 and lost 1 so we know that tonight is going to be a big test for us.

Our thanks this evening, again, go to True Potential who continue to be a regular match sponsor, and on behalf of all of us at Trethomas Bluebirds, we hope that the team from True Potential enjoy the match.

Let's see if we can all go home with the knowledge of having secured 3 points tonight, all our fantastic supporters as usual, get behind your team.

Dave





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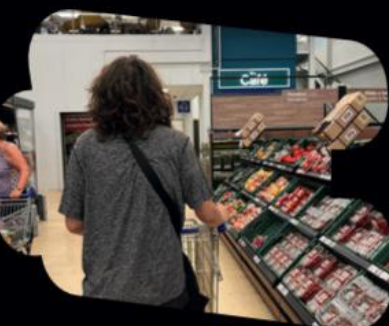
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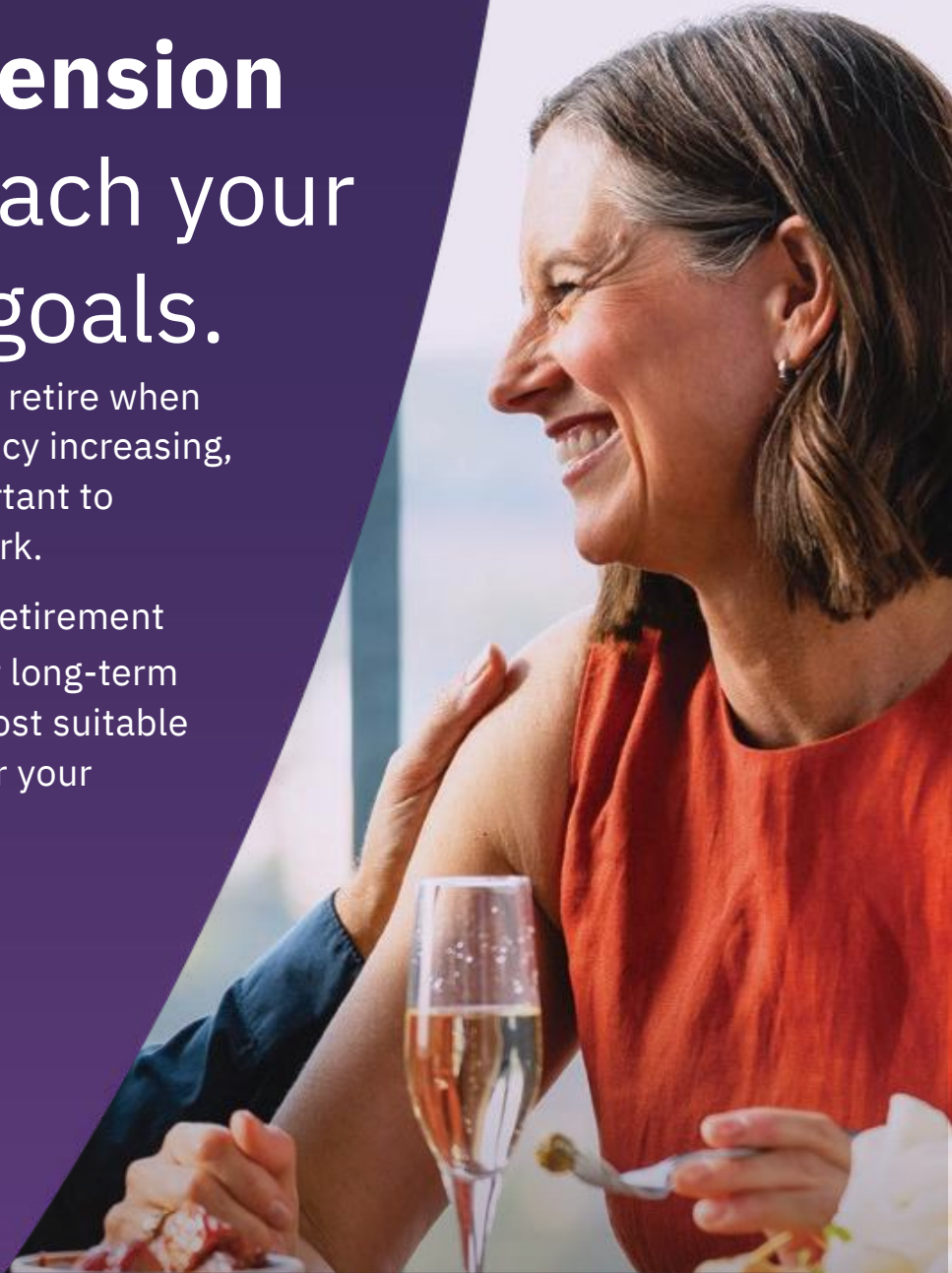
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Trethomas Bluebirds History

Formed in 1903, football began when a piece of land in the village was bought by a group of local miners. Workers at the Bedwas Colliery purchased land and Llanbafon Drive Playing Field was developed for recreation, including organised sport. This was to become the home of Trethomas Football for over 100 years.

The first records of Trethomas were in 1925-26 when the club played in Division 2 Section A of the Welsh League, finishing 11th with 12 wins and 6 draws out of 30 league games. Notable present-day local rivals also competed that season, Aberbargoed, Treharris and Abergavenny. The club continued to compete in this division, their best season in 1934-35, when Trethomas finished 3rd winning the Lady Lewis Cup and the Caerphilly Miners Hospital Cup.

Football resumed in Trethomas after the Second World War, with the club competing again in Division 2 Eastern Section in 1945-46. However, in 1947-48, the club struggled winning only 2 games out of 34 and conceded 157 goals, dropping out of the Welsh League, only to return in 2016.

In the intervening years, the club played local league football in the Monmouthshire League in the 1960s. However, by the year 2000 the club now known as Trethomas Bluebirds after club members looked for inspiration from Cardiff City, were playing in the Gwent County League.

Despite relegation to Division Three in 2002-03, the club bounced back to win promotion as Gwent County Division Three Champions in 2005-06. Promotion to Division One followed and the club were unlucky to finish as runners up in the 2012/13 season. The Bluebirds would not have to wait long though to return to Welsh League status as 3 years later the club were promoted to the Welsh Football League in 2015/16, as Gwent County Division One Champions.

The Welsh League return of Trethomas brought a 11th place finish with 11 wins in 30 league games. The club were now playing at Bedwas Rugby Club, having had to move to meet Welsh League criteria, before a move to the Centre of Sporting Excellence in Ystrad Mynach.

The club were now well placed for future promotion and this also resulted in the Bluebirds finishing 3rd in the newly named Welsh League Division Two, before the restructuring into the Ardal Leagues, where the Bluebirds played in the South East Division of Ardal Southern.

Cup success in the inaugural Ardal Leagues Southern Cup 2021/22 was followed by Amateur Trophy success in the 2023/2024 season. The momentum continued into the 2023/24 season which saw the club promoted as Champions and entry into Cymru South for the 2024/25 season, the second tier of Welsh football where we finished 2nd.

TRETHOMAS BLUEBIRDS AFC

Elliot Jones (GK)

Suleimane Susso (GK)

Travis James

Dylan Salmoni

Ben Keen

Dylan Dinham

Alfie Clarke

Alex Newman-Jones

Joseph Shephard

Joshua Williams

Kallum Thomas

Norton Ferreira

Jordan Fofana

Jay Thomas

William Francis-Obeng

Jack Trollope

Cian Trollope

Ben Taylor

Jack Shaw

Dylan Meek

Jonathan Hood

John Clarke

Callum Huggins

Haben Samson

Brandon Griffiths

Kavan O'Leary



First Team Manager:

Paul Evans

Assistant Manager:

Paul Reid

Leighton Jones

Coach:

Lee Moore

Gareth Williams (Goalkeeping)

Sports Therapist:

Kaycee Napper





Ammanford AFC History

Ammanford AFC was formed in the early 20th century, plying its trade in the Ammanford and District League at Rice Road. The first recorded fixture to date was in 1908/09, when Ammanford Town played a friendly against a Rhondda touring team. In the 1920's, Ammanford Thursdays played at Caemawr, Betws, before the first Betws soccer club called Betws Blackbirds played on Rice Road with their dressing rooms and headquarters at The Coopers Hotel, Betws during the 1930's. The committee at that time had the foresight to purchase the playing field and for land to build a club house for £750.

It wasn't until 1949 when Ammanford entered the Welsh Football League, then under the name of Betws. In 1957/58, they finished runners up to Llanelli, before being crowned champions of Division 2 (West) and promoted to Division 1 in 1958/59. They also won the Division 2 cup, beating Division 2 (East) champions Tredomen. On Saturday 22nd August 1959 the club played its opening First Division Welsh League fixture at home against Cardiff City Reserves and won 2-1. At the request of the Welsh Football League, they changed their name to Ammanford Town in 1960. It didn't take long to stamp their authority on the Welsh League circuit, employing former Liverpool player Roy Saunders to take over the helm in the early 1960's.

This was followed with the clubhouse being built at Rice Road in 1963. In 1964, at a cost of £4,000, a 450 seater stand and new changing rooms were built at Rice Road. From 1966/67 to 67/68 they finished Runners-up to Cardiff City Reserves in consecutive seasons. The club's main cup achievement came in 1983/84, where they reached the Final of Welsh Football League Cup, losing to Lake United in the final. In 1992, they amalgamated with Ammanford Athletic to become Ammanford AFC.

Unfortunately, in April 2003, a fire destroyed the stand and changing rooms at Rice Road, the start of the demise of the Rice Road ground. Therefore, in 2006 they moved to a new ground 'The Rec'.

Despite being relegated in 2013/14 due to a Welsh Pyramid restructure, they went on a 15 match win streak to gain promotion back to Welsh League Division Two in 2014/15. They remained in this division for three years before gaining promotion to Welsh League Division One for the 2018/19 season, now Cymru South.

In the last few season they have finished 2021/22 12th, 2022/23 10th, 2023/24 a very creditable 3rd and last season 10th.

AMMANFORD AFC



Luke Martin
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Rhys Davies
Euros Griffiths
Callum Humphreys
Adam Orme
Matthew Delaney
Morgan Clarke
Daniel John
Callum Thomas
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Tyler Evans
Gavin Jones
Matthew Fisher
Reuben Jones
Christopher Bell
Macsen Llewelyn
Alex Giardelli

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Wyn Thomas

Coach
David Redfern
S. Cresser
Jack Long

Sports Therapist
C. Coombes

Kit & Equipment Manager
D. Jones



RECENT RESULTS

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST (WBS LEAGUE CUP)

TRETHOMAS BLUEBIRDS 0-1 LLANTWIT MAJOR

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTMEBER (JD CYMRU SOUTH)

LLANTWIT MAJOR 2-1 TRETHOMAS BLUEBIRDS

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (JD CYMRU SOUTH)

TRETHOMAS BLUEBIRDS 4-1 YNYSHIR ALBIONS

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER (JD CYMRU SOUTH)

CWMBRAN CELTIC 2-2 TRETHOMAS BLUEBIRDS



















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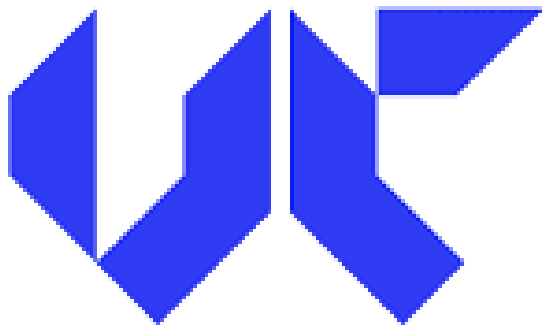


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1		Cambrian United	8	20	21
2		Trefelin	8	12	17
3		Caerau Ely	8	11	17
4		Newport City	8	5	15
5		Carmarthen Town	8	5	15
6		Ammanford	8	2	15
7		Aberystwyth Town	8	2	14
8		Cardiff Draconians	8	4	13
9		Trethomas Bluebirds	8	-3	9
10		Baglan Dragons	8	0	7
11		Llantwit Major	8	-4	6
12		Treowen Stars	8	-8	6
13		Afan Lido	8	-9	6
14		Pontypridd United	8	-7	5
15		Ynyshir Albions	8	-13	5
16		Cwmbran Celtic	8	-17	3

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Trethomas Bluebirds AFC is teaming up with the Welsh Blood Service to inspire football fans to roll up their sleeves and become lifesavers.

As the first ever official community partner of the Football Association of Wales' JD Cymru Leagues and Genero Adran Leagues, the Welsh Blood Service's 'Blood, Sweat and Cheers' campaign calls on football fans to consider how many lives they could save if they donate blood at one of the upcoming donation sessions in their area.

Approximately 350 donations of blood a day are required by Welsh hospitals and the Welsh Blood Service is calling on support from local fans to make a significant difference to thousands of patients' lives.

The Welsh Blood Service needs to collect around 100,000 blood donations each year from roughly 70,000 volunteer donors. This year the organisation is hoping its 'Blood, Sweat and Cheers' campaign will help it meet its wider goal to recruit more first time donors.

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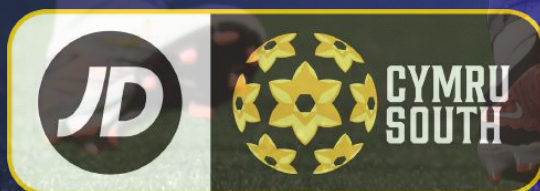
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2025/26

July

Fri 25th Trefelin BGC (H) 1-2

August

Fri 8th Caerau Ely (A) 1-1

Fri 15th Cambrian United (H) 0-5

Fri 22nd Afan Lido (H) 3-2

Mon 25th Treowen Stars (H) 1-1

September

Sat 6th Llantwit Major (A) 2-1

Sat 13th Ynyshir Albions (H) 4-1

Fri 26th Cwmbran Celtic (A) 2-2

October

Fri 3rd Ammanford (H)

Fri 10th Newport City (A)

Sat 25th Cardiff Draconians (A)

November

Sat 1st Aberystwyth Town (H)

Fri 7th Carmarthen Town (A)

Fri 14th Balgan Dragons (H)

Fri 28th Pontypridd United (A)

December

Fri 5th Llantwit Major (H)

Fri 26th Treowen Stars (A)

January

Thurs 1st Newport City (H)

Fri 9th Trefelin BGC (A)

Fri 23rd Caerau Ely (H)

Fri 30th Cwmbran Celtic (H)

February

Fri 13th Ammanford (A)

Sat 21st Afan Lido (A)

March

Sun 1st Cambrian United (A)

Fri 6th Carmarthen Town (H)

Sat 14th Aberystwyth Town (A)

Fri 20th Pontypridd United (H)

Sat 28th Ynyshir Albions (A)

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Sat 4th Cardiff Draconians (H)

Sat 18th Baglan Dragons (A)



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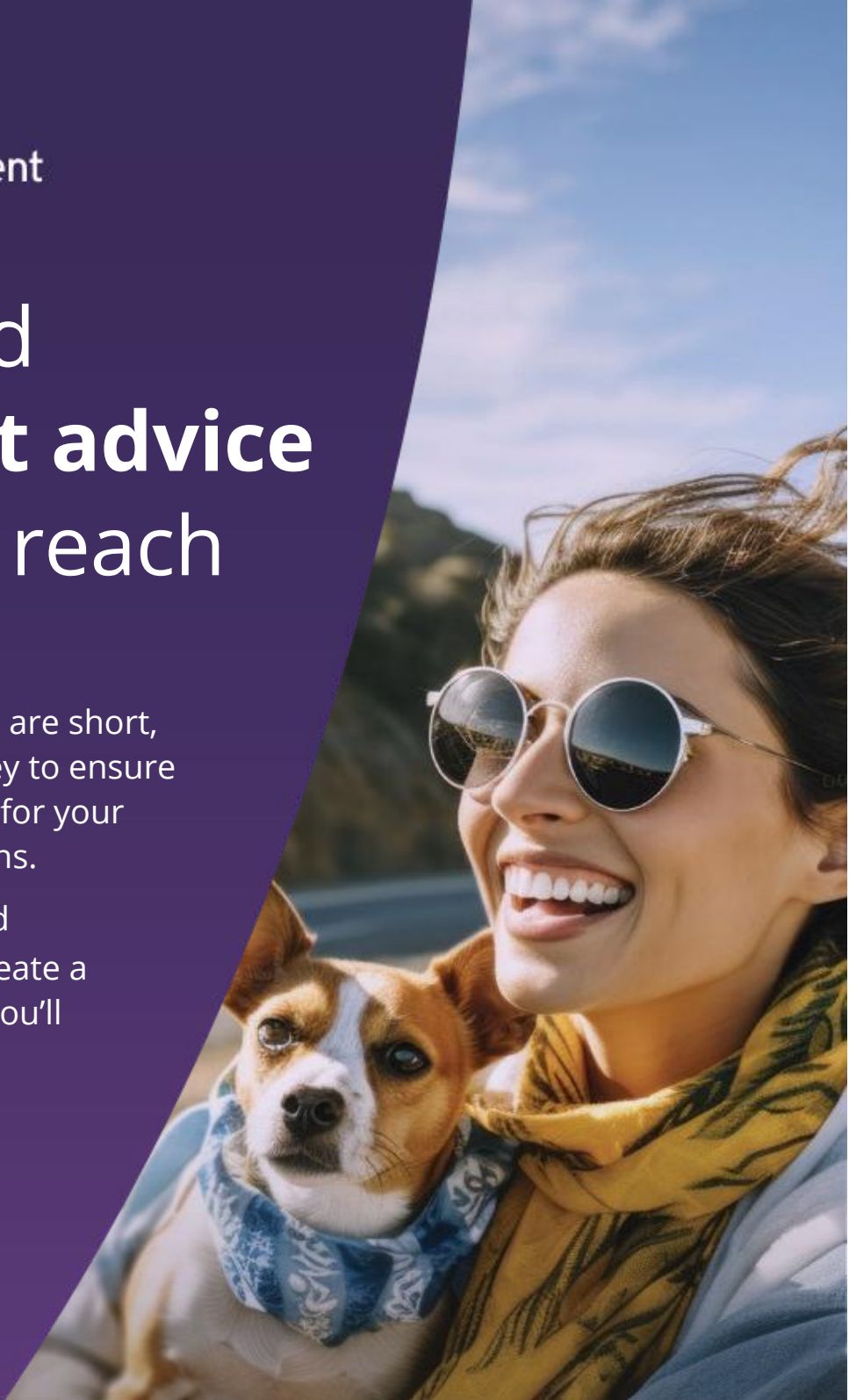
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