

## **BURTON ALBION FC**



Burton Albion have signed Alex Hartridge for an undisclosed fee from fellow Sky Bet League One side Wycombe Wanderers.

The 26-year-old has signed a one-year contact at the Pirelli Stadium, bolstering Gary Bowyer's defensive ranks.

The Brewers Head Coach said: "Alex is a great signing for us, and we are delighted that we have been able to bring him to the club. A huge thank you to the owners for allowing us to get this deal done.

"He is a strong defender who gives us great options in our backline. We look forward to working with him."

Hartridge will wear the number 16 shirt, you can sponsor him home or away by CLICKING HERE.

After joining hometown club Exeter City at the age of eight years old, Hartridge progressed through the academy and made his first team debut in the EFL Trophy back in November 2017 - facing a Chelsea under-23's side which featured the likes of Reece James, Callum Hudson-Odoi and Trevoh Chalobah.

Loan spells with Truro City and Bath City in the National League South between a few more first team appearances with the Grecians continued to develop the defender. His loan spell with the latter in particular would impress, as he made 33 appearances in the Romans' 19/20 NLS campaign that ended with a play-off defeat to Dorking Wanderers.

The next four seasons would see Hartridge become a regular at St James Park. He would make 28 league appearance as Exeter City won promotion from League Two as runners-up in 2021/22 before making 43 league appearances in their returning League One campaign which saw them finish 14th.

Last summer, Hartridge joined Wycombe Wanderers on a free transfer but found returned to join Gary Caldwell's side on loan for the second half of the campaign. He captained the side that drew 0-0 to the Brewers on Good Friday and wore the armband again in their 3-1 victory over Huddersfield Town in the penultimate game of the season.