Rockleaze Rangers Football Club was established in 1976 as a Sunday team under the name of Nat West Court FC. After a couple of seasons, the club expanded into Saturday football and joined the Bristol and Suburban League in 1979. Thereafter followed a number of years during which the club progressed through the divisions, with the highlight being GFA Minor Cup winners in 1986. The club were now known as Avonside Court, and this progression culminated in being crowned Premier 2 Division Champions in 1989.

After finishing the following season in 4th place in Prem 1, the early 90’s marked a transitional period for the club, establishing closer ties with Bristol and West and, as by then the club had moved grounds to play at the Bristol and West Sports Club then on the Portway. Under the management of Geoff Bryant and latterly Paul Smith, the club attracted a core of young players. During this period the club enjoyed its most consistent performance, finishing in the top 6 in 4 consecutive seasons and narrowly missing out on the Prem 1 Championship in 1999 season, having to settle for Runners-up spot.

Another difficult period for the Club followed, with the club now known as B&W Avonside having to find a new home at the University Ground at Coombe Dingle, following the closure of the Bristol and West Sports Ground, and losing a number of key players to Gloucestershire and Somerset County League Clubs. This resulted in relegation back to Suburban Prem 2 in 2004, however, this was a turning point in the club’s fortunes, with the appointment of Andrew Myland as 1st Team Manager, many of our past players returned coupled with the recruitment of a number of new faces and the team immediately returned to Prem 1 in 2005 as Prem 2 runners up.

Cup semi-final appearances in the GFA senior Amateur in 2006 and the Suburban League Cup in 2007 ended in disappointment and despite 2 seasons of mid table finishes the decision was taken to strengthen the management team still further. The appointment of Carmelo Micciche as Manager saw season 2007-08 start with much optimism. This optimism was not unfounded, and the 1st team ended as GFA Senior Amateur Cup Champions, runners up in the Suburban League Premier 1 and promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

During the summer of 2009 B&W Avonside amalgamated with a junior football club known as Rockleaze Rangers who were also based at the University Ground in Coombe Dingle to form a new 'all through' FA Charter Club known as Rockleaze Avonside FC. The junior section ran teams from Under 6's though to Under 16's with a membership exceeding 280. The amalgamation was such a success that at the end of the 2009-10 season the decision was made to augment the merger fully by playing under a single banner, that being Rockleaze Rangers F.C. Since 2009 the senior section of the club has expanded from 2 Saturday sides to where we are today which has 5 Saturday sides, 2 Sunday sides and also two Under 18's sides with an overall club membership in excess of 500.

This will be the 16th season of Gloucestershire County League football, despite numerous top half finishes success has been limited with a best of 3rd place in the 2012/13 season. Whilst the 1st team is undoubtedly the club's 'flagship' side other teams within the club have had their own successes with the Reserves now being a force in the Suburban Premier 1, the ‘A’ team now just two divisions below and the ‘B’ and ‘C’ teams in the divisions below.

The Sunday Vet's initially led by ex-Club Chairman Mike Hughes were promoted for 3 consecutive seasons winning The Bristol Casuals League Division 5 in 2009/10, runners up in Division 4 in 2010/11 and also runners up in Division 3 in 2011/12 however for the past six seasons have played in GFA run Bristol Veterans League with all matches played at St. Bede’s School, finishing as Champions of the Gloucestershire South Division in 2015-16, 2016/17 and also County champions in 2016/17.

At the end of 2012/13 Carmelo Micciche stepped down after 6 successful seasons in charge of the 1st team, Dave Johnson was appointed’ however, things didn’t work out for Johnson who was replaced by player Neil Simons in March with us sitting second from bottom, we finished ninth and reached the Les James League Cup where we ultimately lost to an exceptional Longlevens side. Alan Tyers took over for the 2014/15 season and guided us to our third consecutive top half finish (9th), before deciding to move on at the end of the season.

The 2015/16 season saw ex Almondsbury UWE duo Rich Thomas and Lee Roberts given the responsibility of taking the club to the next level, that being a regular top 6 Gloucestershire County league side. The team achieved our initial goals by finishing 5th in the league and were once again runners up in the Les James League Cup and for the 4th time in 5 seasons won the Respect Fair Play League Award. A 6th place in 16/17 saw us become the top 6 side we wanted to be. Our Reserves were also promoted to Prem 1 as Runners up in the league and GFA Senior Amateur Cup. After 3 seasons in charge Rich and Lee stood down at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The 2018-19 season saw the club finally move into our new ground after signing a long-term agreement with the University of the West of England (UWE) to play at their wonderful new Hillside Gardens facility. This has been years in the planning and is one we hope will safeguard the long-term future of the Rockleaze Rangers F.C.

At the start of the 2018-19 season our successful Reserve team management duo of Peter Bradbury and Lee Douglas were appointed and despite two interrupted seasons due to the global pandemic, the duo have orchestrated two top 4 finishes in their time in charge.

Club Motto: ***Win together, Lose together, Stick together***