

= Ryan Crowther =

Ryan John Crowther ( born 17 September 1988 ) is an English semi @-@ professional footballer who plays for Ashton United as a winger . He started his career with his local side Stockport County , where he stayed for 10 years before moving to Liverpool in 2007 . After spending two years at Liverpool , he left by mutual consent having made no first team appearances .

Crowther went on several trials before joining Stalybridge Celtic in August 2010 . He left the club in September , having been sentenced to four months in prison , for a drunken attack on a taxi driver in Watford . After his release from prison he joined Ashton United , where he stayed until the end of the 2010 ? 11 season , before Hyde , and later Fleetwood Town . Following his release from Fleetwood , Crowther joined non @-@ League side FC Halifax Town . At the end of the 2013 ? 14 season he left Halifax Town after just 4 months at the club .

= = Career = =

= = = Stockport County and Liverpool = = =

Born in Stockport , Greater Manchester , Crowther spent nine years at his local club Stockport County moving through the youth system , before making his first team debut for the club on 2 January 2006 in a 2 ? 2 draw against Cheltenham Town , where aged just 17 , he came on as a substitute and was made captain , making him the youngest captain in the club 's history . He went on to make one other senior appearance for Stockport before the club were approached by Liverpool requesting an opportunity to take both Crowther and Greg Tansey on trial with a view to take them to a tournament in Milan , and agreed deals with Stockport for both players subject to satisfactory performances from the players at the tournament . The players both went to the tournament and Crowther joined Liverpool on 9 July 2007 , with Tansey deciding to stay at Stockport . Crowther featured for the successful Liverpool reserve team during the 2007 ? 08 season . On 18 August 2009 , it was confirmed that he had left Liverpool by mutual consent .

Just one week after leaving Liverpool he went on trial at Bournemouth . He also returned to Stockport where he played in a pre @-@ season friendly but was not offered a contract . In October 2009 he went on trial with Grimsby Town but again was not offered a contract .

= = = Drop into non @-@ League = = =

After several trials , he joined Stalybridge Celtic in August 2010 , making his debut for the club on 28 of that month in a Conference North match against Nuneaton Town . After just one more appearance , as a substitute , in a 1 ? 0 defeat to Harrogate Town , he left the club to serve four months in prison after being convicted of assault . On his release from prison , he joined Northern Premier League outfit Ashton United . He scored his first goal for the club , in a Manchester Premier Cup game against Irlam Town , which Crowther 's side won 7 ? 0 . He scored his first league goal for the club on the following weekend , as his side were beaten 6 ? 3 by Frickley Athletic . He played 25 games in the 2010 ? 11 season in total , scoring four goals . However , Crowther joined Ashton 's neighbours Hyde in June 2011 . He made his debut on the opening day of the 2011 ? 12 season as his side beat Worcester City 2 ? 1 , Crowther scored the opening goal . He scored one more goal in August as Hyde came out as 4 ? 0 winners over Hinckley United . Crowther played a total of 17 games , in which he scored nine goals , during his short spell with Hyde .

= = = Fleetwood Town = = =

On 18 November 2011 , he left Hyde in order to join Conference National club Fleetwood Town on a free transfer . He made his Fleetwood debut a day later as a second @-@ half substitute as his side beat Crowther 's former team Stockport 2 ? 1 .

In January 2012 he returned to former club Hyde on a three @-@ month loan , with a recall possible after 28 days . He returned to Fleetwood after playing 14 games scoring two goals , and he played in Fleetwood 's game against Cambridge United , in which they lost . He re @-@ joined Hyde on loan for the second time , in August 2012 . Making his third debut for the club away at Forest Green Rovers , scoring in a 3 ? 1 defeat . He scored the winner for Hyde in October as his side won 1 ? 0 away at Cambridge United . He scored twice in two games in November scoring in a 3 ? 2 win over Grimsby Town , and a 3 ? 2 defeat at Ebbsfleet United respectively . He returned to Fleetwood in January 2013 playing 18 times scoring four times in his third spell with the club .

He made a goal scoring return for Fleetwood , scoring on his first game after returning from Hyde , in a 3 ? 0 win over Oxford United . He scored his second goal for the club again against Oxford United three games later . He finished the 2012 ? 13 season having played 18 times scoring four goals for Hyde , and 15 games scoring two goals for Fleetwood .

On 30 January 2014 , Crowther was released from Fleetwood Town .

= = = FC Halifax Town = = =

Following his release from Fleetwood , Crowther joined Conference Premier side FC Halifax Town . Crowther scored on his Halifax debut in the 3 ? 1 away defeat to Lincoln City on 1 February 2014 .

= = Personal life = =

In an interview with Liverpool Football Club , he stated that if he wasn 't a footballer he would have been a physio . On 12 September 2010 , he was jailed for four months over a drunken attack on a taxi driver which had taken place on 9 August 2009 in Watford , Hertfordshire . He was tried for racially aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm but a jury acquitted him of that charge , but found him guilty of an alternative charge of assaulting the taxi driver .

= = Career statistics = =

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