



Gareth Ainsworth is short of numbers having seen two players leave and no new faces arrive in the January transfer window.

Time to buy?

Departures leave a hole to plug in Wanderers' squad

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THREE players confirmed they will be staying with Wanderers until the end of the season this week and last year's captain Stuart Lewis left in a squad reshape – with a League One midfielder also set to arrive.

Loan deals for defender Alfie Mawson and utility player Danny Rowe were both extended, while striker Aaron Holloway also penned a new short term contract that ensures he will remain at Adams Park until the end of the season.

Departing the club however is midfielder Lewis, who signed for Conference South side Ebbsfleet United on Wednesday after serving Blues for the last four years.

Ainsworth has replacements lined up however and it's under-

stood one of his targets is 30-year-old Colchester United midfielder Marcus Bean.

The Bucks Free Press understands the one-time Jamaica international, who just completed a loan spell at Portsmouth, is set to snub a move to Fratton Park in favour of a deal with Wanderers.

Blues boss Ainsworth said: "I'm hoping to be calling more people than I am receiving calls from people, put it that way.

"I wouldn't want to be a busy man on the outs, but on the ins there may be one or two names we've got.

"We won't be able to afford the same money as some clubs in League Two. It's about selling the club, selling the dream, the ambition, and the plan we've got for this club.

"We've got to get the right charac-

ters in, and the ones who can potentially see what's to come from Wycombe Wanderers, and maybe buy into the culture of what we are here."

Mawson cannot be recalled by parent club Brentford and he will be available for the play-offs if Wanderers take part in them.

The terms of Rowe's deal, which lasts until the final game of the regular league season, mean he can be recalled by Rotherham United.

Holloway meanwhile has agreed an extension to his short term deal.

