5 MYTHS OF FEMALE FAT LOSS

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Fat loss.

It's one of the most talked-about goals in fitness — and one of the most misunderstood.
Scroll through your feed or walk past a magazine stand and you'll find quick fixes, detox teas, low-carb plans, ab blasters, and workouts that promise to "torch fat fast". Most of it? Misinformation.

At Orwell Fitness, we're not interested in shortcuts or extremes. We don't do before-and-after obsession, and we definitely don't believe that women should shrink themselves just to fit someone else's version of "fitness".

Instead, we care about strength. Confidence. Progress that actually lasts.

This guide is here to set the record straight. We've pulled together the five most common myths we hear from women when it comes to fat loss — and we're breaking them down, one by one.

Just clear, honest advice based on what actually works.

Because when you understand how your body works — and start training for you — everything changes.

Let's get into it.

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MYTH #1

THE TRUTH

Not even close. Lifting weights won't make you bulky – it'll make you stronger.

Muscle mass is hard to build (especially for women), and it doesn't happen overnight. What lifting does is:

- help you lose fat
- improve your shape
- protect your joints
- boost your metabolism

Most of our members are surprised by how quickly they feel stronger and more energised – not "bulky".

Want toned arms, legs, glutes? That's muscle. You'll need resistance training to get there.

MYTH #2

CARDIO IS THE BEST FOR FAT LOSS

THE TRUTH

Cardio's great — but it's not the main event.

Here's the order of impact:

- What you eat
- Strength training
- Short bursts of interval work
- Traditional long cardio

We love a sweaty conditioning workout or a Sunday run – but for fat loss? Lifting does more in less time.

It helps you build and retain muscle (which burns more calories even at rest). Plus, it's better for long-term results – and your joints will thank you.

MYTH #3

THE TRUTH

We hear this a lot.

But doing hundreds of crunches won't magically reduce belly fat. You can't spot-reduce fat – your body decides where to lose it first.

That doesn't mean ab work is pointless.

A strong core supports your lifts, protects your spine, and helps you move better.

But visible abs? That's about body fat levels, not sit-ups.

MYTH #4

PROTEIN IS JUST FOR GUYS

THE TRUTH

"I don't want to drink shakes or eat like a bodybuilder".

Good – we don't want you to either.
But we do want you to get enough protein.

Why? Because it helps you:

- Stay fuller for longer
- Preserve muscle while losing fat
- Recover better from training
- Support hormones and metabolism

You don't need a blender and a meal plan. You just need to build meals around quality protein: eggs, yoghurt, tofu, chicken, lentils – whatever works for you.

MYTH #5

THE TRUTH

Strength training isn't masculine. It's essential. And at Orwell, we don't write women off with 1kg dumbbells and easy workouts.

Our members deadlift, squat, push sleds, and own their space – and they look and feel incredible for it.

You don't need a pink programme.

You need a personalised one.

If you've made it this far, here's what we want you to know:

You don't need to earn your food.
You don't need to be smaller to be stronger.
And you definitely don't need to figure all this out alone.

We hope this guide helped cut through some of the confusion and reminded you that your body isn't the problem – the way it's been marketed to probably is.

At Orwell Fitness, we focus on what actually works.

Real movement. Real nutrition. Real conversations.

If you're ready to feel stronger, move better and take control of your progress – we'd love to meet you.

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Book a call – no pressure, just a chance to chat and see if we're a good fit. Whether you're brand new to training or ready to get serious, we'll guide you every step of the way.

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