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# Billericay Town Football Club – “The Blues”

New Lodge  
Blunts Wall Road  
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**Online Tickets:** [Tickets](#)

**Programme:** At the Ground

**Twitter:** [@BTFC](#)

## About Billericay Town Football Club

Founded – 1880

Manager – Gary McCann

Best league position – 9<sup>th</sup> in Conference South  
2004/05

Best FA Cup run – Second Round Proper on 4  
occasions, the last in 1995/96 when they lost to 4-0  
at Peterborough United

Ground Capacity – 4,800 of which around 2,000 are  
covered seats (last season's average 791)



Home colours



Away colours

## How was last season?

The Blues were one of the pre-season favourites having invested heavily in their squad but got off to a terrible start, winning just once in their opening six games of the season and sat bottom of the league at the end of September. Results improved quickly and they soon found themselves in the top half of the table, yet never really challenged at the top of the table. They reached their highest league position, 7<sup>th</sup> in January after a 5-1 win against Kingstonian, but four consecutive defeats saw them drop back to mid-table where they never recovered from.

New manager Gary McCann has heaps of experience at Step 2 and 3 and has built a strong squad for this season, with the Blues once again one of the pre-season favourites.

Isthmian Premier League – 10<sup>th</sup> - **P** 42 **W** 19 **D** 8 **L** 15 **GS** 66 **GA** 59 **GD** +7 **PTS** 65

- FA Cup – Third Qualifying Round – Biggleswade Town (A) 0-3 in a replay
- FA Trophy – Second Round – Bath City (H) 1-3
- Essex Senior Cup – Fifth Round – Hornchurch (A) 1-4
- Isthmian League Cup – Third Round – Potters Bar Town (H) 1-3

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## When did we last meet Billericay Town?

The two games against The Blues last season yielded just one point for the Rooks but it could have easily been six. In the first meeting in September, with the returning

Michael Klass making his debut, again. Alas, Klass saw red in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute by which time the Rooks were chasing the game. John Ufuah gave the hosts the lead in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute, and when Chris Dickson raced clear to

score a second in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute it looked game over. But the Rooks stormed back. Joe Taylor pulled one back in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute then had a perfectly good effort chalked off for offside. Then Ayo Olukoga on a rare foray into the opposing penalty area saw his goal disallowed for a handball that the referee managed to see from 50 yards away.

In the return match in February, Joe Taylor gave the Rooks a 36<sup>th</sup> minute lead but a fantastic effort from Kareem Isiaka on the hour saw the visitors leave with a point.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 0 D 3 L 3 GS 7 GA 11**

### **About New Lodge**

A lot has changed in recent years at New Lodge and it is one of the best grounds at Step 3 anywhere in the country today. The problematic pitch has been replaced by a decent 3G surface, with the slope from corner to corner removed. Both ends had very similar looking covered terraces installed, whilst a new all seated stand called the Harry Parker Stand was erected on the clubhouse side of the stadium. This smart looking covered stand is around half the length of the pitch in size and runs from the halfway line down towards the Blunts Wall Road End.

Opposite is the Family Stand. Although only four rows high, this all seated stand is covered and runs the full length of the pitch.

Another unusual feature is that within the perimeter of the ground, in one corner, near the stadium entrance is a large tree which overlooks the stadium. Outside the ground, the rear of the Harry Parker Stand is covered with an impressive row of large murals, one of the reminders of the Glenn Tamplin ownership era.

### **How to get to New Lodge**

From Lewes - A27/A23/M23 and then head anti-clockwise on M25 through the Dartford Tunnel. Leave the M25 at the junction with the A12 (J28) and take the A1023 through

Brentwood. When you get to Shenfield take the A129 towards Billericay. Alternatively on leaving the M25 continue down the A12 towards Chelmsford until you reach the next exit (Mountnessing). At the roundabout take the first exit (turn left) then take the first right (just after the scrap yard). Continue along this route until you reach a mini roundabout. Turn left, then you are on the road into Billericay. Note there is a height restriction of 13'3" on this route. Both of these routes will bring you into Billericay on the same route. On entering Billericay turn right at the first set of traffic lights (near the Texaco Garage). Blunts Wall Lane is a little way along on the right. Parking is down this road and into the cricket club which is the next entrance passed the ground.

By Rail - Billericay is located on the Liverpool Street - Southend Victoria line; trains run approximately every 20 minutes on most days. Billericay Town Football Club is approximately 25 minute's walk from the station. On leaving the station turn right into Radford Way. At the top of the road turn right, crossing the railway line by the footbridge. Then turn right again at the bottom of the High Street into Western Road. Walk the full length of Western Road, then cross over at the traffic lights into Tye Common Road. Blunts Wall Lane is a little way along on the right. Note Mayflower taxis are located just outside the station and will transport you to the ground for a modest fee.

### **Admission at New Lodge**

Admission this season is £12 for adults, £7 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under17s £5 and accompanied under 11s £1.

### **Fancy a beer?**

There's a decent sized bar at New Lodge but if you fancy a beer on the way to the ground then check out the Billericay Brewing Company in Chapel Street which offers a range of their beers brewed on site plus guest beers. The Red Lion on the High Street is on the walk from the station to the ground and has a range of cask ales.

## Bognor Regis Town Football Club – “The Rocks”

Nyewood Lane  
Bognor Regis  
West Sussex  
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Web: [www.therocks.co.uk](http://www.therocks.co.uk)

Online Tickets: [Tickets](#)

Programme: [Online](#)

Twitter: [@Rocks1883](#)

### About Bognor Regis Town Football Club

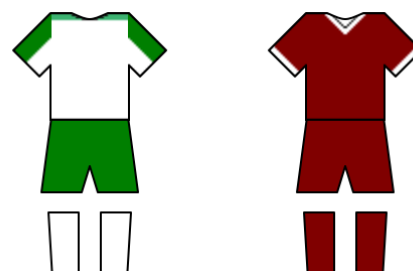
Founded – 1883

Manager – Robbie Blake

Best league position – 9<sup>th</sup> in Conference South 2004/05

Best FA Cup run – Second Round Proper on 4 occasions, the last in 1995/96 when they lost to 4-0 at Peterborough United

Ground Capacity – 4,000 of which around 500 are covered seats (last season’s average 557)



### How was last season?

After a great start to the season which saw the Rocks top the table after a 6-1 win at Aveley in the third game of the season, it was ultimately a disappointing season, never looking like challenging the top third of the table from November, whilst never really looking in danger of relegation. Scoring was never the issue with young striker Nathan Odokonyero scoring 31 times, but at the other end they conceded 72 goals, including conceding four or more on five occasions. The highlight of the season was the run to the Sussex Senior Cup Final which included wins over Eastbourne Borough and Brighton & Hove Albion Under21s.

Isthmian Premier League – 14<sup>th</sup> - **P** 42 **W** 15 **D** 7 **L** 20 **GS** 70 **GA** 72 **GD** -2 **PTS** 37

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round – Hampton & Richmond Borough (A) 0-2
- FA Trophy – First Round – Banbury United (A) 3-4
- Sussex Senior Cup – Finalists – Worthing (N) 0-0 – Lost 8-7 on penalties

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### When did we last meet Bognor Regis Town?

We met the Rocks three times last season, starting with an enthralling FA Trophy tie in November. The Rooks went 2-0 up in the first 12 minutes only to end up drawing 2-2. Young on loan keeper Toby Steward was the hero, saving two spot kicks to see Bognor through 4-2 on penalties.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, Lewes won 3-1 in front of nearly 1,300. Early goals from Joe Taylor and

Ryan Gondoh gave the Rooks the advantage but that man Odokonyero pulled one back before Taylor put the game to bed in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute.

At Easter, Lewes dominated the game, with Gondoh scoring twice in the opening 10 minutes. Whilst the Rooks had Deon Moore sent off a few minutes later, Joe Taylor scored twice more in a 4-1 win.

## **Our last six meetings**

**W 3 D 1 L 2 GS 11 GA 8**

### **About Nyewood Lane**

Nyewood Lane is a picturesque ground that has a modern feel to it. One end is overlooked by 'Seasons', the clubhouse and has a covered terrace in front. Opposite is the roofed terrace, at the Sports Club End, which has an electric scoreboard on its roof. On the north side of the ground is another covered terrace, being a few steps high, which runs for around half the length of the pitch. On the other side is new, impressive covered seated.

### **How to get to Nyewood Lane**

From Lewes head west on the A27 all the way to the Fontwell Roundabout and take the A29, the second exit, passing the racecourse on your right-hand side. Continue to follow the A29 towards Bognor Regis town centre, passing over numerous roundabouts until you get to South Bersted and the roundabout where the B2259 intersects. Take the fourth exit and then the third left into Hawthorn Road. After ½ mile just after passing the Co-Op on your right-hand side, take a left into Nyewood Lane and the ground is 200 yards on the right-hand side. Journey time around an hour from Lewes (38 miles).

There is ample on-street parking in Nyewood Lane and surrounding roads. There is also free

parking available within the Bognor Sports Club, via the entrance in Hawthorn Road. There is a turnstile giving access into the ground from this car park and you will also find a bar within the Sports Club which you are very welcome to use.

If coming by train (approx. 90 minutes and at least one change at Brighton), either take a taxi (approx. cost £4.50) or if walking, turn right out of Bognor Regis station and walk along Linden Road until you reach Parklands Avenue, where there is a footpath on your left (opposite Town Cross Avenue) that leads all the way to the entrance of the football club – should take around 15 minutes to walk.

### **Admission at Nyewood Lane**

Admission this season is £13 for adults, £10 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under18s £5 and accompanied under16s free of charge. There's a £1 charge to sit in the Main Stand.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is The Wheatsheaf, which is a pub-restaurant chain, on Hawthorn Lane, about five minutes away from the ground. The pub of choice in the past for the Lewes fans has been the Wetherspoons outlet, the Hatters Inn on the corner of Queensway and West Street. Close by in the High Street is the Rocks Bar which has a decent selection of beer.

# Canvey Island Football Club – “The Gulls”

The Movie Starr Stadium  
Park Lane  
Canvey Island  
Essex  
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**Tel:** 01268 682991

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**Online Tickets:** At the gate

**Programme:** In the ground

**Twitter:** [@CIFC](https://twitter.com/CIFC)

## About Canvey Island Football Club

Founded – 1926

Manager – Brad Wellman

Best league position – 9<sup>th</sup> in Conference South 2004/05

Best FA Cup run – Third round in 2001/02, lost 4-1 at Burnley

Ground Capacity – 4,100 of which around 500 are covered seats (last season’s average 511 )



Home colours



Away colours

## How was last season?

Along with Aveley, Canvey Island showed there was nothing to it, adapting to life in a higher division as they came mightily close to back to back promotions, ironically losing out in their Play-Off semi-final at home to Aveley.

Whilst the season started steadily, if unspectacularly, it was Canvey’s relentlessness after Christmas that saw them the form team for weeks on end, spending the last third of the season in the play-off spots. Twenty four goals from Evans Kouassi and twenty three from Bradley Sachs certainly helped but it was their team work that saw them win seven successive games coming into the final furlong and upsetting the form book.

This season will be a test for Brad Wellman and his relatively unique diamond formation. Some key players have moved on and the standard of the league will have shifted a gear, so the question for Canvey fans is whether Wellman can keep up with the pace of change.

Isthmian Premier League – 3<sup>rd</sup> - **P 42 W 24 D 9 L 9 GS 80 GA 44 GD +36 PTS 81**

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round – St Ives Town (A) 0-2
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round– Bracknell Town (H) 1-4
- Essex Senior Cup – Quarter Final – Concord Rangers (H) 0-0 Lost 3-2 on penalties

## When did we last meet Canvey Island?

Two monumental games, both for very different reasons. The weather-delayed home game in late March saw Canvey Island arrive in Sussex on a seven game unbeaten run and

the form team in the division. They sat back, soaked up the Lewes pressure then ruthlessly took advantage of two late errors, punished by top scorer Evans Kouassi to not only take all three valuable points, but to bring to end

the longest unbeaten home record in the Isthmian Premier League.

Come the last Saturday of the season and the Rooks travelled to Canvey Island needing a miracle to pip Cray Wanderers for the final play-off spot. Canvey had secured third spot, and a home play-off tie but still had pride to play for. However, a Razz Coleman De-Graft hatrick, his first for the club in his last game (for now) saw the Rooks claim a superb win. Alas, results elsewhere meant the Play-off dream ended, as we fell short by just 2 goals.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 2 D 1 L 3 GS 10 GA 12**

### **About The Movie Starr Stadium**

It's not just the ground name that has changed significantly in recent years. The club demolished the old club house and have built a cracking new venue for the club and its fans. The rest of the ground is as it was, and quite frankly, didn't really need much changing. Yes, the wind blows off the Thames Estuary but the view, well the view from the excellent steep terrace at the north end of the stadium is one of the best in Non-League football. Perfect for watching the game and the massive container ships and cruise liners passing by. Opposite the club house are two narrow covered terrace areas which are the haunt of the home fans, and they use the low roof to make quite a din. Be warned, cash is king here and attempting to pay with a rectangle piece of plastic will see you frown upon at best, keel hauled at worst.

### **How to get to The Movie Starr Stadium**

Head to the M25 and then take anti-clockwise route towards Dartford Crossing. Exit M25 at Junction 30 and take the A13 towards

Southend. You will reach a series of mini roundabouts. At these roundabouts, take the A130 towards Canvey Island. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit which will keep a sports centre on your right and follow signs for Canvey Island Football Club. Eventually, you will enter a one way system. Keep left through the one way system and after one mile you will pass the Transport Museum on your right. Park Lane is on the right hand side shortly afterwards, with The Prospects Stadium located in front of you. There is plenty of parking outside the ground.

Benfleet Station is 40 minutes from London Fenchurch Street and 50 minutes from London Liverpool Street on the C2C line. The station is 5 miles from the ground. There is a taxi rank around the back of the station. Alternatively, you can use the frequent bus service from the front of the station - the number 22 or 27 buses drop you directly outside Park Lane. Alternatively, you can use the number 21 or 21A to be dropped by the sea wall. From here, continue walking in the direction you travelled across some playing fields, and you will see The Prospects Stadium on your left.

### **Admission at The Movie Starr Stadium**

Admission is £12 for Adults, £7 for Concessions and £2 for accompanied under 16s.

### **Fancy a beer?**

There's not much in the way of good pubs around the ground. The Hoy & Helmet and The Half Crown are next to Benfleet Station, whilst the Lobster Smack on the island has some interesting history but nowhere near the ground. Probably best to stick to the excellent clubhouse at the ground.



## Carshalton Athletic Football Club – “The Robins”

War Memorial Sports Ground  
Colston Avenue  
Carshalton  
Surrey  
SM5 2PR



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**Web:** [www.pitchero.com/clubs/carshaltonafc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/carshaltonafc)

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** [Online](#)

**Twitter:** [@CarshaltonA\\_FC](#)

### About Carshalton Athletic Football Club

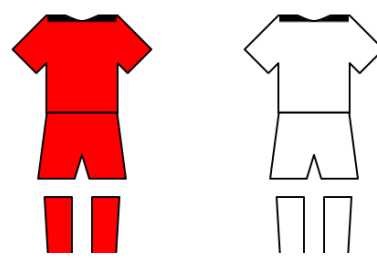
Founded – 1905

Manager – Peter Adeniyi

Best league position – 19<sup>th</sup> in National League South in 2004/05

Best FA Cup run – Second Round - Lost away to Torquay United  
4-1 in 1982/83

Ground Capacity – 5,000 (last season’s average 423)



### How was last season?

It turned out to be a disappointing first season in the post Peter Adeniyi era, with former Tonbridge Angels manager Steve McKimm in charge. The Robins flirted with the top five around Christmas but never found the consistency to keep up with the pack. Good wins over Billericay Town and Aveley were tempered by defeats against Wingate & Finchley and Herne Bay in the run in. Ultimately, it wasn't enough for the board and McKimm departed, replaced by...Peter Adeniyi.

Isthmian Premier League – 11<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 18 D 10 L 14 GS 53 GA 53 GD 0 PTS 64**

- FA Cup – Third Qualifying Round – Havant & Waterlooville (H) 0-2
- FA Trophy – First Round – Kings Langley (H) 0-1
- Surrey Senior Cup – Preliminary Round – Colliers Wood United (H) 0-1
- Isthmian League Cup – Quarter Final – Chatham Town (A) 0-5

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### When did we last meet Carshalton Athletic?

After reversing the trend of single goal defeats to the Robins in previous seasons, it was a case of a win a piece last season. The Rooks claimed all three points on a sunny August day at the Pan thanks to a double from Deon Moore, deputising for the injured Joe Taylor.

In the return fixture on a chilly January night the Robins won 2-1. It was a drab affair for the first seventy minutes before the game

came to life after Jamie Mascoll was judged to have fouled his man.

Tom Beere gave them the lead in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute from the spot, only for Joe Taylor to equalise ten minutes later with a superbly hit half-volley from the edge of the box.

But almost straight from kick-off Beere hit an unstoppable volley from 35 yards to give Carshalton all three points.

## **Our last six meetings**

**W 3 D 1 L 2 GS 7 GA 5**

### **About The War Memorial Sports Ground**

The War Memorial Sports Ground is one of the best grounds in the Isthmian League. The ground started life as plain old Shorts Farm back in the 1920's and the first part to be developed was the grandstand, originally bought and transported piece by piece from Epsom Racecourse down the road. In 1968, gale-force winds battered this stand so much that it had to be demolished. Today the main feature is the huge, covered terrace that runs down the side of the pitch, allowing ample room for thousands of fans even if it is more likely today to only house a few dozen.

In addition, the ground boasts a good sized, if small in length, grandstand and plenty of standing room down the side of the pitch. Behind the north end is a small cover whilst at the south end the cover extends across the full length of the terrace. The bar is spacious with big screen TVs that often show games that have more appeal than the game going on outside. The club claim to serve the "Best Burger in English Football" from the new eatery in the corner of the pitch, next door to the club shop, both allowing you to watch the action whilst waiting to be served. Spoiler alert...it isn't.

### **How to get to The War Memorial Sports Ground**

Carshalton is not the easiest place to get to from anywhere else apart from South London by car especially if you have to travel through Croydon which can be blocked by shoppers on a Saturday, and commuters in midweek. If you are coming from the south via the M25 then take exit 7 signposted Croydon and follow the A23 past the old Croydon airport before taking a left after a few miles onto the A232.

Follow this road for a couple of miles, passing Beddington Park on your right before you

enter Carshalton. Pass through the High Street, passing the two large ponds on your right and take the next right into West Street. Pass the Racecourse and Hope pubs on this road and then immediately after you pass under the railway bridge take a left into Colston Avenue. The entrance to the ground is down a small alley about 150 yards on your right. This is a busy and narrow road, so I would avoid parking down here – there is a car park at the ground behind the stand, although on our last visit some cars were broken into during the game or park on West Street or Colston Avenue. Journey time for the 48-mile trip is just over an hour.

Carshalton is in Zone 5. The station is only a few minutes' walk from the ground – take a right out of the exit and walk down the hill. Turn right, walk under the railway bridge and then left into Colston Avenue – ground is 150 yards on your right. Journey time from Lewes is 1 hour 50 mins if going via Victoria or 20 minutes less if you change at East Croydon and Mitcham Junction. Off-Peak returns cost around £20.

### **Admission at The War Memorial Sports Ground**

Admission last season is £11 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens and students), and accompanied under 18s are £5.

### **Fancy a beer?**

Whilst relatively small in size, Carshalton has a few decent pubs within a stone's throw of the ground. On West Street (take a left out of the station) there is the Greyhound and The Hope which is certainly a favourite with the Lewes travelling support thanks to a superb range of beer and excellent pork pies, whilst in The High Street there is the Woodman, Coach and Horses and Fox and Hounds – all of which are worth a visit. There is a decent sized bar at the ground and beer can be taken outside whilst the game is on.

## Chatham Town Football Club – “The Chats”

The Bauvill Stadium  
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Kent  
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**Tel:** 01634 812194

**Web:** [www.chathamtown.info](http://www.chathamtown.info)

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@ChathamFC](#)

### About Chatham Town Football Club

Founded – 1884

Manager – Kevin Hake

Best league position – 3rd in Southern League in 1896/97

Best FA Cup run – Quarter Finals in 1888/89 – lost 10-1 at home to West Bromwich Albion

Ground Capacity – 5,000 (last season’s average 1,004)



### How was last season?

After winning the two horse race in 2021/22 with Sheppey United to secure the South Eastern Counties Premier League title and return to the Isthmian League, Chatham continued that winning form and earned back to back promotions after holding off a challenge from Ramsgate.

They started the season well, going unbeaten until mid-November, thanks to goals from Jack Evans who ended the season with 24 in all competitions. They suffered a little wobble in March, losing top spot to Ramsgate but second consecutive wins to end the season saw that secure the championship with a game to spare.

Whilst the step up to the Isthmian Premier will be a challenge, Chatham have the infrastructure to ensure that they won’t suffer the heartache of relegation any time soon.

Isthmian League South-East – 1<sup>st</sup> - **P 38 W 24 D 7 L 7 GS 65 GA 35 GD +30 PTS 79**

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round – Walton & Hersham (H) 1-3 in a replay
- FA Trophy – Second Qualifying Round – Stowmarket Town (H) 0-1
- Kent Senior Cup – Finalists – Margate (N) 1-1 Lost 5-4 on penalties
- Isthmian League Cup – Semi-Final – Aveley (A) 1-1 Lost 4-2 on penalties

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### When did we last meet Chatham Town?

We last met Chatham Town in the Ryman League South in the 2016/17 season under Darren Freeman. After a Lloyd Dawes double gave us a comfortable home win in August, we visited Chatham on the last day of the season. Whilst the Rooks had nothing to play

for, Chatham needed a win, and results elsewhere to go their way to stay up. Alas, in a turgid game, it ended 0-0 in front of just 143 fans and relegation beckoned for the home side.

### **About The Bauvill Ground**

Few Lewes fans will recognise the Bauvill Ground since our last visit back in May 2017. A huge investment has been made in the facilities, and the benefits are now being reaped on the pitch after two back to back promotions and average attendances up tenfold in just five seasons. The ground is used 7 days a week, with the 3G booked solid by local schools, clubs and Chatham's own academy. Facilities at the Town end have been improved, with an impressive, if incredibly steep terrace. Next to this the bar area is as it was but has an outdoor patio area.

The main stand is still in place, complete with new seating although it is a fair way back from the pitch and the first few rows suffer by people walking backwards and forwards. There's a couple of small stands behind the dugouts but most of the remaining capacity is hard standing around the pitch. Aside from the bar there's a food outlet by the corner flag.

### **How to get to The Bauvill Ground**

Exit the M2 at junction 3 and follow directions for Chatham & Town Centre. You will then pass a Homebase & Toys 'R' Us on the left hand side. Continue straight over the roundabout and then there is a split in the road, where you should bear right into Maidstone Road. Follow this, continuing

straight over the cross roads and you will see a petrol station on the left. Bournville Road is opposite the petrol station on the left. Ground entrance is first left. There is a decent size car park at the ground, alternatively it is street parking. Journey time for the 73 mile trip is around 1 hour 20 minutes.

If you are coming by train then you will more than likely come via London Victoria. It is easy to find although it is a fair walk uphill from the station. Turn right on leaving the station and right again onto Maidstone Road. Continue to walk uphill for fifteen minutes, then once you have passed the cemetery on your left, take the next left for the ground. Journey time is around the 2 hour mark.

### **Admission at The Bauvill Ground**

Admission this season is £12 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens, students and Under18s), and accompanied under 16s are £3.

### **Fancy a beer?**

Chatham isn't known for its decent football pubs so it may be better to jump off the train one step earlier in Rochester where there are only 17 drinking establishments along the mile-long High Street heading west from the station. There are very few drinking establishments near the ground. The Prince of Wales in Railway Street is probably a good bet if you are coming to or from Chatham station.

## Cheshunt Football Club – “The Ambers”

The Cheshunt Stadium  
Theobalds Lane  
Cheshunt  
Hertfordshire  
EN8 8RU



**Tel:** 01992 625793

**Web:** [www.cheshuntfc.com](http://www.cheshuntfc.com)

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** At the Ground

**Twitter:** [@CheshuntFCscore](#)

### About Cheshunt Football Club

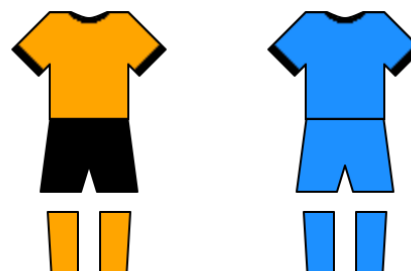
Founded – 1946

Manager – Craig Edwards

Best league position – 23<sup>rd</sup> in the National League South 2022/23

Best FA Cup run – 4<sup>th</sup> Qualifying Round on 5 occasions

Ground Capacity – 3,175 (last season’s average )



Home colours

Away colours

### How was last season?

After coming up on the rails at the end of the 2021/22 season and winning promotion via the Play-offs, Cheshunt got off to a perfect start with a 3-2 win at home on the opening day of the new season against Hampton & Richmond Borough. Alas, it was to be their last point for 11 games. Unsurprisingly, they sat firmly rooted to the bottom of the table until December when they won three consecutive games, including beating Ebbsfleet United 1-0. Unfortunately, it was the lack of goals that was their undoing, scoring just 6 goals in their last 11 games of the season.

Craig Edwards will no doubt build a solid team now they are back in the Isthmian Premier League but will they have enough to bounce back to Step 2.

National League South – 23<sup>rd</sup> - **P 46 W 11 D 10 L 25 GS 48 GA 74 GD -26 PTS 43**

- FA Cup – Third Qualifying Round – Kidderminster Harriers (H) 1-2
- FA Trophy – Second Round – Peterborough Sports (A) 2-3
- Herts Senior Cup – Third Round – Hitchin Town (H) 0-2

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### When did we last meet Cheshunt?

It’s only been a season since we faced the Ambers as we were both on the hunt for a play-off spot. In August 2021 we shared four second half goals, and finished with ten men as Tom Carsle was shown a second yellow in injury time. Razz Coleman De-Graft opened the scoring in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute before Ken Charles equalised with 13 minutes to play.

Joe Taylor looked to have given us all 3 points with his 84<sup>th</sup> minute goal but an 88<sup>th</sup> minute equaliser from Reece Beckles-Richards gave both sides a share of the points.

It was a similar story in April 2022 with the Rooks coming from behind (that man Beckles-Richards having scored a 24<sup>th</sup> minute penalty) thanks to a first half double from Joe Taylor. However, Kenny Yao picked up two dubious

yellow cards in less than 90 seconds and saw red. Mo Kamara equalised for the home side with 15 minutes to play, with both sides needing a win but it ended all square.

### **Our last ~~six~~ four meetings**

**W 1 D 2 L 1 GS 7 GA 10**

### **About The Cheshunt Stadium**

Whilst the club owners have ambitious plans for the ground, converting into a residential/leisure hub built around the football pitch, they are still some way away from realising the dream. Facilities are adequate for Step 3 but there's nothing that stands out about the ground.

There's a few small stands dotted around the ground, the biggest of which straddles the half way line on the club house side of the ground. On the opposite side is an old, seated stand, which is out of bounds.

### **How to get to The Cheshunt Stadium**

From the M25 motorway exit at Junction 25 taking the A10 (Great Cambridge Road) north following signs for Hertford. At the first roundabout take the third exit following signs for Cheshunt/Waltham Cross A121 (Winston Churchill Way). At the next roundabout take the first exit following signs for Cheshunt

B176 (High Street). Continue under the Railway Bridge and turn left at the next mini roundabout into Theobalds Lane. Cheshunt Stadium is 800 yards on the right hand side. The ground has a car park with spaces for 200+ vehicles.

Theobalds Grove Station is a five minute walk away on the corner of the High Street and Theobalds Lane and enjoys a half hourly service to & from Seven Sisters (Victoria Line) and Liverpool Street. Please note that Cheshunt Station is not the nearest station to the ground although train services from Liverpool Street are quicker, it is a thirty minute walk/ £10 taxi ride.

### **Admission at The Cheshunt Stadium**

Admission this season is £14 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens, students and Under18s), and accompanied under 16s are £1.

### **Fancy a beer?**

Cheshunt isn't blessed with many pubs – in fact you can count them on one hand, with three fingers tied together. The Vine on Winston Churchill Way is marginally better than the Wetherspoon's offering, The Moon and Cross. Maybe a better option is to have a beer in London before jumping on the train to Theobalds Grove.

# Concord Rangers Football Club – “The Beach Boys”

The Aspect Arena  
Thames Road  
Canvey Island  
Essex  
SS8 0HH



**Tel:** 01268 515750

**Web:** [www.concordrangers.co.uk](http://www.concordrangers.co.uk)

**Online Tickets:** At the Ground

**Programme:** At the Ground

**Twitter:** [@ConcordRangers](https://twitter.com/ConcordRangers)

## About Concord Rangers Football Club

Founded – 1967

Manager – Rob Small

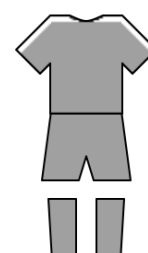
Best league position – 14<sup>th</sup> National League South 2019/20

Best FA Cup run – First Round 2014/15 lost to Mansfield Town

Ground Capacity – 3,250 of which around 400 are covered seats (last season’s average 309)



Home colours



Away colours

## How was last season?

After nine seasons, Concord Rangers adventure at Step 2 finally came to an end in April but not without a late fight. Seemingly dead and buried after a 7-0 defeat at Worthing on Good Friday, Concord faced nine further games in just 22 days to save their season and they almost pulled it off. They won four of the next seven to give themselves a fighting chance but defeat at Havant and Waterlooville two days before the final Saturday of the season sealed their fate. No team lost more games than Concord in the league and it will take some work from former Bowers & Pitsea manager Rob Small to stop them falling through the Isthmian Premier League.

National League South – 22<sup>nd</sup> - **P 46 W 12 D 8 L 26 GS 45 GA 85 GD -40 PTS 44**

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round – Berkhamstead Town (A) 0-2
- FA Trophy – Second Qualifying Round– Harrow Borough (H) 2-4
- Essex Senior Cup – Finalists – Braintree Town (N) 0-1

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## When did we last meet Concord Rangers?

It has been over ten years since we last faced Concord Rangers. February 2013 to be precise under the management of Simon Wormull in the Ryman Premier League when Concord nabbed a three-nil win at the Pan to make up for the 6-3 defeat inflicted on them in December 2012 in front of just 108 fans.

Nathan Crabb scored after just 15 seconds, then goals from Ben Godfrey and Chris Breach gave the Rooks a 3-1 half-time lead. Further goals by John Dollery and two more by Nathan Crabb saw the Rooks beat Danny Cowley’s (he of Lincoln City and Portsmouth fame since) side.

## **Our last six two meetings**

### **W 1 D 0 L 1 G S 6 G A 6**

#### **About The Aspect Arena**

Despite their recent spell in the National League South, there's not much changed about the ground since we last visited ten years ago. On one side is a small Main Stand, which runs for around half the length of the pitch, sitting astride the half way line. On either side of this stand are two small additional covered seating areas, that look temporary in nature and almost 'bolted on' to either end of the Main Stand. They are both quite small having 50 seats each. Opposite on the Caravan Park side of the stadium, it is mostly open with just a flat walkway running down behind the pitch perimeter. Also on this side of the ground are two very small temporary seated stands, that are covered and also contain 50 seats each.

At the South End of the ground there isn't a terrace as such but a small flat standing area behind the goal that has had a small covered erected, which has a number of supporting pillars. The North End or Clubhouse End is slightly better, having a small, covered terrace located behind the goal.

#### **How to get to The Aspect Arena**

Head to the M25 and then take anti-clockwise route towards Dartford Crossing. Exit M25 at Junction 30 and take the A13 towards Southend. You will reach a series of mini

roundabouts. At these roundabouts, take the A130 towards Canvey Island. After you pass Canvey Island Infant School on your right you will then reach a mini roundabout where you turn right into Thorney Bay Road. Then take the third right into Thames Road. The ground is further down this road on the left. There is a fair sized car park at the ground, or street parking on the road running alongside the ground.

The nearest railway station is Benfleet which is located just under three miles away from the ground. Benfleet station is served by trains from London Fenchurch Street. There is a taxi rank outside the station. It will cost around £10 to the ground. Alternatively First Bus run regular services from Benfleet Railway Station to Canvey Island. Bort services Number 21 (from Bus Stop A) and Number 27 (From Bus Stop C) go along Thorney Bay Road, which is at the top of Thames Road for the ground.

#### **Admission at The Aspect Arena**

Admission is £12 for Adults, £7 for Concessions and £3 for accompanied under 16s.

#### **Fancy a beer?**

There's not much in the way of any, let alone good pubs around the ground. The historic Lobster Smack, as featured in one of Charles Dickens books is on the sea front about a ten minute walk away, other than that the Beach Bar at the ground will tick a couple of boxes.



# Cray Wanderers Football Club – “The Wands”

Hayes Lane Stadium  
Hayes Lane  
Bromley  
Kent  
BR2 9EF



**Tel:** 020 8460 5291

**Web:** [www.cray-wanderers.com](http://www.cray-wanderers.com)

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@OfficialWands](#)

## About Cray Wanderers Football Club

Founded – 1860

Manager – Neil Smith

Best league position – 5<sup>th</sup> in Isthmian Premier League in 2022/23

Best FA Cup run – Fourth Qualifying Round in 2005/06 – Lost away to Grays Athletic 2-0

Ground Capacity – 6,000 (last season’s average is 266)



## How was last season?

After avoiding relegation in 2021/22 by the narrowest of margins, last season proved to be a huge success for Cray Wanderers, albeit ultimately ending in penalty heartache. Neil Smith assembled a strong squad, with the owners opening up the purse strings and was rewarded with some good early season form but it was around Christmas that the goals started to flow, including 17 in four games. At half-time in the game against the Rooks at Bromley in January, holding a 2-0 lead, Cray topped the table for the first time. However, two second half goals saw them drop 2 points, and four further points from five games saw them slip down the table.

However, the team rediscovered their form in the final weeks of the season, winning seven and drawing two of their last ten games. On the final day of the season they had to avoid defeat at Haringey Borough and hope Lewes couldn't win at Canvey by a significant margin. As it transpired Cray's draw saw Lewes have the chance to leapfrog them into the final play-off spot but it wasn't to be for the Rooks as they missed out by two goals.

In the play-off semi-final at Hornchurch Cray came from 2-0 down to force extra-time before ultimately losing 4-2 on penalties. Smith has once again been busy in pre-season strengthening the squad and Cray will look to be in the mix at the top of the table.

Isthmian Premier League – 5<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 20 D 14 L 8 GS 78 GA 48 GD +30 PTS 674**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Bognor Regis Town (H) 0-4 in a replay
  - FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Hanwell Town (A) 1-3
  - Kent Senior Cup – First Round – Sheppey United (A) 0-4
  - Isthmian League Cup – Did not enter
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### **When did we last meet Cray Wanderers?**

It was a case of honours even last season as Cray came to The Dripping Pan in November with a game plan to grab a point and it worked, the resulting 0-0 won't live too long in the collective memories of those there.

The return game in January saw Cray dominate in the first half, scoring twice through Tom Derry and Dajon Golding (of course) but the Rooks came out firing and a superb goal on the break by Ryan Gondoh and Joe Taylor mugging the Cray defence before blasting home from close range saw the final score 2-2 being a fair result.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 1 D 2 L 3 GS 8 GA 10**

### **About Hayes Lane**

Cray Wanderers will still be calling Bromley's Hayes Lane home for a few more season whilst their new ground at Flamingo Park in Sidcup is built. Not that they are suffering too much at Hayes Lane as the Conference National side has invested heavily in the ground in recent years including the construction of the new stand behind the goal which wouldn't look out of the place in the Football League and contains the impressive Broomfields bar and food concessions. At the far end covered terracing remains. At one side is the modern looking John Fiorini (Main) Stand. This covered all seated stand doesn't have any supporting pillars and sits astride the half way line whilst opposite is a decent sized, quite steep terrace. One of the better grounds we visit on our travels that's for sure.

### **How to get to Hayes Lane**

Exit the M25 at Junction 4 and take the A21 towards Bromley and London. After five miles

for left at the traffic lights onto the A232 towards Croydon/Sutton. At the 2nd set of traffic lights turn right into Baston Road (B265). Continue straight on this road through Hayes. The road becomes Hayes Lane and after the mini roundabout the entrance to the ground is down on the right. There is a small car park at the ground, otherwise street parking. Total travel time from Lewes for the 53-mile trip from Lewes is around an hour and twenty minutes.

The ground is a fifteen-minute walk from Bromley South station (not North which is miles away!), frequently served by trains from London Victoria which is in zone 5. Simply head right out of the station, cross the road and walk down Westmoreland Road, taking the first left into Hayes Road and following this all the way down to Hayes Lane where the ground is opposite you. Journey time is around 90 minutes. Alternatively, a number of buses run past the ground including the 314 from Eltham, 146 from Bromley Town centre and 119 from East Croydon which takes around the same time as the train but obviously much cheaper.

### **Admission at Hayes Lane**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £6 for concessions (senior citizens, students and Under18s), and accompanied under 16s are £2.

### **Fancy a beer?**

Bromley town centre is a fifteen-minute walk away and has plenty of drinking establishments for all tastes. Opposite Bromley South Station is the popular Richmal Crompton pub, whilst The Tigers Head on the walk towards the ground is a good bet. For craft beer fans, the Star and Garter in the Old High Street is recommended.

## Dulwich Hamlet Football Club – “The Hamlet”

Champion Hill  
Edgar Kail Way  
Dog Kennel Hill  
East Dulwich  
London  
SE22 8BD



**Tel:** 020 7274 8707

**Web:** <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/dulwichhamlet/>

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@DulwichHamletFC](#)

### About Dulwich Hamlet Football Club

Founded – 1893

Manager – Hakan Hayrettin

Best league position – 10<sup>th</sup> in the National League South in 2020/21 season

Best FA Cup run – First Round on many occasions, the last being in 2019/20 when they lost 1-0 to Carlisle United at home

Ground Capacity – 3,334 of which 500 is seated (last season’s average was 2,464 )



Home colours



Away colours

### How was last season?

With three games to go in the season, Dulwich Hamlet’s position looked safe, but just two points from their final three games and Weymouth’s amazing run of form saw Hamlet drop into the relegation zone at the final whistle and their five year run in the National League South came to an end. Despite an average attendance of nearly 2,500, and a strong squad, Dulwich somehow managed to get relegated.

The thirteen year reign of Gavin Rose ended before Christmas, but new manager Paul Barnes was relieved of duties on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, with Hakan Hayrettin given the role. Many of the squad have moved on but they have been able to retain players such as Sanchez Ming and Danny Mills, as well as bringing in some excellent players such as Anthony Jeffrey, former Rook Ryley Scott and Mark Ricketts.

Isthmian Premier League – 5<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 20 D 14 L 8 GS 78 GA 48 GD +30 PTS 674**

- FA Cup – Third Qualifying Round – Folkestone Invicta (H) 0-1
- FA Trophy – Second Round – Taunton Town (A) 1-2
- London Senior Cup – Third Round – Wingate & Finchley (A) 1-5

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### When did we last meet Dulwich Hamlet?

It’s been a few years since we last took on Dulwich Hamlet – it was our last away game in the 2015/16 season, having already been

relegated. The Rooks lost at Champion Hill 2-1, with Dulwich scoring two goals late in the first half thanks to Nyren Clunis and Ethan Pinnock, whilst Charlie Coppola scored a late

goal for the Rooks. Earlier in the season it had been the Rooks who ran out 3-1 winners thanks to goals from Jonte Smith, Alex Laing and James Hammond, with Danny Waldren scoring for Dulwich.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 3 D 0 L 3 GS 9 GA 9**

### **About Champion Hill Stadium**

Champion Hill ground is largely open and has mostly flat standing areas on three sides, with just a small portion (a few steps high) of terracing towards the rear. Both the East and West ends are uncovered, as well as most of the Southside, although this does have a small portion of cover and terrace located at its centre.

However, the Tommy Jover Main Stand on the other side is quite a posh looking affair, even though it has been built onto the front of an office building. This all seated stand is elevated, meaning that you have to climb a small set of stairs to enter it. Once there you are rewarded with excellent views of the pitch as there are no supporting pillars to contend with. There is a glassed area visible to the back of this covered stand that contains the Social Club. .

There's plenty of food and drink on offer, with the club in partnership with Brick Brewery.

### **How to get to Champion Hill Stadium**

Head north on the A23 then M23. At the end of the M23 take the A23 towards Croydon. Continue along the A23 towards Central London through Croydon and then Streatham. On reaching the junction with the South Circular A205 turn right towards Dulwich. After passing Dulwich Park on your left, turn left onto Lordship Lane (A2216) towards East

Dulwich. Go through East Dulwich and go straight on when you come to a roundabout. You will pass East Dulwich station on your left. And then just past the small park on your left turn left into Sainsbury's. The ground is located to the left of the store. There is a small car park at the ground, otherwise street parking. You can book a parking space in Sainsbury's in advance.

The nearest stations are East Dulwich, which is a five minute walk; or Denmark Hill; which is a ten minute stroll, or a short bus ride.

From East Dulwich station: Turn left, past the pizza shop and then Morley's. Go through the park at the bottom of the hill and you will see the ground. For midweek games, when the gates are closed, walk halfway up the hill and turn left at the lights.

From Denmark Hill station: Turn left, this is Champion Park. You will see a bus stop opposite the Salvation Army Training College. Any bus from here passes the ground, three stops away. Or walk past the bus stop, turn right and up the slight incline on the main road. Over the lights at the top of Dog Kennel Hill, and the ground will be on your right, halfway down the hill, turning into Edgar Kail Way.

### **Admission at Champion Hill Stadium**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £5 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under13s free when accompanied by a paying adult.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is the Cherry Tree, which is at the bottom of the hill, near East Dulwich Station. Further around the corner is the East Dulwich Tavern which is also recommended.

## Enfield Town Football Club – “The Towners”

The Queen Elizabeth II Stadium  
Donkey Lane  
Enfield  
Middlesex  
EN1 3PL



**Tel:** 07787 875 650

**Web:** [www.enfieldtownfootballclub.co.uk](http://www.enfieldtownfootballclub.co.uk)

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** £2 inside the ground

**Twitter:** [@EnfieldTownFC](#)

### About Enfield Town Football Club

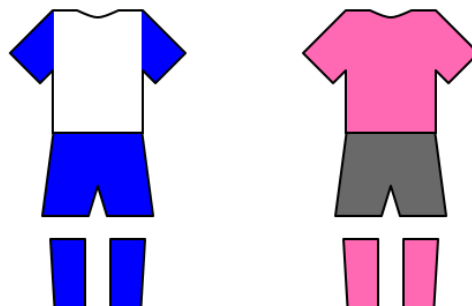
Founded – 2001

Manager – Gavin Macpherson

Best league position – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Isthmian League Premier Division in 2021/22

Best FA Cup run – Fourth Qualifying Round 2015/16 and 2017/18 – Lost at home to Maidstone United 3-1

Ground Capacity – 2,500 of which around 350 is covered seating (last season average was 495)



### How was last season?

After a record-high finish in 2021/22 of 3<sup>rd</sup> and defeat to Hornchurch in the Play-off Semi-Finals, expectations in Donkey Lane were high for the season. And early season form suggested another strong campaign – after 10 games they were second in the league, never dropping out of the play-off spots as Christmas arrived. A thumping 4-0 win at Billericay Town in February saw them top the league, but it was all downhill from there for some reason.

Two wins from their final ten games saw the Towners not only slip out of the play-off contention but down into ninth place as they failed to beat any of the teams above them in a very tough run in. At the end of the season long-serving manager Andy Leese departed and has been replaced by former Met Police manager Gavin McPherson for the new season.

Isthmian Premier League – 9<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 19 D 12 L 11 GS 73 GA 49 GD 24 PTS 69**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Canvey Island (A) 1-5
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Chesham United (H) 0-4
- Middlesex Senior Cup – Semi-Final – Harrow Borough (H) 1-2
- Isthmian League Cup – Fourth Round – Haringey Borough (A) 2-2 Lost 4-3 on penalties

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### When did we last meet Enfield Town?

Our run of good form and goals continued against Enfield Town last season with two more wins. For the third consecutive game against Enfield, we scored four in the away

game in October. Deon Moore gave us a 7<sup>th</sup> minute lead before our full-backs got in on the act, Jamie Mascoll and Marcel Elva-Fountaine, finishing off a 35-pass move. Razz Coleman De-Graft made it 4-0 just after half

time before goals from Jake Cass and James Richmond brought some respectability to the final score.

In the reverse fixture at the Pan it was Deon Moore who scored the only goal in a tight affair in front of 836 fans.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 4 D 1 L 1 GS 14 GA 9**

### **About The Queen Elizabeth Stadium**

The stand out feature of the Queen Elizabeth Stadium is the main stand which for all you art and architecture aficionados is a Grade II listed building, designed in 1939 and completed in 1953. The bar at the top of the stand offers some panoramic views of the game, albeit from a distance away. There's a few rows of seats up here too.

There is a small, raised terrace halfway between the main stand and the edge of the pitch, whilst behind each goal are small, covered terraces which allow fans to generate a decent noise. On the far side is a small-seated stand that straddles the half-way line. The ground hosted a number of games in the 2018 CONIFA World Cup including the final in front of a record attendance of over 2,000 fans, although for the play-off game in April 2022 against Hornchurch there were almost 2,000 crammed in the ground.

### **How to get to The Queen Elizabeth Stadium**

The ground is relatively easy to find if you are coming down from the M25, Junction 25 which means you need to head up the A3/M23 then anti-clockwise around the M25 (it's a 10 mile shorter trip than going clockwise but if the Dartford Crossing is bad it could be an option) to Junction 25. Take a left at the roundabout and head south on the A10. Follow the A10 towards Central London for around 1.8 miles and then take a right into Carterhatch Lane, then first left into Donkey Lane. The ground is around the corner.

There's plenty of free parking opposite the entrance.

The 93-mile journey from Lewes should take around 1 hour 45 minutes depending on the traffic and time of day.

There are two train stations close to the ground. Southbury is a 30-minute journey from London Liverpool Street. Exit the station and then take a left onto Southbury Road. At the junction with the A10 use the pedestrian crossing to cross and then take a right and head north up the A10. At the end of the playing fields there is an alley on the left – take this and the ground is ahead on the right.

Enfield Town is on another line from London Liverpool Street and is a 33-minute journey time. Exit the station and turn right along Southbury Road. After you have passed Tesco on your right, cross the road and take next left into Ladysmith Road. Follow this road for 500 yards before taking a right down the path where the ground is at the end.

### **Admission at The Queen Elizabeth Stadium**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under16s £1 plus there is a £1 charge to transfer to the seats in the main stand.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is the Toby Carvery on the A10/Donkey Lane junction but you can do better than that! The Cricketers on Chase Side does some good ales on draft and is a 20-minute walk from the ground. The Kings Head is in Market Place and is recommended. It is almost next door to the Barclays Bank which had the first ATM machine in the UK (even better random fact, Reg Varney from On the Buses fame was the first customer to use the machine). There's also a decent bar at the top of the main stand in the ground which services rotating craft beers.

## Folkestone Invicta Football Club – “Invicta”

The Alcaline Stadium  
Cheriton Road  
Folkestone  
Kent  
CT19 5JU



**Tel:** 01303 257461

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**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@FIFC](#)

### About Folkestone Invicta Football Club

Founded – 1936

Manager – Roland Edge

Best league position – 4<sup>th</sup> in the Isthmian League Premier Division in 2017/18

Best FA Cup run – First Round Proper – 2005/06 – Lost away to Chester City 2-1

Ground Capacity – 4,000 of which around 400 is covered seating (last season’s average 732)



### How was last season?

After another summer of big spending, it came as a surprise to most that Folkestone started off the season so badly. At the halfway point of the season they sat down in 13<sup>th</sup> place and veteran manager Neil Cugley moved upstairs, as the club brought in Roland Edge. Results improved and for a couple weeks in March they flirted with the play-offs before a poor run of just four points from their final eight games saw them finish in 12<sup>th</sup>. Rumours of upheavals in the board room and numerous high-profile (and high paid) players leaving means it’s uncertain to what this season holds for them.

Isthmian League Premier – 12<sup>th</sup> - P 42 W 18 D 5 L 19 GS 73 GA 65 GD +8 PTS 59

- FA Cup – Fourth Qualifying Round – Merthyr Town (A) 1-2
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Leiston (H) 1-1 – Lost on penalties 4-1
- Kent Senior Cup – First Round – Cray Valley Paper Mills (A) 1-3
- Isthmian League Cup – Fourth Round – Margate (A) 0-1

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### When did we last meet Folkestone Invicta?

The Rooks did the double over Invicta last season, albeit in two close games. At the Pan in November, it ended 3-2 with all five goals coming in the first half. Joe Taylor gave the Rooks the lead in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute only for Robbie Dolan to equalise three minutes later. The lead lasted barely 60 seconds before Rhys

Murrell-Williamson restored the lead. Taylor added a second before former Rook Ian Draycott made it 3-2 just before the break.

In a stormy affair down at Folkestone Deon Moore was the hero, scoring a 90<sup>th</sup> minute winner. Moore had put Lewes ahead in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute only for Scott Heard to equalise in

the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute. Ten minutes later Heard was sent off for a late challenge on Ryan Gondoh which infuriated the home fans and bench, but not as much as when Moore netted the winner deep in injury time.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 4 D 1 L 1 GS 6 GA 10**

### **About The Alcaline Stadium**

Without a doubt, one of the best Non-League grounds...depending on when you visit. The steep open terrace at the Cricket Ground end offers superb views of the North Downs and Kent countryside, perfect for the early or late season game. In the winter it offers little respite from the driving wind and rain. At the far end is a great six-step terrace with a low roof that allows you to generate a great atmosphere.

The hardcore Invicta fans stand on a terrace behind the dugouts, which also has the Aladdin's Cave of a programme and memorabilia shop – worth the admission fee on its own. On the same side in the corner is the changing room block that also has a bar upstairs. On the entrance side is the main bar and one of the best cafes around, with an imaginative menu and cooked fresh to order. The area in front is paved and has seats so you don't miss any of the action whilst waiting.

The 400 seat Brain Merryman Stand, aka The Grandad's Stand probably offers the worst views in the ground, and that's a bit harsh but just shows how good it is elsewhere to watch the game and the countryside.

### **How to get to The Alcaline Stadium**

It's a fair old trek down to Folkestone Invicta but it is certainly worth the journey. Head up the A23/M23 then anti-clockwise on the M25. At junction 5 stay on the road as it becomes the M26. This will then become the M20 and

you need to stay on this until junction 13, then head south onto the A20 (Cherry Garden Avenue). At the traffic lights, turn left onto the A2034 (Cheriton Road), pass the Harvey Grammar School and Stripes club – the ground is next left before Morrisons' supermarket, opposite the cemetery. Some car parking is available at the ground, with street parking around Cherry Garden Avenue your alternative option. Journey time for the 100-mile trip is around an hour and a half assuming the traffic is good.

There is an alternative route cross-country for those averse to the British motorway system that involves following slow-moving vehicles down country lanes which is 40 miles shorter but may take around the same time.

If you are coming by rail then disembark at Folkestone West (Folkestone Central is about same distance from ground). On leaving the station follow Station Road right and take left onto Beachborough Road, then right onto Cheriton Road. The ground is visible on the left-hand side of the road, immediately after the Harvey Grammar School. It is around a 2-hour slog by train, either up to London Victoria and then out again or via Hampden Park and Ashford International.

### **Admission at The Alcaline Stadium**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under18s £3 and accompanied under 5s are admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

There's very few pubs within walking distance of the ground, although there is the Park Inn Hotel opposite Folkestone Central. However, get into the town centre early and head down to the harbour-side for some excellent offerings on The Stade including The Royal George, The Ship Inn and The Mariner.



# Haringey Borough Football Club – “The Borough”

Coles Park  
White Hart Lane  
London  
N17 7JP



Tel: 020 8888 9933

Web: [www.haringeyboroughfc.net](http://www.haringeyboroughfc.net)

Tickets: [Online](#)

Programme: [Online](#)

Twitter: [@HaringeyBoroFC](#)

## About Haringey Borough Football Club

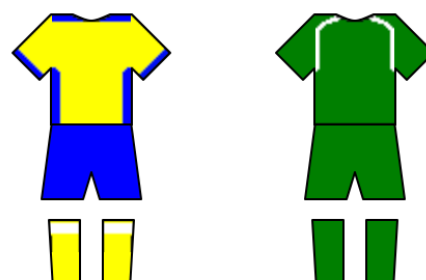
Founded – 1973

Manager – Tom Loizou

Best league position – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Isthmian Premier League in 2018/19

Best FA Cup run – Fourth Qualifying Round 2017/18, 2019/20 and 2020/21

Ground Capacity – 2,500 of which around 400 are covered seats (last season’s average was 432)



## How was last season?

Haringey’s season started poorly, taking just one point from their opening three games, then stabilised, so much so that in the second half of the season they never rose above 13<sup>th</sup>, and only dropped below 15<sup>th</sup> for one week. They never troubled any of the promotion-chasing sides but were always too good for the teams at the bottom – a hallmark of consistency!

After finishing in the Play-offs in their first season at Step 3 in 2019, they’ve struggled to break into the top half of the table. With a limited budget and so much local competition for players it will be tough for them to challenge this season. But it’s a decent day out and the club have some excellent supporters who travel away in numbers and make some noise.

Isthmian Premier League – 15<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 13 D 12 L 17 GS 67 GA 75 GD -8 PTS 51**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Maldon & Tiptree (A) 1-2
- FA Trophy – First Qualifying Round – Billericay Town (H) 1-3
- London Senior Cup – Finalists – Charlton Athletic (A) 3-5
- Isthmian League Cup – Quarter Final – Potters Bar Town (A) 1-3

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## When did we last meet Haringey Borough?

The Rooks did the double over Haringey last season, with a hard-fought victory in North London and a walk in the park in April. In the first meeting in December it was the home side who took the lead in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute thanks to William Dupray but TQ Addy stole in

to equalise and score his first goal for the club. Razz Coleman De-Graft pulled another long-range special out of the bag to give the Rooks all three points in the 51<sup>st</sup> minute.

In the final home game of the season in front of a bumper 1,300 crowd Lewes scored three goals in the opening 17 minutes in April

thanks to Razz Coleman De-Graft (yep, another special), Joe Taylor and a fantastic team move finished off by Jaydn Mundle-Smith. Archie Tamplin scored his first for the club in the last minute to cap off a comprehensive victory.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 5 D 1 L 0 GS 15 GA 6**

### **About Coles Park**

The ground is slowly being developed by the ambitious owners, including the installation of a 3G pitch, but it is still a one-sided affair with the main stand which can seat around 300 straddling the half-way line and offering good views of the game, whilst just to the side of this stand is a covered terrace. Apart from that it is hard standing on the three other sides with very little in the way of shade. There is a decent sized clubhouse behind the main stand and some excellent food options from a pop-up stand in between the main stand and the covered terrace

### **How to get to Coles Park**

It doesn't matter which way you choose to get to Coles Park, you will encounter traffic as you try to navigate towards North London. Head up the A23/M23 and then anti-clockwise around the M25. Now you have to make a choice. Either head under the Thames through the Dartford Tunnel and continue around the M25 to junction 25 then head south on the A10 through Enfield until you hit the junction with the A406 North Circular Road OR M25 to junction 2, head London-bound on the A2, through the Blackwall Tunnel, A12 northwards then join the A406 at the Redbridge Roundabout and follow anti-clockwise until the junction with the A10.

Follow the A10 south towards Central London for around a mile and then take a right into White Hart Lane. The ground is on your left-hand side. There is a large car park in the ground as well as plenty of street parking if you continue down White Hart Lane and take any of the roads on the left. It is around 90 minutes from Lewes and a driving time of around 2 hours 15 minutes accounting for the poor traffic.

The nearest train station is probably White Hart Lane, which is a 20-odd minute walk. Simply head out of the station and turn left into White Hart Lane (don't get confused by the brand-spanking new Tottenham Hotspur ground). Alternatively, the nearest tube is Wood Green which is about a mile away. Exit station and take a left onto Lordship Lane, then a left into Perth Road. Follow this all the way until it meets White Hart Lane and then a right and the ground is 250 metres on the right.

### **Admission at Coles Park**

Admission last season was £11 for adults, £5 for concessions (senior citizens and students), and accompanied under 16s admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is The Two Brewers in Scotland Green which doesn't appear to have much of a choice of beers, whilst the Victoria just a couple of doors away is not a bad option. The nearest Wetherspoons is the Spouter's Corner, on Spouter's Corner which is close to Wood Green tube station. The Bohem Tap Room is highly recommended but a good 20-minute walk from the ground in Myddleton Road, N22.

# Hashtag United Football Club – “The Tags”

The Len Salmon Stadium – Ground share with Bowers & Pitsea FC  
Crown Avenue  
Basildon  
Essex  
SS13 2BE



**Tel:** 01268 452068

**Web:** [www.hashtagunited.co.uk](http://www.hashtagunited.co.uk)

**Tickets:** Pay on the gate

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@Hashtagutd](https://twitter.com/Hashtagutd)

## About Hashtag United Football Club

Founded – 2016

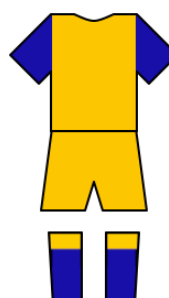
Manager – Jay Devereux

Best league position – 1<sup>st</sup> in the Isthmian League North in 2022/23

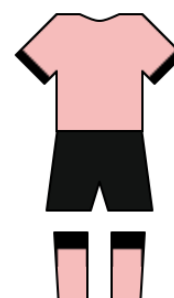
Best FA Cup run – Second Qualifying Round 2020/21

lost to Braintree Town 7-6 on penalties after a 1-1 draw

Ground Capacity – 3,500 of which around 500 are covered seats (last season’s average was 326)



Home colours



Away colours

## How was last season?

There’s been few better campaigns in Isthmian history than that of Hashtag’s one in the North division last season, where they won the league by 7 points (and just 21 points clear of third), dropping just 16 points all season. Surprisingly, they actually lost their first game of the season at Bury Town. However, they broke all sorts of records from mid-November, winning 21 consecutive games, and dropping just five points from the end of October to the end of the season.

Whilst the club is based around a successful global social media strategy, their manager Jay Devereux has built a strong squad of players with experience at Step 2 and 3, and they will be the dark horses this season.

Isthmian League North – 1<sup>st</sup> - **P 38 W 32 D 2 L 4 GS 101 GA 35 GD +66 PTS 98**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Romford (A) 2-3
- FA Trophy – First Qualifying Round – Bedford Sports (A) 2-2 Lost 5-4 on penalties
- Essex Senior Cup – Third Round – Canvey Island (H) 1-1 Lost 5-3 on penalties
- Isthmian League Cup – Third Round– Haringey Borough (H) 1-1 Lost 3-1 on penalties

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## When did we last meet Hashtag United?

In a word, never. Hashtag United were only formed in 2016 and have been on an upward trajectory since, winning the Isthmian League North last season to reach Step 3 for the first time.

## About The Len Salmon Stadium

Just when we thought we’d made our last trip for a while to Bowers & Pitsea after their relegation, up pop tenants Hashtag United. For those who haven’t experienced a trip to the heart of the Essex Man, the ground has

gone through a major transformation in recent years after Bowers & Pitsea's club's promotion to the Isthmian Premier League two seasons ago. The club installed a 3G pitch for the start of the aborted 2019/20 season as well as redeveloping a couple of the small stands around the pitch.

The covered terrace behind the north end of the ground is certainly unique, with a feeling that you are walking through a long corridor, with windows onto the pitch. It's great for fans to make a noise in though. It is a compact ground but has plenty of cover and more than adequate for the club, with a decent size, modern bar in the main stand and a very good food hatch who do large portions of chips for just £2.

#### **How to get to The Len Salmon Stadium**

The ground isn't easy to reach by public transport with the nearest train station, Pitsea, being a forty minute walk away. Basildon has more trains but it is 3 miles from the ground. Buses 5 and 28 both run from the station to Crown Avenue.

So driving is the best option but allow plenty of time to navigate the Dartford Tunnel.

When you are through the tunnel take the junction 30 and head East onto the A13. After 14 miles take the turn off for Pitsea.

At the roundabout take the first exit so that you pass Tesco's on your left. At the next roundabout take the third exit (Ashlyns) - go straight at the next roundabout (approx. 20 metres). Follow the road until the next roundabout and take the second exit and then take the first left into Kenneth Road. Follow the road to the end and turn right and then immediate left into the ground.

Visitors car park is at far end of clubhouse building. Access to clubhouse via pathway between clubhouse and football pitch then side door beside patio area.

#### **Admission at The Len Salmon Stadium**

Admission last season was £10 for adults, £5 for concessions (senior citizens and students), and accompanied under 12s £1 and NHS are admitted free of charge.

#### **Fancy a beer?**

There's not a lot around the ground although The Gun on London Road, about 20 minute's walk from the ground is recommended.

## Hastings United Football Club – “The Arrows”

The Pilot Field  
Elphinstone Road  
Hastings  
East Sussex  
TN34 2AX

**Tel:** 01424 444635

**Web:** [www.hastingsunitedfc.co.uk](http://www.hastingsunitedfc.co.uk)

**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@HastingsUFC](#)



### About Hastings United Football Club

Founded – 1894 as Rock-a-Nore

Manager – Paul Barnes

Best league position – 7<sup>th</sup> in Isthmian League Premier Division in 2009/10

Best FA Cup run – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round in 2011/12 – Lost away to Middlesbrough 4-1

Ground Capacity – 4,050 (last season’s average 908)



### How was last season?

The club wasted no time in settling back to life in step 3 after winning the Isthmian League South-East the previous season. Manager Gary Elphick strengthened his squad although one win in their first five did worry some. However, a seven game unbeaten run up to and over Christmas saw Hastings rise into the top half and for a period flirt with the play-off spots, with five consecutive wins in February. However, they were always one win away from really challenging and finished the season four points off the top five, a highly impressive achievement.

It therefore came as a surprise when manager Gary Elphick left in the summer, which saw an exodus of players such as Sam Worrell, Ben Pope and Jack Dixon to Whitehawk. A bunch of new players have arrived in the new managerial reign of Paul Barnes and Craig Stone but it may be hard to better last season’s achievement.

Isthmian Premier League – 8<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 20 D 11 L 11 GS 63 GA 42 GD +21 PTS 71**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Cray Valley PM (A) 0-3
- FA Trophy – Second Round – Chippenham Town (A) 0-2
- Sussex Senior Cup – Semi-Final – Worthing (N) 1-1 Lost 5-4 on penalties
- Isthmian League Cup – Fourth Round – Whitehawk (A) 1-3

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### When did we last meet Hastings United?

Hastings came with a specific game plan to the Pan on Bank Holiday Monday in August and put ten men behind the ball to nullify the Lewes threat and it worked as they ground out a 0-0 draw in front of over 1,600 fans.

In the return game on Boxing Day Hastings once again tried the physical approach to stop the Rooks playing, with former Rook Ben Pope substituted before he could be red carded for two late challenges in the second half. Hastings took the lead after a corner wasn't

cleared in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute and defender Jahmal Hector-Ingram was on hand to score. Razz Coleman De-Graft equalised in the 37<sup>th</sup> minute with a mis-hit effort that fooled everyone, but the home side won the bragging rights after Hasler's wickedly deflected second half free-kick beat Lew Carey to make it 2-1 to Hastings.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 2 D 2 L 2 GS 9 GA 10**

### **About The Pilot Field**

The words "proper Non-League ground" couldn't be more apt for the ground which is still very popular amongst stadium enthusiasts (aka "groundhoppers") for the dirt track that surrounds the pitch and its old fashioned grandstand. The main stand itself can hold up to 800 spectators, the majority of which are seated on wooden benches but it is now really showing its age. Opposite the main stand is a large grass bank, which at point spectators could have used as a vantage point, however this is now fenced off due to safety reasons.

There is covered terracing behind both goals, the more modern 'Cole Warren Stand' being constructed during the 2005/06 season at the opposite end, there is a large, covered terrace that had been erect during Hastings United time at the ground between 1948 and 1985. In one corner of the ground next to the Elphinstone terrace are the main turnstiles, club bar, toilet facilities and club shop.

Due to the increasing ground maintenance cost and ageing main stand, the club have been trying to secure permission to build a new ground in the town but are at loggerheads with the council on the plans.

### **How to get to The Pilot Field**

From the general direction of Lewes, head west on the A27 then the A259. Proceed along Bexhill Road, turning left at a set of traffic lights onto the B2092 Harley Shute Road. Go straight ahead at a mini roundabout continue straight ahead at the main

roundabout that follows (signposted Hollington) into Ironlatch Avenue, which leads into Blackman Avenue. Follow this road through two sets of traffic lights, continuing straight ahead at the crossroads into Ashbrook Road, which leads into Old Harrow Road. At the end of the road turn right at the mini roundabout, and then turn left at the next onto the A2101 St Helens Road (The Pilot Field is signposted at this point). After approximately a mile and a quarter, take the fifth turning on the left into St Helens Park Road, which leads into Downs Road. At the end of the road, turn left and the ground is situated on your right.

There is plenty of roads within close walking distance that have no parking restrictions such as on Ochiltree Road (first right after passing the ground on your right).

If you are coming by train, then for once you don't need to head towards London. Instead catch a direct train from Lewes, journey time around 50 minutes. There is a one minute journey time if you get a train that requires a change at Hampden Park. . It's a fair distance uphill from the station so Bus 21 or 21B may be the better option. Ore is the nearest station if you are walking – allow about 20 minutes. Head down Beaconsfield Road to the roundabout and the turn right into Elphinstone Road and start to walk uphill. You will see the ground eventually on your right.

### **Admission at The Pilot Field**

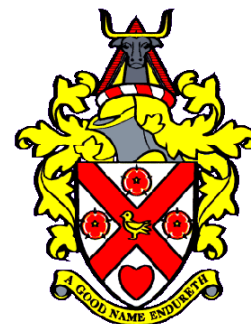
Admission last season was £12 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens, students), and accompanied under 18s are admitted free.

### **Fancy a beer?**

There are some good pubs in Hastings with one of the best being the Anchor in George Street, whilst The Dolphin in the Old Town is also highly rated. The Telegraph rates The Crown in All Saints Street as one of the best pubs in the country. The Clown in Russel Street is worth a half at least whilst the Cutter in East Parade offers no nonsense food and drink.

## Hornchurch – “The Urchins”

The Stadium  
Bridge Avenue  
Upminster  
Essex  
RM14 2LX



**Tel:** 01708 220080

**Web:** [www.hornchurch.com](http://www.hornchurch.com)

**Tickets:** [Online Tickets](#)

**Programme:** [Online](#)

**Twitter:** [@hornchurchfc](#)

### About Hornchurch Football Club

Founded – 2005

Manager – Steve Morison

Best league position – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Isthmian Premier League  
2022/23

Best FA Cup run – 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper vs Peterborough  
United 2008/09

Ground Capacity – 3,500 (last season’s average was 643)



### How was last season?

After the surprise Play-off Final defeat at home to Cheshunt in 2021/22, history repeated itself when Hornchurch lost 1-0 in the final again in front of their own fans to Aveley. Despite bolstering the squad both in the summer and during the season, and sixty-two goals from Sam Higgins and Liam Nash in all competitions, Hornchurch lost top spot in the league after an impressive start in January, and whilst they put some late pressure on Bishop’s Stortford in early April, a four game winless streak saw them lose touch with the Blues at the top. The Urchins only took 9 points from a possible 24 against the other Play-off sides. Manager Mark Stimpson departed in May, soon after the play-off final defeat, with former Millwall and Cardiff City boss Steve Morison surprisingly given the job.

Isthmian Premier League – 2<sup>nd</sup> - **P 42 W 25 D 9 L 8 GS 98 GA 49 GD +49 PTS 84**

- FA Cup – Fourth Qualifying Round – Oxford City (A) 1-4
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Harlow Town (A) 2-2 – lost 3-1 on penalties
- Essex Senior Cup – Semi-Finals – Concord Rangers (A) 1-1 – lost 5-4 on penalties

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### When did we last meet Hornchurch?

It was the case of honours even last season as both meetings ended 2-2. At the Pan in October, the Rooks were 2-0 after 50 minutes, before Razz Coleman De-Graft grabbed one back in the 65 minutes. Late drama saw the Rooks equalise in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute thanks to Joe Taylor’s effort.

In the return fixture in March, it was the Rooks on the front foot, taking the lead twice thanks to a 14<sup>th</sup> minute Joe Taylor effort and Ryan Gondoh’s 77<sup>th</sup> minute strike. Just minutes later Tyrique Hyde went clean through with a chance to put the game to bed but hit his shot straight at the keeper. Six minutes later Sam Higgins took his chance to give both sides a point a piece.

## **Our last six meetings**

**W 0 D 4 L 2 GS 6 GA 10**

### **About Hornchurch Stadium**

It's still an athletics stadium I'm afraid, although the club are building some more spectator facilities at the club house end of the ground.

Hornchurch have called "The Stadium" home since 1953 when they moved from Upminster Park. As the club made a rapid rise through the leagues in the early 2000's bits were added to comply with various league gradings. The Riverside side of the ground is so called as the River Ingrebourne runs behind it. On this side of the ground there are three separate stands offer shelter from the elements although as they are not very steep the view isn't the best. On the East side of the ground is the Main stand, flanked by covered terracing. It is almost impossible to watch at the north end of the ground but at the other end you can watch the game from an elevated position in the bar or the terrace next door.

### **How to get to Hornchurch Stadium**

Hornchurch is one of the few games we will travel to next season where you can take the tube to. So, for the non-drivers, head to London Victoria, grab some reading material and catch the District Line east. Upminster Bridge underground station is a few minutes away from the ground. Turn right out of the station, walk under the railway bridge and take the second right turning into Bridge Avenue. The station is in zone 6. Upminster British Rail station is the nearest mainline to the ground and a 10-minute walk. Come out of station, turn left into St Mary's Lane and then left again for Bridge Avenue. The station is also in zone 6. Remember DO NOT ALIGHT

AT HORNCHURCH...it is miles away from the ground.

If you are driving then head north up the A23/M23 and then anti-clockwise on the M25, under the Thames (don't forget to pay the toll charge online!) and then exit the motorway at junction M29 and take the left-hand slip-road off the roundabout towards London (E & C). After approx. one mile take the left-hand slip road and then at end turn left into Hall Lane.

Follow Hall Lane south, hopping over a couple of mini roundabouts, crossing the railway line before you need to turn right into St Mary's Lane (A124). Follow this road downhill and then after 600 metres, do a left into Bridge Avenue. The entrance to the ground is about 200m down this road on your left. Take your pick from the space available on the streets around here. Total distance from Lewes FC is 75 miles and it should take between 90 minutes and 2 hours each way depending on the traffic.

### **Admission at Hornchurch Stadium**

Admission last season is £12 for adults, £7 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under16s £3 and accompanied under 12s are admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is The Windmill which is almost opposite Bridge Avenue as you walk along the main road. It is a Greene King "family" pub so don't expect much in way of sophisticated eating and fine craft ales, but it is pleasant (and cheap enough).

The Upminster Taproom on Sunnyside Gardens is a great micro-pub, and an away fans favourite and only a five-minute walk from Upminster station. The Optimist Tavern on Hacton Lane is also recommended for a craft ale or two.



# Horsham Football Club – “The Hornets”

The Camping World Community Stadium  
Worthing Road  
Horsham  
West Sussex  
RH13 0AD

Tel: 01403 458854

Web: [www.horshamfc.co.uk](http://www.horshamfc.co.uk)

Tickets: [Online](#)

Programme: At the ground - £3

Twitter: [@HorshamFC](#)



## About Horsham Football Club

Founded – 1871

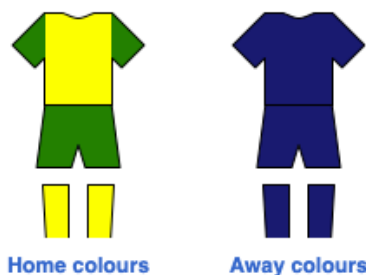
Manager – Dom di Paola

Best league position – 7<sup>th</sup> in the Isthmian Premier League  
2022/23

Best FA Cup run – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Proper vs Peterborough

United 2007/08 – Lost to Swansea City after a replay

Ground Capacity – 1,980 including 400 seated (last  
season’s average was 920)



## How was last season?

Once again Horsham proved to be dangerous opponents but didn't quite have the quality or the consistency to make a serious push for the play-offs, finishing two points off Cray Wanderers in 5<sup>th</sup>. Boosted by the best average attendance in the league, their home form was good, with only four defeats at the Camping World Stadium, but only six wins on the road was their undoing.

The team had plenty of goals in them, with Jack Mazzone top scoring with 24, supported by Daniel Ajakaiye with 14, but the poor form in the Autumn that saw them slip down to 12<sup>th</sup> was their undoing in the end, despite the strong finish to the season.

Dom di Paolo has strengthened this squad with a Lewes feel to it, bringing in Lewis Carey, Will Salmon and James Hammond among others and will be one of the favourites for a top five finish based on the budget available.

Isthmian Premier League – 7<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 20 D 12 L 10 GS 84 GA 57 GD +27 PTS 72**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Herne Bay (A) 1-2
- FA Trophy – First Qualifying Round – Folkestone Invicta (A) 0-2
- Sussex Senior Cup – Quarter Final – Hastings United (A) 1-4
- Isthmian League Cup – Third Round – Whitehawk (H) 2-3

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## When did we last meet Horsham?

Our recent poor run of form against our West Sussex rivals continued last season as we took just one point from the two games against the Hornets. In mid-September we were

completely undone by two first half goals at The Camping World Stadium, both results of defensive errors. Daniel Ajakaiye gave the home side the lead in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute, with Tom Kavanagh adding a second in the 40<sup>th</sup>

minute. Despite a much better second half performance from the Rooks, it ended 2-0.

Back at the Pan on Valentine's Day, Joe Taylor gave the Rooks the lead just before half-time, capitalising on a mistake between centre-back and goal keeper, but a Lee Harding equaliser ten minutes before time was probably a fair result based on the whole game.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 1 D 2 L 3 GS 4 GA 9**

### **About The Camping World Stadium**

Rivalries aside, the Camping World Community Stadium is impressive, and if the club manage the facilities well, it could be the compelling reason why they progress beyond Step 3. Opened before COVID it has superb facilities that can be used 7 days a week, aside from the 3G pitch. The Clubhouse is spacious and has excellent facilities, with food being served from a hatch on the side.

The Main Stand straddles the half way line and can seat 300, with an elevated situation so that fans can still pass in front without blocking the view. There are three covered, stepped terracing sections. The Octotech Stand behind the goal at the far end of the ground provides cover along around half the length of that end.

On the side opposite the Main stand, we have two covered standing sections either side of the dugouts. Again these cover about half the length of that side of the ground

With viewing is possible at the Clubhouse end of the ground, netting is erected for obvious reasons which does impede the view. This area also gets very busy around half-time and can lead to bottlenecks. Minor quibbles about an excellent ground.

### **How to get to The Camping World Community Stadium**

It's a simple journey from Lewes to the ground – A27, A23 and the A272 towards Petersfield. At the junction with the A24 head

north and the ground is off the first roundabout just before you reach Horsham.

Parking in the Stadium Car Park will be limited on matchdays to Players, Match Officials, Home and Visiting Club Officials and Invited Guests. There are a small number of reserved spaces for drivers displaying Blue Parking Badges.

Supporters should park in Horsham Park & Ride, Worthing Road, RH13 0AR. There is no charge for parking here and stewards will be on hand to give directions to the ground which is approximately a 200 metre walk away. Whilst we strive to accommodate all supporters in this car park or close by demand can outstrip supply when a large crowd is in attendance. If there is insufficient room it may be necessary to park in the Town Centre and catch a bus or walk to the ground. There is strictly **NO MATCHDAY PARKING** in Worthing Road, Denne Park, Salisbury Road, Horsham Golf & Fitness or the access lane to the Stadium.

Metrobus run up to four services an hour on Route 98 to the Stadium from Roffey, Southwater and Horsham Railway and Bus Stations, with more extensive hourly services on Route 23 from Crawley and Worthing. Travel time from Horsham Bus Station is five minutes.

### **Admission to The Camping World Community Stadium**

Admission prices for this season are £13 for Adults, £8 for Seniors, U18s and Students (proof may be required), Under16s are £2 and Under5s are admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

Horsham town centre has some excellent pubs including the Anchor Tap in East Street and the Sit and Sip in Piries Place in the pedestrian area. The Malt Shovel in Springfield Road is also worth a visit. The Club House at the ground also offers a decent selection of beers.

## Kingstonian Football Club – “The K’s”

Imperial Fields (Ground share with Tooting & Mitcham United)  
Bishopsford Road  
Morden  
London  
SM4 6BF

**Tel:** 0208 685 6193

**Web:** [www.kingstonian.com](http://www.kingstonian.com)

**Tickets:** At the turnstile

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@KingstonianFC](https://twitter.com/KingstonianFC)



### About Kingstonian Football Club

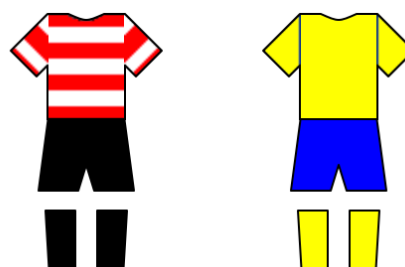
Founded – 1885

Manager – Simon Lane

Best league position – 5<sup>th</sup> in Conference Premier 1999/2000

Best FA Cup run – Fourth Round Proper – Lost at home to Bristol City 1-0 in a replay

Ground Capacity – 2,700 (last season’s average at Tooting & Mitcham’s Imperial Fields was 248)



### How was last season?

The K’s started the next leg of their exodus from a permanent home at Tooting & Mitcham United’s Imperial Fields. After flirting with the play-offs in 2021/22 under Hayden Bird, the reduction in the playing budget was clear to see in the early part of the season as they struggled to put a run of positive results together. Crowds dwindled as the K’s crashed out of the cups early doors, and never climbed into the top half of the table after early November. In fact, having dropped to 18<sup>th</sup> spot with a quarter of the season to go, they never moved from that position. Relegation was a real threat until Simon Lane came in with a handful of games to go, which saw them pick up the necessary points to survive, perhaps against the odds.

Lane has his work cut out this season against a backdrop of supporter discontent, no permanent home and one of the smallest budgets in the league.

Isthmian Premier League – 18<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 10 D 9 L 23 GS 43 GA 77 GD -34 PTS 39**

- FA Cup – First Qualifying Round – Sevenoaks Town (A) 1-2
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Wingate & Finchley (H) 2-2 Lost 4-2 on penalties
- Surrey Senior Cup – Second Round – Raynes Park Vale (A) 1-4
- Isthmian League Cup – Third Round – Leatherhead (A) 1-2

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### When did we last meet Kingstonian?

The Rooks recorded a comfortable double over Kingstonian last season, including a rare win away. The two sides met in sub-zero conditions at Imperial Fields in December, with the Rooks winning 3-1 although the score

line perhaps flattered Lewes. An early Bradley Pritchard goal gave Lewes the lead and then skipper Tom Champion doubled the score just before the half hour mark. It was all very comfortable for the Rooks until the 77<sup>th</sup> minute when the home side scored a cracker

of a goal from Jacob Bancroft and all of a sudden their tails were up. It took an injury time goal from Tyrique Hyde, his first for the club to calm the nerves and give Lewes all three points.

In the return fixture at The Pan in February it was a much easier affair with a first half effort from Joe Taylor giving the Rooks a half-time lead. Two second half goals from Ryan Gondoh and Will Salmon rounded off a good afternoon in front of 750 fans.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 2 D 1 L 3 GS 13 GA 13**

### **About Imperial Fields**

The stadium itself is a recent development, the club having moved in 2002 from a decrepit all-wooden facility at Sandy Lane in Tooting, which had been declared a fire hazard but is now looking very tired.

The ground is certainly unique. One large main stand that straddles the centre of the pitch and two raised terraces behind the goal with a little roof on top. Views are excellent from most parts of the ground. On the far side of the ground there is a two-step terrace that sits in the shade. Picnic benches next to the main stand complete the unique look and feel of the ground. The clubhouse is accessible through the main stand as well as from the car park. Often there are private events going on in the function room adjacent to the pitch when games are going on, which is a little bizarre.

### **How to get to Imperial Fields**

Most of us will come via the M25 junction 8, heading north on the A217 Brighton Road.

Follow this north around the edge of Sutton town centre until you reach the Rose Hill roundabout. Take the third exit, still on the A217 and the ground is around a mile up this road on the right hand side opposite the BP garage. There is a decent size car park at the ground, alternatively it is street parking which may incur a parking ticket. Total journey time for the 53 mile journey from Lewes is around 1 hour 15 minutes.

The nearest station is actually the tram stop, Mitcham Station which links to the rail network at Wimbledon (6 stops), Mitcham (1 Stop), Croydon West and East (20-25 mins), plus others further east. Imperial Fields is 5 mins walk. Turn left on the road bridge station exit and keep walking. Morden Tube Station isn't too far away either - Morden station, on the Northern Line, is the nearest (about 20-25 mins) or buses 201, 118. The stations are in Zone 4. .

### **Admission at Imperial Fields**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens and carers), £6 for students and Under18s free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is the Crown Inn which is on London Road just fifty yards up from the Tram stop. Further up London Road is the White Hart (conflicting reports whether this is still open) but apart from that, pubs are actually quite thin on the ground close to the stadium. If you are coming on the tram from East Croydon you may want to have a beer around there or even head south towards Sutton which isn't that far away.

## Margate Football Club – “The Gate”

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**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** In the ground

**Twitter:** [@Margate\\_fc](#)



### About Margate Football Club

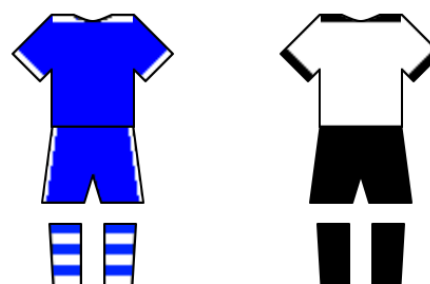
Founded – 1896

Manager – Reece Prestedge

Best league position – 8<sup>th</sup> in Conference Premier in 2001/02

Best FA Cup run – Third Round Proper twice, the last being in 1972/73 when they lost at home to Tottenham Hotspur 6-0

Ground Capacity – 3,000 of which 400 are seated (last season’s average was 448)



### How was last season?

It was a similar story for Margate last season of underperformance and managerial changes. Whilst they finished just two spots above the relegation zone, they were never in danger of the drop. They never won more than two league games in a row and had a poor record against the teams at the top, finishing the season with four consecutive defeats. It will be a tough job for new manager Reece Prestedge to build a squad capable of challenging this season, especially without a goal scorer – assistant manager Ben Greenlaugh scored 17 last year from midfield, the next most had 6.

Isthmian Premier League – 17<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 11 D 12 L 20 GS 48 GA 65 GD -17 PTS 44**

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round – Dulwich Hamlet (A) 1-2
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Billericay Town (A) 0-2
- Kent Senior Cup – Winners – Ramsgate (N) 1-1 but won 5-4 on penalties
- Isthmian League Cup – Quarter-Final – Whitehawk (H) 3-4

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### When did we last meet Margate?

It was another season of being undefeated against the ‘Gate, a record that now stretches back four seasons. In October we cruised to a 2-0 win against them, with a goal on the half an hour from Razz Coleman De-Graft then a last minute Joe Taylor effort against his old team to put the game to bed.

The game at Margate in April was a much tighter affair. Sam Blackman put the home

side ahead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute only for Tyrique Hyde to equalise, finishing off a superb move. But the lead only lasted four minutes before Soares-Junior capitalised on the Rooks failure to clear a corner. Fifteen minutes later and it was all square again, Joe Taylor with a cheeky back-heel from a low Jaydn Mundle-Smith cross. Two-all at half-time, two-all at full-time.

## **Our last six meetings**

**W 4 D 1 L 1 GS 13 GA 6**

### **About Hartsdown Park**

Hartsdown Park is still a work in progress. I know I also wrote that five years ago, and in every preview since but it is...so they tell us. This is partly due to the fact that the last decade some of the ground (including the Main Stand and terracing) have been demolished in preparation for the building of new structures, but due to off the field changes in the boom and bust economy of Non-League football and the revolving door of the boardrooms, the promised new stands or developments, include a hotel and new changing rooms, have failed to materialise.

At the Hartsdown Road End is the only structure remaining from the "old ground". This is quite unusual looking, as although it has a few steps of open terrace at the front, behind it has an enclosed covered terrace, which is sandwiched between the Clubhouse bar and other club buildings. If you stand on this terrace then to your left are a couple of temporary stands. They are situated either side of the half way and are all seated and covered. However, they are quite small being only four rows deep. The opposite side is dominated by portacabin-type structures that are located in the middle with some flat standing areas on either side. These contain the team dressing rooms and the team dugouts are located out front. The remaining Tivoli Park End (known locally as the 'Coffin End'), has a very small, covered terrace that is located directly behind the goal.

### **How to get to Hartsdown Park**

A23/M23 then M25 anti-clockwise. At junction 5, head down the M26 and then join the M20. At junction 7 head onto the A249 towards Sittingbourne then join the M2 at junction 5 heading towards Canterbury/Dover. On reaching the end of the M2 take the A299 towards Margate.

Stay on the A299 for sixteen miles, until you reach a roundabout which is the junction with the A28. At the roundabout take the second exit onto the A28 continuing towards Margate. After passing a BP garage on your right and then the Hussar pub, also on the right, you will pass through a set of traffic lights. Take the second right onto the George V Avenue. At the end of the road you will reach a T-Junction where you turn right into Hartsdown Road. The entrance to the ground is further down on the left. There is plenty of surrounding street parking available. Journey time for the 88-mile trip is two hours.

Margate station is located just under a mile from Hartsdown Park. It is served by trains from London St Pancras International, London Charing Cross and a slower route from London Victoria. As you come out of the main station entrance, bear right and walk up the station approach. At the roundabout turn right into All Saints Avenue and go under the railway bridge. Turn left into Tivoli Park Avenue and cross the road to walk alongside the park. After 350 yards turn right down a surfaced footpath. The path leads directly to the turnstiles.

### **Admission at Hartsdown Park**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £9 for concessions (senior citizens), £5 for Under18s and accompanied under 11's are admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

There's a decent sized Clubhouse bar at the ground. Margate Town Centre is around a 15-minute walk away, where there are plenty of pubs to be found. On the harbour arm is the, aptly named Harbour Arm micropub which is small but a decent pub when the sun is shining. Northern Belle pub on Mansion Street has been listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. The Xylo Brewing taproom on Marine Drive is most definitely worth a visit. Also, of note is the Lifeboat pub on Market Street, which also has a wide range of real ales and ciders.

## Potters Bar Town Football Club – “The Scholars”

The Lantern Stadium  
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**Tickets:** At ground

**Programme:** At ground

**Twitter:** [@PBTFCScores](https://twitter.com/PBTFCScores)

### About Potters Bar Town Football Club

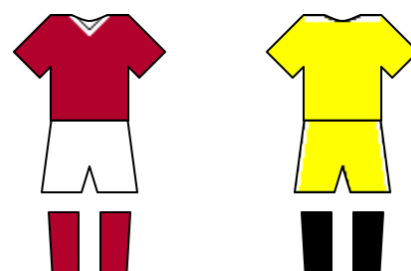
Founded – 1960 (as Mount Grace Old Scholars)

Manager – Max Mitchell

Best league position – 13<sup>th</sup> in the Isthmian Premier in 2021/22 and 2022/23

Best FA Cup run – Fourth Qualifying Round (twice), the last time in 2016/17 when they lost at Chesham United 1-0

Ground Capacity – 2,000 including 150 seats (last season’s average was 230)



### How was last season?

Few expected Potters Bar to be top of the league at the end of November, but that’s where they sat, helped by Sammy Moore and his ever expanding playing budget. But then as if by magic he was gone, heading south to bottom of step four Faversham Town. The team won 2 out of their next fifteen league games, conceding five goals on six occasions. Fortunately, new manager Max Mitchell managed to pick up enough points to keep them safe and even took them to the Velocity League Cup Final. Unless there’s a major increase in playing budget it could be a long season fighting against relegation for The Scholars next time around.

Isthmian Premier League – 13<sup>th</sup> - **P 42 W 16 D 5 L 21 GS 56 GA 86 GD -30 PTS 53**

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Road – Romford (H) 1-2
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Road – Heybridge Swifts (H) 0-2
- Herts Senior Cup – Second Round – Hitchin Town (A) 2-3
- Isthmian League Cup – Finalists – Aveley (A) 0-3

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### When did we last meet Potters Bar Town?

Nobody really wants to remind of the trip to Potters Bar in November. The Rooks were cruising at 3-1 up thanks to a Joe Taylor first half double, and a third from TQ Addy. Three clear cut chances were missed but it seemed meaningless as the game entered the last nine minutes. Even when the home side pulled a

goal back, the Rooks just needed to see out 4 minutes of injury time. But they didn’t – Potters Bar scored twice to take all three points and jump back to the top of the table in what turned out to be Sammy Moore’s last game in charge.

In late March it was more of a formality for the Rooks with first half goals from a flying Tom Champion and a rampant Joe Taylor. Whilst The Scholars pulled one back towards the end, the three points were never in doubt.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 2 D 2 L 2 GS 13 GA 15**

### **About The Lantern Stadium**

The Lantern Stadium is well-appointed and pleasant ground to visit. The main stand is a four-row affair that runs around half the way down one side of the pitch, resplendent in the club's blue and red colours. Behind the stand is a decent-sized clubhouse, upgraded in the summer with an outside marquee which also has screens up to watch Sky Sports. There's a small, covered stand in between the two dugouts on the far side of the ground whilst behind one goal is another small, covered area. An interesting bit of trivia for you – the turnstiles came from the Old Wembley Stadium.

### **How to get to The Lantern Stadium**

The ground is located close to junction 24 of the M25, meaning you have a choice as to whether to head clockwise or anti-clockwise when you reach junction 7 from heading up to M23. In terms of distance, it is within a mile either way (98/99 miles from Lewes and around 2 hours) so it will depend purely on the traffic – perhaps go clockwise on the way there, anti-clockwise on the way back so that

you can claim to have done a complete circuit in a day!

From the M25 junction 24 head north on Southgate Road until the junction with the A1000 and take a right into the High Street. After the BP garage on the left, take the next left in The Walk. The entrance to the ground is 100 yards on the right-hand side. It is street parking for everyone.

The nearest railway station is Potters Bar which is on the line from Kings Cross (around 17 minutes journey) or Moorgate (around 35 mins). From the station the ground is a 10-minute walk away – The Walk is opposite the station and simply head eastwards, taking the path on the left after 500 metres to the ground.

### **Admission at The Lantern Stadium**

Admission last season is £12 for adults, £8 for concessions (senior citizens and students), under 16s are admitted free of charge with an adult.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is The Admiral Byng in Darkes Lane which is a decent sized Wetherspoons. The Old Manor is an attractive looking pub almost next door to the station and is definitely worth a visit for their good selection of beers. There is a Harvester (The Oakmere) in the High Street about a five-minute walk from the ground.



## Whitehawk Football Club – “The Hawks”

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**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programmes:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@HawksFCOfficial](#)



### About Whitehawk Football Club

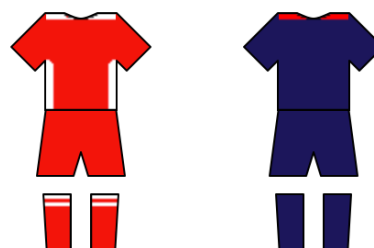
Founded – 1890

Manager – Shaun Saunders

Best league position – 4<sup>th</sup> in Conference South 2014/15

Best FA Cup run – Second Round – lost to Dagenham & Redbridge after a replay in 2014/15

Ground Capacity – 3,125 (last season’s average 468)



### How was last season?

The new look Hawks under the guidance of Shaun Saunders kept their nerve to win the play-off final against Hythe Town and return to the Isthmian Premier League after a four-year absence. The team were never far off the top five spots all season, although it was always going to be a two-horse race between Chatham Town and Ramsgate. However, a strong finish saw the Hawks consolidate 3<sup>rd</sup> place and they negotiated a play-off semi-final against Beckenham Town before a Charlie Harris goal in the final saw them promoted.

Saunders has continued to strengthen his squad in the summer, with the exodus of players from Hastings United including former Rooks Ben Pope and Jack Dixon.

Isthmian South-East League – 3<sup>rd</sup> - **P 38 W 20 D 9 L 9 GS 64 GA 37 GD +27 PTS 69**

- FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round – K Sports (A) 2-3
- FA Trophy – Third Qualifying Round – Folkestone Invicta (A) 1-1 lost 4-3 on penalties
- Sussex Senior Cup – Second Round – Newhaven (H) 1-2
- Isthmian League Cup – Semi-Final – Potters Bar Town (A) 1-2

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### When did we last meet Whitehawk?

Few Rooks will forget our last meeting which was a pre-season friendly back in 2021 when the Rooks won 3-1 but will be remembered for the vicious assault by Whitehawk’s centre-back Adam El-Abd on Joe Taylor, which saw both red carded and the game almost abandoned.

Our last league meeting was in March 2019 when Whitehawk beat Lewes 3-1 thanks to goals from Marsh-Brown, Acheampong and Henry Muggeridge. The Rooks goal was scored by current Hawk Ben Pope.

## **Our last four meetings (we've only played Whitehawk four times in the league)**

**W 1 D 0 L 3 GS 5 GA 9**

### **About The Enclosed Ground**

The Enclosed Ground is one of those grounds that looks good in the summer sunshine, with the rolling South Downs on one side, but come a wet night in February, can feel very exposed. It is only half a mile from the sea front, with the sea visible as you head down the Avenue from the racecourse at the top of the hill.

The ground is only three-sided with the Downs-side not being accessible for spectators. The Main Stand is a small covered seated stand, which is set back from the pitch and runs for around a quarter of the length of the pitch straddling the half way line. On the South side of this stand are some small buildings which house the club house and dressing rooms.

To keep pace with the Club's rise up the League Pyramid, before they fell back down, the capacity has been boosted by erecting temporary stands at either end of the ground. At the North End there are two banks of open seating, which were once in place at the Withdean Stadium whilst at the opposite end where are temporary stands, in four sections that are at different heights to one another.

### **How to get to The Enclosed Ground**

It will be the shortest away trip for most Rooks fans this season and easy to do by car. Head west on the A27 take the slip road sign posted Falmer/Rottingdean (B2123). Continue straight towards Rottingdean passing the Amex stadium on your right.

On reach a set of traffic lights which is the Woodingdean Junction, turn right by the Downs Hotel, towards the City Centre/Racecourse. At the next traffic lights turn left into Wilson Avenue (signposted East

Brighton Park). After passing the entrance to the Stanley Leisure Centre, continue further down the hill and then take a left into a narrow road (signposted East Brighton Park/Camping). Follow the narrow road round, passing an entrance to a caravan park and the ground entrance, is around to the right. There is a car park at the ground that holds 100 cars and the entrance road up to the ground is quite narrow, so it may be an idea to find one street parking on the residential streets off Wilson Avenue and walk over to the ground.

Brighton Central Railway Station is situated around two and half miles away from the ground. Either get a taxi or bus up to the ground. To take a bus; then from the Stance B stop at the railway station, take the Brighton and Hove Bus Company No 7 (towards Brighton Marina) or 27 (towards Saltdean) to Roedean Road (ask the driver to drop you off on this road near the Marina). After being dropped off, walk up Roedean Road to the traffic lights (keeping the gas pylon on your right) and turn left into Wilson Avenue. Then take the next right into a narrow road (signposted East Brighton Park/Camping). Follow the narrow road round, passing an entrance to a caravan park and the ground entrance, is around to the right.

### **Admission at The Enclosed Ground**

Admission last season was £10 for adults, £5 for concessions (senior citizens, students, NHS) and accompanied under 10s are admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

There is a small club house at the ground whilst around a 5-minute walk away is the Brighton Brewery taproom. Also, on the sea front is the Marina where the Master Mariner is known for its ales. You are only a short bus ride from the centre of Brighton where there are pubs a-plenty.

## Wingate & Finchley Football Club – “The Blues”

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**Tickets:** [Online](#)

**Programme:** [Online](#)

**Twitter:** [@WinFinchleyFC](#)

### About Wingate & Finchley Football Club

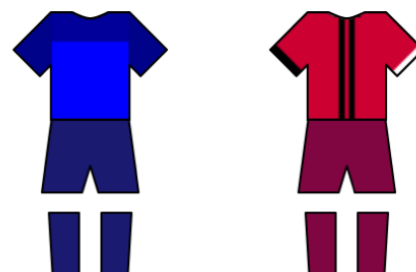
Founded – 1991

Manager – Ahmet Rifat

Best league position – 5<sup>th</sup> in the Isthmian League Premier Division in 2016/17

Best FA Cup run – Third Qualifying Round on three occasions, the last in 2015/16 when they lost at home to Weston-Super-Mare 3-1

Ground Capacity – 1,500 (last season’s average was 151)



### How was last season?

It took until the 22<sup>nd</sup> October until the club won their first league game, an impressive 3-0 win at Canvey Island. A few days later they beat Brightlingsea Regent 5-0, but they only won one more game before the end of the year. At this stage, they looked doomed and were in the relegation zone but after they lost 5-0 to us at the end of January they won five of the last eight to lift themselves out of trouble. Whilst results then were hit and miss, they won three of their last four games to secure Isthmian Premier League football for another season.

Isthmian League Premier Division – 16<sup>th</sup> - P 42 W 12 D 12 L 18 GS 53 GA 64 GD -11 PTS 48

- FA Cup – Second Qualifying Round – Hendon (A) 1-3
- FA Trophy – First Round Proper – Uxbridge (A) 2-4
- London Senior Cup – Semi-Final– Haringey Borough (A) 0-1
- Isthmian League Cup – Third Round – Hullbridge Sports (A) 2-3

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### When did we last meet Wingate & Finchley?

We kicked off our campaign last season with a 1-1 draw at Wingate & Finchley with our goal coming from midfielder Ronan Silva (remember him?) in the 51<sup>st</sup> minute, before Ryan Kearney equalising in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute on an absolutely roasting afternoon.

On a freezing cold evening in January, after our original home date in December was frozen off, the Rooks raced to a 4-0 first half lead, thanks to goals from Deon Moore, Joe Taylor double (one from the spot) and Ryan Gondoh, although the visitors had centre-back Michael Olarewaju red carded on the half hour mark. Wingate & Finchley put in a strong shift in the second half, and it was only

in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute when Lewes added a fifth with a superb effort from Rhys Murrell-Williams.

### **Our last six meetings**

**W 1 D 3 L 2 GS 11 GA 10**

### **About The Maurice Rebak Stadium**

The Maurice Rebak Stadium, named after one of the founders of the club is a pretty decent ground in pleasant surroundings. The main stand, notable for its art-deco curves and glass holds around 400 and is raised above ground level so that you get a nice, elevated view of the game. In front of is some uncovered terracing, backed by a hedge.

On the opposite side of the pitch is a very narrow covered terrace which allows away fans to huddle together a create a bit of a noise. There is a decent sized covered terrace to the left, behind the goal but at the other end there is very little room at the other end and it is just hard standing.

The bar is a decent size and his hidden under the main stand, with food served to the left of the entrance.

### **How to get to The Maurice Rebak Stadium**

The ground is actually relatively straight forward to find – the issue is the traffic! Head up the A23/M23 then head into London on the A2 and pass under the Blackwall Tunnel. Follow the A12 until it reaches the A406 North Circular at The Redbridge Roundabout and follow this west0wards (anti-clockwise). Stay on the A406 until you pass by the BP garage where the road reduces to two lanes. At the junction with the A1000 (East Finchley) leave the road. At the end of the slip road turn left at the lights. Go straight over the next set of lights, then after 100m pass through another

set of lights. Then at the next set of lights turn right into Summers Lane. The ground is a few hundred metres down on the right-hand side. Do NOT park in the rugby club next door as you may get locked in, instead use street parking. Distance from Lewes is 94 miles and should take around 2 hours to drive.

The nearest station is New Southgate in Travelcard Zone 4, approximately 1.5 miles from the ground.

At the top of the station steps take the right-hand gangway which brings you onto Station Road. Head left up Station Road towards bus stop. The regular 382 service to Millbrook Park goes via Summers Lane and takes about 5-10 minutes. You will need to alight at the Woodgrange Avenue stop, which is a short walk to the ground.

The nearest Underground station is West Finchley Station (Northern Line - High Barnet branch).

The station is a 10/15-minute walk away from the Ground. Alternatively go to East Finchley Station and get a 263 bus heading North towards Barnet. Get off at the bus stop just after Summers Lane traffic lights.

### **Admission at The Maurice Rebak Stadium**

Admission last season was £12 for adults, £6 for concessions (senior citizens and students), Under18s are admitted free of charge.

### **Fancy a beer?**

The nearest pub to the ground is the Elephant Inn on the corner of Ballards Lane and Hutton Grove (on the walk from West Finchley tube) which has some decent beers and a Thai restaurant upstairs. The Tally Ho is your nearest Wetherspoons, located as Finchley High Road splits just north of the ground but I'd imagine a fair few fans will head for the Bohemia in High Road, known for its excellent selection of craft beers.

# The Fenix Trophy

For the first time in our history, Lewes Football Club will be taking part in an international tournament in the 2023/24 season, having been invited to take part in the third edition of the Fenix Trophy, joining FC United of Manchester as England's representative.

The **FENIX TROPHY** is a ground-breaking international sporting event, promoted by the Milan-based football club Brera FC. Its inaugural staging has taken place between September 2021 and June 2022 between 8 non-professional clubs (each one paired with a charity partner), chosen for their exceptional social, historical and cultural distinctiveness. The competition has received UEFA's approval.

In the first edition, the teams represented 7 European countries: Italy, Spain, Poland, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Czech Republic. The 8 clubs involved were famous for a varied number of reasons: clubs rebuilt and run by the fans, clubs featuring significant social and cultural projects, clubs with extraordinary communication skills, etc. In short, a real European network among "cult" non-professional clubs. The competition was won by FC United of Manchester

The second edition, began in October 2022, saw a different format and an increased number of clubs and represented countries. 9 clubs from Italy, Spain, Poland, Belgium, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, Serbia, and Czech Republic faced each other in the FENIX Trophy 2022/2023, with Skjold from Denmark being the eventual winners.

The competition's meaning goes beyond the simple football aspect. The FENIX Trophy is an experience of sporting exchange, meant to highlight best practices within non-professional football: sporting conduct, bonds with the local community, sustainability, use of technologies, and friendship among clubs.

The trophy's symbol is a phoenix, the mythological bird that regenerates from its predecessor's ashes: it stands as a metaphor and a wish for the rebirth of new football models. FENIX, however, also has meaning as an acronym.

**FRIENDLY** — The distinctive character of the competition is based on creating a friendly environment for clubs, players, and supporters. This marks a significant difference from professional tournaments, where the clubs are set in arbitrary opposition to each other.

**EUROPEAN** — The tournament aims to develop a cooperative network between some of the most important cities in Europe: Milan, Rome, Manchester, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Warsaw, Prague and Valencia. Tournament travel is designed to increase a sense of European belonging among participants and supporters.

**NON-PROFESSIONAL** — The idea of the focus on amateur clubs is to draw attention to alternative football models. The purpose is to show that such alternatives, full as they are of fans' passion, can provide great sporting and social involvement.

**INNOVATIVE** — Such an event is unprecedented in the non-professional football world. An additional innovation is to bring clubs together based on affinity (in this case, being iconic clubs) rather than simply on football ranking (although the clubs are quite similar in their footballing level).

**XENIAL** — From the Ancient Greek *xénos*, the word indicates an attitude of hospitality towards strangers, maintaining a mutual respect of cultural differences. In each match, in fact, the away club

is fully hosted by the home team. The competition intends to make this attitude the shared sentiment of the tournament – and expand this idea outwards.

We will play in a group of three teams, playing each side home and away between November and April. The group winner, along with the three other group-topping sides, will progress to a finals weekend in May 2024, playing a semi-final and then either in a 3/4<sup>th</sup> Play-Off or the Final itself. In the 2022/23 season, the final was played at the San Siro, home of AC and Inter Milan.

The participants in the 2023/24 tournament have been announced as:

Group A		Group B		Group C		Group D	
<b>BK Skjold</b>	Denmark	<b>Prague Raptors</b>	Czechia	<b>FC United</b>	England	<b>KSK Beveren</b>	Belgium
<b>Enfield Town</b>	England	<b>Venus Bucuresti</b>	Romania	<b>Vinsky</b>	France	<b>Lewes</b>	England
<b>Llantwit Major</b>	Wales	<b>Gilla</b>	Finland	<b>Krakow Dragons</b>	Poland	<b>FC Oslo</b>	Norway

## Koninklijke Sportking Beveren (KSK) – “The Lions”

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**Tickets:** On the gate

**Programme:** At the ground

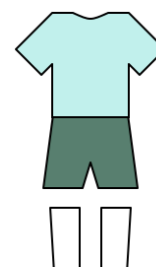
**Twitter:** [@KSK\\_Beveren](https://twitter.com/KSK_Beveren)

### About KSK Beveren (not to be confused with SK Beveren)

Founded – 1934, reformed as a fan-owned club in 2022  
Manager – Kristof Smet  
League – The 1<sup>st</sup> Provincial East-Flanders League (6<sup>th</sup> Tier)  
Best league position – Belgian champions 1978-79, 1983-84  
Best cup run – Belgian Cup winners 1977-78, 1982-83  
Best European run – Semi-finals 1979-80, losing to Barcelona  
Ground Capacity – 8,190



Home colours



Away colours

### How was last season?

The club finished fourth in the East Flanders league, qualifying for the play-offs, eventually losing out to Fenixx BeigHum 2-0. Only seven points separated seven teams in the end, with KSK holding off fierce competition on the last day of the season. They only took five points from their last five games.

### **About The Freethiel Stadium**

The stadium is the traditional home ground of SK Beveren and hosted many famous games including European Cup ties and a European Cup Winners Cup semi-final against Barcelona back in 1979 in front of a sell-out 25,000, having beaten Inter Milan in the previous round.

The club do not play all their games here which is the permanent home ground of SK Beveren or Waasland-Beveren (not to be confused), often having to play league games on the astro turf surface next door, which has a capacity of around 1,000 but it is hoped for our Fenix Trophy tie it will be hosted in the main stadium that has two big, covered stands, decked out in blue and yellow seats on either side of the pitch, one of which has executive boxes at the back and terracing at either end, one end of which is covered. Views are superb from whatever vantage point you decide to take.

### **How to get to The Freethiel Stadium**

Beveren is a two hour drive from Calais and the Eurotunnel terminal at Sandgatte. If this is your journey of choice then follow signs to the A16 from the terminal and head east in the direction of Dunkirk and Belgium. After 30 or so miles you'll enter Belgium and the road becomes the E40.

Follow for 55 miles until the Zwijnaarde junction where you need to follow signs for E17 Antwerpen. After 30 miles take exit 15a for Haasdonk onto the N485 towards Steendorp. After 1 mile turn left onto Heirstraat, then right onto W. van Doornyckstraat, left onto Zandstrat and left into Klapperstraat, left into Meerminnendam for the ground. There's plenty of parking there or on the surrounding streets.

If you are heading to Beveren by train then you'll most probably take the Eurostar to Brussels Midi. Walk to Brussels-Zuid and catch a train towards Anvers, changing at Antwerpen-Berchem (40 mins) for a train to Beveren (14 mins). The ground is a 1.5 mile walk away.

Antwerp Airport is the nearest airport which has regular flights from London City with Luxair. Brussels airport is a 40 minute drive away and has more services from London.

### **Admission at Freethiel Stadium**

Admission last season was €7 for Adults, 12-16 year olds €2 and under 12s were admitted free of charge.

### **Staying in Beveren**

Beveren has a couple of B & Bs not too far away from the ground such as the Koehuis Bosdam and Notarishuis but I would expect most to head to the bright lights of Antwerp 12 miles away where there are plenty of hotels on offer.

### **Fancy a beer?**

You really need a guide to where to drink in Belgium? Basically, anywhere and everywhere! Whilst there's not many bars close to the ground, many fans will probably divert into Antwerp where there are hundreds of options. There is the De Kruk on Glazenleeuwstraat that is a 10 minute walk from the ground that is recommended. At the ground you need to buy tokens for €2 each to pay for food and drink.

## FC Oslo (Gamle Oslo)

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**Tickets:** On the gate

**Programme:** At the ground

**Twitter:** [@fcoslo](https://twitter.com/fcoslo)

### About FC Oslo

Founded – 2017

Manager – David Driscoll

League – Kretsligaen Group Oslo 1 (Norwegian Fourth Tier)

Best league position – 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

Best cup run – 1<sup>st</sup> Round 2022, lost to KFUM

Ground Capacity – 1,000

### How was last season?

The club lost out on promotion to the third tier of Norwegian football on goal difference, finishing level on points with KFUM Oslo 2. This season

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### About Bjølsen Kunstgress

FC Oslo play around 3 miles north of the city centre, not too far from the national stadium, Ullevål. Facilities are modest at the sports ground which has a 3G pitch but not much cover for fans. However, the hospitality is top notch in the club house.

### How to get to Bjølsen Kunstgress

From Oslo Central Station you can take either bus 34 for 15 minutes to Tåson alle then walk 100 metres to the ground. Buses 54 and 57 also pass close by to the ground.

The nearest airport is Oslo Airport at Gardermoen, which is about 20 miles north east of the city centre. British Airways and SAS fly from London Heathrow, Norwegian fly from London Gatwick multiple times a day. The airport has a express train link to the city centre – it is fast, but it is expensive!

Ryanair fly to Oslo Sandefjord, or Torp airport which is 70 miles south west of Oslo and only linked by a very slow bus.

### Admission at Bjølsen Kunstgress

Admission is to be advised

### Staying in Oslo

Oslo has a range of hotels to cater for all budgets.



**Fancy a beer?**

Best take out a mortgage before thinking about a beer in Oslo! Whilst there are plenty of pubs and bars, alcohol is expensive in the city. A couple of notable bars are the Mikrobryggeri in Bogstadveien, Brygg Oslo in Storgata and the Oslo Brewing Company in Hausmanns gate. There is also a BrewDog in Mrkveien.

## 2023/24 Fixtures

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>Cray Wanderers</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Kingstonian	Away	League
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Potters Bar Town	Away	League
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>	<b>Hornchurch</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Bognor Regis Town	Away	League
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023</b>			<b>FA Cup</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>Folkestone Invicta</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>Hastings United</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023	Chatham Town	Away	League
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>Horsham</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>			<b>FA Trophy</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Canvey Island	Away	League
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Enfield Town</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Carshalton Athletic	Away	League
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Billericay Town</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Margate	Away	League
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Wingate &amp; Finchley</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Hashtag United	Away	League
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Haringey Borough</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Concord Rangers	Away	League
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Dulwich Hamlet</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Cheshunt</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whitehawk	Away	League
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023	Hornchurch	Away	League
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Bognor Regis Town</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Cray Wanderers	Away	League
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Potters Bar Town</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Billericay Town	Away	League
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Margate</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Carshalton Athletic</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024	Wingate & Finchley	Away	League
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Hastings United	Away	League
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Chatham Town</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Horsham	Away	League
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Canvey Island</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Enfield Town	Away	League
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<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>Hashtag United</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>League</b>
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