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**2.00PM SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

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FORWARD**



AFC Stoke Newington voted to join Clapton Community FC in 2019

# WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY BEING DIFFERENT: INTRODUCING THE WOMEN/NON-BINARY FIRST AND RESERVES PLAYERS COMMITTEE

**IN 2019, THE AFC STOKE NEWINGTON** first team — led by familiar faces Alice Sharpe, Emily Link, Phoebe Parthews, and Ciara Monaghan — voted to join Clapton Community FC, which had formed the previous season.

The decision was based on Stokey’s founding principle that women’s and non-binary (WNB) football should be run by women and non-binary players:

1. In joining Clapton, the women’s team would retain full governance of their set-up and decision-making
2. The club would commit to cultivating opportunities for women, girls and non-binary people to access football

**YOU CAN SEE THE OUTCOMES OF** the second across Clapton, from youth training to Open Access, with great thanks to far too many people to name here. Today, we’re talking about the first condition and how it manifests as our Players’ Committee. Our Players’ Committee is made

up not only of volunteers from our first and reserve teams but also non-playing members of wider Clapton. The committee is responsible for decisions regarding coaching staff, league set-up, training location, and more.

One of the committee’s most important jobs is organising our mid- and end-of-season player feedback surveys. The data gathered in these surveys is used to deliver feedback to coaches and guide staffing decisions.

By putting players in charge, we empower them to make decisions free from consistently harmful power dynamics, systemic abuse and discrimination.

**TAKE A LOOK AT THE ROLES BELOW,** and please reach out to our current members if you’d like to get involved. Together, we can change WNB football for the better:

- **WNB 1st and Reserves Players Committee**
- **General Secretary:** Chris Tymkow (CCFC member)

- **League Liaison:** Amy Louth (CCFC member)
- **Treasurer:** Elizabeth Atoyebi (player)
- **Welfare/Safeguarding:** Chelsie Sparks (player)
- **Team Admin:** Mim Chadwick (player)
- **Social Secretaries:** Allana Scoble, Annie Lyons, Noora Oikarainen (players)
- **Match Day:** Garry Strutt and Nick Davidson (CCFC members & photographers)
- **Comms:** Paul Cockerton (CCFC member)
- **DE&I:** All players and committee responsibility





## ALICE SHARPE WOMEN'S HEAD COACH

### THIS CLUB BELONGS TO YOU AND ME.

We say that so often it rolls off the tongue. It's found stuck in various locations across East London (and Brentford). It's our club's DNA. We are the pioneers of this beautiful club. We've built it from the ground up, from the scaffold down.

WNB football is in its pioneer phase, too, up and down the country, across the continent. Clubs are making decisions about their legacy, what football looks like for them, and for their local community. I would like to believe these decisions are being made by women and non-binary people, but so often they aren't the ones we see in the dugout or in the boardroom.

Our legacy isn't yet determined. We are working on it week by week, day by day. The WNB committee is a big part of that. Grassroots WNB football has always been a powerful force — the FA banning it for 50 years is testament to that. There is work to be done; WNB football is not a safe space for all in our community, but maybe here in the OSD it could be. And in years to come maybe a few more young people in Forest Gate find the joy in our scaffold, in the love of the game, and the hatred of the Tories. That feels like legacy to me.



**I am pleased to coach at a club which empowers the players to make decisions ... As WNB players reportedly (by FIFPRO study) name**

**coaches as their number one source for fear of violence it is imperative that coaches remain accountable for their practices and actions. Myself and Amii operate an open door policy and encourage feedback from players and the WNB committee to enable us to perform to our best. You have to leave your ego at the door as it's not about the coach but the players and the club.**

**Johanna, Reserves Assistant Coach**



**I've been at clubs where the "one club" policy overlooks the unique concerns WNB players face. Having our own committee means we are not**

**second class or unrepresented in a club that has such a strong men's team (which we love and support too!)**

**Amii, Reserves Head Coach**



## THE COMETS

WELCOME TO TODAY'S VISITING PLAYERS,  
COACHES, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

### GOALKEEPERS

JANELL MATHURIN  
CHELSIE SPARKS

### DEFENDERS

MIM CHADWICK  
ELENA DIANA  
LENNY HOLMES  
ANNIE LYONS  
JULIA MOULTON  
NOORA OIKARAINEN  
CHLOE OWEN  
ALLANA SCOBLE  
ALICE SHARPE  
KAYLEE SHURETY  
EVA VAN DER VLIET

### MIDFIELDERS

MARTA BOIRO  
TAYIAH EVANS  
REBEKAH HIGGINS  
ANA HOLMES  
LUCY SPOURS  
LI STEINER  
EGLE TREZZI  
RHIANNE WRIGHT

### FORWARDS

MARTA CASANOVAS  
CLAIRE HUGGINS  
EMILY LINK  
MARIA MENDONCA  
AIMEE SHAW  
SOPHIE UGUR

### THE COMETS

- Shannon Beisley
- Livia Capparelli
- Tara Copeland
- Olivia Dalton-Hoffman
- McKenna Doyle
- Whitney Duvall
- Jade Feige
- Diede Fennema
- Michelle Keating
- Arendje Louter
- Clara MacLeod
- Lauren Milne
- Pia Mingkwan
- Kariel Parian
- Shona Power
- Audrey Reid
- Moria Sloan
- Ellie Vaughan
- Lina Velcheva
- Kirsten Walker
- Marissa Wilkins
- Claire Wilson
- Elsa Wu

COMETS WERE FORMED IN 1999 by friends at London School of Law and joined the Greater London League Division Four in 2000. They have since added many Canadian and American players to the initial squad. They have risen up the divisions to the GLWFL Premier and also won the Capital Cup in 2019.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It's advantage Comets at the moment with three wins to two. In the GLWFL Division One in the Covid curtailed 2019/20 season, we won 5-2 at home but lost 4-2 away. In 2020/21, in the GLWFL Premier, we lost 2-0 away in the only meeting. In 2021/22 we won 2-0 away, but lost 4-2 at

home. Marta Boiro scored in both of those games.

### FORM GUIDE

Comets are near the top of the GLWFL Premier, one level below us, and had a good run in the Women's FA Cup beating Cray Valley PM and Wycombe Wanderers. The last two seasons they have finished runners-up - including losing to eventual champions Richmond & Kew on the final day last season.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Michelle Keating has scored five goals against us. However, newer names Marissa Wilkins and Audrey Reid are leading the scoring charts this season.

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

#### WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Dec 01	1.30pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Aylesford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 08	1pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Leatherhead (at Fetcham Grove)
Dec 15	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Denham United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Jan 12	2pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Bromley (at Hayes Lane)
Jan 26	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Richmond & Kew (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

#### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/VENUE
Nov 23	3pm	SCEFLC	(H) Sheppey Sports (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Nov 30	3pm	SCEFLC	(A) Tooting Bec (at High Road, Chipstead FC)
Dec 07	3pm	SCEFLC	(H) Bridon Ropes (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Dec 14	3pm	SCEFLC	(A) Rochester United (at Rochester United Sports Ground)
Dec 21	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Sporting Club Thamesmead (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)