

# CLAPTON COMMUNITY FC

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society wholly owned and run by our 1500 plus members. We have women's and men's first teams and development teams, open access women, non-binary and youth training, five-a-side teams, youth teams and a cricket team.

# OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, Rear of 212 Upton Lane. Forest Gate, London E7 9NP

The charity Old Spotted Dog **Ground Trust operates the OSD on** behalf of Clapton CFC members.

# HONOURS **CLUB**

- > 2021 Lockdown Heroes Award Winners - Football Supporters Association
- > 2023 Community Football Club of the Year - National Game Awards
- > 2023 Grounds Management **Association Volunteer Grounds** Team of the Year

#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 2023 Middlesex County **Football League Premier Division champions**
- > 2022 Alec Smith Premier **Division Cup winners**
- > 2019 Middlesex County Football League Division One Central & East champions
- > 2019 Jim Rogers Presidents **Cup winners**

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 2024 FSA Women's **Trophy winners**
- > 2023 FSA Women's **Trophy winners**

> 2022 John Greenacre **Memorial Trophy winners** 

#### **ATTENDANCES MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 1266 vs FC Roast at Stray Dog
- > 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 909 vs Stonewall FC at Wadham Lodge Stadium
- > 902 vs Kensington Dragons at Old Spotted Dog Ground

#### **ATTENDANCES WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- > 1153 vs FC United of Manchester at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 775 vs FC St. Pauli at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 500 vs Ashford at Old Spotted Dog Ground
- > 449 vs Leatherhead at **Old Spotted Dog Ground**

#### **APPEARANCES**

150 appearance medals: Dean Bouho and Jack Francis. 100 appearance medals: Geoff Ocran, Noah Adeiokun, Lucv Spours, Maria Mendonca, James Briggs, Emily Link, Li Steiner, Bailey Pryce, Fred Taylor, Cemal Agdelen, Charlie Fagan and Marta Boiro. 50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons, Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Daniel Anfossy, Fama Sangare, Fionn

Glancy, Joshua Adejokun,

Julian Austin, Lenny Holmes, Liam Smyth, Marta Casanovas, Mim Chadwick, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Samba Badjana, Sherwin Stanley, Stefan Kilron, Verity Phillips, Teju Callisto, Allana Scoble, Lewis Owiredu, Junia Charlton, James Pavely, Suleyman Zahmoul, Alice Sharpe, Jeffrey Twumasi, Joel Akuwudike, Ana Holmes, Khadir Elyas, Alasdair Gurney and Felix Murray

#### **COMPETITIVE WINS**

Men's first team: 11-1 vs Hereford Palace 2018 Women's first team: 14-0 vs St Margaretsbury 2023

#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

**Southern Counties East Football** League Division One // Essex FA Geoff Ocran - Manager Sham Darr - Assistant Manager Ridhwaan Yusuf - Head Coach Jack Mellors - First Team Coach Matt Bailey - First Team Coach Aqs Hafeji - Data Analyst Kasita Boateng - Physiotherapist

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

**London & South East Regional** Women's Division 1 North // London FA Alice Sharpe - Head Coach Brian Bramble - Coach Jack Francis - Coach

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# GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER

**ELMSTEAD LAST SATURDAY WAS** our second win in a week and considering how the game panned out, it would have been a major disappointment not to claim the three points.

It was a game where we were very comfortable defensively and the action zones were predominantly in the opposition's half but, it all counts for nothing as you know unless you hit the back of net.

So luckily we were able to make the breakthrough in the end in the last minute against nine men at the time to keep our play-off hopes alive.

Performance wise, it was much more fluent than Tuesday and our ball retention was much better in spells which correlated to a higher expected goals. This will be vital as we embark on a run of tough fixtures needing to be brave and try to impose our game on the opposition especially away from home.

Croydon will be a different team from earlier in the season having changed management mid-season but have maintained their position at the top end of the table. It is a must win as we need to close the gap on the teams above us so, it's business as usual at the OSD!

#Step6 #OSD #WeGoAgain **#SCEFL #ClaptonFamily** 

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# COACH PROFILE: AQS HAFEJI



PLACE OF BIRTH: Plaistow **WHERE YOU LIVE: Manor Park** DAY JOB: Academy Coach at Wealdstone FC Academy PREVIOUS CLUBS: West Ham **United Foundation U19s** ALL TIME FAVOURITE **PLAYER: Thiago Alcantara FAVOURITE TEAM, APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Liverpool FC BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:** Reaching Playoffs in my first season with Clapton CFC LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL: Losing in the Playoff Semi

Finals with Clapton CFC **LIKES AND HOBBIES:** 

I love playing and watching football. I also love food and occasionally enjoy running and cycling. **DISLIKES: Cats and dogs FAVOURITE COUNTRY** VISITED: The Gambia **FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak and Chips **FAVOURITE FILM: Taken 3** FAVOURITE TV: Bulletproof FOOTBALLING AMBITION: To manage a team in Step 1-4.

# **LEAGUE PERMUTATIONS**

With just six games to go - three at home, three away - there's still a chance of a play-off spot for the Clapton CFC Men's First Team. Only the team in top spot are automatically promoted with Forest Hill Park looking very likely to take that. The teams in second down to fifth play off in the week after the regular season finishes for the second promotion place.

At the moment, <u>CCFC sit in</u> seventh, just one point behind Soul Tower Hamlets in fifth. However, we have <u>played more</u> games than nearly all the other sides and if you work out how many points per game the teams have earned, we drop down to ninth. While that looks daunting, the gaps between the teams are quite small and the calculations <u>can go in our favour if we keep winning</u> and

those around us drop points.

It's a mixed blessing that we still have three games against teams above us in the table, starting today with Croydon, then next week at Sheppey Sports before ending on the last day with Forest Hill Park. Obviously they are more difficult to win, but if we do then the opponents drop points too.

Basically we just need to win as many games as possible and see where that takes us. If we fall short, then at least there's still a chance of silverware. The team are in the final of the SCEFL Division One Cup after beating Meridian VP, SC Thamesmead and Halls Athletic. The other finalists will be either Faversham Strike Force or Forest Hill Park, who play their semi-final on Wednesday (March 26). No venue or date for the final has been set yet.

#### SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Forest Hill Park 26 16 6 54 4 +19 **Faversham Strike Force** 27 14 +23 51 **Canterbury City** 29 14 +24 50 Croydon 27 14 5 8 +11 47 9 **Soul Tower Hamlets** 26 12 45 6 Sheppey Sports 13 5 9 +12 44 **Clapton Community** 44 **Bridon Ropes** 27 12 8 44 **Rochester United** 23 4 +13 37 10 SC Thamesmead 26 8 12 6 36 11 Tooting Bec 25 +2 34 12 FC Elmstead 34 13 Staplehurst Monarchs 9 32 0 14 Halls AFC 28 10 16 32 15 Lewisham Borough 25 10 31 17 -21 16 Greenways 27 24 17 Welling Town 28 19 17 18 Meridian VP 27 24 -48 Last updated: 18th March 2025

# **NON-LEAGUE DAY**

TODAY IS NON-LEAGUE DAY (NLD), which was set up in 2010 and has now grown to become an annual celebration scheduled to coincide with an international break.

Non-league football is rising in popularity all year round with NLD definitely playing a key role in that. Happily, its founder James Doe may be at the Old Spotted Dog Ground today.

Due to fixture quirks, this is only the second occasion we've had a home game on Non-League Day, the last being a 5-2 win <u>against Stonewall</u> in 2019 in front of a crowd of 909.



# CCFC OVER 35s International

The newly-affiliated Clapton CFC
Men's Over 35s team staged the
biggest game in their short history
on Saturday, as they welcomed
Madrid side Club Deportivo
Parque Verde to London for an
international friendly. Both teams
exchanged replica shirts, with
Parque Verde also gifting CCFC a
scarf, which will be on display in
the OSD clubhouse very soon.

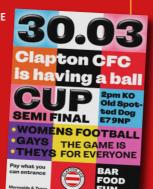
Clapton CFC Over 35s 1-1 CD Parque Verde.



# CLAPTON CFC IS HAVING A BALL

**NEXT SUNDAY IT'S ONE** of our biggest games of the season here at the Old Spotted Dog Ground as our Women's First Team play in the semi final of the London and Southeast Regional Women's League Trophy.

To make the day even more special, we're partnering with Baller Friends



Collective to host a Football v Transphobia extravaganza. Baller FC was born out of a desire to create inclusive spaces to watch women's football after years of tromping between pubs that either refused to show the WSL or relegated it to a tiny TV in the dingiest corner of the bar. They host watch parties for WSL matches and more, drawing nearly 500 people to their World Cup Final event in 2023.

On 30 March, they're bringing their party to the OSD. You're reading this at the Clapton CFC Men's First Team match. Think about what this club stands for. Do you know? Then we'll see you on the 30th. Bring yer mum.



# CROYDON FC ......

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

CROYDON FC WAS FOUNDED AS Croydon Amateurs in 1953 to provide football at the newly built Croydon Sports Arena, where they still play. They reached as high as Isthmian Premier (tier 3) in the early 2000s but dropped down to tier 6 by 2019.

Since then they've finished just outside the playoffs each season but are the current London Senior Trophy holders. They are not to be confused with the 'sell out' Stormzy-owned AFC Croydon Athletic.

# FORM GUIDE

The early pacesetters until manager Antonio Gonnella and half the team left to join Forest Hill Park. After a difficult initial transition, Ryan Watts and Alex White arrived as joint managers from SC Thamesmead, bringing many players too. 4 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat since has kept them in the play-off spots.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A game of two halves saw Croydon go 4-0 up - only for 10 man CCFC to score three times in the last 11 minutes to almost snatch a draw. Emphasising what a different side they now are, all four of the Trams' goals were scored by players now at Forest Hill Park.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kanan Fitton has 9 goals across spells with Thamesmead and Croydon. He was the top scorer in the division two seasons ago with FC Elmstead.

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## **UPCOMING FIXTURES**

### MEN'S FIRST TEAM

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DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VEN	

Mar 29 3pm SCEFL (A) Sheppey Sports (at Holm Pa		(A) Sheppey Sports (at Holm Park, Sheppey United FC)	
Apr 05	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Staplehurst Monarchs (at Jubilee Sports Ground)
Apr 12	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Welling Town (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Apr 19	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Lewisham Borough (at Ladywell Arena)
Apr 26	2nm	SCEEL	(H) Forget Hill Park (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

#### DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Mar 23	1.30pm	LSERWFL	(A) Leatherhead (at Fetcham Grove)
Mar 30	2pm	LSERWFLT	(H) Soccer Elite Football Academy (at OSD Ground)
Apr 03	7.45pm	LSERWFL	(A) Hackney (at Wadham Lodge Stadium)
Apr 06	2pm	LSERWFL	(H) Denham United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Apr 13	2pm	LSFRWFL	(A) Actonians Reserves (at Gunnersbury Park)

# RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES

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## **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Mar 15	SCEFL	CCFC vs FC Elmstead	1 - 0 💌
Mar 11	SCEFLC	CCFC vs Meridian VP	2 - 1 👿
Mar 08	SCEFL	CCFC vs Tooting Bec	2 - 4
Mar 01	SCEFL	CCFC vs Bridon Ropes	3 - 0
Feb 22	SCEFL	Faversham Strike Force vs CCFC	3 - 2

## **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
Mar 16	LSERWFL	CCFC vs Richmond Park	4 - 0	W
Mar 02	LSERWFLT	CCFC vs Hackney	2-0	W
Feb 23	LSERWFL	Bromley vs CCFC	2 - 0	L
Feb 09	LSERWFLT	CCFC vs Ashford United	3-0	W
Jan 26	LSERWFL	CCFC vs Richmond & Kew	2 - 3	L

# TABLES



MEN'S FIRST TEAM



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



# TOP GOALSCORERS

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#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 19 Fred Taylor
- 9 Julian Austin
- 8 Noah Adejokun
- 7 Cameron Gordon
- 4 Louis Brown

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 13 Emily Link
- 7 Taiyah Evans
- 6 Rebekah Higgins
- 5 Egle Trezzi
- 4 Aimee Shaw, Marta Casanovas

### TOP APPEARANCES

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#### **MEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 36 Jack Francis
- 32 Fred Taylor
- 31 Julian Austin, Noah Adejokun
- 30 James Briggs, Junia Charlton
- 28 Ross Broadway

#### **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM**

- 22 Kaylee Shurety
- 21 Emily Link, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro
- 20 Egle Trezzi, Lucy Spours
- 19 Aimee Shaw
- 18 Li Steiner, Marta Casanovas

## MANAGER

**GEOFF OCRAN** 

### GNALKFFPFRS

JOSHUA BOATENG **TOBY EMERSON** JACK FRANCIS **ROBIN PHILPOTT** 

## DEFENDERS

ADII ALL **DEAN BOUHO** ANDREA CAIO JUNIA CHARLTON SAM COOK **CHARLIE FAGAN** JOSHUA GEORGE ALASDAIR GURNEY SEB HARTWELL STEFAN KII RON **FELIX MURRAY BAILEY PRYCE ADAM SIDKY GUS STEELE** TAMI UNUEFA

### MIDFIELDERS

CEMAL AGDELEN GABRIEL **AKUWUDIKE** JOEL AKUWUDIKE JULIAN AUSTIN JAMES BRIGGS **ROSS BROADWAY** SHAM DARR AZARIAH **GEORGE-LAWAL** FIONN GLANCY JAMES GOLDRING **GEOFF OCRAN** JAMES PAVELY NOAH SALAMA JEFFREY TWUMASII

## FORWARDS NOAH ADFJOKUN

TERRY AMOAFO

LOUIS BROWN CAMERON **GORDON** TAYLAN GUL ANDRE ODEKU **FMMANUFI OLASEHINDE LEWIS OWIREDU SHERWIN** STANLEY FRED TAYLOR JACOB WINTOUR ARTHUR WRIGHT **SULEYMAN** ZAHMOUL

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TOM BARTON **ALFIE CLARK** LIAM CORMACK **CAOLITE DEAKIN** FDWARD DWYFR **KANAN FITTON** TOM FRIEND

## CROYDON FC

**DAVID GREEN** JOEDON **GUGAS-COWIN** SAM **HUGHES-PENNEY** RAMONE LEWIS **CAMERON** MACMILLAN

RYAN MCCOURT **KAMEIKO** POPE-CAMPBELL KIERAN RUFUS ALVIN TURYATEMBA THOMAS WALTERS JACK WHITE

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