

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

- > 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

- > 2022 John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners
- > 2023 FSA Women's Trophy winners

> 2024 FSA Women's Trophy winners

RECORDS

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.
100 appearance medals:
Geoff Ocran, Jack Francis,
Noah Adejokun and Lucy Spours.
50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons,
Arthur Wright, Bailey Pryce, Carl
Paul, Cemal Agdelen, Daniel Anfossy,
Emily Link, Fama Sangare, Fionn
Glancy, Fred Taylor, James Briggs,
Joshua Adejokun, Julian Austin,
Lenny Holmes, Li Steiner, Liam

Smyth, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Mim Chadwick, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Samba Badjana, Sherwin Stanley, Stefan Kilron, Verity Phillips, Charlie Fagan, Teju Callisto, Allana Scoble, Lewis Owiredu, Junia Charlton and James Pavely.

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 – player/manager
Sham Darr – assistant manager
Ridhwaan Yusuf – first team coach
Jack Mellors – first team coach
Matt Bailey – assistant first
team coach
Carl Paul – player-coach
Kasita Boateng – physio
Ags Hafeji – data analyst

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

London & South East Regional Women's Division 1 North // London FA

Jason Murray – head coach Brian Bramble – assistant manager Sunny Hunjan – goalkeeper coach

ONLINE

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GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM HEAD COA

FOR THE SEVENTH SEASON NOW... 'WE GO AGAIN!' We are in a similar situation to where we found ourselves last season - new league, new teams, new grounds. However, it's nothing we haven't encountered before so we'll use the first half of the season to acclimatise and then take it from there.

Historically, I've not really paid too much attention to pre-season results even though it's always good for confidence as a whole to win games but, it's really about the required outcomes which takes priority rather than the score lines. We specifically went with higher tier opposition (Cheshunt, Fisher and Woodford Town) where possible to really assess where we are from a fitness and tactical perspective. It's also a learning curve for the players in regards to the levels of sharpness, which is often required and the difference why players in the pyramid play where they do.

In terms of signings this season, we have strengthened in all departments including a young keeper with lots of potential. They are a mixture of youth, experience, promoted development players and also players with experience of the SCEFL which is a good resource for intel and preparation.

Naturally expectations will be higher than last season, having established ourselves as a step 6 Team so we wouldn't want to aim for lower than the play-offs again this season. We also won't pay too much attention to the pre-season league predictions as I'm sure no one put us down to finish in the play-offs last season.

We just want to make a positive start to the season having two successive home games, then reassess after 10 games. A new adventure for the players, fans, members and everyone at the club so everyone please take a seat and enjoy the show throughout the season.

PLAYER PROFILE: ROSS BROADWAY

PLACE OF BIRTH: Nottingham HEIGHT: 6ft 1/185cm

WHERE YOU LIVE: Soon to be North/

East London

DAY JOB: Strategy at Arsenal FC PREVIOUS CLUBS: Tooting Bec, Risborough Rangers, Cambridge University

ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Steven Gerrard

FAVOURITE TEAM. APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Liverpool FC BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL:

Winning a University League/Cup double at Selhurst Park in front of my family and friends

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:

Watching Liverpool lose the Champions League Final in Paris after being tear gassed LIKES AND HOBBIES: Snowboarding, digging for music, padel **DISLIKES: Man City FC, Tories, Fred**

FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Basque Country

FAVOURITE FOOD: Ramen FAVOURITE FILM: Inception FAVOURITE TV: The Wire FOOTBALLING AMBITION: To win a Promotion / Cup double with a special group of players



THEY WORE THE SHIRT: LIAM SMYTH

LIAM, A HISTORY TEACHER, JOINED us in 2018 after being out of the game for eight years due to a back injury, having previously played for Stansted, Ilford and Waltham Forest. He is fondly remembered as a combative attacking full back. Liam's place in our history is assured as he is the first CCFC player to score a league goal. His equaliser just after half-time set us on the way to winning the inaugural league game at Ealing Town.

Whenever Liam scored he always finished on the winning side! 2018/19 2-1 win at Ealing Town in the MCFL. 2018/19 3-1 home win against Epping Town in the Anagram Records Trophy 2019/20 4-0 home win against CB Hounslow United Reserves in the MCFL 2021/22 3-2 home win against Manford Way in the BBC Essex Premier Cup

DEBUT

7/8/18 Enfield Town away in The Brian Lomax Trophy.

Last first team appearance:

31/9/22 Larkspur Rovers at home in the MCFL.

HONOURS

2018/19 MCFL Central and East title 2018/19 Anagram Records Trophy runner up. 2019/20 Management Player of The Season. 2021/22 Alec Smith Premier Cup winner.

Season	League		Cups		Total	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
18/19	13	1	10	1	23	2
19/20	14	1	5	-	19	1
20/21	4	-	3(1)	-	7(1)	-
21/22	11(5)	-	7	1	18(5)	1
22/23	(3)	-	-	-	(3)	-
Total	42(8)	2	25(1)	2	67(9)	4

Substitute appearance in brackets.

Gary Price

SOME CHANGES THIS SEASON

AS THE MEN'S FIRST TEAM HAVE MOVED SIDEWAYS INTO A NEW LEAGUE, THERE ARE SOME CHANGES YOU MAY NOTICE...

THE MINIMUM ADMISSION charge in the Southern **Counties East Football** League is £5, compared to £4 in the Eastern Counties League. This means we have been forced to put up the price of a standard admission to games to £5. We still offer a huge range of concessions options for anvone who needs it and they can pay what they

- Clapton CFC members
- Newham residents
- Teenagers (13 to 19)
- Over 60s
- Students and apprentices
- Trade union members
- Unemployed people and those on low income
- People with disabilities and health conditions
- Refugees,
- asylum seekers and undocumented migrants.

The concessions option is available to anyone who needs it. No ID is required, we will take your word for it. At the turnstile, just say that you are a concession (you don't need to say which) and pay what you want. If you can afford it, however, please do pay the £5 standard admission price.

YOU CAN NOW FIND SCEFL match updates on Football Web Pages,



which is a website and app. That means you will be able to find Clapton CFC live scores on there as well as on Twitter plus all the other games in our league will be on there too. Download the app or visit the website: footballwebpages.co.uk

WE ARE STILL MANDATED to carry a full-page advert and logos for the sponsor of the league in every issue of our programme, which you will see on p6. Last season it was Thurlow Nunn, this season it is Presence & Co. We don't receive anything for this, or have any say, it's a requirement to play in the league.

ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARDS are in use in the SCEFL so you may see that in action today. They are used to indicate subs on/off and for time added on at halftime and full-time.

FIXTURES UPDATE

Both of our first teams have been given their first 10 games of the league seasons. The Women's First Team season starts on Sunday, August 18 also at home, against Actonians Reserves.

The Men's First Team season obviously begins today and then we host Faversham Strike Force here next Saturday. That's followed by trips away to Sporting Club Thamesmead and Halls Athletic.
Our second ever FA Vase campaign begins on September 21 at home to Hoddesdon Town.

We don't have fixtures beyond September yet. However, it will be year three of the league's ground hop on the weekend of October 4, 5 & 6. Games will be spread across Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon. Games will take place on Saturdays December 21 and 28 and January 4. However, the game on the 28th can be moved to Boxing Day if both clubs agree. This season's Non-League Day will be on Saturday, March 22.

NEW SIGNINGS

There are several new signings for the Men's First Team, and others have stepped up from the Development Team. However, due to space issues in this programme, we'll give more details on them in next week's programme.





GREENWAYS FC

SOUTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE DIVISION ONE SOUTH

FOUNDED IN 1965 AS NALGO FC, the sporting wing of the National and Local Government Officers' Association trade union, Gravesend-based Greenways competed in various regional Kent leagues until 2018, when they were promoted to SCEFL Division 1.

They had rarely finished in the bottom half until last season's last place finish. However, Greenways were reprieved from relegation due to league reconstruction that also saw Clapton CFC join them in the Southern Counties. Manager Rob Jeffrey has moved upstairs after a whopping 14 years with former player Andy Pierce stepping into the manager's job for the club's 60th anniversary year. Previously playing 15 miles south of Gravesend, in Aylesford, Greenways have now agreed a groundshare with

SCEFL Div 1 counterparts Rochester United, bringing them significantly closer to home.

FORM GUIDE

In pre-season, they have mainly tested themselves against higher opposition, with an 8-0 defeat to (two levels higher) Erith Town and losing 2-0 to Glebe and 1-0 to Punjab United (both one level higher). In their only game against another Step 6 side, they lost to Sheppey Sports 4-2 while they beat Hollands & Blair U23s 3-1.

PREVIOUS Meetings

None.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Forward Tom Reardon netted 10 times last season during a difficult campaign, though it's not clear if he's still with the club this season. Most goals in pre-season have been credited to trialists. OUR OFFERS: 0.75% property sale fee | Three months free property management





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UPCOMING FIXTURES

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

Aug 10	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Faversham Strike Force (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 17	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Sporting Club Thamesmead (at Bayliss Ave, Erith Town FC)
Aug 24	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Halls Athletic (at Erith Sports Centre)
Aug 26	3pm	SCEFL	(H) Soul Tower Hamlets (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 31	3pm	SCEFL	(A) Welling Town (at Mayfield Place, Phoenix Sports FC)

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE TIME COMP OPPONENTS/VENUE

DATE	TIME	COMP	OPPONENTS/ VENUE
Aug 04	2pm	Friendly	(H) Leyton Orient (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 07	7.45pm	Friendly	(H) Welling United (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 11	2pm	Friendly	(H) Sport London E Benfica (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 18	2pm	LSEWRFL	(H) Actonians Reserves (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)
Aug 25	3pm	LSEWRFL	(A) Dulwich Hamlet Reserves (at St. Saviour's & St. Olave's)

RESULTS - PRE-SEASON GAMES

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
Jul 27	Friendly	CCFC vs Camden & Islington United	3 - 0	W
Jul 23	Friendly	CCFC vs Fisher	1-6	L
Jul 20	CCC	Cheshunt vs CCFC	4 - 2	L
Jul 20	CCC	Harlow Town vs CCFC	1-1	D
Jul 13	Friendly	C.D. Independiente de Vallecas vs CCFC	2 - 1	L

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

DATE	COMP	OPPONENTS	RESULT	
Jul 27	FSAWT	Enfield Town vs CCFC	1-3	W
Jul 24	Friendly	Barking vs CCFC	2 - 1	L
Jul 21	Friendly	CCFC vs Sutton United	5 - 2	W
Jul 13	Friendly	C.D. Independiente de Vallecas vs CCFC	2 - 0	L

TABLES

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO VIEW



WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM





2023/24 SEASON FINAL STATS

TOP GOALSCORERS

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 17 Noah Adejokun
- 10 Julian Austin
- 6 Fred Taylor
- 5 Arthur Wright, James Briggs, Sherwin Stanley, Taylan Gul
- 4 Joel Akuwudike, Cameron Gordon

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

22	Teju Callisto
14	Emily Link
13	Marta Casanovas,
	Maria Mendonca
	Maria Meriuorica
8	Egle Trezzi

TOP APPEARANCES

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

44	Jack Fr	ancis

- 39 Noah Adejokun, Dean Bouho, Bailey Pryce
- 38 James Briggs, Jeff Twumasi
- 37 Junia Charlton
- 35 Charlie Fagan

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

- 28 Li Steiner, Maria Mendonca
- 27 Marta Casanovas
- 26 Verity Phillips, Lucy Spours
- 25 Marta Boiro
- 24 Emily Link

MANAGER

GEOFF OCRAN

GOALKEEPERS

JOSHUA BOATENG TOBY EMERSON JACK FRANCIS ROBIN PHILPOTT

DEFENDERS

ADIL ALI
DEAN BOUHO
ANDREA CAIO
JUNIA CHARLTON
SAM COOK
CHARLIE FAGAN
JOSHUA GEORGE
ALASDAIR GURNEY
SEB HARTWELL
BAILEY PRYCE
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JAMES GOLDRING
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GREENWAYS

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