

# **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, over 35s team and a cricket team.

# OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, 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**

- > 2024 FSA Women's Trophy winners
- > 2023 FSA Women's Trophy winners
- > 2022 John Greenacre Memorial 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

- > 952 vs Croydon FC 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
- > 467 vs Soccer Elite Academy 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 Adejokun, Lucy
Spours, Maria Mendonca, James
Briggs, Emily Link, Li Steiner,
Bailey Pryce, Fred Taylor, Cemal
Agdelen, Charlie Fagan , Marta Boiro,
Julian Austin and Marta Casanovas.
50 appearance medals: Annie Lyons,
Arthur Wright, Carl Paul, Daniel
Anfossy, Fama Sangare, Fionn

Glancy, Joshua Adejokun, Lenny Holmes, Liam Smyth, 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

# ONLINE

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# GEOFF OCRAN MEN'S TEAM MANAGER



BARRING A MIRACLE I WOULD say our play off hopes are realistically over. Mathematically we still have a chance but we need too much to go our way in the final three games.

So in terms of our season objectives, we've fallen short of our expectations and will have to reassess before going again next season. There are various reasons why but I would say the main two factors would be our away form and dropping too many points against other play-off rivals in the league.

Despite having the majority of play and chances away at Staplehurst Monarchs last week, we were unable to produce the quality in the final third to at least come away with a point. Yes, it was a

rotated side due to injuries and availability, but there are no excuses to not come away with three points against a side of that quality.

Only three league games left now so we want to finish as high as possible and gain some momentum for the Cup final. This starts today against Welling Town where a reaction is required in response to the last two poor displays which have been well below par for our standards.

> #WeGoAgain #OSD #ClaptonFamily #Step6 #NonLeague

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# COACH PROFILE: TOM MARSLAND



PLACE OF BIRTH: Manchester HEIGHT: 5ft 10 WHERE YOU LIVE: Dalston DAY JOB: Head of Policy, Public Affairs and Research at Sense PREVIOUS CLUBS: Dukinfield Tigers, Crown and Cushion FC. Clapton Ultras **ALL TIME FAVOURITE PLAYER: Eric Cantona FAVOURITE TEAM. APART FROM CLAPTON CFC: Manchester** United and Hyde United **BIGGEST HIGH IN FOOTBALL: Any** time one of my Dev Team 'sons'

makes their debut for the first team

LOWEST POINT IN FOOTBALL:

John Nobleman...'offside'... LIKES AND HOBBIES:

Cricket, darts, landfill indie, gigs **DISLIKES:** Mushrooms, foul throws, Dulwich Hamlet, people

chatting in the Scaffold

**FAVOURITE COUNTRY VISITED: Canada** 

**FAVOURITE FOOD: Gravy FAVOURITE FILM: Pride** 

**FAVOURITE TV: Arrested Development** FOOTBALLING AMBITION:

A CCFC 1st team starting XI made up entirely of players who came through the Dev Team

# THE MCFL PREMIER DIVISION YEARS

Gary Price

Due to Covid, only the final two of our four seasons in the Premier Division were played to completion. We were in sixth place nine points behind leaders Brentham with 13 games left to play when the 2019/20 was curtailed.

The following season only four fixtures were possible before the league was wound down at the end of October. Inconsistent away form hampered our title hopes in 2021/22 when we finished third, 11 points behind champions NW London.

The title was secured the following season with two games to spare as we finished eight points clear of runners up Shepherds Bush.

Season	Home					Away					Total						
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
2018/19	17	5	2	1	19	8	4	2	3	23	22	9	4	4	42	30	31
2020/21	4	0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	4	0	2	1	1	6	3	7
2021/22	26	9	3	1	37	21	6	1	6	28	22	15	4	7	65	43	49ª
2022/23*	25	12	1	0	42	13	8	2	2	33	20	20	3	2	75	33	63 <sup>b</sup>

\*Champions a Away game at AEK not played due to resignation. Home game against Brentham abandoned, not replayed. bAway game at AVA not played due to resignation.

### **BIGGEST HOME WIN**

CCFC 7-2 Cricklewood Wanderers Taylor(4), J Adejokun, Austin, Bouho

### **BIGGEST AWAY WIN**

Stonewall 2-6 CCFC Owiredu(3), Stanley(3)

### **BIGGEST HOME DEFEAT**

14/8/21

CCFC 2-4 FC Soma Wright, Yfeko

## **BIGGEST AWAY DEFEAT**

5/10/19

Cricklewood Wanderers 5-0 CCFC

# **CLAPTON CFC'S EXPERIMENT** IN MIITIIAI AIN – FIVF YFARS NN

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE START OF THE coronavirus pandemic was five years ago - it seems like only yesterday. Most of us were facing furlough from work, social distancing and the fear of illness: within months, Newham has the worst coronavirus death rate in England and Wales.

With football cancelled, the club made an important decision: to launch a hardship fund, setting ourselves the goal of raising £5000. In the first 24 hours, we had raised £1500 from the generosity of our supporters. Over the course of the pandemic, we eventually raised £14,898.

Since then, we have not

really talked about this experiment in mutual aid, despite winning an award for it from the Football Supporters Association. I think a lot of this is about not wanting to dwell on a very painful period when so many of us knew people who had died or friends who were bereaved.

It is, nevertheless, a project we should feel proud to have organised, because it epitomises the values of solidarity and collective action that Clapton CFC stands for.

As a trustee of another charity that distributes grants, I know there is always a tension about the hierarchical nature of making donations, an imbalance of power between the gatekeepers of the money and the people who need it most.

Yet our hardship fund was remarkable for operating on a simple set of principles: no criteria or strings, simply on the basis of need, with no requirement to specify what you needed the money was fo<u>r and no</u> upper limit. We were clear that when funds were

exhausted, then they were gone. We trusted people who needed to dip into it to recognise this.

The distribution of funds was also anonymous: deliberately, very few people knew who had applied and we will never say. I do know, however, that we gave out 76 hardship donations, totalling £14,894, with a few multiple donations to people who were really struggling. The last donation was over three years after the start of the pandemic.

The idea to begin the hardship fund was an experiment in mutual aid: faced with a crisis we knew the system we live in was ill-equipped

clean sheets were kept, while we failed to score on seven occasions.

10,402 fans watched the home games when entry was permitted with an average of 325 per game.

### **70 PLAYERS APPEARED**

#### **LEADING APPEARANCES**

- 71 Jack Francis
- 70 Dean Bouho
- 48 Noah Adejokun, Fred Taylor
- 46 Geoff Ocran.

### **28 GOAL SCORERS**

### **LEADING GOAL SCORERS**

- **36** Fred Taylor
- 22 Sherwin Stanley
- 19 Noah Adejokun
- 17 Julian Austin
- 15 Arthur Wright



to cope with – and a government that seemed completely clueless – the most important resource we had was each other. The money we raised was shared unconditionally, not subject to means testing or strict conditions.

Most importantly, from the emails we received back from members we showed our solidarity to, we know it helped. It remains one of the small but vital projects within Clapton CFC that I'm most proud of participating in.

Kevin Blowe

# LATERAL MOVE REQUESTED

The Men's First Team have formally applied for a lateral move back to the Eastern Counties League Division One South. That's the league where we played last season before being moved southwards to the south-of-the-river Southern Counties East Football League this season. While there's no guarantee it will be successful, at least the FA decision makers know this is our preferred option.



# WELLING TOWN FC

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

WELLING TOWN (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH Welling United) only formed in 2014 as a Sunday league team but have packed in a lot in that decade.

After their switch to Saturday football, they won three cups and a couple of back to back promotions in county football, then were rewarded with a three division jump into the Southern Counties East Football League. They won the title and promotion in their first SCEFL season too, but that upward curve took a knock with relegation last season. They've also played at five different groundshares.

## FORM GUIDE

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Welling are second bottom but with Canterbury City taking voluntary relegation they are very unlikely to be relegated themselves. Three wins and a draw in their last six games means they are finishing the season strongly too and could escape the drop zone without needing a reprieve.

# PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was a bitter blow in our meeting at Erith Leisure Centre, controlling the game and going 2-0 up but drawing 3-3 after conceding the equaliser from a free-kick with the last kick of the game.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH

Prolific striker Timothy Monsheju scored 18 goals for Soul Tower Hamlets this season but recently transferred to Welling. OUR OFFERS: 0.75% property sale fee | Three months free property management





#### About Presence & Co.

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(H) Brentford (at Old Spotted Dog Ground)

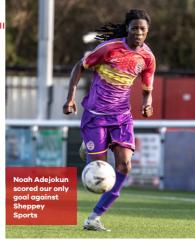
May 25 3.30pm LSERWFLT (N) Dulwich Hamlet Res (at Meadowbank, Dorking Wanderers)

#### **RESULTS - LAST FIVE GAMES** ...... **MEN'S FIRST TEAM** DATE COMP OPPONENTS **RESULT** Staplehurst Monarchs vs CCFC 1-0 Sheppey Sports vs CCFC Mar 29 SCEFL 5 - 1 Mar 22 SCEFL CCFC vs Croydon 1-1 Mar 15 SCEFL **CCFC** vs FC Elmstead 1-0 Mar 11 SCEFLC **CCFC** vs Meridian VP **WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM** COMP OPPONENTS RESULT Apr 06 LSERWFL CCFC vs Denham United 2-0 W Apr 03 LSERWFL Hackney vs CCFC Mar 30 LSERWFLT CCFC vs Soccer Elite Football Academy 2-0 Mar 23 LSERWFL Leatherhead vs CCFC 3 - 0 Mar 16 LSERWFL CCFC vs Richmond Park 4 - 0





WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM



# TOP GOALSCORERS

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

- 20 Fred Taylor
- 9 Julian Áustin, Noah Adejokun
- 7 Cameron Gordon
- 4 Louis Brown
- 3 Arthur Wright, James Briggs, Joel Akuwudike

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

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

### TOP APPEARANCES

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

- 39 Jack Francis
- 35 Fred Taylor
- 33 James Briggs, Julian Austin, Noah Adejokun
- 31 Junia Charlton, Ross Broadway
- 30 Tami Unuefa

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

- 26 Kaylee Shurety
- 25 Emily Link, Maria Mendonca, Marta Boiro
- 24 Egle Trezzi, Lucy Spours
- 22 Li Steiner, Marta Casanovas
- 21 Aimee Shaw, Eva van der Vliet

### 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
STEFAN KILRON
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
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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** 7AHMOUL

THE SOUTHERN **COUNTIES EAST** FOOTBALL LEAGUE strongly support recent FA statements that there should be a zero tolerance approach against racism and all forms of discrimination, accordingly any form of discriminatory abuse whether it be based on race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, faith, age, ability or any other form of abuse will be reported to the relevant County Association for action by that Association.

### WELLING TOWN FC

FREDERICK AIKON
KRISTIAN
CAMPBELL
ALFIE CURNOW
ALFAWAZ DADA
MATTHEW
FUNNELL
RYAN GREEN

LUKE HEARN SAM HUCKLE SEBASTIAN KOLOKO HARRY MARK TIMOTHY MONSHEJU CASEY
NOLAN-SAMUELS
AYODEJI OWOEYE
TATE RAYNER
FREEMAN ROGERS
CAMERON
SANGHERA
CONNOR TILLEY
KIMANI WILLIAMS

### OFFICIALS REFEREE

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supports the
'Swearing - Let's
Tackle It' campaign
and strongly
condemns the use
of foul and abusive
language at
football matches.

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