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EASTERN COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One
South



v Clapton CFC

Saturday 4 April 2026 - 3 pm KO

**Aspect Arena, Thames Road,
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF RAYLEIGH TOWN FC



Rayleigh Town Football Club were founded in 1897 initially under the name Rayleigh Star. In 1946 they reverted to Rayleigh Town FC.

In 1976 after time spent in the Southend & District League, they joined the Essex Olympian League and in 1979/80 won the league title for the first time repeating that feat with a second title in 1980/81. They won further back-to-back titles in 1983/84 and 1984/85.

With further titles in 1989/90 & 2000/01 they continued to be a force and it was hoped within the club that financial backing would see them climb the football pyramid however this did not materialise and they remained in the Essex Olympian League until 2023/24 when they won the title again and with a groundshare agreement in place at former conference side Concord Rangers they gained promotion to the Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties League.

They also won the prestigious Essex Premier Cup the same season for the 4th time in their history under the guidance of the current management team. In their first season at Step 6 of the football pyramid they finished a creditable 4th having led the table for the opening months of the 2024/25 season.

That 4th place finish saw the club qualify for the playoffs and having beaten AS London 4-1 in the semi-final they narrowly missed out on promotion following a 2-0 defeat in the final against Hackney Wick.

The 2024/25 season also saw them competing in the FA Vase for the first time in their history and having navigated past the first two preliminary qualifying rounds they made their way through to the 2nd round proper losing late on 2-4 at home to step 5 Harpenden Town.

A similar great run in the Essex Senior Cup saw them draw step 3 National League South side Hornchurch at home where they put in another creditable performance before losing out 0-2.

The club has ambitious plans to progress further in the Football Pyramid and are hopeful of developments on that front that will see them return to their spiritual home in Rayleigh.

FOCUS ON OPPOSITION

Today we extend a warm welcome to the management, players, officials and supporters of Clapton Community Football Club. We hope you enjoy your visit to the Aspect Arena.



Based in Forest Gate in Newham, East London, Clapton Community FC was founded in 2018 with a fan-owned, democratic model. All the club's 1500+ members can vote on important issues and get involved in running the club by joining committees - such as Community and Outreach, Comms, or Grounds.

Clapton Community FC plays at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, London's oldest senior football ground. In Autumn 2019 they took on the lease and later bought the freehold. After years of work by passionate and determined volunteers, the once dilapidated ground has been repaired and refurbished. The club's men's and women's first teams are now permanently based there.

The women's first team play in the sixth tier, the London & South East Regional Women's League Division 1 North. The club also has men's and women's development and reserve teams, beginners, 5s, inclusive youth teams, open training sessions for women and young people, and even a cricket team.

The men's first team won promotion to the Middlesex Counties Football League Premier from Division One (Central & East) in 2018/19, their first season. Attendances were unprecedented, averaging over 400 and peaking when 1,266 fans watched the 3-0 win over FC Roast to clinch the title. In that season the team also won the club's first-ever cup trophy, the Jim Rogers Cup, Defeating Hilltop on penalties.

In 2021/22 the team finished third in the MCFL Premier League and again won silverware in the Alec Smith Cup on penalties against Kensington Dragons after dragging the final back to 2-2 from 2-0 down.

That year the women's first team made history by being the first seventh-tier team to reach the third round of the FA Cup. They also became the first ever to beat a team four divisions higher. The run saw wins against higher division Haringey Borough, Biggleswade United, Bedford Town and Hounslow, finally ending away at Plymouth Argyle.

The men's first team won promotion to the Thurlow Nunn Division One South in 2022/23, winning the title by eight points. Promotion was won in front of 902 fans against Kensington Dragons, and confirmed a month later when the ground passed its ground grading.

After a season in the Thurlow Nunn Division One South, losing in the play-off semi-final, they were moved laterally to the South Counties Eastern Football League. Picked for the move on a geographical basis, the team played one season in the SCEFL Div 1, finishing just outside the playoff spots, before being moved back to where it belongs in the Essex leagues.

In this season the team won the SCEFL Division One cup, beating SE Dons 3-1 in the final in front of 1242 fans, with a brace from Fred Taylor and an early headed goal from Joel Akuwudike.

Having a positive impact on the local community beyond football is key to the club's activities. The club's charity partner is the Magpie Project, supporting mums and young children in Newham. Fans collect for food banks and have donated thousands to good causes.

The club went viral in the UK and abroad due to the design of its purple, red, and yellow away kit - a homage to the International Brigades that fought for democracy in the Spanish Civil War. Over 20,000 shirts have been sold. In

2022/23 a new home kit was chosen by member poll from a selection of kits club members designed.

In 2021 Clapton Community FC won the Football Supporters Association Lockdown Heroes Award in recognition of the Hardship Fund, Clapton Against Coronavirus. Members paid in what they could afford, and those in need were able to take out small amounts to help cover key expenses. Since March 2020 over £15,000 has been donated and distributed. In 2023 the club won the Non-League Paper's Community Club of the Year award.

TODAYS OFFICIALS

Jack Ridge (Referee)

Kevin Curran (Assistant)

Lee Harpaul (Assistant)

**We welcome you to the Aspect Arena and
hope you have an enjoyable visit.**



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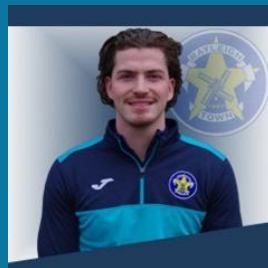


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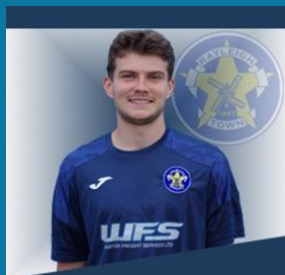
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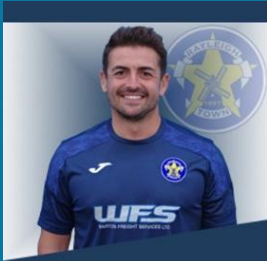
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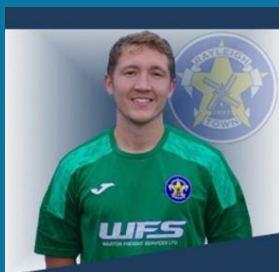
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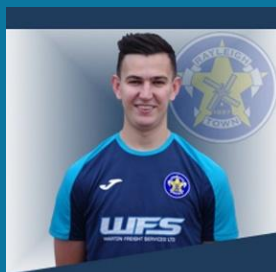
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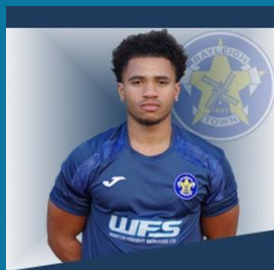
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The Eastern Counties Football League, currently known as the Thurlow Nunn League for sponsorship purposes, is an English football league at steps 5 & 6 of the English football league system. It currently contains clubs from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, eastern Cambridgeshire, eastern Hertfordshire, southern Lincolnshire, and north and east London. It also administers an Under 23 Development League and runs active Under 18 Youth Leagues.

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To increase attendances at our grounds, the Thurlow Nunn League, in conjunction with its clubs and its sponsor, Thurlow Nunn, is promoting the need to turn matches into a more family-orientated entertainment in a family-friendly environment.

The League understands that football is a game of intensity and passion. In the heat of the moment, frustrations grow, tempers can be lost and there is an urgent need to share your feelings with others.

The League also understands that, in that moment, you may use language that others may not feel is appropriate in a family setting.

Nothing will send parents and/or grandparents heading quickly for the exits with their youngsters, never to return, than a constant stream of foul language. All we ask is that you keep it down for the kids.

Thank you.

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RTFC



THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVE BOTH HOME AND AWAY IS TRULY APPRECIATED BY ALL THOSE AT RTFC, ESPECIALLY THE PLAYERS.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS BEHIND THE SCENES TO GET US TO A POSITION WHERE WE CAN PLAY OUR HOME GAMES IN RAYLEIGH.

WE HOPE WITH YOUR SUPPORT IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE WE ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO OUR SPIRITUAL HOME AT LONDON ROAD.

Up the Town

LEAGUE TABLE as at 02/04/26

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Hutton	36	25	8	3	56	83
2	Clapton Community	37	25	6	6	47	81
3	Coggeshall Town	35	22	8	5	42	74
4	Rayleigh Town	36	20	7	9	53	67
5	Newbury Forest	36	18	9	9	38	63
6	Lymore Gardens	35	19	4	12	10	61
7	Brimsdown	36	16	12	8	21	60
8	Stansted	36	15	13	8	26	58
9	Hoddesdon Town	36	17	6	13	-3	57
10	Basildon Town	35	15	8	12	12	53
11	Burnham Ramblers	37	15	8	14	7	53
12	Cannons Wood	37	12	5	20	-15	41
13	AS London	36	11	7	18	-26	40
14	Enfield Borough	33	11	4	18	-21	37
15	Southend Manor	36	11	4	21	-43	37
16	Dunmow Town	36	9	8	19	-26	35
17	May & Baker EC	37	9	8	20	-32	35
18	NW London	36	10	5	21	-37	35
19	FC Baresi	36	9	7	20	-27	34
20	FC Romania	36	9	5	22	-27	32
21	Barkingside	36	5	6	25	-55	21

EASTER FIXTURES

FDS	04/04/26	Burnham Ramblers		VS		FC Romania
FDS	04/04/26	Dunmow Town		VS		Barkingside
FDS	04/04/26	Enfield Borough		VS		Coggeshall Town
FDS	04/04/26	Hutton		VS		Stansted
FDS	04/04/26	Newbury Forest		VS		Basildon Town
FDS	04/04/26	Rayleigh Town		VS		Clapton Community
FDS	06/04/26	Basildon Town		VS		Cannons Wood
FDS	06/04/26	Brimsdown		VS		Newbury Forest
FDS	06/04/26	Burnham Ramblers		VS		Hutton
FDS	06/04/26	Coggeshall Town		VS		Dunmow Town
FDS	06/04/26	FC Baresi		VS		Lymore Gardens
FDS	06/04/26	NW London		VS		Clapton Community
FDS	06/04/26	Southend Manor		VS		Rayleigh Town
FDS	06/04/26	Barkingside		VS		AS London
FDS	07/04/26	Hoddesdon Town		VS		FC Romania

RESERVE TEAM

Essex Senior League Reserve Division

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bowers & Pitsea FC Reserves	23	19	2	2	46	59
2	Billericay Town Reserves	21	15	1	5	41	46
3	Rayleigh Town (Saturday) Reserves	20	13	1	6	34	40
4	Brentwood Town U23s	21	12	3	6	11	39
5	Aveley U23s	20	9	6	5	20	33
6	Takeley Reserves	21	9	4	8	9	31
7	Walthamstow U23s	21	8	2	11	-7	26
8	Barking U23s	23	6	7	10	-13	25
9	Redbridge FC Reserves	18	5	8	5	0	23
10	Hutton U23s	20	4	2	14	-36	14
11	Sawbridgeworth Town Reserves	17	3	4	10	-15	13
12	White Ensign Reserves	19	4	1	14	-43	13
13	May & Baker EC Reserves	20	3	3	14	-47	12

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Essex Olympian League Division 3 (South)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	South Woodham Ferrers United First	16	12	1	3	37
2	Benfleet Reserves	11	9	2	0	29
3	Ashingdon First	18	8	4	6	28
4	BKS Sports Reserves	15	9	0	6	27
5	South Essex United First	14	9	0	5	26*
6	Rayleigh Town Saturday A	15	7	2	6	23
7	Basildon Town A	14	7	1	6	22
8	Rochford Town First	17	6	3	8	20*
9	Shoebury Town First	18	4	2	12	14
10	East Thurrock Community Res.	18	2	3	13	9
11	Toby Reserves	12	2	0	10	4*

* adjustment made

2025/26 Fixtures & Results				Key -	Won	Drawn	Lost	ATT
26/07/25	FDS	A	May & Bakers	1-1	Watkins		59	
30/07/25	FDS	A	FC Baresi	1-6	Acheampong (3) Watkins (2), Sykes		13	
02/08/25	FDS	H	Brimsgate	2-1	Sykes, Philbrick		59	
09/08/25	FDS	A	NW London	2-2	OG, Irish		20	
12/08/25	FDS	H	Burnham Ramblers	1-2	Acheampong		109	
16/08/25	FDS	A	FC Romania	2-2	Bazely (2)		46	
24/08/25	FAV Q1	H	Potton Utd	2-3	Jones, OG		119	
27/08/25	ESC 1	H	Barking	1-1 2-0 Pens	Jones		72	
30/08/25	FDS	H	Lymore Gardens	4-1	Jones (2), Philbrick, Acheampong		88	
13/09/25	FDS	A	Barkingside	1-2	Acheampong, Tunde-Ojelowo		48	
14/09/25	ESC 2	A	Woodford Town	5-1	Goodrum		56	
27/09/25	FDS	H	Coggeshall Town	2-2	Hodgson, Irish		96	
30/09/25	FDS	H	Newbury Forest	3-4	Little (2), Sasere		63	
07/10/25	LCC R2	H	Lymore Gardens	2-2 4-2 Pens	Goodrum, Little		63	
11/10/25	FDS	H	Enfield Borough	1-0	Little		73	

14/10/25	FDS	A	Clapton Community	4-2	Acheampong Hodgson	228
22/10/25	FDS	A	Hutton	1-0		104
25/10/25	FDS	H	Barkingside	4-0	Goodrum, Jones, Little Acheampong	91
28/10/25	FDS	H	Basildon Town	1-2	Goodrum	151
01/11/25	FDS	A	AS London	0-7	Sasere, Watkins Acheampong, Skillett, Philbrick Goodrum, Siemienczuk	20
08/11/25	FDS	H	Cannons Wood	5-0	Sykes, Goodrum, Watkins, Jones Siemienczuk	75
15/11/25	FDS	H	Stansted <small>(Played at Bowers & Pitsea FC)</small>	2-2	Sykes, Clark	63
19/11/25	LCC R3	H	AS London	4-1	Philbrick (2), Baxter, Goodrum	56
22/11/25	FDS	A	Newbury Forest	1-2	Goodrum (2)	28
25/11/25	FDS	H	May & Baker	2-4	Sasere, Little	51
29/11/25	FDS	H	FC Baresi	3-0	Fiadzomor, Philbrick. Jones	48
06/12/25	FDS	A	Basildon Town	1-1	Sykes	68
09/12/25	LCC R4	A	Holland FC	4-3	Jones, Goodrum, Little	50
19/12/25	FDS	A	Lymore Gardens	2-1	Jones	47
27/12/25	FDS	H	Southend Manor	5-0	Sykes (2), Little, Jones, Dalton	87

17/01/26	FDS	H	NW London <small>(Played at Bowers & Pitsea FC)</small>	4-1	Sykes (3), Bumpus	51
21/01/26	FDS	A	Burnham Ramblers	1-6	Sykes (2), Jones, Acheampong, Watkins, Morritt	66
24/01/26	FDS	A	Dunmow Town	0-3	Bumpus, Sykes, Perkins	28
14/02/26	FDS	H	Dunmow Town <small>(Played at Bowers & Pitsea FC)</small>	4-1	Olley, Baxter, Sykes, Watkins	105
21/02/26	FDS	A	Enfield Borough	3-2	Acheampong, Little	20
28/02/26	FDS	A	Coggeshall Town	1-2	Sykes, Dalton	120
06/03/26	FDS	A	Cannons Wood	1-2	Fiadzomor, Jones	38
14/03/26	FDS	A	Hoddesdon Town	0-1	Jones	75
17/03/26	FDS	H	Hutton	0-2		126
21/03/26	FDS	H	FC Romania	4-0	Bumpus, Watkins Hodgson, Sasere	69
25/03/26	FDS	H	AS London	8-0	Jones (2), Pryke, Watkins, Sasere Hodgson, Fiadzomor, Tunde-Ojelowo	67
28/03/26	FDS	A	Brimmsdown	0-0		45
04/04/26	FDS	H	Clapton Community	3pm		
06/04/26	FDS	A	Southend Manor	3pm		
11/04/26	FDS	H	Hoddesdon Town	3pm		
18/04/26	FDS	A	Stansted	3pm		



LEADING GOALSCORERS

Tommy Sykes 15



Dylan Jones 15

Arnold Acheampong 11

Kofi Goodrum 10



Charlie Little 9

Louie Watkins 9

Jamie Philbrick 6

John Sasere 5





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CLAPTON CFC MANAGEMENT

Manager Geoff Ogram

Assistants Sham Darr, Jack Mellors, Aaqib Hafeji

Goalkeeper Coach Robin Philpott

Physio Kasita Boateng



Team Colours

Red/White Shirts, Black Shorts & Socks

Competitive Games Record 2025/26

Played 42 Won 25 Drawn 8 Lost 9

CLAPTON CFC (from)

Jack Francis (GK)	Junia Charlton
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Manager Rob Hodgson
Assistants Luke Heywood & Ian Read
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Sky Shirts, Navy Shorts & Sky Socks

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