

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB



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Clapton CFC vs
Soul Tower Hamlets
Saturday
August 1st 2026
Kick-off 3pm
Essex Senior
Football League



ADAM SIDKY
DEFENDER

OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

WALTER TULL WAY, 212 UPTON LANE, FOREST GATE, LONDON E7 9NP

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Clapton Community FC is a Community Benefit Society [#7768] that is wholly owned and run by our 1500 plus members. We have a women/NB first team, reserves, FTFA team, development team, five-a-side teams and open access training; men's first team, development and over 35s; and many youth teams.

OUR HOME

The Old Spotted Dog Ground, Walter Tull Way, 212 Upton Lane, Forest Gate, London E7 9NP

The charity **Old Spotted Dog Ground Trust** (charity #1199417) operates the OSD on behalf of Clapton CFC members.

HONOURS

CLUB

- > **2026 Non-League Game Award Winners** - Football v Homophobia Awards
- > **2023 Volunteer Grounds Team of the Year** - Grounds Management Association
- > **2023 Community Football Club of the Year** - National Game Awards
- > **2021 Lockdown Heroes Award Winners** - Football Supporters Association

MEN'S FIRST TEAM (M1T)

- > **2026 Eastern Counties Football League Division One South play-off winners**
- > **2025 Brian Lomax Trophy winners**
- > **2025 Southern Counties East Football League Division One Cup winners**
- > **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 (W1T)**
- > **2024 FSA Women's Trophy winners**
- > **2023 FSA Women's Trophy winners**
- > **2022 John Greenacre Memorial Trophy winners**

FTFA

- > **2026 London Saturday Women's Football League Cup winners**

RECORDS

M1T ATTENDANCES

- Men's First Team
- > **2375** vs Rayleigh Town at OSD Ground, May 2026
 - > **1712** vs FC Romania at OSD Ground, Apr 2026
 - > **1432** vs Forest Hill Park at OSD Ground, Apr 2025
 - > **1377** vs Lymore Gardens, OSD Ground, Apr 2026
 - > **1266** vs FC Roast at Stray Dog, May 2019
 - > **1242** vs Forest Hill Park at Mayesbrook Park, 2025

W1T ATTENDANCES

- > **3585** vs Brentford, Brentford Community Stadium, Sep 2024
- > **1153** vs FC United of Manchester at OSD Ground, Jul 2023
- > **775** vs FC St. Pauli at OSD Ground, Jun 2023
- > **697** vs FC United of Manchester, Broadhurst Park, Aug 2021
- > **500** vs Ashford at OSD Ground, Nov 2022
- > **478** vs Brentford, OSD Ground, May 2025

APPEARANCES

200 APPEARANCES:

Jack Francis, Dean Bouho

150 APPEARANCES:

James Briggs, Fred Taylor, Lucy Spours, Noah Adejokun, Maria Mendonca

100 APPEARANCES:

Li Steiner, Julian Austin, Charlie Fagan, Emily Link, Marta Boiro, Marta Casanovas, Cemal Agdelen, Bailey Pryce, Junia Charlton, Geoff Ocran, Annie Lyons, Lenny Holmes, Stefan Kilron

50 APPEARANCES:

Jeff Twumasi, Carl Paul, Verity Phillips, Adam Sidky, Allana Scoble, Fionn Glancy, Joel Akuwudike, Mim Chadwick, Liam Smyth, Noora Oikarainen, Sherwin Stanley, Felix Murray, Lewis Owiredo, Arthur Wright, Dan Anfossy, Joshua Adejokun, Khadir Elyas, Louis Brown, Emmanuel Olasehinde, Polly Adams, Prince Kwakye, Fama Sangare, Alice Sharpe, Teju Callisto, Sin Cheung, Cameron Gordon, Seb Hartwell, Elizabeth Atoyebi, Alasdair Gurney, Ross Broadway, Sam Cook, Kaylee Shurety, Tami Unuefa, James Pavely, Egle Trezzi, Korahn Gayle, Ruby Earle, Guleyman Zahmoul, Ana Holmes, Samba Badjana

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OPPONENTS

SOUL TOWER HAMLETS

Welcome to today's
visiting players, coaches,
supporters and officials

Soul Tower Hamlets (STH) were previously Tower Hamlets until they merged with Soul FC. Soul stands for the Soul Organisation For Unity and Leisure which is a community organisation formed in 2003 offering youth football training as well as free tuition and employment support. The club originally started as Bethnal Green United FC in 2000 and reached the Essex Senior League in 2008. After relegation, they played us in both the Eastern Counties League and Southern Counties East Football League before they were promoted again on penalties against SE Dons.

Form guide

Last season STH finished second, just two points behind champions Buckhurst Hill, but lost in the play-off semis to Barking as they aimed for back-to-back promotions. Pre-season has seen wins against Walthamstow and Renaissance Elite, and defeats to Bowers & Pitsea, Bridon Ropes and SE Dons.

Previous meetings

We've met four times before - the first three being draws until STH broke that run with a 2-1 in December 2024 in their promotion season.

Player/s to watch

Last season's top scorer Shomari Barnwell used to ply his trade at the Old Spotted Dog Ground before CCFC was founded and rose to play for Dagenham & Redbridge in the National League.

HOW WE GOT HERE

It was a wild ride to **promotion last season**. After a period of inconsistent form during the winter, CCFC stormed into 2026 and didn't look back.

The longest unbeaten run in the club's history (Dec 2025 - to present) saw us head into the last day with a mathematical chance of winning the league. Sadly, the eight-goal swing needed to overturn Hutton didn't materialise, but a **place in the play-offs** with home advantage did.

CCFC breezed through the semi-final against **Lymore Gardens**, before making everybody sweat in the final. A crowd of over 2,300 saw CCFC pegged back to 2-2, after taking an early 2-0 lead, but a spirited **Rayleigh Town** side were finally beaten 4-2 in extra time.

It was the team's third promotion in the six completed seasons since our formation.

MEN'S FA CUP DEBUT

Next Saturday is a landmark moment for our fan-owned club as promotion means we can make **our Men's FA Cup debut**.

We start the road to Wembley at the Old

Spotted Dog Ground against **Benfleet**, kick off 3pm.

The winners will be home on Saturday, August 22nd against the winners of **Concord Rangers** and **Bedfont Sports**.

NEW LAWS

SOME OF THE BIGGER CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON...

- > Players being **substituted** have **ten seconds to leave the pitch**. If they don't, the sub can't come on for at least one minute. Where multiple subs are coming on, all players must be off the pitch within those 10 seconds after the final sub is made.
- > If the ref **stops the game** for a **suspected injury** to an outfield player, that **player will need to leave the pitch for at least one minute**.
- > If goal kicks or corners take **longer than five seconds** - including retrieving the ball slowly or trying to take from the wrong place - the ref can **award a corner kick or throw-in to the opposing team**.
- > If the referee feels the **game needs to calm down**, he will signal **all players to go to their own penalty area** and bring the captains and coaches to the centre circle. Any player not respecting the cooling-off period will be sin-binned.



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MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

GEOFF OCRAN

MEN'S FIRST TEAM MANAGER

Welcome to the new season and an East London derby, which is a reunion with Soul Tower Hamlets. That familiar scenario of starting a new season in a higher division is upon us for the third time and with that comes new challenges and adventures.

One of our objectives when we started the club was to reach Step 5 football, the level that the Old Spotted Dog Ground had previously been hosting. It's credit to everyone on and off the pitch as to how we have accomplished this feat so soon and there was no better way to achieve this than in front of a national record Step 6 crowd of 2375 in the play-off final in May.

As pre-seasons go, it's not been one of the best, to put it politely. It's been tough with injuries, unavailability, holidays and fitness issues to build any consistency. In an ideal world we could have done with an extra week to prepare but here we are.

All of last season's squad are still with us, though, which must be unique in all of non-league football. Unfortunately James Briggs, Jeff Twumasi, Joel Akuwudike, Louis Brown and Cameron Gordon to mention a few are all out at the moment which is clearly not ideal. However, as we always do we will find a way to cope including a few new additions, which we'll announce properly very soon.

As a promoted side, you want to just start the new season by being competitive and build from there. Regardless of whether management and players have previous experience at this level, no two seasons are the same and we will learn and adapt as we go along to what is generally a very athletic and physical league.

More fun and games to come in the 2026/2027 season and hopefully more great memories for the club.

#Step5 #EssexSenior
#WeGoAgain #ClaptonFamily

ABOUT US

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Geoff Ocran - Manager
Sham Darr - Assistant Manager
Jack Mellors - First Team Coach
Aqs Hafeji - First Team Coach/Data Analyst
Robin Philpott - Goalkeeper Coach
Kasita Boateng - Physiotherapist

A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE ESL

THE NO MAN'S LAND

THE LEAGUE IS TAKING YOU BEHIND
THE SCENES FOR THE 26/27 SEASON

9 EPISODES | 9 STORIES

THE SPACE BETWEEN ELITE & GRASSROOTS

For all details visit the Essex Senior League website and social channels where there will be regular updates, with the league telling the stories of the club's staff, volunteers, players and more.



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OUR COMMITTEES

MERCHANDISING COMMITTEE

WHAT WE DO

At Clapton Community FC, merchandise isn't an afterthought.

It's part of who we are. From designing our now-iconic football shirts to creating scarves, badges, books, stickers, pins and limited edition collections, the Merchandising Committee helps tell the story of the club through what our supporters wear and share.

Every design starts with an idea. Sometimes it's inspired by our local community, sometimes by our history, sometimes by the causes we stand alongside. We work with ethical manufacturers to turn those ideas into products that supporters are proud to wear, whether they're standing on the terraces at the Old Spotted Dog or following the club from the other side of the world.

Alongside the creative work, we manage stock, run the matchday merchandise stall, oversee online sales and pack hundreds of orders that are shipped across the UK and internationally. **Everything is done by volunteers, driven by passion rather than profit.**

IT'S MORE THAN JUST SHIRT SALES

People often say Clapton shirts are spotted everywhere, and they're right. Our merchandise has travelled far beyond Forest Gate. It's been worn at football grounds, demonstrations, festivals and community events across the world. For many supporters, wearing Clapton colours is about much more than supporting a football club. **It's about belonging to a community built on solidarity, inclusion and collective ownership.**

Every purchase helps strengthen that community.

Income from merchandise supports the running of the club, helping fund football, facilities, equipment and projects that benefit our members and the wider local community. When you buy from Clapton Community FC, you're **investing directly back into a supporter-owned club that exists for its members, not shareholders.** That's something worth wearing.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR A WEEK?

Whether you can spare an hour every week, once a month or just whenever you have time, there's always something to help with. We regularly hold picking and packing sessions at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, preparing online orders before they make their way to supporters around the globe. It's relaxed,

sociable and a great way to meet fellow volunteers while making a genuine contribution to the club. From organising stock and helping at the merch stall to preparing new product launches, **every hour given helps keep one of the club's most important income streams running.**

GET INVOLVED

The best ideas often come from the terraces.

We're always looking for people who can bring fresh ideas, practical skills or simply enthusiasm. Whether you're a graphic designer, illustrator, photographer, writer, organiser, online retailer, spreadsheet wizard or someone who just enjoys rolling up their sleeves, we'd love to have you involved.

No previous experience is needed. If you care about the club and want to play a part in its future, we'll find a role that suits you.

The Merchandising Committee is one of the many ways supporters help shape Clapton Community FC. Every product we create, every order we send and every shirt we launch is the result of volunteers working together.

If you'd like to help create the next chapter of Clapton Community FC merchandise, come and join us. **Speak to one of the team on a matchday or get in touch through the club.**

Support the club. Share your skills. Wear the story.



CCFC

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Jack Francis
Chris Mathers
Robin Philpott

DEFENDERS

Dean Bouho
Junia Charlton
Sam Cook
Charlie Fagan
Seb Hartwell
Tevis Panariti
Bailey Pryce
Adam Sidky
Tami Unuefa

MIDFIELDERS

Joel Akuwudike
Julian Austin
James Briggs
Ross Broadway
Nathan Cook
Azariah
George-Lawal
James Goldring
Pete Jamieson
Felix Murray
Enzo Pina
Adam Sokhal
Gideon Ssonko
Jeff Twumasi

FORWARDS

Louis Brown
Nico Bunduku
Korahn Gayle
Cameron Gordon
David Makisi
Will Miller
Andre Odeku
Lewis Owiredo
Samir Sedaoui
Flavien Stierlen
Fred Taylor
Jacob Wintour

SOUL TOWER HAMLETS

Mekhi Armstrong
Martin Arnauchkov
Shermandin
Artemeladze
Jack Ashford
Shomari Barnwell
Nick Bell
William Betts
Samir Bihmoutine
Tom Canham
Oliver Cox
James Folkes
Kieran James
Teddy Jones
Rowan Larrington
Dion Lewis-Kirwan
Salim Miah
Jasan Pauline
Raymond Poku
Ryan Ramsay
Ashaan Siddik
Anderson Silva Baro
Dillon Woods
Jadon Yamoah



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NEXT GAME HERE AT THE
OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

Saturday August 8th at 3pm - CCFC Men's
First Team vs Benfleet (Men's FA Cup)

OFFICIALS

Referee

Liam Dawson

Assistant Referees

Simon Crowley
Adrian Vernica



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BECOME A MEMBER, JOIN A COMMITTEE,
GET INVOLVED, LEND A HAND, BUILD THE CLUB