

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB



CLAPTON CFC
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Clapton CFC
vs Heybridge Swifts FC
Saturday
September 19th 2026
Kick-off 3pm
Essex Senior
Football League



*JULIAN AUSTIN
MIDFIELDER*

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, Julian Austin

100 APPEARANCES:

Li Steiner, 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, Suleyman Zahmoul, Ana Holmes, Samba Badjana, James Goldring

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OPPONENTS

HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS FC

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

Founded in 1880, Heybridge Swifts became founder members of the Essex Senior League in 1971. They won three consecutive ESL titles and were eventually promoted into the Isthmian League. They almost reached the National League in 2005/06, losing in the play-offs. The Swifts have also made it through to the Men's FA Cup First Round four times. Following relegation from the Isthmian League last season, Heybridge have returned to the ESL for the first time in more than four decades.

Form guide

The Swifts have started the season well, as you'd expect for one of the title favourites. with three wins and a draw in four league games. They have lost in two cup competitions to Halstead Town and White Ensign, though.

Previous meetings

Last Saturday, the teams met for the first time at Scraley Road in Heybridge in the FA Vase, with the hosts progressing 2-1, sub Cameron Gordon scoring our consolation.

Player/s to watch

Winger Quinton Monville, a former Old Spotted Dog Ground favourite, joined in the summer. Captain Luca Albion, once of Charlton, and former Great Wakering Rovers defender Harrison Topliss scored against us last week.

BIG AWAY DAY TOMORROW

It's a huge FA Cup away game for the **CCFC Women's First Team** tomorrow at Chelmsford City's Melbourne Stadium, kick off 3pm. There should be a good following for CCFC, come and join us. Entry is free and Chelmsford is just 32 minutes on a direct train from Liverpool Street, or 25 minutes from Stratford.

DAVID MAKISI DEPARTURE

Last season's young player of the year **David Makisi** has dual registered with his local club **Bridon Ropes** for more game time. David made **27 appearances**, winning **four player of the match awards**, scoring **three goals** and **assisting four times** helping us to promotion to Step 5 for the first time. He is still registered with us if

needed but his priority will be with Bridon, who play at Step 6 and are based in Charlton. David, 21, wrote on social media: "After a good season at Clapton CFC my time has come to an end. I can't say how much I'm grateful to this club. Enjoying my football there. Getting this team promoted. Wishing this club nothing but the best for the season and the future."

MERCH STALL RESTOCK

On the merch stall at today's game, we have a **restock** of home, away and trans solidarity goalkeeper shirts in all/most sizes once again. For the first time, we now have some in 5XL sizes. We also have a handful of green and grey goalkeeper shirts remaining. Baseball caps are back in stock and we have a limited run of Cable Street 90 T-shirts to mark the anniversary.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

A new suicide prevention toolkit for people involved in sport has been launched. Everyone in sport, from grassroots to elite, can play a role. The toolkit will give you the confidence, knowledge, skills and

expertise to take action, influence positive change and help everyone thrive in your sports environment.



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MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

GEOFF OCRAN

MEN'S FIRST TEAM MANAGER

It has not been the start to the season we had hoped for considering all the factors of a new division. After the highs of the Benfleet FA Cup game in early August, we haven't been able to replicate that level of performance with quality in both boxes since.

As frustrating as it may be for everyone, it may take another 10 games for us to adjust completely to all aspects of Step 5 football. That includes finding interim ways of just getting results to move away from the foot of the table.

Conceding early goals has really been our Achilles heel this season and we need to normalise being able to see out waves of pressure from the opposition and being more resolute. Then we can naturally grow in games while sussing out the opposition.

After a run of cup games, we now have ten league games in a row, including three big games in the next seven days. An improvement in our home form is imperative, starting today against a strong Heybridge Swifts side. Taking advantage of the home support will be key during this early stage of the season and no better time to start now with this trio of games.

#WeGoAgain #OSD #Step5 #ClaptonFamily

ABOUT US

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MEN'S 1st 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

TOP SCORERS

26/27 including friendlies

- | | |
|---|---|
| 3 | Fred Taylor,
Noah Adejokun |
| 2 | Junia Charlton |
| 1 | Joel Akuwudike,
Nico Bunduku,
Cameron Gordon,
Lewis Owiredo, Enzo Pina, Adam Sidky |



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WHAT WE DO

Football should be for everyone. **Clapton Community FC Youth Training** has been running since 2019, when our first session welcomed just 13 children. Today, we run sessions in **Forest Gate and Walthamstow** for more than **150 players aged 5-16**.

Our sessions and teams are built around a simple idea: **every child should be able to enjoy football**,

regardless of ability, gender or income.

That's why our training and matches operate on a **pay-what-you-can-afford** basis.

For 2026/27, we have **U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13** teams playing in **East London** leagues.

Our ambition is that one day a Youth Training player will go on to play for one of Clapton's senior sides.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST FOOTBALL

For us, youth football isn't about creating the next generation of academy players. It's about creating a positive, welcoming environment where children can enjoy sport, make friends and build confidence.

We've previously run a **homework club** at the Old Spotted Dog, worked with **The Magpie Project** and supported **refugee children**, showing that our youth programme is about much more than what happens on the pitch.

We've become a home for children who haven't always felt comfortable in highly competitive academy environments.

Any child can play at Clapton regardless of ability, gender or income. Our only restriction is having enough volunteers to run our sessions.

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR?

Like almost everything at Clapton, **our youth programme depends on volunteers**. We're always looking for new coaches and volunteers. You might be qualified, working towards your coaching badges, or have no coaching experience at all but simply want to help children develop through sport.

An enthusiastic volunteer can make all the difference to a child's enjoyment. More than a detailed understanding of gegenpressing or a low block.

A five-year-old doesn't care!

We're committed to supporting volunteers who want to develop their coaching skills and qualifications.

And coaching isn't the only way to help. We need people to support parent and player communication, social media, welfare, administration and matchdays.

We also need volunteers who can help identify and apply for grants and funding, helping us reach more children.

An hour a week can make a real difference.

GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to help us give more children the opportunity to play football, develop their confidence and become part of the Clapton community, we'd love to hear from you.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- > Coach a session
- > Assist a coach
- > Help with administration
- > Support communications
- > Help with welfare
- > Find funding & grants
- > Organise matches & tournaments

Tap link at top of page or email:

youthtraining@claptoncfc.co.uk

Come and help us build the next generation of Clapton Community FC.

NOT THEN, NOT NOW: UNITE THE UNION MARKS 90 YEARS OF ANTIFASCIST HISTORY

Mr Harris Greenberg lived at 6 Plashet Road, just a few minutes' walk from the **Old Spotted Dog**. On 11 September 1935 at 8.30pm, Greenberg heard a loud thump and the crash of broken glass. Dashing downstairs, he found glass everywhere, his living room window put through by a rock. He rushed outside to find a neighbour had already caught the culprit by knocking him off his bicycle as he tried to escape. Greenberg immediately recognised Blackshirt George Rivers, a local fascist who had caused him trouble before. Rivers was arrested, fined and imprisoned for 13 days, but it wouldn't stop him, and anyway there were hundreds more of Oswald Mosley's footsoldiers in London. This was the day-to-day experience of fascism that working class people - especially Jews, communists and trade unionists - faced in the late 1930s.

Of course, the working class was more than capable of defending itself from the fascist threat, and clashes with Mosley's British Union of Fascists (BUF) became fiercer and more frequent during the course of 1936. All over the country, fascist meetings were disrupted, and outdoor rallies broken up by the organised working class who had no time for the aristocratic Mosley, his divisive message or the uniformed thugs he brought with him. Major BUF events were countered in Aberbeem, Barnsley, Edinburgh, Hull, Leeds, Manchester, Rotherham, Tonypandy



and many more towns and cities. As the horrors of Nazism were becoming more obvious in Germany, and Spain was engulfed by a fascist military coup in July 1936, the urgency of stopping Mosley's movement was clear. Indeed, many of those who went on to fight fascism as volunteers in Spain, and all across Europe after 1939, had their first experience of antifascism in the streets of their home towns in Britain.

The crescendo at the end of this long summer of antifascist resistance was of course the **Battle of Cable Street**, on Sunday 4 October 1936, when **working class Londoners prevented the fascists marching through the Jewish East End**. People flooded the streets, with the lowest estimate putting the numbers at more than 100,000. The crowds of ordinary Londoners - Jews, Irish dockers, trade unionists, communists, socialists - resisted baton charges by the police who were unable to clear a route through the streets for Mosley's 5,000 Blackshirts. Famously, barricades were raised along Cable Street, one painted with the slogan **"They Shall Not Pass"**... and they didn't. ➤





We are fast approaching the ninetieth anniversary of this iconic event. This is especially important because the parallels between now and then feel stronger than at any time in recent memory. A populist right spearheaded by demagogues from the wealthy elite, drawing in working class members with a vision of easy answers to complex problems, scapegoating minorities, and with murky overseas funding and a determination to weaken organised labour – that could be describing Mosley's movement or something at play in the UK right now. When we see pogroms in Belfast and columns of black-clad men enacting paramilitary cosplay in the streets of Glasgow, it is impossible not to see echoes of the 1930s.

Of course, when fascism is defeated, it doesn't stay beaten. Mosley reemerged after the war, and a new generation of antifascists led by Jewish ex-servicemen defeated his movement again. In the 1970s, Mosley's political heirs in the National Front targeted a later wave of migrants, and the new Bengali community in East London had to organise to protect itself. The strength of fascism ebbs and flows. Every generation has its own struggle to defend a united working class, and in 2026 we face a powerful new mutation of fascism. That's why Unite the union is playing a major role in this year's commemoration events:

- Join us on the anniversary march on **Sunday 4 October**, meeting at **12 noon outside Tower Hamlets Town Hall**. Bring union banners, flags, and all your friends... **Clapton away shirts** would be especially appropriate!

- On the previous night, **Saturday 3 October**, we're hosting a warm-up gig at **Kachette** in Shoreditch from 8pm, with music from **Sports Banger** and **King Alpha Sound System** and an exhibition of antifascist photographs by **Guy Smallman** and **David Hoffman**. You'll also be the first to get copies of **Unite's Cable Street** anniversary book, and you'll get to try our exclusive **You Are The Union** beer, brewed by Tap Social Movement.
- We have distributed thousands of copies of our **Cable Street newspaper** in communities and workplaces – scan the **QR code** below to read a digital copy
- We are publishing a book with chapters by trade unionists and historians inspired by antifascist struggles from the 1930s to today – come to our Saturday gig for a **free copy**



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ON SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER,
MEETING AT 12 NOON
OUTSIDE TOWER
HAMLETS TOWN HALL**



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Sunday 4th October
March and Rally



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MATCH REPORT

12.09.26 – CLAPTON CFC MIT

2-1 Clapton CFC lose against Heybridge Swifts

Clapton CFC bowed out of the FA Vase in the Second Qualifying Round after shipping two first half goals to the high-flying Swifts.

Heybridge broke the deadlock in the 12th minute via the penalty spot when a cross struck an outstretched arm in a crowded box. Home captain Luca Albon slotted his penalty into the corner, just evading Clapton goalkeeper Jack Francis.

Heybridge doubled their advantage in the 32nd minute. After Clapton failed to clear a succession of corners, including one being headed on to the bar, Harrison Topliss pounced in a crowded penalty area to force the ball home for 2-0.

Heybridge threatened to put the tie out of reach before the interval, hitting the crossbar with a stunning effort from range by Zack Littlejohn. Clapton managed their best move of the half just before the break

when Fred Taylor flicked a cross into the box towards Julian Austin, who couldn't get over the ball and his header flew over the bar.

In the 74th minute great combination play between Taylor and Cameron Gordon saw a cross whipped into the box, where Andre Odeku was toppled in the area to earn Clapton a penalty.

It took four minutes for the penalty to be taken due to persistent protests from the home side and when Odeku took the spot-kick, his initial effort was saved by Heybridge keeper Callum Chafer. However, Gordon reacted quickest, charging into the box to smash home the rebound.

Heybridge could have put the tie beyond doubt with two shots screwed just wide of the post, but CCFC almost forced extra time with Gordon's dipping long-range strike landing just wide.

The teams meet again on today - this time in the Essex Senior Football League at the Old Spotted Dog Ground.





2-1 Clapton CFC lose against Heybridge Swifts

Julian Austin's all round efforts were rewarded with player of the match. Cameron Gordon whipped the cross into the box, where Andre Odeku was toppled in the area to earn Clapton a penalty.



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MEN'S FIRST TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Jack Francis
Chris Mathers
Robin Philpott

DEFENDERS

Daniel Adjei
Tiere Beaupierre
Dean Bouho
Andrea Caio
Junia Charlton
Sam Cook
Charlie Fagan
Seb Hartwell
Okwute
Izuchukwu
Tevis Panariti
Bailey Pryce
Adam Sidky
Tami Unuefa

MIDFIELDERS

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

FORWARDS

Matthew
Abebrese
Noah Adejokun
Bernardino
Andeme
Louis Brown
Nico Bunduku
Korahn Gayle
Cameron Gordon
David Makisi
Rafael Da Mata
Will Miller
Andre Odeku
Lewis Owiredo
Samir Sedaoui
Flavien Stierlen
Fred Taylor
Jacob Wintour

HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS FC

Callum Chafer
Bradley Davison
Jack Adlington-Pile
Lee Noble
Milo Grimes
Connor Jarrett
Luca Albon
Ben Search
Callum Boylan
Jack Dickinson
Alex Golder
Henry Hart
Quentin Monville
Harrison Topliss
Zack Littlejohn
Luke Hirst
Eddie Carrington-Alberdi
Jake Gordon
Oliver Leworthy
David Komolafe
Alex Protsenko



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NEXT GAME HERE AT THE
OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

Tuesday, September 22nd at 7.45pm -

CCFC Men's First Team vs Saffron Walden Town

OFFICIALS

Referee

Andrew Owen

Assistant Referees

Edward Andrews
Zeynel Karakas



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