

CLAPTON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB



CLAPTON CFC
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Clapton CFC vs
Sport London E Benfica

Sunday

October 4th 2026

Kick-off 3.30pm

London & South East

Regional Women's League

Division One North



GENEVIEVE BUABENG
FORWARD



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, Li Steiner

100 APPEARANCES:

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 Owiredun, 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 Atogebi, 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

SL BENFICA

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

Our visitors are affiliated with the world famous Sport Lisboa e Benfica. The London club was founded in 1981 as a men's team with the women's side joining in 2018. They rose quickly through the divisions, all the way up to tier 5 after pipping Brentford to the league title in a memorable 2023/24 season where CCFC were top of the table for much of it. After two seasons at the higher level, they've now returned to our division to renew rivalries.

Form guide

It's been a tough start to the season, with SL Benfica bottom of the table and knocked out of the FA Cup. However, they are a young side with the same management and still look to be in recruitment mode with new players joining.

Previous meetings

We've played The Eagles four times in league games and have yet to win - though we did beat them 2-1 in a friendly in our last meeting in 2024. We've drawn 0-0 and lost 3-2 at home, while both away games were 2-1.

Player/s to watch

Iqra Ismail has captained the Somali national team and is a trailblazing coach and a media personality who has signed for SL Benfica this season.

CABLE STREET 90 AT THE OSD

Welcome to all who have been to the **Battle of Cable Street 90** march earlier today.

You may notice the new mural around the right-hand side of the Clubhouse commissioned by **Unite the Union**. Unite has also released a free Cable Street newspaper which you can find in the Clubhouse.

We also have our last few **Cable Street 90** T-shirts on sale on the merch stall today.

On Wednesday at 7pm, author **Daniel Trilling** will be in conversation in the Clubhouse with **Aamna Mohdin**, discussing his important new book, **If We Tolerate This: How the British establishment made the far right respectable**. Tickets are just £6.

APPEARANCE RECORDS

Midfield dynamo **Li Steiner** has become the third member of the Women's First Team squad to hit **150 competitive appearances** for CCFC!

Lucy Spours and Maria Mendonca are the two others to have hit the landmark. Overall there

have been nine players, with Jack Francis, Dean Bouho, Fred Taylor, James Briggs, Noah Adejokun and Julian Austin the other six.

Emily Link and the two Martas, Boiro and Casanovas, are closing in on 150 soon too.

FTFA NEXT SATURDAY

With the Men's First Team game here next Saturday postponed due to opponents West Essex playing in the FA Vase instead, we're looking for a big turnout for the **FTFA team's league game**. They're playing **Goal Diggers South**, kick off **12.15pm at Victoria Park**.

DEVS TEAM COACH NEEDED

Ready to step into coaching and make a real impact on the pitch?

The CCFC Women/NB Development Team are looking for passionate volunteers to support their growing squad - and we'll invest in you every step of the way.

- Fully funded Intro to Football course to kick-start your coaching journey
- UEFA C Licence

course covered as you progress

- £25 weekly volunteer expense payment
- Full coaching kit provided

If you love football, community, and developing players, this is your chance to grow, learn, and be part of something exciting. Email openaccess@claptonefc.co.uk

ALICE SHARPE

WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM HEAD COACH

We won a league game last week. Beating Hackney was our first league win of the season, and it took longer to arrive than we would have liked. We want to build on it. But before we talk about football, there are more important things happening around us.

Today marks 90 years since the Battle of Cable Street. In 1936, thousands of local Jewish people, workers, trade unionists and anti-fascists stood together to stop Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists marching through the East End. The fascists were stopped. The lesson of Cable Street is not complicated: racism and fascism have to be confronted, not accommodated.

That history matters particularly in East London. Cable Street was not an abstract political argument. It was about whether people would allow their neighbours to be targeted because of who they were. The people who stood in the road understood that sometimes solidarity means physically standing between a community and those who seek to intimidate or exclude it.

And in the North of Ireland this week, people on Garvaghy Road in Portadown have spent hours and days standing in the road. Making sure that their community is safe, that history doesn't repeat itself.

Whatever happens on a football pitch today, those questions are bigger than football. Who gets to feel safe in their own community? Who is listened to? What does solidarity mean when another community is being threatened, excluded or treated as though its concerns do not matter?

We should be clear about what we believe football is for: bringing people together, not dividing them; standing with people who face racism rather than finding excuses for it; and refusing to treat fascism, racism or sectarianism as just another side of a political argument.

I am glad we won last week, it's good for my blood pressure. But I'm more glad we get to share our local derby with Hackney Women, a team that shares our commitment to creating spaces for community.

ABOUT US

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WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

Alice Sharpe -
Head Coach

Brian Bramble and
Jack Francis - Coaches

TOP SCORERS

26/27 including friendlies

8 Emily Link

4 Maria Mendonca

2 Marta Boiro,
Uee Hayward,

1 Lenny Holmes,
Annie McGrath,
Egle Trezzi

NO MORE DEATHS
AT THE HANDS OF
THE STATE!



ANNUAL
REMEMBRANCE
PROCESSION

Saturday
31st October, 2026
12pm Trafalgar Sq



**WE DEMAND AN END
TO STATE VIOLENCE -
WILL YOU JOIN UNITED
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**



United Families & Friends Campaign (UFFC) is a coalition of families from across the UK affected by a death at the hands of the state, and the subsequent lies and coverup concerning the circumstances of their loved ones' deaths.

Established in 1997 as a network of Black families, UFFC now includes people from all backgrounds affected by these injustices.

On the last Saturday of October every year is our annual remembrance procession - first a silent walk to remember all those killed by the state, and then we raise our voices to demand justice.
Will you join united families and friends?

WWW.UFFCAMPAIGN.ORG

MATCH REPORT

27.09.26 – CLAPTON CFC W11

1-4 Clapton CFC win away
against Hackney WFC

At last! Clapton CFC secured their first three points of the season at the fifth attempt with a commanding 4-1 win in this East London derby.

Following a tough exit from the Women's FA Cup the previous weekend, Clapton CFC travelled back to our old manor of Wadham Lodge in Walthamstow, though sadly this was on the 3G rather than the neighbouring Stray Dog or stadium pitches.

Hackney, coming into the game on the back of consecutive league wins, controlled much of the early possession. However, a mixture of Clapton's well-organised defence and the offside flag meant they created only half-chances.

In the 42nd minute, Clapton took the lead against the run of play when Maria Mendonca controlled the ball with a confident touch before blasting home from about 12 yards out.

Ciara Monahan almost doubled CCFC's

advantage a few minutes into the second half when her free-kick rattled the crossbar and bounced out.

Clapton did grab that second soon after when Emily Link found the back of the net, her shot squirming under the dive of Hackney's keeper, who had a good game it should be said.

The game had truly opened up and Hackney responded swiftly to keep the contest alive with a lofted free-kick from 25 yards out sailing into the top of the net.

Given Clapton let a 2-0 lead slip in the second half of last week's defeat at Chelmsford City, there may have been some nerves about a potential repeat.

The next goal looked crucial and Clapton's persistence paid off. In the 72nd minute, Maria Mendonca pounced on some hesitant Hackney defending to slot home her second goal of the afternoon and fourth of the season.

Clapton controlled the final stretch of the match and the 82nd minute Emily Link grabbed her second goal of the game, and eighth of the season, to make it 4-1.





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WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Ella Bowles
Rhia Jacobs

DEFENDERS

Ruby Earle
Ellie Dunn
Flo Hobbes
Lenny Holmes
Annie Lyons
Julia Moulton

Noora

Oikarainen
Allana Scoble

MIDFIELDERS

Marta Boiro
Ching Chun
Ciara Monahan
Lucy Spours
Li Steiner
Egle Trezzi

FORWARDS

Genevieve
Buabeng
Marta Casanovas
Uee Hayward
Emily Link
Maria Mendonca
Aimee Shaw

SL BENFICA

Nafisa Ahmed
Tami Jo Akindolire
Meridith Bonner
Zoey De Sousa
Mantas
Natalia Debek
Hiorrany Delfino
Sara Dick
Norjeanne Galant
Iqra Ismail
Kehinde Joshua
Ebtihal Kassem
Jasmine Liddell
Jessica MacNab
Nia McNally
Millie Mwandha
Amira Naseri
Shazelle
Pascall-Louis
Kyra Pinto
Jadda Ramoutar
Avhusta Rusina
Ria Sokhi
Pharrell Springer
Mya Williamson
Georgia Winger



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NEXT GAME HERE AT THE
OLD SPOTTED DOG GROUND

Sunday, October 18th, at 2pm -

CCFC Women's First Team vs Ashmount Leigh

OFFICIALS

Referee

Mark Tweed

Assistant Referees

Olivia Brownlee
Samer Hammoud



100% FAN-OWNED FOOTBALL
BECOME A MEMBER, JOIN A COMMITTEE,
GET INVOLVED, LEND A HAND, BUILD THE CLUB

TAP TO
BECOME A
MEMBER