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# THE TEAMS



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FINLAY FLETCHER  
ARRON CARTER  
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RYAN DEWEY  
VICTOR GARCIA  
ARRON CARTER  
COBY GAME  
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JOSHUA LEWIS  
MICHAEL KING  
EWAN YOUNG  
RYAN KENT



**MANAGER: BEN COWLING**

SHAUN AVIS  
CHARLIE BECKWITH  
JAMES BUCKMASTER  
SCOTT CALLAGHAN  
REECE CLARKE  
KELVIN ENARO  
MIRKO GARCIA  
FIN LOGAN  
SAM HAWLEY  
RHYS MAZEY  
ALEX MCINTOSH  
RYAN PHILLIPS  
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# A WARM WELCOME FROM THE MANAGER

Good Evening,

Welcome to the New Croft for tonight's game, especially to the players, staff and supporters of Lakenheath. We come into the game off of the back of 2 defeats against Downham Town (0-1) and Mulbarton Wanderers (0-4) who were the teams 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> when covid-19 halted last season back in March. Tonight we face the team who were in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. It's as tough a start to the season as we could expect but there have been some encouraging signs in our first 2 games, with a good all round display against Downham and a solid first 30 minutes of the game at Mulbarton on Saturday before 2 quick goals by the home side killed the game off. With the squad still getting to know each other and adapt to some tactical changes these first 3 games will stand us in good stead for when we play the teams who'll be around us in the table.

We are aware of the threat Lakenheath possess, especially with 2 of our squad from last season likely to line up against us in Tom Thulborn and Ryan Phillips, and they have started the season strongly with 2 wins from 2. However in the same fixture last season we gave a great account of ourselves and were unfortunate not to come away with at least a point in a 3-2 defeat.

Since my last programme notes I'm delighted to have welcomed Ryan Dewey into the squad. Ryan has played higher up the non-league pyramid and brings great experience and presence to what is a relatively young squad. His displays so far in central defence have been assured and he'll be a huge asset to the club. I'm also pleased to confirm that returning to the club is Craig Pruden who will be key to our attack throughout the season.

I hope you enjoy the game tonight, thank you for your continued support.

Guy Habbin – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Manager



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# HBFC HISTORY...

Haverhill Borough were founded in the summer of 2011 under the name of Haverhill Sports Association. The club came into being when The New Croft facility was opened in Haverhill which allowed the opportunity for a club to groundshare with Haverhill Rovers FC. Haverhill SA took this opportunity with both hands and entered the Essex & Suffolk Border League (ESBL). After a few initial hiccups momentum was obtained and the club convincingly won promotion to the Premier Division and senior status. On their way to the title HCSA won an incredible 17 games on the trot and also amassed over 100 goals in the league campaign.

The club's first season at step 6 surpassed even the most optimistic supporters expectations; a few new signings pre season helped Borough towards an eventual 4th place finish., missing out on a third straight promotion by just two points. While sadly the FA Vase run was not repeated—a rematch against Norwich United, this time ending in a 1-4 defeat—success was had elsewhere, in particular with the newly formed Reserves, who won the Cambridgeshire County 2A League.

Season 2014/15 saw the club enter the FA Cup for the first time, and defeat two sides from higher—Barking, 1-0, and then Whitton United, 2-0—before eventually losing out to Ryman Premier side Leiston in the First Round Qualifying. The FA Vase again saw the Blues twice defeat higher-league opposition, while

The side also reached the semi final of the First Division Knock-Out Cup. Martin Westcott also took over from Ben Cowling as first team manager midway through the campaign, the latter moving to become the club-chairman. The Reserves also had a season to remember, the highlight being a 1-0 victory at Lowestoft Town Reserves in the Suffolk Senior Reserve Cup, while also reaching the semi final of the Creake Charity Shield.

In 2015/16 the progress of the club continued, with the reserves gaining promotion and the first team winning their first senior piece of silverware, courtesy of a 5-0 victory over Stowmarket Town in the First Division Knock-Out Cup Final.

The next season saw Borough promoted out of Division 1 after a stunning run of form. Winning 17 and drawing 1 our of the last 20 fixtures which included 10 consecutive victories which ensured Westcott's men achieved promotion on their final home game with a 13-1 win over Leiston Reserves.

2016/17 also saw the club move into their new 3G surroundings at The New Croft. The state of the art facility supports the whole community football agenda, where Borough are pleased to play their home fixtures.

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# HISTORY OF THE OPPOSITION

The 'Heath' was founded in the early years of 20<sup>th</sup> Century, around 1907-08. There's a bit of confusion as to our original colours as there are a few 'original' shirts still around including blue and gold stripes as well as black and old quarters. Since then we've changed a few times including green and gold quarters, green and white, blue and black stripes and lately yellow. This year we have gone back to our 60's colours of green and white.

We've had various 'homes' including somewhere close to the playing fields and also to the right of the old British Legion. We arrived at the 'Nest' around the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, when, after the chalk was quarried for the construction of various local roads, the land owner, Sir Charlton Briscoe, gave the quarry, also known as 'The Pit' to the village football club, on a long lease and in the mid 50's the brick stand was built. In the early 60's following Sir Charlton's passing, his son kindly offered the pit to the football club for a 'very small fee' which was gladly accepted and the place has grown since then.

From what little information is known about the club, we've not had a great deal of success over the years until fairly recently. We played in the Ouse Valley League in the early days and then the Essex and Suffolk Border league before becoming one of the founder members of the Norwich based Anglian Combination League in the early 60's, with our Reserve side playing in the Bury and District League. In the late 90's both sides joined the Cambs League where we have been until 2017-18 and indeed our Reserves side remain and are in Senior B. Most of our success has come in the last 20 years, although our 1<sup>st</sup> ever County success was in 1970 when we won the under 18's Suffolk Minor Cup. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Team won the Suffolk Junior Cup in the 70's and our Reserves also won back to back Suffolk Primary Cups in the early 90's.

The last ten years has seen the club establish itself in the upper echelons of Cambridgeshire football winning Senior A in 2008/9 and gaining promotion to Step 7. For the next 9 years we have finished in the top 3 of the Premier Division 6 times, winning the trophy in 2010/11. In 2015 our 1<sup>st</sup> Team won Suffolk Senior Cup with a record 7-0 score in the final against Ipswich Valley Rangers. I think we are among a handful of clubs that have won each of the County Cups available to us, maybe the only club!

The club appointed Ben Cowling as manager in the Spring of 2018 and he has overseen a dramatic overhaul of the clubs playing staff. On the pitch the clubs first ever season at Step 6 saw them finishing a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place. One standout result was a league record away win when the club won 15-0 at Wisbech St Mary's.

2018-19 also saw a significant investment and improvement in the clubs facilities with Floodlights being installed at the ground for the first time, these were followed by new hard standing and dugouts as the club achieved a 'G' ground grading from the FA.

Season 2019/20 saw the club make history, competing in the FA Vase and fielding an U18 side in the Eastern Counties Floodlit League for the first time. The unfortunate intervention of Covid-19 saw the league campaign end in mid March with the side well within the promotion places. The extended off season allowed for more investment into the ground and facilities with a new tractor and kitchen among the projects completed.

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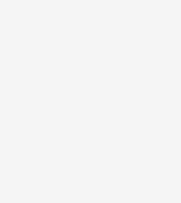
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# 2019/2020 GALLERY



# MEET THE PLAYERS

## James Young

James is an excellent young goalkeeper who featured in Marc Abbotts Haverhill Rovers side at the tender age of sixteen. Became a Borough player as part of a swap deal with Robert Friel heading to Rovers at the beginning of December. James is an excellent shot stopper and is equally as good at dealing with crosses, at 18 years of age James has a very bright future in the game.

## Ronnie Ledwith

Ronnie joins us this season after featuring for Enfield FC last season, Ronnie is an athletic left back who is strong in the air and composed with the ball at his feet. We look forward to having Ronnie with us this season.

## Coby Game

Coby joins us this season after spending the last four seasons playing across Saffron Waldens first and reserve teams. Coby is an adaptable player who can RB RWB and at CM. Coby has previously played for our first team manager Guy where he had spells at Soham and Mildenhall as a youth player.

## Dan Gleeson

Dan is a name that needs no introduction, his playing career includes spells at Luton, Stevenage and Cambridge United and has joined this season in a player/coach role.

## Alex Martin

Alex is a former Soham Town Rangers player who is extremely versatile and can play in a variety of positions and can be a real threat from set pieces.

## Arron Carter

Joined from Daventry Town Res in Northamptonshire. Arron is a versatile player who is comfortable at either right or left back, he possesses excellent leadership skills and is excellent in 1v1 situations.

## Josh Lewis

Josh joins us this season after playing for Ely City Res last season, he is lightning quick and can play off of either wing. Still very young and with lots of promise we look forward to seeing Josh develop as a player at Borough.

## Josh Lowe

Josh Lowe joins us after spending the last eighteen months at Ely City. He has however appeared for Cambridge City and Newmarket Town in spells prior to his time at Ely with Brady Stone. Josh is a physically strong player that has bundles of energy and is a good finisher on his left foot or right foot. We are delighted to be able to have Josh with us this season.

## Kieran Scanlan

Kieran is another loanee from Rovers youth team, Kieran is adaptable and although is a CM he can also play at RB. He is hardworking and has masses of quality on the ball. Another really talented young player that we look forward to seeing on the pitch.

# MEET THE OPPOSITION

## Reece Clarke

A classy playmaker with a sweet left foot, Mr Assist Reece has plenty of Thurlow Nunn experience at previous clubs Long Melford and Walsham Le Willows. Reece begins his third season with the club looking to drive the club forward. Reece is our current Supporters Player of the Year.

## Ryan Phillips

Ryan joins from Haverhill Borough where he was captain, a player who has a wand of a right foot and a technical footballing brain is equally at home on the wing or in central midfield.

## Kelvin Enaro

Kelvin begins his third season with the club as Vice-Captain having amassed 39 goals in 76 appearances to date. Previous clubs include Newmarket, Mildenhall and Ely City. Quick and strong, Kelvin is a real fans favourite with his tricks and ability to take the ball from one end of the pitch to the other, certainly one to watch this year.

## Ryan Weaver

A third season at the club for Ryan with 51 appearances in green so far. A very experienced and versatile player who can operate either in CM or in any forward position Ryan brings energy, desire and enthusiasm to the team.

## Shaun Avis

Shaun re-joined the club from Newmarket Town in March 2019 and has led the line ever since, bagging a stunning 43 goals in 43 appearances. Shaun's last goal was his 50<sup>th</sup> for the club overall having played here as a youngster, primarily at Right Back! A predator in the box Shaun will be looking to fire the club to success. Very experienced player with former clubs including Mildenhall Town, Saffron Walden Town & Halstead Town.

## Rhys Mazej

Rhys joined us from Ely City/Ely City Reserves. A versatile player with bags of energy who had some outstanding performances last year, if he finds more consistency he will be a massive threat.

## Tom Thurlborn

Tom signed this summer from Haverhill Borough where he finished as top scorer with 19 goals. Some high quality pre season games have quickly made Tom a fans favourite, strong, quick and a handful for opposition defences big things are expected this year.





# MEET THE OPPOSITION

## Charlie Beckwith

Charlie is a summer signing from Leiston FC, with over 30 first team appearances at Step 3 along with nearly 100 appearances at Step 6 with their Reserves as well as loan spells at Felixstowe & Walton, Gt Yarmouth & Whitton United Charlie has lots of experience for his age. Superb distribution and a safe pair of hands make Charlie an exciting talent.

## Finlay Logan

A tenacious full back signed from Ely City where he had played for both the First team and the Reserves. Comfortable in either full back position Fin had a superb season last time out earning the respect of his team mates to win the clubs Players Player of the season award.

## Halen Smith

Halen returns to the club after a couple of seasons of not playing regularly and has impressed in pre season as his fitness grows. Composed on the ball and an excellent tackler no doubt Halen will be a key member of the squad this season.

## Ryan Sanders

Ryan has the most first team appearances (120) for the club in the current squad having broken through as a youngster before spells with Thetford. An uncompromising defender who is equally at home at CH or LB, he also pops up with important goals at times

## Casey Underwood

A new signing, Casey joins us from Brandon Town where he was captain. Superb in the air and comfortable with the ball at his feet Casey has made a great impression in pre season either at CH or CDM.

## Tom Sheehan

Tom joined the club from Mildenhall Town just before lock down having impressed in an earlier loan spell and has re-joined this year. A pacy defender, who is calm on the ball Tom will be looking to establish himself in the side this season.

## Alex McIntosh

Left Back Alex joins us from Diss Town after an impressive season last time out. Formally of Thetford Town, where he made over 100 appearances in the TN Premier, Alex has a superb level of fitness and gets up and down the flank supplying quality deliveries and supporting the attack.

## Sam Hawley

Sam begins his third season at the club, his second as Captain of the side. Sam is very calm on the pitch and rarely gets booked despite being a CH or Holding CM by trade. Good range of passing and reads the game very well. A vital member of the squad and will often pop up with a goal or two. Sam is our current Managers Player of the year.

# MEET THE PLAYERS

## Craig Pruden

'Prudes' needs no introduction at Borough, he is returning for his third spell at the club after joining Lakenheath last season. At Borough he has played in some of the most successful times the club has had. Pruden is tenacious, hard-working and has a burst of pace that helped him to bag 30 goals in the 18/19 season.

## Ryan Dewey

Ryan is a tough tackling CB who has played 50+ games at step 5 for Saffron Walden and Long Melford. Ryan finished last season with Brightlingsea Regent and signed forms for Borough the day before the season opener against Downham Town. A real coup to have someone of Ryans experience in defence we are already sure he will do well for the club.

## Ewan Young

Ewan has joined us this season as a third year scholar on St Ives Town education programme. Ewan is a commanding 6'2 centre half who spent the second half of last season at step 6 side Huntingdon Town. Ewan was the first of this summers new signings and we are looking forward to seeing him in feature in our league campaign.

## Callum Stone

Callum is currently on a short term loan from neighbours Haverhill Rovers, Callum has impressed at U18 level and joins us in his first spell of senior football. Callum can play anywhere across the front line of the pitch and is direct, pacey and has a great eye for goal.

## Ryan Swallow (CM)

Midfield playmaker played a vital role in the club's promotion in 2016/2017 scoring 20 goals and numerous assists. Will be looking to build on those achievements this season.

## Rory Bone (CM)

Tough tackling left back who can also put a shift in upfront if needed. Popular with the fans and team-mates alike, Rory previously played for Coggeshall and White Notley.

## Ryan Kent (RM)

Scored the first goal in the New Croft for Haverhill Rovers, veteran 'Kenty' still has pace to burn, and now uses his experience to set up goals from the right.

## Michael King (M)

Michael is one of the more experienced players in our squad where he made a name for himself at step 3 with Hitchin Town, following his successful time at Hitchin Michael secured a move to Cambridge City. After a season at City "Kingy" returned to Hitchin before moving to Biggleswade. Michael is an all action midfield player with an eye for goal and an industrious work rate.