



CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK F.C.

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Sussex. RH10 4LJ*

*Founded 1993 (Merger of three Clubs), Colours: Red
Shirts, Red Shorts, Red Socks*



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Crawley Down Gatwick FC have made a remarkable rise from parks football to the Ryman League in less than 20 years. The club was only formed in 1993 but have enjoyed the type of success many could only hope for in their short history. In 2011 Sussex County League title success and promotion to Step 4 Football was followed by an appearance at the AMEX in the Sussex Senior Cup Final in 2012.

1983-95 Delving back into the history books to 1983, Crawley Down United could be found nestled in Division Six of the Mid Sussex League. By 1988 the club had risen to Div One, winning three league titles and finishing runners-up on two occasions. After three seasons in Div One they won promotion to the Premier Division as runners up to Lindfield. **1993/94** culminated in a merger of four local sides and adopting the name Crawley Down Village they finished third in the following season. 1994/5 they claimed their first Premier Division title by a massive margin of ten points from 2nd placed Wealden.

1995-2003 In 1995 the Anvils joined the Sussex County League Division Three. In the first season they finished second and found themselves making an even swifter move into Senior Football. They also reached the final of the Intermediate Cup. The first two seasons in Division Two provided much sought after consolidation but in the 1998-99 season they finished in a promotion position but only to be denied a place in Division One because they could not persuade Mid Sussex District Council to allow the installation of floodlights in time. The following season they thought they had finished in a promotion spot again only to be thwarted by a late decision to award Lancing three extra points after Mile Oak had fielded an illegible player. The next four seasons were not so easy for the club with changes of management and they finished no higher than 11th in that period.

The 2004-07 era was better as they finished tenth and fifth and In the Division Two Cup, they reached the semi-final stage two years running. 2006-07 was a struggle only staying up after an outstanding finish to the season loosing just two of the last 14 matches. Cup form: Q/F of the Sussex RUR Cup and the Div Two Cup.

2007-08 was a massive year for the club as the culmination of 10 years' hard work behind the scenes paid off with the Anvils given the go ahead to upgrade facilities. Floodlights, hard standing and stands followed and were in place for the start of the new season. The Team finished 6th and reached the semi-final of the John O'Hara League Cup. In the FA Vase they reached the 4th round losing away at Brockenhurst. The Anvils also entertained Brighton & HA in the Sussex Senior Cup. By now, the club were gaining momentum on and off the pitch and they finally won promotion to Div One with a third place finish.

2009-2010 Many expected the Division One new boys to struggle but they defied the odds to enjoy a tremendous season, finishing eighth in the league and enjoying good cup runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase as well as reaching the League Cup Final.

2010-11 Proved to be the most successful season in the club's history as the Anvils won the County League Division One and promotion to the Isthmian League by a margin of 15 points as well as winning the RUR Cup. They reached the semi-finals of both the John O'Hara and the Sussex Senior Cups where they lost to Blue Square prem side Eastbourne Borough. **2011-14** Saw the Club compete in the Isthmian South for the first time and the Club set about building a team to compete at this level, finishing in 15th place and also getting to the Sussex Senior Cup Final at the AMEX, losing out in the last minute to Ryman South Champions Whitehawk. A name change to Crawley Down Gatwick FC was approved highlighting the wider area to which the Club is now associated. **2012/13** Season started remarkably well with the team topping the Ryman South table through to November but finally finishing in 13th position. Forced Manager changes meant a massive dip in form in **2013/14**, which saw the Anvils end up second to bottom and relegation. **2014/15** The Club rejoined the Sussex County League, unfortunately a 2nd relegation followed to the newly named Southern Combination League Div 1. **2015/16** saw the revival of the side under Paul Cooper as the rebuilt Anvils challenged at the top all season, finally finishing in 2nd place to Haywards Hth Town and 14 points clear of 3rd placed Oakwood to gain promotion back to the Southern Combination Premier Division.

2017-23 Back in the SCL Prem the side continued its improvement finishing in a midtable position and reaching the RUR Cup Final in that first year. The following season they achieved a midtable finish and a PB cup Semi final. James Day took over the side from **2018-19** and did well in his first season as the side finished in 9th place with 57 points. **2019/21** Covid dominated and the League was abandoned with CDG in 6th Pos. **21-22** the team again ended mid table and a run to R3 of the FA Vase. **22/23** Proved to be a very good season with The Anvils finishing in 2nd place behind Broadbridge Hth & losing out on promotion to Isthmian side Sutton Common Rovers in a promotion play off.