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## WELCOME

Oakwood Football Club would like to extend a warm welcome to today's match officials, along with the visiting club delegates, players and supporters for this fixture.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Oakwood Park and wish you a safe return journey home.

Unless otherwise stated information concerning our opponents for today's programme is taken from the SCFL website

No comments regarding visiting clubs is made by officials, or supporters of Oakwood FC. If information appears incorrect please notify the relevant website administrators from the respective organisations.

Thank you for your understanding.

Archive information collated by Richard John Neil and Malcolm Carter.

Please enjoy your day and remain safe at all times

The committee

### Matchday hosts from:

Manager: Mr Mark Gilbert  
Chairman: Mr Stuart Lovegrove  
Secretary: Ms Sarah Daly  
Treasurer: Ms Carol Macey

## OAKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB - Committed to Excellence



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## Southern Combination Football League Division 1 table at Wednesday 9 December



Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bexhill United	10	9	1	0	33	9	24	28
2	Littlehampton Town	9	8	1	0	41	8	33	25
3	AFC Varndeanians	10	7	2	1	23	12	11	23
4	Midhurst & Easebourne	11	6	1	4	22	19	3	19
5	Worthing United	9	6	0	3	10	10	0	18
6	Mile Oak	10	5	0	5	25	26	-1	15
7	Shoreham	10	4	2	4	20	16	4	14
8	Wick	9	4	2	3	20	17	3	14
9	Billingshurst	9	3	4	2	16	18	-2	13
10	Roffey	11	3	2	6	18	18	0	11
11	Seaford Town	9	2	2	5	10	14	-4	8
12	Selsey	8	2	2	4	7	13	-6	8
13	Hailsham Town	9	2	1	6	12	31	-19	7
14	Arundel	9	1	3	5	14	28	-14	6
15	Storrington	10	1	1	8	8	23	-15	4
16	Oakwood	9	0	2	7	8	25	-17	2
1	Bexhill United	10	9	1	0	33	9	24	28

### Above...

Pos	Premier – bottom three	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
18	Langney Wanderers	10	2	1	7	10	23	-10	7
19	Horsham YMCA	11	1	1	9	10	27	-17	4
20	East Preston	12	0	2	10	11	45	-34	2

### Below...

Pos	Division 2 – top two	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Upper Beeding	9	6	3	0	21	5	16	21
2	Copthorne	10	7	0	3	24	12	12	21
3	TD Shipley	8	6	2	0	26	5	21	20

## MANAGERS NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome everyone including our visitors, Selsey and our match officials to Oakwood Football Club for our first post-lockdown home game.

The lads took a first-half lead at Billingshurst on Tuesday evening with goals from Chris Neatherway and Tom Routley but we had to be content with our second away point of the season at full time.

Our next home match is the re-arranged Sussex Senior Cup match against SCFL Premier side Lancing on Tuesday evening, kick-off at 7:45. A busy week here at Oakwood Park sees the under 23 side in action the following evening against Broadbridge Heath.

Oakwood ladies are in action at Bexhill tomorrow afternoon.

I hope you enjoy the game today and we look forward to your company here again soon.

**Neill Wilkinson – Assistant Manager**



## Under 23s

Our U23's have seen an influx of new players for this season. Whilst retaining only six from last year and a new coaching team with a new style of play, the squad is showing great signs of improvement with three players already making it into the senior squad this season. The new coaching team lead by Football Development Officer Andy Stratton are committed to producing young and exciting players who will represent the club a senior level. With a three year development plan in place, the future of the club is exciting.

### **Oakwood U23 1-6 Jarvis Brook U23 Wednesday 9 December 2020 SCFL U23 North Division**

**Oaks:** Aaron Craddock, Elias Denden, Sam Gallagher, Harold Kamegni, Finlay MacCrossen, Ashley MacLeod, Kinsley Mercure, Lewis Moffatt, Takunda Musendo, Nial O'Mara, Arnold Saurombe  
**Subs:** Gianluca Canonici, Charlie Constable, Charlie Daly, Charlie Matthes  
**Scorer:** Mercure (77)

**Jarvis Brook:** Brown, Clark, Edwards, Lambden, Hook, Chapman-Smith, Holman, Sales, Broomfield, Johnson, Hyland, Pelling  
**Subs:** Hodges, Cooper, Brookes Gordon

Officials: Simon Faires, Colin Huckle, Andrew Spink

### **Current table**

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alfold U23	6	3	2	1	24	4	20	11
2	Crowborough Athletic U23	5	3	2	0	9	5	4	11
3	Jarvis Brook U23	7	3	2	2	17	15	2	11
4	Horsham YMCA U23	5	2	3	0	16	10	6	9
5	Horley Town U23	6	2	2	2	13	14	-1	8
6	Hassocks U23	6	2	1	3	9	11	-2	7
7	Broadbridge Heath U23	7	2	1	4	15	18	-3	7
8	St Francis Rangers U23	4	2	0	2	7	12	-5	6
9	Loxwood U23	5	1	2	2	12	13	-1	5
10	Oakwood U23	5	0	1	4	8	28	-20	1

## **POLITE NOTICES - Please observe the following**

Would all visitors to Oakwood Park please observe that there is a policy for no smoking anywhere within the clubhouse building including the committee room, toilets or changing areas.

Drivers kindly remember to park your vehicles within the club grounds when attending matches or functions! Our resident neighbours have had difficulty in the past with vehicles blocking the entrances to their homes.

If when attending matches, you require a drink and you wish to spectate outside of the clubhouse, please be reminded that glasses or bottles are not permitted whilst the match is in progress. This includes the half time interval.

At all times remain behind the perimeter fencing that surrounds the pitch, unless instructed otherwise, and refrain from throwing litter onto the playing area.

Please return all glasses and bottles to the bar after you have finished using them, including plastic drinking vessels, and put any rubbish into the litter bins provided. A little understanding from everyone helps to maintain a cleaner, safer environment.

Parents please ensure your children do not throw objects around anywhere. The stones adjacent to the clubhouse and hard-court area cause damage to the tractor blades when cutting the pitch, and cause injuries to people playing on the hard-court surface.

The committee would like to thank you for your co-operation and hope you enjoy your visit to Oakwood Park.



## CLUB SPONSORSHIP

The committee of Oakwood Football Club would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support and hope that they continue their association with the club for many years.

Our thriving youth section will provide the club with some rich talent in the future, and we as a club must continue to improve the facility in which we operate through the ground development fund.

For details or further information please contact us via our website [www.oakwoodfc.co.uk](http://www.oakwoodfc.co.uk)

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- Youth team sponsorship



## Oakwood Ladies

### South East Counties Womens League

2016/17 Double Winners of the Sussex County, Women and Girls League and League Cup Champions.

Currently in playing the South East Counties Women's League.

At the beginning of 2016/17 season squad previously known as Crawley Town Girls FC became Oakwood FC. We are affiliated to the Sussex FA | The 'Oakwood Ladies' train once a week and training nights vary depending on the time of the year.

Day	Date	Match	Res	F-A	Competition
Sunday	06-Sep	Badshot Lea	A L	3-7	FA Cup Extra Prel
Sunday	13-Sep	Eastbourne United	A L	0-2	League
Sunday	20-Sep	Burgess Hill Town	A L	0-11	League
Sunday	27-Sep	Eastbourne United	H L	1-5	League
Sunday	11-Oct	Dorking Wanderers	A L	1-8	League
Sunday	18-Oct	Brighton	H L	1-13	Sussex Cup
Sunday	25-Oct	Milford & Witley	A W	4-3	League
Sunday	1-Nov	Steyning Town	H L	1-3	League

### Division One West - Current Table

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Dorking Wanderers	5	5	0	0	25	15
2	Eastbourne United	6	5	0	1	6	15
3	AFC Acorns	5	4	0	1	13	12
4	Burgess Hill Town	6	3	1	2	11	10
5	Bexhill United Ladies First	4	2	1	1	-3	7
6	AFC Littlehampton	7	2	1	4	-5	7
7	Steyning Town Community	6	2	1	3	-6	7
8	Milford & Witley Ladies	6	1	1	4	-7	4
9	Oakwood Ladies	6	1	0	5	-25	3
10	Lancing	5	0	1	4	-9	1

## Our visitors - Selsey FC

Selsey Football Club was formed in 1903 and played at various grounds before setting up home at the High Street Ground in the late 1940s. Selsey were a formidable force in the West Sussex Football League and dominated the league in the 1950s. Their record in the West Sussex Football League before applying for promotion to the Sussex County Football League was the envy of many around. They won Division One on six occasions in 1937/38, 1954/55, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59 and 1960/61, together with the Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup on four occasions in 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58 and 1958/59. They also added the Sussex County FA Intermediate Cup trophy to their haul in 1958/59.

Selsey made the step up to the Sussex County League in 1961 and made an immediate impact on Division Two when finishing runners-up to champions Shoreham in their first season. The competition was abandoned due to bad weather the following year, but Selsey gained promotion to Division One in 1963/64, ending the season as champions and were also winners of the Division Two Invitation Cup. The club remained in the top division for five years before being relegated in 1969. The highlight of their early existence in the County scene was when they appeared at the Goldstone Ground, Brighton and were narrowly beaten by Eastbourne Utd 1-0 in the Sussex Senior Cup in season 1962/63.

A return to the top flight was achieved in season 1975/76, again as champions, but within two seasons the club once again found itself back in Division Two. They then endured a further nine seasons in the lower division until they gained promotion back to Division One for the third time in 1986/87, as runners-up to Pagham. Their two chances of cup glory during that time came in 1984/85 when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup losing to local rivals Chichester City 2-1 and in 1986/87 when they were eventual winners. Once back in Division One Selsey managed to survive for four seasons, until finishing bottom in 1991 with just 12 points. They had another chance of silverware in 1989/90 but again failed in the final when they lost to Langney Sports in the John O'Hara League Cup but made amends by winning the County League five a side tournament at the Brighton Centre. The club then had a period of success when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup in 1994/95 and winners of it the following season, together with winning promotion to Division One again in 1995/96.

The club then enjoyed its longest spell in Division One, a period of eight years, and it's most successful time when manager Danny Hinshelwood took control of the club in the year 2000. Season 2001/02 saw them win the SCFA RUR Cup and the following year saw them lift the John O'Hara League Cup. In 2000/01 and 2001/02 the club finished 4th on both occasions, their highest finish to date. Problems behind the scenes at the club however, saw them start the 2003/04 amongst the favourites for relegation. The annual curtain-raiser - The Norman Wingate Trophy - did little to dispel those feelings, as Whitehawk thumped a woeful Selsey side 6-1. The remainder of the season followed suit as Selsey were duly relegated to Division Two.

Following two seasons of rebuilding and re-structuring, and with Danny Hinshelwood back in charge after a short spell away, the 2005/06 period saw Selsey back to something like their best when they gained promotion back to Division One, thus maintaining their reputation as one of the County League's yo-yo clubs. It was not surprising that Selsey's best home gate of the season (248) came against local rivals Pagham, but what was completely bizarre was the fact that the lowest attendance at the High Street Ground (88) was for the visit of Sidlesham, easily their closest neighbours with less than three miles separating the two clubs!

Back in the top division for 2006/07, Selsey comfortably maintained their position with an 8th place finish and again posted amongst the best attendances in the League, bettered only by champions Eastbourne Town and Three Bridges. They also won their way through to the SCFA

RUR Cup final again in season 2007/08 but could not record their second triumph of this long established competition losing to Three Bridges. A fifteenth place finish kept them in Division One and mid table seems to be the favoured position for the club having finished no lower than seventeenth and no higher than tenth in the league since then. Another cup final appearance was to come Selsey's way in 2011/12 when they played Rye Utd in the SCFA RUR Cup, but again could not record a win and lost 2-0. In 2011 the club made improvements to the ground in line with the FA ground grading requirements and now has a ground worthy of its County League status.

Selsey's 2012-13 season saw some highs and lows. League wins at Hassocks and Redhill were the pick of the bunch and an emphatic 4-0 thumping of Rye Utd avenged the cup final defeat from the previous season. This was the best Selsey could do in the cups as they lost the next round to Peacehaven and saw early exits from all other cup competitions. A total of eleven league wins and twelve draws saw Selsey finish eighteenth in the league, only avoiding relegation by four points.

The following season started with great enthusiasm and optimism. Ex Brighton and Hove Albion favourite Adam Hinshelwood was in charge of the side and things looked good for the new campaign. However a far from bright start saw Selsey draw their first game and lose their next three before beating local rivals Chichester 2-1 at home in the league. Early exits were recorded in the FA Cup and FA Vase and their league form was inconsistent. This form led to Hinshelwood resigning as Manager when they lost away to 2<sup>nd</sup> Division outfit Broadbridge Heath in the SCFA RUR Cup. Ryan Pharo took over the hot-seat and stabilized the ship recording notable victories against Pagham and Hassocks. Pharo's rein at the Club however was short-lived and he was removed from his post during March. The Club decided to take on a Youth policy and needed to promote from within. Steve Bailey was promoted to the position of Manager and with half the first team squad leaving the Club it was a difficult end to the season. In fact they lost seven of their last eight matches only winning the last game of the season at home to Lingfield 3-2. This win secured their place in Division One for another term.

The 2014-15 Season proved to be a very difficult time for the Club. The first team struggled in the league and never looked like holding onto their position in Division One. They ended the season in bottom place with only eleven points to their name which meant relegation to the newly formed Southern Combination Football League. Their cup exploits did not fare any better with defeats in the first round of each competition.

The new season proved to be tough for Steve Baileys's side and it took until the second week in October before they recorded their first league victory. (The first game of the season was awarded to Selsey when Saltdean Utd FC was unable to raise a team). A couple of early Cup wins in the Peter Bentley Cup and Division One Cup were an improvement on the previous term but unfortunately the side went out of these competition before any silverware came their way. The pick of the wins throughout the season were the victories against Crawley Down Gatwick (who were top at the time), Langney Wanderers and Lingfield. However, defeats to Seaford Town (twice) and Midhurst soured things a little. For the third season running Selsey were either, already relegated, or needing a result on the last day of the season, to ensure they did not end up in a relegated position. A 1-1 draw at home to Southwick was sufficient for the team to retain its Division One status, Steve steady the ship over the next couple season but by the end of the 2017/18 he felt it was time to move on.

Selsey acted Quickly by appointing Daren Pearce as the new manager before the start of the new 2018/19 Season bringing with him a talented group of youthful players