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HISTORY

Cobham Football Club was formed on Friday 5 November 1886 by Founding President, Hon. Alan Egerton MP and villagers connected with the local Coffee Tavern. The Vicar offered to supply it with a football. On 4 November 1890, The Evening Telegraph reported on the death of our Centre Half, Arthur Smith, following injuries sustained in a match vs Kingston Wanderers. In 1892, the Club affiliated to the Surrey FA. The home ground was never settled with various fields around the outskirts of the village being used at different times. During the late 1920's they played in the Kingston and District League winning division 1 in 1928/29 and 1929/30. Following the Club gaining intermediate status in 1933, Cobham won the Surrey Intermediate League Cup (Central) in 1933/34 and 1935/36. The Club achieved senior status in 1938 upon election to the new Surrey Senior League.

The war years between 1939 to 1945 saw a vote to agree a temporary merger with the Avorians Sports Club to form Cobham Avorians to ensure local football continued.

After the War, the Club made home at Cobham recreation ground until 1955/6 when it moved to Anvil lane also known as the Leg o' Mutton field. The club took its nickname from the word anvil and thus became the Hammers. Phil Walker and Trevor Lee of Millwall FC and Cricketer Bob Willis of Surrey & England are amongst famous ex-players.

During the 70's, 80's and 90's the club had a really good local feel with the ground being a vibrant hub of football. The World Famous Rock Band, Moody Blues, played an Annual Charity Match at Cobham Football Club, giving us our record attendance of 2,000 in 1974/75. The floodlights were installed in season 1996/97 and were christened with a game against Conference side Woking FC on 18th February 1997. The Hammers were founder members of the Combined Counties League moving up from the now defunct Surrey Senior League. They finished second to Ash United in 1998/9. Amongst long serving stalwarts

such as Dave Tippets who first joined the club in the 1980's, the pride of place on the clubhouse wall goes to a painting of Reg Madgwick, who served as player, committee member and fund raiser. When he died in 1995, he requested his ashes be scattered on the pitch and left all his worldly possessions to the club and the decision was made to rename the ground The Reg Madgwick Stadium in his honour.

The Club won the Combined Counties Premier League Challenge Cup in 2001/02 beating Bedfont FC 3-2. After the stand went up in 2004, the club was a mainstay in the Combined Counties Division 1 under the overall guidance until 2015 of the late Ken Reed who died in 2018.

After a new committee was elected in 2015 led by Dave Tippets, the club has built its Junior football with 16 sides to compliment the men's team and the new seated stand, new fencing and the dual turnstile were put in during April 2016 to allow the ground to achieve a Grade D (Step 4) rating. 2017/2018 saw the club promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division under the guidance of Sam Merison and the introduction of an Under 23 side to support the first team. In August 2019 the club was awarded the status of FA Charter Standard Club. During the covid years, Cobham enjoyed record cup runs in the FA Cup (1st qualifying round) and last 16 of the FA Vase in 2020/21. The club most recent trophies are the unique weekend double achieved by Pete Doherty's Under 23's winning the Surrey Elite Intermediate League's Reserve Division Covid Cup & Challenge Cup in 2021 beating Frimley Green Under 23's & Virginia Water Reserves both on penalties. This adds to their 2019 triumph over SCR FC under 23's also on penalties to win the Combined Counties Development League Cup. Committee Stalwarts such as Ewemade Orobator and Mark Cornish have helped to grow the club and gain many of the town's businesses on board as sponsors and suppliers, the Hammers are on a firm footing for progression with the town and families at the heart of our plans.



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Saturday 5th March 2022



vs



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We would like to offer a very warm welcome to the committee, supporters and players of Fleet Town.

Our visitors come to us in their first season in the CCL for a while having been moved across in the restructures last term. They have had a mixed bag of results so far but find themselves with plenty of points albeit in the bottom half of the table and we're just peeking over our shoulders.

This is supposed to be our second meeting this term with our opponents however the return fixture fell victim to the weather a couple of months ago and has been rescheduled for a Tuesday night.

For us, we have had a run of a couple of defeats against Guildford City and Badshot Lea having won our last home game vs Frimley Green. We will be hoping for a result to kick us on in to the top half.

Enjoy the game.

Dave Tippett - Cobham FC Chairman

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Dre Grobler
Sammy Taylor
Ryan David
Niall Stillwell
Ayran Kugathas
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Harry Walker
Will Lacey

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Coaches: Tayo Oladele

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Fleet Town FC

Neil Sanneh
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Stuart Derry
Kieran Nagle-Kelly
Sam Durham
Joe Western
Yassa Arafat
Dan Bone
Elliot Amadiou
Khalid Babikir
Tom Wensley
Ben Maunders
Rowan Sharratt
Ellis McLean
Billy Oram
Dylan Riley
Faree Hakem-Habeeb
James Beauchamp
Jaiquan Buckley

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THE OPPOSITION

Fleet Town FC was officially formed in 1890, making it the oldest sports club in the town. The centenary was celebrated in 1990 with a special Scroll being presented by the Football Association to the club, together with a commemorative plaque from the Hampshire FA.

In its early years Fleet FC played at the bottom of the Views where Campbells Close is today. Later they moved to Watsons Meadow in Fleet Road, roughly opposite where Travis & Perkins now stands, at the station end of Fleet Road. It was during this time that a young, future Prime Minister, Clement Atlee played for the club, his aunt living in a house that backed onto this original ground.

In 1923 Lord Calthorpe of Elvetham Hall made available the site of the present ground in Crookham Road, and the club moved to its new home playing their first match on 3rd March 1923. The ground was subsequently bequeathed to the District Council and later the Fleet Town Council, with the proviso that it would continue to be for the use of the Town's football club.

In 1953 floodlights were installed for the first time. The club entered the Hampshire League in 1961. From then on Fleet Town FC gradually moved through the Divisions, eventually moving into the Wessex League for the 1989/90 season.

After six years of steady progress, the club gained promotion to the Southern League as Wessex League Champions. In 1999/00, its fifth season in the Dr Martens Southern League the club finished bottom and returned to the Wessex League. Within a few seasons the club returned to the Southern League, winning promotion under Player/manager, Steve Beeks.

Playing in the Ryman League the 2005/06 season began with a new management team of ex-England International Andy Sinton assisted by Steve Mellor. In their second season together this new team saw their side top the table at Christmas before they finally finished in 5th place. In a pulsating play-off semi-final they lost 2-1 to Tooting & Mitcham, with the London side scoring twice in added-on time. The team also reached the final of the Hampshire County Cup, losing 2-1 to Aldershot, the game being played at AFC Bournemouth.

For season 2007-08 the Club were moved by the FA to the BGB Southern League, South & West Division, and again had a record breaking season. Right up until the last few games they were in with a chance of automatic promotion but eventually had to accept 2nd spot behind Farnborough. This however was their highest ever non-league finish and again played in front of record crowds. It was heartbreak in the play-offs though as the team again lost in the semi-final, this time to an injury time penalty that gave Uxbridge a 2-1 victory. Fleet also went their furthest in the FA Cup before losing 2-1 at Havant & Waterlooville in the 3rd Qualifying Round.

Season 08/09 had the club on the move yet again with promotions/relegations elsewhere meaning that Fleet returned to the Ryman League, South Division. Andy Sinton's side again broke more records as the team won four cups, including the prestigious Hampshire Senior Cup when over 1,200 witnessed victory over VTFC at St Marys Stadium, Southampton, to send the cup to Fleet for the first time. In addition the team also won the Russell Cotes Cup, Aldershot Senior & North Hants cups. They again progressed to the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup before losing 5-2 in a bruising encounter at AFC Totton.

May 2010 brought major changes at the club with Chairman Graham Smith stepping down and this was shortly followed by manager Andy Sinton resigning to join AFC Telford United. For the new season Steve Mellor stepped into the Manager's shoes. A largely new Blues side finished a credible 13th.

Season 2011-12 again saw Fleet Town move as they were switched back to the Southern League after a three year absence, this time placed in the Division One Central. However results were poor and after a run of defeats and exiting the major cup competitions Mellor left in November 2011 to be replaced by Craig Davis as player/manager. Despite some improved displays, the Blues faced relegation after ending the season in 21st spot. However, due to circumstances elsewhere in the Football pyramid Fleet Town gained an FA reprieve and retained their place as a Southern League club, to play a 2nd season in the Division One Central for season 2012/13.

In July 2012 Steve Cantle became Chairman and the club enjoyed an improved Southern League season, finishing with 4 teams behind them, in 18th spot. Following the end of the season Fleet Town were again moved, this time within the Southern League to Division One South & West.

After several difficult seasons the 2015/16 season saw Fleet moved back to the Division One Central, and they enjoyed 3 successful seasons with league status retained and the winning of the Aldershot Senior Cup and the North Hants Senior Cup in 2017.

However, 2018-19, Fleet's 17th consecutive season at this level, brings new challenges to the Club as against their wishes, they have been laterally moved to the Southern League South with long journeys ahead including two to Devon. With Chairman Alec Grant at the helm the Club is moving forward and getting the infrastructure right and as a result the feeling at the Club is one of optimism. Sam Waters is the new Head of Football with Dave Kelly as manager and with their reliance on youth the Club are looking for stability and progress after the turmoil of the close season. A very tough season with multiple managers and chairpeople led to little consistency.

2019-20 started with Fleet back in the Wessex League Premier Division after relegation from the Southern League South Division. Moving forward a new committee is in place and with Dave Kelly continuing as manager and many players returning it is hoped that much of the consistency lacking from last year will be in place this year. The team were solidly in midtable when covid caused an end to the season. The club focussed on rebuilding the club infrastructure, with much work taking place on the pitch, in the clubhouse and around the ground.

2020-21 saw a second season in the Wessex League. Dave Kelly remained as manager and the team kicked on with new players, still with a focus on developing young players. The team reached the 1st Rd of the FA Vase for the first time in many years. Work on the ground continued and the future is starting to look better at Calthorpe Park. With the FA's reorganisation taking place over the summer Fleet have moved leagues yet again and for 2021-22 they will be in the Combined Counties Premier League Southern Division.



PLAYER PROFILE

Name:
Harry Walker

Nickname:
Walker

Position:
CB / CM / FB

Previous clubs:
Sutton

Favourite player:
Genaro Gattuso

Team supported:
Chelsea

Best at dressing room banter:
Prince

Best friend at Cobham:
Ayran

Favourite thing about Cobham:
The family atmosphere, we all get on and have a great camaraderie on and off the pitch

Favourite food:
Bacon rolls

How you like to unwind after training:
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This LFFP will be the go-to document for football facility investment in Elmbridge. It does not however, guarantee the success of future funding applications; each priority

project identified will still have to follow an application process to show how it will deliver key participation outcomes, be a good quality, sustainable facility and demonstrate suitable match-funding.

Nonetheless this is great news for Cobham Football Club whose were scored against two principal factors: deliverability and outcomes (quality, inclusivity, sustainability, engagement and usage).

To see the Cobham FC's report go to APPENDIX A:

<https://lffp-prod.ff-apps.dh.bytemark.co.uk/local-authorities-index/elmbridge/elmbridge-local-football-facility-plan/>

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#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Beckenham Town	25	11	2	0	9	1	2	20	3	2	65	21	44	63
2.	Walton & Hersham	27	12	1	1	7	4	2	19	5	3	67	23	44	62
3.	Jersey Bulls	23	6	2	0	12	2	1	18	4	1	65	14	51	58
4.	Badshot Lea	25	8	3	2	7	5	0	15	8	2	71	31	40	53
5.	Redhill	26	6	4	2	9	2	3	15	6	5	60	29	31	51
6.	Raynes Park Vale	23	7	2	2	8	2	2	15	4	4	63	29	34	49
7.	Sheerwater	30	7	2	6	6	2	7	13	4	13	57	62	-5	43
8.	Horley Town	26	7	2	6	6	1	4	13	3	10	49	48	1	42
9.	Guildford City	27	6	3	5	4	3	6	10	6	11	45	48	-3	36
10.	Cobham	27	3	6	3	6	2	7	9	8	10	41	39	2	35
11.	Camberley Town	29	3	1	9	7	3	6	10	4	15	31	46	-15	34
12.	Balham	25	6	2	5	4	1	7	10	3	12	38	36	2	33
13.	Farnham Town	29	2	2	8	7	4	6	9	6	14	52	58	-6	33
14.	Knaphill	27	5	6	4	1	5	6	6	11	10	43	54	-11	29
15.	Colliers Wood United	27	4	0	10	4	3	6	8	3	16	31	50	-19	27
16.	Fleet Town	27	4	0	10	4	1	8	8	1	18	41	62	-21	25
17.	Frimley Green	24	4	2	9	3	0	6	7	2	15	25	54	-29	23
18.	AFC Croydon Athletic	26	3	6	5	1	3	8	4	9	13	31	64	-33	21
19.	Banstead Athletic	25	1	2	8	2	3	9	3	5	17	28	68	-40	14
20.	Molesey	30	2	2	12	0	3	11	2	5	23	25	92	-67	11



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