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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 of 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 Tippetts 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 Tippetts, 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 23rd October 2021



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We would like to offer a very warm welcome to the committee, supporters and players of AFC Croydon Athletic.

Our visitors come to us with a bit of a mix of recent results but will be buoyed after last weeks 1-0 win over Farnham who themselves have been on a good run.

This is already our second encounter with them this season, the first game finishing 1-1 on the opening day of the season which really was a game of two halves.

It has been a while since we welcomed AFC Croydon to Cobham, and we'll be hoping for more points as we look to capitalise on the last three games which have seen us yield 5 points from 9 against Badshot Lea, Banstead and Sheerwater.

Enjoy the game.

Dave Tippetts - Cobham FC Chairman

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James King (C)
Ben Senior
Jack Sims
Reis Stanislaus
Jonathan Hood
Ryan Marklew
Will Hellestoe
Jacob Desa
Dre Grobler
Ryan Marklew
Tom Bryant
Niall Stillwell
Prince Otto
Ryan Debattista
Zac Le Stavri
Will Lacey

Manager: Sam Merison

Assistant Manager: James Cameron

Coaches: Adrian Browne

Franco Abbattacola

Jack Rossi

Tayo Oladele

Dan Parker

Paul Cross

Physio: Dawn Adams

AFC Croydon Athletic

Oshane Brown
Abbas Oduncu
William Grievson
Marcus Travers
Ibrahim Kallon
Liam Coates
Jay Bradley
Jack Marney
Aiden Lopeman
Jermaine Green
Joe Nwoko
Carl Obiltey
David Charalambous
Luwayne Greenwood
Nahum Green
Alfie Young
Marcos Belloli
Emiliano Lika
Erald Memaj
Jordan Boateng
Janichell Santos

Manager: Kevin Rayner

Assistant: Barry Boxall

Coach: Ean Paterson

GK Coach: Garry Henry

Physio: Denis Lawton

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THE OPPOSITION



AFC Croydon Athletic was officially born on 6th February 2012 after a group of supporters gathered at Selhurst Evangelical Church in South Norwood to form a new club. The newly appointed committee had just 7 weeks to put everything in place to convince the Football Association and the League that they were worthy of a place at Step 6 in the pyramid. Despite the challenge it was a successful journey. The need to form a new club had come about because of the demise of Croydon Athletic FC who had become the innocent victims of an international cricket match-fixing scandal by their then owner. Valiant attempts to find a buyer, which looked very positive at times, turned out to be fruitless and with debts mounting and owners unwilling to pay what they owed the club folded playing its last game in December 2011. Having secured the support of the Combined Counties League and the London FA, representatives of the Club met officials from the FA and made their case for being placed in Division One. Having made a presentation and answered questions for more than ninety minutes there followed a long wait to see if they would endorse the application. On the day of the first annual general meeting, on 10th May, the Club got the call that they had been recommended to be placed at Step 6. The biggest challenge had been securing a stadium to play at. The club's real home remains the Keith Tuckey Stadium off Mayfield Road but that currently lies empty as the owners of the old Club refuse to give it up and back to the Council. It is hoped that this will be resolved and discussions can start with the Council about the Club's return there in the future. For this season at least, however, it is indebted to both Croydon FC and Croydon Council who have facilitated the use of Croydon Sports Arena as its new home. With a place in the league secured the focus shifted from off the field priorities back to the team. On 29th May the Club were pleased to announce the appointment of Antony Williams as its first manager and along with his management team he set about the task of putting together a squad capable of competing in the division. The preparations begun in earnest with the first pre-season friendly against Fisher FC and the journey had really begun. We completed our initial season in Division One of the Combined Counties League in a creditable 8th position. The club also won its first piece of silverware by winning the Lemon Recordings Division One cup by beating Staines Lammas 5-0 at Windsor. We now look to move upwards and on to more success. 2013/14 Season was more a season of continued consolidation. We finished one place higher in the league and with a little bit more consistency could have been in the final shake up for promotion. The Club returned to its spiritual home of Mayfield Stadium on 15th November 2014 with a game against Banstead Athletic. This was later than had been expected as there were problems with the pitch and floodlights. Despite these problems and having to play their first 10 matches away from home the club maintained a promotion chasing position all season and finally clinch 2nd place with a 3-0 victory over Cobham FC. The club also won its 2nd piece of silverware when winning the London Senior Trophy beating Interwood 4-3 after extra time. With the FA Leagues Committee having placed the club in The Southern Counties East Football League (formally the Kent League) following promotion for the 2015/16 season the club then maintain their position in the league by finishing 11th. In the close season manager Antony Williams resigned to take over at Chipstead FC and the club replaced him with Kevin Rayner as they look to continue the progress they have made. As Kevin starts his 6th season in charge hoping for improvement in the team's fortunes including a decent cup run. He has added Barry Boxall to the management team as assistant manager and Ean Patterson has arrived as coach for the 2021/22 season.



PLAYER PROFILE

Name:
Lee Norman

Nickname:
Normski

Position:
Goalkeeper

Previous clubs:
Ewell

**Most influential person at the club:
For me it has to be Franco personally, as he has helped me progress as a keeper. The 1-2-1 support kicked me on to become a better keeper.**

**What is the competition like for keepers this year?
I would say it is healthier than any year before, we have an excellent keeper in the 23's, Will Lacey who is coming on leaps and bounds and really pushing me. Matt Willett is just coming back from a serious knee injury that has kept him out for 18 months and he will be pushing. Then we also have young Ethan and Andrew Westphal has helped out this season too.**

**Does that drive you on?
Yes, absolutely, competition is healthy and when I know I have to compete with the others who are all young and upcoming, I have to stay on my toes**

**How has the season been for you so far?
Mixed, due to the birth of my second child, I had to miss a lot of pre season, but I now feel like I am getting back to my best and I want to help the team pick up as many points as possible now.**





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National funding partners have significantly increased investment to accelerate efforts to deliver more and better football facilities for the grassroots game and this plan proposes a programme of 11 priority projects for potential investment that will transform local football facilities, including 3G FTPs, improved grass pitches, changing rooms/pavilions/clubhouses and small sided facilities.

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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Huge thanks goes' to the Cobham FC Committee, juniors and youth managers, and especially Sam Merision who has been instrumental in this process.





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PREMIER DIVISION TABLE



#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Badshot Lea	12	4	1	1	5	1	0	9	2	1	36	14	22	29
2.	Walton & Hersham	11	6	0	0	3	1	1	9	1	1	31	5	26	28
3.	Beckenham Town	11	6	1	0	2	1	1	8	2	1	26	7	19	26
4.	Horley Town	12	4	1	2	3	0	2	7	1	4	24	25	-1	22
5.	Raynes Park Vale	11	4	0	2	2	2	1	6	2	3	28	15	13	20
6.	Jersey Bulls	8	1	0	0	5	1	1	6	1	1	19	3	16	19
7.	Redhill	9	3	2	1	2	1	0	5	3	1	22	9	13	18
8.	Colliers Wood United	12	2	0	3	3	2	2	5	2	5	19	21	-2	17
9.	Sheerwater	12	2	1	2	3	1	3	5	2	5	18	23	-5	17
10.	Knaphill	12	2	4	0	1	2	3	3	6	3	21	16	5	15
11.	Cobham	14	1	4	1	2	2	4	3	6	5	20	24	-4	15
12.	Guildford City	10	3	0	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	17	16	1	14
13.	Farnham Town	10	1	1	4	3	1	0	4	2	4	13	13	0	14
14.	Fleet Town	11	2	0	5	2	0	2	4	0	7	20	23	-3	12
15.	Camberley Town	11	1	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	6	6	18	-12	11
16.	AFC Croydon Athletic	13	1	3	3	1	2	3	2	5	6	15	31	-16	11
17.	Frimley Green	11	2	1	3	1	0	4	3	1	7	12	25	-13	10
18.	Balham	11	1	1	3	1	1	4	2	2	7	13	22	-9	8
19.	Banstead Athletic	11	0	2	3	1	1	4	1	3	7	15	28	-13	6
20.	Molesey	14	1	0	5	0	1	7	1	1	12	11	48	-37	4



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Juniors Administration Manager - Kirsty Tippetts

Juniors Secretaries - Jonathan Legg

Match Day Catering - Geraldine Claiden

Stadium Admission Manager – Pauline Dart

Stadium & Facilities Officer – Dave Short

Club Announcer – Ian Mackenzie

Life presidents - Barry Harlow & Ian Mackenzie

International Ambassador - Manuel Bonifacio

MENS 1ST TEAM MANAGEMENT

Manager: Sam Merison

Assistant Manager: James Cameron

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