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Balham Football Club was formed in 2011 in order to provide player progression into open age football for the hugely talented, high achieving age group teams of Balham Blazers FC, which was founded by Greg Cruttwell in 2001.

Having won back-to-back promotions in 2011/12 and 2012/13 Balham did the league and cup double in the Surrey South Eastern Combination in 2013/14.

In 2014/15 Balham finished in a promotion position again, in the Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League, however promotion was denied due to Combined Counties League facility requirements not being met.

Having moved to ground share with Cobham FC, in order to meet the facility requirements, Balham finished as runners up in the SEIFL in 2015/16 and as a result were promoted to Division One of the Combined Counties League for the 2016/17 season.

The club had an exceptional first league campaign at Step 6, finishing in a promotion position for the sixth consecutive season and winning the London

Senior Trophy.

In 2017/18 the club had an equally exceptional season, finishing 5th at Step 5 in the Premier Division of the CCL and winning the London Senior Cup.

2026/27 is the club's eighth season at this level, not counting the null and void campaigns of 2019/20 and 2020/21 lost to COVID-19. Along the way the club flirted with relegation in 2018/19.

Having begun on Wimbledon Extension, before moving to Cobham and then to the Wibbandune Stadium, where the club ground shared with Colliers Wood Utd, Balham were on the move again in 2020, this time to the Mayfield Stadium, where the club has embarked on a two-year ground share agreement with AFC Croydon Athletic. Moving location meant having to move sideways in the Football League Pyramid, from the Premier Division of the CCL into the Premier Division of the SCEFL (South East Counties Football League)

After one single season in the SCEFL however, which was curtailed due to COVID-19, the FA brought Balham back to the Combined Counties League for the 2021/22 season, at the same level, in a newly formed Premier League South.

The 21/22 season we were back in the Combined Counties League Premier South – and great to play against some of the teams we have faced

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many times before as well as some new ones. Despite it being our second highest finish in the division, we couldn't find consistency, there was a notable effort in the Surrey FA Senior Cup where we reached the semi-final but lost to National League side Dorking Wanderers.

Balham's 21st season was Greg Cruttwell's final one in charge of football at the club. Greg has taken a step back and he is now Club President.

The 1st team for the 26/27 season is led by Daré Jean-Pierre, assisted by coaches Thiago Carneiro, Frank Lopez, Eb Seedat and Nathan Scarlet-Bryant, with Seneye Morrell as physio, in the CCL Premier South. We are delighted to have agreed a new ground share agreement with Tooting and Mitcham Utd, allowing us to play on their fabulous Imperials Fields Stadium pitch.

HONOURS

-  2018/19: Winners CCL Premier Division Sportsmanship Award
-   2017/18: Winners London Senior Cup
Winners CCL Premier Division Sportsmanship Award
-   2016/17: Combined Counties Division One (Promoted)
Winners London Senior Trophy
-  2015/16: Runners Up Surrey Elite League (Promoted)
-  2014/15: Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League (3rd)
Winners Surrey Elite League Sportsmanship Award
-   2013/14: Winners Surrey South Eastern Combination Division One (Promoted)
Winners Surrey South Eastern Combination League Cup
- 2012/13: Surrey South Eastern Combination Division two (Promoted)
- 2011/12: Surrey South Eastern Combination Junior Division 1 (Promoted)



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Following Balham's Bank Holiday defeat to Sutton Common Rovers, Joe Bird caught up with first-team manager Daré Jean-Pierre to get his thoughts on the performance, the quick turnaround between fixtures and Mark Palmer reaching 120 appearances for the club.

Joe: It was a disappointing result, but there were periods where we looked on top. How did you assess the overall performance?

Daré: I think it was better in terms of the way we executed the plan. It was better than Saturday, but we took too long to get into the feel of the game.

At this level, if you take that long, you can get punished, and that's exactly what happened. They showed their quality and we didn't. After that, I felt the game was in the balance, but by

then it was too late.

Obviously, the other goals came from us chasing the game, which opened things up a bit more. But it's that start that we need to make sure is the last time we begin a game like that.

Joe: It was a very quick turnaround, having played on Saturday and then again on Monday. Do you think that played a part?

Daré: Not really. I don't want to look for excuses in terms of the turnaround. I know we played Saturday and then again on Monday, but we just have to be better. That's the reality.

We have to learn from the experience because it's not going to be the last time we have a quick turnaround between games. You've just got to respond in the best way you can.

Joe: What do you think the

difference between the two sides was?

Daré: I felt that, in moments – and I've just spoken to the boys about it – they were together.

There were moments where we looked a little bit disjointed, and you can't allow those things to go on for too long in games because your opportunities become wasteful.

I think, mainly from an attacking point of view, we just felt a little bit disconnected. That's where the game started to get away from us.

Joe: There's no game next Saturday because of Camberley's involvement in the FA Cup. What does the next week look like for the squad?

Daré: It's just about making sure we prepare properly and that we're ready for the next game we have.

And we will be. We will be.

Joe: On a positive note, Mark Palmer made his 120th appearance for the club. How important is it to have long-serving players like Mark around the group?

Daré: It's brilliant, and it's a big achievement for Mark.

He's done really well. When I first came in, he was one of the first boys who joined at that time, and it's brilliant to see how far he's come.

It's a really, really good achievement for Mark.





Balham were able to end their losing streak with a hard earned draw at home against Metropolitan Police FC on Wednesday.

The first opportunity of the game fell to Balham in the ninth minute as Kermoud flicked the ball over the head of Samuels before driving into the box - his blocked attempt in the box fell to Amaquandoh whose effort from 12 yards out was also blocked before Ghazaryan fired over from the edge of the box.

Despite this early pressure it was the away team that scored first just seven minutes later. The away side calmly played out from the back as Duffus drove forward from defence and played a forward pass to Brown who found space in the middle of the pitch, the attacking midfielder played a ball out wide to Boampong - the left back then whipped in a beautiful left footed cross which was headed in by Basquine at the back post.

Minutes after, Balham almost went further behind as they took a short free kick which was intercepted by Basquine who led a quick counter attack by playing forward to Samuels - the fullback cut the ball back to Callan who was denied a certain goal by a great Wolnicki sliding block. Soon after, Met Police hit Balham with a quick counter again as Callan flicked a header on to Brown who advanced into the box but his shot was deflected over by another Wolnicki block. The resulting corner from Samuels was headed out to the edge of the box to Lowery whose effort is tipped over by Smith.

In the 39th minute, Metropolitan Police capitalised on a big missed chance from Balham as they doubled their lead on the counter. Firstly, Duffus was dispossessed by Kermoud in a dangerous area in which Cole picked up the ball and played Haughey through on goal, the Balham winger dropped the defender but his right footed effort

trickled agonisingly wide. However, the ball stayed in play and the visitors countered with Samuels who played a through ball to Morton who proceeded to round Smith and tap into an empty net.

Nevertheless, Balham kept on probing and seconds before halftime the blazers were given a lifeline to pull a goal back. A hopeful punt long by Wolnicki led to miscommunication between Basey and Boampong - with the latter controlling the ball away from the keeper straight into the path of Haughey who lobbed the defender on the goal line to halve the deficit just before halftime.

The away team would have likely been disappointed that they were only 1 goal ahead at the break as they missed multiple big chances and they also gifted Balham a way back into the game just before half time.

Halftime score: Balham 1 - 2
Metropolitan Police

At the start of the second half there was little action as both teams battled for possession. However, in the 60th minute a great opportunity fell to the home team as Cole played a short corner to Kermoud who turned and shot inside the box but unfortunately his deflected shot span just wide of the far post.

In the 70th minute, Balham equalled

the scoring with a well worked goal. A nice 1-2 between Sharpe and Wolnicki down the left hand wing resulted in the lively substitute Sharpe putting in a brilliant cross into the box which was headed in by Amaquandoh to make it 2-2. The goal gave the blazers a bit of momentum as they created two half chances in quick succession. Firstly, a corner fell to the edge of the box to Wolnicki who sliced a half volley wide. Next, substitute Broni cut in and shot from 30 yards out but his effort was caught comfortably by Basey.

On the contrary, the visitors were looking threatening as well with most of their chances being created by their two dangerous full backs - Samuels and Boampong. First of all, Samuels whipped in a lovely corner which was headed into the side netting at the back post by West. Then, Boampong whipped in another wicked cross which was glanced just wide by Brown. Afterwards the left back, who was arguably the best player on the pitch in this game, swung in another amazing cross to Morton who couldn't direct his header on target.

These chances were followed by two huge chances for Met Police to find a winner in the dying embers of the match. To begin with, Basquine played Morton through 1 on 1 but the winger aimed over from inside the box. Subsequently, another counter attack

from the visitors saw Williams go 1 on 1 with Smith with the attacker having two men free in the penalty area to square to but Smith made a vital block to prevent a tap in.

This concluded an entertaining half in which the home team will likely be the happier of the two teams with the draw as the visitors failed to put away any of their clear cut chances.

Full time score: Balham 2 - 2
Metropolitan Police

Next up for the blazers is another home league game on Saturday against Epsom & Ewell FC at 3pm.

Balham starting lineup: J.Smith,
V.Henri, I.Wolnicki, A.Rodway-Brown,
M.Palmer, G.Mendoza, I.Kermoud,

F.Haughey, A.Ghazaryan, M.Cole,
E.Amaquandoh.

Balham substitutes: K.Broni (for Ghazaryan, 56 min), K.Sharpe (for Kermoud, 64 min), J.Dolman (for Haughey, 72 min), P.Nzinga, P.Ofori (for Amaquandoh, 86 min).

Metropolitan Police starting lineup:
Z.Basey, L.Samuels, K.Boampong,
A.Lowery, N.Duffus, P.Matheson,
J.Basquine, N.West, M.Callan, C.Brown,
F.Morton.

Metropolitan Police substitutes:
J.Antwi, J.Lacey, C.Kassa (for West, 79 min), J.Chislett, C.Williams (for Callan, 61 min).





Following Wednesday night's 2-2 draw against Metropolitan Police, Joe Bird caught up with Daré to reflect on the comeback, Finn's return to the scoresheet and Ekow's late goal.

Joe: A 2-2 draw tonight. What are your thoughts on the game?

Daré: What's really positive is the character from the squad to come back two goals down and not tuck their tails and go, "the game's done". So it was really, really good to see that fight back as well. And we saw a bit of it in the FA Vase game, obviously from being one up and then going two down and then responding immediately.

So it's nice to learn that we've got that in us, but we've also got to make sure we're not in those positions in the first place.

Joe: And how important was it

to score just before half time?

Daré: It was a really key moment and I'm happy for Finn. Obviously, he's missed three games for his suspension. Come back in and carried on exactly with how he was before the suspension and got a well-taken goal.

Joe: And Ekow on the scoresheet again. You must be delighted with that.

Daré: Yeah, it's brilliant from him and it's a testament to the hard work that he puts in. We knew the goals from Ekow would come and it's just about consistency now. So he just needs to push on and keep doing it.



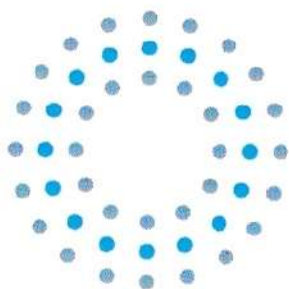
RESULTS GRID

Date	Opponents	Home / Away	COMP	Att.	Result	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
1-Aug	Everley & California	A	League		W	0-3	Smith	Gladamosi	Wolnicki	Rodway-Brown (c) 78'	Kawooya 87'	Mendoza (1)
5-Aug	Sheerwater	H	League	139	D	1-1	Smith	Gladamosi	Wolnicki	Rodway-Brown (c) 82'	Kawooya	Mendoza
8-Aug	Metropolitan Police	H	FA Cup EP	130	W	2-0	Roughton	Tolufashe 75'	Wolnicki	Rodway-Brown (c) 38'	Nzinga	Mendoza
11-Aug	Redhill	A	League	126	L	2-0	Roughton	Gladamosi 70'	Villasana Henri	Rodway-Brown (c)	Nzinga	Palmer
15-Aug	Oakwood	H	FA Vase 1Q	53	W	6-1	Smith (c)	Tolufashe 81'	Wolnicki	Boadi 70'	Palmer 81'	Mendoza
18-Aug	Abbey Rangers	H	League	88	L	0-1	Smith (c)	Tolufashe	Wolnicki	Chapman 60'	Nzinga	Mendoza
22-Aug	Pagham FC	A	FA Cup P		L	2-0	Smith (c)	Gladamosi 38'	Wolnicki 58'	Boadi	Palmer	Mendoza
29-Aug	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	A	League		L	3-1	Roughton	Tolufashe	Duffy	Dolman 67'	Palmer (c)	Mendoza 84'
31-Aug	SCR	H	League	75	L	0-3	Roughton	Tolufashe	Villasana Henri 57'	Dolman	Palmer (c)	Nzinga
12-Sep	Larkfield & Hythe Town	A	FA Vase 2Q		L	4-2	Smith	Villasana Henri 82'	Wolnicki 72'	Rodway-Brown	Nzinga	Mendoza
16-Sep	Metropolitan Police	H	League		D	2-2	Smith	Villasana Henri	Wolnicki	Rodway-Brown (c)	Palmer	Mendoza
19-Sep	Epsom & Ewell	H	League									
26-Sep	Fleet Town	A	League									
3-Oct	Badshot Lea	H	League									
10-Oct	Alton	H	League									
17-Oct	Chipstead	A	League									
21-Oct	Chipstead	H	League									
24-Oct	Yateley Utd	H	League									
31-Oct	Tadley Calleva	A	League									
7-Nov	Knaphill	H	League									
14-Nov	Goddalming Town	A	League									
28-Nov	Camberley Town	H	League									
5-Dec	Badshot Lea	A	League									
12-Dec	Metropolitan Police	A	League									
19-Dec	Tadley Calleva	H	League									
28-Dec	SCR	A	League									
2-Jan	Epsom & Ewell	A	League									
9-Jan	Tooting & Mitcham	H	League									
16-Jan	Yateley Utd	A	League									
23-Jan	Corinthian-Casuals	H	League									
30-Jan	Knaphill	A	League									
6-Feb	Virginia Water	H	League									
13-Feb	Sheerwater	A	League									
20-Feb	Fleet Town	H	League									
27-Feb	Alton	A	League									
6-Mar	Abbey Rangers	A	League									
13-Mar	Redhill	H	League									
20-Mar	Chipstead	A	League									
27-Mar	Everley & California	H	League									
29-Mar	Camberley Town	A	League									
3-Apr	Goddalming Town	H	League									
10-Apr	Virginia Water	A	League									

7	8	9	10	11	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB	SUB / OK
Kermoud 68'	Broni (1) 86'	Emhalsion (1)	Bartley	Anaquandoh 78'	Hue-Sang 78'	Souare 78'	Villasana Henri 86'	Nzinga 87'				
Kermoud 45+4'	Broni 90+2'	Emhalsion	Bartley (1)	Anaquandoh 75'	Nzinga 45+4'	Hue-Sang 79'	Haughey 82'	Souare				
Broni 69'	Emhalsion (1p)	Hue-Sang 76'	Bartley (1)	Olori 69'	Cole 58'	Haughey 69'	Sharpe 69'	Souare 76'				
Haughey 75'	Sharpe	Emhalsion 75'	Bartley	Souare 70'	Boadi 70'	Cole 70'	Broni 75'	Mendoza				
Haughey	Olori (1) 60'	Hue-Sang (2)	Emhalsion (1p)(1)	Anaquandoh 59'	Sharpe (1) 59'	Cole 60'	Sesay 70'	Gladamosi 81'				
Broni 74'	Haughey 64'	Hue-Sang	Cole	Olori 45+2'	Anaquandoh 45+2'	Ghazayyan 60'	Gladamosi 64'	Sharpe				
Kermoud 58'	Haughey	Hue-Sang 63'	Emhalsion	Sharpe 59'	Ghazayyan 58'	Nzinga 58'	Cole 58'	Anaquandoh 58'				
Broni 75'	Kermoud 67'	Souare 37'	Boadi	Emhalsion	Hue-Sang (1) 37'	Anaquandoh 67'	Cole 67'	Nzinga 84'				
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LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Fleet Town	9	8	1	0	17	25
2	Knaphill	9	7	0	2	8	21
3	Abbey Rangers	8	5	2	1	4	17
4	Sheerwater	8	4	3	1	14	15
5	Redhill	8	4	3	1	7	15
6	Virginia Water	9	5	0	4	5	15
7	Sutton Common Rovers	8	4	2	2	3	14
8	Chipstead	9	4	1	4	2	13
9	Tadley Calleva	6	3	2	1	6	11
10	Yateley United	7	2	3	2	1	9
11	Tooting & Mitcham United	9	3	0	6	-5	9
12	Corinthian-Casuals	10	2	3	5	-9	9
13	Badshot Lea	6	2	2	2	0	8
14	Metropolitan Police	9	2	2	5	-4	8
15	Alton	8	2	2	4	-7	8
16	Camberley Town	6	2	1	3	-3	7
17	Epsom & Ewell	7	2	0	5	-6	6
18	Godalming Town	9	1	3	5	-10	6
19	Balham	7	1	2	4	-5	5
20	Eversley & California	8	0	2	6	-18	2



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Date	H/A	Opponent	Comp	Score	Attd	Scorers
15-Aug	A	Horsham YMCA	FAV	(1)5 - 1(1)		Swaby, Bloor, Hombessa (3)
18-Aug	A	Metropolitan Police	CCPS	(0)0 - 3(0)	105	
22-Aug	H	Crowborough Athletic	FACP	(0)0 - 3(1)	122	
29-Aug	A	Godalming Town	CCPS	(1)5 - 1(0)	129	Aiwone, Foord, Oliveira, Hombessa, Akinmiranye
31-Aug	H	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	CCPS	(1)2 - 3(0)	206	Hombessa (2)
12-Sep	H	Bearsted	FAV	(0)2 - 7(3)	89	Swaby, Hombessa
15-Sep	H	Sheerwater	CCPS	(2)2 - 6(4)	66	Young, Hombessa

EPSOM & EWELL FIXTURES

Date	H/A	Opponent	Comp	KO
22-Sep	H	Sutton United	SURC1	7.45pm
26-Sep	A	Abbey Rangers	CCPS	3pm
03-Oct	H	Corinthian-Casuals	CCPS	3pm
10-Oct	H	Yateley United	CCPS	3pm
13-Oct	H	Molesey	SCC2	7.45pm
17-Oct	A	Ardley United	PCC1	3pm
20-Oct	H	Alton	CCPS	7.45pm
24-Oct	A	Camberley Town	CCPS	3pm
31-Oct	A	Chipstead	CCPS	3pm
07-Nov	H	Badshot Lea	CCPS	3pm
10-Nov	A	Knaphill	CCPS	7.45pm
14-Nov	H	Fleet Town	CCPS	3pm
28-Nov	A	Redhill	CCPS	3pm
05-Dec	H	Godalming Town	CCPS	3pm
12-Dec	A	Sheerwater	CCPS	3pm
19-Dec	H	Camberley Town	CCPS	3pm
28-Dec	A	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	CCPS	11.30am
02-Jan	H	Balham	CCPS	3pm
09-Jan	A	Sutton Common Rovers	CCPS	3pm
16-Jan	H	Chipstead	CCPS	3pm
23-Jan	A	Eversley & California	CCPS	3pm
30-Jan	H	Tadley Calleva	CCPS	3pm
06-Feb	A	Alton	CCPS	3pm
13-Feb	H	Abbey Rangers	CCPS	3pm



EPSOM & EWELL

Epsom & Ewell were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club. In the autumn, Epsom Juniors F.C. came into being and played a handful of games from what is now Alexandra Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed with entry to the Surrey Junior League in 1919, and the club became founder members of the Sutton & District League in 1920.

A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. began a successful era. Three trophies were won that season along with the Sutton & District League, and under their visionary Chairman Hugh Bradley the club stepped up to Intermediate football, winning the Southern Suburban League without losing a match. Senior football followed with unanimous election to the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25.

In September 1925 the club moved to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, bought through the generosity of their future President Robert Bradshaw. The Surrey Senior League title came in 1925/26, and a League and Cup double the season after. Election to the London League followed, and the title was claimed at the first attempt in 1927/28, with runners-up finishes in five of the next eleven seasons.

The thirties were a fine era. The Surrey Charity Shield was won in 1933 with a 5-0 win over Woking at Kingfield, but the proudest moment was a First Round Proper appearance in the 1933/34 F.A. Cup. Woking, Nunhead, Tooting & Mitcham, Beddington Corner and Leytonstone were all beaten before a crowd of 9,485 at Lea Bridge Speedway Stadium saw a 4-2 defeat to Clapton Orient. At the end of that season the club became Epsom F.C.

In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town — no connection to the earlier name — shared the ground, but the arrangement was suspended

for the duration. Chairman Charles Pettett threw in his lot with Epsom Town to keep the flag flying, and that club competed throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40 and reaching the 1944 Surrey Senior Cup Final. After the war Epsom F.C. restarted in the London League, reclaiming West Street. In 1949 they entered the Corinthian League, reaching the Memorial Shield Final in 1952 and the Surrey Senior Cup Final in 1954, losing to Corinthian-Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park. The Surrey Senior Shield came in 1955, and the Memorial Shield was finally raised in 1960 with a 2-0 win over Maidenhead.

The name changed again in 1960 to Epsom & Ewell F.C. — not through any merger, but to widen support across the Borough. The sixties and early seventies brought relegations and re-elections, and in 1973 the Athenian League ran out of patience.

The Surrey Senior League took them in at the last minute. The new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and in 1974/75 completed a second Surrey Senior League double. That season is remembered for the Final of the inaugural F.A. Vase, where 9,500 at Wembley saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Huddersdon Town.

An invitation to the expanding Isthmian League followed for 1977/78, where the Division Two title was clinched at the first attempt. The first match under floodlights had come against Met Police in August 1977. The Southern Combination Cup was won 7-2 at Hampton in 1979/80, Tuite scoring five, and the Surrey Senior Cup finally arrived in 1981 with a 2-1 win over Woking. Promotion to the Isthmian Premier came as runners-up in 1983/84.

A first season at that level was survived comfortably, but Adrian Hill's departure in 1985

began a decline: relegation in 1986, again in 1987, and a place in the new Division Three in 1991. In 1993 a large chapter closed as the club left West Street to become tenants of Banstead Athletic.

Adrian Hill took them back up to Division One South in 2002, but relegation followed his retirement and in 2006 the club was transferred to the Combined Counties League Premier Division. Under Lyndon Buckwell they finished fourth in 2008/09 and fifth in 2009/10. Two seasons at Merstham preceded a move to Chipstead's High Road for 2012/13, where eight seasons were spent.

That first season brought a club record twelve straight league wins, a fifth-place finish and the club's first silverware since 1981 – the Combined Counties League Cup, won 3-0 against South Park at Farnborough. Third place followed in 2013/14, the highest finish since 1984.

Glyn Mandeville took over in 2014 and improved a seventh-place finish to fourth in 2015/16. That summer the club visited their twin town Chantilly, where the England squad had been based before Euro 2016, and the players met Roy Hodgson and Gary Neville. The 2016/17 season opened with an astonishing 9-2 win at newly promoted Bedfont after trailing 2-0 at half-time, and brought another fourth place along with a League Cup Final appearance.

A heavy player exodus in 2017 was not recovered from, and relegation was confirmed in the Centenary season. After further changes in the dugout, the 2020/21 season began with a move to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove and a transfer to the Southern Combination.

2022/23 brought a complete change at the top and, under Matt Chapman, a runners-up finish. A penalty shoot-out win over Selsey in the play-off semi-final was followed by a 2-1 win against Wick in front of almost 400 at Leatherhead – promotion back to Step 5, and a return to the Combined Counties League.

2023/24 brought a ground share with Cobham

F.C. and three managers. In 2024/25 the club moved again, to King George's Field, home of Corinthian-Casuals. Max Johnson and Craig Dundas took over as temporary joint managers late in the season, lifted the club clear of relegation and beat Abbey Rangers 1-0 in the Final of the Southern Combination Challenge Cup.

2025/26 saw a move back to Cobham and the joint managers appointed permanently, before a further move in October 2025 to Chessington & Hook United, much nearer to Epsom, where support has begun to build.

Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.



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