Saturday 30th August 2025

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U16: Russ Baranca
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U10: Andy Goodwin
U9: Mark Hills
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1. All persons entering this ground are only admitted subject to these rules and regulations of the Football Association

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d) Making vulgar gestures.

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Club Honours

U18 SUSSEX COUNTY CUP WINNERS	2024
SOUTHERN COMBINATION PREM RUNNERS UP	2023
ISTHMIAN DIV 1 SOUTH MEMBERS	2011/14
SUSSEX COUNTY SENIOR CUP FINALISTS	2012
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	2010/11
SUSSEX COUNTY FA RUR CUP WINNERS	2010/11
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WELCOME to the haven

On behalf of all involved at Crawley Down Gatwick FC we extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and fans of Haywards Hth Town FC that welcome also of course extends to the match officials.

Haywards Hth Tn: have had a great start so far unbeaten in the League and top the table with 12 points from 4 matches played. In the Cups however they were defeated at home by Roffey in the PB Cup and Ashford Utd in the FA Cup. They won their Vase match away at East Preston 7-0. Last Sat they beat Roffey at home in the League 1-0

Anvils: Did not start so well losing our first two matches away at Lancing 1-0 in the FA Cup and then lost 2-0 away at Shoreham in the 1st League Match. However a return to form at home to Newhaven, a cracking game ended with a 2-2 draw and a further draw at home to Eastbourne Utd 1-1. Anvils did not have a game last Saturday and the Bank Holiday match at Guernsey was Postponed as there were no seats left on the plane!!!

Next up for the Anvils:
Tue 2nd Sep H AFC Walcountians PB R2
Sat 6th Sep H Bexhill Utd
Tue 9th Sep a Selsey SSC R1 7:45pm
Sat 13th Sep a Lancing

U18's:
Next up for the U18's
Thu 4th Sep H Balham FA Yth Cup P 7:00pm
Sun 14th Sep H Horsham 11am
Sun 21st Sep H Lancing Utd SCC R1 11am
Sun 28th Sep a Loxwood 11am

U18 Girls:
Sun 14th Sep a Eastbourne Town 2pm
Sun 21st Sep H Roffey 2pm
Sun 28th Sep H Hastings Utd 2pm
Sun 5th Oct a Hollingbury Hawks 2 pm

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From ages 5 through to 18. Any interested girls wishing to get involved please email the Club at cdgfc.girls@gmail.com so we can put you in touch with the correct Manager

On the Language front

Please remember there are Children in the Stadium so please mind your language.
The CDGFC Players and Management Team have signed up to the respect code of conduct which includes a good language initiative and hope that our visitors today will have done also. That of course also includes YOU the supporters so please mind your language today.

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Our Visitors Today
Haywards Hth Town FC

The first match to be played by a team representing Haywards Heath was in March 1888, which provided the impetus for the formation of 'Haywards Heath Juniors'. After a brief change of name to 'Excelsior' in 1894, the club adopted the name 'Haywards Heath FC' in 1895.

Without a home ground, the club led a somewhat nomadic existence in its early days, playing most of its games away until 1895 when it was offered the use of the field in South Road which was later to become Victoria Park and the club's home venue until 1952.

Haywards Heath FC lifted its first silverware in 1900 when it won the Sussex Junior Cup and played in the Mid-Sussex League of which it was a founding member. 1901-1906 saw the club finish as runners up in the senior division in four of its first five seasons, then division 2 winners in 1911-12 after relegation in 1908.

In 1919-20 Haywards Heath were Mid-Sussex League champions without losing a game. They won the title again in 1922-23 and went on to retain it for the next two seasons, losing only one match in each season.

In 1926, the club transferred to the Brighton, Hove & District League and, after winning the league title at the very first attempt, joined the Sussex County League the following year. The first five seasons in the County League (1926-1932) saw the club finish in the top four but they were sadly to finish bottom of the league in the 1932-33 season.

In 1941-42, the club were winners of the Sussex Senior Cup and, after the war, were the league's Eastern Division winners of 1945-46. A single division league was re-introduced the following year which the club won in both 1949-50 and again in 1950-51.

In 1952 the club finally moved from Victoria Park to the newly finished Hanbury Stadium which enabled it to join the Metropolitan League which included the reserve sides of professional clubs such as West Ham, Tottenham, Chelsea and Arsenal. After a promising first season finishing in fifth place, the club struggled against the professional opposition and, finishing bottom in 1960-61, elected to re-join the Sussex County League.

The Division One title was won in 1969-70 and the League Cup in 1972-73. The club was also runners-up in 1974-75 but were relegated at the end of the 1979-80 season. The Division Two Cup was won in 1983-84 and, as runners-up in 1985-86, the club again gained promotion back into the senior division.

In 1988, our centennial year, the present name of Haywards Heath Town Football Club was adopted in to reflect the 'town' status of Haywards Heath itself.

Two successive relegations in 1992 and 1993 saw the club drop into the third division where they won the Division Three Cup in 2000-01. The following year as Division Three runners-up, HHTFC were promoted back to Division Two but were again relegated after only one season. Heath won the Division Three Cup in 2008-09 and after finishing as runners-up in 2012-13 gained promotion back into Division Two.

On the rebranding of the Sussex County League to the Southern Combination Football League in 2015, the second division was renamed Division One and the title was won that first season, earning Haywards Heath Town FC promotion to the Premier Division. The club finished top of the Premier division the following season (2016-17) and were due to be promoted to the Isthmian League.

Promotion was denied following a nine-point deduction, which saw the championship awarded elsewhere. The club however responded in style by winning the Premier Division again in the 2017-18 season, this time adding the Peter Bentley Cup.

Heath enjoyed a successful 2018-19 debut in the Isthmian League, finishing fifth position which qualified the Blues for the play-offs. The club were eliminated by Horsham, who went on to win promotion to the Premier Division.

The squad also reached the final of the Sussex RUR Cup and the semi-finals of the Sussex County Senior Cup. Our Senior Cup run included a famous away win at Crawley Town.

Following two seasons curtailed by COVID, Haywards Heath Town FC returned with a bang in the 21-22 season. The team reached the quarterfinals of the Isthmian League Cup, beating Ashford, Ramsgate, and Worthing on the way, before being defeated by eventual winners Horsham.

The team achieved its highest finish in its history, finishing 4th in the Isthmian South-East division. However they were to be beaten by Herne Bay on penalties in the semi-final of the playoffs after a 3-3 draw.

After a season of struggles in 22-23, the side were relegated to the Southern Combination Football League following a 3-2 defeat at home to Essex side Redbridge in a relegation playoff.

Haywards Heath's first season back in the Sussex League in the 23/24 season saw a 6th placed finish, one spot outside of the playoffs. The Blue's also reached the RUR Cup Final, finishing as runners up to Horsham YMCA on penalties.

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 2025/2026

		<---APPEARANCES--->					<-GOALS->			CAUTIONS			S B	S B
PLAYER		LGE	SUB	CUP	SUB	TOTAL	LGE	CUP	TOTAL	Y 25	Y 26	RED	Y 25	Y 26
Abdul	Alaka	1	1	1		**3**			**0**	1				
Josh	Alder	1	2		1	**4**			**0**					
Michael	Belli		1		1	**2**			**0**					
Alex	Bellingham	3		1		**4**			**0**					
Josh	Brown		1	1		**2**			**0**					
Sam	Clements	2	1	1		**4**			**0**					
Liam	Holden	3		1		**4**			**0**				2	
Njagga	Jammahl John	3		1		**4**			**0**	1				
Callum	Kilkenny	2		1		**3**			**0**					
Oli	Leslie	2	1	1		**4**			**0**					
Kian	Lovett	2				**2**			**0**					
Jake	Neaves	1	2			**3**			**0**					
Jack	Ryder	3		1		**4**			**0**					
Sam	Schaaf				1	**1**			**0**					
Michael	Spence	3		1		**4**			**0**					
Matia	Tamale			1		**1**			**0**					
Alex	Tidy		1			**1**			**0**					
Jacob	Todman	2	1			**3**			**0**					
Beau	Walters	1			1	**2**			**0**					
Rhys	White	3			1	**4**			**0**					
Abdallah	Rady		1			**1**			**0**					
Shaun	Findlay	1				**1**			**0**					
	Own Goal													
	Total's	**33**	**12**	**11**	**5**	**61**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
	Matches	3		1										

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FROM the typewriter

ANVILS JUNIOR PATHWAYS REALLY DO WORK

News a couple of weeks ago that Lewis Gould, one of our first team players from last season, had signed a one-year contract with League One side Barnsley was fantastic for so many reasons. It came hot on the heels of Joe Emery, who played for our junior teams, making his first team debut for Sheffield Wednesday in the Carabao Cup against Bolton Wanderers and Tito Salaam, a first team regular at 18 last season, joining professional side Sutton United.

All these examples are, first and foremost, wonderful news for those individuals and their families. What they also do, though, is to show that Crawley Down Gatwick offers a genuine pathway for young players. As someone who is going into his 17th season coaching in the junior section here, I am proud of the way this club has developed. We now have 28 teams in this club which comprises the men's first team, U18s sides for men and women, plus 25 teams or training groups for boys and girls from U16s down to U5s.

I have always been a strong advocate for the junior section but it has to have a purpose and this is the two-fold purpose as I see it: to provide a safe and caring environment to play football for boys and girls who want to enjoy the game; to provide a pathway from junior football to the first team and higher if they are capable of it. Both those purposes are equally important.

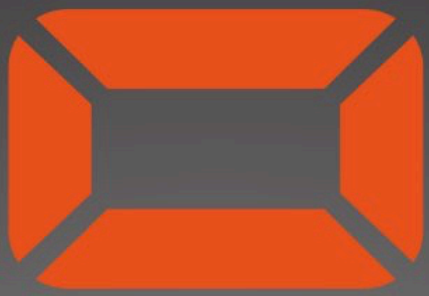
There have been a few cases of Crawley Down players in the past joining professional clubs, but not too many. Mitch Walker played in goal for our junior teams and later made his professional debut for Brighton and Hove Albion in a League One game against Yeovil Town in 2010. Mitch is still playing now for Dover Athletic at the age of 33. Before that, Adam Aylward went to Chesterfield and Robbie Collins to Crawley Town. On the girls' front, Jodie Jacobs went on to play for Chelsea and West Ham after playing for Crawley Down, while two girls I coached left us after U13s to join professional clubs: Hannah Plumb was signed by Brighton and Hove Albion and subsequently played for West Ham U21s, while Rhianna Major went to Charlton Athletic.

What we have done at the club in recent years is to emphasise the second part of my 'two-fold purpose', which is to offer that pathway to the first team and beyond. Lewis Gould and Joe Emery, both played in the junior sides run by first team coach Martin Benetar. In fact, Gould was in our U18s squad that won the Sussex Cup in April 2024 alongside current first team squad members Jake Neaves and Alex Tidy. Fellow first teamers Callum Kilkenny and Alex Bellingham have also played for our junior sides.

While all still young themselves, these players are an inspiration to the next generation because what this does is that is shows players currently with our junior sides that there is a pathway to senior football at Crawley Down Gatwick if they work hard and have the ability to match it. Even more so, Lewis Gould's professional contract shows ambitious young players they do not have to go elsewhere if they want to follow in his footsteps.

There are currently players I have coached in our youngest groups who I know have real ability for their age group. Of course, there is a long way to go between where they are now and playing for the first team here at Crawley Down Gatwick but the message is clear: the pathway is there for boys in our club and, once we have launched the women's first team, the pathway will be there too for girls. These are exciting times for everyone at Crawley Down Gatwick.

Enjoy the game.
HOWARD GRIGGS



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CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FOOTBALL CLUB
Southern Combination League U18 North Div Res & Fix 2025-2026

Date		h/a	KO	Opposition	Comp	Result	Goals
SEP							
04-Sep-25	Thu	H	7:00	Balham	FAYC Prel Rnd		
14-Sep-25	Sun	H	11:00	Horsham	League		
21-Sep-25	Sun	H	11:00	Lancing Utd Colts	SCC R1		
28-Sep-25	Sun	a	11:00	Loxwood	League		
OCT							
05-Oct-25	Sun	a	11:00	Loxwood	League Cup R1		

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FOOTBALL CLUB
SUSSEX COUNTY WOMEN & GIRLS U18 CHAMPIONSHIP DIV 2025-2026

Date		h/a	KO	Opposition	Comp	Result	Goals
SEP							
14-Sep-25	Sun	a	14:00	Eastbourne Town	League		
21-Sep-25	Sun	H	14:00	Roffey	League		
28-Sep-25	Sun	H	14:00	Hastings Utd	League		
28-Sep-25	Sun	a	14:00	Loxwood	League		
OCT							
05-Oct-25	Sun	a	14:00	Hollingbury Hawks	League		
12-Oct-25	Sun	a	14:00	Loxwood & Kirdford	SCC R2		
19-Oct-25	Sun	H	14:00	Roffey	League Cup R1		
NOV							
02-Nov-25	Sun	H	14:00	Lancing Rangers	League		
09-Nov-25	Sun	a	14:00	Lindfield Juniors	League		
16-Nov-25	Sun	H	14:00	TBC	SCC R3		
30-Nov-25	Sun	H	14:00	Loxwood & Kirdford	League		
DEC							
14-Dec-25	Sun	a	14:00	Newhaven	League		
JAN							

SUSSEX COUNTY WOMEN & GIRLS

Up to and including Sun 3rd August 25

	U18 Championship	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1	Bognor Regis Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	**CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Eastbourne Town	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
4	Hastings Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Hollingbury Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Lancing Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lindfield Juniors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Loxwood & Kirdford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Newhaven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Woodingdean Wanderers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Worthing Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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A message from The FA & endorsed by CDG about antiisocial and criminal behaviour

As we commence the new season we want to make you aware of new measures being taken across all of football, and the NLS, to ensure everyone can have a safe and enjoyable experience. We are supporting strong action from the FA, and across the NLS to tackle antisocial and criminal behaviours that put all of us at risk.

Please remember the following activities are illegal, dangerous, have serious consequences and have no place in our game:

Carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros
Invading the pitch or entering the pitch without permission
Throwing objects onto the pitch
Drug use within the football ground
Discriminatory behaviour

For everyone’s safety, we will report anyone carrying out these offences to the police, which can result in a criminal record.

Anyone who enters the pitch without permission and those carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros will now receive an automatic club ban. These measures could also now apply to the parents or guardians of children involved in these activities.

This reflects the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause life- changing injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials. It also impacts the hard working volunteers, who ensure that our special part of the game continues to run.

We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters. Please work with us to call out the risks.

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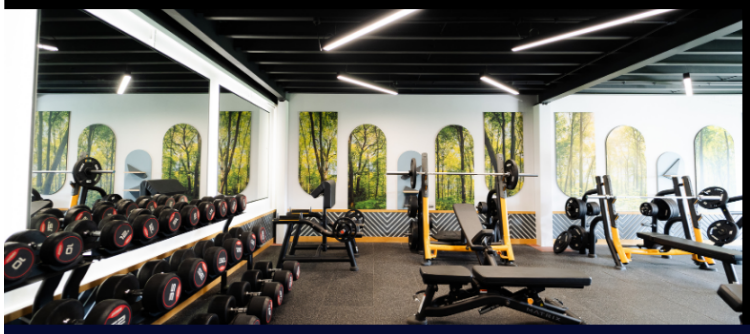

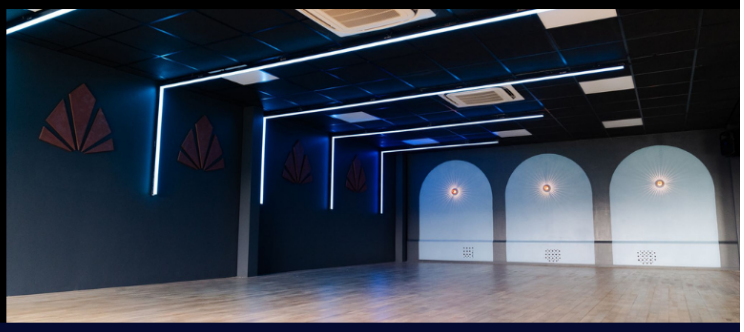

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ANVILS 'The LeagueTables'

SOUTHERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Up to and including Tue 26th August 2025

	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1	Haywards Heath Town	4	2	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	5	0	9	12
2	Forest Row	4	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	4	0	6	12
3	Steyning Town	4	1	1	0	5	4	2	0	0	7	1	7	10
4	Newhaven	4	2	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	5	3	6	10
5	Bexhill Utd	4	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	5	3	4	10
6	Shoreham	4	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	3	2	5	9
7	Guernsey	3	1	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	9
8	Horsham YMCA	4	1	0	1	2	6	2	0	0	5	1	0	9
9	Pagham	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	7
10	AFC Varndenians	5	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	1	5	6	-3	4
11	Roffey	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	3
12	Peacehaven & Telscombe	4	1	0	1	6	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	3
13	Little Common	4	0	0	2	1	5	1	0	1	2	3	-5	3
14	**CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**-2**	**2**
15	Lingfield	4	0	1	1	2	4	0	1	1	3	7	-6	2
16	Midhurst & Easebourne	5	0	0	3	1	10	0	2	0	2	2	-9	2
17	Eastbourne United	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	-3	1
18	Lancing	4	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	2	3	7	-6	1
19	Seaford Town	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	7	-6	1
20	Wick	4	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	2	1	5	-6	0

SOUTHERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Up to and including Sun 3rd August 25

	U18 DIVISION NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
1	Billingshurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	**CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
4	Horsham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Southwater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANVILS

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 SCL Div 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 Boro. **2011-14** Saw the Club 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 SCL Div 1. **2015/16** saw the revival of the side under Paul Cooper as the rebuilt Anvils challenged at the top all season, finishing in 2nd place to Haywards Hth Tn and 14 points clear of 3rd placed Oakwood to gain promotion back to the Premier Division.

2017-25 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** A very good season Anvils finishing in 2nd place to Broadbridge Hth & losing out on promotion to Isthmian side Sutton Common Rovers in a play-off. **2023/24** Anvils finished in 9th position with 60 points. **Martin Benetar's U18's took the headlines** with a County Cup Final win v Whitehawk and champions of the SCL North Div. **24/25** Chairman Donal Barrett retired and former Player Dave Connor was elected. A good season with the Anvils finishing 6th and a record FA Vase run to the R4 losing out to Fleet Town.

25/26: New Season and here we go again

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Date		h/a	KO	Opposition	Comp	Result		Goals
AUG								
02-Aug-25	Sat	a	3:00	Lancing	FAC Ex Prel Rd	0-1	L	
09-Aug-25	Sat	a	3:00	Shoreham	League	0-2	L	
12-Aug-25	Tue	H	7:30	Newhaven	League	2-2	D	Sammy Clements 2
19-Aug-25	Tue	H	7:30	Eastbourne Utd	League	1-1	D	Jack Ryder
30-Aug-25	Sat	H	3:00	Haywards Heath Town	League			
SEP								
02-Sep-25	Tue	H	7:30	AFC Walcountians	PB Cup R1			
06-Sep-25	Sat	H	3:00	Bexhill Utd	League			
09-Sep-25	Tue	a	7:45	Selsey	SSC R1			
13-Sep-25	Sat	a	3:00	Lancing	League			
16-Sep-25	Tue	H	7:30	Forest Row	RUR R1			
20-Sep-25	Sat			TBC				FA Vase Q2 Bye
22-Sep-25	Mon	a	7:45	Forest Row	League			
27-Sep-25	Sat	H	3:00	Roffey				
OCT								
04-Oct-25	Sat	H	3:00	Wick	League			
11-Oct-25	Sat	a	3:00	AFC Varndenians	League			
14-Oct-25	Tue	a	7:30	Seaford Town	League			
18-Oct-25	Sat	a	2:00	Guensey TBC	League			FA Vase R1 Bye (Guensey Provisional League)
21-Oct-25	Tue	H	7:30	TBC	RUR R2			
25-Oct-25	Sat	H	3:00	Midhurst & Easebourne	League			
28-Oct-25	Tue	a	8:00	Peacehaven & Tel	League			
NOV								
01-Nov-25	Sat	a	3:00	Little Common	League			
08-Nov-25	Sat		3:00	TBC	FA Vase R2			
15-Nov-25	Sat	H	3:00	Steyning Town	League			
22-Nov-25	Sat	a	3:00	Pagham	League			
29-Nov-25	Sat	H	3:00	Horsham YMCA	League			
DEC								
06-Dec-25	Sat	a	3:00	Haywards Heath Town	League			or FA Vase R3
13-Dec-25	Sat	H	2:00	Guernsey	League			
20-Dec-25	Sat	a	3:00	Newhaven	League			
27-Dec-25	Sat	H	3:00	Lingfield	League			
JAN								
03-Jan-26	Sat	a	3:00	Eastbourne Utd	League			
10-Jan-26	Sat							Reserved for Postponemets
17-Jan-26	Sat	H	3:00	Forest Row	League			or FA Vase R4
24-Jan-26	Sat	a	3:00	Roffey	League			
31-Jan-26	Sat	a	3:00	Bexhill United	League			
FEB								
07-Feb-26	Sat	H	3:00	Lancing	League			
14-Feb-26	Sat	H	3:00	Seaford Town	League			
21-Feb-26	Sat	a	3:00	Midhurst & Easebourne	League			
28-Feb-26	Sat	H	3:00	Little Common	League			
MAR								
07-Mar-26	Sat							Reserved for Postponemets
14-Mar-26	Sat	a	3:00	Steyning Town	League			
21-Mar-26	Sat	H	3:00	Peacehaven & Tel	League			
28-Mar-26	Sat	a	3:00	Horsham YMCA	League			
APR								
04-Apr-26	Sat	H	3:00	Pagham	League			
06-Apr-26	Mon	a	11:00	Lingfield	League			
11-Apr-26	Sat	H	3:00	Shoreham	League			
18-Apr-26	Sat	a	3:00	Wick	League			
25-Apr-26	Sat	H	3:00	AFC Varndeanians	League			
MAY								

League Cup, Senior Cup & RUR Cup fixtures still to be advised. All will be Tue/Wed Fixtures Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec

FROM 'The Dugout'

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome back to the Haven for today's home fixture against Haywards Heath Town. A warm welcome as well to the players, staff, and supporters who've made the short trip to visit us – we hope you enjoy your afternoon, though not too much, of course!

As we head into this tough test, I want to reflect briefly on our last two outings. While the results haven't gone our way, I genuinely believe we've played some of our best football in recent weeks. The work rate, discipline, and attacking intent have all been there, but ultimately, we've not taken our chances when it's mattered. In this league, fine margins make the difference – and unfortunately, that's cost us valuable points.

That said, the mood in the camp remains positive. The players know we're not far off where we want to be, and we've shown we can compete. Today will be no different – Haywards Heath come here as one of the favourites for the league title, and rightly so. They've built a strong squad and have started the season well.

But we back ourselves. On our day, we believe we can go toe-to-toe with anyone in this division. That starts with belief, intensity, and taking the chances when they come. We'll need all of that today, I know the lads will give everything.

Up the Anvils!

Thank you and enjoy the game.

JD

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FROM 'The Chair'

Good afternoon everyone
A warm welcome to the Haven.

Today we welcome the players, coaches, officials and supporters of Haywards Heath Town FC. Our encounters are notoriously entertaining affairs and we are looking forward to another closely contested match.

As we had no match last weekend, I made my way to Hanbury Park and was impressed with the progress that has been made there. Having played many games there myself, in many finals in the early Crawley Down days, it is great to see the improvements being made.

It has been a strange two weeks, without a game on both Saturday's, due to our early exit from the FA cup and our later stage entry to the FA Vase because of our progress last season. Our bank holiday Monday game away to Guernsey was also postponed as there weren't enough seats available on the flight.

We did manage a midweek game last Tuesday v Eastbourne United. Despite us equalising in the dying seconds, I know the team were gutted not to take the 3 points. The match finished 1-1 after a closely contested game and despite our domination for long periods.

We were delighted to see former youth player Joseph Emery, take to the field for Sheffield Wednesday again this week in the Carabao Cup in a hugely entertaining match against premiership opposition Leeds United. Our highlight was watching Joseph mark Dominic Calvert-Lewin for most of the second half. Congratulations to Joseph and the team for their penalty win and all the best for the rest of the season.

We are fiercely proud of our youth pathway and thrilled to see Lewis, Joseph and Tito thriving with their new clubs. Youth Co Ordinator Howard Griggs has written more in his piece for this programme and it is well worth a read!

To finish off, I want to say a huge thank you to our groundsmen who have faced a brutal summer of sunshine and no rain. They have had their backs against the walls with no irrigation system in place and we are extremely grateful for all their efforts. The pitch is holding up very well considering the challenges they have faced. Thanks to everyone involved, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Come on you Anvils!

Dave

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Saturday 30th August 2025

TODAY'S TEAMS & OFFICIALS

SOUTHERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION

CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK		HAYWARDS HEATH FC
Shirts: Red		Blue/White :Shirts
Shorts: Red		White :Shorts
Socks: Red		White :Socks

Y/R	Goals	From		From	Goals	Y/R
		Abdul Rasheed Alaka	1	Matthew Astle		
		Joshua Alder	2	Jack Barnes		
		Michael Belli	3	Flynn Bolton		
		Alex Bellingham	4	Billy Fuller		
		Josh Brown	5	Mark Goldson		
		Ben Chowney	6	Harry Shooman		
		Sam Clements	7	Kyle Sim		
		Ricardo De Ponte Silva	8	Nathan Clarke		
		George Falzon	9	Ryan Warwick		
		Shaun Findlay	10	Henry Watson		
		Liam Holden	11	Nathan Da Costa		
		Luca Intelligenza	12	Lloyd Francis		
		Njagga Jammahl John	13	Charlie Meehan		
		Callum Kilkenny	14	Jonathan Sanchez		
		Oli Leslie	15	Kliment Tanev		
		Kian Lovett	16	Darius Goldsmith		
		Tamale Matia	17	Charlie Weller		
		Jake Neaves	18	Thomas Hearn		
		Marc Pelling	19	Charles Towning		
		Abdallah Rada	20	Joao Andrade		
		Ali Rainford	21	Joseph Martin		
		Jack Ryder	22	Lucas Goetzke		
		Sam Schaaf	23	Jacob Thompson		
		Michael Spence	24			
		Alex Tidy	25			
		Jacob Todman	26			
		Beau Walters	27			
		Rhys White	28			
			29			
			30			

	MATCH OFFICIALS	
Manager: James Day	Ref: Darren Eaton	Manager: Kevin Green
Ass: Matt Crane	Ass: Martin Etheridge	Ass: Dan Viggers
Coach: Martin Benetar	Ass: Colin Huckle	Coach: Alex Gathern
Marc Pelling		George Staples
Richard Hughes		Simon Lehkyj
Physio: Vicki Mackley, Emilie McSherry		Physio: Jada White

Next Home Fixtures			Next Away Fixtures		
Tue 02/09	AFC Walcountians PB R2	7:30pm	Tue 09/09	Selsey SSC R1	7:45pm
Thu 04/09	U18's v Balham FA Yth Cup	7:00pm	Sat 13/09	Lancing	3:00pm
Sat 06/09	Bexhill United	3:00pm	Mon 22/09	Forest Row	7:45pm