



MATCH DAY PROGRAMME

Wormley Rovers FC vs. Crawley Green FC

Spartan South Midlands Football League

Saturday, 27th July, 2024

KO: 3pm

Home: 18-24 Church Lane, Broxbourne EN10 7QF



View from the chair



Welcome everyone to The Lane for our first home league game of season 24-25 when we step up to play at Step 5 for the first time in the clubs 100-year history. It really wasn't very long ago, 84 days in fact, when we won promotion with a last-minute winner against Dunmow Town in a hard-fought play off final. To be promoted is obviously a great way to end the season, to do it in a play-off final and grab the winner in the last minute is special and a moment our fans will remember for a long time to come. Huge Congratulations must go to our manager Ryan Wade, his coaching team and the players for a remarkable season where we won lots of friends with our style of play as well as a lot of games. On a personal note, I am delighted to see so many of last year's team remain and welcome the new players that have joined and look forward to seeing what the season brings. We will also compete in the FA Cup for the first time too so another first to look forward to. We were in the hands of the FA as to which league we get promoted into and the Spartan South Midlands League it is, new grounds to visit and new teams to welcome in what promises to be an exciting season ahead.

A particular warm welcome to the players officials and supporters of Crawley Green who we play for the first time in our history today and we should start with a small apology in that the clubhouse is in the middle of a refurbishment at the moment so if you can see past the lack of wallpaper what you will see is a welcoming club and a community club that tries to make a difference locally. Our nursery on site has meant we have a small window to get the works done but I am confident we will have a shiny new clubhouse for all of our age groups to enjoy this season and in the seasons ahead.

Crawley Green are a well established club at this level so please read their history as they are what I believe a genuine local community football club should be and it is great the links they have forged with their local neighbours Luton Town FC which I am sure will see them go from strength to strength.

Enjoy the game.

Nigel Scully



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The History of Crawley Green FC - Saturday Side <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/crawleygreenfc>

Crawley Green Sports & Social Club was formed in November 1989 after arsonists caused the virtual destruction of the present building. Members of Stopsley Harriers, The Wyvern and Ramridge Rangers Sunday Football Clubs amalgamated to form the present club and were successful in securing a 99 year lease from the Council. The New Club house was formally open on 19th June, 1992 by then Luton Town manager, David Pleat.

The badge incorporates all the elements of the three founding clubs but also local history. The club badge was adopted in 1996 after many years of discussion. Maroon was the colour of the largest single club Ramridge Rangers and it was adopted as the club colour. It is incorporated in the Club badge as the bar across the middle. Stopsley Harriers were well known for their red and blue quarters, whilst Wyvern Members were predominantly blue since their foundation. Both these colours are reflected in the badge. Crawley Green FC Saturday side was formed in 1993 after another local team, Somerset Tavern came under the Crawley Green umbrella. The club colour of maroon was adopted by the team.

In 2018 Luton Town FC and Crawley Green FC further enhanced their club partnership with the announcement that Crawley Green FC will play their home games at The Brache training ground from season 2018-2019. Crawley Green, who are the only Luton based team to play at step 5 or above of the National League System, have been trying since 2008 to get permission to build a suitable stadium. Unfortunately, in that time they have failed to receive the support needed from Luton Borough Council, despite there being no cost involved for the Council. This decision has meant that they have had to ground share with Barton Rovers FC for 11 years now, to enable the team to continue to play at that level.

This is a poor indictment of the Council's attitude to football in Luton, considering that other major towns in Bedfordshire have at least one team each playing step 6 or above. Their lack of support in comparison to the likes of Biggleswade (3 teams), Bedford (2 teams), Dunstable (2 teams), Leighton Buzzard (1 team) and Kempston (1 team), means that even our local leagues have the ignominy of having to travel to local villages to host their cup finals.

Luton recently installed a brand-new all-weather surface down at the training ground and to comply with national ground grading criteria Crawley Green will complete the remaining requirements. This will include new changing rooms, dugouts, turnstile and spectator standing area. Tony Talbot, Chairman of Crawley Green stated: "We would like to thank Gary Sweet and Kevan Platt and everyone at Luton Town FC for firstly affording us this opportunity and then their support in making this happen.



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“In the past we have seen a number of ex-Crawley Green players go on to play for Luton, but our partnership has really continued to grow in recent years. It’s with great satisfaction for us that we are currently seeing James Justin starring for the first team. In addition, the recently transferred Tyreeq Bakinson and four of the current U18s team, Josh Neufville, Joe Mead, Ciaren Jones and Michael Shamalo all came through our youth system.

“A town the size of Luton needs a successful professional club, as well as teams playing in the national league pyramid”. This gives our talented youngsters a pathway to development, without having to go outside the borough to develop. “In addition, underneath these clubs is a large community hub, which affords lots of youngsters the opportunity to play football. These community hubs ensure all young people have the opportunity to participate in football in a safe supportive environment, which preserves the dignity and respect of the individual regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion, disability, income and any other social deprivation. With Government statistics showing a concerning rise in childhood obesity throughout the UK, these community hubs encourage our children to stay active and engage in physical activity. This all helps promote health, self-confidence and importantly social cohesion, and hopefully leads to the wider benefits in raising standards.”

Hatters chief executive Gary Sweet said: “We see ourselves as guardians of elite football in our region and part of that responsibility is to help – wherever possible – other local, aspirational clubs develop and thrive, staying at the core of their roots. “The challenges faced at Crawley Green were difficult and, with the great relationship we’ve had over the years, having recruited numerous young players from their excellent development structure, we’re proud to help Crawley Green retain a local home for their competitive games, just as we are happy to utilise our existing training facility at perhaps the only time when it won’t get used.”

In recognition of his services to the community and sport, Crawley Green Sports & Social Club Chairman, Tony Talbot was awarded a BEM – British Empire Medal - in the 2018 New Year’s Honours List.

Finally, Crawley Green would like to sincerely thank all their programme advertisers, match ball and match day sponsors for their generous support throughout the season.



Match Day Squads



Crawley Green FC

Keeper: All Green

Red Shirts | Black Shorts | Black Socks

Joshua Asiedu	Tom Mulqueen
Reece Barrett	Mason Oakley
George Beattie	Louis Offer
Lee Brennan	Connor Scully
Cormac Clark	Ruben Silva
Zion Dos Santos Sinclair	Carlos Simeon
Bradley Empson	Ryan Stevenson
Danny Haigh	Craig Tolley
Archie Hammond	Ryan Wade
Adam Hart	Reiss Webber
Charles Hill	Manager: Ryan Wade
Dillon Lee	Assistant Manager: Tony Faulkner
Prince Will Madu	Coaches: Adam Hart, Lee Protheroe
Luke Marshall	
Kaidyn Michael	Physio: Stephanie Symeou
Reece Mosanya	



Crawley Green FC

Keeper: All Yellow

Maroon Shirts | Maroon Shorts | Maroon Socks

Away Kit: All Sky blue or Yellow & black

Ryan Earle	Jakub Pastuszak
Nicolae Trif	Eduard Petrescu
Caden Barber	Rajveer Samra
Dylan Gittens	Jordan Stanley
Paolo Deritis	Michael Branko
Cameron Kengne	Zak Green
Brandon Carney	Taishan Griffith
Daniel Blackman	
Ado Sanni	
Joe Brinded	Manager: Paul Blackman
Franklin Ojumobi	Asst Manager: Stuart Geddall
Kieran Ogden	Coach: Sean Griffith
Terry Offeh	Physio: Francesca Bullard



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Brief history of Wormley Rovers FC (Saturday)



Wormley Football Club was originally formed in 1921 playing its home matches on land donated by Joseph Rochford & Sons, at that time a big name in horticulture as well as being an employer of a large percentage of the local population. The Club was reformed in 1947 after the 2nd World War, moving to its present ground at Wormley Playing Fields, in Church Lane in 1954.

During the late 1940's, 50's and early 60's the Club was a major force in Junior Football, frequently embarrassing more senior opposition during that period. The late 1960's, and early 70's saw a decline in fortune, however, this was redressed and by 1975 the Club had progressed to join the Herts Senior County League, where they had two teams performing; the first team in the Premier and the Reserves in Division 2. Despite a few near misses over the years the First team have never managed to lift the Premier Division title. The highlight for the Reserve team was winning the Division 1 Reserve title in 1998-99 dropping only four points in the process.

Since stepping up to the Herts Senior County League, the Club formed a successful Youth Section in 1975, with a number of players going on to play in professional ranks. David Bentley, Arsenal, Blackburn & Spurs began his football career with Wormley Youth as did Charlie Lee, Peterborough, Gillingham Stevenage and Yeovil Town.

The next step was the addition of a flourishing and successful Vets section in 1984.

In line with League requirements, a fixed post and rail was installed in 1990, floodlights were added in 1994, and the brick-built dugouts in 1996. Adam Arnold achieved a fifth-place finish in the last season of County league football before embarking in the 2018/19 campaign at step 6 in the Thurlow Nunn league. Despite a tricky start to the season the side settled by October playing at the new level taking several scalps along the way notably inflicting the only home league defeat on eventual champions Hashtag United. A good start to the 2019/20 season saw Wormley spend much of the early season in the top five but a poor run in November and December led to a managerial change take place in February. Jamie Elliot stepped up from assistant to take charge and with a few changes the club went on a long unbeaten run which lifted them to eight place when the season ended due to covid19. The team had also reached the final of the Herts Centenary Trophy in which they were due to play Oxhey Jetts reserves . This game however did not take place and the Herts F A jointly awarded the trophy. Off the field the club installed a new 75 seat stand in March and look forward to the 2020/21 season which will see the club celebrate their centenary season with celebrations hopefully taking place in the new year.



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The centenary season saw us consolidate ourselves in the division with a seventh-place finish and grateful for an undisrupted season at last. Jamie retained most of the squad going into the 2022/23 season but started slowly throwing away points turning winning positions into draws which saw us struggle to climb out of the bottom half early on. September saw a managerial change Jamie Elliot moving to Cheshunt in an assistant manager role. The Club moved quickly to appoint Ryan Wade and John Stevenson to take charge. With the addition of some players with step 5 experience the club went on an amazing run of results that took us into the top three by Christmas accompanied by a good run in the FA Vase bowing out to higher level Sheringham Town in front of a large crowd at church lane. The new year saw continued positive results and saw us go top with three games left after beating eventual champions Frenford at home. However, the terrible April weather saw us have to play the last three games in six days which saw us drop into the play off places where we succumbed to a strong Sporting Bengal side who would gain promotion to the Essex senior league. Disappointment was compounded when Ryan Wade decided to leave for Ware FC at the start of pre-season training. A dozen players followed in various directions leaving us in a dire situation with barely a month to go before the start of the season. Dean Harrison originally appointed to assist Ryan took charge and to his credit and some players who have stayed loyal have managed to pull a squad together to get us up and running again. Dean Harrison however decided to take a lucrative position as CEO of Kent United after only six games but Ryan Wade unhappy at Ware Fc was very keen to return and rebuild the squad he had assembled from last season.

Ryan's return soon took us on a run of results that saw us climb into the Promotion places and a title race with Benfleet Fc. Our encounter away at Benfleet in October although totally dominating resulted in a rare 2-0 defeat but one we avenged winning the return 4-0 in March to keep us hot on their heels, following this up by beating Harlow Town 4-2 to jump into top spot. This only lasted briefly as Benfleet won their game in hand and this is how it remained until the end of the season. So, it was the play offs for the second year in a row. Both games were nail-biting affairs firstly beating Clapton Community F.C 3-2 in injury time then defeating Dunmow Town 2-1 again in injury time thanks to Bradley Empson's late winner to send a massive crowd home happy. So on to step 5 Football for season 24/25 let's see where it takes us.



Wormley Rovers FC Honours



HERTS SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Division Three:	Winners: 1976/77, 2023/25
Division One:	Winners: 1986/87 Runner Up: 1991/92
Premier Division:	Runner Up: 1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/2000
Roy Bailey Memorial Trophy:	Winners: 1993
Herts Senior Trophy:	Runner Up: 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2009/10, Joint holders 2019/20
South Midlands Floodlit Cup:	Runner Up: 2002/03
Chairmans Cup:	Runner Up: 2001/02
Reserve Division 1:	Winners: 1998/99, Runner Up: 1993/94, 1999/2000
Reserve Cup:	Winners: 1994 Runner Up: 1995
South Midlands Reserve Cup:	Runner Up: 1998/99, 1999/2000

Thurlow Nunn Division 1 South Play Off Winners 2023/24

NORTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Premier Division:	Winners: 1965/66
Enfield Senior Charity Cup:	Winners: 1965/66

HERTFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Division One:	Winners: 1946/47
Herts Charity Shield:	Winners: 1946/47
Waltham Hospital Cup:	Winners: 1948/49
Tottenham Charity Cup:	Winners: 1948/49
Herts Junior Cup:	Runner Up: 1948/49, 1955/56



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