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# Welcome to the Thank You NHS Stadium

Good Afternoon / Evening Ladies and Gentleman and as Programme Editor may I welcome you to the much changed 'Thank You NHS Stadium'.

It has proved refreshing to have a crowd at our ground again, watching football, making noise, enjoying yourselves and supporting our food and drink outlets.

My welcome feels a little complicated as this programme covers our next two home games.

A special welcome goes to all from Whitstable Town FC who we play on Saturday and to Tuesday's opponents Hastings United. I am also delighted to welcome the Match Officials for both games. I hope you all enjoy your time with us.

Sadly, Guernsey Lions have been forced to pull out of their 'Pitching In' Isthmian League commitments for 2020-21 due to the ongoing travel restrictions between Guernsey and the mainland.

Their club statement included "The club has not taken this decision lightly. However, as we are all aware, we live in unprecedented times and with flights not due to resume between Guernsev and Gatwick until 12th October 2020 at the earliest and cases continuing to rise outside the Bailiwick, we do not believe that it would be feasible to fulfil a 38-match fixture list."

Club Chairman, Mark Le Tissier explains, "It was an extremely difficult decision to



request a suspension from the league this season".

This decision has been accepted by the football authorities and Guernsey Lions will retain their Step 4 status next season.

There have been a number of FA Cup ties, including ours at Broadbridge Heath, where a team has had to withdraw due to failed coronavirus tests.

In FA tournaments money is paid to both sides in each round, with the lion share going to the winner. I can't help but think, that where a team has withdrawn, this ought to be split 50-50.

I must close by reminding you that we are still living under the cloud of coronavirus. There are a number of restrictions, including always following the 'rule of six', to ensure that your safety is protected within our ground.

Please follow the special arrangements that have been put in place. If you have any concerns please speak to a steward.

Dave Ellmer

Programme Editor

# The Thank You NHS Stadium

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Sussex RUR Cup

2008-09, 2012-13

Winners 1943-44, 1966-67, 1974-75, 1975-76

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# **Blues News**



#### A Memorial - Grahame Lehkyj

Before our game v East Grinstead Town, the new 'Official Photography Spot' in memory of Blues Photographer extraordinaire Grahame Lehkyi was inaugurated by his wife, Barbara, son Simon, and his two granddaughters.

The paving stones and banner occupy the spot in-front of the 'Rov Hatt



Family Stand' where Grahame used to stand when taking his many action photographs.

Simon later expressed his thanks tweeting "Nice touch HHTFC with a special mention to Roy Staughton who I know played a big part!!"

It will be interesting to see how many photographers use this spot. Personally, standing here would seem strange, as I'm not sure I could hope to replace Grahame as a football photographer.





## **Charity Partner Walk and Talk go walkies**

Our Charity partner 'Walk and Talk (Men's Mental Health)' organised a walk to our game against Burgess Hill Town with a group of 9 walking from the 'Thank You NHS Stadium' to the 'More Than Tyres Stadium'.

While this is four miles. due to their route, they may have walked further. They assured me that they did not visit any hostelries on the way. Thanks for coming, it's great to have your support!



# **Match Reports**

# Summarising Heath's recent matches

#### Blues 1

**East Grinstead Town 4** Sat 19/09/20

#### Pitching In **Isthmian League**

On Saturday the 19th the 2021 season finally kicked off at the 'Thank You NHS Stadium' on a bright but blustery afternoon.

A socially distance crowd of 230 settled down to watch the PitchingIn Isthmian Football League, South East Division, all Sussex clash between Haywards Heath Town and East Grinstead Town.

The game kicked off with Heath defending the turnstile end.

East Grinstead Town opened the scoring after 16 minutes with Michael Uwezo netting from the penalty mark following a disputed 'handball' call.

After 33 minutes it became



Danny Cumber, hidden, sees red on 66 minutes

two when the unfortunate Blues keeper, Billy Collings scored an own goal.

Changing ends at half time did not help our cause and the 'Wasps' scored again with Louie Theophanous notching after 52 minutes.

Heath's fate was sealed when we conceded again after 59 minutes, Jerry Amoo scoring their fourth. Things turned sour 7 minutes later when Danny Cumber saw red for a challenge that may have looked worse than it was. Blues, Reece Batchelor and Wasps Sean Clohessy were cautioned for their part in the ensuing melee.

Heath found the net after 90 minutes with Hamish Morrison slipping the ball past their advancing keeper about 10 yards from goal.



Hamish Morrision scores the Blues' consolation goal

**Words: Dave Ellmer & Stu Morgan** Photographs: Ray Turner & Tom Smith (Hanwell Town)



#### Blues 0 **Hanwell Town 1**

Tues 22/09/20

#### **Emirates FA Cup First Qualifying Round**

Heath fell to their second defeat in 4 days as they exited the Emirates FA Cup but a stunning strike to separate the two sides

The new look Heath side went down 1-0 at home to Isthmian South Central side Hanwell Town as their Emirates FA Cup journey ended for another season.

A 12th minute super strike from Hanwell's Gianni Crichlow was all that was needed to separate the sides.

Heath were on the back foot in the first 45 minutes but almost grabbed an equaliser with captain Byron Napper firing narrowly over just before the break.

The second half saw both keepers called into action with Billy Collings saving well down to his right and at the other end the Hanwell Keeper quickly out to deny Reece Batchelor.

The introduction of Andrew Dalhouse gave Heath a more physical presence but they just couldn't breech the Hanwell goal.

Another well supported match on a Tuesday night at Hanbury that the club thank everyone for their attendance in these difficult financial times.

Good luck to Hanwell Town in the next round and Heath will now look to put full focus on the Saturday derby away at Burgess Hill Town.



Hanwell Town players celebrate their goal



Action from the Hanwell Town FA Cup game

# **Match Reports**

# Summarising Heath's recent matches

#### **Burgess Hill Town 1** Blues 1

Sat 26/09/20

#### Pitching In **Isthmian League**

Saturday the 26th saw us make the 4-mile journey to play the 'Hillians', who like ourselves, had lost both their opening games. We took a point away but it could have been more.

It was a well contested match where players from both sides wanted to see off their previous club but ended all square after 90 minutes.

Heath started fast and an early booking for Michael Wilson soon followed the opening goal in the 3rd minutes. Hamish Morrison's long throw was flicked on by the Hill defender and the impressive Jordan Clark was first to the ball to fire powerfully past the debutant Hill keeper.

The lead did not last long as Hill were back on level terms 4 minutes later. Billy Collings was unable to hold onto an Alex Laing freekick and Williams-Bowers made no



Billy Collings clears up field

mistake from close range.

The sides then went toe to toe for the rest of the first half with the best chance falling to Samual Ogunseye but was well saved by the keeper.

The second half saw the hosts up the intensity but rarely made Collings work in the Heath goal.

As the game opened up Samual Ogunseve broke free but when faced one on one with the Hill keeper it was again the shot stopper who came out on top.

As Heath tired in the final 20 minutes more chances fell the way of the hosts but the chances on goal failed to find the target.



Action from the trip to Burgess Hill Town

**Words: Stu Morgan Photographs: Dave Ellmer** 

The match finished all square and on balance was a fair result for both sides as they both picked up their first point of the PitchingIn

Isthmian league season.

Thanks are due to Stuart Morgan for the reports of the Hanwell Town and Burgess Hill Town games. To Ray Turner for the photographs of the East Grinstead Town game and to Tom Smith and Hanwell Town for those from our game against them. The other report and photographs are by the editor.



Above and below, player boss Lloyd Cotton closely marks the home team players



Tom Gilbert beats his man to the ball



Samuel Ogunseye attacks the Burgess Hill goal



# **Today's Opponents**

Whitstable Town

# **Club History**

Whitstable Town F.C. is a football club based in Whitstable, Kent, England, The club was established in 1885 and joined the Kent League in 1909 where they remained for many years, apart from a couple of short spells elsewhere. In the 1996/97 season, the team reached the 5th round of the FA Vase.

They were champions of the Kent League Premier Division in the 2006/07 season and were promoted to the Isthmian League. After nine seasons they suffered relegation and played in the Southern Counties East League Premier Division for the next two, but in 2017/18 they won both the Kent Senior Trophy and League Cup, whilst also finishing runners-up in the league, which was enough to gain promotion back to the Isthmian League, where they are currently members of the South East Division.

Although the first recorded football match in Whitstable was in 1885, the first record of Whitstable Town's existence was the following year. After a couple of vears playing in a field behind the railway station, the club relocated to The Belmont Ground in 1888, where they play to this day.

In 1909 the Oystermen joined the original Kent League, where they played until it folded in 1959, winning the Division Two title three times. They also lifted the Kent Amateur Cup (now Kent Senior Trophy) in 1929. After the collapse of the Kent League, the club played for a while in the Aetolian League, but this meant long trips to play London teams as opposed to the earlier money-spinning East Kent derbies,

and this was a period of financial struggle for the club, which dropped into the amateur leagues for a number of years.

In the late 1960s the Kent League reformed, with the Oystermen among the founder members, moving back from the Greater London League. They also attracted national publicity in 1989 when striker Gerry Allen scored a goal after just 4 seconds of a match. They had remained members of the Kent League until their promotion to the Isthmian League in 2007. The 2006-07 season marked the best in the club's history when supporter Tony Rouse took over as chairman from long time servant of the club Joe Brownett. Rouse appointed first team captain Marc Seager as the club's manager taking over from Matt Toms. Under Marc Seager's leadership the team won the Kent League and the Kent Senior Trophy.

In 2012 former local referee Garv Johnson took over as chairman from Joe Brownett (after his second spell in the chair) who stepped down after many vears at Whitstable Town. The club's best finish in the Isthmian League was 8th under managers Jim and Danny Ward in 2014/15, while Nicky Southall led them to the last 32 of the FA Trophy in 2013/14, before losing 2-1 to Ebbsfleet United in front of 742 supporters at the Belmont Ground.

Towards the end of a turbulent 2015/16 season that saw the chairman resign and the club relegated, Joe Brownett returned as chairman and Scott Porter took over as Manager for the last few games in the Isthmian League before relegation was

Home Ground: The Belmont (below)

2019-20 Position: 14th **Current Position: 13th** Last 6 Games' Form: LL

Average Home Attendance 19-20: 289

Colours: Home - Red & White, Away - Yellow & Black



confirmed. The club rebuilt off the pitch and after two seasons in the Southern Counties East League, promotion back into the Isthmian League was achieved with a second placed finish during a season that also brought cup final wins in the Kent Senior Trophy and the SCEFL Challenge Cup.

The club launched a football academy at the start of the 2017/18 season and then joined together with Whitstable Town Junior Football Club on 1st June 2019, when the club ownership was also transferred to a new limited company.

With chairman Joe Brownett and manager Scott Porter both deciding to stand down to take up alternative roles within the club, the 2019-20 season heralded a fresh start for Whitstable

Town. The junior club chairman Steve Clayton took up the position of overall club chairman and Lloyd Blackman became the new first team manager.

There are now opportunities for girls and boys under the age of 18 to train, play football and be part of the town's senior club and with a thriving academy and new reserves team, there is a clear pathway to senior football in the town.

Whitstable Town play their home games at The 'Belmont Ground'. Belmont Road. Whitstable, Kent. There is a good sized car park available, but please note its entrance is on Grimshill Road, CT5 4LN.

The ground boasts a newly seated stand along one side as well as covered terracing behind each goal.



# **Tuesday's Opponents**

**Hastings Town** 

# **Club History**

The present Hastings United Football Club appears to have existed continuously since 1901 having undergone three changes of name. One consequence of those name changes has been that the club's history has become inclined to be interwoven with that of other clubs with similar names and only recently may its history have been disentangled which is why this what is considered accurate history may now read somewhat differently to previous versions.

The origins of the club began with the founding of old town side Rock-A-Nore in 1894; however, five years later they became defunct but in 1901 a new club started-up using the same name. They won the East Sussex League Championship in 1907/08 and were to be amongst the foremost local sides regularly winning trophies until World War One called a halt to proceedings.

The Rock-A-Nore club resumed in 1919. this has led to some confusion as to whether the Club was actually founded in 1901 or 1919 and Hastings United has taken the view that it was 1901 in which vear the club won five local trophies plus the Sussex Junior Cup, the latter success being crucial as it not only secured them an invitation to become a founder members of the Sussex League when it started in 1920 but led to the Council developing a community ground.

They purchased Pilot Field Meadow where the first pitch was prepared on the upper area, later "The Firs", with Rock-A-Nore having first call upon it. Their opening match there was a County League fixture against

Chichester on September 11th. 1920 when a crowd of over one thousand saw them lose by the odd goal of three. Having previously rejected a proposal to add Hastings to the club name, in April, 1921 it was agreed to change the name to Hastings and St. Leonards Football Club.

As Hastings & St. Leonards, the club attracted the area's better players and immediately achieved a second-place finish in the County League, a feat they repeated in 1926. During this period the Council invested substantial amounts in developing the lower pitch turning it into a stadium, complete with the concrete grandstand that still graces the ground.

Now moving on to season 2012/13 when Hastings United were in the Ryman League Premier Division.

A poor league season in 2012/13 saw the club relegated from the Ryman League Premier Division. There was considerable cup success however. An FA Cup run saw United reach the third round proper before losing 4-1 away to Championship side Middlesbrough. They also reached the semi-finals of the League Cup. losing away to Concord Rangers, and the Sussex Senior Cup when they lost 1-0 to Bognor Regis.

Three days prior to the start of the new season manager Sean Ray resigned his position. Assistant Mark Stapley and coach Terry White are in temporary charge. John Maggs was appointed as manager towards the end of August 2013, formerly with Crawley Town. Horsham and Crawley Down Gatwick. John Maggs was dismissed towards

**Home Ground:** The Pilot Field (below)

**2019-20 Position:** 1st **Current Position: 10th** Last 6 Games' Form: WDD

Average Home Attendance 19-20: 607 Colours: Home - All White, Away - All Yellow



the end of January 2014 and replaced by former player Terry White. Two other managerial changes were made during the season when results were disappointing especially as many had tipped the club to be challenging for a play-off place.

Towards the end of season 2014/15 the club changes hands when a new board of directors was appointed. Garry Wilson was appointed as manager during the close season with Danny Bloor joining as assistant manager.

Garry Wilson and Danny Bloor stepped down at the end of the 2015/16 season to be replaced by former United player Darren Hare who had previously been with Gillingham FC undertaking a number of rolls including caretaker manager. Darren rebuilt the squad

during the close-season with a number of new signings.

After an excellent season which ended with a play-off semi-final defeat, on penalties, away to Dorking Wanderers, Darren Hare resigned. His replacement was Adam Hinshelwood who once again had to rebuild the side as a number of players moved on.

Adam resigned during September to take on the managers role at Worthing FC and was replaced by his assistant Chris Agutter who remains at the helm to this day on a full-time basis combining his role with being Head of Coaching & Recruitment within the Club's education and football scheme which it operates in conjunction with East Sussex College Group from Hastings College.





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# **Ref's Corner**



with Dave Ellmer

#### VAR (Mv verdict)

Last season I promised to take a look at the use of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) which has been controversial to say the least.

Sadly however, coronavirus ended the season before I was able to do this. So now seems the right time to correct this.

I will be giving my views on VAR over two articles with this, the first, looking at Offside.

Later on, I will look at its other functions and these have been changed since last season.

To set the scene on Offside we first need to establish what constitutes an offside position.

A player is in an offside position if any part of the head, body or feet is in the opponents' half (excluding the halfway line) and is nearer to the opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second-last

The hands and arms of all players, including the goalkeepers, are not considered.

A player is not in an offside position if level with the second-last opponent or last two opponents.

Prior to VAR, decisions relied on the human eye of the assistant referee which when faced with two or more moving objects 6 feet (1.83 metres) tall, at varying distances from them, was understandably fallible.

Now we have a video review system, so accurate, that it detects previously hidden offsides.

As a result, the level of precision now being achieved, is, in itself, causing controversy.

There have been a number of suggested ways to improve VARs management of offside but I don't know what they are trying to achieve as they all have one thing in common.

VAR being used to decide if a player was in an offside position. And as we have all seen this is now judged on tiny margins.

With TV replays showing just how difficult it is to decide if the player was or wasn't offside.

Another suggestion is that VAR only be used to correct clear and obvious errors. The problem with this is that someone will need to define what represents 'clear and obvious'.

So perhaps the real problem, is that the technology is so accurate that offsides previously hidden to the human eye are now visible.

Interestingly cricket learned similar lessons when DRS was adopted for LBW decisions. But that's another story.

Once it has been established that a player was in an offside position the next question is, did they infringe the law by.

- Interfering with play,
- Interfering with an opponent, or
- Gaining an advantage

To date, the debate has centred on the binary question of whether the player was in an offside position. I suspect that if this ever subsides, debate will move on to the grey area, the offense of offside.

If this comes to the fore it will truly be interestina!

My view is that having introduced VAR for offsides, it is simply not possible to reverse the decision. The genie is, as they say, out of the bottle!



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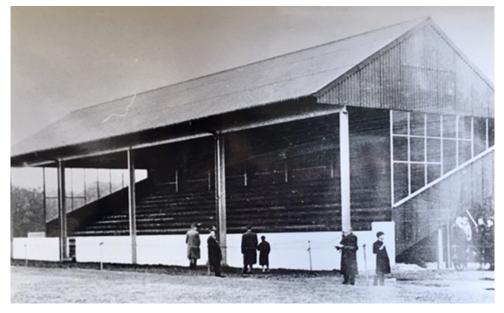
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# **Looking Back** Snippets from the Past

**Part 21** 

The Iconic Hanbury **Hatt Stand** 



With the opening of Hanbury Park Stadium, the next item on the club's agenda, now that it was free to collect a gate, was to provide the spectator facilities that were unavailable at Victoria Park.

Haywards Heath Town FC's iconic stand, much beloved by itinerant groundhoppers, was dedicated in 2017 to the memory of Roy Hatt, one of the club's longest-serving and generous benefactors and supporters. Its official title is 'The Roy Hatt Family Stand' but is more familiarly known as the Hanbury Hatt Stand.

The football club and supporters' club, had both envisaged from the outset in 1938, achieving a ground "worthy of a County League team and a town such as ours" and these dreams had always included the provision of a first rate stand for spectators, protected from the elements - that, after all, was one of the principal motives for embarking on the search for an alternative permanent venue to Victoria Park in the first place.

The cost of the new stand, by the time it had been completed in 1958, had risen to £6000. The work had been undertaken by both the football and supporters' club members along with other friends of the club. It consisted of a matrix of steel columns with wooden terracing supported by the shorter steel columns that can be seen inside the clubhouse.

Initially, there was no accommodation for either changing facilities or a clubroom as can be seen in this photograph where the intermediate shorter steel columns can be seen behind the group of ladies to the right of the stand.

The opening of the new stand was performed on the 1st March 1958 by Mr. J.E.Kibblewhite who was the Sussex County representative to the Football Association. As with the ground opening six years earlier, the event was marked by the cutting of blue and white ribbons, this time stretched across the entrance to the stand.

Our regular "Looking Back" features have been extracted from 'A Tendency to Frighten Horses - a History of HHFC from 1888 to 1958' researched and written by Club Trustee Mike Lewis.

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# From The Terraces

# by Neal Freeman

I have a confession. A few years ago, I was a Burgess Hill Town supporter.

I can only apologise. So, the prospect of a local derby with the Hill is pretty special. It also led to the greatest ever joke told by my Dad. I will save that for later.

We left our Burgess Hill Town scarves and hats at home, now being firmly Heath fans.

When we entered the ground, we played a game of what has changed - the answer is not much!

Unfortunately, we had dinner planned so we weren't trying the chips...until we caved in and did exactly that. I can thoroughly recommend them.

It was nice to see a lot of old friends. and very nice to join in the goodnatured friendly booing of old Heath plavers.

Just a bit of fun. But above all it is just really good to be back watching a game. Everything that has happened in 2020 makes you really appreciate it.

So, we had our chips, we watched an entertaining game and then headed home.

With our blue and white, not green and black scarves. Because Dad's best ever joke was to refer to the local derby as the game of two scarves

I can only apologise again.

# **Get your 20-21 Blues** programmes on line, FREE!



In cooperation with our programme supplier FootiePrint we have decided to place all home league programmes online for the foreseeable future. FootiePrint's sister site FootieDigital will host the programmes, and they will be available on the day of the game from the QR code (left, scan with your phone camera), which will be on display at the ground.

You can also go direct to bit.ly/2ZGaFFJ

Same great programme, same great content, just a different way to consume it!

# **Our Charity Partners**

#### Connors5 Foundation and Walk & Talk MMH



Twelve young people die every week from sudden cardiac arrest - of those, 270 are children who will die at school. Even more tragically 80% of these young people will have no symptoms.

We know the impact of devastating loss and work to ensure that along with our peaceful message, we spread defibrillators far and wide, not only in Sussex but across the country too. We also promote an anti-violence message to pupils in schools teaching that vour hands are there to help not hurt others. First Aid is not part of the school curriculum at primary school age, so we offer First Aid training classes as well, when we present a school with a Defibrillator.

In October 2019 we presented our 100th Defibrillator to the wonderful Upper Beading School, since then we have donated a few more taking our total to 104 Defibrillators since 2012.

This is all in memory of Connor's remarkable gift for life and know that despite our personal tragedy, he'd be delighted at just how many people are 'heart safe' because of him and how he lives in our hearts, our memories and actions today.

We look forward to getting back to our work in the community after this difficult time for us all, we hope by the end 2020 we will have donated another defibrillator nationwide and locally too.

Our hopes for 2021 is to be able to put together a mindfulness program that helps children who are suffering with loss and grief.

#### MEET THE TEAM

Darran, Connor's proud Mum, works tirelessly to prevent another families heartbreak. By using their story in anti violence workshops and training, she encourages children to understand the full impact of their actions and to use their hands for good, instead of in anger.

Darran was awarded a British Empire Medal in 2018 for her incredible & brave work on the issue, in recognition of meritorious civil service.

Courtney, Connor's adored big sister, works booking the school visits, planning and organising the fundraising and making sure all the communication channels are



Like her mum Darran, Courtney was awarded a British Empire Award in 2018 for her dedication and work on the issue in her brother's name, again in recognition of meritorious civil

Contact Darran and Courtney on info@connors5.com

#### "GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION. IT'S ABOUT MAKING A **DIFFERENCE**"

Here at the Connors Saunders Foundation, we are ALWAYS looking for more people to join us on our quest to make Sussex 'heart safe'.

We are looking for people to help us at our events or help us by fundraising so we can reach more schools. You could help by buying our merchandise or by sharing stories through social media - increasing our peaceful impact and encourage more people to use their hands to help, rather than hurt.

As a small family run organisation, we simply can't do it by ourselves and rely on our lovely volunteers to help raise awareness and get more schools and students involved. We'd love you to join us - please email us at info@connors5.com to find out how you can help us with our work.

Visit www.connors5.com for more information about the foundation and our work



Walk and Talk MMH believe football is key to opening up the conversation regarding men's mental health, raise awareness and prevent male suicide, which is the biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK.

14 men take their own lives in the UK every single day. The group are determined these shocking statistics have to change. They hold events across the UK, bringing opposition fans together, walking from one stadium to another on match days.

Their fundraising and events that help so many were impacted with lockdown and games played behind closed doors, but they are back! This will be the sixth season for Walk and Talk MMH.

They have covered over 9,000 miles to date walking and talking with fans from Non-League, Championship, Premier League and Scottish Premiership Clubs.

They have seen that something as simple as companionship can save lives. The group believes that football has the power to help men who find themselves in a position of loneliness and isolation.

Walking has such a powerful effect on mental and physical health, and with the ability to talk openly in a friendly environment elevates that impact. Everyone is welcome to join for a mile. 2 miles or the whole distance.

Lockdown has been a chance to reset and unwind for some, and a challenging, worrving and lonely time for many others. Never has there been a more important time to get out and talk about your own mental health.

The walk between stadiums gives the opportunity to open up about anything weighing on your mind, or just talk football, no matter what your club colours are. The group provide peer to peer support for each other, based on personal experiences.

Lee Adams. Founder of Walk and Talk MMH. said "I went through a difficult period some time ago. I felt alone, isolated, with nowhere to turn, and was close to taking my own life. Five years ago I started walking to Fulham FC away games, to raise awareness that 1 in 4 of us may suffer at some point in our lives, and I soon understood I wasn't alone.

"I became motivated to turn my experiences into a positive to help and support others who felt the same as I had.

"People started to join me, and now this has become a huge movement of fans coming together from many teams, to let other men know that it's ok to talk."

Walk and Talk MMH are extremely proud to be named as one of the 2020/21 charity partners, and look forward to working together with HHTFC for the forthcoming season.

> See their website for further information www.walkandtalkmmh.co.uk

# Fixtures, Results & Line-Ups Heath's 2020-21 Season Record

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17 East Grinstead Town

24 BURGESS HILL TOWN

Whitstable Town

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8 Three Bridges

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**HOME** Away **Cautioned** ■ Sent Off Scorers in **BOLD** ILSE = Isthmian League South East Division FAC = FA Cup FAT = FA Trophy

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  - Tadley **BROMAGE**
    - Tom CADMAN
    - Jordan CLARK ■
    - Nico **COTTON** ■

    - Lloyd **COTTON** ■
- Andrew **DALHOUSE** 
  - Tom **GILBERT** ■
  - Reece **HALLARD**
    - Michael HILL
- Hamish MORRISON
- Samuel **OGUNSEYE** 
  - Byron **NAPPER** 
    - Dan **PEARSE**
    - Farrall RYDER
- Tom **SUMMERFIELD**
- Ryan WARWICK
  - Michael WILSON

#### WHITSTABLE TOWN

- Dan EASON
- Leo MAZZONE
- **■** James **BROWN**
- Reece GILLIES
- Ollie GRAY
- **■** Tom **BRYANT**
- Jay HARDS
- **■** Tijan **JADAMA**
- Aaron MILLBANK
- Liam GILLIES
- Tom MILLS
- Victor AIYELABOLA
- Luke **MEDLEY**
- Ollie ROWE
- Charles **ETUMNU**
- Dean JAMES

Shaun Saunders Blue & White Manager Colours

Lloyd Blackman Red & White

Referee Callum Waller Asst. Referee Daniel Jeffery Asst. Referee Chris Britton Next Home Game **HASTINGS TOWN. LEAGUE** Tues, Oct 6th, 7:45pm



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#### **HASTINGS TOWN**

- Louis **ROGERS**
- Oliver **BLACK**
- Ryan WORRALL
- Gary **ELPHICK**
- Craiq STONE
- Jake **ELLIOTT**
- Davide **RODARI**
- Ben POPE
- Sam ADAMS
- **■** Tom **CHALMERS**
- Marcus GOLDSMITH
- Knorv **SCOTT**
- Kenny **POGUE**
- Sam CRUTTWELL
- Raheem STERLING-PARKER
- Aaron CAPON
- Benn WARD
- Lloyd **DAWES**

Shaun Saunders Blue & White

Manager Colours

Chris Agutter Claret & White

Referee Valentine Anekwe Asst. Referee Tom Price Asst. Referee Adam Jones Next Home Game

WELWYN GARDEN CITY, FA TROPHY Sat, Oct 17th, 3pm



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# The Economies of Grassroots Football



No need to raise a mortgage to come and watch us play at pocket money prices every other Saturday. You can buy a season ticket for the price you'd pay per game to watch the Premier-donnas, but the passion's still the same.

We don't have corporate 'boxes' (you can use an empty crate!) tho' it's clear the paradox is that, despite our lowly gate, at just ten quid our fans enjoy the game as much as those who go to see a Premier team and pay up through the nose.

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