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# **From The Chairman**

**Welcome to the Mayplace Ground today for our midweek SCEFL fixture against Lordswood FC.**

**This is also our first home game in the past 4 weeks and we are sending a warm welcome out to everyone here tonight.**

**This game is set to be an interesting one. Two teams very close to each other in the league standings with only a point separating both.**

**This means it is a huge 3 points up for grabs here tonight under the lights!**

**We wish all those in attendance an entertaining evening and a safe journey home.**



# Tower Hamlets

## A Brief History

Tower Hamlets Football Club is an English football club based in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The club are currently members of the Essex Senior League and play at the Mile End Stadium. Up until July 2013 the club was playing under the name Bethnal Green United. The club was established in 2000 by Mohammed Nurul Hoque and Akhtar Ahmed as a community club. The club played in several leagues, including the Canary Wharf Summer League, the Inner London Football League and the London Intermediate League, before joining the Middlesex County League. They were granted Senior status after winning the league's Premier Division in 2009, and were promoted to the Essex Senior League. In the 2009–10 season they finished fifth in the ESL and won both cups operated by the Essex Senior League, beating Burnham Ramblers 4–1 in the final of the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy.

In 2020 our First Team switched leagues to the Southern Counties East and are playing our home games at Phoenix Sports Mayplace Road Ground.

### Club Honours

FA Vase – Last 16 – 2011/ 2012 season

Eastern Junior Alliance U18 League Cup Champions - 2010/ 11

Essex Senior League Cup - 2009/10

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy Champions - 2009/10

Middlesex County 'Premier Division Champions - 2008/09

Middlesex County Open Cup Winners - 2008/09

Middlesex County Premier Division Cup Runners up - 2008/09

Echo League U16 'A' Division Champions - 2008/09

# Lordswood

## A Brief History

Lordswood FC were formed in 1968 and played out their early years in Cliffe Woods playing in the Rochester and District League.

In the early 1970's the football club and cricket club formed the Lordswood Sports and Social Club, acquiring the land and building the foundations of the facilities that are present today. The clubhouse was built in 1977 and since then the Rugby club and Petanque club have also joined the Social club.

Lordswood FC won successive Divisions and Cups in the Rochester and District League before finally ending up in the Premier Division. The club then applied, and was successful, in gaining entry into the Kent County League in 1981/82.

The Lords soon made their mark at a higher standard of football and, within 5 years of joining, they again found themselves in the Senior Division. In June 1996, officials of Lordswood FC attended the Kent League AGM and made a successful application to join the Winstonlead Kent League (as it was known then).

Lordswood's highest league position is 4th which was achieved in 2015/16. They have reached the Semi-Final of the Kent Senior Trophy 3 times and the final once (losing 2-1 to Tunbridge Wells in 2012/13, and the League Cup semi-final once. They have entered the FA Cup every year since the 1999/00 season and FA Vase every year since the 1998/99 season. Reaching the 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Cup on two occasions, and reaching the 4th round proper of the FA Vase.

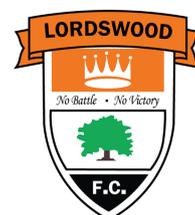
Former player Richard Styles was appointed the club manager for the start of the 2016/17 season in his first managerial position and he struggled in his first term, with the club languishing at the wrong end of the table it took a turn of form in the last few months for the side to draw clear of the bottom to finish in 16th place. The following season saw a much improved performance, finishing a respectable 8th in the league and reaching the semi-finals of the SCEFL Challenge Cup (losing to eventual winners Whitstable Town on aggregate over 2 legs) and enjoying a run to the 3rd round proper of the FA Vase.

Hopes were therefore high for an improved season during 2018/19, however a number of inconsistent performances resulted in a somewhat disappointing 10th placed finish. Styles left the club in June to take up the vacant manager's post at Tunbridge Wells and a number of players from the Lordswood squad followed him.

Darren Anslow was appointed as the new manager, bringing in Rob Gillman and Owen Price as his assistants but ultimately their hard work went to waste with the 2019/20 campaign being made null and void due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Neil Hunter then took charge for the 2020/21 season but once again Covid stopped play.

We go again in 2021/22.





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**“The Southern Counties East Football League supports the ‘Swearing – Let’s Tackle It’ campaign and strongly condemns the use of foul and abusive language at football matches.”**

# Match Filming



**Tower Hamlets are proud to be working with VEO who will be recording our games during the 2021/22 Season**

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# TOWER HAMLETS

## Fixtures and Results

League	Canterbury City (A)	L 1-2
League	Erith & Belvedere (H)	L 1-5
FA CUP	Sheppey United (H)	L 1-4
League	Rusthall (A)	L 0-1
League	Hollands & Blair (A)	W 3-0
League	Fisher (A)	L 0-2
League	Glebe (H)	L 0-4
FA VASE	Balham (A)	W 2-1
League	Erith Town (A)	L 1-3
League	Lordswood (H)	18/09
FA VASE	Crawley DG (H)	25/09
League	Holmesdale (H)	29/09
League	K Sports (A)	02/10



# Premier Division Fixtures

## **Saturday 25th September**

Chatham Town v Kennington

## **Tuesday 28th September**

Bearsted v Deal Town

Chatham Town v Punjab United

Crowborough Athletic v Glebe

Erith & Belvedere v Fisher

Kennington v Hollands & Blair

Lordswood v Tunbridge Wells

## **Wednesday 29th September**

Rusthall v K Sports

Tower Hamlets v Holmesdale

## **Saturday 2nd October**

Bearsted v Erith & Belvedere

Canterbury City v Erith Town

Deal Town v Glebe

Fisher v Chatham Town

Hollands & Blair v Crowborough Ath

Holmesdale v Lordswood

K Sports v Tower Hamlets

Rusthall v Kennington

Tunbridge Wells v Punjab United

Welling Town v Sheppey United

# **Southern Counties East Football League**



## **Premier Division Results**

### **Tuesday 14th September**

Deal Town 2-0 Kennington  
Erith & Belvedere 2-0 Punjab United  
Glebe 2-0 Tunbridge Wells  
Hollands & Blair 0-3 Bearsted  
Sheppey United 4-0 Lordswood

### **Wednesday 15th September**

Erith Town 3-1 Tower Hamlets  
Holmesdale 1-1 Fisher  
Rusthall 1-3 Welling Town

### **Saturday 18th September**

Deal Town 2-1 Erith & Belvedere  
Glebe 1-0 Hollands & Blair  
Holmesdale 0-2 Canterbury City  
Kennington 5-2 Welling Town  
Punjab United 1-5 K Sports  
Tunbridge Wells 4-1 Crowborough Athletic



# **SCEFL Round-Up**

## **Saturday 18th September**



There may have only been 6 matches in the Premier Division but there was no shortage of action as we had 24 goals, including 3 hat-tricks, and despite us being in the 7th week of fixtures we are still yet to have a goalless game.

It was a day for winners and losers as there was no draw in sight - however it took a last minute winner from Deal Town to prevent that from happening at the Charles Sports Ground.

Erith & Belvedere had earlier announced Luke Rooney as a new signing and he took little time to settle in scoring a stunning 18th minute opener.

Early in the second half Jack Paxman levelled the scores and it was looking like the points would be shared.

Troy Howard had other ideas though and his injury time winner has helped move Deal up to 3rd place and handed 'The Deres' their first league loss of the season.

Glebe are still unbeaten and remain top of the table after a narrow 1-0 success at home to Hollands & Blair.

Jamie Philpot took just 2 minutes of this game to net his 11th league goal of the season and it proved to be the winner, with the hosts having the luxury of missing a second half penalty too.

Three players hit hat-tricks today including Kennington's Gary Lockyer against Welling Town.

Robbie Dolan and Tom Penfold also scored for the 'Ton' and after their 5-2 win they are now 9th.

Tarik Ibrahim claimed a match ball as K Sports won 5-1 at Punjab United.

Segun Ikudehinbu and Kane Butler added the others for The Paperboys in a comfortable win on the road.

All of Matt Gething's trio came in the first half helping Tunbridge Wells to earn the bragging rights in the A26 derby with Crowborough Athletic.

The Crows opened the scoring, through Kieran Scantlebury before Gething got his goals while Regan Corke added the icing on the cake in the second half.

Both of Canterbury City's goals came after the break as won at Holmesdale 2-0.

Jordan Casey and Tom Cousins found the net within minutes of each other and with 3 points earned City now lie in 11th.

# Premier Division Table

#	Club	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pt
1	 Glebe	8	7	1	0	24	6	18	22
2	 Sheppey United	7	6	1	0	18	7	11	19
3	 Deal Town	8	6	0	2	16	6	10	18
4	 Erith Town	8	6	0	2	15	12	3	18
5	 Erith & Belvedere	6	5	0	1	16	5	11	15
6	 Tunbridge Wells	8	4	1	3	17	10	7	13
7	 Holmesdale	10	4	1	5	13	14	-1	13
8	 Chatham Town	5	4	0	1	12	4	8	12
9	 Kennington	8	3	3	2	18	16	2	12
10	 K Sports	7	3	2	2	13	12	1	11
11	 Canterbury City	8	3	2	3	10	12	-2	11
12	 Fisher	8	2	3	3	14	12	2	9
13	 Bearsted	8	2	2	4	10	15	-5	8
14	 Hollands & Blair	9	2	1	6	9	15	-6	7
15	 Crowborough Ath	7	1	3	3	9	13	-4	6
16	 Welling Town	6	1	2	3	9	14	-5	5
17	 Punjab United	10	1	2	7	15	28	-13	5
18	 Lordswood	6	1	1	4	6	16	-10	4
19	 Rusthall	8	1	1	6	6	22	-16	4
20	 Tower Hamlets	7	1	0	6	6	17	-11	3

Up to and including 21st September

# SportBlogs

## James Alabi

James Alabi was born in Southwark, London, on 8th November 1994. James has made a name for himself throughout his career in the football leagues. He is renowned for being a handful for any defender, with many fans describing him as Drogbaesque. He is still only 26 and has the time and ability to reach the top.

James football journey began with him making a name for himself in his local Borough of Southwark with his prestigious talent. After scoring five goals in a school match, James subsequently grabbed the attention of a Millwall FC scout who also happened to be the referee of the school match. James was now deservedly a part of the Millwall academy.

Following a change of set-up at Millwall with their academy becoming a school of excellence, James decided to leave Millwall and seek a new challenge. Trials with the likes of Arsenal and Chelsea proved unsuccessful.

Stoke would eventually be the club Alabi would join. The move to Stoke was a great opportunity for James. However, moving away from his family and friends at 15 years old would prove to be a difficult time for him.

After a short time with the Stoke academy, James spent a season with Scottish giants Celtic in their Lennoxton academy. Moving to a club of the stature of Celtic at such a young age was a phenomenal opportunity for a young James. After a season of growth on and off the pitch, James would choose to move back to Stoke. After returning to Stoke, James had various loans throughout the football league for Scunthorpe, Mansfield, Forest Green and Accrington Stanley.



Fast forward to the summer of 2021, and James has since played for Grimsby Town, Chester, Tranmere Rovers, Leyton Orient and now Bromley FC. It's fair to say he has achieved a lot through the leagues and garnered a wealth of experience. James is currently expanding his portfolio away from football, filming a popular youtube podcast called Baller Talk. He is co-hosting this with fellow friends and footballers Femi Ilesanmi & Medy Elito. After a successful season at Bromley, he has signed a new contract for the 2021-22 season. You can't help but admire James and the way he carries himself on and off the pitch. He's still young and has plenty of time to work his way back into the football league.



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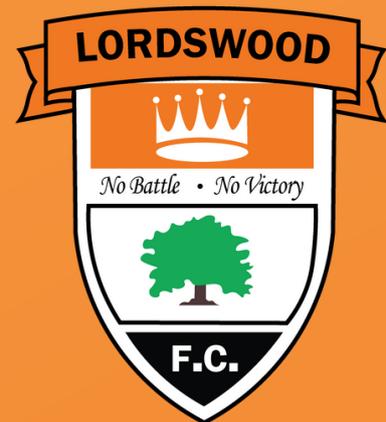


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