



Thursday 26th February 2026

7.30pm Kick Off

Horley Town FC v Epsom & Ewell FC

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Overview:

Horley Town are thrilled to announce we have entered into a 3-yr agreement with Awaking Giants to sponsor The New Defence starting from the 2025/26 season.

Awaking Giants are an organisation that actively recruits & supports UK Veterans and service leavers into meaningful employment within the engineering sector across the globe. They are a recognised and highly regarded member of the Armed Forces Covenant in The UK.

We're absolutely delighted to embark on this new partnership with Awaking Giants and welcome them into the HTFC family.

Awaking Giants Mission & Purpose:

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Horley Town FC Club History

Horley Football Club was first affiliated to Surrey County FA in 1896. In 1903 another local club by the name of Gatwick Rovers was formed and the two clubs merged in 1908 with Horley retaining its name. Both these original clubs played in the same colours of red & black and it was not until 1912 that Horley adopted the colours of claret & blue that they still wear to this very day.

Intermediate football was tasted for the first time in season 1925/26 following an appearance in the Surrey County Junior Cup Final in 1923/24 and winning the Surrey County Junior Charity Cup in 1924/25. Following the Second World War, Horley was faced with the prospect of losing its home at "The Kings Head" ground and set about finding a new home. A local landowner by the name of Major A.L.N. Jennings became the Club's benefactor (and President) following his generous decision to give the club 10.7 acres of land in Smallfield Road. The land was held in trust for the people of Horley from 1947, in memory of those that died in the defence of their country, and the ground was appropriately named "The Defence".

Season 1950/51 saw Horley win the Surrey Intermediate League Eastern Section and seek election to the Surrey Senior League for season 1951/52. This excursion into Senior football was short lived as the Club found themselves back in Junior football by season 1954/55. Intermediate status was regained in 1956/57 season and in season 1957/58 they entered their first ever Youth team in the local Redhill & District League.

With the expansion of the village of Horley to a town the Club changed its name in 1974 to become Horley Town F.C. During this spell in senior football, Horley Town enjoyed their most successful period culminating in the winning of the Surrey Senior League title and Surrey Senior League Challenge Cup in 1976/77. The Club also reached the final of the Surrey Senior League Charity Cup in this season.

The club went on to compete in the London Spartan League and the Athenian League before returning to the Combined Counties League (formerly the Surrey Senior League).

The early 1980's saw the Club expand their interest in Youth football with the creation of Horley Town Minors. This relationship has grown over the years and is the reason why the Club has evolved into a well respected "community club" providing football for the people of Horley irrespective of age, sex or race.

In September 2003, Horley Town moved to their new ground, named "The New Defence" in deference to their old home, behind the New Leisure Centre. The Club has been in the Combined Counties League Premier Division since 2006 and, in addition to its Reserves and Youth teams, incorporates numerous successful junior football teams at all age levels.

Horley Town FC Club History - Continued

2011/12 saw Horley Town FC do well in the FA Cup and finish in the top half of the CC League. In 2014/15 the Club had a very successful season, finishing 6th under the management of ex-players Anthony Jupp and Chris Weller. Club and League top goalscorer Ashley Nadesan scored 99 goals in two seasons before signing for League 1 Fleetwood Town. Ashley has since had a loan spell with Carlisle and returned to scoring goals for local side Crawley Town.

2015/16 was again another successful season for Town, but big changes came in the close season with Anthony Jupp and Chris Weller standing down and experienced ex Dorking boss Glynn Stephens stepping in as manager. More work was completed on the ground with a further 52 seats fitted to the stand behind the goal. 2017/18 saw the club get through to the fourth Round of the FA Vase. For the 2019/20 season Anthony Jupp returned to his position as manager and the Club was moved to the Southern Combination League Premier Division but only for two seasons before being returned to the Combined Counties League Premier Division and finishing 7th.

In 2022 Martin Rapson (formerly U23 Manager) was appointed Manager for the 2022/23 shortly followed by Tyler Chambers becoming joint 1st team Manager in February. In August 2023, for the first time, Horley Town's FA Cup tie against AFC Croydon Athletic was broadcast live on the BBC and the cameras brought an attendance of over 400 people. In the same season, Horley Town also reached their first cup final for several decades as they faced Reading City for the Southern Combination Cup – unfortunately ending in a 4-2 defeat against the Berkshire side. 2025/26 sees Terry Savage take over management of the U23's Martin Rapson stepped down from his position as Joint 1st Team Manager effective Monday 10th November. After 5+ years at the club across multiple roles, we cannot thank him enough especially for stepping into the senior dugout in 2022 during a period of transition. Moving forward we're delighted to announce Tyler Chambers will continue his role as 1st Team Manager with new support



Visitors Club History – Epsom & Ewell FC

Epsom & Ewell F.C. Club History 1918-2023. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton on their pitch, where the opposition was blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. O'Connell resigned in 1982, being replaced by Adrian Hill and in 1983/84 we clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the Final at Imber Court. We survived comfortably in our first season at the Isthmian Premier, but Hill's departure to Croydon in 1985 started a decline. Much of the squad left with Hill, and new Manager Alan Webb had too much to do. We were relegated in 1986, and also in 1987, by now under the Management of Ricky Kidd. Adrian Hill replaced Kidd for a second spell at the helm in 1990, but we were placed in the new Division Three in 1991 in league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required halfway mark. In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration, although we did reach the Final of the Associate Members Trophy in 1998, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Hendon's old Claremont Road ground. In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to the newly created Division 1 South, where we topped the table for a month, eventually finishing 9th, but Hill's retirement at the end of the season led to relegation a year later and then in 2006 we were transferred into the Combined Counties League Premier Division. In October 2006 Lyndon Buckwell, a former player became our new Manager, and in his first full season (2007/08) we were back in the top ten. In 2008/09 we exceeded this achievement and finished in fourth place after heading the table for a few months. In 2009/10 the club recovered from a slow start to finish fifth and also reached the last 32 of the F.A.Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-2 in Northamptonshire to Long Buckby. In April of 2010, we terminated our seventeen-year ground-sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to High Road, home of Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season, where we would spend eight seasons. The season brought significant playing success as a slow start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record of 12 straight league wins, which put us at the top of the table for over a month, before a tricky run-in resulted in a final position of fifth. However, any disappointment there was tempered by the club's first silverware since 1981 when we defeated South Park 3-0 at Farnborough to win the Combined Counties League Cup. On a sadder note, 2012/13 also marked one thousand games since we left West Street. We carried our form into 2013/14 and led the league with eight straight wins, but couldn't hold on and had to settle for third place, our highest league finish since 1984, but the following September Lyndon Buckwell departed and Glyn Mandeville and new Assistant Matt Smith steered the club to seventh place and improved this to fourth in 2015/16. In the summer of 2016, our club visited France and played a friendly against our twin town Chantilly, which was where the England team had been based before their Euro 2016 campaign. The players were able to meet Roy Hodgson and Gary Neville and performed admirably as ambassadors for our town. In 2016/17 we started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newly-promoted Bedford & despite trailing 2-0 at halftime and went on to repeat our fourthplace finish in the League. In addition, we reached the League Cup Final but were defeated 4-1 by Westfield at Windsor FC. However, in the summer of 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers. Glyn was unable to replace them with enough players of real quality and three-quarters of the season were spent at the foot of the table. His resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting our Coach Neil Grant into the Manager's role and although he managed to get us off the foot of the table, relegation was always likely and was confirmed in mid-April; not a great way to celebrate our Centenary! The attempts at bouncing straight back did not start particularly well and Grant departed in October. The 2020/21 season commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground, although another seasonal curtailment left us in seventh place and we remained at Step Six, being transferred to the Southern Combination for the new season. In August 2021, Sam Morgan was relieved of his duties after a slow start to the season. Barry Gartell was placed in interim charge while the club searched for a new manager. Barry and his brother Clive managed to get a good run of form under their belts. Winning 4 and drawing 1. Darren Anslow was appointed as our new manager in September 2021 and was immediately impressed with a comfortable 4-0 win against Mile Oak in the FA Vase 2nd Round Qualifying. 2022/23 season saw a complete change at the top with Ex Horley Town manager Anthony Jupp coming in as joint manager alongside Ex Croydon manager Liam Giles along with Ex Horley Town Manager and coach Matt Chapman as coach. Giles left before Christmas and Jupp stepped down before the end of the season. Coach Matt Chapman took over and lead the Club to the Runners up spot. In the play off semi final we drew one one with Selsey before going through in a nail biting penalty shoot out. In the final in front of almost 400 fans in our last game at Leatherhead F.C. We won two one against Wick. We were promoted back to step five. We were also moved across the Non league Pyramid back into the Combined Counties League Premier South. 2023/24 Season The Club also started a new ground share agreement with Cobham F.C. on their brand new 3G pitch. The Club appointed James Scott as manager. He was previously with Balham and Assistant manager at Tonbridge and Margate. James left in October when the Club was bottom of the league and with no wins. He was replaced with Steve Springett as Interim manager Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.....

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Manager's Foreword

Good evening

Home games seem to be a bit like waiting for buses at the moment. Nothing for such a long time and then all of a sudden two come along at once! Welcome back to everyone associated with Horley Town after 5 days and a warm welcome to all those connected with Epsom & Ewell and today's match officials.

We got back to winning ways on Saturday as we beat Badshot Lea here 2-1 courtesy of two goals from Coby either side of a Badshot Lea goal. The boys worked really, really hard on a difficult surface to grind out 3 points that at the time took us into the play-off positions. It was great to see a debut for new signing Emanuel Osei as well, albeit at the expense of Joe Bell who now has a hamstring injury we're monitoring ahead of our final 9 matches of the season.

With Cobham champions-elect in the CCL Premier South this competition is our last chance of silverware this season. We've been given a tough opening fixture against the reigning holders of the cup but for us it's a great chance to make the QF for the 2nd season out of the last 3. As you would expect we have one eye on Saturday so tonight is a great opportunity for our 2 new signings as well as 5 current U23 and 1 U18 to gain some valuable first team minutes that they thoroughly deserve.

Your continued support is needed now more than ever before. We're right in the mix at the moment for the play-offs but it's going to be a difficult and challenging end to the season with positions 2-8 all fighting to extend their season.

Thanks,
Tyler



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Management Sponsor: Tyler Chambers

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AWAKING GIANTS – NEW DEFENCE



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 - b) using obscene or abusive language or persistent swearing
 - c) being drunk or under the influence of drink or drugs to any degree making vulgar gestures
 - d) using terms of abuse, racial or otherwise
- 3 NO bottles, glasses, metal cans, placards, banners or other similar articles are permitted & the Police & Club Stewards have the right to search any spectator at any time, & to confiscate any article which they consider could be a danger to other spectators
- 4 NO Alcohol is to be consumed outside the confines of the Clubhouse
- 5 The climbing of floodlight pylons, fences, st&s or any building is strictly forbidden, & the Police & Club Stewards have the right to eject any spectator found doing so
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Fixtures & League Table - 1st Team

28/02/26 15:00 Tooting & Mitcham United  VS  Horley Town TOOTING AND MITCHAM COMMUNIT

03/03/26 19:30 Horley Town  VS  Camberley Town HORLEY TOWN FC

07/03/26 15:00 Horley Town  VS  Epsom & Ewell HORLEY TOWN FC

14/03/26 15:00 Cobham  VS  Horley Town LEG O' MUTTON FIELD

17/03/26 19:45 Thatcham Town  VS  Horley Town WATERSIDE PARK

21/03/26 15:00 Horley Town  VS  Corinthian-Casuals HORLEY TOWN FC

24/03/26 19:30 Horley Town  VS  Fleet Town HORLEY TOWN FC

		Overall															Home					Away					GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A											
1	Cobham	32	25	4	3	112	24	13	2	2	62	14	12	2	1	50	10	+88	79									
2	Tooting & Mitcham United	30	14	10	6	46	44	6	5	4	23	28	8	5	2	23	16	+2	52									
3	Abbey Rangers	31	15	6	10	41	40	8	3	5	19	20	7	3	5	22	20	+1	51									
4	Knaphill	29	16	5	8	54	36	9	1	6	26	22	7	4	2	28	14	+18	50									
5	Redhill	27	13	9	5	52	34	9	5	0	32	13	4	4	5	20	21	+18	48									
6	Tadley Calleva	26	14	6	6	50	32	9	4	2	33	14	5	2	4	17	18	+18	48									
7	Horley Town	29	15	3	11	51	40	7	1	6	24	19	8	2	5	27	21	+11	48									
8	Fleet Town	27	13	7	7	55	35	8	3	2	32	15	5	4	5	23	20	+20	46									
9	Sheerwater	30	12	5	13	54	56	6	2	6	27	26	6	3	7	27	30	-2	41									
10	Badshot Lea	29	9	12	8	59	48	7	5	2	34	23	2	7	6	25	25	+11	39									
11	Corinthian-Casuals	29	10	9	10	42	45	7	5	4	28	20	3	4	6	14	25	-3	39									
12	Sutton Common Rovers	28	10	5	13	46	39	6	2	6	25	15	4	3	7	21	24	+7	35									
13	Alton	30	8	9	13	46	57	5	5	6	28	26	3	4	7	18	31	-11	33									
14	Chipstead	29	9	6	14	44	72	5	3	5	21	21	4	3	9	23	51	-28	33									
15	Balham	31	8	7	16	42	67	4	3	8	22	33	4	4	8	20	34	-25	31									
16	Epsom & Ewell	28	7	9	12	39	51	4	6	3	22	22	3	3	9	17	29	-12	30									
17	Thatcham Town	29	9	2	18	35	56	5	2	8	24	28	4	0	10	11	28	-21	29									
18	Camberley Town	28	5	11	12	31	50	2	6	5	14	17	3	5	7	17	33	-19	26									
19	Eversley & California	29	6	8	15	34	64	3	4	6	14	25	3	4	9	20	39	-30	26									
20	Guildford City	33	5	5	23	38	81	4	2	10	23	37	1	3	13	15	44	-43	20									



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Horley Town FC v Epsom & Ewell FC

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1. Sam Allen (GK)
2. Henry Lester (GK)
3. Ben Dyson
4. Cameron Gyeabour
5. Joe Carrington
6. Aaron Moody
7. George Craig
8. Sam Mercer
9. Dean Perana
10. Jack Sims
11. Jack Marney
12. Adam Aziz
13. Lewis Pearch
14. Liam Trevatt
15. Will Kendall (VC)
16. Coby Acquaye
17. Arlie Desanges
18. Bailey McCarthy

**Managers: Tyler Chambers
Warren Burton, Simon Payne &
Connor Moody**
1st Team Coach: Terry Savage
S&C Coach: Dean Claydon
GK Coach: Darren Hadlum
Physiotherapist: Jaymini Patel



Faebian Witter
Sami Nabbad
Kit Fletcher
Stefan Aiwone
Callum Wilson
Conor McShane
Aryan Kugathas
Toby Young
Kionte Gillfillian-Wual
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Ali Fofahan
Obasanjo Akiinniranye
Leo Cunningham
Andrew Herring
Ezekial Sonukan

MANAGEMENT

Max Johnson, Craig Dundas, Chris Faman, Conor Redmond,
Physio: Jodie Davis
GK Coach Kevin Espinosa

Referees: Michael Jones, Louis Harman & Gareth Mays