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## HONOURS

### FIRST TEAM

#### Southern Combination Division One

Runners up 1995

#### Southern Combination Division Two

Winners 1993

#### Southern Combination Division Two Cup

Runners up 1988, 1991

#### Sussex Intermediate Cup

Winners 1975

#### Montgomery Challenge Cup

Winners 1960

#### Mowatt Challenge Cup

Winners 1928

### UNDER 23 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 23 West Division

Runners up 2018, 2019

### UNDER 18 TEAM

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Championship

Winners 2002, 2018

Runners up 2014

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Central

Winners 1999, 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018

Runners up 2008, 2013, 2015, 2019

#### Southern Combination Under 18 Cup

Winners 2001, 2008, 2009, 2018

Runners up 2002, 2014, 2015

#### Sussex County FA Under 18 Cup

Winners 2002

### VETERANS TEAM

#### Fred Pretty Veterans Cup

Winners 1995, 1996, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016

Runners up

2017

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## Welcome to the Beacon

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Beacon for the first time since December as the magic of the FA Cup comes to Mid Sussex...

**Spelthorne Sports are our visitors today in what looks like a very tough test. We hope their players, management, committee and supporters - and of course our match officials - enjoy their stay with us in Mid Sussex this afternoon.**

This should not be our first home game of the season, as most of you will probably be aware.

A rainstorm that would not have looked out of place in the bit of the bible about Noah's ark hit us at about 1.30pm a week away, depositing enough water to turn the Beacon surface into a lake.

Unfortunately, the referee had no choice but to postpone the game, thus making us the first club in English football history (probably) to have a competitive game in July postponed because of a waterlogged.

We can only apologise to everyone who was looking forward to returning to the home of football after nearly eight long months away for the disruption caused.

It did however work out quite well for a number of groundhoppers who were travelling down from London to join us.

We instead diverted them one stop towards Brighton on train to Withdean Stadium, where they were treated to a 10 goal thriller between AFC Varndeanians and Littlehampton Town.

We were involved in our own six goal thriller on Tuesday night, although unfortunately it was Saltdean United scoring all six at Hill Park.

The Tigers have put together some squad for the current campaign and based on what we saw, we will not be the only side to take a pasting at their hands this season.

Given our disrupted pre-season plans - only four matches played because of problems with the new drainage system, three of them against Isthmian League opponents - the players could have been forgiven for being a little undercooked coming into the campaign.

That did not look the case though and they kept battling until the end, even though the gulf in class between our young side with only one player over 25 - Grandad Whittingham - and a team of individuals virtually all of whom have played at a higher level was evident.

Away from happenings on-the-pitch, it has been a very busy summer at the club. We have implemented a new continental style management structure led by Brad Sweetman who has been appointed head coach, which you can read about elsewhere in today's programme.

The Beacon pitch underwent significant works and although there have been a few teething problems, we are hopeful that less game will fall foul of the autumn and winter weather this season. Yes, we know about last weekend...

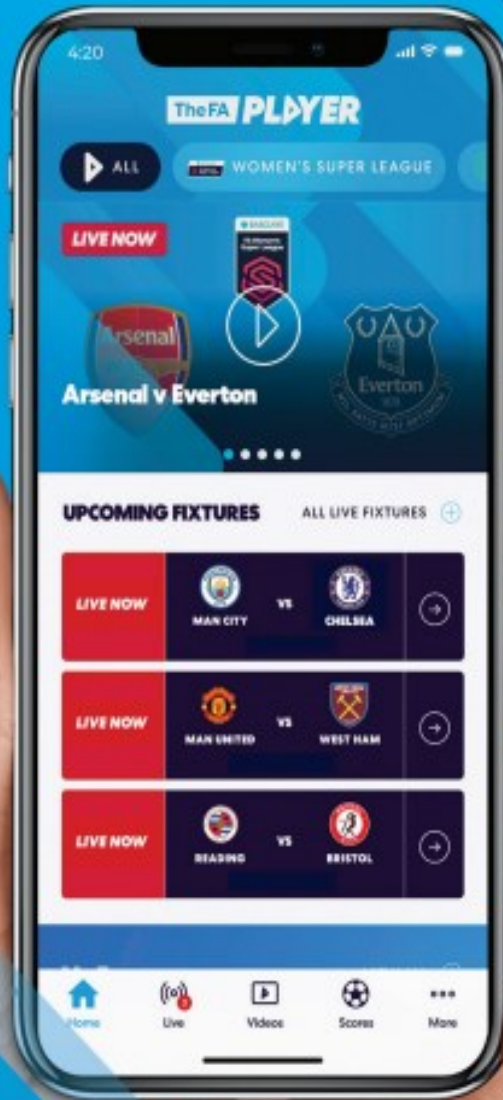
There are new sponsorship opportunities also detailed in the programme and we are also on the look out for a new secretary with Sarah John looking to stand down because of increased work commitments.

If you are interested in the role or finding out how else you can help us out this season, then please speak to Owen behind the bar.

**Enjoy the game**

**Owen and Scott**





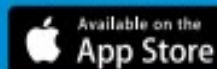
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# Today's visitors...



## Spelthorne Sports

**Founded** 1922

**Nickname** Spelly

**Ground** Spelthorne Sports Club

**Website** [pitchero.com/clubs/spelthornesportsfc](http://pitchero.com/clubs/spelthornesportsfc)

**Twitter** @TheSpellyFC

**Manager** Mark Harper

## HONOURS

**Combined Counties Division 1**

Winners 2014

**CCFL Premier Challenge Cup**

Runners up 2014

**CCFL Division One Cup**

Winners 2014

**Middlesex Intermediate Cup**

Winners 2014

**Surrey Elite Intermediate League**

Winners 2011

**Surrey Intermediate West Premier**

Runners up 2nd

**A whirlwind 15 years has taken Spelthorne Sports from intermediate football into the top flight of the Combined Counties League - and were it not for the pandemic, they might be even higher up the pyramid...**

Spelthorne were enjoying a fine time in the Combined Counties Premier Division last season, sitting third when the campaign was curtailed with nine wins, two draws and four defeats from 15 matches.

The Combined Counties is often considered a stronger competition than the Southern Combination, so this is an extremely tough draw for us.

And just to worry everyone a little further, Sutton Common Rovers - who were promoted from the league last season - won 6-0 at the Beacon in a pre-season friendly two weeks ago.

To reach the Isthmian League would be an incredible achievement for Spelthorne, who were playing Surrey Elite Intermediate Football a decade ago. Five years earlier, they had been in the Middlesex Premier Division.

A stunning 2013-14 campaign saw the Spelly win a treble of the Combined Counties Division One title, the Combined Counties Division One Challenge Cup and the Middlesex Intermediate Cup, as well as going the entire league season

unbeaten.

Floodlights were also installed at their home ground of Spelthorne Sports Club that season and since then they have established themselves in the top flight.

Everything seems in place for further progress and a good run in the national cup competitions would provide a building block for a successful season for Mark Harper and his players.

Spelthorne supporters will have happy memories of their only previous visit to the Beacon, which came four years ago in the FA Vase.

Matt Weston hit a hat-trick in a 3-0 win for the Spelly which booked their place in the first round proper of the Vase for the second time in their history.

The furthest that Spelthorne have gone in the FA Cup is the first qualifying round. They will fancy their chances of at least equalling that run this season, with the winners of today's tie facing a trip to either Farnham Town or Southern Combination Premier Division newcomers AFC Varndeanians in the preliminary round.



## 10 Key Moments

**1922...** Spelthorne Sports FC are founded, playing in local park leagues

**2009...** runners up in the Surrey Intermediate West Premier Division

**2011...** lift the Surrey Elite Intermediate League title to gain promotion to the Combined Counties League

**2011...** it wasn't just the league that they put into the trophy cabinet with the League Cup also lifted

**2014...** Middlesex Intermediate Cup winners for the first time after a 3-0 win over Cricklewood Wanderers

**2014...** lift the Division One title without losing a league game, winning 22 and drawing eight

**2014...** the 2013-14 season gets even better as they win the Division One Challenge Cup

**2014...** the Spelly lose their first game of the season in the Southern Combination Cup Final to Hanworth Villa

**2014...** floodlights are installed at the Sports Club as progress on the pitch is matched off of it

**2015...** finish sixth in the Combined Counties Premier, their highest ever finish

## Last 20 Seasons

2018-19, Combined Counties Premier **6th**

2017-18, Combined Counties Premier **10th**

2016-17, Combined Counties Premier **9th**

2015-16, Combined Counties Premier **11th**

2014-15, Combined Counties Premier **6th**

2013-14, Combined Counties One **1st**

2012-13, Combined Counties One **6th**

2011-12, Combined Counties One **7th**

2010-11, Surrey Elite Intermediate **1st**

2009-10, Surrey Elite Intermediate **5th**

2008-09, Surrey Intermediate West Premier **2nd**

2007-08, Surrey Intermediate West Premier **7th**

2006-07, Middlesex Premier Division **8th**

2005-06, Middlesex Premier Division **8th**

2004-05, Middlesex Premier Division **11th**

2003-04, Middlesex Premier Division **10th**

2002-03, Middlesex Premier Division **4th**

2001-02, Middlesex Premier Division **1st**

2000-01, Middlesex Premier Division **7th**

1999-00, Middlesex Premier Division **3rd**

## Hassocks v Spelthorne Sports :: Head-to-Head

**FA Vase...** Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3

**Total... Played 1 - Won 0 - Drawn 0 - Lost 1 - Scored 0 - Conceded 3**

## Previous Meetings

2017-18 FA Vase: Hassocks 0-3 Spelthorne Sports





# Superior Spelthorne send Robins crashing out of Vase

**There will be no FA Vase run to distract Hassocks from the woes of their league campaign after the Robins were well beaten 3-0 by Spelthorne Sports at the second qualifying round stage of the national competition .**

Hassocks had advertised this game as them being "only eight games from Wembley".

Given that their current average of one win in 11 means that they aren't even on course to win eight games this season, that seemed wildly optimistic even before you considered the fact that the draw had paired them with one of the better teams from the superior Combined Counties League Premier Division.

Spelthorne are enjoying an excellent start to the season and currently sit pretty in fifth place in the table.

They deserved to win this game, but once again Hassocks were left ruing a controversial refereeing decision for goal one, some bad luck for goal two and a lack of some pretty basic defending principles for goal three. The visitors Matt Weston took full advantage to help himself to a hat-trick.

Given that Hassocks have conceded in the first and third minutes of their last two games, the Robins would've been please with the start they made as they not only held out until the 15 minute mark but they were also the better team in the opening exchanges.

They could even have taken they lead via a flowing move up the pitch that ended in Will Broomfield connecting with a firm header that perhaps should have troubled Spelthorne goalkeeper Brendan Hazlett more than it did.

Spelthorne duly made Hassocks pay for that spurned opportunity with a huge helping hand from referee Luke Chapman.

Nathan Stroomberg appeared to have the ball grounded with both hands clasped around it when Weston booted him and the loose ball ended up in the back of the net.

There was clearly some ambiguity about what had gone on as Mr Chapman and his assistant took an age to come to a decision to allow the goal to stand, incensing Hassocks players and supporters alike.

Stroomberg meanwhile received lengthy treatment and while he was able to complete the game, Phil Wickwar revealed afterwards that the incident had left the young Hassocks goalkeeper with three badly swollen fingers that could rule him out for up to a month – hardly ideal given that the Robins have six hugely important games crammed into the next three weeks.

Hassocks channelled their anger at that goal being allowed to stand in the right way, going straight onto the front foot again and forcing Hazlett into an excellent stop from a Phil Gault free kick after Charlie Pitcher was fouled on the edge of the box.

From the resulting corner, a towering header from Jordan Badger went just wide.

It was midway through the first

half when Weston doubled his sides advantage, Tom Barnes stepping out of defence to make a challenge, only to see the ball ricochet off to Luke Richards who squared to Weston to fish neatly into the corner.

Despite that, there was still a feeling in the clubhouse at half time that Hassocks had a real shot of getting back into things after the break; on another day neither of those goals happens and they had a bench packed with quality including the likes of James and Lewis Westlake, Dan Stokes and Jamie Hillwood, who has rejoined the club after a brief spell at Haywards Heath Town.

Wickwar said that the players were aware that they needed to keep it tight in the opening exchanges of the second half as a two goal deficit was recoverable but a three goal deficit would've been game over.

Unfortunately, the Robins didn't heed those warnings and it was game over within eight minutes of the restart.

Even Lord Lucan would have been proud of the disappearing act that the Hassocks defence produced as Badger was left completely exposed as the last man with Weston running clear to wrap up his treble and the tie.

**Hassocks:** Stroomberg; Barnes, Marsh, Badger; Maskell, Broomfield, Gault, Slaughter, Benson; Death, Pitcher.

**Subs:** J Westlake, Stokes, Hillwood (used), L Westlake, Harris (unused).



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# Brad Sweetman appointed new Hassocks head coach

Sweetman heads up a new coaching structure with Dave John moving upstairs to become the Robins first ever technical director....

## **Hassocks have announced a new continental-style managerial structure for 2021-22 with Brad Sweetman appointed as the Robins' head coach.**

It is an opportunity which Sweetman more than deserves having worked his way up through the coaching ranks at Hassocks since first arriving at the Beacon as Under 18s assistant manager ahead of the 2017-18 season.

Working alongside Dave John, the duo helped to deliver a treble of Southern Combination Under 18 League Overall Champions, Central Division title and League Cup.

Sweetman took over as manager of the Under 18s for 2018-19 and led Hassocks to a second placed finish.

In 2019-20, the young Robins were one point off the top when the season was curtailed and in 2020-21,

Hassocks led the way having won six and drawn one of seven matches. Hassocks also reached the semi final of the Supplementary Shield back in May.

Those achievements meant that in his four seasons with the Under 18s, Sweetman has helped deliver one of the longest periods of sustained success that the youth setup has enjoyed in its 30 year history.

Sweetman began working with the first team in 2019 under Mark Dalglish and served as John's assistant in the last campaign.

With Hassocks relying on a core of young players many of whom have played in the Under 18s under Sweetman, it seemed only natural that he should be the man to succeed Johnsy in taking the reigns.

Johnsy meanwhile moves upstairs to become the club's technical director, overseeing football across the club as a whole.

Technical director is a term which suits Johnsy very well and it is one we know he will love being referred to as.

Sweetman will be assisted by Jordan Wilson, who was his number two with the Under 18s last season.

Sweetman and Wilson will also oversee the Under 23s alongside Matt Hicks.

Long-serving Phil Wickwar will continue as physio alongside new recruit Chloe Parker.

The Under 18s have a new-look management team too, Neil Parker and Glenn Geard taking over and Veterans football returns to the Beacon for the first time in several seasons.

Hassocks favourite Nick Newman will be in charge of the side competing in the Mid Sussex Veterans League, who are expected to provide plenty of entertainment if past incarnations of the vets are anything to go by.







# Hassocks hit for six but £1200 is the number that matters

**The Ann John Trophy remains in the hands of Burgess Hill Town after a professional performance from a strong Hillians outfit saw them hammer Hassocks 6-0 at the Beacon.**

Hill have now won the annual match between these two sides on the past four occasions.

Hassocks could at least take solace that the winning margin was less than the 8-1 defeat they had suffered in the previous game back in December.

Although temperatures were not quite as cold on this July evening, it was still unseasonably chilly.

Combine the weather with the fact that Italy were taking on Spain in their Euro 2020 semi final at the same time and Hassocks would have been delighted that the match still raised £1200 for St Peter & St James Hospice.

Pat Harding – back in Hill colours after six goals in six games whilst moonlighting for Hassocks in the Southern Combination League Supplementary Shield in April – had the

first two opportunities but he could not quite force the ball in on either occasion.

Hill had to wait until midway through the first half to make their dominance count on the scoreboard.

Andrew Herring's cross was headed home by Max Miller and once that went in, the floodgates unfortunately opened.

Harding doubled the advantage minutes later when converting the rebound from a blocked Martyn Box shot.

A flurry of goals then arrived in the final five minutes of the first half, starting with a Box free kick bent expertly over the wall and into the top corner.

A driving run out of the Hill defence from Josh Spinks saw him make it all the way to the by-line to cross for Miller to sweep home his second and the visitors' fourth.

Miller was not quite done yet, rounding off a first half hat-trick after Harding nodded a Herring chip back across goal for his strike partner to apply the finishing touch.

5-0 at half time became 6-0 straight from the restart. Hill ad-

vanced up the pitch to win a corner which was met by a thumping header from George Brown, who has swapped the Beacon for the More Than Tyres Stadium for 2021-22.

Hassocks could have been forgiven for fearing the worst at that point, losing by a half-dozen goals with 40 minutes still to play.

The Robins dug in though and prevented Hill adding to the scoreline although another one-time Hassocks player in Scott Kirkwood did smash a free kick against a post late on.

The hosts managed to summon a shot on goal shortly before Kirkwood left the woodwork rattling but young Hillians goalkeeper Joe Ridley made an excellent save to preserve his side's clean sheet.

Not the result on-the-pitch that the Robins would have been looking for, but an excellent evening off it for St Peter & St James at a time when charities need all the help and support they can get.

Hassocks and Hill have certainly played their part and everyone at the Beacon wishes Jay Lovett and his squad good luck for their Isthmian League season ahead.



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# HASSOCKS IN THE FA CUP

**The 2020-21 season represents Hassocks' 23rd crack at the FA Cup with the Robins furthest run so far seeing them get to within two games of the first round proper. Here's a look back at our previous efforts in the world's greatest cup competition...**

## **Rattling the Rooks**

Hassocks' best run in the FA Cup came in the 2001-02 season when Dave John's side made it to within two games of the first round proper.

Lewes were the team who ended that most unlikely of dreams, triumphing 3-0 in the third qualifying round.

Ashford Town were seen off 3-2 in the Preliminary Qualifying Round to set up a date with Ash United in the First Qualifying Round.

Nothing could separate the sides in the first game at the Beacon and so it was off to the Shawfield Stadium for a Tuesday night replay.

Three goals in six second half minutes were enough to win the tie for Hassocks and end Ash's unbeaten start to the season as well.

Marc Rendall notched the first in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute, bringing a Mickey Turner cross under control and slamming the ball into the bottom corner.

Home defender Stuart Woodhouse put through his own net

with a volley from a quickly-taken Luke Flomo free kick five minutes later.

And the blitz was completed when Flomo teed up James Laing who beat two defenders to fire home.

**"Not many people gave Hassocks a hope going into their tie with Bromley, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon against their visitors from two divisions above."**

The result and performance earned Hassocks the applause of the Ash support and set the Robins up for a tie against Bromley from two divisions higher.

Not many people gave Hassocks

a hope going into that one, but the Robins pulled off one of the shocks of the round by comfortably winning 2-0 at the Beacon.

That set up a mouth watering all-Sussex tie at the Dripping Pan, where Jimmy Quinn's Rooks proved to be too good for Hassocks.

Lewes would go onto make it all the way into the main draw, facing Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium in the first round.

The Robins meanwhile were able to build the Maurice Boxall Stand with the money generated from their cup run, which still stands on the south side of the Beacon today.

## **Nothing dull about Dulwich**

Fast forward four seasons to the 2005-06 campaign and Hassocks nearly equalled that famous run, going out at the second qualifying round stage against Isthmian Premier side Dulwich Hamlet.

Being the only Southern Combination League side left in the competition by that point, there was

a bumper crowd at the Beacon of over 300 who witnessed Hamlet squeak through by the tightest of 1-0 margins.

It took four games to get that far in the competition, victories over Erith Town and Chessington & Hook sandwiching two meetings with Hillingdon Borough following a draw at Hillingdon.

Pat Harding had a particularly good time of it, scoring four times in the cup run and he is one of only two former Robins to appear in the competition proper.

That was when he was a regular at Eastbourne Borough; the other player being Eddie French, who was part of Horsham's famous run that included taking Swansea City to a replay in the mid 2000's.

### **Facing the big guns**

The biggest side the Robins have faced in the FA Cup was Havant & Waterlooville in the First Qualifying Round in the 1998-99 season.

That game saw a highly creditable 1-0 defeat away at Westleigh Park, one of six exits at that particular stage of the competition for Hassocks.

We've faced Bromley - who can currently be found in the Conference National - on two other occasions aside from that 2001-02 run.

Both of those came in the 1999-00 season, when the Ravens required a replay to knock the Robins out, eventually winning 2-1 at Hayes Road after a 1-1 draw at the Beacon.

That tie was set up by one of our most notable scalps in the competition, a 1-0 win away at Horsham,

French scored the only goal of the game at Queens Road, heading home a Dickie Fernley corner in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute.

The Hornets were unable to find a way past the inspired Paul John in the Hassocks goal after that and their heads dropped as a result for the final 20 minutes in which Hassocks could've made the game safe.

Laing was denied twice by Horsham's debutant goalkeeper Phil Lewis and Lewis also saved well from a powerful Adam Waller drive.

The shock result saw Hornets boss Russell Mason quit as manager in the immediate aftermath.

Hassocks' heaviest FA Cup defeat came in the First Qualifying Round in 2010-11, a 5-0 away defeat at an impressive Sholing side, a game that was overshadowed by Chris Maynard suffering a terrible double leg break that would rule him out for the best part of a year.

That season was also responsible for the Robins' biggest ever FA Cup win when



***The Maurice Boxall Stand was built with the proceeds of the Robins 2001 run to the Third Qualifying Round***



***A bumper crowd of over 300 pack out the Beacon for a second qualifying round tie with Dulwich Hamlet in 2005***



***Nathan Cooper can't believe it as Phil Gault's missed 90<sup>th</sup> minute penalty sends Hassocks out against Chipstead in 2013***



Eastbourne United were hammered 7 -1 at the Beacon in the Extra Preliminary Round of the competition.

Maynard scored twice that day along with a Neil Kane brace and further goals from Anthony Hibbert, Daley Clark and Dan Smith.

Aside from the big loss at Sholing, there have been a couple of other heavy defeats in the First Qualifying Round, with Tonbridge Angels and Sittingbourne both winning 3-0.

The most recent time Hassocks made it as far as the First Qualifying Round was in the 2013-14 season under the management of Mickey Jewell.

That run included a rare victory at Gorings Mead against fellow Southern Combination League side Horsham YMCA – one of only four Hassocks' wins there since the turn of the century - and a 1-0 replay victory over Dorking Wanderers after a 0-0 draw at Westhumble Playing Fields.

Isthmian South side Chipstead provided the opponents in the fourth game in the competition, winning 2-1 at the Beacon.

The Robins were good value for the draw that today however and would have had a replay three days later were it not for a last minute penalty miss from the normally reliable Phil Gault.

Gault did suitably punish himself afterwards, spending the evening drowning his sorrows in notorious Burgess Hill nightspot Jacobs Post.

### Learning the ropes

It took Hassocks a few seasons to learn the ropes of national cup competitions - that aforementioned Horsham win was our first in the

competition, coming at the fourth season of asking.

Hassocks' first ever FA Cup game came in the Preliminary Round in the 1996-97 season, a 3-1 home defeat against Egham Town.

The following season saw a 2-1 defeat against Barton Rovers while there have been six other exits at the second stage; to Molesey 3-0, Merstham 3-1, Walton & Hersham 3-

**"Gault did suitably punish himself for missing that penalty against Chipstead by spending the evening drowning his sorrows in notorious Burgess Hill nightspot Jacobs Post"**

0 and most disappointingly, a heavy 4 -0 loss at Mill Road against fellow Southern Combination League club Arundel in 2003-04.

Both of our two most recent FA Cup adventures have ended in the Preliminary stage. 2019-20 saw a replay exit against Chipstead after Langney Wanderers had been beaten 2-0 at the Beacon in the previous round.

2020-21 saw a dramatic 5-3 penalty shoot out win over Balham followed by elimination at the hands of Bedfont Sports.

### Over and out as early as possible

The Extra Preliminary Round was added to the competition in the 2005-06 season and Hassocks exited at

that earliest point of the competition in six of the last eight seasons that we have entered the competition.

The first of those came in 2008/09, a disappointing 1-0 defeat to Shoreham played at Culver Road due to the summer pitch works at the Beacon not being completed in time to host the tie.

Kane was still a Shoreham player at that point and he got the only goal of the game for the Mussels.

By the time Hassocks were knocked out of the following seasons competition Kane was in a Hassocks shirt, part of Dave John's side which crashed out 4-1 at home to Ash United.

Back-to-back Extra Preliminary Round exits came in 2011-12 away at Raynes Park Vale and a shock reversal at home to Sidley United in 2012-13.

Hassocks' 2014-15, 2017-18 and 2018-19 voyages into the FA Cup also came to an end at the Extra Preliminary Round when they were well beaten 3-1 by Epsom and Ewell, 3-2 by Hollands and Blair and 3-1 by Erith Town respectively.



***The Robins celebrate last season's penalty shoot out victory over Balham. It was the first time Hassocks had eliminated a side from outside of the Southern Combination League from the FA Cup in a decade***

# First Team Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
03/08 - 19:30	Saltdean United (A)	SCFLP	0-6	
07/08 - 15:00	Spelthorne Sports (H)	FACEP		
14/08 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (H)	SCFLP		
17/08 - 19:45	AFC Uckfield Town (H)	SCFLP		
24/08 - 19:45	Peacehaven & Tels. (A)	SCFLP		
28/08 - 15:00	Steyning Town (H)	SCFLP		
30/08 - 11:00	Lingfield (A)	SCFLP		
<b>September</b>				
04/09 - 15:00	Newhaven (H)	SCFLP		
07/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	PBLC2		
11/09 - 15:00	Little Common (H)	SCFLP		
14/09 - 19:45	Broadbridge Heath (H)	SCFLP		
18/09 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (A)	SCFLP		
25/09 - 15:00	K Sports / Beckenham (H)	FAVQ2		
28/09 - 19:45	Eastbourne United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>October</b>				
02/10 - 15:00	Bexhill United (A)	SCFLP		
09/10 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (H)	SCFLP		
16/10 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (H)	SCFLP		
23/10 - 15:00	Loxwood (A)	SCFLP		
30/10 - 15:00	Pagham (H)	SCFLP		
<b>November</b>				
06/11 - 15:00	East Preston (A)	SCFLP		
13/11 - 15:00	Alfold (H)	SCFLP		
20/11 - 15:00	Broadbridge Heath (A)	SCFLP		
27/11 - 15:00	Peacehaven & Tels. (H)	SCFLP		
<b>December</b>				
04/12 - 15:00	AFC Uckfield Town (A)	SCFLP		
11/12 - 15:00	Eastbourne Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/12 - 15:00	Saltdean United (H)	SCFLP		
27/12 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (A)	SCFLP		
<b>January</b>				
03/01 - 11:00	Lingfield (H)	SCFLP		
13/01 - 15:00	Little Common (A)	SCFLP		
22/01 - 15:00	Eastbourne United (A)	SCFLP		
29/01 - 15:00	Bexhill United (H)	SCFLP		
<b>February</b>				
12/02 - 15:00	AFC Varndeanians (A)	SCFLP		
19/02 - 15:00	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFLP		
26/02 - 15:00	Loxwood (H)	SCFLP		
<b>March</b>				
12/03 - 15:00	East Preston (H)	SCFLP		
19/03 - 15:00	Pagham (A)	SCFLP		
26/03 - 15:00	Newhaven (A)	SCFLP		
<b>April</b>				
09/04 - 15:00	Littlehampton Town (H)	SCFLP		
16/04 - 15:00	Steyning Town (A)	SCFLP		
18/04 - 11:00	Crawley Down Gatwick (H)	SCFLP		
23/04 - 15:00	Alfold (A)	SCFLP		



# First Team Appearances 2021-22

Player	2021-22 Season			Hassocks Career		
	Starts	Used Sub	Games	Goals	Games	Goals
Jack Baden	1	0	1	0	5	0
Lewis Beebee	1	0	1	0	4	0
Connor Bradley	1	0	1	0	10	0
Jack Gardner	1	0	1	0	24	0
Christian Kiddell	1	0	1	0	1	0
Alfie Loversidge	1	0	1	0	19	2
Luke Marshall	1	0	1	0	17	0
Josh Short	1	0	1	0	13	0
Bradley Tighe	1	0	1	0	104	0
Dan Turner	1	0	1	0	36	3
Andy Whittingham	1	0	1	0	99	1
Arthur Rawlinson	0	1	1	0	1	0
Archie Russell	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jack Troak	0	1	1	0	54	13

# Under 23 Matches 2021-22

Date & Time	Opponents	Comp	F-A	Scorers
<b>August</b>				
19/08 - 19:45	Crowborough Athletic (H)	SCFL23		
26/08 - 19:45	Horsham YMCA (A)	SCFL23		
<b>September</b>				
01/09 - 19:45	Oakwood (A)	SCFL23		
09/09 - 19:45	Steyning Town (A)	SCFL23		
16/09 - 19:45	Roffey (H)	SCFL23		
23/09 - 19:45	Loxwood (A)	SCFL23		
30/09 - 19:45	St Francis Rangers (H)	SCFL23		

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# Superb Saltdean hit Hassocks for a half dozen in season opener

**Southern Combination League Premier Division  
Tuesday 3rd August 2021, Hill Park  
Saltdean United 6-0 Hassocks**



**The good news for Hassocks as they left Hill Park following their opening fixture of the Premier Division campaign is that they will surely not face many sides this good this season.**

Saltdean United showed why they were top of the table prior to curtailment back in December and why they are one of the favourites to lift the title this time around by hitting six unanswered goals past the Robins.

It could have been more. The Tigers rattled the woodwork twice and were prevented doing further damage by a string of excellent saves from Hassocks' debutant goalkeeper Christian Kiddell, one of the few bright spots on a chastening evening for new head coach Brad Sweetman and his young team.

Preparations for Sweetman's maiden campaign at the helm have hardly been ideal. A truncated pre-season schedule saw three warm up matches lost because of problems with the Beacon's new drainage.

Worse was to come on Saturday, when biblical-level rain hit Hassocks 90 minutes before kick off in what should have been the Robins' first game of the season against Broadbridge Heath.

Standing water was left all over the playing surface, leaving the match officials with no choice but to postpone the meeting with the Bears. A waterlogged pitch for a competitive match in July must have set some sort of English football record.

It was less of a laughing matter for Sweetman. With a fixture list that handed him six of last season's top 10 in his opening eight games in charge, that meeting with Heath represented one of the more realistic opportunities to put points on the board in the opening month. Losing it to the weather meant an already daunting start became even more daunting.

Daunted also seems like a good

word to use to describe how most Hassocks supporters would have felt when the sides were announced here.

Whereas Saltdean's starting XI read like a who's who of serial Southern Combination League title winners and players with experience at higher levels, Andy Whittingham was the only player over the age of 25 in the Hassocks matchday 16 - 11 of whom came through the youth ranks at the Beacon.

It took less than a minute for United to take the lead, Reece Hallard opening the scoring before many of the sizable crowd had found a vantage point. A very long evening looked in store for the Robins.

To be fair to Hassocks, they made a decent stab at frustrating Saltdean after that through inspired goalkeeping and brave defending.

Kiddell had displayed assured handling from a barrage of Saltdean crosses into the box before making his first big save on 22 minutes, using his legs to keep out Hallard's one-on-one effort after the forward had sprinted away from Dan Turner.

Hallard found himself with a similar opportunity five minutes later, this time after escaping Luke Marshall and although he did manage to beat Kiddell, the effort trickled just wide of the post.

Next it took a combination of Kiddell and Whittingham to keep Saltdean out. Kiddell somehow got a hand on a Callum Saunders effort from point blank range to take the sting out of the shot.

The ball was still heading towards goal until Whittingham proved to be an insurance policy against it crossing the line by hacking clear at the last possible moment.

Saltdean did eventually double their lead nine minutes before half time. Kieron Pamment's fierce effort drew another fine stop from Kiddell. Unfortunately for Hassocks, the loose ball spun into the air where Hallard

met it with an acrobatic bicycle kick placed perfectly into the unguarded net.

Hallard was withdrawn at the break with Trevor McCreadie taking his place. McCreadie loves a goal against Hassocks and he added Saltdean's fourth on 65, spotting a gap between Marshall and Kiddell and steering the ball expertly through it to nestle in the bottom corner.

Saltdean's third had arrived five minutes into the second half, Thomas Caplin bending a stunner from a full 30 yards into the top corner. Caplin was denied another shortly after by a fine sprawling stop from Kiddell.

Pamment added the fifth, curling into the top corner from 25 yards and McCreadie rounded off the scoring eight minutes from time, hitting a low shot across Kiddell after driving into the box.

As for Hassocks, they kept working hard but struggled to do much at all going forward.

The closest former Robin James Broadbent got to getting dirty came when Lewis Beebee looked to be haring in on goal, only for a heavy touch from the teenage striker to take the ball away from him and into the hands of Broadbent.

The Robins' two best opportunities other than that came from set pieces, one in either half. A Bradley Tighe clip into the box was headed down by Turner towards Connor Bradley who lifted a difficult chance over the bar in the first half.

In the second half, substitute Jack Troak whipped in a dangerous ball from the left after Beebee won a free kick but Tighe's header glanced agonisingly wide of the far post.

**Hassocks:** Kiddell; Turner, Marshall, Whittingham; Gardner, Baden, Short, Loversidge, Tighe; Bradley, Beebee.

**Subs:** Russell (Baden), Troak (Gardner), Rawlinson (Turner), Geard, Dunkley (unused).





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The Beacon plays host to well over 100 games of football in a normal season with matches ranging from Hassocks' first team, Under 23s, Under 18s, veterans and ladies sides through to various Southern Combination and Mid Sussex League cup finals and a number of Brighton and Hove Schools representative games.

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**To sign up for any of the Robins sponsorship schemes or for more information on how you or your company can support Hassocks in the coming football season, please email [hassocksfc@outlook.com](mailto:hassocksfc@outlook.com) or speak to Owen behind the bar at today's game**

# ON THIS DAY



It was a case of after the Lord Mayor's show for Hassocks on this day in **2012** as just three days after beating the previous season's runners up Lancing, the Robins were hammered 5-0 at home by Redhill...

## REDHILL RUN RIOT TO RUIN ROBINS

**After kicking off their County League season with a solid 2-1 win over the previous year's runners up Lancing, Hassocks were in a buoyant mood ahead of the visit of Redhill to the Beacon.**

90 minutes later and the Robins had a stark reminder of how quickly football can take you from extreme highs to the lowest of the lows as they were blown away 5-0 by the Lobsters and received some damaging injury news about Spencer Slaughter.

Slaughter didn't appear for the second half of that weekend win over the Lancers with Jake Forward taking his place, although there was nothing at the time to suggest of the severity of the issue that their talismanic midfielder had picked up.

Certainly those Robins supporters who turned out to see their side take on Redhill wouldn't have expected to see Slaughter hobbling around the Beacon with his left foot in a cast.

Early diagnoses suggests a ligament problem, a cruel blow for Slaughter who missed much of last season through injury before being restricted to cameo appearances off the bench in the final weeks as Hassocks secured their best ever finish.

It is also a big blow for Hassocks' hopes of bettering that fourth place showing, given the quality that a fit and firing Slaughter can bring.

They certainly missed his

combative side here as they fell alarmingly apart in the second half to crash to their biggest home defeat since 2007 against an admittedly impressive Redhill outfit.

It was perhaps a little unfortunate to meet the Surrey club so early in the season when they are traditionally at their strongest.

Redhill's campaigns tend to begin with a string of impressive results before Christmas, after which several of their better players leave and they fade away to a midtable finish.

If they can keep this squad together then they will justify their tag as dark horses for the title this season but given what has happened in previous seasons, that is a very big if.

No matter the quality that Redhill currently have on show, Hassocks still need to take a long look at themselves as it was a little embarrassing the way the hosts surrendered so meekly after the break.

They were trailing only 1-0 at the turnaround but in the end were totally outclassed.

Brazilian Gus Sousa posed particular problems and he pulled a magnificent close range save from Jack Simpson with a quarter of an hour on the clock.

At that stage, Redhill had already had a Jimmy Davies 'goal' ruled out for offside.

They finally went ahead on 20 minutes when Sean Kelly nodded back a corner at the far post and

Gavin Gordon headed the ball in from close range.

The Robins' best moment of the first half came on 32 minutes when Anthony Hibbert broke from midfield but despite getting in a powerful shot, the angle always favoured visiting keeper Andy Greaves who was able to make the save.

Calvin Headley cleared off the line from Kieran O'Callaghan on 50 minutes as Hassocks tried to force the equaliser, but it was all downhill after that from a Robins point of view.

Gordon made it 2-0 on 66 minutes and seven minutes later Leroy Griffiths scored with a powerful left-footer for 3-0.

The hosts were well beaten at that stage and were punished for over-elaboration at the back as Chris Maynard, Ashley Marsh and Simpson got into a right mess, allowing Redhill substitute Tyrone Pink to lob Simpson on 82 minutes.

The misery was complete when Pink struck again four minutes later.

**Hassocks:** Simpson; Westlake, Marsh, O'Callaghan, Chris Maynard; Hibbert, Forward, Cooper, Weston; Miles, Gault.

**Subs:** Pople (Miles 57), Bryant (Weston 74), Pawson (Maynard 57).



# Around the League...



Last Saturday saw the action get underway in the Premier Division and Division One (unless you suffered a waterlogged pitch in July) with plenty of goals and a lot of entertainment across the league...

## **The top flight's most entertaining game took place at Withdean Stadium where two newly promoted clubs shared a 10 goal thriller.**

It ended up going the way of visitors **Littlehampton Town** who overcame **AFC Varndeanians** in a ding-dong affair which featured three goals in second half injury time.

Joseph Benn scored four times for Littlehampton including the final goal of the game in the 93rd minute to finally kill off a V's outfit who would not lie down.

The other Golds goals came from Lucas Pattenden and Ryan Peake. For the hosts, Tom Boyle grabbed a hat-trick with Dylan Gifford also on target.

**Little Common** picked up the biggest Premier Division win of the opening day, hammering **Pagham** 4-0 at Nyetimber Lane.

Sam Cruttwell and Sammy Bunn had Common 2-0 ahead going into the final five minutes when further goals from Jamie Bunn and substitute Will Brown added some gloss to the scoreline.

The previous season's table toppers before curtailment **Saltdean United** carried on where they had left off by winning 3-0 at **AFC Uckfield Town**.

Kieron Pamment scored twice for the Tigers either side of a Harry Shooman strike in an easy win at the Oaks.

Former Hassocks defender Alex Gatherer notched a rare goal for **Steyning Town** in a 3-1 victory away at **Eastbourne United**.

Max Howell and Rob Clarke added to Gatherer's first half effort to put the

Barrowmen on easy street before a late consolation for United from Chinoso Nwajagu.

First half goals from Arron Hopkinson and Tom Vickers underlined the title credentials of **Eastbourne Town** as they won 2-0 at **Horsham YMCA**. We welcome Town to the Beacon a week today.

**Bexhill United** marked their first top flight game in nearly 30 years with a memorable 3-2 success away at **Alfold** despite finishing the game with 10 men.

Corey Wheeler, Jack Shonk and Joe Summerbell scored for the Pirates, who also had Richie Welch sent off. Lewis Taylor and Sam Lemon were on target for 'Fold.

At the Sports Park, Jordan Pryor scored the only goal of the game as **Peacehaven & Telscombe** beat **Crawley Down Gatwick** 1-0 and it was the same scoreline at Plaistow Road, **Loxwood** going down to a James Allen goal for **Lingfield**.

There was one Premier Division draw, last season's bottom club **East Preston** holding title challengers **Newhaven** 1-1 at the Lashmar.

Matt Storm gave EP a first half lead which was cancelled out late in the day by Dockers substitute Callum Connor's 84th minute equaliser.

In Division One, **Wick** got off to a winning start by beating **Oakwood** 3-0 at Crabtree Park.

Johan Van-Driel gave the hosts a first half lead, followed by second half efforts from Ben Gray and Nathan Foster.

**Midhurst & Easebourne** highlighted their promotion credentials by picking up an impressive 3-0 win at **Arundel**.

All the goals came in the final 30 minutes via Marcus Bedford and substitutes Kieran Carter and Liam Dreckmann whilst Ollie Hawkins was sent off for the hosts.

**Shoreham** look to have assembled a good squad and they were easy 3-0 winners at **Storrington** through goals from Thomas Shelley and a Ramon Santos double.

Three goals in the last half hour at **Worthing United** saw the hosts come from behind to beat **Billingshurst** 3-1.

Archie Goddard had Hurst ahead at the break, only for Callum Wells, Dan Hills and Callum Thoms to turn things around.

Southern Combination newcomers **Godalming Town** began life in the league with a 3-1 win at **Hailsham Town** but it was a less successful debut for **Montpelier Villa** who were beaten in their first ever game of senior football 3-1 by **Roffey**.

Kelvin Lucas notched a brace with Josh Neathley also on target for a very strong looking Roffey outfit who we host in the Peter Bentley League Cup here next month.

As for Division Two's three other new faces, two were victorious and one suffered defeat.

The losers were **Forest Row** who have been promoted two divisions from the Mid Sussex League. They found **Selsey** too good with the Blues winning 2-0.

**Epson & Ewell** won 1-0 at home to a **Seaford Town** side who were not at the races (get used to that line) and **Dorking Wanderers Reserves** picked up a decent 1-0 victory at home to **Mile Oak**.



# The 2021-22 season...

## Southern Combination Premier Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saltdean United	2	2	0	0	9	0	6
Steyning Town	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
Eastbourne Town	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Lingfield	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Little Common	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Newhaven	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Littlehampton Town	1	1	0	0	6	4	3
Alfold	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Peacehaven & Tels	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Bexhill United	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Pagham	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
East Preston	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
AFC Uckfield Town	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Eastbourne United	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Horsham YMCA	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
AFC Varndeanians	2	0	0	2	5	8	0
Loxwood	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

## Premier Division Attendances

	Ave	High	Low
Peacehaven & Telscombe	176	176	176
Steyning Town	130	130	130
Eastbourne United	105	105	105
Pagham	91	91	91
Horsham YMCA	90	90	90
East Preston	83	83	83
Loxwood	77	77	77
AFC Uckfield Town	74	74	74
Little Common	74	74	74
Alfold	59	61	56
AFC Varndeanians	55	55	55
Bexhill United	0	0	0
Broadbridge Heath	0	0	0
Crawley Down Gatwick	0	0	0
Eastbourne Town	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Lingfield	0	0	0
Littlehampton Town	0	0	0
Newhaven	0	0	0
Saltdean United	0	0	0

## Premier Division Form Guide

	Last 6
Saltdean United	WW
Steyning Town	WW
Eastbourne Town	WW
Lingfield	WW
Newhaven	DW
Little Common	WD
Littlehampton Town	W
Alfold	LW
Pagham	LW
Bexhill United	WL
Peacehaven & Telscombe	WL
AFC Uckfield Town	LD
East Preston	DL
Broadbridge Heath	L
Crawley Down Gatwick	L
Eastbourne United	L
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>L</b>
Horsham YMCA	L
AFC Varndeanians	LL
Loxwood	LL

## Premier Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
Joseph Benn	Littlehampton	4
Tom Boyle	Varndeanians	4
Kieron Pamment	Saltdean United	3
Sam Lemon	Alfold	3
Reece Hallard	Saltdean United	2
Max Howell	Steyning Town	2
Trevor McCreddie	Steyning Town	2
James Allen	Lingfield	1
Josh Bradley	Steyning Town	1
William Brown	Little Common	1
Jamie Bunn	Little Common	1
Sammy Bunn	Little Common	1
Tom Caplin	Saltdean United	1
Rob Clarke	Steyning Town	1
Callum Connor	Newhaven	1
Sam Cruttwell	Little Common	1
Alex Gathern	Steyning Town	1
Alex Gifford	Varndeanians	1
Arron Hopkinson	Eastbourne Town	1
Tom Howard-Bold	Steyning Town	1



### Southern Combination Under 23 North Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alfold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Broadbridge Heath</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Crowborough Athletic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Horsham YMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roffey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Under 23 North Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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### Southern Combination Under 18 Central Division Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Varndeanians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess Hill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hassocks</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Haywards Heath Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montpelier Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoreham & Adur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steyning Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Beeding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthing United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Under 18 Central Division Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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### Ladies Table TBC

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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### Top Scorers

Player	Club	Gls
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## Coming up...

The difficult start to the season shows no sign of relenting. In the space of 72 hours beginning next Saturday, we face the sides who sat third and fifth in the Premier Division last season before making a daunting trip to a harrowing venue...



### Eastbourne Town

#### When?

Saturday 14th August

#### Where?

The Beacon

#### Time?

3pm

#### Competition?

Southern Combination League  
Premier Division

#### Admission?

£6 adults, £3 concessions,  
Under 16s go free

#### Eastbourne Town last season?

Perennial promotion candidates Eastbourne Town again had themselves nicely positioned when the season came to a premature close in December, sitting fourth in the Premier Division some five points behind Saltdean United. Their record read eight wins, two draws and four defeats and with Town historically doing better in the second half of the campaign than the first, who knows where they might have ended up if things were played out to a finish.

#### Our record against Eastbourne Town?

We have met on 36 occasions with Town winning over half of them – 21 – to the Robins' nine with six draws along the way. In 26 meetings in the Southern Combination Premier, Town again lead the head-to-head with Hassocks having won just once in the past 14 years – a shock 2-1 success towards the end of the 2016-17 season with Phil Gault scoring twice

and James Broadbent saving a penalty against his former club.

#### Last time we met?

What you do not need when facing a side with the firepower which Town possess is an injured goalkeeper. Conor Evento pulling a thigh muscle after 20 minutes of last September's trip to the Saffrons was a far from ideal start to proceedings, with the result being a 6-2 defeat on the Sunshine Coast. Bright Temba scored twice for Town alongside Nathan Crabb, Sam Cole, Daniel Hull and Matt Rodrigues-Barbosa. A first senior goal for Alfie Loversidge and Jack Troak's fourth of the campaign provided our replies.

#### Played for both?

Very few players have turned out for both Hassocks and Town; the aforementioned Broadbent and striker Dan Smith being about the extent of the links between the clubs



**AFC Uckfield Town****When?**

Tuesday 17th August

**Where?**

The Beacon

**Time?**

3.00pm

**Competition?**Southern Combination League  
Premier Division**Admission?**£6 adults, £3 concessions,  
Under 16s go free**AFC Uckfield Town last season?**

Ever since receiving a Premier Division relegation reprieve at the end of the 2016-17 season, AFC Uckfield Town have been a club on the up. Year-by-year they have improved their finishing position and in 2020-21 they looked on course to record their highest ever spot, sitting fifth before the season was curtailed. Seven wins, three draws and four defeats represented an excellent first third of the campaign and with most of that squad kept at the Oaks for the new campaign, they will be expecting to do well again.

**Our record against AFC Uckfield Town?**

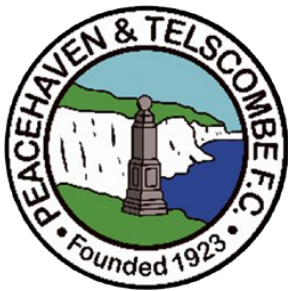
We have met AFC Uckfield on 17 occasions, losing nine and winning eight. The mathematicians amongst you will have deduced that means there is yet to be a draw between the sides, so this is probably one not to have on your coupon. Goals are normally in plentiful supply too with 69 having been plundered at an average of over four per game.

**Last time we met?**

Funnily enough, the last time we crossed swords with the Oakmen there were exactly four goals. It was in November 2019 and all four came from our visitors to the Beacon. On a strange evening, Uckfield sauntered into a 4-0 lead inside of an hour thanks to a Liam Baitup brace, Bailo Camara and a Dan Turner own goal. Then in the final 30 minutes, we threw the kitchen sink at Uckfield and missed five or six golden opportunities to turn the game around. It was just one of those nights.

**Any familiar faces?**

Uckfield have two former Hassocks players in their ranks this season. Sam Cash impressed in the Under 23s and in limited first team opportunities with us in 2019-20 before moving to the Oaks last summer. Jamie Wilkes has followed the same path, signing for Uckfield for the current campaign after showing signs of promise at the Beacon last year.

**Peacehaven & Telscombe****When?**

Tuesday 24th August

**Where?**

The Sports Park

**Time?**

7:45pm

**Competition?**Southern Combination League  
Premier Division**Peacehaven last season?**

The Tye are the only club outside of last season's top 10 who we face in our first eight game of the new campaign. They sat 16th in the table when lockdown arrived in December, which was actually in stark contrast to their form in the cup competitions. We discovered that first hand when they hammered us 3-0 in the FA Vase and they also picked up a hugely impressive FA Cup away at Bearsted, only to be thrown out of the competition for having played an ineligible player.

**Our record against Peacehaven?**

It is not a fixture which has brought us much joy. Peacehaven have won 20 of the 35 meetings with eight wins for us and seven draws. Trips to the Sports Park have been even more harrowing with only one previous league win down on the south coast in 12 attempts, that coming under Mickey Jewell in the 2011-12 season when we went on to claim our highest ever Premier Division finish of fourth.

**Last time we met?**

Just a fortnight after that aforementioned Vase defeat, we turned the tables by winning 2-1 in the Premier Division at the Beacon for a first league win over the Tye since August 2016. James Littlejohn scored both the goals in identical fashion in the space of two second half minutes, arriving in the box to slam home low crosses from Jack Troak. Harry Reed pulled one back for the visitors but we held on despite a nervous finale.

**How to get to the Sports Park?**

Head to Brighton and hit the A259 and head through Peacehaven. Just after the Peacehaven Evangelical Free Church on your left comes Piddinghoe Avenue, with the ground being situated at the end of the road.

**Any familiar faces?**

Alex Spinks and Liam Benson both remain at Peacehaven having moved to the Tye from Hassocks last summer.



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**Money raised in 2020-21**

**July/August  
September  
October  
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Here are our winners so far this season...

## Hassocks Man of the Match 2021-22

Saltdean United away **Connor Bradley**  
Spelthorne Sports home  
Eastbourne Town home  
AFC Uckfield Town home  
Peacehaven & Telscombe away  
Steyning Town home  
Lingfield home  
Newhaven home  
Roffey home  
Little Common home  
Broadbridge Heath home  
Littlehampton Town away  
Eastbourne United home  
Bexhill United away  
AFC Varndeanians home  
Horsham YMCA home  
Loxwood away  
Pagham home  
East Preston away  
Alfold home  
Broadbridge Heath away  
Peacehaven & Telscombe home  
AFC Uckfield Town away  
Eastbourne Town away  
Saltdean United home  
Crawley Down Gatwick away  
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## Hassocks Player of the Month 2021-22

August 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

September 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

October 2021

1st

2nd

3rd

November 2021

1st

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December 2021

1st

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January 2021

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February 2021

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March 2021

1st

2nd

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April 2021

1st

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3rd

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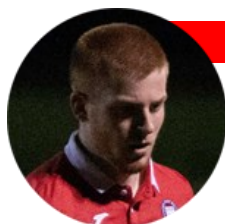
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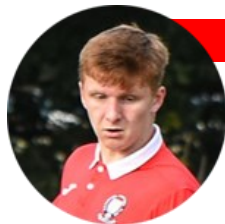
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James Littlejohn	
Tristan Hayes	
Lewis Beebee	
Archie Russell	

**Head Coach** Brad Sweetman  
**Assistant** Jordan Wilson  
**Physio** Chloe Parker  
**Physio** Phil Wickwar

### Next at the Beacon



Eastbourne Town  
 Saturday 14th August. 3pm  
 SCFL Premier Division



## Spelthorne Sports

	Oliver Davison
	Jamie Fuller
	Tanaka Gabaza
	Conor Lee
	Daniel Lewis
	Sekani McCalmon
	Matthew Newbrook
	Jordan Pinder
	Henry Poole
	Ellis Pringle
	Josh Remedios
	Kelvin Karanja
	Liam O'Callaghan
	Cameron Shawyer
	Joseph Axten
	Veron Kokurinkov
	Louie Tomlin
	Jack Wapshott
	Louis May
	Sam Hyde

**Manager** Mark Harper  
**Assistant** Daren Bulman  
**Coach** Andrew Viney  
**Coach** Jason Tucker  
**Physio** Devon West

### Today's other FA Cup fixtures

AFC Varndeanians v Farnham Town  
 Bexhill United v Peacehaven & Telscombe  
 Broadbridge Heath v Littlehampton Town  
 Crawley Down Gatwick v Welling Town  
 East Grinstead Town v Alfold  
 Eastbourne Town v Guildford City  
 Lingfield v Egham Town  
 Newhaven v Camberley Town  
 Saltdean United v Frimley Green  
 Steyning Town v Pagham