

WALTHAMSTOW FC

2025-26 **match programme**



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WALTHAMSTOW FC

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Treasurer: Vacant

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MEMBERSHIP

Affiliated to the Essex County FA

First Team: Isthmian League Div One North

Reserve Team: Essex Alliance Senior Division

Youth Teams: Eastern Junior Alliance and Hackney Marshes Saturday League

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CLUB HONOURS



As Leyton FC (1868-1880)

FA Cup Second Round: 1875/6

FA Cup First Round: 1874/5, 1876/7, 1878/9

As Matlock Swifts (1890-1895)

Essex Junior Cup Winners: 1893/4

London Junior Cup Winners: 1894/5

Leyton & District Alliance Champions: 1892/3, 1893/4

Herald Cup Winners: 1891/2

As Leyton FC (1895-1904)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1896/7, 1897/8, 1899/0, 1900/1, 1901/2, 1902/3

London Senior Cup Winners: 1903/4

South Essex League Champions: 1895/6, 1876/7, 1899/0, 1899/0

Walthamstow Charity Cup Winners: 1896/7

Walthamstow Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1897/8, 1901/2

As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

FA Cup First Round: 1910/1, 1911/2

As Leyton FC (1919-1976)

FA Amateur Cup Winners: 1926/7, 1927/8

FA Amateur Cup Runners-Up: 1928/9, 1933/4, 1936/7, 1951/2

FA Cup Second Round: 1925/6, 1929/30, 1951/2

FA Cup First Round: 1927/8, 1928/9, 1952/3, 1955/6

Athenian League Champions: 1928/9, 1965/6, 1966/7

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1929/30, 1930/1, 1934/5

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1949/50

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1933/4, 1937/8, 1945/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1927/8

London League Champions: 1923/4, 1925/5, 1925/6

Essex T'side Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1992/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

Grays & Tilbury Cup Winners: 1939/40, 1941/2 (shared)

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

Leyton & Walthamstow Hospital Cup Winners: 1925/6

As Leyton-Wingate FC (1976-1992)

FA Cup First Round: 1985/6

Athenian League Champions: 1981/2

Athenian League Division One Champions: 1976/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1984/5

Isthmian League Division Two (N) Champions: 1984/5

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

As Pennant FC and Walthamstow Pennant FC (1965 - 1995)

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1990/1

London Junior Cup Winners: 1974/5

SW League Junior Cup Winners: 1968/9

SW League Intermediate Cup Winners: 1969/70

SW League Senior Cup Winners: 1970/71

SW League Premier League Winners: 1972/3

London Metropolitan League Winners: 1974/5

London Met League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2

London Met League Int. Cup Runners-Up: 1977/8, 1978/9

Spartan League Winners: 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Winners: 1980/1, 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Cup Winners: 1980/1, 1988/9, 1990/1

As Leyton Pennant FC (1995-2003)

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1995/6, 1996/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1995/6

Eastern Floodlit Cup Winners: 1997/8, 1998/9

Essex & Herts Champion's Cup Winners: 1996/7

Essex & Herts Border Comb Cup Winners: 1996/7

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2001/2

As Waltham Forest FC (2003-2018)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2003/4

Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6

Essex Veterans Cup Winners: 2017/8, 2018/9

As Walthamstow FC (2018-Present)

Len Cordell Trophy Plate Winners: 2020/1

Essex Senior League Winners: 2021/2

Recent Youth Teams

EJA Under 18s Trophy Winners: 2003/4

Conference Youth League: Winners: 2005/6

Essex Pelly Cup Runners-Up: 2005/6

EJA Under 15s League Cup Winners: 2021/2

JPL Under 15s National Cup Winners: 2021/2

Awards

Essex County FA Website of the Year: 2012

Essex Senior League Programme of the Year: 2017/8, 2021/2

Soccer Swap Shop League Programme of the Year: 2018/9,

2020/1, 2021/2, 2022/3 (Runner-up 2019/20)

Supporters' Teams

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

Chaos Cup Wooden Spoon: 2023, 2024

WANTED:

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Walthamstow return to Wadham Lodge this weekend to take on Takeley in what promises to be a tough league clash in the Isthmian League Division One North. The home side will be looking to climb up the table and build some momentum, while Takeley, who earned promotion to this division this season, arrive eager to prove they can compete at this level. Walthamstow have shown intermittent attacking threat this season and will hope that playing in front of their own supporters gives them an edge, especially in the final third where a clinical finish could make the difference. Defensively they will want to be more compact and focused than in recent matches, keeping their shape and reducing space for Takeley's forwards.

Takeley's campaign so far has been challenging, with the club struggling for wins and conceding more goals than they would like, but they have also shown resilience and an ability to grind out results against teams higher up the table. Promotion from the Essex Senior League into this division marked a step up in competition for them, and they have had to adapt to the greater pace and physicality of step four football. Their away form has had its moments, and they will look to stay disciplined in defence and strike when opportunities arise. For Takeley this fixture is a chance to pick up an important point or three that could spark an upturn in form and boost confidence.

This matchup will likely be competitive from kickoff, with both teams keen to win the midfield battle and establish control early. Walthamstow may try to dominate possession, using the wide areas to create chances and test Takeley's defensive organisation. Takeley, meanwhile, may look to soak up pressure and hit on the counter, hoping to capitalise on quick transitions and set-piece situations. The battle for second balls and physical duels in midfield could prove decisive in shaping the flow of the game.

Given the contrasting objectives - Walthamstow pushing for consistency and Takeley aiming to climb away from the lower reaches of the table - this encounter could be tight and cagey at times. The home crowd could play a role in lifting Walthamstow in the closing stages if the score is close, and set-piece situations might be crucial in deciding the outcome.

This looks set to be a hard-fought contest. Walthamstow's home advantage and recent signs of attacking promise could be the difference, but Takeley's determination and desire to compete could make them difficult opponents to break down. A narrow win for the hosts seems a likely result, though a draw wouldn't be an upset in a match where chances may be at a premium



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			P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1	Felixstowe & Walton United	20	14	3	3	39	17	+22	45
	2	Maldon & Tiptree	18	14	2	2	43	14	+29	44
	3	Wroxham	21	12	5	4	34	21	+13	41
	4	Gorleston	19	12	2	5	37	29	+8	38
	5	Waltham Abbey	19	11	3	5	42	27	+15	36
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	6	Witham Town	21	10	5	6	33	27	+6	35
	7	Redbridge	21	10	2	9	35	31	+4	32
	8	Stanway Rovers	19	8	7	4	37	20	+17	31
	9	Concord Rangers	21	9	4	8	34	29	+5	31
	10	Cambridge City	21	9	4	8	30	28	+2	31
	11	Bowers & Pitsea	20	8	6	6	38	22	+16	30
	12	Brightlingsea Regent	20	9	3	8	35	29	+6	30
	13	Newmarket Town	20	8	3	9	35	30	+5	27
	14	Lowestoft Town	21	7	5	9	33	40	-7	26
	15	Grays Athletic	21	6	6	9	26	30	-4	24
	16	Tilbury	20	5	8	7	23	29	-6	23
	17	Walthamstow	21	5	7	9	27	32	-5	22
	18	Mildenhall Town	19	7	1	11	25	37	-12	22
	19	Takeley	19	5	4	10	17	37	-20	19
	20	Heybridge Swifts	21	4	5	12	16	37	-21	17
	21	Downham Town	21	4	3	14	22	45	-23	15
	22	Brantham Athletic	21	0	2	19	11	61	-50	2



Saturday 13th December 2025



3pm	Brantham Athletic	v	Mildenhall Town
3pm	Cambridge City	v	Brightlingsea Regent
3pm	Downham Town	v	Concord Rangers
3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United	v	Wroxham
2pm	Gorleston	v	Stanway Rovers
3pm	Maldon & Tiptree	v	Grays Athletic
3pm	Newmarket Town	v	Lowestoft Town
3pm	Tilbury	v	Heybridge Swifts
3pm	Waltham Abbey	v	Bowers & Pitsea
3pm	Walthamstow	v	Takeley
3pm	Witham Town	v	Redbridge

Club history



One theory is that the name derives from the 'Teg-Ley' of 'sheep-clearing', ie a part of the forest cleared for sheep rearing. Another is that it is from the name 'Taecca', a Saxon lord who owned much land in these parts and in Oxfordshire where, strangely enough, there is a village called Tackley. Current thinking is that the name Takeley should be interpreted as "settlement next to open forest". Nearby is the Roman Stane Street, joining the ancient Roman forts of Colchester and St Albans.

Takeley Football Club is believed to have been formed in 1903, but little is known about those early times. The Club became affiliated within the Bishop's Stortford, Stansted and District Football League (BSS&DFL) at the end of the First World War. The original pitches were in Hatfield Forest, moving to Station Road opposite to their present home ground. Additional pitches for the Club at the Recreation Ground just past Takeley Park have been arranged by the good offices of Takeley Parish Council. The club is well looked after by local businessmen:- Andrew Silvester, our President, Pat Curran, Chairman and Mick Rabey, Secretary together with local volunteers and active committee members. The manager of the First Team is Marc Das, supported by coach & assistant manager Andy Walker. Takeley's status in Non-League Football has risen beyond dreams over a short period. From early beginnings with the BSS&DFL Second Division, the Club has risen through the Essex Olympian League and now to the Essex Senior League, winning numerous trophies along the way. With a Reserve team in the Essex Senior Reserve League and two U18 teams in the Southern Floodlit and Royston & Crowe Leagues, Takeley goes from strength to strength.

Following a fire of the old wooden shack that served as changing facilities, volunteers and supporters rebuilt a first class pavilion, with excellent facilities in 2001.

2007/8 1st team promoted to Essex Senior League. Reserves promoted to Essex Olympian league. The Club volunteers constructed a 125-seat stand, which followed the installation of a state of the art floodlighting system.

2008/9 1st team won the Anagram Records Trophy 3-1 on penalties after extra time was level at 2-2. On 29 April 2008, Takeley hosted West Ham Utd in a match, with Lucas Neil former player with the Hammers and an Australian International Captain switching on the floodlights in front of a crowd of 500. Although West Ham won 4-1, with players including Jack Collison, Junior Stanislas and James Tomkins

2010/11 Takeley has a high capacity-seating stand and a newly completed wall and nets off the main road. A new canteen, independent toilet facility and Committee Room, with enhanced players and officials' facilities, renamed after the late Secretary Lee Borham. Brand new turnstiles fitted to the Clubs grounds. On 14th August Takeley 1st team play the first ever FA Cup game against Hertford Town and were featured on the front of the FA website, along with numerous other sports pages, including the BBC.

2011/12 History made for Takeley FC as the first ever women's football match took place at Station Road. Club website upgraded and modernised.

2016/17 U18's. Achieving success in their league cup final 2-1 against Hitchin Town Hawks, they then went on to beat BS Swifts on 30th April, 6-1 to clinch the league, achieving the double and finishing top of Division 1 Royston Crow Youth League five points clear.

2016/17 First Team achieved fourth in the league – Their aim at the start of the season was a top four finish! By this time, they had already won the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and then went on to win the league cup.

Honours:

BSS&D Premier League Champions 1968-69, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77

BSS&D Division One Champions 1964-65

Essex Premier Cup Winners 2006-07

EOFL Senior Division 2 Winners 1993-94

EOFL Senior Challenge Cup Winners 1988-89, 2002-03

EOFL Reserve Division 2 Winners 1997-98

EOFL Reserve Challenge Cup Winners 1983-84, 2000-01, 2001-02

West Essex Border Cup Winners 1982-83, 1983-84, 1992-93

Anagram Records Trophy Winners 2009

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy 2016/17

BSS&D Premier Cup 1968-69, 1971-72

EOFL Senior Division 1 Winners 1987-88, 2001-2

EOFL Senior Cup Winners 1978-79

EOFL Reserve Div 1 Winners 1982-83, 1999/2000

EOFL Reserve Cup Winners 1984-5

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