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VS SWALLOWNEST FC
NCEL DIVISION 1
31ST JULY 2021
3PM KICK OFF



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

KICK OFF TIME

Hello and welcome all back to Station View. A warm welcome to Swallownest FC for today's NCEL opening fixture to the 2021 season. We head into today's game hoping this will be a season we get to complete. COVID has impacted not only the football world but the world massively. A lot of hard work has been happening at Harrogate Railway during the pandemic to help keep the club alive and keep everyone safe since we reopened. We have made preparations around the club and hope you all feel safe and respect the guidelines and protocol we have in place. I would like to thank Anne and her team for all the hard work around the club ensuring we as a club facilitate a positive atmosphere and experience for all during the Euros and events over the few months.

On the football front, it has been great to see pre-season happening, great to see the teams back, and great to see all the hard work being put in. I would like to welcome Paul Clayton who joins the management team alongside Mick and Josh who continue to raise the standards around the club, setting a powerful ethos for the club, players and staff alike. This ethos is being followed by our new reserve team that has a new management team. I would like to welcome Frazer, Jim and Andy as the Reserves management team. We have seen some strong developments already, with players stepping into the first team and having a positive impact.

This brings us a step closer to having the football pathway we want at Harrogate Railway. On the whole we have had a strong preseason but we have seen some unfortunate serious injuries to a few players. I wish them all a speedy recovery and thank the medical team for their hard work in helping the player's with their rehab and returning to football.

Today is also a new first for the club with this program being our first digital / online edition. This has been developed by our new commercial director Mick Tilley. A warm welcome and thank you to Mick and his team for joining us at Railway for some exciting times and opportunities ahead. Keep an eye out for exciting news and developments around the club.

Finally a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped ensure we are ready for the season and each game, without you the club wouldn't exist. I wish you all a safe journey home and hope to see you in the club and marquee after the game (hopefully with 3 points).

- MICK EDWARDS, CHAIRMAN



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AWORD FROM THE GAFFER



Firstly I'd like to start by thanking you all for coming back to support this great club and I hope you and your families are all well. It's been a long hard road since of last competitive game on Boxing Day last year but here we are back for another season and hopefully it's a full season and a season we can all make memory's both on and off the pitch.

We have had a positive pre-season in terms of results but the biggest positive has been we managed to keep most of last years squad and added a couple of quality players to what was already a good group. We have been back in and continuously working hard since the 15th June and I believe we are ready to hit the ground running. Unfortunately we have picked up a few injuries in pre season but that's football and the show must go on. I strongly believe this squad is capable of doing things this year but we know how tough this leave is and we know there is no easy games at this level. We know what is required to get results and we will do everything we can to get you all off your seats

this season and put a show on for you guys everytime you come down to station view. There are some real gems in this squad which I believe are going to become fan favourites this year and with the support and the backing form you guys we can create a great atmosphere, we want you to make a lot of noise and I promise you now we will never let you down by not working hard enough, we may get beat of a better team with more quality than us but one thing is for certain we will never be out worked here in our home.

Again thank you all for your brilliant support and we hope to see you all back here Tuesday 10th again Retford and for the rest of the season.

- Mick O'Connell, First Team Manager



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THE OPPOSITION

SWALLOWNEST FC

HONOURS:

SHEFFIELD & HALLAMSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS: 2010-11, 2016-17

SHEFFIELD & HALLAMSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 1 PROMOTED: 2009-10

SHEFFIELD & HALLAMSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 2 PROMOTED: 2008-09 (CHAMPIONS)

SOUTH YORKSHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS: 2007-08

SOUTH YORKSHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE PROMOTED: 2006-07;

Swallownest FC started life as Aston FC in 2006, playing in the South Yorkshire Amateur League (SYAL). Aston won promotion from Division 1 in their first year and followed that up by winning the SYAL title a year later.

In the summer of 2008, they were admitted to Division Two of the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League, and won two successive promotions to reach the County Senior League Premier Division in 2010. That year, they changed their name to Swallownest Miners Welfare, taking the name from a Miners Welfare team which had competed in Yorkshire League during the 1960s.

In their first season at Step 7 of the National League System, the new Swallownest Miners Welfare FC clinched the County Senior League championship. At the end of the 2015/16 season the club's name was cropped to Swallownest FC, but the team finished outside the promotion places. However, after winning the S&HCSL Premier Division for a second time in 2017, and following significant improvements to their Rotherham Road facilities, Swallownest won promotion to the Toolstation NCEL Division One, finishing an impressive eleventh in 2017/8 under Manager Jordan Stocks and Assistant Manager Joel Evans.

In season 2018/9 the club went one better, finishing tenth in Division One, and reaching the semi-final of the NCEL League Cup, losing narrowly at Premier Division side Liversedge, and in the following campaign improved further, finishing 9th.

Season 2019/20 was notable for the establishment of a new attendance record of 303 during a Sheffield and Hallamshire Cup tie with Sheffield FC.

The truncated 20/21 season saw Swallownest in 15th place when Covid-19 brought an end to proceedings, but not before Manager Jordan Stocks and his Assistant Lloyd Gelsthorpe left the club, ending a sustained period of on-field achievement at Rotherham Road.

For the 2021/22 season, attacking midfielder Alex Nightingale takes over as First Team Manager with Daniel Archbould as First Team coach.

At its heart, the club has a strong Community ethos; raising over £800 for MIND, the Mental Health Charity during a home game with Shirebrook Town, attracting a season's best crowd of 178. An Easter egg collection at a subsequent home game with local rivals Hallam collected nearly 100 gifts for the Sheffield Children's Hospital.

Swallownest have always been strong believers in player development. The club's Under 21's were Champions and U21 Cup winners in the inaugural S&H CFA year in 2013/4, and featured subsequent first teamers Josh and Alex Lill, Jay Atkin, Alex Nightingale and Jack Denton. Alex Lill won the competition's Golden Boot in that 2013/4 season. The Under-21's lost the Cup Final to Athersley in 2014/5.



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Joe Crosby
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ASSISTANT MANAGER

Alex Nightingale

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FIXTURES 2021/22

Aug-21

7th	NCEL1	Parkgate	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
10th	LC1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	7:45pm	Retford FC
14th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Dronfield Town
17th	NCEL1	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	7:45pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
21st	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Glasshoughton Welfare
28th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Selby Town
31st	NCEL1	North Ferriby	7:45pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic

Sep-21

4th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Hallam
11th	NCEL1	Ollerton Town	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
18th	NCEL1	Armthorpe Welfare	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
21st	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	7:45pm	Clipstone
28th	NCEL1	Teversal	7:45pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic

Oct-21

2nd	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Nostell Miners Welfare
9th	NCEL1	Shirebrook Town	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
16th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Rainworth Miners Welfare
23rd	NCEL1	Rossington Main	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
30th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Brigg Town

Nov-21

6th	NCEL1	Hall Road Rangers	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
13th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	FC Humber United
20th	NCEL1	Retford FC	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic

Dec-21

4th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Parkgate
11th	NCEL1	Swallownest	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
18th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic
28th	NCEL1	Glasshoughton Welfare	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic

Jan-22

1st	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Ollerton Town
8th	NCEL1	Selby Town	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
15th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	North Ferriby
22nd	NCEL1	Hallam	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
29th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Armthorpe Welfare

Feb-22

5th	NCEL1	Clipstone	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
12th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Teversal
19th	NCEL1	Nostell Miners Welfare	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
26th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Shirebrook Town

Mar-22

1st	NCEL1	Rainworth Miners Welfare	7:45pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
5th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Rossington Main
12th	NCEL1	Brigg Town	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
15th	NCEL1	Dronfield Town	7:45pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic
19th	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Hall Road Rangers
26th	NCEL1	FC Humber United	3:00pm	Harrogate Railway Athletic

Apr-22

2nd	NCEL1	Harrogate Railway Athletic	3:00pm	Retford FC
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