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Balham Football Club was formed in 2011 in order to provide player progression into open age football for the hugely talented, high achieving age group teams of Balham Blazers FC, which was founded by Greg Cruttwell in 2001.

Having won back-to-back promotions in 2011/12 and 2012/13 Balham did the league and cup double in the Surrey South Eastern Combination in 2013/14.

In 2014/15 Balham finished in a promotion position again, in the Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League, however promotion was denied due to Combined Counties League facility requirements not being met.

Having moved to ground share with Cobham FC, in order to meet the facility requirements, Balham finished as runners up in the SEIFL in 2015/16 and as a result were promoted to Division One of the Combined Counties League for the 2016/17 season.

The club had an exceptional first league campaign at Step 6, finishing in a promotion position for the sixth consecutive season and winning the London Senior Trophy.

In 2017/18 the club had an equally exceptional season, finishing 5th at Step 5 in

the Premier Division of the CCL and winning the London Senior Cup.

2021/22 will be the club's fifth season at this level after flirting with relegation in 2018/19 and then having null and void seasons in 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to COVID-19.

Having begun on Wimbledon Extension, before moving to Cobham and then to the Wibbandune Stadium, where the club ground shared with Colliers Wood Utd, Balham were on the move again in 2020, this time to the Mayfield Stadium, where the club has embarked on a two-year ground share agreement with AFC Croydon Athletic. Moving location meant having to move sideways in the Football League Pyramid, from the Premier Division of the CCL into the Premier Division of the SCEFL (South East Counties Football League)

After one single season in the SCEFL however, which was curtailed due to COVID-19, the FA brought Balham back to the Combined Counties League for the 2021/22 season, at the same level, in a newly formed Premier League South.

The 21/22 season we were back in the Combined Counties League Premier South – and great to play against some of the teams we have faced many times before as well as

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some new ones. Despite it being our second highest finish in the division, we couldn't find consistency, there was a notable effort in the Surrey FA Senior Cup where we reached the semi-final but lost to National League side Dorking Wanderers.

Segura and Seneye Morrell in the CCL Premier South. We are delighted to have agreed a new ground share agreement with Tooting and Mitcham Utd, allowing us to play on their fabulous Imperials Fields Stadium pitch.

Balham's 21st season was Greg Cruttwell's final one in charge of football at the club. Greg has taken a step back and he is now Club President.

The 1st team for the 24/25 season will be led by Daré Jean-Pierre assisted by Abraham Richard Tagoe, Aser Gebreselassi, Robin

HONOURS

-  2018/19: Winners CCL Premier Division Sportsmanship Award
-   2017/18: Winners London Senior Cup
Winners CCL Premier Division Sportsmanship Award
-   2016/17: Combined Counties Division One (Promoted)
Winners London Senior Trophy
- 2015/16: Runners Up Surrey Elite League (Promoted)
-  2014/15: Surrey Elite Intermediate Football League (3rd)
Winners Surrey Elite League Sportsmanship Award
-   2013/14: Winners Surrey South Eastern Combination Division One (Promoted)
Winners Surrey South Eastern Combination League Cup
- 2012/13: Surrey South Eastern Combination Division two (Promoted)
- 2011/12: Surrey South Eastern Combination Junior Division 1 (Promoted)



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**COMBINED COUNTIES
FOOTBALL LEAGUE**



Type	Date	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
PDS	23-Nov	Sheerwater	Balham	EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE
PDS	26-Nov	AFC Whyteleafe	Balham	AFC WHYTELEAFE
PDS	30-Nov	Balham	Camberley Town	IMPERIAL FIELDS
PDS	04-Dec	Balham	Spelthorne Sports	IMPERIAL FIELDS
PDS	14-Dec	Balham	Tadley Calleva	IMPERIAL FIELDS
PDS	21-Dec	Redhill	Balham	REDHILL FOOTBALL CLUB
PDS	28-Dec	Balham	Tooting & Mitcham	IMPERIAL FIELDS



Type	Date	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
L	23-Nov	Harrow Borough	Sutton Common Rovers	
L	30-Nov	Sutton Common Rovers	Southall	Carshalton Athletic
L	07-Dec	South Park (Reigate)	Sutton Common Rovers	
L	09-Dec	Sutton Common Rovers	Rayners Lane	Carshalton Athletic
L	14-Dec	Sutton Common Rovers	Leatherhead	Carshalton Athletic
L	21-Dec	Moneyfields	Sutton Common Rovers	
L	28-Dec	Hayes & Yeading United	Sutton Common Rovers	



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LEAGUE TABLE



COMBINED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Redhill	18	15	2	1	28	47
2	AFC Whyteleafe	18	13	2	3	30	41
3	Jersey Bulls	15	11	4	0	29	37
4	Cobham	20	9	6	5	15	33
5	Fleet Town	15	9	5	1	15	32
6	Corinthian-Casuals	21	10	2	9	-1	32
7	Knaphill	19	9	4	6	-2	31
8	Tadley Calleva	15	9	2	4	9	29
9	Abbey Rangers	17	8	3	6	-1	27
10	Tooting & Mitcham United	17	8	2	7	12	26
11	Horley Town	17	5	4	8	-4	19
12	Sandhurst Town	16	6	1	9	-5	19
13	Camberley Town	15	5	2	8	-7	17
14	Guildford City	17	4	4	9	-3	16
15	Epsom & Ewell	16	4	4	8	-14	16
16	Sheerwater	19	4	4	11	-15	16
17	Chipstead	17	5	1	11	-27	16
18	Alton	17	3	5	9	-12	14
19	Balham	17	1	4	12	-24	7
20	Spelthorne Sports	16	0	5	11	-23	5

LATEST RESULTS

Comp	Date	Home	Score	Away
PDS	16-Nov	Balham	1 - 1	Guildford City
SSC	12-Nov	Ashford Town	2 - 1	Balham
PDS	09-Nov	Chipstead	3 - 1	Balham
PDS	02-Nov	Balham	0 - 1	Fleet Town
PDS	29-Oct	Corinthian-Casuals	2 - 0	Balham

LEAGUE TABLE



Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Farnham Town	16	13	2	1	34	41
2	Kingstonian	16	13	1	2	25	40
3	Raynes Park Vale	16	9	2	5	11	29
4	Hartley Wintney	16	9	1	6	8	28
5	Hanworth Villa	15	8	3	4	9	27
6	Uxbridge	15	8	3	4	7	27
7	Ascot United	16	8	3	5	3	27
8	Harrow Borough	15	8	2	5	7	26
9	Westfield	16	8	2	6	-3	26
10	Hayes & Yeading United	14	7	4	3	11	25
11	Horndean	16	7	3	6	-1	24
12	Southall	15	6	5	4	0	23
13	Rayners Lane	15	5	5	5	-2	20
14	Moneyfields	16	4	5	7	-8	17
15	Binfield	16	5	2	9	-16	17
16	Leatherhead	14	4	4	6	8	16
17	Sutton Common Rovers	16	4	3	9	-6	15
18	South Park Reigate	14	3	4	7	-9	13
19	Metropolitan Police	15	3	3	9	-10	12
20	Guernsey	15	2	3	10	-16	9
21	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	16	2	3	11	-19	9
22	Badshot Lea	15	0	3	12	-33	

LATEST RESULTS

Comp	Date	Home	Score	Away
L	16-Nov	Sutton Common Rovers	3 - 0	Badshot Lea
L	13-Nov	Kingstonian	3 - 0	Sutton Common Rovers
L	09-Nov	Westfield	2 - 1	Sutton Common Rovers
L	04-Nov	Sutton Common Rovers	1 - 3	Raynes Park Vale
L	01-Nov	Ashford Town (Middx)	1 - 1	Sutton Common Rovers
L	26-Oct	Sutton Common Rovers	0 - 2	Hanworth Villa



Sutton Common Rovers

Chairman and Life President Alan Salmon founded SCR F.C in 1978, when the club began life as INRAD FC, based in Carshalton. The club entered a new era when Alan moved to Sutton and arranged sponsorship with his new neighbour, CENTRE 21 FC was born. This era saw the club running one Saturday side, three Sunday sides and three Youth sides. Centre 21's sponsorship continued until the club's youth players were no longer under 21 years old.

The club again sought new a identity, SUTTON COMMON ROAD FC was formed and subsequently abbreviated to SCR FC. Since then the club has had five major sponsors whose names have been incorporated into the clubs affiliated name: SCR PLOUGH (twice), SCR GRAPES, next the club's longest sponsor SCR LITTEN TREE (7 years) & finally SCR Kingfisher, Ewell with whom we started our venture in Saturday football in 2004/05.

It was at this point that the club took the decision to revert back to using the SCR name alone, feeling that as we strive for continued promotion we needed to disassociate ourselves with the whole 'pub team' image. The club however did take sponsorship form the Fox & Hounds, Carshalton for the Sat first team in 2006/07, but the decision was made that the pub name would not be incorporated into our own, for the above reason...

The club entered yet another new era this season, with the introduction of a third Saturday side (Messers Alex Avis & Tony Williams) and the 1's moving to the Middlesex County FL (and a name change SUTTON COMMON ROVERS) in the pursuit of combined Counties football, having made an unsuccessful application from the Surrey South Eastern Combination at the end of season 2006/07 having finished joint top (3rd on goal difference... -1 goal)

A third place finish in the Middlesex County League Premier division in 07/08 meant that our promotion to the CCL was not assured but months of hard work & determination from the management team SCR eventually secured a place for the clubs 1st time in their 30 year history at the league AGM in June 2008 and the reserves moved into the CCL reserve division under the

guidance of Alex Avis & Justin Salmon.

Season 08/09 saw the latest name change of the club, to form MOLE VALLEY SCR FC reflecting the area in which we played. Season 09/10 saw the club reach a Surrey Cup final, narrowly being defeated by Sutton United after a 1-1 extra time score line on penalties and in the same season compete in the FA Vase for the first time in our relatively short history. We finished Champions of Division One at the second time of asking, narrowly piping Worcester Park to the post in a fine run which saw us finish 3 points clear on the final match of the season, assuming as we believed, we were awarded the points from the postponed Coulsdon match who unfortunately were unable to field a side for our scheduled league game some weeks earlier.

The following season saw the club play at our highest level to date, and make our FA Cup debut, although this lasted just one game, and ended in a 5-0 defeat against Chertsey Town. The club managed two seasons in the Premier Division, before being relegated back to Division 1, following a start to the season that saw 12 straight league defeats. The 2012/13 season started with a rebuilt side and expectations of consolidation, however a 20 game unbeaten run propelled us into runners up spot, and a much coveted promotion back to the Premier Division.

2013/14 started brightly, but went to the last game, and a point saw survival. It was the same the following season, and although we lost (2-0 at home to Guildford City), we still managed to survive. For the 2015/16 season, there was a change of name to Sutton Common Rovers, and after much hard work by the Salmons, a return to Sutton, and a ground share with Sutton Utd.

2016/17 saw a 12th place league finish and the capture of the Southern Combination Cup

The following season, 2017/18 we recorded our highest ever placing, finishing 3rd in the Premier Division, and reached the semi final of both the Southern Combination Cup and the EL Records Premier Challenge Cup.



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2018/19 was our best ever season, finishing runners up in the Premier division behind the powerful Chertsey Town side, winning the Premier Challenge Cup and finishing runners up in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup

2019/20 saw new records were set, with the side reaching the 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time (after wins over Molesey 1-0, after a 1-1 draw; and Eastbourne Town 3-0), the FA Vase saw further success, with wins over Snodland Town 5-1, Raynes Park Vale 4-0, Lancing 1-0 (after a 3-3 draw); and Christchurch 2-1 taking us to the fifth round, where we bowed out to Western League AFC Bitton 2-1, after a disappointing performance down in Bristol.

At the end of another curtailed season and following an FA restructure the club was moved up to Step 4 and the Isthmian South Central division.

Our first season in the Isthmian League saw a 17th place finish, on goal difference behind both Westfield and Tooting & Mitcham Utd, and avoidance of the relegation play offs. We also made our debut in the FA Trophy, albeit briefly, losing our only fixture away at Ramsgate.

We reached the 2nd qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time, thanks to wins over Steyning Town and a shock win at Isthmian Premier Cray Wanderers, before losing after a replay to Jersey Bulls.

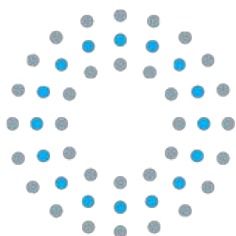
A run of 13 games without a point saw us slip perilously close to automatic relegation in our second season at Step 4, but a late season recovery, which actually had us 7th in current form over the last 10 games saw us secure a relegation play off spot, where Crawley Down Gatwick were defeated 2-0 to preserve our Isthmian place

Darren Salmon stepped down after nigh on 30 years at the helm at the end of the season, with assistant Sam Morgan stepping up to overall control of the side.

2023/2024 saw Rovers achieve their highest ever league position, finishing in 14th spot in the table, and finally ending their FA Trophy hoodoo, with a win at Merstham.

Morgan stepped down after one game of the 2024/25 season, to be replaced by joint managers in the returning Darren Salmon and Lee Flavin.

This season Rovers have moved to the War Memorial Sports Ground in Carshalton as they return to our home borough.



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 Coaches: Acer Gebreselassi
 Analyst: Robin Segura Cruz
 Physio: Seneye Morrell

OFFICIALS
 Referee: Tom Healy
 Asst 1: Christopher Murray
 Asst 2: Nicola Christov

Manager: Michael Talabi
 Asst Mgr: Wale Dauda
 Coaches: Uche Ibreme,
 Madju Kinona
 GK Coach: Alex Abela

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