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Combined Counties Premier Division South

VWFC vs SUTTON COMMON ROVERS

Saturday 7th November 2026

Alwyns Lane, kick off 3pm

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JONES THE VOICE

Good afternoon and welcome to Alwyn's Lane for today's Combined Counties South fixture against Sutton Common Rovers.



It's been another positive couple of weeks for the Waters. While the postponement of our match against Corinthian-Casuals was frustrating, the lads have responded well on the pitch. Despite defeat at AFC Whyteleafe, we played some excellent football and pushed our Step 3 opponents all the way. Last weekend's hard-fought 1-0 win at Eversley & California showed a different side to the squad, with discipline, determination and teamwork earning three valuable points that keep us firmly in the play-off hunt.

Off the pitch, we are delighted to welcome Hala Hazarika and Edward Ahinful-Gibson to the club through Surrey FA's Emerging Leaders Scheme. They will be supporting our Media and Communications activities, starting with the development of our social media presence. We're excited to have them on board and look forward to seeing the impact they can make over the coming months, so please give them a warm Virginia Water welcome.

To everyone joining us today, thank you for your fantastic support. Let's get behind the lads and hopefully enjoy another memorable afternoon of football.

Enjoy the game and let's get behind The Waters.

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OUR HISTORY

Founded in the 1919–1920 season, Virginia Water Football Club proudly celebrated its centenary in 2020, marking 100 years of grassroots football excellence. The club's early years were supported by the Crown during the reigns of King Edward VIII and King George VI, who generously gifted the club its current ground—a legacy that still inspires today. Initially competing in the Woking & District League, the club transitioned to the Surrey Intermediate League and later the Spartan League. A landmark moment came in 1969, when the clubhouse at The Timbers was officially opened by Sir Stanley Rouse, CBE, then President of FIFA. Named in honour of founder Harry Timbers, the club was promoted to the Combined Counties League in 1970 and qualified for the FA Vase. The 1980s brought challenges, including relegation to the Surrey Southeastern Combination Intermediate League, but resilience prevailed. In the 1990/91 season, Waters lifted the Surrey Intermediate Cup and earned promotion to the Surrey Premier League and back to the Combined Counties League, though ground grading issues limited their stay.

The mid-90s were a golden era, with three consecutive Surrey County Premier Cup wins in 1995, 1996, and 1997—the latter part of a remarkable League and League Cup Treble. The club joined the Surrey Senior League in 2000, and after a brief stint, returned to the Surrey Intermediate League (Western), experiencing both relegation and immediate promotion. In 2010, Waters earned promotion to the Surrey Elite League, and despite cup successes, further promotion remained elusive. The appointment of Ceri Jones as manager in the 2015–16 season marked a turning point for the club, culminating in a strong fourth-place finish. He was the joined by Richard Banks as Head Coach, who both led the team to back-to-back promotions—first into the Hellenic League Division One, then into the Premier Division—capping off the 2016–17 season with an impressive cup double.

After consolidating in the Hellenic Premier, the club moved to the Combined Counties Premier League (North) due to a National League System restructure. At the end of the 2021–22 season, Ceri Jones became Director of Football, appointing Adam and Jake Bessent as successors. The 2022/23 season saw the club reach the Senior County Cup Final and achieve its highest-ever league finish of 7th place. Early in the 2023/24 season, the Bessents stepped down, and Adam Sams was promoted to First Team Manager, assisted by Ben Warren. Together, they led the club to another 7th place finish and a Combined Counties Premier League Cup Final appearance, finishing as runners-up. For the 2024/25 season, the First Team entered a Ground Share Arrangement at Slough Town, finishing 9th in the league and reaching the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, where they were narrowly defeated by Isthmian Premier Division Champions, Horsham FC.

The 2023–24 season saw Adam Sams take over as First Team Manager, assisted by Ben Warren, leading the club to another 7th place finish and a League Cup Final appearance. In 2024–25, the team entered a ground share at Slough Town, finishing 9th and reaching the FA Cup First Qualifying Round, narrowly losing to Horsham FC. At the end of July, Adam Sams stepped down, and Dan Bailey was promoted to Player Manager, supported by Ben Warren, Chris Ellis, and Dave Atkins. On 21 October, Dan Bailey and Chris Ellis stepped down from their roles. The club was delighted to welcome Paul McCarthy and Ryan Parsons as the new management team, supported by Dave Atkins and Ben Warren. Their impact was immediate, leading a remarkable turnaround from the relegation zone with a nine-game unbeaten run, securing a credible 10th place finish for the 2025–26 season.

Due to changes in FA regulations regarding ground sharing, the club has made the decision to leave Slough Town FC. For the 2026–27 season, Virginia Water FC will groundshare at Chertsey Town FC, bringing the club back into the Runnymede Borough area and closer to its roots in Virginia Water. With the move to Chertsey, the club has also been laterally moved by the FA into the Combined Counties League South, where it looks forward to competing in a new and challenging environment for the 2026–27 season. Off the pitch, the club continues to grow. Planning approval is being sought for a new ground development back in Virginia Water, while the Youth Section is thriving, with 27 teams (20 boys and 7 girls) and over 300 players. On Saturdays, the club offers three joiner classes—Wildcats (girls), Squads (teenage girls), and Football Fanatics (boys)—welcoming 50 new players to begin their football journey.







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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

SUTTON COMMON ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB | HISTORY OF THE CLUB

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. 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. Unfortunately despite our best efforts the season ended in relegation and we make our return to the Combined Counties League, after a four year absence. This season Rovers have moved to the War Memorial Sports Ground in Carshalton as they return to our home borough.

FROM THE GAFFER



Good afternoon everyone, welcome to Alwyns Lane for our home game against Sutton Common Rovers. We wish their club officials, management team and players a warm welcome.

Unfortunately we didn't get a home game against Corinthian Casuals due to the weather causing the pitch to be waterlogged, but it gave the team another opportunity to get some rest.

We then played AFC Whyteleafe in the Surrey Senior Cup and, despite the score line, gave an excellent account of ourselves against a strong Step 3 side, scoring some excellent goals and playing some good football.

Away to Eversley & California last Saturday was a different concept altogether, with their pitch being a leveller for anyone going there. Having said that, it was really pleasing to watch the boys still play our way and I don't think it would have been an injustice if the score finished with us having five or six goals instead of just the one, with their goalie keeping the scoreline respectable.

Today, against SCR, is going to be a tough test again. This is something we have noticed a lot since moving over to the Southern Division. They are doing really well in the league and are in a position that we want to be in, so I'm sure we're in for an entertaining game.

As always, enjoy the game and I'll be in the bar if anyone wants a chat.

Up the Waters,
Macca

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03/11/26

SCC Godalming Town 0-5 Kingstonian

02/11/26

PDS Sutton Common Rovers 2-0 Chipstead

FIXTURES TODAY

PDS Alton v Abbey Rangers
PDS Balham v Knaphill
PDS Chipstead v Tooting & Mitcham United
PDS Epsom & Ewell v Badshot Lea
PDS Eversley & California v Redhill
PDS Godalming Town v Camberley Town
PDS Metropolitan Police v Fleet Town
PDS Sheerwater v Tadley Calleva
PDS **Virginia Water** v Sutton Common Rovers
PDS Yateley United v Corinthian-Casuals

LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Knaphill	17	14	0	3	22	42
2	Fleet Town	15	12	2	1	24	38
3	Abbey Rangers	15	9	3	3	7	30
4	Sutton Common Rovers	16	8	5	3	10	29
5	Redhill	14	8	3	3	13	27
6	Camberley Town	15	8	1	6	-1	25
7	Virginia Water	15	7	2	6	9	23
8	Tadley Calleva	11	6	4	1	13	22
9	Metropolitan Police	16	6	4	6	7	22
10	Badshot Lea	15	6	4	5	-8	22
11	Corinthian-Casuals	15	5	4	6	-1	19
12	Chipstead	16	5	3	8	-2	18
13	Sheerwater	14	4	5	5	6	17
14	Tooting & Mitcham United	14	5	1	8	-1	16
15	Alton	16	4	4	8	-13	16
16	Balham	13	4	2	7	-6	14
17	Yateley United	16	3	5	8	-8	14
18	Epsom & Ewell	14	3	2	9	-12	11
19	Godalming Town	15	1	4	10	-22	7
20	Eversley & California	14	0	2	12	-37	2

TOP SCORERS

6 - Stuart Mortimer
4 - Tyler Robinson
3 - Danyaal Iqbal, Kingsley Etefia
2 – Kai Boylen, Lewis Flatman, James McLeod, Jamie Di Giuseppe, Jack Mills

THE TEAMS

VIRGINIA WATER FC

Maroon Shirts | Maroon Shorts & Socks | GK: Orange

Manager: Paul McCarthy | **Asst. Manager:** Paul Mills
Coaches: Dave Atkins, Adam Sams, Ben Warren | **Physio:** Elisha Timms

Squad:
Luke Appleton | Jack Beadle | Ryan Blake | Kai Boylan | Archie Bulman | Armani Church | James Darvill | Jamie Di Giuseppe | Kingsley Etefia | Lewis Flatman | James Goodey | Cal Hamilton |Alex Harden | Ash Hitchinson | Guy Hollis | Bob Honey | Danyaal Iqbal | Ricky Johnson | Matthew Jones | Nat Kenlock | Harry Kidd | Jo Jo Kinzonzi | Paul McCarthy | James McLeod | Connor McShane | Jack Mills © | Stuart Mortimer | Albie Nolan-French | Aston Nunn | Reece Robins | Jibril Shamarke | Jack Simmons | Ellis-Jay Skeete | Devonte Webster-Swack

SUTTON COMMON ROVERS FC

Yellow Shirts | Yellow Shorts & Socks | GK: Orange

Joint Managers: Darren Salmon, Lee Flavin | **Coach:** Fowzi Mohamed
Kit Man: Rui Dias | **Physio:** Tiffany Jones

Squad:
Oliver Davies | Archie Simmons | Isaac Kamin | Paolo Sturt | Mweembe Chiabi | Oliver Meadows | Ben Cook | Daghan Basaranoglu | Ruebuan Zamorano | James Anderson | Ben Edmonds | Luke Rippon | Cameron Lewis-Brown | Juwon Akintunde | Sekou Toure | Tom Collins | Tom Chiabi | Casey Yusuff-Phillips | Joshua Hooks | Luke Rippon | Lee Flavin | Timi Joseph | Tomi Kale | Edward McCrea | Christian Newbold

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