WELCOME TO ROTHERFIELD FC SEASON 2026/27

So, you've signed

We're delighted to have you join one of the area's longest-established football clubs as part of our open-age sides.

Rotherfield FC has a proud history spanning over 130 years, and we want everyone who represents the club to play their part in maintaining the reputation we have built for being a friendly, respectful and well-run club. This welcome note gives you the key information you need to get started.

Keep up to date

Keep up to date via our social media platforms and website with linktr.ee/rfc1893 or scan the QR code

Who's Who - Club Committee

Chairman: Pete Ford
Secretary: Phill Teague
Treasurer: Nik Kennett
Fixture Secretary: Robin Paige
Head of Youth Player Development: Alex Watts
Website & Social Media: Elliot Ridley-Smith
Junior Representative: Mark Sumner
Veterans Representative: Stuart McInnes
Team Management Liaison: James Bowen
Club Welfare Officer: Phill Teague

Team Officials

First team:
Coach: Wayne Clarke (07540 765 685)
Assistant Coaches: Alex Watts (07507 586741) and Callum Ridley

Reserve Team:
Manager: Richard Holman
Assistant Manager: Pete Ford
Coach: Ollie Caird
Club Goalkeeping Coach: Mark Sumner

Player Communications

The club web site is used for General information (www.rfc1893.com) - please check it out including the links to our Facebook, Instagram & X feeds. The web site also has a tab entitled Club Shop where you can purchase Club Team wear directly.

There are Whatsapp groups for each of the First & Reserve teams. Speak to your Team Captain to be added to the WhatsApp groups. These are used to communicate selected sides & for other information we do not want the wider community to know about!

Club Fees

The next step is to pay your club fees. We don't charge match fees. All costs including training provision, league registration, match costs for referees, kit washing & insurance are included in your annual club fees as below:

- £85 for those who are working
- £60 for those in full time education or unemployed.

Please pay promptly by Bank Transfer to:
Rotherfield Football Club
Sort code: 60-06-27
Account number: 60817550

Ensure you use your name as a reference. Alternatively you can pay cash to any Committee member or Team official.

To allow you spread the cost of your fees you can also pay via Spond in 3 monthly instalments (end of Sept; end of Oct, end of November. Separate communication on this will be sent out. Fees are due by the 30th September unless youd sign up to pay via Spond. Failure to pay by this date results in an additional charge determined by your Committee. If you join after this date then the original fees apply.

Despite rising costs we have decided to keep fees unchanged. Consequently it is important that EVERYONE pays promptly & also that people raise additional funds under our R4R scheme (see later). If anyone has financial difficulty then please speak in the strictest confidence to Pete Ford, Chairperson.

Behaviour

You are expected to behave in a responsible adult manner at all times you are representing the club, participating in training, supporting the teams from the sidelines, posting on club social media sites etc.

This includes showing respect to team officials, team mates, match officials, other spectators & the opposition. Our club has been around for over 130 years & has a reputation for being mature, courteous & respectful. The club will not tolerate misconduct or any other behaviour that could adversely impact our reputation.

Remember that some of your team mates may be under 18, or more sensitive to remarks that you consider banter. Be thoughtful towards others & always be aware of the u18 players. This applies to face to face & any comments made on social media.

We are an inclusive club that respects diversity. If you are u18 & are concerned at the behaviour of others then initially speak with Phil Teague (Club Welfare Officer for the adult section) who will instigate a suitable investigation before reporting to the Committee.

The club expects disciplinary fines to be reimbursed in full promptly. If debt starts to build for an individual this will impact selection but if you have financial concerns then please approach any Committee member in the strictest confidence so a solution can be explored.

Raise 4 Rotherfield (R4R)

Football at RFC costs thousands of pounds every season with Referee fees, kit washing, pitch works, end of season awards, kits, footballs, training venue hire all significant expenses.

The club fees only cover 20% of the expenditure! We have a number of very generous sponsors but we can't rely on their generosity without showing individual effort to raise funds.

Therefore please do your bit to raise further revenue. Many ways are available from easyfundraising donations (see web site for more information) to organising social events or participating in events organised by others.

The club has a Lotto monthly cash draw. For £1 a month you can get a ticket to win the first prize of £80! Minimum payment of 12 months. Please support this important revenue stream for your club.

PFS GROUP LIMITED
FIRE & SECURITY

MERCATOR DIGITAL

Autotrader

QR code for 'easyfundraising'

Match Day

For home matches, please arrive on time to help with the match day set up. Respect barriers, goals, corner flags etc need to be put out before the opposition arrive, & tidied away after the match.

Once the changing rooms have been vacated post match they need to be cleaned properly so they are available for the next match.

Turn off the water heaters & vacuum the club room. It is hoped that every player will want to stay to socialise with team mates, opposition & match officials in our club house. Just a short time together after all the tasks are completed makes the match day experience so much better & builds the camaraderie that is so important to a successful team. The bar also provides an important revenue stream for the club allowing us to keep your club fees as low as they are.

Pete Ford
Club Chairperson