



Burgess Hill Town Football Club

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5	Jake Goodman
6	Harry Lawson
7	Jay Beckford
8	Kieran Rowe
9	Dan Perry
10	Conrad Honore
11	Reece Hallard
12	Olly Hamstead
14	Noah Hoffman
15	Tahjae Anderson
16	Ollie Downs
17	Nico Jones
Manager	Gary Mansell
Assistant	Lewis Taylor
Coach	Adie Clayton, Ross Johnson, Matt Bubb, Berty Oliva
Physio	Elise Hill

Burgess Hill Town FC Pen Pictures

Taylor Seymour - Goalkeeper who re-joined Burgess Hill Town this Summer. Originally joined the Hillians at the beginning of the 2021/22 season but left in the January transfer window to join League 2 side Crawley Town. Has since played for Eastbourne Borough, Corinthian Casuals and Horsham before recently returning to Leylands Park. An excellent shot stopper who has also played for Portsmouth for whom he made his debut in an EFL Trophy tie against Peterborough United in 2020 and has also represented Sussex at Under 18 level.

Finn Holter - Joined the Hillians in February 2024. The 19 year old stopper joins from National League South side Eastbourne Borough and has been playing on loan for Southern Combination Premier side Bexhill United. He was part of Borough's U18 side that reached the 2nd round proper a few years ago and recently saved three penalties in a shootout to help Bexhill progress in a cup game earlier in the season.

Martyn Box - Full back who joined the Hillians originally on loan from Barnet in the 2019/2020 season and was made into a permanent move soon after. Local lad and a favourite amongst the Hillians faithful, Martyn loves to get forward

and is a fantastic crosser of the ball with a knack of scoring some important goals. Alongside his playing role with the Club he also coaches BHTFC Junior Under 11 Girls team. Now made over 100 appearances for the Club.

Reggie Ward - Full back who likes to get forward and is now in his third season with the Club. He was previously on the books at Brighton & Hove Albion. Reggie is related to former Hillians manager and Brighton legend Ian Chapman. Despite being only 21, Reggie has already made over 100 appearances for the Club.

Marcus Allen - Summer signing from Lancing where he won a trio of awards - players player, managers player and young player of the year award last season and was Dean Cox's first Hill signing. Commanding central defender who has previously played for Saltdean United, Peacehaven and Haywards Heath. Was appointed club captain on joining the Hill.

Nico Jones - Signed at the end of February 2024 from National League side Dover Athletic. The 6ft 3 central defender started his career coming through the Fulham Academy where he spent 8 years. In 2018 he signed a scholarship with Oxford United where he made three first team appearances at the end of the 2018/19 season and soon after signed a two year contract. He had loan spells with National League sides Oxford City and Havant & Waterlooville. In 2021 he signed a two year contract with Brentford and was a regular for the B team of the Premier League outfit making 61 appearances. Since leaving them he had spells with National League sides Welling United and Dover Athletic. Nico also has one cap for the Republic of Ireland's U18 side as he featured in 0-0 draw with Sweden.

Olly Hamstead - Central defender who recently joined the Hillians from Isthmian Premier side Kingstonian. Olly previously played for Chipstead where he captained their Under 18's before progressing into the first team and was their players player of the year last season in his first year in senior football.

Jake Goodman - Experienced central defender who joins the Hillians from Isthmian Premier side Folkestone Invicta. Jake started his career in the Millwall youth set up and gained early senior experience with loan spells at Staines Town, Luton Town, Aldershot Town & AFC Wimbledon before leaving Millwall permanently for Margate in the National League South. He has made over 150 appearances at that level with Braintree Town, Maidenhead United, Bromley & Dover Athletic. The 30 year old also had a spell with Sittingbourne on loan recently.

Ollie Downs - Joins the Hillians on work experience from League Two side AFC Wimbledon. A left-back/wing back, Ollie has been with the Dons Academy for almost a decade. He has featured for the Dons in a London Senior Cup fixture against Hendon last season. He has also experienced loan spells in senior football with Fleet Town and more recently making a solitary appearance with Isthmian Premier side Whitehawk.

Zack Lawrence - Broke into the first team last season following some impressive performance with the under 18's. Young left back. Zack holds the honour of being the first player to progress from BHTFC Juniors to reach the first team.

Kieran Rowe - In his second season with the Hillians having joined from Haywards Heath Town where he had made over 100 appearances. Picked up last seasons Managers Player of the Year after many impressive performances in the Hill's midfield playing 47 out of 48 games. Versatile player who can also operate in defence. Never say die attitude and always gives 100%, Kieran has also played for Bognor Regis Town and is the second generation to wear the Hillians green and black after his dad Adie who played for the Club in the 1980's.

Conrad Honore - Midfielder who recently returned to Burgess Hill Town from Chichester City. Started his career with Lancing and also played for Worthing and Haywards Heath Town. Conrad played 13 times and scored once during a spell at Leylands Park midway through the 2021/22 season. Also represented Sussex at U16 and U18 level becoming a South East Counties Champion at both levels.

Joe Beckford - Recently signed from National League South side Eastbourne Borough. The 23 year old joined Borough

towards the end of last season and originally came through the youth ranks at Arsenal playing for the Gunners U18's before he left to have a spell in Norway (playing for Lillehammer FK and Gjovik-Lyn) followed by a spell in Sweden (playing for Ytterhogdals HK). He returned to the UK in 2022 and played for Isthmian Premier side Wingate & Finchley switching to Eastbourne Borough. Exciting winger with plenty of pace.

Reece Hallard - Last season's supporters player of the season at Lancing who joined the Hillians in the summer. Formerly with Haywards Heath, Saltdean United, Whitehawk and Worthing at youth level. Respected Sussex at youth level and had trials with Barnet. Strong forward with a good eye for goal.

Joe Overy - Exciting young talent who has hugely impressed when being called upon in the first team. Attacking player with an eye for goal, Joe is a product of the youth system and looks to have a bright future ahead of him. Recently been selected to represent the England College Football Association.

Harry Lawson - Another player who has really impressed in the Under 18's this season especially throughout an impressive FA Youth Cup run. The midfielder has recently been rewarded for his fine form with a few call ups to the first XI and has certainly seized his chance.

Noah Hoffman - Another Under 18's player who has been given a chance in the first team and took that chance with some very impressive performance. Energetic player with a great touch and eye for goal, Noah recently scored his first goal for the first team in the win over East Grinstead.

Callum Jenkins - Midfielder who joined the Hillians in January 2024 and can also operate at the back. Was a league and cup winner for Lewes' successful Under 18's side a few years ago and also broke into their first team during that period. More recently played for Loxwood.

Kieron Pamment - Returned to the Hillians in the close season from Three Bridges where he ended up as top scorer last season. Very quick attacker who's played for a host of Sussex clubs including Lewes, Horsham, Shoreham, Littlehampton, Pagham, Saltdean United, East Grinstead and Worthing where he was a big favourite amongst the Rebels supporters. Dead ball specialist and pacy forward Kieron's first spell with the Hillians was in the Isthmian Premier Division in 2018 where he scored twice in 15 appearances.

Marcel Powell - Marcel signs for the Hill after shining throughout pre-season. A speedy winger with a keen eye for goal, Marcel reunites with Coxy after spending 22/23 at neighbours Lancing where he won their young player of the year award. An exciting player who is sure to light up Leylands Park this season, he has also played for Eastbourne Borough.

Dan Perry - Returned to the Hillians last season and finished as top scorer and was also the league's golden boot winner as well as featuring in the league's team of the year. Came through from the Youth Team where he was top scorer in Ashley Carr's title winning side and soon broke into the first team. A strong prolific fox in the box striker who has also played for Eastbourne Town, Haywards Heath, Saltdean United, Crowborough and Lewes. Supporters and Players player of the season last year.

Tahjae Anderson - Striker who joined the Hillians in February 2024 and joins from Kingstonian. Tahjae has played in Sussex before as he scored 9 goals in 21 games for East Grinstead last season. His other former Clubs include Hendon, Dover Athletic, Bromley, South Park, and Beckenham Town.

Alex Brewer - Has recently signed first team forms after a hugely impressive start to this season where he has scored goals for fun in our Under 18's side including hitting six goals in one game. Big strong striker who looks to have a promising future ahead of him. Alex has also played for near neighbours Hassocks.

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Burgess Hill Town FC Club History

Burgess Hill Football Club was founded in 1882 and was a founder member of the Sussex County Football Association. The club attained the unique achievement of winning the Sussex Senior Cup three years running thus retaining it permanently in the process. The cup is on display in the trophy cabinet in the club boardroom. The current trophy was presented to the S.C.F.A. by Burgess Hill Town Football Club. In 1998 the club reached the Senior Cup final for the first time in 110 years but were narrowly beaten 2–1 by Hastings Town. In the club's formative years they were also founder members of the Mid-Sussex Football League, and won the League Championship in its inaugural season.

Following several successful seasons the club joined the Sussex County League for the 1958–59 season, and stayed until attaining promotion to the Southern Football League in 2003. In 1969 the club amalgamated with Worlds End F.C. and with the help of Burgess Hill Town Council were able to move to Leylands Park, the club's current home. In 1971, the club gained promotion to Division One, only to be relegated two seasons later. 1974 saw the 'Hillians' reach another landmark achievement by becoming the only club ever to have won both the League Challenge Cup and the Division Two Cup in the same season. In 1976 a hat trick of achievements were completed by winning the Division One Championship by six points, having secured the Division Two title the previous season.

During the ensuing twenty years in the top flight of the County League success was modest. In 1980 the League Challenge Cup was secured and in 1992 the RUR Cup was added. However, all this changed in season 96–97 under the guidance of club manager, Alan Pook. The club became Division One champions by twelve points, won the Floodlight Cup, and were runners up in the League Challenge Cup. The 2nd XI finished runners up in the Reserve Premier and won the Mid-Sussex Charity Cup, while the Youth XI won their overall championship. In 1997–98, the club 1st XI attained even more success by again winning the League Championship and the League Challenge Cup, also reaching the last sixteen in the F.A. Vase. Additionally they reached the Sussex Senior Cup Final and were top of the county's merit table. The Youth XI also finished as 'Double Champions' in the sector.

1998–99 season saw the Hillians achieve a unique treble in winning the Championship for a post war record third time and again securing a league and cup double, back to back. The 2nd XI won their cup and were runners up in the league, missing out by a single point. Not to be out done, the Youth XI won their league and only missed out on a double by goal difference. All in all an historic season.

The club then welcomed new manager, Gary Croydon for season 1999–2000. He led the Hillians to take runners' up spot in the league and to a record fourth qualifying round FA Cup tie against Hereford United. Again, a last 16 place was achieved in the FA Vase as well as winning the RUR Cup and the Floodlit Cup.

The new millennium season saw Hillians take the league championship with the team remaining unbeaten in the league until April; the Club also had its best ever run in the FA Vase only being beaten after extra time by eventual finalists Tiptree United in the last eight, before a then club record attendance of 1598. With plans being laid for Southern League football, club directors, Gary Croydon and Eddie Benson appointed Danny Bloor as manager for season 2002–2003. The club was rewarded with yet another championship crown, the fifth in seven seasons.

Gary Croydon took over the Hillians again as the club entered the Southern League for the first ever time. After just missing out on the play offs, Burgess Hill Town moved over to the Isthmian League due to the restructuring of the non-league pyramid.

For the next few years the Club established itself as a Ryman League club with a few mid table finishes and twice just avoiding relegation.

In 2012/2013 there was an upturn in the Hillians fortunes. The Club returned to their original green and black colours. Former Brighton & Hove Albion player and coach Ian Chapman was appointed as Manager and he guided the Hillians to eighth place in the table.

2013/14 saw the Hillians achieve their highest ever finish in the Football pyramid, finishing sixth in the table and just missing out on the play offs by one point. The newly formed Under 21 side finished third in the Ryman U21 League whilst the Youth Team, under former favourite Ashley Carr, had their most successful season ever. They won the Ryman Youth League and the Ryman Youth Champion of Champions whilst also lifting the Sussex County Youth Cup. Two Ladies teams were also introduced as part of Burgess Hill Town FC and they enjoyed mid table finishes in their first season.

2014/15 saw the Club enjoy the greatest season in the Club's History. Ian Chapman's side were unbeaten in the league until mid - March and went on to win Ryman League Division One South title by 11 points and gain promotion to the Ryman Premier League for the first ever time. They also equalled their best - ever FA Cup run, eventually losing away to Dartford in the 4th qualifying round but having gained a memorable 3-1 victory at Sutton United in the previous round. In the FA Trophy, the club reached the 2nd round, finally losing at home to Dartford FC. In the previous round the team had beaten Aldershot Town of the National League 1-0 away.

A confident start to the Hillians first season in the Isthmian Premier Division before Christmas saw the team 8th in the league, but a disappointing second half saw them finish in 20th position. The club avoided relegation due to Farnborough FC being relegated for financial irregularities. The following two seasons saw the Hillians avoid relegation on the last day of the season to keep its Isthmian Premier status although the next season the Club were relegated and returned to the Isthmian League Division One South where after a few covid hit years have remained since.

There is a feeling of optimism around the Club with Gary Mansell installed as the Club's new manager as the Hillians look to improve on recent seasons. Off the pitch Vince Alfieri has taken over as Chairman and improvements all over the ground can be seen already as the Club looks to adopt a more community feel about it.

Burgess Hill Town FC Facts

Founded: 1882

Ground: Leylands Park

Capacity: 2500

Record Attendance: 2005 v AFC Wimbledon – 30th April 2005

Nickname: The Hillians

Best FA Cup Performance: 4th Qualifying Round 1999/00, 2006/07, 2014/15 & 2016/17, 2017/18

Best FA Trophy Performance: 2nd Round proper 2003/04, 2004/05 & 2014/15

Record Club appearances: Paul Williams 499

Record Club goals: Steve Harper 200, Ashley Carr 179

Biggest win: 12-0 v Saltdean United 2001/02 Sussex County League

Burgess Hill Town FC Honours

- Isthmian Division One South Champions – 2015
- Sussex County League – Division 1 champions 1976, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003
- Sussex County League – Division 2 Champions: 1975
- Floodlit Cup winners: 1997, 2000
- The Sussex Royal Ulster Rifles Charity Cup winners: 1992, 2000
- John O'Hara League Challenge Cup winners: 1974, 1980, 1998, 1999
- Sussex Senior Cup winners: 1884, 1885, 1886
- Roy Hayden Trophy 2003
- Norman Wingate Trophy 2002
- Isthmian Under 23's Central Division Winners 2018
- Suburban League Winners 2007
- Sussex County Reserve Section champions: 1978, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1992
- Sussex County Reserve Section Cup winners: 1983, 1990, 1993, 1999, 2003
- Sussex Intermediate Cup Winners 1977
- Mid Sussex Senior Cup Winners 1993, 1997, 2002
- Sussex Junior Cup Winners 1890
- Isthmian Youth League Winners: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016
- Isthmian League Youth Champion of Champion Winners 2014
- Sussex County Youth League champions: 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2005, 2013
- Sussex County Youth League Cup winners: 1992, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2005
- Sussex Youth County Cup winners: 1977, 1984, 1992, 2000, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2014
- Mid Sussex League Champions 1901, 1904, 1940, 1947, 1957
- Montgomery Cup Winners 1940, 1957
- Mowatt Cup Winners 1946