

# THEY THINK IT'S ALL ROVERS... IT IS NOW!



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Season 20/21

## Chairman's Opening Remarks

Welcome to the new season 2020/21 and your Club Newsletter "They think it's all Rovers...".

I'd like to open this season by thanking all our team managers and Committee, who have worked tirelessly to get the season under way, with extremely trying and testing circumstances for training and trials. Well done all – lets now play football as much as we can!



Scott, who still lives locally to the club, began his career at Orpington Rovers before going onto play at many London clubs, including Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, West Ham United as well as Rotherham United and Benfica. As a left back, Scott enjoyed an 18-year playing career (between 1988-2006), chalking up 439 appearances and scoring 15 goals.

Scott's years of professional play gives the club a unique offering to the children of Orpington and its surrounding areas. Scott's role at the club will be to work as the club ambassador, to support the management, managers and players in the club's and their teams progress.

Scott Minto adds: "I remember my time at Orpington Rovers very fondly and it's great to be back home. I am impressed not only by the Club's ambition, but this being a place you play football with your family, which is laudable and strikes a chord with my time at the Club. It will also be superb to see the launch of Girls Football at the Club for the 2020/21 season"

Please join me in welcoming Scott back home!

## Covid 19

I do not want to concentrate too much on what has been a torrid time for everyone with Covid 19, but as your Club Covid Officer, it would be remiss of me not to point you in the right direction for our Clubs Risk Assessment and Covid 19 Guidance, for use of the ground and facilities. <https://www.orpingtonrovers.com/covid-19/>  
This link also contains a useful video guide setting out the new Club House rules. I implore you to read these and watch the video.



In addition, we are asking all teams to gather NHS test and trace information for all training and match day activity. My thanks to a small army of helpers, team Covid 19 reps, assisting with this task and a special thanks to Laura Meaden for designing some forms to help us undertake this data capture. This is essential work to protect everyone that we only hold for the statutory 21days.

This is still a very serious issues and one we should not treat lightly.

## Dugouts

Covid 19 to one side, we have now installed dugouts on each of the pitches. This will smarten up the place but obviously with Covid 19 we have to be cautious of not to break social distancing rules.



These are a great addition and will add to the match day experience for our players. Rumours that managers have asked for beer fridges in the home dugout are not so wide off the mark and neither are the rumours that our kids want X Box installed too – but neither will be happening!

I would like thank Darren Burkett, one of our managers for his selfless, time, hard work and efforts in installing these for Orpington Rovers – if you see Darren around please do thank him in person.

## Girls Football

It's here – Girls Football Saturday Club at Orpington Rovers FC. We now have 38 members, close to the 40 cap, but we will also hold a reserve list too.

Scott Minto, our Club President, opened the first weekend, welcoming everyone.

The first three weekends have been a real success, with our partners Sportacus running a fantastic event, adhering to Covid 19 regs too – well done guys.

From here, it's all about building on the experience and ensuring the club continues with teams a real possibility.

I'd like to welcome all our young players and their supporters to Orpington Rovers FC!



## Goal Keeper Training



The Club has acquired the services of a very experienced goalkeeper coach Darren.

Darren is a UEFA qualified coach and is vastly experienced. Sessions take place every fortnight at the ground either 0900 or 1000 depending on age of the keeper.

So far these sessions have concentrated on the basics of positioning and foot movement.

If your keeper is interested, please contact the Club Secretary Ross Crawford.

## New Faces

A couple of new faces on the Committee

Karen Barnard replaces Barry Ansell as Pitch and Fixture Secretary.

Gill Bussy replaces Steve Rex as Child Welfare and Safeguarding Officer.

John Christian has been appointed as Club Development Officer.

Andy Boyle has agreed to become the Club Sponsorship Officer.

Welcome all!

And finally.... let's get the season started. We are under no illusions that we could have disruptions at any time, but we continue to value your patience, contributions and efforts.

## The Social Club

### Tombola

A Club 50/50 tombola has been set up by our social secretariat Alice & Alex. Participants pay £2 per person every month, with a winning name being drawn at the Club meeting. Half of the proceeds go to the Club and the winner gets the rest.

We've had a great start so far, but it's never too late to join – please email [OrpingtonRovers.social@hotmail.com](mailto:OrpingtonRovers.social@hotmail.com)



## Committee Members



Chairman – Paul Barnard



Social Secretaries – Alice Kennet & Alex Bolton-Humphrey



Secretary – Ross Crawford



Fixtures Secretary – Karen Barnard



Treasurer – Neil Barnes

Kit Manager –



Membership Secretary – Rinaldo Besate



Head Groundsman – Alan McIlvaney



Club Welfare Officer – Gill Bussy



Club Development Officer – John Christian



Club Sponsorship Officer – Andy Boyle