

LONDON BEES



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CHESHAM UNITED



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CLUB HISTORY

There are many ancestral spirits behind the London Bees, but its earliest roots date back to a group of ladies working at Transport for London's District Line.

In the 1970s the women, looking for a team to play football, banded together and entered the Hounslow & District League - forming the platform for a remarkable rise.

Named in honour of their workplace, District Line Ladies FC appeared in leagues across Greater London before tasting promotion to the Women's FA National League Southern Division in the early 1990s.

It did not take long afterwards before the squad merged with Wembley FC - becoming Wembley Ladies FC and reaching their zenith in an FA Cup final defeat to Millwall Lionesses in 1997.

Meanwhile Barnet Ladies FC, established by Barnet director Graham Slyper in the mid-80s, had become officially affiliated with the men's club.

It prompted another merger in 1998 after Wembley's FA Cup finalists began to leave the club, including teenager and eventual England legend Kelly Smith.

Barnet FC Ladies have been a virtual mainstay in English football's top tier ever since before London Bees, a brand new franchise, was welcomed into the Women's Super League fold for 2014.

London Bees first ever fixture in WSL2 resulted in a 3-0 victory over Oxford United Ladies, with 16-year old Lucy Loomes scoring their first ever goal.

In 2016, the Bees experienced their best season to date, taking home a record points haul for the season as well as a historic run to the semi-finals of the Continental Cup, knocking out Chelsea en route. The 2017 Spring Series saw the Bees get off to a great start and top the league in the early stages.

This season marks the second year of Dan McKimm's tenure as manager of the London Bees. The Bees currently sit top of the FA Women's National League Division One South East, the fourth tier of women's football in England, after a perfect start with three wins from three matches. With promotion the clear goal, the Bees will be hoping to build on this early momentum and turn a strong start into a truly memorable season.

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Dan McKimm

Manager's Column

Firstly I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year (I think it's just about OK to still be doing this?!), and by welcoming Chesham to The Hive for our first home fixture of 2026.

It seems a lifetime ago that we got the season underway at the reverse fixture back in August, on what was certainly a warmer day than today! Obviously the result that day was really positive for us and a great start to our season, and I'm hopeful we can produce another three-point return this afternoon.

Last week was a disappointing start to the year both in terms of the performance and the result. With Chatham dropping points it was a missed opportunity for us to take a firm grip on third place. I felt we were very sluggish in the first half, and I was disappointed with how far off our basics we were. I don't know if it was the Christmas break, or maybe some complacency on our part, but it was a poor start performance

wise. We picked things up a bit in the second half and showed glimpses of our usual levels, creating a couple of good chances, but our end product let us down (not for the first time this season).

That said, the clean sheet and how dominant we were in the second half in and out of possession are positives that we can look to build on from last week, and the beauty of this game is that we're never more than seven days away from an opportunity to go again.

Obviously there's a lot of excitement around the club at the moment with the visit of Liverpool on the horizon, and if you haven't got your tickets yet then I'd encourage you to do so as they're selling fast. But for now we have a job to do this afternoon, so please get behind us as you always do and make it a noisy start to 2026 here in North London.

DM



Cheyenne Flynn

Captain's Column

We're excited to welcome you back to The Hive for our very first home fixture of 2026 as we take on Chesham United.

This game is hugely important for us as we begin to build what we want to achieve as a group this season. Our aim is not only to secure the three points, but to get straight back to our standards and deliver a strong performance for everyone who supports us.

Our opening fixture last Sunday against AFC Sudbury didn't bring the result or performance we were hoping for to start 2026. However, one thing is certain: we know our standards, our level, and our ability. We will take the positives, learn from the negatives, and use them to our advantage as we continue to improve both individually and collectively—because that's ultimately what wins games. From the coaching staff to the players, everyone is determined, focused on our goals, and committed to growth.

We won't shy away from minor setbacks; instead, we use them to grow stronger as a team, and that's what makes this journey so special.

We faced Chesham earlier this season and know they are a hard-working, determined side. Every team in this league is here for a reason, and no game is ever easy. But if we stick to our game plan, work hard, and win our individual battles, we know exactly what we're capable of.

Finally, a very happy New Year to all our Bees fans. Your support week in, week out means everything to us—you push us over the finish line every single game. We can't wait to welcome you back to The Hive this Sunday and to share the rest of the second half of the season together.

We can't wait to hear you, Bees!

Up the Bees!



Match Report

AFC SUDBURY VS LONDON BEES

0-0



The points were shared as the Bees were held to a 0-0 draw away to AFC Sudbury in their opening match of 2026.

The Bees started off the new year with a visit to The Elite Travel Stadium as they took on AFC Sudbury in their first reverse fixture of the FA WNL Division One South East season.

The game started off with a dominant performance in the opening minutes from the London Bees, moving the ball around quickly, looking to take an early advantage.

However, it was the hosts who had the first real chance of the game, with a charge on goal that led to a shot from the Sudbury attacker, but the chance ended up going wide.

Sudbury then began to put extra pressure on the Bees, creating more with the ball and finding spaces to shoot, but defender Cheyenne Flynn stood firm and got in the way of the shot, denying the hosts a potential lead.

Shortly after the Bees won a free kick in the hosts half, but the delivery was unable to reach a teammate as Sudbury cleared the ball away. Sandra Martins gave the Bees their first promising chance of the game, as she took the ball into the box and took a shot that went across goal but was safely caught in the hands of the Sudbury goalkeeper.

Both teams were creating good chances in the first half, Tia Ginn was called into action, stopping a Sudbury shot on goal to keep the score level.

As the game went over the 30-minute mark Dan McKimm was forced to make an early substitution as Flynn was taken off through injury and replaced by Aimee Durn.

With half time on the approach, the Bees were having to defend the final moments of the first 45 as Sudbury added on the pressure with another shot that ended up going wide.

In extra time Ginn kept her side in the game with two back-to-back wonder saves, stopping the hosts from taking the lead as the game paused for the break.

Half-Time: AFC Sudbury 0-0 London Bees

The second half got underway and within the first few minutes Martins hits a brilliant strike from the edge of the box, which curled into the back of the net, but the referee denied the goal as the flag was raised for offside.

The Bees came close again to getting the ball in the net as Millie Isherwood delivered in a great corner which saw the ball being scrambled in the box and was eventually cleared by the Sudbury defence.

Sudbury first chance of the half came from a free kick in the Bees half, but the shot sent the ball over the goal and resulted in a goal kick.

On the hour mark Durn tried her luck from distance, looking to break the deadlock in this game, but her shot ended up going wide and out for a Sudbury goal kick.

Both sides continued to create chances in the second half but failed to convert in the final thirds as the score remained level.

Dan McKimm looked to change the game around, bringing on Betty Larkin in replace of Lily Whitelock.

Brionne Fowle and Martins both came close to breaking the deadlock but were unable to find the back of the net.

Durn later tried another attempt from distance, this time getting the ball on target which forced the Sudbury goalkeeper to pull out a great stop to deny the Bees once again.

As the game entered the final minutes, Hayley Hoare delivered in a great free kick but the cross was unable to reach a teammate.

Ginn made a great last minute save to keep her side from falling behind, but in the end the referee blew the full-time whistle, and the points were shared between the two sides.

Full-Time: AFC Sudbury 0-0 London Bees

The London Bees will be back in action next Sunday for their first home match of 2026, as they welcome Chesham United to The Bees Stadium.

Line-up: Ginn, Heil, Flynn (Durn 31'), Martins, Isherwood, Lanza, Burrows, Fowle, Vigo, Hoare, Whitelock (Larkin 61')



CHESHAM UNITED

Chesham United FC Women are the senior women's side of Chesham United Football Club, based in Chesham, Buckinghamshire. The team was originally founded in 1995 and has been a mainstay of women's football in the Bucks and Berks area for nearly 30 years, steadily progressing up the English women's football pyramid. Chesham United Women compete in the FA Women's National League Division One South East, which is the fourth tier of the women's game, regularly facing regional rivals such as QPR, Norwich City and London Bees.

Over the years the club has strengthened its identity and ties with the wider Chesham United organisation. Ahead of the 2024-25 season the team changed its official name from Chesham United Ladies FC to Chesham United FC Women to reflect both modern inclusivity and closer integration with the overall club structure. Management also evolved with long-time coach Mani Asare taking the reins of the first team, bringing fresh energy and ambitions to the squad.

On the field, Chesham United Women maintain a competitive presence in Division One South East, striving to retain

their league status and develop strong performances against well-backed clubs. The side blends experienced players with emerging talents, and regularly competes in league and cup competitions.

Off the pitch, the club emphasises broad community engagement and player development. It runs girls' football programmes starting with Wildcats sessions for ages 5-11 and teams at every youth age group up to U18, as well as development squads that feed into the senior ranks. They also support initiatives like an Over-40s women's walking football community, highlighting a commitment to inclusive participation.

Chesham United FC Women play their home games at The Meadow, sharing facilities with the wider club, and draw support from local sponsors, volunteers and an enthusiastic fanbase.

In summary, Chesham United FC Women are a well-established, community-oriented club competing in the fourth tier of English women's football, with a strong developmental pathway and ambitions to grow both on and off the pitch.

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Daisy Hind
Cheyenne Flynn
Ryah Vyse
Sandra Martin
Aimee Durn
Millie Isherwood
Sam Lanza
Megan Burrows
Thea Budden
Brionne Fowle
Francesca Vigo
Betty Larkin
Rebekah Wozniak
Sophie Davidson
Shamoy Campbell
Layla Kenly
Hayley Hoare
Ronnie Richards
Lily Whitelock
Isla Callinson
Isabel Doolan

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Assistant 2: Lydia Orsborn