

Walthamstow FC pen pics

Management

Vinny Murphy, Manager: Took over the role in December 2023 following an extensive non-league playing career. Had three spells playing for Stow across ten years, and also played for Redbridge, Enfield and Southend Manor, amongst others.

Tony Murphy, Assistant Manager: Older brother to Vinny, and now in his second spell with the club. A vastly experienced coach who brings a great passion to the management set-up.

Goalkeepers

David Hughes: A serial promotion winner from the Isthmian North and joins from Bowers and Pitsea, where he spent the last two seasons. He was a play-off winner with Bowers in 2023-24, repeating a feat he accomplished with AFC Sudbury the season before. The season before that, he won the league with Aveley; also playing a massive part in their run to the quarter finals of the FA Trophy. He had been at Aveley for five seasons, and has also had spells with Harlow Town, Thurrock, Enfield Town and East Thurrock United.

Defenders

Max Brownsdon: Young defender who impressed for Little Oakley last season. Made a goalscoring debut to life at Stow with a spectacular overhead kick in the FA Cup.

Ekow Coker: Physical centre back who has impressed since signing towards the end of August 2025. Has previously been with Ware, Bedford Town and Macclesfield Town, amongst others.

Joe Elliott: Joe started his senior career playing for Aveley's reserve side under the management of George Christou. After a spell at Southend Manor, Elliott was reunited with Christou at Redbridge, where he spent the next four seasons. He was an ever-present for the Motormen, scoring eleven goals in 173 games, the majority of which were played in defence. Elliott led the Motormen to promotion from the Essex Senior in 2023, and to the Essex Senior Cup title the following season.

Jack Johnson: Signs after a season out of the game through injury. He will be the third Johnson brother to play for the club, following Bradley Johnson in 2004, and Louie last season. Jack started off at Bishops Stortford, but spent three seasons at Enfield, where he

was a league and cup winner. He signed for Stanway Rovers last season, but an injury ended his 2024-25 before it had even started.

Jordan Peart: Electric wing-back who signed from Grays Athletic towards the end of last season. Has also played for Barking and Aveley. A former sprinter, who can also play further up the field in an attacking role.

Te Wihongi: New Zealand international with eight caps who joined in Autumn 2022. Has impressed with his composure and physical presence at the back and has become a key part of the defence.

Midfielders

Tyrone Baker: Joined the club towards the end of last season, and made an immediate impact, scoring just a few minutes into his debut. Can play on either wing, and quickly established himself as a key part of the team.

Gassem Benelghazi: Livewire midfielder playing his first season in senior football. Has already enamoured himself with the Stow support with his all-action approach and silky skills.

Pedro Carvalho: Winger who joined from Hashtag United early in the 2025-26, where he had been a key part of their success over the last few years.

Reece Conway: Back for his fourth season at the club. Conway made his debut in the 2018-19 season, and made 37 appearances that season, scoring four times. He made a further 16 appearances across two pandemic-hit seasons, before signing for Enfield, where he won the Essex Senior League. He picked up his second ESL title last season, skipping Stanway Rovers to the title.

Hafeez Elegushi: Box-to-box midfielder who scored on his debut against his former club Brantham Athletic. Was previously with Great Wakering Rovers, playing at Wembley in the FA Vase final.

Pique Humble: Midfielder who signed from Hashtag United in September 2025. Was previously with Enfield Town, and Colchester United as a youngster.

Brian Garzon: Silky midfielder who signed on the eve of the 2025-26 season, having previously been with Hertford Town. Scored his first goal for the club away to VCD Athletic in the Isthmian League Cup.

Callum Ibe: Now in his fourth spell with the club, Callum can play anywhere across the forward line, and has become a real fans favourite thanks to his work rate and never-say-die attitude. Scored some vital goals on our way to the Essex Senior League title, and is closing in on 200 appearances for the club.

Harvey Livings-Corbin: Now in his third season with the club, Harvey can play anywhere in defence or midfield, and has sweet a technique as you'll see. Scored his first goal for the club from the spot away to Wroxham in the first game of the season.

Olu Oluwatimilehin: Strong midfielder who helped Ramsgate to the Southern Division title last season. Has also played for Bishops Cleeve, Lewes, Braintree Town and AFC Sudbury.

Jared Small: A vastly-experienced player who joined from Harlow Town in December 2022. He has played for Tonbridge Angels, where he gained promotion to the National League South, as well as Brentwood and Enfield Town. Can play at the back, in midfield and up front, so is a key part of the squad.

Forwards

Samir Ali: Lively forward player who joined early in the 2025-26 season, but has seen his playing time limited due to injury. Scored on his debut against his previous club Bowers & Pitsea. Previously with Grays Athletic and Basildon United.

Rasheed Salau: Recent acquisition from Ipswich Wanderers, where he was a key player despite being a Stow local. A silky box-to-box midfielder, Rash exemplified his versatility on his debut by playing at centre back, in two midfield positions and up front all in the same game on debut.