

## Life

# Birmingham goalkeeper enjoys Costa visit



David Stockdale at The Heights  
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WHEN INVITED to travel to the Costa del Sol with some of his footballing friends, Birmingham goalkeeper David Stockdale was pleased in his words to "come over as cheerleader."

He attended the official launch of the new luxury housing development The Heights at La Resina Golf and Country Club invited by friends, Ian Radford chairman of La Sala Group Luke Chambers (Ipswich Town) and Rob Segal (football agent).

The 32-year-old goalkeeper first signed with York City aged just 15 and then moved at 21 to Darlington before being transferred to Fulham

and went on a number of loan deals to such teams as Rotherham United and Leicester City before making his debut for Fulham in 2009.

During this time, he was called up for the England squad although he never played a match for his nation, pulling out of one squad because he was due to marry his long term girlfriend one day before a match with Switzerland.

He found it hard to become first choice for the club and was loaned to Ipswich before being recalled by Fulham, but in 2014 he was transferred to Brighton and Hove Albion, where he helped them gain promotion to the Premier League.

David was the first purchase by Harry Redknapp after he became manager of Birmingham City but following a run of bad results he left the club, becoming an advisor to Yeovil Town.

"It was a shame to see Harry leave so quickly but such is football and now we have to concentrate on trying for promotion. First however we need a good run in order to get things moving in the right direction" David said.

Although not as regular a visitor to Costa del Sol, he hopes that he and his wife and three children will be able to spend more time in the area.