

TT No.44: *Rob Champion* - Saturday 3rd October 2009; **Glen Villa** v Kibworth Town; Leicestershire Shield 1st Round; Res: 3-0; Attendance: 18 (h/c); Admission / programme: n/a; Match rating: 2*.

With things back to normal following some holiday away from work, I made my first venture this season into Leicester & District League football in the form of a county cup game.

Glen Villa and Kibworth Town both play in Division 1 of the afore mentioned league and are separated by a few miles along the A6 between Leicester and Market Harborough. The two teams actually played each other in a league game last Saturday with Glen winning 2-1. This encounter is a 1st round tie in the Leicestershire Shield, a competition won last season by fellow District Leaguers Kingsway Rangers.

Glen Villa play on the village recreation ground on Bindleys Road in Great Glen itself, and not surprisingly play in the same colours as Aston Villa, while Kibworth play in black and white stripes. There is a small car park at the ground, where two full size football pitches straddle a cricket pitch, the one in use today being roped off. One thing I was not expecting was a clubhouse - unusual for a club in the District League.

The game was played in a blustery wind and to be honest was a scrappy affair. The home side deservedly took the lead on 12 minutes when a ball from the right touchline was tapped home into an empty net. Kibworth tried to get back into the game but to be honest neither side forced the opposing keeper to make any save of note. The second half saw Kibworth have the majority of possession, but were hit on the counter attack midway through the half when Glen broke on the right and the ball across was side footed home from six yards out to make it 2-0 and effectively game over. For good measure Villa added a third was added on 77 minutes from the penalty spot to give the score-line some gloss.

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