

TT No. 15: Steve Hardy - Sat 20th Sept 2014; **Bamburgh Castle** v Highfields Utd; North Northumberland League 1; Result: 4-1; Admission charge and Programme: None; Crowd: averaged out at 5.

I have long wanted to see a game in this league, which gets virtually no coverage outside the north east, and precious little within it!

There was a full programme of fixtures in the two divisions on September 20th, but there was only one club I really wanted to visit and that was Bamburgh Castle, where I hope my photographs can convey the stunning backdrop of Bamburgh Castle behind the football/cricket ground on the Green in front of it.

The visitors to Bamburgh were Berwick-based Highfields United, who are a reformed team after the original Highfields United merged with Spittal to form Berwick United, playing in the Northern Alliance a few years ago.

Football-wise, Highfields were always second best to a lively Bamburgh side who led 2-0 at the break. They did manage to pull one back immediately after half time, but that was just a small inconvenience to Bamburgh who went on the score two more and missed loads of other chances too.

Having only seen one game in this league it is difficult to gauge it's standard. It is worth saying though, that two recent champions of the league have moved seamlessly to the Northern Alliance, and have been promoted in their first season.

As Bamburgh is a popular tourist destination, it was difficult to say what the attendance was as people stopped for five minutes to watch, before moving on. I have guessed that the number of people who stayed for the full 90 minutes was about five though.