

TT No.2: *Brian Buck* - Wednesday 3rd July 2019; **Ampthill Town U18** v Ampthill Town Development; Friendly Match; Venue: played at Ampthill Town Youth & Junior Section, Abbey Lane, Ampthill; Result: 0-2; Attendance: 15 approx.

This game was a rarity for me in that I was able to pick up a 'new' ground in Bedfordshire. I'm told that it is or was known locally as the '*Tidy Tip*' ground, because of its close proximity to the local Tidy Tip and I recall that Ampthill Athletic FC used to play here. A '*Google*' search reveals that they seemed to go out of existence after about 2012. Of course, I would have preferred not to have seen an inter-club match here, but in truth if you hadn't known who the teams were on arrival then it would have just been a normal match. Furthermore, we had a decent ref in Dean Carney in charge and he oversaw a match in which very few fouls were committed.

This was a 40-minutes each way encounter and as you can see from the score it was a fairly even game. Most of action came in the first half and on 10 minutes the Development side took the lead with a 30 yarder. They then doubled their lead from an effort just inside the area when any number of about five players could have claimed the goal, but I gave it to the chap who had the original shot. The second half was much quieter and few balls ended up in the adjacent field. By the end the two players who impressed me most were the respective keepers, who both pulled off some fine saves, especially the U18 keeper.