

TT No.44: Steve Hardy - Saturday 5th October 2019; **Chesterfield Town** v Boynton Sports; Central Midlands League Division One North; Kick-Off: 3pm; Result: 3-2; Admission: Free; Programme: £1.50; Attendance: 14 h/c

Chesterfield Town are one of several new clubs in the Central Midlands League this season, having joined from the Midland Regional Alliance. News that they are also new programme issuers clinched this visit for me, and the fact that they tweeted me back to say 'game on' was also a welcome sign.

The club play at a sports ground in Langer Lane to the south of Chesterfield. I was told that Chesterfield College own the venue, but don't actually use it, instead giving Town an annual lease to play there. The pitch is partially roped off before each game, and the club have also set up an excellent tea room inside the changing room block, from where the shiny new programmes are to be purchased.

The game itself was really competitive I thought, with Boynton perhaps unlucky not to get a draw. Chesterfield raced in to a two-goal lead through goals on the 13th and a penalty on 28 minutes, before Boynton pulled one back through a penalty of their own on 41 minutes. The first goal of the second half was always going to be crucial I thought and whilst Boynton scored it, it was actually an own goal to give Town a 3-1 lead. Credit to Boynton though, as they never gave up and pulled one back right at the death from their second penalty.

Sarah *Satnav* managed to get to exactly where the ground was supposed to be located, but I just couldn't find a way in. After driving up and down Langer Lane a couple of times I spotted a set of green metal gates with no markings on them at all, and this turned out to be the entrance. I have taken a photo of these gates in my photo album to help other visitors get in, and would like to apologise to Sarah for doubting her obvious professionalism, even though she did try to send me home by going north instead of south!