



Arthur Bellamy was a 15-year old apprentice welder when spotted by Burnley's scouts while playing for the Consett Steelworks team. He trialled for the clarets in 1958 and was offered a contract the following year.

The first three years of life as a pro was spent in Burnley's reserve and "A" teams. Arthur scored on his Football League debut in March 1963 but went on to have an in/out career at Turf Moor: he would play around half the team's matches in a season, but would rarely be considered a regular starter. Originally an inside-forward, he made the transition to midfield easily and even played games as a sweeper in some of Burnley's more experimental teams.

After ten years in and around the Burnley first team Arthur had racked up 227 league appearances and scored 29 goals, when Chesterfield paid a club-record £10,000 for him, in July 1972. Arthur overcame an initial reluctance to drop down to division three and became a regular name on the team sheet in his four years at Saltergate before being released in the summer of 1976.

Arthur returned to Burnley after his playing retirement. He had a milk round and ran a fish and chip shop but answered The Clarets' call in 1979 when he joined the youth coaching staff. He was appointed Assistant Manager to Brian Miller in 1986, and was in the dugout when Burnley avoided relegation to the Conference by the slimmest of margins in 1987.

A change of manager saw Arthur return to youth coaching before joining the ground staff, eventually becoming Head Groundsman. He retired from this position in 2007. Arthur passed away in January 2014 at the age of 71.

For Chesterfield: 133 Football League appearances, 12 goals.

Career: 337 + 13 Football League appearances, 41 goals.