

Chesterfield Football Club – The Basics:

Formed:

April 24th, 1919 as The Chesterfield Municipal Football Club, by resolution of the Chesterfield Borough Council's Sports Committee.

We would strongly urge anyone interested in the club's formation date to read the relevant articles [here](#). If you have information that can help settle the question of the club's formation, please [contact me](#).

Limited Company:

Incorporated: 24.1.1920

Re-registered as a plc: 22.4.1982

Entered administration, 16.5.2001.

Left administration as the Chesterfield FC (2001) Ltd, 29.1.2002.

Ancestor clubs:

Chesterfield FC, 1867-81

Chesterfield Town FC, 1884-1914

Chesterfield Town FC, 1914-16

Previous names:

Chesterfield Municipal FC until December 1920.

Stadium:

The SMH Group Stadium, 1866 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. (Formerly The Proact Stadium / The Technique Stadium.)

Previous grounds:

The Recreation Ground, St. Margaret's Drive, Chesterfield.

(The Rec was in use as a football ground between 1871 and 2010.)

Prior to 1871 the first Chesterfield FC played at another "Recreation Ground," on Saltergate, around 100 yards closer to the town centre.

Honours:

Division Three (North) champions, 1930-1 and 1935-6.

Division Four champions, 1969-70 and 1984-5.

League Two champions, 2010-11 and 2013-14.

Promoted to Division Two, 2000-1

Division Three play-off winners, 1994-5

Division Four play-off runners-up, 1989-90

National League champions, 2023-4

Johnstone's Paints Trophy winners, 2011-12

Johnstone's Paints Trophy finalists, 2013-14

Anglo-Scottish Cup winners, 1980-1

Derbyshire FA Senior Cup: winners, seven times.

Midland League champions, 1919-20

Best performances:

Highest Football League position: 4th in Division Two, 1946-7.

FA Cup semi-finalists, 1996-7

Football League Cup: 4th round, 1964-5 and 2006-7.

Record victories:

Football League: 8-0 vs Crewe Alexandra, 1955-6.

(The Chesterfield Town club beat Glossop 10-0 in 1901-2.)

FA Cup: 10-1 vs Dronfield Woodhouse, preliminary round, 1920-1.

Football League Cup: 5-0 vs Mansfield Town, 23.8.1971.

and vs Scunthorpe United, 23.8.1972.

Football League Trophy: 8-1 vs Mansfield Town, 3(N) Cup, 30.1.1934

National League: 6-0 vs Barnet, 12.12.2020

Record defeats:

Football League: 0-10 vs Gillingham, 1987-8.

FA Cup: 0-7 vs Burnley, 5.1.1957.

Football League Cup: 2-6 vs Mansfield Town, 19.8.1970.

Football League Trophy: 1-4 three times; most recently vs Accrington Stanley, 4.10.2016.

National League: 1-5 vs Hartlepool United (at home) 26.11.2019.

Ground capacity:

For the 2024-5 season, the total number of seats available for sale is as follows: home 9,105; away: 1,007. (Total 10,112)

Record attendance at The Rec':

30,561 vs Tottenham Hotspur, FA Cup, February 12th, 1938.

Record attendance at the SMH Group Stadium:

10,108 vs Maidenhead United, National League, April 20th, 2024.

Record transfer fee paid:

£250,000 to Watford for Jason Lee, August 28th, 1998.

Record transfer fee received:

£1,300,000 from Hull City for Sam Clucas, July 27th, 2015.

Most games played:

David Blakey: 617 FL, 35 FAC, 6 FLC (658 in total.)

Record League Goalscorer:

In a season: Jimmy Cookson, 44 goals in 34 appearances, 1925-6.

All-time: Ernie Moss, 162 goals in 468 appearances, 1968-86.

Most goals scored in a game:

Five, by Ambrose Brown against Mansfield Town, 30.1.1935, Division 3 (N) Cup. (Jack Harker scored ten for the "A" team against Sutton Town on April 27th., 1938.)

Players "capped" while at Chesterfield:

Liam Jessop: Gibraltar, 6.

Mark Williams: Northern Ireland, 4 (34 in total.)

Walter McMillen: Ireland, 4. (7 in total.)

Liam Graham: New Zealand, 4.

Kairo Mitchell: Grenada, 3 (16 in total.)

Rai Simons: Bermuda, 3 (6 in total.)

Gerry Armstrong: Northern Ireland, 2. (63 in total.)

Dudley Milligan: Ireland, 1. (3 apps for South Africa before 1939.)

Nathan Smith: Jamaica, 2.

Chesterfield's 2013-14 League Two championship established the club as the first team to win the championship of the fourth tier on four occasions.