

TT No.092: 25/04/05 Ground/Club Focus: *Mike Latham* - Alsager Town (NWCL1)

Thursday 21 April 2005, NWCL1, Alsager Town 0-1 Skelmersdale United (att. - 91)

Alsager Town play at the Town Ground, a pleasant tree-lined setting in a natural bowl. The approach to the ground is made through a housing estate and the entrance is very narrow. The club house and tea bar are situated at the entrance side and there is a grassed slope that leads down to the pitch. On the near side is a small seated stand and another covered area with a small covered stand on the far side. The rest of the ground is hard standing.

Alsager, now nicknamed the Bullets, after the local bullet-making industry, have attracted considerable publicity through the singing exploits of a number of their fans who are known as the Far-siders, Bar-siders or Shed-enders. They helped create a good atmosphere for a competitive end of season encounter settled by a headed goal on the half-hour.

Alsager are a friendly club with good facilities and their ground is well worth a visit. Formed as recently as 1965 they entered the NWCL in 1999 and won promotion in 2002 to the first division. They are easily found off J17 and J16 of the M6 north of Stoke-on-Trent.