




## Premier Partnership Leads to Major ICT Win

Burnley Football Club, the Clarets, play in the English Premier League. The club have twice been crowned English champions. The club includes the 22,500 capacity Turf Moor stadium, a £10.6m training base at Gawthorpe and an extensive corporate hospitality and function offering.

 Sector **Sports**

 People **200+**

Solutions

**Connect, Cloud,  
Devices, Security,  
Services**

### The Business Challenge:

Promotion to the Premier League back in 2009, when the staff headcount all but doubled, placed significant strain on legacy IT systems. Chess was already looking after both the network and hardware and were then chosen as Burnley's Managed Services provider.

Today's Premiership clubs are highly complex operations, placing huge demands on the infrastructure which underpins it. In Burnley, this included the development of the new training site at Gawthorpe, drawing on a wide range of Chess specialisms, from networking to cloud, telephony and connectivity.

## The Solution

The design and deployment at the green field training base site at Gawthorpe was managed entirely by Chess, including; MPLS network to link the training site with the Turf Moor stadium; networking; switching; on premise servers; provision of laptops with cloud hosted Office 365, PBX phone system and conference room facilities including digital whiteboard.



## The Outcome

Chess free up the management team to focus on their key objective – creating and maintaining a successful Premier League football team.

They are a key resource in the development of the club's operations, helping shape IT strategy, including during the building of the training facility at Gawthorpe. Chess support day to day operations, owning the IT requirements and provide specific support at key times, for example on match days, ensuring players, managers, supporters and visitors enjoy a positive IT experience

**“ The club benefits from the outsourcing of all our day to day IT operations, allowing us to focus on our key objectives. ”**

Doug Metcalfe - Head of Operations, Burnley FC



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