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## WEALDSTONE hold promotion hopefuls to draw



Wealdstone ended their eight game losing streak with a goalless draw away at promotion hopefuls Chesterfield

Picture: Jon Taffel

## Borough's league allocation

**HARROW REMAIN IN SOUTHERN PREMIER**



Harrow Borough FC

Picture: Bruce Viveash

HARROW Borough will remain in the Southern League Southern Premier Division for a fourth consecutive season, it has been confirmed.

The FA announced its league allocations for the upcoming 2021-22 campaign and revealed that step three has remained unchanged.

However, there are some changes to the division, which will be made up of 21 clubs for the forthcoming season, which is expected to kick off in August this year.

The decision comes after Blackfield & Langley's decision to resign from the league at the end of the 2019/20 season.

Their vacant spot has not been filled.

Meanwhile, Merthyr Town will return to the division after taking a sabbatical during the 2020/21 season, which was halted due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Borough managed just 16 matches in all competitions during last season's campaign before it was once again declared null and void, as had the season before, with the spread of Covid-19 increasing during the winter months.

Following an easing of lockdown regulations, Harrow have been able to reopen their members club as they prepare to once again welcome supporters to football matches later in the year.

A statement on the club website reads: "Our Directors welcome you back and hope that you will enjoy our improved facilities.

"We have fresh ideas to make your club more successful in this new life and we hope you will share our enthusiasm for the development of your club. Closing time will initially depend on demand."

## Stones stop losing run

By Ryan Gray

CHESTERFIELD missed the chance to strengthen their hold on a play-off position after they were held to a goalless draw at home by Vanarama National League strugglers Wealdstone.

The Spireites are seventh but were left to rue missed chances as the Stones ended their run of eight straight defeats.

Stones meanwhile find themselves fourth from bottom, ahead of Woking, King's Lynn Town and Barnet.

Chesterfield forward Adi Yussuf came close early on when his overhead kick crashed against the crossbar and then saw a goal from a corner ruled out for a foul.

Wealdstone improved in the second half, and the hosts' goalkeeper James Montgomery was forced to make a smart save to deny Riley Harbottle before Spireites forward Danny Rowe almost snatched a late winner as his effort was cleared off the line.

Watford loanee Sonny Blu Lo-Everton was also denied by the keeper, whose acrobatics kept out a volley that was

heading for the top corner, as was Jacob Mendy, while Charlee Hughes headed agonisingly over the bar from the rebound.

Following the match assistant manager Matt Saunders said he was proud of his side's efforts but was disappointed not to be coming back to Wealdstone with a win. "I'm immensely proud of everyone at the club to go to Chesterfield and get a point," he told the club website.

"I think any neutral would agree we should have won the game. We had three glorious chances and should have been walking away with the three points. It's something to build on again for the Solihull game and beyond."

Stones wrap up their home matches this weekend when they welcome Solihull Moors to the Vale with home supporters once again able to attend the match following the easing of restrictions.

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