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Guide to League Two teams for 2022/23 season in this part of the book I have outlined their history old grounds with pictures a ground guide plus historical facts plus how to get there driving, public transport and walking to the ground along with where to drink for a neutral or away supporter and what you will pay to get in.



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Front cover Feethams Ground former ground of Darlington FC



AFC Wimbledon

Ground – New Plough Lane Ground, Plough Lane, Wimbledon London SW17 0BL

Main Telephone No: 020 8547 3528

Main Fax No: 0808 280 0816

Capacity: 9,500

Pitch Size: 110 x 75 yards

Team Nickname: The Dons or Wombles

Year Ground Opened: 2020

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Football Manager

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.afcwimbledon.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



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History Facts & Records

Founded - 2002

Years at Today's Ground – 0 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2006

First Official Floodlit Match – Aug 1989

Highest Attendance – 4,722 v St Albans City Isthmian Premier League 25/04/2009 (Kingsmeadow)

Highest Score for – 9–0 v Chessington United Combined Counties League Premier Division 14/02/2004, v Slough Town, Isthmian League Premier Division 31/03/2007

Highest Against – 0-5 v York City, Conference Premier 7/04/2010

Highest Scorer in a Season – 49 Kevin Cooper in 2002-03

Highest Scorer Overall – 104 Kevin Cooper from 2002 -04

Player with most First Team Appearances – 192 Sam Hatton from 2009 – 2012

Former Grounds

Kingsmeadow 2002 - 2020

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The new ground has a capacity of 9,500 with good banqueting facilities and the main stand has a capacity of 3,500 with the Riverside Road End holding 1,500, the away end on Copperside Road has a capacity of 1,500 with the Railway End has like the main stand has dedicated for familys



Main Stand and Riverside Road End

Driving to the Ground

Take the M25 to junction 10 then take the A3 for Guuiford and at the roundabout take the first exit on to the A3 from the West and third exit from the east and continue to Raynes Park then take the A298 for Wimbledon.



Copperside and Railway End

Follow the road onto the A298 and just before Wimbledon Range Rover at the lights take a right into Grand Drive and go past Raynes Park Railway Station and just before the library take a left and then first left and then first right and continue into Worple Road till the Francis Road mini Roundabout there take the third exit then first left into Francis Road and go past Wimbledon Underground Station and go straight on at two mini roundabouts.

At the third roundabout take the second exit into Leapold Road and go straight on through two roundabouts into Plough Lane and the ground is on the left hand side.

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→ 3 mins

From the North take the train to any of the main station and then take the Northern Line to **Tooting Broadway Underground Station** then take the **London Bus 493** to Haydon Road and its three minute walk to the ground.

From the North is to take the train to **Luton Railway Station** and then take the Thameslink to **Haydon Park Railway Station** and then take a right and walk up to the main road take a right walk across the river bridge into Plough Lane and the ground is on the left after a 15 minute walk.



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→ 3 mins

Flight to **Heathrow Airport** then walk over to **Hatton Cross Underground Station** and then take the Piccadilly Line to **Earls Court Underground Station** change there to the District Line and take the train to **Wimbledon Underground Station** then take the **London Bus 493** from Stop K to Haydon Road and its three minute walk to the ground



→ 1 mins

Flight to **Gatwick Airport** then walk over to the railway station then Southern train to **Clapham Junction Railway Station** then walk out and cross the road take the **London Bus 156** (for Wimbledon) from Stop M and it will drop you off outside the ground

Admission

Adults £20, Concessions £15, Under 18's £10

Where to Drink Locally

It best getting off at Earsfield Station to the right is the Wandle or on the left is the Halfway House and it's a 10 minute walk to the ground for those that get off at Haydon Road then walk up to the crossroads then turn left cross the road and go to the RBS on Gap Road.

Barrow

Ground - Holker Street Stadium, Wilkie Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire LA14 5UW

Telephone & Fax 01229 823061

Capacity: 4,256 (Seats 1,000)

Team Nickname: Bluebirds

Year Ground Opened: 1909

Pitch Size: 106 x 70 m

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: JF Holby Sports

Kit Manufacturer: Joma
Website: www.barrowafc.co.uk
Programme: £2



The Main Stand & Holker Street End (The Square Ball)

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1901

Years at Today's Ground – 110 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1921/22 Third Division North (Founder member)

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1954

Highest Attendance – 16,874 v Swansea Town FA Cup 1954

Highest Score for – 14-1 v St Helens Recreation Lanarkshire Combination 1902

Highest Against – 0-5 Division Four 1971 v Stockport County

Highest Scorer in a Season – Ronald Stevens 46 Lanarkshire Combination 1900

Highest Scorer Overall – Ronald Stevens 346 1900 - 1910

Player with most First Team Appearances – 600 Ronald Stevens 1900 - 1910

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Former Grounds

The Drill Hall 1901 – 04
Strawberry Park 1904 - 06
Ainslie Park 1906 - 09
Little Park 1909 - 1910

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The ground has remained unchanged since the redevelopment of the main stand in the mid-1990s; the ground has three sides of terracing and one all-seater Main Stand, the latter with a capacity of around 1,000.

The Main Stand, backing onto Ray Wilkie Road is raised above the central portion of the pitch, with flat standing on either side. The Popular Side now has the only covered terracing, opposite the Main Stand. The Holker Street end is the traditional base of the home support, though it is now uncovered and thus open to the weather which comes in off Walney Channel; this end is now sometimes given to away fans.

Otherwise, away fans are usually accommodated at the Crossbar Terrace or Steelworks End, which has the smallest and least used terracing. The only seating in this area is a small wooden bench. This end is dominated by the Crossbar which houses the club's offices and a good drinking for Home and Away supporters.

Driving to the Ground



Take the M6 at Junction 36, onto A590 for Skipton/Kirkby Lonsdale/A65/Barrow. At the roundabout take the third exit on to the A590 from the North and first exit from the South and take it all the way to the outskirts of Barrow, entering via industrial route towards the Town Centre down Walney Road and after passing the fire station on the right take the next left into Wilkie Road and the ground is on the right hand side.

Public Transport



→ 14 minutes

From the North train from **Carlisle Railway Station** or from **Lancaster Railway Station** in the South to **Barrow-in-Furness Station Railway Station** and on leaving the station, walk up Station Road till you get to Holker Street. Turn right and ground is approximately ½ Mile on the left the ground is 100yards past Asda and have a pint in the Crossbar which is run by the club.

Admission

Adults £14,
Concessions £11,
Under 16's £6,
Under 7's £3

Where to Drink

The Crossbar is run by the club on the stadium grounds and welcomes away and neutrals and the pub next door which is called the Soccer Bar which is independent from the club and

popular with supporters home & Away.

Bradford City

Ground - Valley Parade, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD8 7DY

Main Telephone No: 01274 773 355

Fax No: 01274 773 356

Ticket Office: 01274 770 012

Capacity: 25,136 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 113 x 70 yards

Club Nickname: The Bantams

Year Ground Opened: 1886 (Manningham RFC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: JCT 600

Kit Manufacturer: AVEC Sport

Website: www.bradfordcityfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



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History Facts & Records

Founded - 1903

Former Names – Manningham Rugby Football Club (1886 – 1903)

Years at Today's Ground – 116 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1903

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1954

Highest Attendance – 39,146 v Burnley, in the FA Cup Fourth Round 11 March 1911

Highest Score for – 11 – 1 v Rotherham United Division Three North 25/08/1928

Highest Against – 1 – 9 v Colchester United 30/01/1964

Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 David Layne in 1961/62 and made 86 appearances and 66 goals from 1960 - 62

Highest Scorer Overall – 143 by Robert McFaul (Bobby) Campbell 1979 – 86 in 300 Appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – Cyril Podd 574 from 1972 – 84 with 3 goals

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The ground has been now been completely re-built in 1985 which a fire destroyed the Main Stand and left 56 supporters dead, with a new Co-Operative Main Stand built in 1986 with a memorial plaque to those that died in May 1985. The Kop End (or now known as the Carlsberg Stand), is a relatively new two tiered stand, that is simply huge and looks quite superb. It once towered over the rest of the ground, but the addition of another tier to the Co-Operative Main Stand added during 2001 has led to it meeting its once larger neighbour. With the corner between these stands also being filled, you get a great view of the pitch from the top tier.



A memorial, erected on the club's new main stand at Valley Parade, to the 56 killed in the fire of 1985

The Midland Road (Betrescue) Stand is a covered single tiered stand, which has windshields to each side. At the remaining end is the TL Dallas stand which is a small 'Double Decker' type stand. This two tiered covered stand has the upper tier largely overhanging the lower tier, giving this 'double Decker' effect. There is also a large electric scoreboard in one corner of the ground, between the Midland Road and TL Dallas Stands.



Midland Stand

In the upper tier of the corner of the Co-operative Main Stand and Carlsberg Kop Stands is located a fans flag dedicated to the 56 fans who lost their lives in the Bradford City fire at the ground in May 1985 which is near to where the five started.

The Away Support get blocks F to H in the Midland Stand where 2,000 can be occupied. There the club shop has a nice cafe inside it with a small museum between the Main and the TL Dallas Stands.

For Away supporters the Bradford Arms at 77 Manningham Lane good food and beer and three minutes to the ground and good banter with home support. Near to Bradford Forster Square Station on North Parade is another pub to feature in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, the Sparrow Bier Bar and this bar offers up to four real ales, plus ciders and continental

lagers.



Driving to the Ground



From The South

Leave the M62 at Junction 26 and take the M606 all the way up. At the roundabout at the end of the M606 take the fifth exit onto Rooley Lane. Continue straight on at the next roundabout and then go left at the next into Wakefield Road. Go straight on at the next two roundabouts. Follow signs to City Centre A650 through several sets of lights on the dual carriageway and then continue for two miles and then take a left into Station Road leading on to Valley Parade.



From The North

Take the A65 to Skipton then take the sign for Keighley/ A629 and then follow the A650 Southbound past the Bankfield Hotel on the left into Saltire. At the roundabout take the fourth exit on to Bradford Road. Continue straight on for two and a half miles, past the Cartwright Hotel on the left, to the lights. Turn left on to Queens Road, then take the next right down Midland Road. The ground is on your right.



Main and Kop Stands where 56 seats are left empty in memory of the dead of 1985 who did not come home from a football match

Public Transport



→ 24 mins

Train to **Bradford Interchange Railway Station** come out of the station on Hammstruss Walk, then walk over the railway line then cross over the road at the pedestrian crossing and walk straight up Midland Road and within five minutes you are at the ground those wishing refreshment turn down Ashgrove Lane and down Manningham Road the Bradford Arms is on the corner.



→ 14 mins

Alternatively for the stadium you can use **Bradford Forster Square Railway Station** which is the closest to the ground, you follow the road to the roundabout then turn left walk past McDonalds and at the end of the road turn left and walk up over the bridge and at the lights cross the road and take sign for the university down Midland Road the ground is on your left.

Admission

Adults £20,
OAP's £14,
Juveniles £12

Carlisle United

Ground Address: Burnton Park Warwick Road, Carlisle, CA1 1LL

Main Telephone No: 01228 526 237

Fax No: 01228 554 141

Ticket Hotline: 0844 371 1921

Capacity: 18,202
Pitch Size: 112 x 74 yards
Team Nickname: The Cumbrians
Year Ground Opened: 1909
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Thomas Graham
Kit Manufacturer: Umbro
Website: www.carlisleunited.co.uk
Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1903 (Shaddongate United FC)
Years at Today's Ground – 109 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1928 for Durham City
First Official Floodlit Match – Feb 1952
Highest Attendance – 27,500 v Birmingham City FA Cup Third Round 05/01/1957
Highest Score for – 8-0 v Hartlepool United Division Three North 1/09/1928, v Scunthorpe United Division Three North 25/12/1952
Highest Against – 1-11 v Hull City Division Three North 14/01/1939
Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – Jimmy McConnell, 42 goals in 1928–29 with 126 goals, from 1928–1932 in 178 appearances
Player with most First Team Appearances – Alan Ross, 466 from 1963–1979

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Shaddongate United FC 1903/04

Former Grounds

Milholme Bank (1903 – 05)
Devonshire Park (1905 – 09)

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The Story Homes (East) Stand on one side of the pitch, is a covered all seated stand, and this stand was opened in 1996. The other side is an old partly covered (to the rear) Main Stand, which has seating at the back and a terraced paddock to the front. The central part of this stand was built in 1954 and the wings added at a later stage.



East Stand (Babs Arnott)

The Warwick Road End is a covered terrace that has a peculiar looking roof, which consists of three triangular sections. The other end, the Petterill End (aka The Waterworks End), is

largely a small open terrace, which oddly contains a small section of seating on one side. This end is only used for the bigger games. On one side of this end is a Security Control Box, which also has a small electric scoreboard mounted below it.

There is also a video screen situated at the back. The ground also has some strange looking floodlights that don't have the normal bank of lighting on top of the pylon, but instead have the lights mounted up the side. Outside the ground entrance is a statue of former Carlisle favourite Hughie McIlmoyle, who over three separate spells at the club, scored 91 goals in 189 appearances.

Another unusual aspect of the ground is that the central point of the East Stand is located just off the half way line. This means that one side of the stand extends past the one goal line, whilst the other side falls short of this. This was due to the fact that the Club were intending to re-build the whole ground and move the pitch a few yards further north but ran out of money and does look unusual



Main Stand

Away fans are housed on one side of the Story Homes (East) Stand (towards the Petterill End) where around 2,000 fans can be accommodated. This all seated, covered stand is located at one side of the pitch. plus the view of the playing area are good and for larger games then the Petterill End terrace can also be allocated which houses around 1,700 supporters.

For the away fans go to the Carlisle Rugby Club next to Brunton Park on the Warwick Road has a club bar and is family friendly. Also near to the ground on Warwick Road is the Beehive, which serves a good pint of Theakstons. On the way to the ground try the County Hotel at 9 Botchergate for a nice pint.



Warwick Road End

Driving to the Ground



North

Take the M74 and come off at junction 43 on the M6 take the third exit on the left onto the A69 towards Carlisle. After a mile the ground is on your right (look out for the statue of a footballer on the corner). The club car park (cost £2.50) can be found by taking the first right immediately after Brunton Park into Victoria Place and then turn first right onto St Aidans Road and if there are no space then its street parking.



South

Take the M6 to Junction 43 and take the first exit left onto the A69 and follow the above directions

Public Transport



→ 21 mins

Train to **Carlisle Railway Station** the take the path outside the main entrance up Court Square Brow to the right up to the County Hotel on Botchergate in front of you then and then walk straight on into the Crescent take a right and then first right into Warwick Road from there walk straight up to the ground it around a 21 minute walk.

Admission Prices

Pioneer Stand: Adults £19, Over 65's £16, Under 22's £13, Under 18's £10, Under 11's £7, Under 7's Free

Petterill End Terrace: Adults £16, Over 65's £13, Under 22's £10, Under 18's £7, Under 11's £4, Under 7's Free

Colchester United

Ground - Weston Homes Community Stadium United Way, Colchester, CO4 5UP

Main Telephone No: 01206 755 100

Fax No: 01206 715 327

Ticket Office: 0845 437 9089

Capacity: 10,105 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards

Club Nickname: The U's

Year Ground Opened: 2008

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Teko and Jobserve

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.cu-fc.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1937

Years at Today's Ground – 10 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1950

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1959 Layer Road

Highest Attendance – 19,042 v. Reading, FA Cup First Round 27/11/1948 @ Layer Road

Highest Score for – 9–1 v Bradford City Division Four 30/12/1961 & v Leamington, FA Cup First Round 05/11/2005

Highest Against – 0–8 v Leyton Orient, 1988

Highest Scorer in a Season – Bobby Hunt, 37 (1961/62)

Highest Scorer Overall – Martin King, 131 from 1959–1965

Player with most First Team Appearances – Michael (Micky) Cook, 700 from 1969–1984

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Former Grounds

Layer Road (1937 – 2008)

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In 2008 the U's left their Layer Road ground, which had been their home for 71 years, and moved to a new stadium on the edge of town. The new Weston Homes Community Stadium as it has been named in a corporate sponsorship deal and the cost was largely met by Colchester Borough Council, who owns the stadium, with the football club as tenants.

The ground is comprised of four separate stands. The Main (West) Stand on one side of the pitch is a little taller than the other three stands, which are the same height. All the stands are covered single tiered, all seated stands. Away fans are normally housed at the North end of the stadium in the ACJ Stand, where up to 2,000 supporters can be accommodated. For Clubs with a small travelling support then part of the JobServe Stand (towards the North End) is allocated instead.



JobServe Stand

The Main Stand has a row of executive boxes/corporate hospitality areas running across the top of it, whilst the others are simply seating areas. The Weston Homes Stand though, at the South end of the stadium, does have a Police Control Box incorporated into it, on one side beneath the roof.

The stands are particularly steep, meaning that fans are kept close to the pitch and resulting in good view of the game and with a varied range of food is available on the concourses, including Cheeseburgers (£3.40), Hot Dogs (£3.30), Cornish Pasties (£3.10), Chicken Balti Pies (£2.90), Steak & Ale Pies (£2.90), Cheese & Onion Pasties (£2.90) and Sausage Rolls (£2.90). The best pies in the town and good food is on Lions Walk in the Lions Walk Shopping Centre at Danny's Bakery which is 200 yards away from Colchester Town Railway Station or Asda for their hots snacks cheaper than at the ground from Colchester Railway Station.

The Norfolk Arms 132 – 134 North Station Road which is less than five minutes' walk away from the station car park is the best pub for neutrals and away fans a warm and friendly welcome as well as an excellent service, home cooked, quality food.



Driving Directions



North

Take the A1 to just before Alconbury then take the A14/M11 sign for Huntingdon & Cambridge then leave the A14 and then join the M11. Come off the M11 at Junction 8 (Stansted Airport/ A120) at the roundabout take the first exit and follow the A120 towards Braintree & Colchester. Then at the next roundabout take the third exit onto the A120 then joins the A12 at Marks Tay and after passing the stadium on your right, leave the A12 at Junction 28. Turn left at the first roundabout, the turn right into United Way from the second roundabout.



North Stand Tim Dove



South:

Leave the A12 at Junction 28. Turn right at the first roundabout. Go across the bridge and then go straight over the second roundabout, before turning right into United Way from the third roundabout.

If using sat nav then please use CO4 5JS the post for the ground sends you in a different area of the town, there 700 car parking spaces at the stadium which cost £6. These can be pre-booked online, with the parking permits sent out to you by post for no extra cost. In the event that the car park is full, then the club direct fans to an overspill car park located on the nearby industrial estate (about a 10-15 minute walk away from the stadium) which costs £5. There is also an extensive resident's only parking scheme in operation around the stadium.

Public Transport



→ 30 mins

Train to **Colchester Railway Station** where you can walk over to Bruff Close where there is a free shuttle bus service that will take you to the ground. Walking it to the ground from Colchester North is to cross the road and turn right and walk it up to the roundabout and take the second left into Mile End Road at the road name changes to Nayland Road and at the Dog & Pheasant Pub walk straight on and then at the roundabout walk straight on into Boxted Road after 400 yards turn right in United Way and you will see the ground



A shuttle bus operates from Bruff Close, which is close to **Colchester Railway Station** (at the end of the station approach turn left and take the second exit at the roundabout, the

buses park behind the "Big Yellow" storage facility that you can see from the station).

The buses start to run from 1pm, with the last bus returning from the stadium at 6pm for 3pm kick offs. For 7.45pm kick offs, the service commences at 6pm with the last bus returning from the stadium at 10.15pm. The cost of the bus is £2 return, but it is free for OAP's with blue card.

Admission

Adults £24,
Concessions £18,
Under 18's £13,
Under 14's £6,
Under 8's £2

Crawley Town

Ground – Broadfield Stadium, Brighton Rd, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 9RX

Main Telephone No: 01293 410 000

Fax No: 01293 410 002

Capacity: 6,000 (3,295 Seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 72 yards

Year Ground Opened: 1997

Team Nickname: The Red Devils

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Peoples Pension

Kit Manufacturer: Erra

Website: www.crawleytownfc.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1890

Years at Today's Ground – 19 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2010

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1974 Town Mead
Highest Attendance – 5,808 v Reading FA Cup Third Round 05/01/2013
Highest Score for – 18 – 1 Andover Athletic Sussex Cup Round Three 1/1/1898
Highest Against – 1-16 v Hastings Rock (Hastings United) Sussex Cup Round Three 1/1/1902
Highest Scorer in a Season – 32 Terry Robbins 1984/85
Highest Scorer Overall – 89 Terry Robbins 1984 - 86
Player with most First Team Appearances – 448 Clifford Gant 1920 – 36

Former Grounds

Jordans Field (1896/97)
Malthouse Farm (1897 – 1898)
Malthouse Meadow (1898 – 1949)
Town Mead (1948 – 1997)

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This Red Devils moved from Town Mead where they had played since 1948 to the new Broadfield Stadium which was opened in 1997. The stadium is dominated by the good sized West Stand on one side and runs for about two thirds the length of the pitch. It is raised above pitch level meaning that fans have to climb a small flight of stairs at the front to enter the seated area. The stand also has windshields to either side, plus three unusual looking floodlight pylons on its roof with a capacity of 1,150 seats.



The Main Stand and North Stand

Opposite is the new East Stand which was opened in April 2012. This semi-permanent all seated stand, accommodates 2,145 spectators in 12 rows of seating. The stand does though have a fair few supporting pillars running across the front of it that could impede your view. A pair of new floodlight pylons has also been erected to either side of the stand adding the lighting pylons on the West Stand.



The East Stand

The North & South ends are virtually identical; with Away fans are accommodated up to 1,750 in the North End. Both the North & South covered terraces that extend around both corners of the ground towards the West Stand, enclosing the stadium at those points. The stadium perimeter is surrounded on two sides by a number of trees and the club have raised the capacity to 6,134.

A range of Pies comes from the local supplier 'The Real Pie Company'. Priced at £3, they include a Chicken Balti Pie, Steak & Guinness Pie and a 'Monthly special' pie. There also offer Meat Pasties (£3), plus Cheese and Onion Pasties (£3). Additionally, you can buy 1/2 lb Double Burgers (£5.50 or with cheese £6), 1/4 lb Burgers (£4 or with cheese £4.50) and

Jumbo Hot Dogs (£4). Although its best to go to BB Bakeries in the County Hall Mall there range of food and you get a good cup of tea or coffee.

For Away Fans the Half Moon pub on Brighton Road (A2219), this is about a five minute walk away you pass it on the way to the ground if walking. Another on the way down is The Downsman, which is on Wakehurst Drive, just off Southgate Avenue' If you are looking for a warm, friendly atmosphere, good fantastic food, then the Downsman is a perfect place for you to visit.

Driving Directions



From the M25 At junction 7, take the M23 (South) exit to Brighton/ Gatwick Airport. At the end of the M23 (before it becomes the A23) leave the motorway at the last exit, Junction 11 (Signposted A264 Horsham, Pease Pottage Services). At the roundabout at the end of the motorway slip road take the fourth exit onto the Brighton Road/ A23 going towards Crawley. The ground is down on the left just before the next roundabout. It is a little obscured by trees, so look for the large red and white football on the roundabout itself and you will see the stadium entrance. Turn left at the roundabout and then left again for the stadium car park, which costs £2. And there is an overflow car park in the offices at Broadfield Park, accessible from the A23 as you come down the hill from the motorway or otherwise street parking.

Public Transport & Walking



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→ 3 mins

Train to **Crawley Railway Station** and is just over a mile away from the stadium. The bus station is across the road, you can take a **Fastway bus number 10** to the ground with a three minute walk through the car park.



→ 27 mins

If you are walking to the ground then as you come out of the station entrance turn left, cross the level crossing and walk down to the T-junction and at the junction turn left into Brighton Road, keep walking straight down Brighton Road for just under a mile keep to the right side as you are walking down there is no footpath for part of the way. (Reflective Clothing is needed). At the end turn right, use the underpass to cross the A23 to the ground.

Admission

Adults £17,
Over 65's/ Under 21's £13,
Under 18's £7,
Under 7's Free

Crewe Alexandra

Ground - Gresty Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 6EB
Main Telephone No: 01270 213 014
Ticket Office: 01270 252 610
Fax No: 01270 216 320
Capacity: 10,066 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 100 x 66 yards
Team Nickname: The Railwaymen
Year Ground Opened: 1906
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Moonflake
Kit Manufacturer: FBT
Website: www.crewealex.net
Programme: £3.00



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History Facts & Records

Founded – 1877

Years at Today's Ground – 114 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 Founder Member Division Two
(Founder Member Division Three 1920/21 Founder member of Division Three North 1921/22)

First Official Floodlit Match – 1960 Old Gresty Road

Highest Attendance – 20,000 v Tottenham Hotspur Fourth Round FA Cup 28/01/1960

Highest Score for – 2–13 v Tottenham Hotspur FA Cup 4th Rd Replay 3 February 1960

Highest Against – 8–0 v Rotherham United (Division 3 North, 1 October 1932), Hartlepool United Auto Windscreens Shield First Round, 17 October 1995 & Doncaster Rovers LDV Vans Trophy Third Round, 10 November 2002

Highest Scorer in a Season – 35 Terry Hanskin in 1964/65

Highest Scorer Overall – 137 Herbert Swindells from 1927 – 37

Player with most First Team Appearances – 482 Tommy Lowry from 1965 – 77

Former Names

Crewe FC 1877 - 1892

Former Grounds

Earl Street Cricket Ground 1877/78

Alexandria Recreation Ground (1878 – 1896)

Natwich Road 1896/97

Edieston Road 1896/97

Old Sheds Field 1896/97

Sandbach 1896/97

Old Gresty Road (1897 – 1906)

Ground Guide

The opening of the £6m pound Main Stand in 1999 changed forever the look of the ground. The stand which backs on to the side of Gresty Road is a single tier cantilever holding just under 7,000 people. It is huge compared to the other stands and is probably three times the size of the old Main Stand. The Stand sits well back from the pitch and has windshields to either side.



The other three stands are roughly of the same height, covered and all seated, but are rather

small when compared to the Main Stand. The newest of these smaller stands is the Gresty Road End, which is the home end of the ground. This replaced a former open terrace and seats around 900.

Opposite is the Wulvern Homes Stand, which was previously known as the Railway End. This has some executive boxes at the rear, but the seating area is only opened for the bigger games.

The Whitby Morrison Ice Cream Van Stand at one side of the ground is where the away fans congregate up to 1,800 and has an unusual television/press gantry on its roof. It almost looks as if a portakabin was at some point bolted onto the roof and it looks a bit precarious.



In the corner between the Wulvern Homes and Whitby Morrison Ice Cream Van Stands is a large clock. For away fans Royal Hotel on Nantwich Road Turn left out of the railway station & the pub is 50 yards down this road on the right hand side 5 Bars - ideal to unwind in after a long day of travelling. For those who like their real ale then further down Nantwich Road on the left hand side just past the traffic lights is the British Lion (the Pig) is at 58 Nantwich Road 300 yards from the station with friendly staff.



Driving Directions



North

Exit the M6 at junction 17, and take the A534 signposted Sandbach and Crewe. When approaching the town, when you pass the Crewe and Alsager College on the right, and then continue for 0.25m past this until the next roundabout at which take the second exit onto the A534 Nantwich Road (Signposted to the station). Take the first left after the station into Gresty Road and the ground is on the left.



South

Leave the M6 at Junction 16 and take the A5020 towards Crewe. Follow this road right into Crewe. At the roundabout junction with the A534, Nantwich Road, turn left. Gresty Road is down past the Railway Station on the left. Just before you reach the roundabout on Weston Road, there is a signpost for 'Away Supporters on Street Parking'. This directs you to an industrial estate on the right of the road. It takes about 15 minutes to walk to the ground from here. Otherwise at the ground behind the Main Stand is a pay and display car park which costs £3.50 for the day or park opposite the Corner Bar on Henley Street



Public Transport



→ 5 mins

The ground is only a few minutes' walk from Crewe Railway Station. As you come out of the railway Station on to Nantwich Road, then turn left and walk over the bridge and take the first left just past the corner bar on your right into Gresty Road and the ground is about 200 yards down the road on your left.

Admission

Adults £20,
O.A.P.'s £16.50,
Under 16's £9.50,
Under 11's £5.50

Doncaster Rovers

Ground – Keepmoat Stadium, Stadium Way, Lakeside, Doncaster, DN4 5JW

Main Telephone No: 01302 764 664

Fax No: 01302 363 525

Ticket Office: 01302 762 576

Capacity: 15,231 (All seated)

Pitch Size: 109 x 76 yards

Club Nickname: Rovers

Year Ground Opened: 2006

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: LNER

Kit Manufacturer: FBT

Website: www.doncasterroversfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded- 1879

First Admitted to the Football League – 1901 for New Brighton from the Midland League

First Official Floodlit Match – February 1953 Bell Vue

Highest Attendance – 37, 119 v Hull City, Division 3 (North), 2/10/1948 Low Pastures Bell Vue

Highest Score for – 10 – 0 v Darlington Division Four 25/01/1964

Highest Against – 0 – 12 v Small Heath (Birmingham City) Division Two 11/04/1903

Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Clarence (Clarrie) Jordan in 1946/47

Highest Scorer Overall – Thomas Keetley, 186 from 1923 to 1929

Player with most First Team Appearances – Sydney Bycroft, 501 from 1936 – 51

Colours



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Away



Alternative

Former Grounds

Intake Ground (1879 – 1916),
Bennetthorpe (1919 – 22),
Low Pastures Bell Vue (1922 – 2006)

Ground Guide

After 83 years of playing football at their old Belle Vue ground, the Club moved to the Keepmoat stadium, which was opened on January 2007. The Keepmoat stadium is also home to Doncaster Lakers Rugby League team as well as the famous ladies football team Doncaster Belles. The stadium has a capacity of 15,231 and cost an approximate £20 million to build

The stadium is situated next to a lake and looks smart the stadium is completely enclosed and all the covered stands are of the same height. On one side is the West Stand, which is the Main Stand, containing the teams' dressing rooms and having the player's tunnel and team dugouts at its front. The primary television gantry is also housed on this side, along with press facilities.



East Stand

Opposite is the East Stand (Doncaster Success Stand) which contains a row of executive boxes, outside where people can sit and these run across the back of the stand and where around 3,500 fans can be accommodated in the North End of the ground being allocated.

Unusually the stadium has large access points in three corners of the ground, which can be used if, need be, by emergency services. There are two small electric scoreboards situated in the North East & South West corners of the stadium.

Driving Directions



North

Follow the A638 towards Doncaster town centre, past the Doncaster Railway Station (Trafford Way). Go straight over the next two roundabouts and turn left at the third onto the A18, Carr House Road. Follow this road for two miles, and then turn right at the large roundabout onto the A638 Bawtry Road. The ground is on your right.



South Stand



South

Exit the M18 at junction 3, and follow the A6182 towards Doncaster for approx. 3 miles. At the roundabout with the A18, turn right into Carr House Road. Then follow the above directions.

Public Transport



→ 28mins

Take either Cross Country or East Coast Virgin Rail trains to **Doncaster Railway Station** and then come out of the station on to Trafford Road and keep on the same road through three roundabouts cross over the road and take a left into Middle Back and follow the road round it soon change to Stadium Way and is a good 28 minute walk.



Main Stand



56



→ 8mins

From Doncaster Interchange bus station, which is adjacent the train station and which is under the Frenchgate Shopping Centre. This is **First Bus 56** and runs every 10 minutes direct to the Stadium and it leaves from Stand A3. This drops you off at Middle Back then it's a straight 8 minute walk to the ground

Admission

Adults £27,
Concessions £20,
Under 16's £15,
Under 11's £10
Concessions apply to Over 60's & Under 20's.

Where to have a Drink

For the Lakeside Pub don't take the left into Middle Back walk straight on down to Next roundabout on White Rose Way and take a left the Lakeside is on the left just past McDonalds there is good food from £8 to £15 and nice selections of wines and beers to satisfy all tastes and is only three minutes to the ground which is first left from the pub.

Gillingham

Ground - Priestfield Stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 4DD

Main Telephone No: 01634 300 000

Fax No: 01634 850 986

Ticket Office: 01634 300 000 (choose option 3)

Capacity: 11,582 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 114 x 75 yards

Team Nickname: The Gills
Ground Opened: 1893
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Medway Council & Ticket One
Kit Manufacturer: Macron
Website: www.gillinghamfootballclub.com
Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1893
Former Names – New Brompton FC
Years at Today's Ground – 123 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder member of Division Three (Founder Member Division Three South 1921/22 & Division Four 1958/59)
First Official Floodlit Match – August 1963
Highest Attendance – 23,002 v Queens Park Rangers, FA Cup Third Round 10/01/1948
Highest Score for – 12-1 v Gloucester City Southern League 9/11/1946
Highest Against – 0-8 against Luton Town in Division Three South, 13 April 1929
Highest Scorer in a Season – 42 Hugh Russell in 1946/47
Highest Scorer Overall – 149 Brian Yea from 1963 - 75
Player with most First Team Appearances – 655 Ron Hillard from 1974 – 91



Colours



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Alternative

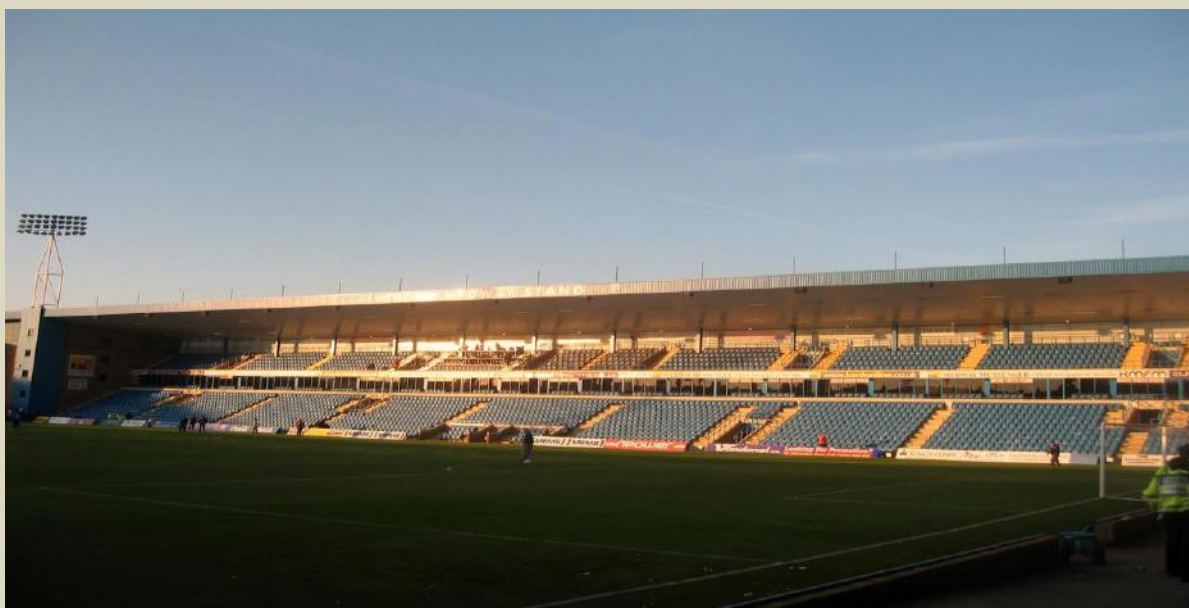
Ground Guide

The Stadium has been virtually re-built since 1995. On one side of the ground is the Medway Stand which was opened in 2000, it is two-tiered, with a large lower tier and a small upper tier. In-between these tiers are a row of executive boxes, which also have seating outside.

Opposite is the Gordon Road Stand which was the first end to be redeveloped in 1997, this is a much smaller single tiered stand, which is partly covered (to the rear). It contains a number of supporting pillars running across the back of it, plus it also has an unusual TV gantry perched on its roof.



The Rainham End was opened in 1999. It is a single tier cantilevered stand, which replaced a former terrace. Opposite is the Brian Moore Stand is in fact a temporary seated stand that has been situated on top of an existing terrace (considering that it has been there since 2003) the stand can be easily dismantled and re-assembled and where up to 2,000 away fans are housed and the club are generous the even give you rainwear if it raining but the tight alleys getting to the end are un nerving at night..



This is the only open area at the stadium and is named in memory of the legendary TV Sports commentator and lifelong Gills fan, Brian Moore.



Driving Directions



The ground is located on the east side of Gillingham, so continue on the M2 and exit at junction 4. At the roundabout follow the signs to Gillingham A278, and then continue along the A278, straight over the next two roundabouts, (following signs for town centre). At the third roundabout take the first exit (Signposted Gillingham/Chatham A2). Continue along this road for half a mile, passing 'The Gillingham Business Park' & the 'Right Honourable Pilot' pub.



BGE

Continue straight over the next roundabout and then turn right at the traffic lights into Woodlands Road. Continue along Woodlands Road, straight over the mini roundabout to the traffic lights. Turn left at these lights into Canadian Road, and then first right into Toronto Road. Continue along Toronto Road, and then turn left into Gordon Road (**Note: this is one way**). The away end is at the far end of the ground, so I suggest that you continue to the far end of Gordon Road, and find a car park.

Public Transport



Take Southern trains to **Gillingham Railway Station**, the ground is about a ten minute walk away from the station, turn left out of the station main entrance and follow Balmoral Road until you come to a crossroads, go straight on into Priestfield Road to the ground.

Where to have a Drink

For a quick pint turn down Gillingham Road to the corner of Barnsole Road the Livingstone Arms is friendly and good for neutral and away supporters its only 7 minutes from the ground. This is a very good football pub; footy memorabilia adorns the walls (and ceiling), numerous screens show games on Sky and the bar staff are supremely organised and work well as a team to serve the thirsty hoards that frequent the bar up to kick-off but the plastic pint glasses well I can see their point.

Across the road from the train station is the main high-street of Gillingham, and there are a few pubs less than five minutes away such as the Southern Belle, and the Britannia – both of which are quite small and get crowded on match days with a mixture of fans.

Admission

Brian Moore Stand:

Adults £17,
Over 65's £15,
Under 18's £10,
Under 12's £5

Grimsby Town

Ground – Blundell Park, Imperial Avenue, Cleethorpes, DN35 7PY

Main Telephone No: 01472 605 050

Fax No: 01472 693 665

Capacity: 9,546 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Mariners

Year Ground Opened: 1899

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Young's

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: www.grimbsby-townfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1878 (Grimsby Pelham)

Years at Today's Ground – 117 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892, Founder Member of Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – March 1953

Highest Attendance – 31,651 v Wolverhampton Wanderers on 20 February 1937

Highest Score for – 8–0 v. Tranmere 4/9/1925, 8-0 v Darlington 21/11/1925

Highest Against – 1-9 v Arsenal Division One 28/01/1931

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 42 Ernest Mathew (Pat) Glover Division Two 1933/34 and 180 goals 1930-39

Player with most First Team Appearances – 647 John McDermott 1987 – 2007

Colours



Home Kit



Away



Alternative

Former Names

Grimbsy Pelham 1878/79

Former Grounds

Clee Park 1878- 1889

Abbey Park 1889 – 99

Ground Guide

At one side of the ground is the Findus Stand, which is a two tiered, this stand only runs half the length of the pitch, straddling the half way line. The lower half been the original paddock standing area and has seven rows of seating



Findus Stand

Opposite is the old Main Stand, which is small covered all seated stand and has a large number of supporting pillars running across the front of it like most grounds was originally a standing area and built around 1901 and covered in the 1960's with the home fans are located in the Pontoon Stand where up to 2,000 fans can be accommodated, away fans have part of the Osmond Stand where 600 supporters but the whole stand can be given to a large away support for up to 2,200. The Club can increase the capacity of the ground by 500 by installing temporary seating in the three open corners of the ground.



Pontoon Stand

In the right-hand corner of the away end there is a small bar (Scottie's Bar) which was really friendly and run by the supporters trust with food on offer inside the ground includes a range of Pukka Pies; Steak, Chicken Balti and Cheese and Onion (all £3.30), Pukka Pasties (£3.30), Cheeseburgers (£4.20), Burgers (£4) and Jumbo Hot Dogs (£3.80). If you are coming to the ground from New Clee Railway station then get all your foods at Dawns Deli at 3 Grimsby Road but if you get off at Cleethorpes then walk down Prince Road and turn right walk a short way up Grimsby Road to Naughty but Nice with good food and sandwiches freshly made there and cheaper than in the ground.

In the old days the away fans had a number of bars with The Leaking Boot Pub being the main one after Scotties by sadly the leaking Boot on the Kingsway was destroyed by fire and now the Blundell Park Hotel 140 Grimsby Road, which serves some good food at reasonable prices as well as good selection of beers, wines, spirits and cider.

The Rutland Arms in Rutland Street is also recommended for both home and away fans to mingle and also allows in children, however it is about half a mile before Blundell Park, turn left at Ramsdens superstore and left again, and you'll see the pub at the opposite end of their car park.



Main Stand & Osmond Street

If coming of the train the first stop if getting off at Cleethorpes is to head for the 'Number 2 Refreshment Room' which is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and is on the station approach.

Driving to the Ground

First thing to remember is that the ground is not in Grimsby, but in the town of Cleethorpes.



North West/East

From the North West take the M6 to Junction to junction 30 onto the M61 toward Manchester/ Bolton/ Leeds/ Blackburn/ M62/ M65 then keep on the left follow signs for M60/M66/M62/Ring Road N/Ring Road E/Bury/Leeds and merge onto M62 From the East take the A1 (M1) then take the exit for M62 Hull. At junction 35, exit onto M18 toward Scunthorpe/M180/Airport over the next 21 mile you will go straight on at the three roundabouts on the A180 along the Westgate after the third one it becomes Cleethorpes Road, as you drive along the A180 towards the ground, then at the sign for the ground take a left up Tiverton Road and try any of the side streets find a parking spot.



South

Take the A1 to Newark on Trent/Sleaford/Lincoln then take the A46 Newark at the roundabout take the first exit and continue on the A46 through 7 roundabouts at the next turn left and follow the sign for Hull/ RAF Scampton A15(M10).

Then go through two roundabouts and at the next take the third exit sliproad M180 Immingham Airport/Grimsby over the next 21 mile you will go straight on at the three roundabouts on the A180 along the Westgate after the third one it becomes Cleethorpes Road, as you drive along the A180 towards the ground, then at the sign for the ground take a left up Tiverton Road and try any of the side streets find a parking spot.

Public Transport



→ 4 mins

There are two Railway stations for this ground **New Clee Railway Station** and **Cleethorpes Railway Station**. From New Clee Railway Station if you come out of this it's a left turn down Harrington Street and the ground is on the left.



→ 8 mins

If you wish a lovely walk then get off at **Cleethorpes Railway Station** and walk down to the Promenade and walk along it and then a path till you come to a footbridge over the railway walk over this and it will take you into Harrington Street the ground is about 100 yards on the left.

Admission

Osmond Stand: Adults: £16,
Concessions £10,
Under 15's £4

Harrogate Town

Ground - CNG Stadium Wetherby Road Harrogate North Yorkshire HG2 7SA

Telephone: 01423 880675

Capacity: 3,800 (Seated 500)

Team Nickname: Town

Year Ground Opened: 1920
Shirt Sponsors: Stroto
Kit Manufacturer: kappa
First Kit: Yellow Shirt with Back Shorts and black socks
Away Kit: Sky blue shirts blue shorts blue socks
Website: www.harrogatetownafc.com
Programme: £2

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1914
Years at Today's Ground – 106 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 2020
First Official Floodlit Match – 1990
Highest Attendance – 3,080
Highest Score for – 18–0 v. Harrogate Hillside 4/9/1925, Yorkshire FA Cup Round 1
Highest Against – 1-9 v Millfield 28/10/1931 Yorkshire FA Cup Round 1
Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall –
Player with most First Team Appearances –



Harrogate FC

Former Names

Harrogate AFC 1914 – 1935
Harrogate Hotspur 1935 - 1939

Colours



Home Kit



Away

Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground has a capacity of 4,000 with the ground which is surrounded by a lot of greenery with seating for 500 in the main stand. On one side of this stand is an even smaller seated stand, which is used to house Directors and Sponsors, whilst the other side has a flat standing area. Opposite is the Wetherby Road Terrace that had a new roof built onto it in 2015. It is free of supporting pillars, although it does have the bases of two floodlight pylons protruding through it. At the Hospital End of the ground, a new covered terrace was opened in 2014 and has a good club shop.



Main Stand

In April 2019 a new terrace which is around 15 rows high and although pre-fabricated and is beside the main stand with one of the ground floodlights in the middle of it



New standing area

Driving Directions

North

Take the A1 to Junction 47 then take the A61 to Harrogate, turn right on to A658 and at roundabout take A661, go through second set of lights (Woodlands pub) ground approx. Go straight on the ground is 500 meters on the right.



Hospital End

South

From A1 Wetherby leave at Junction 45 Wetherby on to A661 to Harrogate. Stay on this road and when reaching Harrogate at Woodland pub lights, go straight on the ground is 500 meters on the right.



Wetherby and Clubhouse Ends

Public Transport & Walking



Trains to **Starbeck Railway Station** then exit the station and turn right. Walk up the hill towards Harrogate and then at Lancaster Park Road turn left and goes past the hospital. At the end of Lancaster Park Road turn left on to Wetherby Road and the ground is on the left.



Alternatively, take the train to **Harrogate Railway Station** buses are available from **Harrogate Railway Station**. The bus station is to the right next door when exiting through the train station ticket hall. Buses on the **Transderv 7 X70bus** depart from stand 9 at the bus station and go past the Wetherby Road ground

Admission

Adults £12

Over 65's/Students £7

Under 16's £5

Where to Drink

The 1919 Social Bar is a pleasant informative club which allows away and neutrals and they serve a large range of beers and spirits. The nearest pub is the Woodlands, which is a short distance back down the Wetherby Road, heading away from town. About a ten minute walk in the opposite direction along the Wetherby Road coming from the town centre and just set back from the roundabout is the Empress which also offers food.

If arriving by train then just off Platform 1 of **Harrogate Railway Station** then there is the Harrogate Tap that has up to 11 ales on offer and also the Winter Gardens on Royal Baths Road, which is a Wetherspoons outlet.

Hartlepool United

Ground - Victoria Park, Clarence Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8BZ

Main Telephone No: 01429 272 584

Fax No: 01429 863 007

Capacity: 7,787 (Seats 4,180)

Pitch Size: 113 x 77 yards

Team Nickname: The Pool

Year Ground Opened: 1886 (Hartlepool RFC)

Shirt Sponsors: The Prestige

Kit Manufacturer: O Niels

First Kit: Blue & White Shirt with Blue Shorts and blue and white socks

Away Kit: Yellow shirts Yellow shorts Yellow socks

Website: www.hartlepoolunited.co.uk

Programme: £3



Colours



Home



Away

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1908

Former Names – Hartlepool United, Hartlepool FC

Years at Today's Ground – 106 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1921 Founder Member of Division Three South and **Founder Members of Division Four** 1958

First Official Floodlit Match – May 1965

Highest Attendance – 17,246 v Manchester United FA Cup Third round 05/01/1957

Highest Score for – 10-1 v Barrow Division Four on 4/04/1959

Highest Against – 1-10 v Wrexham Division Four on 3/03/1962

Highest Scorer in a Season – 35 goals Joe Allon in 1991/92

Highest Scorer Overall – 149 Bill Robinson 1919 - 1930

Player with most First Team Appearances – 544 Richie Humphreys 2001 – 2013

Ground Guide

The four sides of the ground are known as the Town End Terrace (1,775), the Niramax Stand (1,617 seated and 1,832 terraced standing), the Cyril Knowles Stand (1,599) and the Rink End (1,033).

The Cyril Knowles Stand named in honour of one of their best managers is a modern all seater stand that is located on the east of the ground. The Rink End is also an all-seater stand containing 1,033 seats however this is the only stand containing some areas with an obscured view of the pitch, due to a number of supporting pillars. The Rink End is located at the north end of the ground and houses only away fans.



The Town End Terrace is a standing area behind the south goal; it is usually the most vocal area of the ground. The Niramax Stand (formerly the Millhouse Stand) is an all seating stand with a terraced paddock and it is located at the west side of the ground.



Driving Directions



From South

Exit A1 at junction 49 and follow the A19 towards Teesside. Exit the A19, onto the A689 dual carriageway, following the signs for Hartlepool. Continue over the next four roundabouts, following the signs for Town Centre. Go straight over the traffic lights by the Middleton Grange Shopping Centre (Signposted the North, Sunderland, Durham A179, A19). Continue past the Hartlepool Mail (on your left), and then take the left hand lane into Clarence Road. The ground is about 200 yards along, on the left hand side.



From North

Take the A1 to Seaton Burn and at the roundabout take the first exit following the signs for

the A19 and follow it through Newcastle. Exit A19 at the junction with the A179 (Hartlepool), and turn left at the junction follow the A179 towards Hartlepool. Continue straight on at a number of roundabouts, and then turn right into Easington Road at the third. Continue on the A179 (Town Centre), going straight over the next three roundabouts. Turn right into the new docks development, at the next (4th) roundabout just after the railway bridge. As Clarence Road is one-way, it's best to head for the Jackson's Wharf car park. Therefore, go straight over the next roundabout, and you can't miss the car park and walk 5 minutes to the ground.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 10 minutes

Train to **Hartlepool Railway Station** which is a ten minute walk to the ground. Leave the station up at the approach road, and then turn right and head up Church Street towards the church. At the end of this road at the junction, go straight across walk down Clarence Road and the ground is in front of you on the left hand side of the road.

Admission

Adults £15

Over 60's/Students £10

Under 16's £7

Where to have a Drink

The Jacksons Wharf is where the former Wanderers & Groundhoppers club members used to meet for the game next door to the Hartlepool Maritime Experience, (formerly known as Hartlepool Historic Quay) across from Asda. This friendly team at the Jackson's Wharf offer a warm and relaxing environment. They offer great pub food being served every day and full table service. Real ales are always on offer, with one of our most popular, Hobgoblin. The Jackson's Wharf offers traditional English 'Two for One' menu, along with excellent special's board for those who cannot make it back home the same day.

For something different, and for those travelling in via train there is the Rat Race Ale House micro pub on the railway station platform which exclusively and serves "Real Ale" or there is The Engineers Social Club opposite the police station on route to the stadium is a much more traditional establishment.

Leyton Orient

Ground - Brisbane Road, Leyton, London, E10 5NF

Main Telephone No: 0871 310 1881

Fax No: 0871 310 1882

Ticket Office: 0871 310 1883

Capacity: 9,271 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The O's

Year Ground Opened: 1919 (Leyton AFC)

Pitch Size: 115 x 80 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Dream Team

Kit Manufacturer: Erra

Website: www.leytonorient.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1884

Former Names – Glyn Cricket Club, Eagle Cricket Club, Orient FC, Clapton Orient, Leyton Orient, Orient FC

Years at Today's Ground – 77 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1905

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1960

Highest Attendance – 38,219 v Tottenham Hotspur Division 2 16 March 1929

Highest Score for – 8–0 v Crystal Palace Division 3 South 12 November 1955, 8–0 v Rochdale Division 4 14 October 1987, 8–0 v Colchester United Division 4 15 October 1988, 8–0 v Doncaster Rovers Division 3 28 December 1997

Highest Against – 0–8 v Aston Villa FA Cup 4th Round 30 January 1929

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 43 goals in 1957/58 and 121 goals for Tommy Johnston 1956–58, 1959–61 in 200 appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – 490 Peter Allan from 1965 – 78 and 29 goals

Colours



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Former Grounds

Glyns Road (1884 – 1896)
Whittlets Athletic Ground (1892 – 1896)
New Whittlets Ground (Pond Lane) (1896- 1900)
Millfields Road (Homerton) (1900 – 30)
Lea Bridge Stadium (1930 – 37)

Ground Guide

The ground has seen a lot of re-development in recent years, with the construction of three new stands since the 1990's. Finance for this has chiefly come from the proceeds of selling part of the Brisbane Road site to a property developer. In this ground breaking development, the corners of the ground have been filled with blocks of residential apartments, which certainly gives the stadium a unique look instead of seating.

The old Main (East) Stand, which was originally opened in 1956, has been reduced in length, with the stand partly covered is now all seated after having seating installed on the former paddock front terrace. The only downside is it has several supporting pillars and the roof doesn't quite cover all of the front seating. It does though still have a gable on its roof which has 'Leyton Orient'.

Opposite is the new West Stand which was opened for the 2005/06 season. This all seated stand which has a capacity of 2,872, has an unusual look about it, as above the seating area is a tall vertical structure that houses the Club offices. In fact to be honest it looks more like an office block that has some seats installed on a large viewing gallery, rather than a football stand. It also has some corporate hospitality areas, as the outside seating area of this overhang the lower tier. At the very top of the stand is a large viewing gallery for television cameras and press and the roof of the stand contains a lot of Perspex panels to allow more light to reach the pitch which is common these days.



Tommy Johnston (South Stand)

at one end is the single tiered, Tommy Johnston (South) Stand (capacity 1,336 seats), that was opened in 1999. This stand replaced a former open terrace and is named after the club's leading all time goal scorer who achieved that in 1958 with 35 goals.



The East Stand

At the North End is the ground is the most recent addition to the stadium. The North Stand was opened at the beginning of the 2007/08 season and replaced a former open terrace. This simple looking covered all seated stand, has space for 1,351 spectators and is near identical to the Tommy Johnston Stand.



The west Stand (nickname the office Block)

The away fans are housed in the south East corner of the main Stand up to 1,500 are accommodated. Although there is a fair sized concourse located beneath the stand which has just been updated although they could widen the turnstiles which are from the 1900's and from the original main stand at the Whittlets Athletic Ground with the food on offer inside the ground includes a range of Pukka Pies; Steak, Chicken Balti and Cheese and Onion (all £3.30), Pukka Pasties (£3.30), Cheeseburgers (£4.20), Burgers (£4) and Jumbo Hot Dogs (£3.80).



North End

If you are coming to the ground from Leyton Railway Station then go into Percy's Bakery for sandwiches and pies and Birkbeck Tavern in Langthorne Road, behind the tube station' It is a decent size pub and ideal for games, i.e. not posh, serves beer and normally has a good atmosphere you turn left and then go left down the stairs at the gap in the railings then at the bottom of the stairs then turn left and follow this road to the end, then turn right and then take the next left into Langthorne Road with the pub is further down on the left as the Coach and Horses has now been put out of bounds for away fans but not neutrals without scarfs which is at 391 Brisbane Road 3 minutes from the ground

Driving Directions



Exit the M25 at the junction 27 with the M11, and follow the M11 towards London. At junction 4, take the A406 (West) and then exit on the right to the North Circular/ A503/ A10/ A1 the road becomes the A406 North Circular Road. Keep in the left-hand lane, and take the first exit off the A406, for the A104 towards Leytonstone/ Woodford/ Walthamstow/ A503. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Woodford New Road (A104) and at the next roundabout, take the second exit towards Leyton and Walthamstow.

Follow this road towards Leyton High Road, passing an Esso garage. At the next set of traffic lights, turn left into Leyton Green Road. Follow the road to the end, and then turn left into Leyton High Road. When you get to the Kwang Chinese Restaurant turn right into Buckingham Road and its street parking around the ground

Public Transport & Walking



→ 2 mins



→ 11 mins

The nearest tube stations for the ground is **Leyton Underground Station** which is on the Central Line from **Euston Railway Station** or from **Kings Cross Railway Station** then take the Northern Line to **Bank Underground Station** and then change to the Central Line for Epping to **Leyton Underground Station**.



→ 11 mins

Flight to Heathrow Airport then walk over to the railway station and take the Elizabeth Line to **Ealing Broadway Railway Station** then walk down to the Underground and take the Central Line Epping train to **Leyton Underground Station**.

The alternatives is to the take the Piccadilly line to **Holborn Underground Station** then change to the Central Line and take the Epping train to **Leyton Underground Station**.



→ 11 mins or



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→ 3 mins

Flight into **Gatwick Airport** and then take the Thameslink train to **London Bridge Railway Station** then take the Jubilee Line to **Stratford Railway Station** there change to the Central Line for Epping to **Leyton Underground Station** or take the **London Bus 97** for Chingford and get off at Buckingham Road.

When come out of **Leyton Underground Station**, turn right down Leyton High Road and then cross over the road to the other side and continue down it, you will come to Coronation Gardens on your left, take the next left past the gardens into Buckingham Road and the ground in 200 yards up the road which is a short 11 minute walk.

Admission

East Stand:

Adults £20

Concessions £15,

Under 18's £5

Where to Drink

There is a Supporters Club at the ground that does admit small numbers of visiting supporters at a cost of £1. The supporters club which is located in the new West Stand and it is very popular with fans.

At Leyton Tube Station is the Leyton Technical Pub which is housed in the old Leyton Town Hall, Northcote Arms on Grove Green Road or Birkbeck Tavern in Langthorne Road, behind the tube station'.

Mansfield Town

Ground – Field Mill, Quarry Lane, Mansfield, NG18 5DA

Main Telephone No: 01623 482 483

Fax No: 01623 482 495

Capacity: 10,000* (all seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: The Stags

Year Ground Opened: 1860 (Mansfield Greenhalgh Cricket, Athletic & Football Club)
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: One Call
Kit Manufacturer: Surridge
Website: www.mansfieldtown.net
Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1897 (Mansfield Wesleyan FC)
Years at Today's Ground – 96 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1931 for Newport county FC
First Official Floodlit Match – October 1961
Highest Attendance – 24,567 v Nottingham Forest FA Cup third Round 10/01/1953
Highest Score for – 9–2 v Rotherham United, Division Three North 27/11/1932, v Hounslow Town FA Cup first Round Replay 5/11/1962
Highest Against – 1-8 v Walsall Division Three North 19/01/33
Highest Scorer in a Season – 55 Ted Harston in 1936/37
Highest Scorer Overall – 114 Harry Johnson 1932 - 35
Player with most First Team Appearances – 522 Roderick J (Ron) Arnold from 1971 - 84

Colours



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Alternative

Former Names

Mansfield Wesleyan FC,
Mansfield Wesley FC

Former Grounds

Westfield Lane (1897 – 1903)
Parrs Cricket Ground (1903 – 12)
The Prairie Ground (Broxtowe Road) (1912 – 20)

Ground Guide

The ground was first played on by the local cricket club which was a large piece of land between today's Sibworth Street and Portland and encompasses today the plastic pitches the main stand and the whole of the ground where The Ian Greaves Stand currently the largest stand made up of an upper and lower tier, and executive seating.



The West Stand (Ian Greaves) & Quarry Lane

The stand has a capacity of 5,417 (2,764 in the upper tier, and 2,509 in the lower tier). The cricket club later became Mansfield Cricket Club and they moved out in 1918 to South

Chesterfield Road and the ground some was taken up by house the rest by training ground and today's Quarry Lane Ground.

The Quarry Lane End which is situated behind the South goal, housing the home fans, with a capacity of 1,968. The players' tunnel is located in the corner of this stand adjacent to the West Stand.



North Stand

The North Stand situated behind the opposite goal from the Quarry Lane End, this was traditionally the home terrace although safety issues meant this would swap with the Quarry Lane End and become the away stand and has a capacity of 1,910. Food inside not only includes the usual fayre of Burgers and Hot Dogs (£3), but also a selection of Pies and Pasties, from local baker Brassingtons, including Meat & Potato (£2.90), Steak & Kidney (£2.70), Cheese & Onion Pasty (£2.70) and Sausage Rolls (£2). Food outside the ground go to Lucy Coffee shop at 16-17 Market House Place, Mansfield NG18 1JG for tea and coffee it's on 5 minutes away from the station and pies and sandwiches from Birds Bakery Four Seasons Shopping Centre, 1 W Gate, Mansfield NG18 1RY cheaper and delicious.

For pubs away fans should avoid and steer clear of pubs in the town centre. The bar at the ground called the Sandy Pate (underneath the Ian Greaves Stand), which welcomes away fans and is free to enter.

There is also 'The Talbot' at 151 Nottingham Road (A60) near to the Sainsbury's Supermarket and this pub which also serves food, has big screens showing televised football and is about a ten minute walk away from the ground (just go along the Nottingham Road in the opposite direction to the town centre).

Opposite The Talbot is the 'Il Rosso' at 180 Nottingham Road style of Italian and all kinds of Mediterranean food makes it a superb *restaurant* for a business lunch, family dinner or meeting with friends and a little on the pricey side, albeit with a good selection of beers and wines and Big Screen TV. It is popular with visiting and neutral fans'.

The Sir John Cockle pub is on the Sutton Road (A38) going into Mansfield from the M1 and again serves good food'. About a quarter of a mile past the John Cockle there is The Bold Forester in Botany Avenue just off the Sutton Road on the A38 which has about 10 real ales

and also serves good value food' and is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

The only outlet in the centre of town for away fans and neutrals is the Weatherspoon's outlet called The Court House, situated in Market Place, which is also listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and has good food as well as SKY TV and has a good selection of food as well as Ale and wines and stands alongside the town hall, on the south side of Market Place, and similarly built of local sandstone, these premises were built in 1840 as the Mansfield Savings Bank



Bishop Road

The old Bishop Street Stand, which runs along the side of the pitch opposite the West Stand, is not in use after being condemned. The dugouts are in front of this stand which is boarded up to prevent access. There are plans to build a new 2,800 capacity stand including new dressing rooms and television facilities and however no formal steps have been taken to implement such plans.

Driving to the Ground

From the North



Take the M1 exiting at junction 29, then join the A617 to Mansfield, after around 6 miles turn right into Rosemary Street, then proceed to Quarry Lane where you should turn right to the ground.

From the South



Take the M1 exiting at junction 28, then take the A38 to Mansfield, after around 6 miles turn right into Belvedere Street (at crossroads), then after a quarter of a mile turn right into Quarry Lane. There is a nearby private car park which charges £5. Otherwise it is a case of finding some street parking. Don't park in the retail park behind the North Stand they only let you park for one hour more than that you will get a £50 fine **be warned!**

Public Transport & Walking



→ 8 mins

Train to **Mansfield Railway Station** which is about 8 minutes away the station is on a local line and is served with trains from Nottingham. Leave the station and take through the car park walk along Warf Road till you get to the Roundabout with Comet on your left the ground is a short distance down Midland road on the right hand side.

For night games the last train to Nottingham is Platform 2 at 21.53 and trains to Sheffield via Nottingham and Worksop are at 42 minutes past the hour and last one in 22.42 from platform 2. Anything further afield brings the car or stay in the town for the night.

Admission

Adults £18
Over 60's £14
Under 22's £13
Under 18's £10
Under 7's Free

Newport County

Ground – Rodney Parade, Corporation Street, Newport, South Wales, NP19 0UU

Main Telephone No: 01633 670690

Fax No: 01633 666107

Capacity: 7,012

Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: The Exiles or Ironsides

Year Ground Opened: 1877 (Newport RFC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: NHS

Kit Manufacturer: FBT

Website: www.newport-county.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



Colours



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Third

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1912 (Reformed 1991)

Years at Today's Ground – 6 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 founder Member Division three & Division Three South in 1921

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1957 Somerton Park

Highest Attendance – 24,268 v Cardiff City, Third Division South 16 October 1937

Highest Score for – 10–0 vs. Merthyr Town, Third Division South 10 April 1930

Highest Against – 0–13 v Newcastle United, Second Division 5/10/1946

Highest Scorer in a Season – 34 Tudor Martin in 1929/30

Highest Scorer Overall – 111 Reginald E A (Reg) Parker 1948 – 54

Player with most First Team Appearances – 550 Len Weare 1955 – 70, Ray Wilcox from 1946 – 60

Former Grounds

Somerton Park 1912 – 1989, 1991/92

London Road Moreton -in-Marsh (1989 -91)

Meadow Park Gloucester (1992 – 94)

Newport Stadium (1994 – 2010)

Ground Guide

The Club moved to Rodney Parade, the home of Newport Gwent Dragons Rugby Clubs the ground is situated on the East Bank of the River Usk, on one side is the Bisley Stand all seated stand has a capacity of just over 2,500 seats. It is single tiered and incorporates 13 executive boxes, that run along the back of the stand. The capacity for football matches is 7,012 while the Rugby has an 11.676 capacity.



Bisley Stand

Opposite is the much older Hazell Stand. This stand has seating to the rear and terracing to the front. It does not run the full length of the pitch and has a section of open terracing on one side towards the North End. The North or Town End as it is also known was re-built in 2010. This is a small open terrace which is quite set-back from the playing area. In one corner between the North Terrace and Bisley Stand there are some Club offices and this end is not open for matches but may be used for some of the bigger supported clubs.

Away fans are housed in the Bisley Stand with 600 accommodated and which is shared with the home support. In addition, a small temporary block of open seating is also made available at the South End. This has a capacity of just over 400. As to be expected the seating in the Bisley Stand gives the better and more comfortable view of the game, but both areas share the same facilities and the food outlet just inside the ground by the turnstiles serving amongst other things; Bacon Cheeseburgers (£4.50), 1/4lb Cheeseburger (£4), 1/4 Beefburger, Rollover Hot Dogs (£3.50), Bacon Rolls (£3.50), a selection of Deep Fill Pies (£2.80), The bigger Pasties (£3.50) and Chips (£2.50). food outside the ground the best is to go to 20 Friar Walk shopping Mall and Coffee 1 with pies sandwiches then walk directly across the Newport City footbridge to the ground.

The entrance Gate 6, to the away supporters section is at the opposite end of the stadium to the home areas and is accessed along Corporation Road (so no need to go through the main stadium entrance) and it is poorly signposted and is literally a small pathway situated in-between some residential houses. There are a couple of blue poles that mark the entrance, but that is about it. Outside the turnstiles, there is a small cabin that serves as the away ticket office and for drinking then there is The Wetherspoon pub on Chepstow Road called the Godfrey Morgan, which is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. This spacious pub is only a 10 minute walk from the away turnstiles or the John Wallace Linton in Cambrian Road and the Queen's Hotel in Bridge Street are located quite close to the railway station.



Looking to the town end

The South End is largely unused for spectators for football. In the corner is another building with a large pyramid shaped roof. This houses the dressing rooms and the teams come onto the pitch from this corner of the ground. There is an electric scoreboard mounted on the front of this building.



Hazell Stand & South end

Driving to the Ground



FROM THE WEST:

Take Junction 26 from the M4. Take 3rd Exit off Roundabout onto Malpas Road. Take second exit off roundabout at next roundabout take 1st exit across River Usk, at Next Traffic Lights bear Right onto Chepstow Road. Take 1st Right onto Cedar Road. Take 1st Right onto Corporation Road. Take first left onto Grafton Road and Rodney Parade is on your left hand side.



FROM THE EAST:

Take Junction 25a from the M4. Take 1st Exit off Roundabout onto Heidenheim Way. Take first Exit off the flyover then take second exit off the roundabout, at next roundabout take the first exit across River Usk, at Next Traffic Lights bear Right onto Chepstow Road, then take first right onto Cedar Road. Take first Right onto Corporation Road, and then take first left onto Grafton Road. Rodney Parade is on your Left Hand Side. There is no parking available at the ground for supporters and there is a 'residents only' parking scheme in operation in the street around the stadium. So use Kingsway Shopping Centre, which costs £2 for five hours and is a short walk to the ground

Public Transport



→ 10 mins

Train to **Newport Railway Station** with Rodney Parade is situated around a quarter of a mile away from the stadium and is a relatively short walk. When you come out of the main station entrance turn left along the Queensway Road. Follow this road until you reach a large roundabout. Take the pedestrian underpass down underneath the roundabout and at the centre turn left towards Clarence Place/River Usk. You should see a bridge in front of you going across the river. Cross the bridge into George Street and then take the first right hand turn into Corporation Road which becomes Rodney Parade and the stadium is down this road on the left behind the houses.

The new alternative walk is to walk down through the Friars Mall to the river and cross the Newport City footbridge to the ground it's only a 10 minute walk

Admission

Away Fans

Bisley Stand: Adults £20, Over 60's/Under 22's £16, Under 16's £6, Under 6's Free*

South Stand: Adults £16, Over 60's/Under 22's £12, Under 16's £5, Under 6's Free*

* Under 6's are admitted free as long as they are accompanied by a full paying adult with a maximum two under six year olds per adult.

Northampton Town

Ground - Sixfields Stadium, Northampton, NN5 5QA

Main Telephone No: 01604 683 700

Fax No: 01604 751 613

Ticket Office No: 01604 683 777

Capacity: 7,653 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 116 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: The Cobblers

Year Ground Opened: 1994

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: University Of Northampton

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.ntfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



Big ME aerial

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1897

Years at Today's Ground – 24 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 Founder Member Division Three & Founder Member of Division Three South 1921-22

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1962

Highest Attendance – 24,523 v Fulham Division One 09/03/1965

Highest Score for – 11-1 v Southend United Southern League Division One 30/12/1909

Highest Against – 0-10 v AFC Bournemouth Division Three South 02/09/1939

Highest Scorer in a Season – 36 Clifford C (Cliff) Holton in 1961/62

Highest Scorer Overall – 143 Jack English from 1947 – 1959

Player with most First Team Appearances – 552 Tommy Fowler 1946 – 61

Former Grounds

County Ground (1897 – 1994)

Colours



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Alternative

Ground Guide

The West Stand largest of the stands, seating for 4,000 home supporters on a match day, the West Stand also accommodates the club offices, changing rooms and supporters bar.



Sheinman Stand Away grounds

The Dave Bowen (North Stand) which Named after ex-Northampton Town player and manager Dave Bowen, who helped take the club from Division Four to the First Division during the 1960s, the North Stand is behind the goal nearest to the hill and it seats approximately 900.

The East Stand (Alwyn Hargrave) is the Family Enclosure and stands opposite the West Stand. It can accommodate approximately 1,700 fans. It is usually reserved for home supporters, although if the opposition sells their allocation in The Paul Cox (South) Stand, they are usually sent an extra 450 tickets for the south end of this stand and it is named after an ex-Borough Councillor who helped the stadium become reality. This stand is well known for its 'award-winning facilities for the disabled.

Standing opposite and identical to The Dave Bowen Stand is the Paul Cox (South) Stand this end is reserved for away fans where 800 supporters can be accommodated. If demand requires it, then an additional 300 seats can also be made available in the Alwyn Hargrave Stand. The only occasion on which this stand has held Northampton Town supporters was against Chester City on 29 April 2006 when the stand was split and supporters segregated to allow the maximum number of home supporters to witness the club's promotion to League One.

For away fans T.G.I. Friday's opposite the Main Stand good food and beer and close to the main stand. Just walk over the car park to the ground. In the Town Centre with The CAMRA listed Malt Shovel Tavern coming highly recommended for those in search of real ale. This is located by turning left from the station on St Peter's Way in the opposite direction of Sixfields.



West Stand

Driving Directions



From The South

Leave the M1 at Junction 15A and take the first exit at the roundabout then the first exit at the next roundabout on to the A43 then at the third roundabout take the second exit on to the A5123 towards Northampton then go straight on at the next two roundabouts and at the third take the second exit and you will come to the ground on your right.



From The North:

Leave the M1 at Junction 16 and take the first exit at the roundabout and take the A4500 towards Northampton and at the first roundabout take the second exit into Upton Way and at the exit roundabout take the first exit and you will come to the ground on your right.



Moulton College Stand (Paul Cox)

The Sixfields stadium is well signposted around the area. There is a fair sized car park located at the ground, which costs £3. Make sure though that you arrive early as it has been known for it to get full for the more popular games. Parking in the nearby cinema and

restaurant car parks is not allowed, so make sure that you only use the official football parking provided at the ground.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 26 mins

Train to **Northampton Railway Station** is 1.3 miles from the ground, the 26 minute walk 'Turn right from the station and walk over the railway bridge and bridge over the river continue down St James road past spar on the left hand side when you reach the nationwide tyre garage cross over the road and turn left down St James Mills Road till you come to the Fabric warehouse on your right cross over and walk down Harvey Road and follow this all the way to the ground it changes names a few times night games this is a lonely walk (ladies walk with friends or take a taxi for night games don't walk alone).



50 or 15

The **Stagecoach Midlands 50 bus**, which also goes by the Sixfields retail park and stops about 200 yards from the stadium or you can take the **Stagecoach Midlands 15 bus** to Bella Italia and it's a five minute walk to the ground

Admission

Adults £22
Concessions £18
Under 18's £10
Under 7's Free

Rochdale

Ground - Spotland Sandy Lane, Rochdale, OL11 5DR

Main Telephone No: 0870 822 1907

Fax No: 01706 648 466

Capacity: 10,249

Team Nickname: The Dale

Year Ground Opened: 1906

Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Crown Oil

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: www.rochdaleafc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



Colours



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Away



Alternative

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1907

Years at Today's Ground – 93 Years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1921 founder member Division Three North

First Official Floodlit Match – February 1954

Highest Attendance – 24,231 v Notts County Division Three North in 1949/50

Highest Score for – 8-1 v Chesterfield Division Three North 18/12/1926

Highest Against – 1-9 v Tranmere Rovers Division Three North 25/12/1931

Highest Scorer in a Season – 44 Albert Whitehurst in 1926/27 with 177 Appearances and 124 goals

Highest Scorer Overall – 119 Reginald Jenkins from 1964 – 73

Player with most First Team Appearances – 477 Gary Jones from 1998-2001 & 2004 – 2012

Former Grounds

Riverside Athletic Ground (1907 – 15)

Ground Guide

The ground had three new stands over a ten year period and it is quite picturesque, with a number of trees being visible behind the stands.

The last of these new stands to be opened was the Willbutts Lane Stand at one side of the pitch, which was opened in 2000. This single tiered stand replaced a former terrace and has a capacity of 4,000. On the other side is another single tier, the all seated Main Stand.

This has a number of supporting pillars and some executive boxes at the back. Away supporters are housed on one side of the Willbutts Lane Stand, where around 1,500 fans can be housed. If demand requires it, then the whole of this stand can be given to visiting fans increasing the allocation to 3,700. The stand is normally shared with home supporters with away fans being seated towards the Sandy Lane End.



Willbutts Lane Stand

This has a number of supporting pillars and some executive boxes at the back. Away supporters are housed on one side of the Willbutts Lane Stand, where around 1,500 fans can be housed. If demand requires it, then the whole of this stand can be given to visiting fans increasing the allocation to 3,700. The stand is normally shared with home supporters with away fans being seated towards the Sandy Lane End.

At one end the Pearl Street Stand is the third of the new stands. This is also all seated and serves as a Family Stand and It has a couple of supporting pillars that are right at the front of the stand.

The Sandy Lane End is the only terraced area remaining. It is one the small size but does at least benefit from having a roof. There is a Police Control Box located in one corner, between the Main & Pearl Street Stands. Spotland is shared with the Rochdale Hornets rugby league team.



For away fans at the ground itself, there are two bars to choose from, Studds is located underneath the Pearl Street Stand and is worth a visit, if only to sample the large range of tasty pies & pasties. The Ratcliffe Arms is located at the car park entrance to the ground, on Sandy Lane. This pub has SKY TV and on my last visit had a mixture of home and away fans.

If you arrive early, the Cemetery Hotel, located at the bottom of Sandy Lane at 470 Bury Road Great traditional, multi-roomed local with well-kept cask ales. Friendly and relaxed atmosphere also services food. Well worth a visit.



Driving Directions



Exit the M62 at Junction 20 and take the A627 (M) towards Rochdale. At the end of the A627 (M) you should be in the left hand lane to turn left at the traffic lights into Edinburgh Way. Now follow the road and with Tesco on your left, go straight through the next set of lights (approach in the middle lane) into Roch Valley Way. At the next crossroads (where the Cemetery pub is on the corner) go straight onto Sandy Lane, where the ground can be found after approx. 1200 yards on the right.

Car parking at the ground is now for permit holders only, as there is a "residents only" parking scheme in operation in streets around Spotland. So I continue on past the ground and at the crossroads take a left into Edenfield Road on the left is a car park for dental surgeons on the left which is quite big car park there its only 6 minutes from ground and is not used after midday on a Saturday and is at the entrance to Denhurst Park.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 3 mins



471 →



468



→ 2 mins

Take Northern Railway train to **Bolton Railway Station** then walk three minutes to Ash Street and take the **471 First Bus** to Bury Interchange then the **468 Rosso Transport** to Sandy Lane and its two minutes to the ground



Sandy Lane End (Gibbo 92)



→ 5 mins



438



→ 3 mins

Train to **Rochdale Rail Station** take a five minute walk over to Station Road at Nye Bevan House and take the **438 First Bus** to Sandy Lane its two minutes to the ground.

Admission

Willbutts Lane Stand:

Adults £19,
Concessions £12,
Under 8's Free,

Salford City

Ground - Moor Lane, Salford M7 3PZ

Telephone - 0161 792 6287

Nickname: The amnies

Ground Capacity: 5,180 (2,250 Seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 75

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Talk Talk

Kit Manufacturer: Umbro

Website: www.salfordcityfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded: 1940 (Salford Central FC)

Years at Today's Ground – 31 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2019

First Official Floodlit Match – v Curzon Ashton August 2000

Highest Attendance – 5,000 v Eastleigh May 5 2019

Highest Score for – 16 – 1 v Manchester Grammar Old Boys Athletic Cheshire County Football Association Challenge Cup August 1947

Highest Against – 0-9 v Ashton Athletic Cheshire County Football Association Challenge Cup August 1946

Highest Scorer in a Season – C W Caldwell 63 goals 1948/49 Manchester Football League

Highest Scorer Overall – C W Caldwell 419 goals 1940 - 52

Player with most First Team Appearances – Robert M Aitken 900 appearances 1940 - 56

Colours



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Alternative

Former Grounds

The Lower Willows 1940 - 1978

Ground Guide

The Moor Lane football ground is now unrecognisable from what it was like a year ago. The old ground has been completely replaced by four new stands, effectively making it a new stadium.



The East Terrace

Considering that this was all done in just ten months, is a remarkable achievement. The last stand to be opened was the new Main Stand on the Neville Road side of the ground. This all

seated stand is a fairly simple affair with six rows of seats.

At the back of the stand, there is quite a tall retaining 'wall' between the seating area and the roof. The team dugouts are located at the front of this stand. Although this stand on the Neville Road Stand replaced the old Main Stand, it is the new Moor Lane Stand opposite that has more facilities, with glassed corporate areas at the rear of it. It too is all-seated and is of a similar height to the Neville Road Stand. Both ends have new covered terraces, with the West Terrace, being the first of the new stands to be constructed of the new stadium.



North Stand and West Terrace

The East Terrace opposite is almost a replica of the West Terrace and all of part of this terrace can be allocated to away supporters. And overlooking the ground at the North Eastern corner is the tall spire of St Pauls Church.

For away fans The Star Inn and the Friendship Inn are the nearest to the ground with good facility of beer and wine with the Fairways Lodge on George Street in Prestwich is around half a mile, or a ten minute stroll on foot, and it is normally fairly quiet as it's slightly off the beaten track down a long cul de sac but it is the closest to Moor Lane



South Stand

Driving to the Ground



Leave M62 at to junction 17 (Prestwich/ Radcliffe) and go left at the top of the slip road to take A56 (Bury New Road) towards Manchester. Continue through four sets of traffic lights, pass Lidl supermarket on your left then turn right at next set of lights into Moor Lane. Then turn left into Neville Road and follow road round to the ground on your right.

Public Transport and Walking



98



10 minutes

Train to **Manchester Victoria Railway Station** then walk out and get the **First Manchester 98 bus** to the Kersal Bar on New Bolton Road and its 8 minutes to the ground turn left at the lights the ground is 500 yards down the lane.

Admission

Adult: £17.00,
Concessions: £9.00,
Under 16s: £5.00
Child (Under 12): Free (accompanied by an adult)

Where to Drink

The nearest pubs are the Star Inn 2 Black Hope Street and the Duke 97 Malborough Road both are 15 minutes from the ground

Stevenage

Ground - Broadhall Way, Stevenage, Herts., SG2 8RH

Main Telephone No: 01438 223223

Fax No: 01438 743 666

Capacity: 6,920 (Seating 3,412)

Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards

Team Nickname: Boro

Year Ground Opened: 1961 (Stevenage Athletic)

Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Burger King

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: www.stevenagefc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1976

Years at Today's Ground – 33 Years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2010

First Official Floodlit Match – Aug 1980

Highest Attendance – 8,100 v Newcastle United FA Cup Fourth Round 25/01/1998

Highest Score for – 13-2 v Exmoor Wanderers FA Vase Preliminary round 1981

Highest Against – 0-7 v Tilbury Athletic Isthmian League Division One 1988

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 40 Martin Gittings in 1991/92 plus 209 goals from 1980 – 95

Player with most First Team Appearances – 466 Mark Smith 1992 - 2004

Former Grounds

King George V Playing Fields 1976 – 1983

Former Names

Stevenage Athletic FC 1976 – 78
Stevenage Borough FC 1978 - 2010

Ground Guide

The ground's pitch includes four stands – the East Terrace, the North Terrace, the Main Stand, and South Stand. The Main Stand is all-seated and covered, and covers the length of the pitch, although it has open corners to either side of the stand.



Main Stand

At the back of the stand there are a number of glass-fronted areas to various club offices and executive boxes. The club shop is situated next to the Main Stand, opposite to the club's official car-park. Opposite to the Main Stand is the East Terrace, which is a covered terrace for home supporters. The terrace has a gable with a clock sitting on its roof above the half-way line, as well as holding a television gantry on its roof.

The North Terrace where away fans are housed with a capacity of 1,700 seat stand. Opposite the North Terrace is the South Stand, which is a single tiered, all-seated covered stand and is reserved for away supporters and can hold a capacity of 1,400.



South Stand

For away fans Our Mutual Friend' pub in Broadwater Crescent and this pub which is listed in

the CAMRA Good Beer Guide offers seven beers on hand pump, plus real cider. The Roebuck Inn on London Road, about a ten minute walk away from the away end is certainly worth a visit. It's an old Tudor building pub with a Best Western Hotel attached. It serves real ale and on my visit it was quite easy to get served and there is a good bar at the ground where serves home and away fans.

The stand also has an electronic scoreboard in the centre of the roof, which was installed in 2001, making it visible to home supporters. The scoreboard was replaced in October 2011. Behind the stand is the supporters' club and a new set of floodlights were installed before the start of the club's 2007–08 campaign.



North Stand

Driving Directions



Leave the A1 (M) at Junction 7 and take the A602 towards Stevenage (First Exit from North and Third exit from South). Go straight across the three roundabouts and go straight along Broadhall Way and just after Greenside School (on the left) take the first right then you will see the entrance on the left to the large official car park which is free. The car park though has only one entrance/exit, this is a bottleneck after the game has finished.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 15 mins

Train to **Stevenage Railway Station** which is about one mile away from the ground. Leave the station booking hall and turn left towards the town onto Lytton Way then at the roundabout which has the police station on the right turn left into Six Hills Way, cross the road and walk up to the next roundabout go left continuing along the Monkswood Way, after passing the retail parks you will arrive at a roundabout and the ground will be opposite you on the other side of the road. Bar at the ground is the Boro own social club nice price for beer and wine and friendly.



East Terrace

Admission

Adults £20 (£18),
Concessions £17 (£15),
Under 21's £15 (£12),
Under 12's £10 (£8)

Stockport County

Ground – Edgeley Park, Hardcastle Road, Stockport, SK3 9DD

Main Telephone No: 0161 286 8888

Fax No: 0161 429 7392

Capacity: 10,832 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Hatters

Year Ground Opened: 1902

Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Calm

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

First Kit: Blue Shirt with blue Shorts and blue and white socks

Away Kit: White shirts blue shorts blue socks

Website: www.stockportcounty.com

Programme: £2



Ground Guide

Edgeley Park has 11,000 all seated capacity. The large Cheadle End Stand which towers over the rest of the stadium and was opened at the beginning of the 1995-96 season is two-tiered, covered and all seated and it has a large lower tier, with a smaller upper tier above. Opposite, is the Railway End, a former open terrace which was converted to a seating area in 2001 and above the Railway End is a small electric score board.



Cheadle Park End

The Danny Bergara Main Stand is only about two thirds the length of the pitch and straddles the halfway line and was opened in 1936. Originally it had a paddock terrace at the front but this was filled with seating in the 1980s. It is particularly striking when viewed from outside, with its bright blue and white colours. On the other side is the Popular Side, known as the Vernon Stand, a former covered terrace which is now all-seated some of this stand dates back to the late 1920's.

Driving to the Ground



From The South (M6):

Exit the M6 at Junction 19 (sign-posted 'Manchester Airport, Stockport A55, M56 East') and at the roundabout turn right onto the A556. At the Bowden roundabout after 4.2 miles, turn right (sign-posted 'Manchester M56') onto the M56. Exit the M56 after 6.9 miles (sign-posted 'Stockport M60, Sheffield M67') onto the M60. Exit the M60 at Junction 1 ('sign-posted 'Stockport Town Centre and West').



Hardcastle and the Railway End

At the roundabout turn right and continue through to the second set of lights and turn left (ignoring the sign directing you to Stockport Co.) and follow the road to the left, which is Chestergate. At the lights turn right up King Street, past the fire station on the right to the top of the hill, turn right at the roundabout signed Edgeley. Continue down Hardcastle Street turning left after the bus stop signed Caroline Street. At the end of Caroline Street turn right where you will see the main car park on the left. (Not available on Match Days)



Main Stand



From the North (M62 from Leeds):

Follow the M62 onto the M60 and continue south. Exit the M60 at Junction 1 ('sign-posted Stockport Town centre') At the roundabout turn right and continue through to the second set of lights and turn left (ignoring the sign directing you to Stockport County) and follow the road to the left, which is Chestergate. At the traffic lights turn right up King Street, past the fire station on the right to the top of the hill, turn right at the roundabout signed Edgeley. Continue down Hardcastle Street turning left after the bus stop signed Caroline Street. At the end of Caroline Street turn right where you will see the main car park on the left. (Not available on Match Days)

Public Transport/Walking



11 minutes

Trains to **Stockport Railway Station** and then from the railway station, come out of the station and turn left up Station Road, and continue up the hill the turn left into Shaw Heath towards the roundabout and then go straight on at the roundabout and turn first right into Mercian Way and then

take the third on the left into Caroline Street for the ground and at the bottom of the street the ground is in front of you.

Admission

Adults £17
Concessions £10
Under 18's £3
Under 11's £1

Where to Drink

The Sir Robert Peel 83 Castle Street 'The Armoury' a Robinson's pub situated at 1 Castle Street and is excellent for away fans. The Robinsons beers are excellent which the pub is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. Also CAMRA Good Beer Guide listed is the Olde Vic at 1 Chatham Street. The Grapes were also a good pub to go to but has been up for sale for a while.

Sutton United

Ground - The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2EY

Telephone - 020 8644 4440

Fax - 020 8644 5120

Capacity: 7,032 (Seated 765)

Team Nickname: The U's

Year Ground Opened: 1900 (Sutton Athletic Club)

Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards

Undersoil Heating: Yes

Shirt Sponsors: Angel Plastics

Kit Manufacturer: macron

First Kit: Yellow Shirt with Black Shorts and Black socks

Away Kit: White shirts blue shorts blue socks

Website: www.suttonunited.net

Programme: £3

Colours



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Ground Guide

Gander Green Lane was originally a running track, although the running track is now long gone but its earlier presence is still quite evident by the curvature of the perimeter fence, which remains set back a little way from the playing area. The ground is dominated by the large grandstand which when opened in 1953 at a cost of £3,000 in time for the Coronation, at that time seated just over 1,000 spectators.



Although the capacity is now reduced to around 750 it more than adequately meets Sutton's requirements today and affords a good view of the action from underneath its low roof. On either side is concrete terracing, extending 'round behind the Collingwood Road end on one side, and towards the Securicor Terrace at the other. The stand also houses offices, dressing rooms and clubhouse facilities.

The club have a large a car park was constructed on land adjacent to the neighbouring railway. In addition, work was begun on a new terrace at the Collingwood Road end which although this end of the ground remains uncovered and is some way from the pitch.



The grandstand

Opposite the stand is a further area of covered terrace, dating from 1986. Towards the

Gander Green Lane End is a further newer area of uncovered terrace, whilst there is covered provision for disabled spectators near the corner flag at the Collingwood Road End.

In February 1997 construction work started on the Securicor Terrace at the Gander Green Lane end and was completed in late March of that year. This has brought spectators somewhat closer to the goal, and supporters were asked to help meet the costs of the work through a scheme called "Buy A Brick", which raised over £7,000. A list of contributors is preserved in a plaque attached to the back of the structure.

In the summer of 2000 new floodlights were installed at the ground to replace the originals and this has been particularly beneficial for spectators in the stand, as it spelt the demise of one pylon that stood immediately in front. There have also been other small changes to the ground in recent years, including the welcome Rose's Tea Hut on the far side, painted in Sutton's distinctive yellow and chocolate colours.



Gander Green End

Driving to the Ground

South

Travel along the M25 to junction 8; follow the A217 for approx 6 miles Signposted Sutton, at the Belmont roundabout turn left and follow the A217 Signposted London do not take the road to Sutton. Continue on the A217 until you pass the fire station on your right, and then take the right hand lane and by the Gander Inn (on the left), turn right into Gander Green Lane. The Borough Sports Ground is about 200 yards up this road on the left hand side

North

Exit the M25 at junction 10, and follow the A3 Signposted Esher and Kingston until Tolworth, and then exit, the dual carriage way Signposted Sutton A240. At the roundabout, turn right to Sutton. Follow the A240 for approx. 2 miles, and then at the Organ Inn junction take the left hand turning on to the A24 Signposted London. Follow the A24 for approx 2 miles, going straight over the North Cheam cross-roads. Just after St Anthony's Hospital, turn right into Gander Green Lane. Follow Gander Green Lane, continuing straight over the traffic lights at the junction of the A217. The football ground is on the left hand side.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 3 minutes

The ground is right beside **West Sutton Railway Station** it's come out of the station and then turns right and the ground is just up the lane.

Admission

Adults £17
OAP's/Students £10
Under 16's £2

Where to Drink

Two hundred yards east of the ground is the Robin Hood Inn at 52 West Street is a friendly pub, serving real ale and good food as well as a car park, and 200 yards North of the ground in the Gander Inn at 2 St Dunstons Hill is just outside the centre of Sutton. Set in two sections, it is ideal for all occasions, whether it be quiet dining or atmospheric drinks before or after the game. There is sport being shown throughout the day, on the plasma screens, which can be seen from all areas of this pub.

The Plough is 25 yards from the Railway Station on Gander Lane and is old traditional pub excellent beers and friendly staff and good pub grub.

Swindon Town

Ground - County Ground, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED

Main Telephone No: 0871 423 6433

Main Fax No: 0844 880 1112

Ticket Office: 0871 223 2300

Capacity: 15,728 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Robins

Year Ground Opened: 1896

Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: IMAGINE CRUISING

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.swindontownfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1879

Years at Today's Ground – 118 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1920 founder Member Division Three & Founder Member of Division Three South 1921

First Official Floodlit Match – April 1951

Highest Attendance – 32,000 v Arsenal FA Cup Third Round 15/01/1972

Highest Score for – 10–1 v. Farnham United Breweries, FA Cup First Round 28/11/1925

Highest Against – 1–10 v. Manchester City, FA Cup Fourth round Replay 25 January 1930

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – 47 Harry Morris in 1926/27 & 229 goals from 1926 – 33

Player with most First Team Appearances – 889 John Trollope 1960-80

Former Grounds

Glove Field (1879 – 81)
Globe Field (1881 – 84)
The Croft (1884 – 95)
The County Cricket Ground (1893 – 96)



Colours



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Ground Guide

The club have been here since 1896 and one of their former the cricket ground is at the back of the Football Ground. The Main Stand is the Arkells Stand on one side which was in 1971 the stand is split into two part single stand and has the players tunnel and team dugouts in front and has the traditional windshields to either side and a few supporting pillars and Away fans are located in the Arkells Stand at one side of the pitch, where up to 1,200 fans can be housed but larger supports are given the Stratton Bank End where another 2,000 can accommodated but this is still open to the elements but should be covered for the start of the

2014/15 season plus the away fans have their own Bar called the 71 at the away end of the Arkells stand.

Opposite is the Don Rogers Stand. Opened in 1994, this stand has a cantilevered roof, allowing spectators to have an uninterrupted view of the playing action. It has a large upper tier, with a much smaller lower tier.



The Fast Plant Town End is a small covered stand that is the traditional home end. Unfortunately it has a row of supporting pillars that run across the front of it. On one side, the base of one of the floodlight pylons is situated within the stand; with the pylon itself rising up through the roof of the stand this had once been an open terrace and so built the roof through the pylon.



At the other end is the Stratton Bank Stand. This area is uncovered and open to the elements. It has a small electric scoreboard situated above it, next to which is a Rolex Clock. Apparently this is the only Rolex clock that can found within a football ground anywhere in the World.

Away fans are located in the Arkells Stand at one side of the pitch, where up to 1,200 fans can be housed. This is an older stand with facilities to match, but at least you are under cover. If you are at the back of this stand there is one supporting pillar which may impair your view of the goal otherwise it is fine. You even get a view of some of the rolling Marlborough Hills beyond one corner of the ground! There is a small kiosk at the back of stand serving amongst other things a range of food on offer inside includes Pies; Chicken Balti (£3.40), Steak & Ale (£3.40), Cheeseburgers (£3.50), Burgers (£3.50), Hot Dogs (£3.80), Sausage Rolls (£2.50), Beef Pasties (£3), plus Cheese & Onion Pasties (£2.50).

Teams with a larger away following can also be allocated the Stratton Bank End if required. A further 2,100 fans can be accommodated in this area, but the end has no cover and is open to the elements. Fine on a nice sunny day, but on a cold wet, winters day, it can be grim. This area was a former terrace that has had seating bolted onto it, which meant that the height between rows is not great.



For neutrals and away supporters Great Western which is opposite the train station and has very good food and very big bar or you could try the Queen's Tap now has a good selection of real ales, friendly staff and feels like a proper pub. Worth a visit if you are waiting for a train or just to pop in a have a decent pint of ale or are walking towards the county ground or coming back.



Driving Directions



Leave the M4 at Junction 15 and follow the A4259 (Queens Drive) towards Swindon. Go across one roundabout and at the next take the first exit onto Queens Way (Signposted Swindon/Football Traffic). You will see the floodlights of the County Ground over on the right, as you approach the large Magic Roundabout (The boy was on the Ganja when they designed that). The County Ground is on the corner of this roundabout but you have to do first right first left then follow it around then into Shiverham Road. So to avoid the madness take the second exit at Drake Roundabout (Not following football traffic) then take the first left past the college then second left down to the ground.

Public Transport/Walking



→ 15 mins

Take the GWR train to **Swindon Railway Station** it will then take you around 15 minutes to walk to the County Ground. Leave the station, walk along Station Road past two pubs Great Western and Queen's Tap, and continue to end of road where the new houses in front of you. Turn right up Cooperation Road till you get to a small car showroom turn left into Manchester Road there is signpost to the ground walk to the end of the road, at the junction turn right into County Road. The County Ground is about 400 yards up this road on the left just before the County Hotel.

Admission

Arkells Stand

Adults £25,
Over 60's/Students £19,
Under 18's £17,
Under 16's £12

Tranmere Rovers

Ground - Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, CH42 9PY

Main Telephone No: 0871 221 2001

Main Fax No: 0151 609 0606

Capacity: 16,587 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards

Team Nickname: Rovers

Year Ground Opened: 1912

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Essar & B&M Waste Services

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.tranmererovers.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1881

Years at Today's Ground – 102 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1921 Founder Member of Division Three North

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1958

Highest Attendance – 24,424, for an FA Cup Fourth Round Stoke City on 5 February 1972

Highest Score for – 13–4, against Oldham Athletic Division Three North 26 December 1935

Highest Against – 1-9 v Tottenham Hotspur FA Cup Third Round Replay 14/1/1953

Highest Scorer in a Season – 57, Robert C (Bunny) Bell in 1934–35

Highest Scorer Overall – 180 Ian Muir in 1985 - 95

Player with most First Team Appearances – 637 Harold Bell 1946 – 61, Ray Mathias 1964 – 85

Colours



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Alternative

Former Names

Belmont FC

Former Grounds

Steels Park (1881 – 83)

Devonshire Park (1883 – 86)

Ravenshaws Field (South Road) (1886 – 96)

Old Prenton Park (1896 – 1912)

Ground Guide

The Main Stand is the oldest in Prenton Park, having been opened in December 1968 and it is also the largest, with a capacity of 5,957 and a two tier stand, it is generally divided into three main sections. The lower tier consists of the Bebington End paddock (capacity 1,150) and the Town End paddock (capacity 1,209), either side of the halfway line. The upper tier is simply referred to as the Main Stand (capacity 3,598).

The Main Stand houses the VIP area, Directors box and various suites and the Tranmere suite was added to the Main Stand in 1988, with the Dixie Dean suite, Bunny Bell bar and Dave Russell restaurant added soon after.

The Bebington Kop, simply referred to as the Kop, is a large single-tier, all-seater stand with a capacity of 5,696 it was completed in 1995, and it replaced the earlier open terrace (also called the Kop) which had stood behind the goal at the Bebington End. Originally the Kop housed both home and away fans, split down the middle, and occasionally was handed entirely to the away fans. However, following the 2000 League Cup semi-final against Bolton Wanderers, when the Kop was given entirely to the home fans, a campaign was begun to claim the Kop as a home end. From 2000-01 this became the case, with away fans housed in the Cowshed.



The Main Stand & cowshed from the Kop (Samslip)

The Jonny King Stand built in 1995 and formerly known as the Borough Road Stand, it was renamed in 2002 to recognise former Rovers manager John King. The stand runs along the Borough Road side of the pitch, and is a low-rise seated stand with a capacity of 2,414.



The Kop

The Cowshed houses away fans at Prenton Park, and has a capacity of 2,500. It has a slanted seating arrangement, caused by the main road running behind it. It historically housed the more vocal home fans, but was switched to away supporters around the start of the 21st century and since the change a bar and TV screens have been added to the stand.

For away fans to drink there is The Prenton Park Hotel Just a few yards from the ground crowded on match days but good selection of beers and food and not far from the turnstiles. If that is too busy then try the Fazone or the birch Pub or Sportsman both on Prenton Road



John King Stand

Driving Directions

North



From the M6 exit at junction 26 onto the M58 and continue until the end. At junction 7 turn left onto the A59 Ormskirk Road, then follow the signs for the A59 for the next 5 miles. Just past Everton take the ramp to M53/ M56/ Chester/ North Wales/ New Brighton then head

down the Kingsway through the tunnel onto the M53.

South



Take the M6 to Junction to Junction then join the M56 to Junction 15 and merge onto the M53 at Junction 1. Leave the M53 at Junction 3 and take (First exit North or third exit South) on to the A552 Woodchurch Road towards Birkenhead. You will pass a Sainsburys and then as you reach the Half Way House pub turn right at the traffic lights onto Storeton Road. Take the first left for the ground down Woodchurch Lane to the ground. There is a car park at the ground, otherwise, street parking, there is a strict local residents parking scheme in operation around the ground. Along Borough Road, going past the Kop Stand, is a sports ground between the houses on the right which has parking spaces costing £3 per car.

Public Transport



→ 5 mins



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→ 3 mins

There is a number of railway stations around the ground but I found taking the train to **Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station** then walking over to Victoria Street at getting the **Arriva North West Merseyside 464 bus** from stop VE takes me to Devonshire Park and its a 5 minute walk to the ground and as there are three pubs within 20 yards from the ground.



→ 15 mins

The closest railway stations are **Rock Ferry Railway Station** and **Birkenhead Central Railway Station**. From **Rock Ferry Railway Station** leaving the station turn right and walk up Bedford Road take second right walk up Grove Road second left into Mulberry Road (it used to be a straight walk up Mulberry till some idiot in the council put a six foot fence

blocking the route from the station to the road) then go left right into Inkerman Street walk across Victoria Park at the roundabout outside the park take the first left after Barclays bank and walk up Everest Street and then turn left into Prenton Road and you will reach the ground and away fans turnstiles on your left.



→ 8 mins

From **Birkenhead Central Railway Station** on exiting the station cross the road, turn right, then at the roundabout turn Left onto Church Road walk down till you get to Victoria Park then take the send right into Everest Road at the end the ground is in front of you it took around 15 minutes from the station'.

Admission

Adults £18,
Under 23's/Over 60's £11,
Under 17's £6

Walsall

Ground - Bescot Stadium (Banks Stadium) Bescot Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA

Main Telephone No: 01922 622 791

Fax No: 01922 613 202

Ticket Office: 01922 651 414/416

Ticket Office Fax: 01922 643 331

Capacity: 11,300 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Saddlers

Year Ground Opened: 1990

Pitch Size: 110 x 73 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: HomeServe

Kit Manufacturer: Carbrini

Website: www.saddlers.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded – 1888 (Merger off Walsall Town (1877) & Walsall Swifts (1879))

Years at Today's Ground – 22 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1892 Founder Member Division Two

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1955 Fellows Park

Highest Attendance – 25,453 v. Newcastle United. Second Division (now Championship), 29 August 1961

Highest Score for – 10–0 v Darwen Second Division, 4 March 1899

Highest Against – 0–12 v Small Heath (Birmingham City) Second Division, 17 December 1892

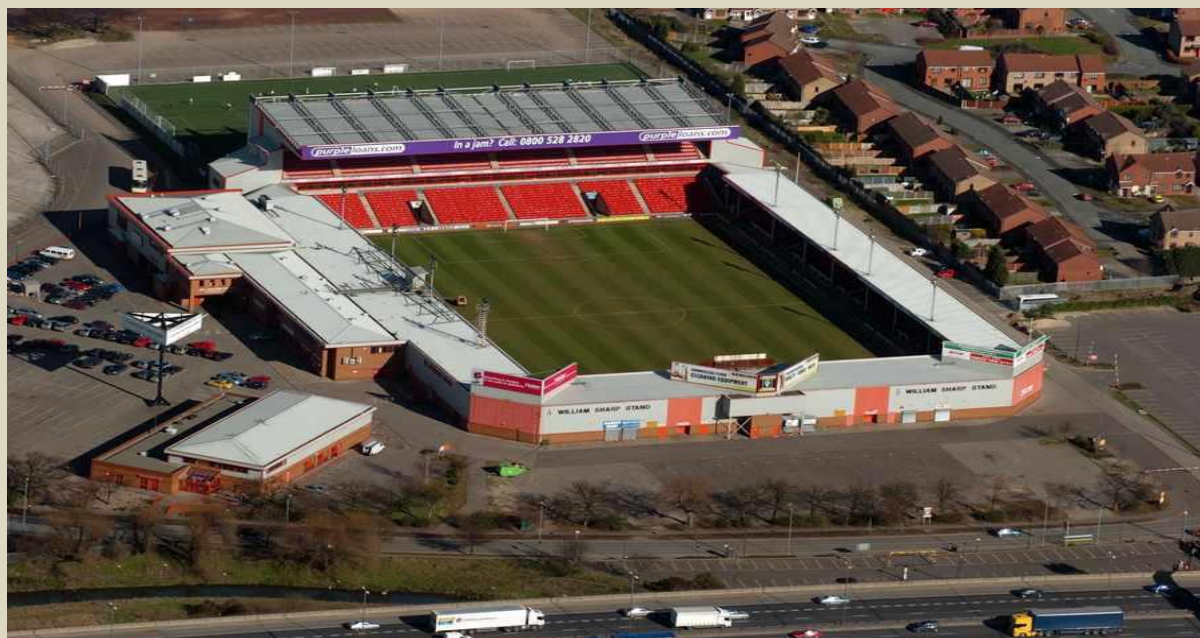
Highest Scorer in a Season – 40 Gilbert Alsop in 1933–34, 1934–35

Highest Scorer Overall – 185 Tony Richards from 1954–63

Player with most First Team Appearances – 534 Jimmy Walker from 1993-2004, 2010–12

Former Grounds

The Chuckery (1888 -1893)
West Bromwich Road (1893 – 96)
Fellows Park (1890 – 1996)



Colours



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Alternative

Ground Guide

The Saddlers moved to then called Bescot Stadium in 1990 from Fellows Park, which had been their home for 104 years. The ground has three small single tier stands, somewhat similar to Glanford Park in Scunthorpe, which was opened 1988, the stadium received a boost in 2003 with the opening of a huge stand at one end.



This is a large two tiered affair that completely dwarfs the rest of the ground. It is smart looking, with a glassed area running across its middle, which houses the concourse. Unusually, it has a slightly larger upper than lower tier. This end before it was re-developed was previously called the Gilbert Alsop Stand (a former Walsall playing great who scored 40 goals in back to back seasons).



The rest of the stadium is totally enclosed with three of the stands being roughly the same height, giving it a 'box-like' feel. These stands are not particularly big, around 15 rows high. The corners are filled, but only for advertising hoardings. The Main Stand (ABS Burton) on one side has a small television camera gantry perched on its roof, as well as the tunnel and team dug outs at its front.

At the back of the stand is a glassed area, which is used for corporate hospitality. Opposite is the Five Rivers Family Stand which is a simple seated stand that has dedicated areas for wheelchair users at its front.



There are a large number of supporting pillars in each of the older stands (the newer Gilbert Alsop Stand (Tile Choice Stand) is pillar free). There are four floodlight pylons mounted on the roof of each side stand, plus there is also a small electric scoreboard situated on top of the Sign Specialists (William Sharp) Stand. In a corporate sponsorship deal with the local Marstons Brewery, the stadium has been renamed the Banks Stadium.

Inside you will find a range of Pukka Pies available including Chicken Balti (allegedly Walsall were the first Club in the country to stock Balti pies) and Steak & Kidney Pies (£3), Cheeseburgers (£3.40), Burgers (£3.20), Hot Dogs (£3.20), Sausage Rolls (£2.10) and Pasties; Cornish (£2.40), Minced Beef and Onion (£2.40) and Cheese & Onion (£2.40). The Saddlers Club which charges to get in is the best places to go its two minutes from the ground the staff were friendly and the atmosphere was good. It's not too expensive either to drink here.

Driving Directions



South

Leave the M6 at Junction 7 and take the A34 Birmingham Road towards Walsall (speed cameras on this stretch of dual carriageway). At the end of the dual carriageway turn left at the Bell Inn public house into Walstead Road (Signposted Bescot Stadium, Bescot Station Park & Ride). Continue straight on this road then at the lights continue straight onto West Walstead Road passing another pub called the Tiger on your left. You will come to Bescot Stadium.



North

Leave the M6 at Junction 9 and take the A461 towards Walsall. Bear right on to Wallows Lane and turn right at the second set of traffic lights at Broadway Playing Fields. You will see the ground on your left after about 300yards. There is a good sized car park located at the ground which cost £3 and behind the away stand, which lends itself to a quick getaway after the match.

Public Transport & Walking



→ 5 minutes

Train to **Bescot Railway Station** situated behind the away end only a few minutes' walk from the ground with Trains running from the North from Walsall and from the South from **Birmingham New Street Station**.

Admission

Sign Specialists Stand:

Adults £22

Senior Citizens/Juniors £16

Former English Football Grounds 1962 - 2022

This is my list of former football League grounds I have watched at since my mother drag me to the football to watch dad at 7 days old in 1962 at the Cricket Ground in Bradford to watch Bradford Park Avenue and as of may 2022 I have watch games in the English Football League at 140 grounds in 60 years!!!!

Arsenal - Highbury

Barnet - Underhill Stadium

Bolton Wanderers - Brunden Park

Bradford Park Avenue - Cricket Ground (Dolls House)

Brentford - Griffin Park

Brighton & Hove Albion - Goldstone Ground, Withdean Stadium

Bristol Rovers - Eastville Park, Twerton Park

Burton Albion - Eaton Park

Cardiff City - Ninian Park

Chester City - Sealand Road

Chesterfield - Saltergate

Coventry City - Highfield Road,

Derby County - Baseball Ground

Doncaster City - Bell Vue

Gateshead - Redhugh Park

Huddersfield Town - Leeds Road

Hull City - Blothferry Park

Kettering Town - Rokingham Road

Maidstone United - The Athletics Ground, Watling Street

Manchester City - Maine Road

Middlesbrough - Ayresome Park

Millwall - The Old Den

Milton Keynes Dons - National Hockey Stadium

Morecambe - Christie Park

Northampton Town - County Ground

Oxford United - Manor Ground

Reading - Elm Park

Rushden & Diamonds - Nene Park

Rotherham United - Millmoor, Don Valley Stadium
Scarborough - McCain Stadium
Scunthorpe United - The Showground
Shrewsbury Town - Gay Meadow
Southampton - The Dell
Stoke City - Victoria Ground
Swansea City - Vetch Field
Sunderland - Roker Park
Tottenham Hotspur - White Hart Lane, Wembley
Walsall - Fellows Park
West Ham United - Boleyn Park
Wimbledon - Plough Lane
Wycombe Wanderers - Loakes Park
Yeovil Town - Huish Park
York City - Bootham Crescent