# National League 2023/24

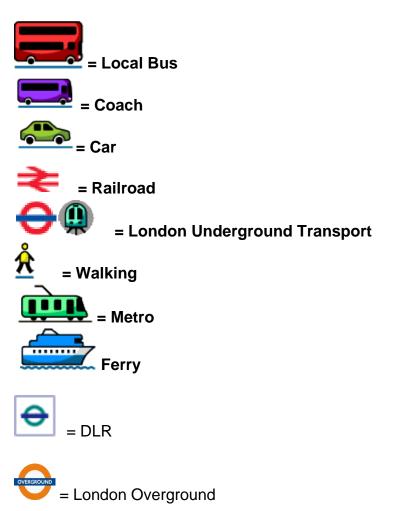


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Here new guide book to the football grounds of the Football National League Premier, North & South Divisions.

The guide this year incorporates what transport you can use and how to get there by the quickest way although it may be different from your area and this guide was incorporated with the Non-League to Level 5 to Level 6 of the League Pyramid. We also have a the extreme Ground hoppers guide on Level 1 to 12 from doing the 92 which has been updated for the 2020/21 and that is in its 43 year.

The symbols are:



John Aitken The Editor

Front Cover - The Dolls House Bradford Park Avenue FC



Promotion to the Football League Division Two and bottom four relegated to either National League South or National League North Leagues

# **AFC Fylde**

Ground - Mill Farm Sports Village, Coronation Way, Wesham PR4 3JZ

Telephone - 01772 682593
Capacity: 6,000 (2000 seated)
Team Nickname: The Coasters
Year Ground Opened: 2016
Pitch Size: 110 x 75 yards
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Vet Plus

Kit Manufacturer: Under Armour First Kit: All White with dark blue trim

Away Kit: Orange shirts black shorts Orange and black socks

Website: www.afcfylde.co.uk

Programme: £3



# **Ground Guide**

The new ground was officially opened on 5 August 2016. When they moved four miles from there old ground which was a surprise after they had turned their old ground from a field into a National League ground but the club aspire to get to the Football League.



They sold off part of the stands and seats to local football and hockey clubs, The thing that strikes you about the new Mill Farm Stadium, it certainly has not been built 'on the cheap.'



Although currently with structures only on three sides, with the North End just having a small open flat standing area, there is plenty of space at that end for future expansion. The stadium is dominated on one side by the large Main Stand, which towers over the rest of the

stadium. With a capacity of 2,000 seats, housed within a single tier, the stand is covered by a large roof, which is semi-circular in appearance. The roof is placed quite high above the seating area, as above the seating section, there are two floors fronted by large glass windows. These areas are surrounded by black cladding, whilst further above there is a large clock, flanked in large white lettering; spelling out AFC Fylde.

Opposite is a small covered terrace, which runs the full length of the pitch. In keeping with the design of the Main Stand, it also has a curved roof. What is most striking feature of this side are the four large curved floodlight pylons that extend from behind the stand over the roof. These are quite unusual seemed to resemble a wave in outline. The remaining end is a fair sized covered terrace that like the rest of the ground is free any supporting pillars meaning that you can get a good view of the playing action.

Most fans are housed in the South Stand but are given Block A in the Main Stand if the support is big and have electronic ticket gates with food in the ground

# **Driving to the Ground**



Leave the M55 at Junction 3 and take the A585 towards Kirkham. After one mile you will reach the Mill Farm Stadium on your right. The entrance to the complex is just off the roundabout by the Aldi store. There is a fair-sized car park at the stadium itself. Don't be tempted to park in the nearby Aldi Store as parking restrictions during the day if full go down past the cemetery and park on Mowbeck Way.

# **Public Transport & Walking**



Take Northern trains to **Kirkham & Wesham Railway Station** and then walk 800 yards to the ground straight up Fleetwood Road and when you get to the roundabout go straight on past Aldi and the ground is on the left or take the **Preston Bus 76** from outside the station which drops you outside the ground.

# Admission

Adults £15 OAP's/Students £9 Under 16's £6

# Where to **Drink**

The Royal Oak and the Stanley serve good pub and has a good stock of beers. The food inside the ground is well priced and of excellent quality

# **Aldershot Town**

Ground - ESS Stadium (The Recreation Ground), High St, Aldershot, GU11 1TW

Main Telephone No: 01252 320 211

Fax No: 01252 324 347

Capacity: 7,100 (Seated 2,136)
Team Nickname: The Shots
Year Ground Opened: 1926
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Bridges
Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

First Kit: Blue and Red stripes with Blue Shorts and blue socks

Away Kit: White shirts blue shorts Red and blue socks

Website: www.theshots.co.uk

Programme: £3



# **Ground Guide**

The interior of the ground hasn't changed since the days of Aldershot FC who went bust in 1992. A new Club was born a few weeks later called Aldershot Town, who took over the Recreation Ground.



The ground has plenty of trees visible around its perimeter boundary and on the side is the North End is the Main Stand, which was built in the late 1930's. This is partly covered to the rear, having small sets of steps in front of it. It once was all terraces, but a number of seats have now been added to the middle portion of the stand, with terrace still present on either side.



Opposite is the South Stand, which is another covered seated stand, which looks a lot more modern than its age suggests (it was built in 1929). This stand only runs for around the half the length of the pitch, sitting astride the halfway line.

At one end is the East Bank covered terrace. This stand has a classic looking barrel shaped roof and has a number of supporting pillars running across the front of it.



Opposite is the High Street End. Until 2013 this area was unused for spectators having just a narrow path and some advertising hoardings. However to help the Club comply with League rules stipulating the number of seats that a ground must have, then a small prefabricated covered area was erected on one side of this end (towards the Main Stand).

Called the Community Stand it comprises just four rows of seats and only runs from the corner flag to the goal area. It has a total seating capacity of 250. On the other side of this end is a two storey green portakabin that serves as a Police Control Box, otherwise this end is unused for spectators.



The ground benefits from an impressive set of floodlights and in September 2013 the ground was renamed the Electrical Services Stadium in a three year corporate sponsorship deal.

# **Driving to the Ground**





From M25 Junction 10 then take A3 towards Guildford. At Guildford, turn off onto the A31 (Hog's Back) leading to Farnham (the exit is on the crest of a hill just past BP garage). From the A31 Hog's Back, take the A331 towards Camberley and turn off at Aldershot (the first exit). Follow the A323 towards Aldershot town centre, and once past Manor Park (on the left) continue on under the bridge. The Recreation Ground is just past the bridge on the right.

# South



Leave the M3 at Junction 4 and take the A331 towards Farnborough/Aldershot. Continue towards Aldershot passing the North Camp turn off. At the next junction (Aldershot South) turn right at the roundabout towards Aldershot Town Centre (A323). Keep straight on this road and after going under a railway bridge, the ground is visible on your right.

#### South West



Take the A358 then the A303 and just past Popham Airfield merge onto the A30 then the A3 just before junction 6 and follow the above directions from the south

# **Public Transport**



Take the South West Trains to **Aldershot Railway Station** which is less than a ten minute walk away from the ground. Upon leaving the train station, go down the station approach and turn right into Arthur Street. Continue down Arthur Street, then turn right into Victoria Road, at the bottom of the road you will see floodlights of the Recreation Ground in front of you cross over the High Street at the pedestrian crossing the ground is in front of you. Or you can go down Windsor Way into Victoria Street.

#### Admission

Adults £17,

Concessions £13,

Under 16's £9,

Under 16's £6

Family Tickets: 1 Adult + 1 under 16's £20, 1 Adult + 2 under 16's £23

# Where to Drink Locally

<u>The Beehive</u> Aldershot is an away friendly pub is located at 264 High Street three minutes from the station just turn right and walk down the High Street friendly staff and decent food

<u>The Crimea Inn</u> on Crimea Rd is 200 yards away from the Station Friendly family run pub close to the football ground with a pool table, 2-3 ales on tap and well-priced pub grub available.

# **Altrincham**

Ground - Moss Lane Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8AP

Telephone - 0161 928 1045 Capacity: 6,085 (1,154 seated) Year Ground Opened: 1910 Team Nickname: The Robins

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: J Davidson Scrap Metal

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

First Kit: White and Red stripes with Black Shorts and blue socks

**Away Kit**: Yellow shirts Black shorts Red and White socks **Third Kit**: Grey shirts Black shorts Red and White socks

Website: www.Altrinchamfc.com

Programme: £3



# **Ground Guide**

The ground has a capacity for 6,085 of which over the ground there are 1135 seats the Golf End and opposite the stand at The Popular End have covered enclosure that runs the full length of the pitch, made unusual by having a section in the middle that has a higher roof compared to either side beside the stand but the Moss Lane is uncovered but there are plans to cover this with a seated stand to bring capacity up. If it's a local derby match and the Police ask on segregation then the Away fans get the Hale End and part of the main stand in the ground.

# **Driving to the Ground**



### From The South:

Leave the M6 at Junction 19, and take the A556 towards Manchester Airport. At the large roundabout junction with the M56, turn right onto the M56, still heading towards Manchester Airport then leave at Junction 6 and take the A538 towards Hale Barns/Altrincham. After two miles you will go through the traffic lights that is the junction with the A5144 Delahays Road. After these traffic lights take the third right into Westminster Road. Carry straight on down Westminster Road, which becomes Bancroft Road and then Moss Lane. The ground is down on the right.

#### From The North:



Leave the M6 at Junction At junction 30, exit onto M61 toward Manchester/ Bolton/ Leeds/ Blackburn/ M62/ M65 Keep right at the fork, follow signs for M60/ M62/ M6/ Ring Road West/ Ring Road South/ Manchester Airport/Trafford Park/ Liverpool/ Birmingham and merge onto M60 At junction 5, exit onto Princess Parkway/A5103 toward Chester/ Birmingham/ M6/M56/Manchester Airport then take the A560 ramp to Sharston/ Altrincham/ Baguley.



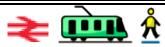
**Main Stand** 

At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Altrincham Rd/A560 at the second roundabout take a left into Thorley Lane then after one roundabout take the second on the right into Grove Road and at the crossroads take a right into Moss Lane the ground is on the left. There is limited parking at the ground so find a place in the local streets around the ground.



Golf Road End

# **Public Transport**



Train to Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station then walk out to Piccadilly Metro Stop and take the Purple Line Tram to Altrincham Metro Stop walk down to the next junction then turn left into Cross Street over the bridge past Tesco walk straight down the road its about 20 minutes the ground is on the left.

### **Admission**

Adults £15 Over 65's/Students £10 Under 16's £5

# Where to Drink

The George Hotel in Moss Lane is the best of both worlds good food and is close to the ground about five minutes. Other good pubs not far from the ground are The Victoria at 29 Stamford Street, Station Hotel at 44 Stamford New Road and The Slug & Lettuce at 31 Stamford New Road all sell a good range of beers and ciders as well as wine.

# **Barnet**

Ground - The Hive London Camrose Avenue, Edgware, HA8 6AG

**Main Telephone No** - 020 8381 3800

Capacity: 5,634 (Seats 3.434)

Team Nickname: Bees

Year Ground Opened: 2013

Pitch Size: 102m x 66m Undersoil Heating: No Shirt Sponsors: Cannon Kit Manufacturer: jako

**First Kit**: Gold Shirt with Black Shorts and black socks **Away Kit**: White shirts White shorts White socks

Website: www.barnetfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



# **History Facts & Records**

**Founded** - 1888

Years at Today's Ground - 3 years

First Admitted to the Football League - 1991

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1976 Underwood Park

**Highest Attendance –** 11,026 v Wycombe Wanderers FA Amateur Cup 4th round 1951–52 Underwood Park

**Highest Score for –** 7-0 v Wycombe Wanderers Conference League 15/9/87, 7-0 Blackpool Division Three 11/11/2000

Highest Against - 1-9 Peterborough United Division Three 5/9/1998

**Highest Scorer in a Season –** 56 Arthur Morris in Athenian League 1929/30

Highest Scorer Overall - 413 Arthur Morris 1927 - 36

Player with most First Team Appearances – 648 Leslie (Les) Eason 1965 - 78

### **Ground Guide**

The Hive Stadium first opened in 2013, and had been home to Barnet Football Club ever since. Capable of accommodating 5,634 supporters including 3,434 of those seated have spent 106 years at Underwood Park.

The stadium itself is located within a sizeable park/playing fields area, with a London Underground line running behind one side of the ground on a raised embankment. When walking down through the park towards the stadium from the direction of Canons Park station, then you can see the Arch over Wembley Stadium in the far distance.



On one side of the ground is the West Stand which is the largest at the ground and is all seated single tiered stand that houses just fewer than 2,700 fans. On the opposite side is the East Stand. It is an office building that has had its roof extended outwards towards the pitch, and then had six rows of seats installed in front of it, leaving a large back wall exposed of the office building. Oddly the roof doesn't extend the whole length of the stand, meaning that some of these seats are uncovered.

Both sides of the stadium have small electronic scoreboards mounted at the back. At the South End of the ground is a small covered terrace which is only a few rows high and has a capacity of around 800..The Hive Stadium is completed with a set of odd looking floodlights.

The new North Stand with 1,890 people covered where the away fans will be housed permanent with part of the main stand if the opposition is big enough but it will only be two sections.



**North Terrace** 

### **Driving to the Ground**



Take the M1 to Junction 4 onto Edgware Way/ Watford By-Pass/ A41 Harrow/ Edgware then after a mile take the third exit at the roundabout onto Spur Road and then at the next roundabout take the first exit onto Stonegrove Drive the High Street to the lights at the crossroads just before the Community Hospital (on the Left) there take a right into Camrose Avenue the entrance to the ground is on the right and is signposted Barnet Training ground and take the road up between the houses.

# South/South West



From the South take the M25 to Junction and join the M4 and from the South West take the M4 and from there take junction 3 of the M4 take the A312 exit to Harrow/ Hayes/ Hounslow/ Heathrow Airport then at the roundabout take the first exit onto the Parkway.

Follow the A312 through the next five roundabouts till you get to Northolt Park Station take the right fork into Northolt Road (A349) go straight on at the next two roundabouts following the A349 to Harrow on the Hill just before the rail station at the Hill roundabout take the second exit into Lowlands Road and continue down this road past the hospital and

University of Westminster Campus (on the right) to Gayton Roundabout there take the second exit into Kenton Road after a mile and a half you will come to traffic lights with Magnet showroom on your left take a left into Charlton Road.

At the next roundabout keep to the right hand lane and take the third exit into Taunton Road this becomes Camrose Avenue and the ground is signposted on the left so take a left down to the training ground

# **Public Transport & Walking**





The nearest tube station to the ground is **Cannons Gate Underground Station** on the Jubilee Line turn left and walk down Whitechurch Lane after 200 yards cross the road take the path between the houses down past the Training pitches to The Hive which is on the right and the entrance to the ground is just past the banquet hall.



**East Stand** 

#### **Admission**

Adults £17, Concessions £13, Under 12's £8

# Where to Get a Drink

Take a right out of Cannons Gate station and few yards is Moranos a family oriented Irish pub with good food and friendly staff and there are 6 pubs on Edgware High Street will meet any neutral or away supporter.

Away supporters are treated to their own bar within the stadium, behind the Main Stand. This spacious well-presented bar which serves real ale has screens showing BT & Sky Sports and serves food such as chilli and rice. The bar is open throughout the game and for a short time after the final whistle.

# **Boreham Wood**

Ground - Broughinge Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5AL

Telephone - 0208 953 5097 Capacity: 4,502 (600 seated) Team Nickname: The Wood Year Ground Opened: 1950 Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Barnet Southgate College

Kit Manufacturer: Erra

**First Kit**: White Shirt with White Shorts and black socks **Away Kit**: sky blue shirts White shorts White socks **Website**: www.borehamwoodfootballclub.co.uk

Programme: £3



# **Ground Guide**

Meadow Park it has a capacity of 4,502 with 600 seats and has uncovered terracing behind both goals and covered terracing that runs the length of the pitch opposite the main stand.

The new East Stand was officially opened by Arsene Wenger was opened in 2014 which has a capacity of 1,200 seats and is covered. It is quite steep, meaning that fans are kept close to the playing action. There is a clock situated on the front of the roof in the centre.

There is a 'plinth' area above which is used as a television gantry, which gives the stand an interesting look. Opposite is the Main Stand, which again is a modern looking all seated stand that has a capacity of 500 and is covered.

It runs for around half the length of the pitch and sits astride the half way line and like the new East Stand has no supporting pillars, giving a good view of the playing action. Both ends have portions of open terrace and flat standing areas. In the North East corner of the stadium there is a mobile telephone mast, but it has been put to good use, serving also as one of the four floodlight pylons.



Main Stand

# **Driving to the Ground**



Take the M1 to junction 7-8, exit onto A414 toward Saint Albans/ Hatfield that at the roundabout then take the 3rd exit onto Watling Street/ A5183 and follow it towards Borehamwood. Cross two mini roundabouts then at large roundabout turn right (second exit) into Brook Road then take first right after car park for Broughinge Road and the ground is on the left.

# **Public Transport**



You can catch the train to **Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station** When you come out of the train station, turn right and walk down Borehamwood High Street until you come to McDonalds on your left. Turn left into Brook Road at the Crown Pub and then first right for the ground. The Local **Buses: 107, 292, 398, 602, 606, 656, B76, B77, B78** go by the ground if you do not wish to walk from the station



North Bank



From the North take the train to **Watford Central Railway Station** and take the **306 Sullivan Bus** to opposite St Teresa School beside Tesco and a 3 minute walk to the ground by walking up to the roundabout and taking a right into Shelley Road and then a left at the next roundabout into Brook Street and the ground is on the right after a hundred yards.

### Admission

Adults £12 OAP's/Students £8 Under 16's £4

# Where to Drink

There are plenty of pubs around Borehamwood for you to drink in but I prefer Oaklands in Studio Way it serves Breakspears and London Pride plus other Real ale and its 16 minutes from the ground just of Elstree Way

# **Bromley**

Ground - The Stadium, Hayes Lane, Bromley BR2 9EF

**Telephone** - 020 8460 5291 **Capacity:** 6,000 (3,000 seated)

Team Nickname: The Ravens, The Lilywhites

Year Ground Opened: 1938 Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Southwark Metals

Kit Manufacturer: Pendle

**First Kit**: White Shirt with Black Shorts and black socks **Away Kit**: Crimson shirts Crimson shorts White socks

Website: www.bromleyfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



# **Ground Guide**

Hayes Lane is an old fashioned football Ground Capacity is around 5,000 with 3,000 of that covered and has seats for 3,000, with big covered stands behind both goals, opposite the main stand, is a high bank of uncovered terracing, quite similar to the High Mead side at Lower Mead. There are two large car parks outside the ground which provide good parking facilities.

# **Driving to the Ground**

# North



M1 take the junction 2, exit onto Great North Way/ A1 toward City London/ Holloway/ N Circular/A406 East, follow the North Circular for the next 5 ½ mile then at the traffic light turn right into Bowers Way / A406 then after just over 8 miles take the A12 exit toward Central London/ Stratford/ Chelmsford/ Romford.

At the roundabout, take the fifth exit onto Eastern Avenue (A12) then continue on and use the Blackwall Tunnel and then at the Texaco Garage at the lights take the (A20/ M20 Dover) Sidcup Road as far as Sidcup. Then at the roundabout take the third exit use the A232 Bromley/ Catford to Keston Common, turn right into Baston Road (B265), following it for about 2 miles as it becomes Hayes Street and then Hayes Lane and the ground is on the right.





Leaving the M25 at Junction 4, follow the A21 to Bromley and London, for approximately 4 miles and then fork left onto the A232 Signposted Croydon/ Sutton. At the 2nd set of traffic lights turn right into Baston Road (B265), following it for about 2 miles as it becomes Hayes Street and then Hayes Lane. Bromley FC is on right hand side of road just after a mini roundabout



Main stand

# **Public Transport & Walking**



The nearest station to the ground is **Bromley South Railway Station** but if your train going into London goes via **East Croydon Railway Station** it may be easier to get off there and catch the **119 bus** to the ground (approximate journey time: 40 minutes).



The new Enclosure



From **Bromley South Railway Station** turn left out of the station and then right shortly afterwards into Westmoreland Road, at the traffic lights by the T-junction near the Police Station and the Churchill building. Turn left just after the church into Hayes Road. Take care to follow the road when it bears round to the left rather than ending up in Cameron Road. At the end of Hayes Road turn right into Hayes Lane having first crossed Hayes Lane using the traffic island near the mini-roundabout. The ground is about 200m on your left.

### Admission

Adults £15 OAP's/Students £10 Under 16's £5

# Where to Drink

The club have their own good Social club on the grounds and accept away fans and the beer and spirits are cheap. Around a 15 minute walk away on Masons Hill is a pub called the Bricklayers Arms. This traditional pub normally has a good mix of home and way supporters. It offers real ales, food and also has televised live sports. Next door to the Bricklayer is a Bitter End good food and beer straight from source.

# Chesterfield

Ground - Proact Stadium, 1866 Sheffield Road, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield, S41 8NZ

**Main Telephone No**: 01246 209 765

Fax No: 01246 556 799
Capacity: 10,400 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 111 x 71 yards
Year Ground Opened: 2010
Team Nickname: Spireites
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Technique
Kit Manufacturer: puma

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

Away Kit: Crimson shirts Crimson shorts crimson socks

Website: www.chesterfield-fc.co.uk

Programme: £3



# **History Facts & Records**

Founded – 1863 (Fourth oldest Football Club)

Years at Today's Ground - 11 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1899

(Founder Member of Division Three North 1921/22 & Division Three 1958/59)

First Official Floodlit Match – October 1967 Saltergate

Highest Attendance – 30,561 v Tottenham Hotspur FA Cup Fifth Round 12/02/1938

Highest Score for – 10-2 v Glossop North End Division Two on 17/01/1903

**Highest Against –** 1 – 9 v Port Vale Division Two 24/09/1932

Highest Scorer in a Season - 44 Jimmy Cookson in 1925/26

Highest Scorer Overall - 162 Ernest (Ernie) Moss 1968 - 86

Player with most First Team Appearances – 617 David Blakeley from 1948 – 67

# **Former Grounds**

Queens Park Recreation Ground 1863 – 67 Spital Cricket Ground 1867 – 71 Saltergate 1871 – 2011\*\*

# **Ground Guide**

The new ground is around 25 minute walk from the centre of Chesterfield to the Northern part of the town. On one side is the HTM Products Main Stand. This stand has a capacity of 2,902 seats on a single tier, with a glass fronted executive lounge at the rear. While the centre seating of the stand is taken up by the Directors Box, Sponsors and Legends seating areas, with the press seating situated towards the North end wing section. The stand has a ground floor and top level viewing area for disabled supporters and their helpers in the South

wing section. At one side of the stand, towards the Karen Child Kop is an unusual looking stadium control tower which extends beyond the touchline.



Opposite is the Spencers Solicitors Community Stand which is similar in appearance, having a curved roof line and a capacity of 3,144 and the television camera gantry is situated in this stand below the roof steelwork. Both ends are similar affairs, both being single tiered, covered and housing just over 2,000 supporters. The only real difference is that the Karen Child Stand has two ground floor level disabled viewing areas as opposed to one in the Rubicon Print Stand.



Outside there are some nice touches too, with the 'wall of fame' from the clubs 'buy a brick scheme', in the South and North West corners and wide pathways that lead through the car park to the turnstile blocks from Sheffield Road. The Away fans are accommodated in the North Stand with additional support if they have a large support in the East Stand the whole

ground was thought out well with spacious leg room not the tight space you get at some new grounds.

# **Driving Directions**



Leave the M1 at Junction 29 and take the A617 towards Chesterfield. At the end of the dual carriageway at the edge of the town centre, turn right onto the A61 towards Sheffield. At the first roundabout turn left and the stadium is down on the right. For the main entrance turn right into Sheffield Road and then right again into the Club Car Park. However the club car park is for permit holders only. There is nearby street parking available on side roads off the Sheffield Road I found that Chantrey Road gets you out of the area quicker going home.

Don't use the Tesco store, as the car park is patrolled on matchdays.

# **Public Transport**



Train to **Chesterfield Railway Station** follow the 'Stonegravels Way' footpath and cycle route that leads past the Chesterfield Hotel and up Brewery Street over the dual carriage way. Turn right down the steps and proceed along Infirmary Road past Chesterfield College and straight ahead along Canal Wharf. Where this joins Hazlehurst Lane take a right onto a new footpath which runs alongside the dual carriageway. Go along the footpath which runs along the boundary of the Casa Hotel to immerge at Lockoford Lane where there will be the first sighting of the Proact Stadium. Walk through the underpass past Tesco walk up to the lights turn right cross the road and walk down to the ground.

# Admission

Adults £17, OAP/Under 18's £11, Under 16's £7

# Where to have a Drink

You will have plenty of choice of pubs like the old ground in the area apart from the Crown doesn't even admit even neutrals. So use The Derby Tup at 387 Sheffield Road Good staff and friendly locals. Fantastic range of beers and all most excellent then got a seat by the roaring real fire which made the whole experience even better. You pass the stadium walk up on to Sheffield Road at it's on the right and only 9 minutes from the ground.

If you wish food then get it at the ground concourse which includes the locally produced Jacksons Pies with their Peppered Steak and Brampton Ale Pie (£3.50) they are mouthwatering, also Steak & Potato Pies (£3.50), the 'Mega Chicken Hot Pot Pie (£4), Sausage Rolls (£3.20), Rollover Cheeseburgers (£3.50), Rollover Burgers (£3.20), Rollover Hot Dogs (£3.20) and plus for the vegetarians Mexican Chilli Bean Pies (£3.20).

# Dagenham & Redbridge

Ground - Victoria Road, Dagenham, RM10 7XL

Telephone No: 0208 592 1549

Fax No: 020 8593 7227

Ticket Office: 020 8592 1549 (ext. 21)

Capacity: 6,000 (2,200 Seats)
Pitch Size: 112 x 72 yards
Team Nickname: Daggers

Year Ground Opened: 1917 (Sterling Works FC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: West and Coe

Kit Manufacturer: nike

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

Away Kit: white shirts White shorts crimson socks

Website: www.daggers.co.uk

Programme: £3



Football Tripper

# **History Facts & Records**

Founded – 1992 (merger of Dagenham FC & Redbridge Forest)

**Years at Today's Ground** – 60 years (Dagenham FC)

First Admitted to the Football League – 2007

First Official Floodlit Match – Aug 1963 (Dagenham FC)

Highest Attendance – 5,949 v Ipswich Town Third Round FA Cup 05/01/2002

**Highest Score for –** 8–1 v Woking Football Conference1993–94 season

**Highest Against –** 0–9 v Hereford United Football Conference 2003–04 season

Highest Scorer in a Season - 27 Danny Shipp in 2001/02

Highest Scorer Overall - 102 Danny Shipp from 1997 - 2004

Player with most First Team Appearances – 545 Anthony (Tony) Roberts 2002 - 2012

#### **Ground Guide**

The stadium has been finished with the construction at the Pondfield End (Traditional Builders Stand), which replaced a small open terrace that had been there since 1960. This new all seated stand which was opened during the 2009/10 season, as has room for 1,200 spectators and this is where all the away as to be found. The stand is covered, raised above pitch level and has windshields to either side.

On one side is the Main Stand, which was opened in 2001. Sponsored by Carling, this 800 capacity stand with the team dugouts situated at the front of it. The stand comprises of six rows of seating and has a small executive area at the back of it. The stand, which is free of supporting pillars, is elevated above pitch level which means that supporters have to climb small sets of steps at the front of it, to gain access.



The stand though, only runs for three quarters of the length of the pitch and at one end towards the Traditional Builders Stand, another separate stand exists. This stand which is

called the Barking College Family Stand is a small covered, seated stand. It is smaller in height that the Main Stand and contains around 200 seats, with some supporting pillars running along the front of it. Again it is raised above pitch level and is accessed via a small staircase.

The rest of the ground is terracing, with a small open terrace behind one goal and a covered terrace one side. The home end, the Bury Road End (or the Clock End), has a small basic electric scoreboard situated above it. This area also contains the club shop and Police control box.

The North Terrace, which runs along one side of the pitch, is known affectionately by the Dagenham fans as 'The Sieve' as apparently at one time it was famed for its leaking roof. This old fashioned looking terrace is partly covered to the rear and has a number of supporting pillars. It also has a television gantry perched upon its roof. Unusually the teams emerge from not from the main stand, but from a tunnel located in the new Marcus James Stand at one end of the ground.



**Bury Road End** 

### **Driving Directions**



### North:

Leave the M25 at Junction 27 and take the M11 towards London. At the end of the M11 continue onto the A406 towards Docklands (A13) and London City Airport. At the junction with the A13, turn onto this road in the direction of the Dartford Crossing. Then at the junction with the A1306, leave the A13 and join the A1306 towards Dagenham. At the third set of traffic lights turn left just before the McDonalds into Ballards Road and follow this until you reach a roundabout opposite a petrol station. At this roundabout (known as the Bull roundabout) at which you turn left, into Rainham Road. Go up Rainham Road passing

Dagenham East tube station on the left and Victoria Road is a quarter of a mile further on, on the same side of the road.



**North Stand** 



### South:

Leave the M25 at Junction 31 and take the A13 towards Central London. After approximately 4.6 miles, exit the A13 onto the slip road (signposted Dagenham/ Dagenham East). At the end of the slip road at the double roundabout turn right, then going under the A13. At the T-junction turn left onto the A1306. At the second set of lights turn right onto the B178 (Ballards Road), and follow this until you reach a roundabout opposite a petrol station and then at this roundabout (locally known as the Bull roundabout) at which you turn left, into Rainham Road. Go up Rainham Road passing Dagenham East tube station on the left and Victoria Road is a quarter of a mile further on, on the same side of the road. There is no parking available at the ground itself. However there is plenty of street parking, some of which is available on the main Rainham Road.



# **Public Transport & Walking**



Train to **Dagenham East Underground Station** then turn left as you come out of the station and walk down Rainham Road the ground is clearly sign posted and only five minutes' walk away.

### **Admission**

Adults £19, Concessions £13 Under 16 £11 Under 11 Free

# Where to have a Drink

There Social Club at the ground welcomes away supporters and costs 50p to enter. It is fairly basic, but comfortable and shows SKY Sports television. If you are attending a local Derby games against Leyton Orient or Southend then you may be refused entrance to the Social Club at the ground in which case, you're interests will be better served by one of the many local pubs.

The Eastbrook Pub located past Golds Gym on Rainham Road is probably the closest to Victoria Road with other options further away on the tube including The Barking Dog (Barking tube station) and The Lord Denman (Dagenham East). Both pubs are Weatherspoon's which serve good stock of beer.

# **Dorking Wanderers**

Ground - Meadowbank, Mill Lane, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1DX

**Telephone**: 01306 400151 **Nickname**: The Wanderers

Founded: 1999 (Merged with Dorking FC in 2000)

**Capacity**: 3,000 (800 Seated)

**Undersoil Heating:** 

**First Team Colours:** Red and White Shirts Blue Shorts, Red Socks **Second Team Colours:** White Shirts, White Shorts, White Socks

Shirt Sponsors: Stonegate
Kit Manufacturer: Vecter
Website: www.Wanderersfc.com

Programme: £3



# **Ground Guide**

After moving from the Westhumble Playing Fields ground they moved to Meadowbank when they merged with Dorking FC (Founded 1880) and added the cockerel to their badge with the Wanderers having gained 12 promotions in 21 years having started in Crawley League in 1999.



The ground is located in a picturesque setting with the tall spire of St Martins Church overlooking the ground from one side, looking out over the other side spectators can enjoy views of the Surrey Hills.

The Main Stand has a capacity of 250 seats located in six rows; this covered all-seated stand is raised slightly above pitch level. Running for around a quarter of the length of the pitch, the stand straddles the halfway line and has windshields to either side and to one side of the stand is a larger club building, which amongst other things contains the social club on the first floor and on the other side of the Main Stand is a small covered standing enclosure.



Opposite on the North Side of the pitch as well at the West End the ground is open to the elements and doesn't have spectator facilities as such, apart from some small flat standing areas, running behind the pitch perimeter fence. The team dugouts are located on this site, leading to a procession of players and club staff at half and full time as the dressing rooms are located on the other side of the ground. Behind these dugouts is a small electronic scoreboard

The East End was largely open but during the Summer of 2020 two new stands were erected at that end. These include a 272 seat Family Stand, which is covered and a 670 capacity open terrace, which the Club has christened 'The Bank'. Behind this end is a wooden clad building that contains a cafe and children's indoor play area. The teams come out on to the pitch from the dressing rooms located near the South- East corner of the stadium. Around the ground constructed above the perimeter fence are wired panels that are to try and prevent balls being kicked out of the stadium, this is particularly needed on the North and West sides of the ground where it is overlooked by houses.

# **Driving to the Ground**



Leaving the M25 at Junction 9, follow the A243/24 and at the roundabout take the third exit on to the A243 and at the next take the second exit onto the Leatherhead By-pass straight on at the next roundabout and then second exit at the next roundabout on to the A24 and at Boxhill railway station roundabout go straight and then taske the next exit of the A24 and then take the fourth exit onto the A24 and the entrance to the ground is on the left after 100 yards



# **Public Transport**



Train to **Dorking Deepdene Railway Station** walk across the road turn right and take the first right down London Road then second right down Rothes Road walk all way round it becomes Ansell Road and at the end you should have Nationwide building Society in front of you then take a right then first right up Mill Lane where the road bends take a slight right up to the ground.

#### **Admission**

£12 for Adults,

£9 for Concessions and under 16's enter free

### Where to Get a drink

There is outside Fan Zone bar next to the Main Stand that it is contained within a wooden chalet type building and has a number of tables and seats. Apart from bottles of beer, plus wines and spirits, it also offers a number of draught drinks at around £4 a pint including; London Pride, Fosters, Guinness and Stowford Press and you are also allowed to smoke in this outdoor bar area.

The Meadowbank ground is only a few minutes' walk from Dorking High Street where there are a number of pubs to be found with the closest is the Surrey Yeoman on the High Street along with the Red Bar, just off the High Street on Dene Street. Whilst towards the other end of the High Street, bearing left onto South Street are the Bulls Head and Spotted Dog

# Eastleigh

Ground - Silverlake Stadium Ten Acres Stoneham Lane Eastleigh Hampshire SO50 9HT

**Telephone** - 02380 613 361 **Capacity** - 5,500 (3,200 seated)

Nickname - The Spitfires

**Ground Opened** – 1957 (Swaythling Athletic FC)

Pitch Size: 111 x 75 yards Undersoil Heating: No Shirt Sponsors: Ultima Kit Manufacturer: macron

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

Away Kit: white shirts White shorts blue socks

Website: www.eastlieghfc.co.uk

Programme: £2



# **Ground Guide**

The club have played at the Silverlake Stadium since 1957 this was previously known as Ten Acres and later the Sparshatts Stadium, it has a capacity of 5,500.



Main Stand

To the right of this, behind the goal is the Silverlake Stand and in 2006, the roof was widened to cover the whole length of the stand, and 150 seats were added to the middle. Like the Grandstand, there is uncovered each side.



South Stand

A more substantial covered all seated stand has been built at the South End. The Mackoy Community Stand has a capacity of 2,290 replacing the small terrace and the East covered terrace which was purchased from Exeter RFC

Opposite the grandstand is the Premier Telecom stand and until 2006, this was just uncovered terracing backing into a hedge. During the summer of 2006, a metal back and roof were added, along with an electronic scoreboard on the roof. Opposite the Silverlake Stand, behind the other goal is the Clubhouse End.

#### **Driving to the Ground**



From junction 13 of M3, turn right into Leigh Road, turn right at Holiday Inn, at mini roundabout take second exit, at the next mini roundabout take second exit, then next mini roundabout take first exit. Then take the first turning right (signposted) the ground is 200 metres on the left.



East Terrace Hampshire wanderer



From the M27 exit at junction 5 and take 1st exit (from the west) or 3rd exit (from the east) at roundabout into Stoneham Lane. You have to pass the ground and the road for the ground on your left, carrying on to the mini roundabout, turning back on the way you came and then turning right into the road some 150 yards away which you couldn't turn down in the first place (strange I know!). The ground is down this lane on the left. Car parking at the ground is free.

#### **Public Transport**



Train to **Southampton Parkway Railway Station** over the foot bridge then its straight across the car park into Wide Lane pass the cricket ground along turn right at the first roundabout then walk up the road but there is no pathway (so at night games get a taxi) and at the next roundabout cross over turn right and go through the bushes the ground is in front of you.



Clubhouse End

#### Admission

Adults £17 OAP's/Students £10 Under 16's £4

#### Where to Drink

The Cricketers Arms at 234 Chestnut Avenue North is only five minutes away from the ground and good food as well as beers and wine served there is the Concord club but that is to posh and the prices would make your wallet have a heart attack.

## **Ebbsfleet United**

Ground - Stonebridge Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent DA11 9GN

Main Telephone No: 01474 533796

**Fax No**: 01474 324754

Founded: 1946 (Gravesend & Northfleet United)

Capacity: 5,010 (Seated 2,179)
Team Nickname: The Fleet

Year Ground Opened: 1890 (Northfleet United)

Pitch Size: 112 x 76 yards Undersoil Heating: No Shirt Sponsors: Mitsibishi Kit Manufacturer: macron

First Kit: Red Shirt with White Shorts and Red and white socks

Away Kit: Sky blue shirts White shorts White socks

Website: www.ebbsfleetunited.co.uk

Programme: £3

#### **Ground Guide**

The ground has a capacity for 4,200 supporters new stand which was opened in November 2017, runs the full length of the pitch. It is unusual looking in that the roof is situated quite high above the seating area, with a tall back wall. The Main Stand roof also curves upwards in the middle over the halfway line. It has a capacity of 1,016 seats.



Swanscombe End

On the opposite side of the ground the wooden Main Stand and this single tiered covered stand, is all seated and runs for around half the length of the pitch. This stand has a fair number of supporting pillars running along the front of it, although the seating is raised above pitch level with a small terrace in front of this stand.



Main Stand

At one is end is a covered stand, known as the Plough End, gaining its name from the former pub that was situated just behind it and the former covered terrace, which has since had 534 seats installed.



**New Stand** 

The opposite end, known as the Swanscombe End, is an open terrace, which is dominated by a huge electricity pylon which sits directly behind it. In 2018 this had a number safety crush barriers installed as well as an electric scoreboard at its rear.

#### **Driving to the Ground**



#### From the M25 (South)

Leave the M25 at Junction 2 and take the A2 towards Dartford/Canterbury M2 Then at the fourth exit take the M2 Canterbury. Merge on to the A2 continue down then take the slip road for Gravesend and Northfleet follow the signs for the A2260 at the roundabouts towards Northfleet & Gravesend then at the lights turn left onto Thames Way. Keep on this road until you reach the second roundabout then take the second exit past the Kia garage and at the next roundabout the ground is in front of you.



**Plough End** 

#### From the M1 (North) - Dartford Bridge



Leave the M1 at Junction 6A for M25 After coming over the bridge keep to the left hand lanes and after passing through the toll booths turn left at the roundabout onto the At junction 1A, take the A206 exit to Swanscombe/Erith/Bluewater Then take the third exit onto Cotton Lane (B3328) at the lights take a left onto London Road (A226), towards Northfleet. At the second roundabout take the third exit (A226) down Galley Hill Road and go straight on keep on this road until you reach the ground on your left. There is some parking available behind the Swanscombe End at a cost of £3. Parking is available on matchdays in Car Park C at Ebbsfleet International rail station, which costs £2'. The car park is about a five minute walk away from the ground. Otherwise there is nearby street parking available.

#### **Public Transport & Walking**



5 minutes

Train for **Northfleet Railway Station** which is the nearest station to the ground only a 5 minute walk away from the ground. Just come straight out of the station and turn left at the top of the road past the Plough Pub to the ground.





The alternative is to take the train to **Ebbsfleet International Railway Station** and it's also 5 minutes walk to the ground straight up the road over the railway bridge and at the roundabout turn left past the Kia Garage and at the next roundabout the ground is in front of you, is across the road.

#### **Admission**

Adults £15, Over 60's/Under 18's £10, Under 13's £5, Under 5's Free. And a extra £2.00 for the Main Stand

#### Where to Drink

The fleet have their own Social Club and welcomes everybody and has Sky sports or just 600 yards away is The Plough Pub, The Old Leather bottle on the Dover Road, the Pavilion at The Grove and the Blue Anchor in Swanscombe Street.

## FC Halifax Town

Ground - The Shay Stadium, off Shaw Hill, Halifax, HX1 2YT

Telephone: - 01422 341222 Capacity: 10,561 (Seats 5,830) Team Nickname: The Shaymen Year Ground Opened: 1921 Pitch Size: 110 x76 yards Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Halifax bathrooms

Kit Manufacturer: Adidas

**First Kit**: Midnight Blue Shirt with Blue Shorts and blue socks **Away Kit**: Orange & Blue shirts Blue shorts Orange socks

Website: www.fchalifaxtown.com

Programme: £3



#### **Ground Guide**

The ground has a capacity of 10,561 with the ground having seating for 5,830 in the three stands and the one end being a standing covered enclosure and has a good club shop

On one side are new Main (East) Stand and this single tiered, covered, seated stand, opening in 2010. The stand has a capacity of 3,500 and has some corporate hospitality boxes located at the back of it. There are windshields to either side and has a large area for wheelchair supporters being incorporated half way up on one side. The stand disappointingly has a shallow angle, meaning that spectators seated at the back of the Stand are situated quite far away from the playing action.



**North Stand** 

Opposite is the covered all seated Skircoat Stand which has a line of supporting pillars than run across the front of the stand. It doesn't run the full length of the pitch and so has grassy banks to either side. There are also a number of large trees that can be seen on the hill behind it, giving the ground a rural feel. Both ends are good sized covered terraces, both of which were built in the late 1990's.



Skircoat Stand

#### **Driving Directions**



Take the M62 to junction 24, head towards Halifax on A629 and to the Town Centre. At the main roundabout follow the signs for A629 into Orange Street then follow the signs for Huddersfield up the hill into Cow Green and follow the road past the Victoria Theatre ground to HSS tools then at the traffic lights take a right Shaw Hill then at the T Junction take a left and just before the flats the entrance to the ground car park is on the left.

#### **Public Transport & Walking**



This is a nine minute walk from **Halifax Railway Station**. Come out of the main entrance and through the car park, turn second left and into South Parade walk straight on at the crossroads into Shay Hill and the ground is on your right just after the bend at the sign of the Weavers turn up the path to the ground.



Main and South Stand

#### Admission

Adults £17 Over 65's/Students £10 Under 16's £2

#### Where to Drink

The Three Pigeons Pub sells good beer and is only a few minutes' walk away from the stadium' and pub which is on Sun Fold Road is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

Further up from the Three Pigeons is the Pump Room is friendly to away supporters'. Otherwise the ground is in easy walking distance of the town centre where there are plenty of pubs to be found. There are also plenty of pubs in the centre of the Town for neutral and away supporters.

## Gateshead

Ground - Gateshead International Stadium, Neilson Road, Gateshead, NE10 0EF

Main Telephone No: 0191 478 3883

Fax No: 0191 440 0404

**Capacity**: 11,800

Team Nickname: The Tynesiders or The Head

Year Ground Opened: 1955 Pitch Size: 100 x 68 yards Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Gateshead Central Taxis & Jos

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

First Kit: White Shirt with Black Shorts and black and white socks

Away Kit: sky blue shirts sky blue shorts crimson socks

Website: www.Gateshead-fc.com

Programme: £3

#### **Ground Guide**

The 11,800 capacity all-seater International Stadium is located in the east of Gateshead it is primarily an athletics stadium until recently the only covered accommodation was in the Tyne & Wear Main Stand but a roof was constructed on the adjacent East End which has a capacity of 4,000. Behind both goals remain open and are unused on match days, the stadium, which has a bowl-like effect, has a playing surface surrounded by international standard athletics track like some European Grounds.



South Stand

The Tyne & Wear Main Stand on the west side is a large all seated covered stand, which has a capacity of 3,227. The angle of the stand is quite steep and some distance from the pitch, the sight lines are very good. On one side of the Tyne & Wear Stand there is a covered Press Box while a new building was added to the south end of the stand and this incorporates a new stadium entrance, large cafe/bar area and, upstairs, new corporate board room facilities as well as Gym and Athletic facilities.



The location of away supporters is depending on the size of the away support. If they have a big support then they are housed in the East Stand for smaller supports then they are usually housed in North End of the Tyne & Wear Main Stand.



Tyne & Wear Stand

### **Driving to the Ground**



On the A1 (M1) at Junction 65, take Sliproad for the A194 (M) towards South Shields. At the end of the A194 (M) at the roundabout take a left and take the A184 towards Gateshead. At the next roundabout follow the signs for A184 the stadium is situated on the right hand side so at the lights turn right into Nelson Road and left into the parking area.



East Stand

#### **Public Transport**



Train to **Newcastle Central Railway Station** then walk down to the Metro and take it to the **Gateshead Stadium Metro Stop** come out of the station and turn right across the bridge and up St James Road, then turn right at the end of the road into Park Road walk down Park Road cross the road by the footbridge and when you past Speedy Cars turn left and the stadium is down the lane signposted.

#### **Admission**

Adults: £14 Concessions: £9 Under 16's £2

#### Where to Drink

The best place to have a pint is at Newcastle Station before getting the metro to the ground as there is a bar at the ground but they don't allow neutrals or away in.

# **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**







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**

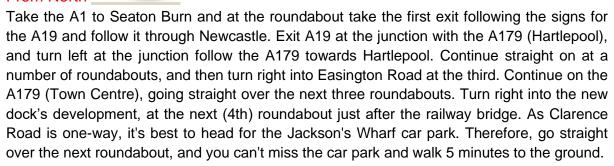


#### From South

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



#### **Public Transport & Walking**





#### → 10 minutes

Train to **Hartlepool Railway Station** which is a ten minutes' 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.

# Kidderminster Harriers

Ground - Aggborough Stadium Hoo Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1NB

Main Telephone No: 01562 823 931

Fax No: 01562 827 329

Capacity: 6,238 (Seated 3,140)
Team Nickname: Harriers
Year Ground Opened: 1890
Pitch Size: 100 x 72 yards
Undersoil Heating: No

**Shirt Sponsors**: Adam Hewitt **Kit Manufacturer**: Kappa

First Kit: Red Shirts Red Shorts and Red socks

Away Kit: Navy Blue shirts Navy Blue shorts Navy Blue socks

Website: www. harriersfc.com

Programme: £3



#### **Ground Guide**

The ground is beside the Severn Valley Railway and on one side is the East Stand, this single tiered, cantilevered stand, replaced a former terrace with Perspex panels have been incorporated into the front of its roof allowing sunlight to reach the pitch.



On one side is the Reynolds (Main Stand) Stand which is a single tiered stand, although it comprises just eight rows of seats, it appears much larger as it has quite a tall back wall at the back of the stand, the middle portion of which houses a glassed fronted executive area.



Part of the East Stand is given to away supporters where around 1,500 supporters can be accommodated. In addition a number of seats are also made available in the Bill Greaves East Stand with both North and South ends are small covered terraces.



**Driving to the Ground** 

#### From North (M5)



Leave the M5 at Junction 3. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Manor Way/A456 then take the signs towards Kidderminster. On entering the outskirts of Kidderminster, turn left at the traffic lights at the junction with the A449, by the Land Oak Public House then turn right at the next lights and go towards the town centre, passing the Severn Valley Railway Station on your left. Turn left into Hoo Road which is just before the roundabout and the ground is up this road on the left.



West Stand

#### From South West (M5)



Exit M5 at junction 6 (signposted A449) and follow towards Kidderminster after three miles at the roundabout follow the signs take the 3rd exit and stay on A449 go through 3 roundabouts at the third roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Chester Road S/A449. At first roundabout, take third exit (signposted A449, Kidderminster & Wolverhampton), then take first turning on left before railway bridge. Then go down Hoo Road, over Railway Bridge, and Aggborough Stadium is on the right hand side.

#### From South-East (M25, M40 & M42)



Take the M25 to Junction 16 Birmingham / Oxford then merge on to the M42 take the exit for the A38 towards Bromsgrove then At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Birmingham Rd/A38 after 600 yards Turn right onto Birmingham Road then continue straight onto Market St/A448. Continue straight onto Market St/A448 and at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Kidderminster Rd/A448 go through two roundabouts just before the third turn left into Hoo Road for the ground.



North End

#### **Public Transport & Walking**



Take the train to **Kidderminster Railway Station** then come out of the rail station and turn left walk down through the car park and take the path beside the railway line under the footbridge then turn right walk up the path then turn left at the end of the lane is the ground.

#### **Admission**

#### **Bill Greaves East Stand (Seating):**

Adults £17 Concessions £11, Under 16's £8, Under 8's Free

#### South Stand (Terrace):

Adults £14 Concessions £8, Under 16's £5, Under 8's Free

#### Where to Drink

King & Castle located on the Station Approach on Comberton Hill inside the Severn Valley Railway Station which is next to Kidderminster mainline railway station. I have been visiting

this establishment since 1989 and it has always been a fascination to me. The place is designed to be part of the Severn Valley Railway experience, so just like the station and locomotives are a throwback to the 1940's so is this pub. During the daytime, there is a restaurant just off the bar, but during the evenings it is just crisps, nuts and cobs and of course REAL ALE but no TV, jukebox or fruit machine.

Generally, there are about 5 cask ales and a couple of keg beers, for those without the sophisticated palate, available with Bathams being a regular product; local ciders are also available. Across the road from station is another pub called the Railway Bell still on Comberton Hill, plus Fish & chips place called 'Captain Cod'.

Coming out of the railway station and passing the Severn Valley Railway Station on the left and a little further down the hill on the same side is the recently opened Weavers Real Ale House this small pub specialises in real ale and it serves cider and wine. The service is welcoming and there's always something different to try as the owners bring in different tipples from all over the country including their own microbrewery ale.

# Maidenhead United

Ground - York Road Maidenhead SL6 1SF

Telephone - 01628 636 314 Capacity: 4,550 (Seated 500) Team Nickname: The Magpies

Pitch Size: 112 x 75 m
Year Ground Opened: 1871
Shirt Sponsors: Utility alliance

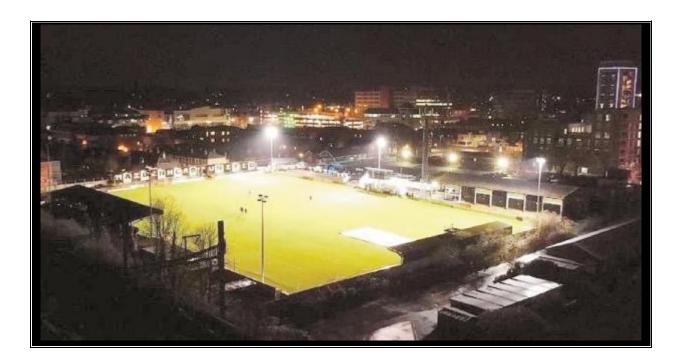
Kit Manufacturer: BLK

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

Away Kit: Orange & white shirts White shorts Orange socks

Website: www.maidenheadunited.co.uk

Programme: £2



#### **Ground Guide**

The main Stand is surrounded by trees and borders the railway with the main stand. This stand, which is known as the Railway Stand, is comprised of seven rows of seating and has a capacity of 550. The Bell Street end of the ground is a simply covered terrace which is split into two separate sections. It is quite eye-catching as 'Maidenhead United FC' has been painted onto the back wall of the terrace in large black and white letters. Opposite at the other end is the smaller East Terrace that does have some cover towards its middle. The other side of the ground which is small open terrace and the team dugouts

#### **Driving to the Ground**



Take the M6 to just after Junction 5 and merge on to the M42 At junction 3A, exit onto M40 toward London/ Warwick/ Stratford, then at junction 4, take the A404 exit to High Wycombe/ Marlow/ Maidenhead, at the roundabout, take the second exit onto A404 At the roundabout, take the second exit onto Marlow Rd/A308 and continue to follow A308 down Gringer Hill and on into Marlow Road and at the roundabout go straight on at the lights just before the Odeon cinema.



**Bell Street End** 

Turn left into Broadway and park the car there. Come out of the car park walk through the shopping centre and turn left go past the Greyhound Pub when you get to the Honeypot Arms pub turn right and walk down York Road the ground is on the right, down the lane just before the Bowling Green

There is no parking at the ground or surrounding streets so use the following Stafferton Way, Grove Road, West Street or The Broadway Car Parks in the area.



**Main Stand** 

### **Public Transport & Walking**



The ground is a five minute walk away from the **Maidenhead Railway Station** when you come out of the station turn left and walk up King Street past the clock tower till you get to the Bell pub there cross the road and turn right into Queens Road when you get to the Honeypot Arms pub turn right and walk down York Road the ground is on the right, down the lane just before the Bowling Green. Those coming from the station should take the first right into Bell Street and use the turnstile in Bell Street for segregated games.



Bowling End/ York Road

#### **Admission**

Adults £17 OAP's/Students £11 Under 16's £2

#### **Programme**

£2.00

#### Where to Drink

The Honeypot Arms at 81 Queen St, and The greyhound Pub at 86 Queen Street are one minute walk from the ground or the Bear at 1 High Street which is a three minute walk from the ground all well maintained with good food and The Greyhound and The Bear both in the CAMRA guide for real ale.

# Oldham Athletic

Ground - Boundary Park, Sheepfoot Lane Oldham, OL1 2PA

**Main Telephone No:** 0871 226 2235

Fax No: 0871 226 1715

Ticket Office: 0871 226 1653
Capacity: 10,638 (all seated)
Pitch Size: 106 x 72 yards
Team Nickname: The Latics
Year Ground Opened: 1906
Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: PFE Express Kit Manufacturer: Sondico Website: oldhamathletic.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



### **History Facts & Records**

**Founded** - 1895

Years at Today's Ground – 121 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1907

First Official Floodlit Match - October 1961

**Highest Attendance –** 47,671 v Sheffield Wednesday FA Cup, Round Four 25 January 1930

**Highest Score for –** 11–0 v Southport, Division 4, 26 December 1962

Highest Against - 4-13 v Tranmere Rovers, Division 3 (North), 26 December 1935

Highest Scorer in a Season - 33 Tom Davis, Division 3 (North), 1936-37

Highest Scorer Overall - 141 Roger Palmer, from 1980-1994

Player with most First Team Appearances – 525 Ian Wood, from 1966–1980

#### **Former Names**

Pine Villa 1895 - 99

#### **Former Grounds**

Pine Mills 1895 - 99

#### **Colours**







e Away

Alternative

#### **Ground Guide**

The ground is comprised of the new Broadway Stand which has a capacity of 2,500 and will also have a health and fitness suite, supporters' bar and event facilities. At one end is the comparatively new Rochdale Road End, a single tiered covered stand with an electric scoreboard on its roof. Part of this stand is given to away supporters where up to 3,000 can be accommodated.

Away fans are housed in the Chaddy Road End at one end of the ground. This stand has a capacity of around 1,600 fans and this is the opposite end to where the away fans have been housed for many years and has caused some upset with some Oldham fan, as this was always seen as the traditional 'Home' end.

The North Stand is the new part of home end which holds 3,000 fans and the facilities in this modern stand are fairly good, as are the acoustics. If you get chance, make sure to try one of the pies; Cottage, Steak & Pepper, plus Cheese & Potato (all £2.80).

For away fans take a pint The Clayton Green pub is two hundred yards from the corner of the Main Stand and the Chaddy End, on Sheepfoot Lane you'll find pub food as it should be

with our everyday great value menu. You will need a drink if you have walked it from Block End or Oldham Werneth stations.



Vernon and George Hill Stands

This used to have a paddock terracing in front, but has since been filled with seating. There is still some old unused terracing on the right side of this stand. The ground also benefits from four large traditional floodlight pylons.



Jimmy Fizzell Stand

#### **Driving Directions**



Leave the M62 at Junction 20 and take the A627 (M) towards Oldham. Take the second exit off the A627 (M) following the signs for Royton (A663). At the top of the slip road you will find a large roundabout. Turn left at the roundabout onto Broadway towards Royton (speed cameras on this stretch). Take the next right hand turn into Carlton Avenue which will take you up to the large Club car park, situated behind the Broadway Stand. The cost of the car park is for cars £5 and minibus £10.



Public Transport

Yellow → 5 mins → Fink

Take the train to **Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station** and walk over to the Metro Centre and take the Yellow Line for Bury to Victoria Metro Station then take the **Pink Link** for Rochdale and take it to **Oldham King Street** Metro Stop and then take a left and walk down King Street to just before the Mecca Bingo hall and there take the **First in Manchester 409 bus** to Royal Oldham Hospital then take the first left into Sheepfoot Lane and the ground is 500 yards up on the right.











409

Take the train **Manchester Victoria Railway Station** and then take the **Pink Link** for Rochdale and take it to **Oldham King Street** Metro Stop and then take a left and walk down King Street to just before the Mecca Bingo hall and there take the **First in Manchester 409 bus** to Royal Oldham Hospital then take the first left into Sheepfoot Lane and the ground is 500 yards up on the right.

#### **Admission**

#### **Rochdale Road End:**

Adults £20, OAP's £10 Under 16's £5

## **Oxford City**

Ground - Court Place Farm Stadium, Marsh Lane Marston Oxford OX3 0NQ

**Telephone/ Fax:** 01865 744493 **Capacity**: 3,000 (300 Seated)

Team Nickname: City

Year Ground Opened: 1993

Founded: 1883

**Undersoil Heating: No** 

First Team Colours: Blue & White Shirts, Blue Shorts, Blue & White Socks

Second Team Colours: Green Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks

**Shirt Sponsors:** The Village Charity

**Kit Manufacturer:** ERRA **Website:** www.Oxfordcityfc.com

Programme: £3

#### **Ground Guide**

The ground has a capacity of 3,000 with the ground having seating for 300 in the main stand and has two covered enclosure at the Cricket Ground End and one opposite the stand with a large club house at the Marsh Road End of the ground and has a good club shop with friendly staff.



There is a new seated stand erected towards the North West end of the ground on this side. It has four rows of seats, with 158 in total, the Marsh Lane End itself is dominated by the club house and Club offices which sits directly behind.

#### **Driving Directions**





Take the M6 to just past Junction 5 and merge on to the M42 then at junction 3A, exit onto M40 toward London/ Warwick/ Stratford then at junction 9, take the A41/A34 exit to Bicester/ Aylesbury/ Oxford/ Newbury the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto A34 then just after six miles take the A44 exit toward Oxford/ Evesham/ London/ Cheltenham/ A40. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Woodstock Road/ A44 At the roundabout then take the 2nd exit onto Sunderland Ave/ A40 then go straight on at the next roundabout the take the next exit toward Marston/ Elsfield and follow the road round over the A40 and continue into Marsh Lane there is a sign for the ground entrance on the left

### South



From the M40 Junction 8 at the London Road roundabout follow the signs for A40 then take the take the exit toward Marston/ Elsfield follow the road round and at the T Junction turn left continue into Marsh Lane and at the next T Junction turn right there is a sign for the ground entrance on the left

#### **Public Transport & Walking**



Train to **Oxford Railway Station** then walk a few minutes to Frideswide Square, Stop R8 or A3 the **Stagecoach Oxfordshire bus 13 or 14 14A** and take the bus to Elms Drive on Marsh Lane the ground is across the road two minutes on the right.

#### **Admission**

Adults £14 Over 65's/Students £6 Under 16's £4

#### **Where to Drink**

The club have a good social club all welcome in the main stand but there is The Bricklayers Arms at 39 Church Lane, The Friar at 2 Old Manston Road and The Cavalier at 148 Copse Lane all are twelve minutes from the ground and all serve good beer and spirits as well have a good atmosphere.

## 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







**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

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**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

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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 lefthand 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, 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**



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)



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,

## Solihull Moors

**Ground** - Damson Park, Damson Parkway, Solihull, B91 2PP

**Telephone No:** 0121 705 6770

Capacity: 3,050 (Seats 280)
Team Nickname: Moors
Year Ground Opened: 1999
Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards
Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: John Shephard

Kit Manufacturer: SS

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

Away Kit: Red shirts Red shorts black and Red socks

Website: www.solihullmoorsfc.co.uk

Programme: £2



### **Ground Guide**

The ground has a capacity of 3,050 with the ground having seating for 280 in the main stand in the last couple of seasons albeit partly with temporary structures. At the DrainTech End of the ground, a small covered terrace was put in place at the end of 2016.

Although it is only seven steps high, it does run for the full width of the pitch and has a capacity of around 1,000 and if segregation is in place then this end is given to away supporters.

The Main Stand in effect is some seating located in front of the Social Club building, which also houses the team dressing rooms and has the team dugouts located out front. Above the seating areas, there has been constructed a viewing platform for club officials and sponsors, which gives it a strange look and in 2017 an additional bank of open seating was put in place on this Main Stand side towards the DrainTech End.



**Drain Tech End** 

At the Damson Lane End of the ground is a small covered terrace, called the TC Cars Stand, it is known to the local fans as the 'Shed End'. The remaining side of the ground is mostly open to the elements and is known as the Airport side. In fact, you can see one of the nearby Birmingham Airport Conning Towers in the distance behind it. On one side is a small covered temporary seated stand, which was erected before the start of the 2016/17 season. In 2019 two additional blocks of seating comprising over 1,000 seats, albeit uncovered, were also installed on this side of the ground.



Main Stand

### **Driving Directions**



Take the M6 to just past Junction 5 and merged onto the M42, then take the M42 to junction 6 and at the roundabout, take the fifth exit onto the A45 ramp to Birmingham/ Birmingham International Airport after approximate 1.5 miles take the left filter lane at the traffic lights for Land Rover and Damson Wood onto Damson Parkway the ground is on the right just before the lights for Land Rover.

### **Public Transport & Walking**



From **Solihull Rail Station** take the approach road turn left and then at the roundabout take the second left into Lode Lane then first right at the roundabout into Warwick Road, turn left at filter traffic lights leaving Warwick Road into Hampton Lane.

Crossover next set of traffic lights and continue straight on along Damson Parkway. Go past BUPA Parkway Hospital and follow for just over 1 mile to the roundabout at Land Rover Works. Turn right at the roundabout and the ground entrance is 100 yards on your left. This is just under a mile walk and can be done in 18 mins.



TC Cars End

### **Admission**

Adults £17 Over 65's/Students £11 Under 16's £4

### Where to Drink

The Social club is the best place to drink you can even leave the ground and get a pint at half time then go back in and watch the second half.

### **Southend United**

Ground - Roots Hall, Victoria Avenue, Southend-On-Sea, SS2 6NQ

**Main Telephone No:** 01702 304050

**Fax No**: 01702 304124 **Ticket Office**: 08444 770077 **Capacity**: 12,392 (all seated) **Pitch Size**: 110 x 74 yards

Team Nickname: The Shrimpers

Year Ground Opened: 1900 (Victoria Avenue Ground)

**Undersoil Heating: No** 

**Shirt Sponsors:** Prostate Cancer UK

Kit Manufacturer: Nike

Website: www.southendunited.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



### **History Facts & Records**

**Founded** – 1906

**Years at Today's Ground** – 63 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match - July 1959

Highest Attendance - 31,033 v Liverpool, FA Cup, 10 January 1979

**Highest Score for –** 10–1 v Golders Green, FA Cup Round One, 24/11/1934; 10–1 v Brentwood, FA Cup Round Two 7/12/1968; 10–1 v Aldershot, Football League Trophy, Preliminary Sectional Round 6/11/1990

**Highest Against** – 1-11 v Northampton Town Southern League Division One 30/12/1909 **Highest Scorer in a Season** – 31 Jim Shankly in 1928/29, Jim Hollis in 1954/55 and Samuel (Sammy) McIlroy 1957/58

**Highest Scorer Overall –** 135 Roy Hollis from 1954–1960

Player with most First Team Appearances – 506 Alan Moody from 1972–1984

### **Former Grounds**

Victoria Road Ground (Old Roots Hall) (1906 – 14) Kursaal (1914 – 1950) Southend Stadium 1950 – 55

### **Colours**



### **Ground Guide**

The East stand is the main stand at Roots Hall, running along one side of the pitch. Originally designed as a section of seating with paddocks of terracing below, it was converted to an all seater stand in the 1990s. The stand also contains executive boxes and, in the back, the Club offices. The dugouts are cut into the stand, covered by the main roof. The stand was originally much smaller and evidence of its extension along the touchline can be seen in the density of moss on the roof.



East Stand & North Stand

Originally a 72-step terrace, financial troubles in the mid-1990s saw the old terrace reduced dramatically before being replaced by a significantly smaller two-tier stand. The bottom tier forms part of the family enclosure, alongside part of the West Stand.



South Stand

The West was also formerly a terrace, though it was converted into a stand by bolting seat onto the existing structure, reducing the total capacity to 3,337. Originally the terrace only ran the length of the touch-line but when the ground was improved in the 1990s the north-west corner was filled-in. This section is sometimes used for away supporters, depending on demand. The roof has a unique double-barrelled construction, originally the stand's cover was set back from the pitch, and when the Club constructed cover for the front section of the old terrace they built another identical span. A small section of the West Stand has been

designated as the family stand, and Block W (at the North end of the stand) houses the 'Blue Voice' singing section.

The North Stand, also known as the North Bank, is another converted terrace. The roof has a semi-circular 'barrel' shape, similar to the West Stand's original roof, with a scoreboard in the centre. Part of the North Stand is designated for up to 1,200 away supporters, but if necessary the whole stand can be allocated to bring the allocation up to around 2,000.

For the away fans The Railway Tavern on East Street in Prittlewell is 100 yards from the station just walk up the station approach and onto East Street ideally placed next to the railway station then the Tavern does good ale, a big bar split into two with plenty of space. Landlord was helpful and chatty and the staff well attended. I'd recommend a stop off. Roots Hall is served by four bars around the ground in addition to the West Stand Bar which can be accessed through turnstiles 21-26.

### **Driving Directions**



From M25 take Junction 29 and follow the A127 to Southend. Continue towards the town centre, through the lights near to the Bell Pub. At the next roundabout turn right take the third exit into Victoria Avenue. The ground is on the right just past the next traffic lights. If you turn right into Fairfax Drive as you reach the ground, this will put you behind the away end where there is plenty of street parking to be found. Otherwise there is a car park at the ground, or there is the Southend High School on Prittlewell Chase which is the first right as you come down Fairfax Drive and 100 yards on the right also offers car parking for £5 per car.



West Stand

### **Public Transport**





### → 5 mins

Train to **Prittlewell Railway Station**, about a five minute walk away. As you exit the station turn right into East Street, you will then come to a crossroads with traffic lights. On your right is the 'Fish House, turn right past the church cross the road then walk 100 yards and the ground is tucked away on your left.

### **Admission**

Adults £17, Senior Citizens £12, Under 21's/Students £10, Under 16's £10, Under 8's £5

### Wealdstone

Ground - St. George's Stadium Grosvenor Vale, Ruislip, HA4 6JQ,

**Telephone**: 01895 637487

Fax: 0208 9074421

Capacity: 2,640 (Seated 329)

**Team Nickname**: The Stone, The Royals **Year Ground Opened**: 1938 (Runslip Manor)

Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards Undersoil Heating: No Shirt Sponsors: GDF Lewis Kit Manufacturer: Kelme

First Kit: Blue and White Shirt with Blue Shorts and Blue socks

Away Kit: White shirts White shorts White socks

Website: www.wealdstonefc.com

Programme: £2



### **Ground Guide**

The Vale continues to be improved with the introduction of new terracing, safety barriers and in 2009 a new covered stand ('Brian Collins' Corner). In the Summer of 2012 a new club shop was added, along with a new Tea Bar located behind the dug-outs on the half-way line as well as additional raised terracing. In the Summer of 2013, the Supporters paid for and built a new mobile stand ('Bulla Stand') which has been positioned behind the goal at the old 'Tea Bar' end and more cover has been added at the Gun Turret End ('Roy Couch' stand) providing further covered accommodation for the fans.



### **Driving to the Ground**



From the M1 follow the signs for Heathrow Airport on the M25 then come off at Junction 16 onto the A40, then come off at the Polish War Memorial junction for the A4180 sign posted to Ruislip, continue on West End Road, right into Grosvenor Vale after approx. 1.5 miles, the ground is at the end of the road. From the M25 take Junction 16 off the M25 onto A40. Then follow the above directions.



### **Public Transport & Walking**







Using the Metropolitan, and Piccadilly lines to **Ruislip Manor Station** turn left out of the station, then first right into Shenley Avenue, third left into Cranley Drive, the ground is 50 yards on the left.

From **Ruislip Underground Station** (Metropolitan Line) Turn left and walk up the stairs turns left again and go over the bridge into West End Road, walk down approx 200 yards and turn left into Grosvenor Vale.

From Ruislip Gardens Underground Station (Central Line) turn right into West End Road and keep going for approx 1/2 mile turn right into Grosvenor Vale, the ground is at the end of the road.

### **Admission**

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

### Where to Drink

Two minutes from Runslip Station is Sweeney's at 101 High Street where good beer and ale are had with friendly staff and heading towards the ground is the Bell Inn at 298 West End Road from Runslip Gardens Station which is a eleven minutes' walk from the ground and has a good restaurant as well as selling good beer and is rustic from the outside.

# Woking

Ground - Kingfield Stadium Kingfield Road, Woking GU22 9AA

Telephone - 01483 772 470
Capacity: 6,000 (2,500 Seated)
Team Nickname: The Cardinals
Year Ground Opened: 1922
Pitch Size: 114 x 76 yards
Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Boz Fruit and Veg

Kit Manufacturer: Addidas

First Kit: Red and White Shirt with Black Shorts and red and white socks

Away Kit: blue shirts blue shorts blue socks

Website: www.wokingfc.co.uk

Programme: £2



### **Ground Guide**

The ground has an impressive and has a capacity for 6,000 and a modern looking single tiered stand at one end of the ground called the Leslie Gosden Stand, towers above the rest of the stadium. At the other end is a small covered terrace, called the Kingfield Road End, whilst on one side there is a small open terrace, called the Chris Lane Terrace. On the other

side are a couple of small covered seated stand, with terracing beside the, called the Moaners End one nice feature is the abundance of greenery, with lots of trees surrounding the stadium.



Leslie Gosden Stand from the Tennis Courts

### **Driving to the Ground**

### North



Exit M25 Junction 11 takes the A317 and then the A320 towards Woking. Continue on the A320 through Woking town centre. Then follow the road left over the Railway Bridge and passing a Woking Community Hospital on your left you will come to a fork in the road, take the left fork into Claremont Road towards Old Woking then at the bottom of Claremont Road turn left onto Kingfield Road and the entrance to the ground is down on the right opposite the Leisure Centre.



Chris Lane Terrace

### South



Exit M25 Junction 10 and follow A3 towards Guildford. Leave at next junction onto B2215 through Ripley and join A247 to Woking. Turn right at the roundabout into Wynch Hill Lane, towards Old Woking and this road leads into Kingfield Road and the entrance to the ground is down on the right opposite the Leisure Centre.

### **Public Transport & Walking**



Train to **Woking Railway Station** which is about a mile away from the ground and is around a 15-minute walk. Exit the station on the opposite side of the station to the town (Station Approach/Oriental Road side). Turn Right down Station Approach and at the bottom, turn left onto Claremont Road. At the end of Claremont Road turn left on Wynch Hill Lane, which then becomes Kingfield Road when you cross the bridge then cross the road and go down Westfield Avenue past the Rifle Club on your left and the ground is 200yards down the left. Or continue and take a right into the Car Park and walk up to the ground.



The Main Stand

#### Admission

Adults £17 Over 65's/Students £10 Under 16's £5

### Where to Drink

The Cardinals Bar situated behind the Main Stand where away and neutral fans are normally welcome and there is usually a good and lively atmosphere there. It also has a large screen television showing Sky Sports. However, away and neutral fans are only allowed in when there is non segregation of fans for the forthcoming match.

The nearest pub to the ground is the Kingfield Arms. It is located about 400 yards from the ground down Kingfield Road towards Old Woking. The landlord is friendly and caters for Football fans. There is also the Crown & Anchor at 100 High Street Old Woking which is 700yards past the ground both pubs are in the Camera guide for ale drinkers.

## **York City**

Ground - The LNER York Community Stadium, Monks Cross, York, YO32 9LF

**Main Telephone No**: 01904 624447

Fax No: 01904 631457

Capacity: 8,000 (Seated 3,409) **Pitch Size:** 115 x 74 yards

**Team Nickname:** The Minstermen **Year Ground Opened:** 2020 **Undersoil Heating:** No

Shirt Sponsors: JMP Kit Manufacturer: Puma

**First Kit**: Red Shirts White Shorts and White socks **Away Kit**: White shirts Royal Red shorts White socks

Website: www.yorkcityfc.com

Programme: £3



### **History Facts & Records**

**Founded** – 1902 (Reformed 1922)

Years at Today's Ground – 83 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1929 for Ashington FC

First Official Floodlit Match - October 1959

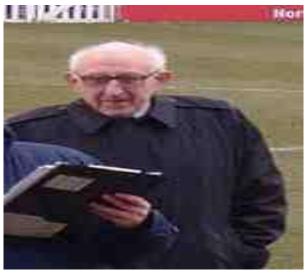
Highest Attendance – 28,123 v Huddersfield Town, FA Cup Sixth round 5/03/1938

**Highest Score for –** 9-1 v Southport Division Three North 2/02/1957

Highest Against – 0-12 v Chester City Division three North 1/02/1936

Highest Scorer in a Season - 56 William (Bill) Cowie 1928/29

Highest Scorer Overall - 143 Norman F Wilkinson 1954-66



Norman F Wilkinson (1931 - 2011)

Player with most First Team Appearances – Charles B (Barry) Jackson 1958 – 70

### **Former Grounds**

Minster Fields (1902 – 17) Fulfordgate (1922 – 32) Bootham Crescent (1932 – 2020)

### **Ground Guide**

The stadium has all-seated capacity of 8,000, it comprises four stands; the East Stand (Main Stand), the West Stand, the North Stand and the South Stand. The three-floored East Stand is to accommodate hospitality guests, players, officials and the media, and will be connected to the adjacent retail and community facilities.



Main Stand & South (Cinema End)

The East and West stands stretch the length of the playing field, and each corner will host stadium facilities, including match day emergency services, stewarding, groundsman accommodation, plant space and a fan zone. The seats will be coloured red, white, yellow and blue, a combination of the colours of York City and York City Knights RLFC teams.

The pitch was laid with reinforced natural grass, with provision to counter frost. The dimensions for football matches will be 105 by 68 metres (115 by 74 yards), with 3-metre-wide run-offs on the sides and 6.5- metre-wide run-offs behind the goals, which will meet Grade 4 FIFA recommendations. The dimensions for rugby league matches will be 100 by 68 metres (109 by 74 yards), with 6-metre in-goal areas, and 3-metre-wide run-offs on the sides and after the dead ball lines.

Adjoining the stadium will be the leisure complex, which will include a 25-metre, six-lane swimming pool, a sports hall for netball, badminton and basketball, a gym with dance and spinning studios, an adventure sports zone and three 3G five-a-side pitches. A community hub will house health and well-being services for York residents and visitors, including clinical services, an independent living assessment centre and a library



North End

### **Driving Directions**



Take the A1 (M1) to Junction 44 and merge onto the A64 for 18 miles to Huntington Roundabout keep in the two left lanes and take the first exit at the roundabout and at the next roundabout take the first exit onto the A1036 then take the 4th exit at the Jockey Lane roundabout and at the next go straight on then at Aldi take a left into Kathryn Lane and the ground is in front of you away support take the second exit everybody else take the first exit plenty of parking

### North •

From the A1 take junction 47 and take the first exit onto the A59 till Poppleton roundabout then take the first exit onto the A1237 and go straight on at the next four roundabouts and at the Monks Link roundabout take the third exit and straight on at the next roundabout and at the junction takea right drive up to Aldi then take a left into Kathryn Lane and the ground is in front of you away support take the second exit everybody else take the first exit plenty of parking

### **Public Transport & Walking**



Leave York Railway Station and take the First Bus in York 9 or 12 to Monks Cross and drops you of at Huntingdon House and it's a short walk down Kathryn Lane to the ground

### Admission

### Popular Side (Seating)

Adults £15, Concessions £10

### Where to drink

There is a supporter's club Bar, which is situated on one corner of the ground that overlooks the away end. City allows away supporters. Otherwise the nearest pub to the ground is the Hogshead on Huntingdon Road or the Blacksmith Inn in the Old Village on the Huntingdon Road both are 30 minutes walks so take a pint in the city centre then take the bus to the game.