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



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# AFC Wimbledon

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

**Main Telephone No:** 020 8547 3528

**Main Fax No:** 0808 280 0816

**Capacity:** 9,500

**Pitch Size:** 110 x 75 yards

**Team Nickname:** The Dons or Wombles

**Year Ground Opened:** 2020

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Football Manager

**Kit Manufacturer:** Puma

**Website:** [www.afcwimbledon.co.uk](http://www.afcwimbledon.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** - 2002

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**Years at Today's Ground** – 0 years  
**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2006  
**First Official Floodlit Match** – Aug 1989  
**Highest Attendance** – 4,722 v St Albans City Isthmian Premier League 25/04/2009 (Kingsmeadow)  
**Highest Score for** – 9–0 v Chessington United Combined Counties League Premier Division 14/02/2004, v Slough Town, Isthmian League Premier Division 31/03/2007  
**Highest Against** – 0-5 v York City, Conference Premier 7/04/2010  
**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 49 Kevin Cooper in 2002-03  
**Highest Scorer Overall** – 104 Kevin Cooper from 2002 -04  
**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 192 Sam Hatton from 2009 – 2012

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





Main Stand and Riverside Road End

### Driving to the Ground

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



Copperside and Railway End

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

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

### Public Transport



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Take the train to **Tooting Broadway Underground Station** then take the **London Bus 493** to Haydon Road and its three minutes' walk to the ground.



→ **15 mins**

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

### Admission

Adults £25,  
Concessions £17,  
Under 18's £10

### Where to Drink

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

# Accrington Stanley

**Ground** - The Crown Ground, Livingstone Rd, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 5BX

**Main Tel No:** 01254 356 950

**Fax No:** 01254 356 951

**Ticket Office:** 01254 356 950

**Capacity:** 5,057 (2,000 seated)

**Pitch Size:** 111 x 72 yards

**Team Nickname:** The Reds, Stanley

**Year Ground Opened:** 1968

**Undersoil Heating:** Yes

**Shirt Sponsors:** Mansion

**Kit Manufacturer:** JD Sports

**Website:** [www.accringtonstanley.co.uk](http://www.accringtonstanley.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1968 (Reformed)

**Years at Today's Ground** – 46 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2006

**First Official Floodlit Match** – Aug 1976

**Highest Attendance** – 10,801 v Crewe Alexandra FA Cup Second Round 05/12/1995  
Ewood Park Blackburn

**Highest Score for** – 9-1 Blackburn Swifts FA Vase 1970

**Highest Against** – 1-7 Southport Central FA Vase 1971

**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 56 David Hargreaves Lancashire Combination in 1975/76

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 318 David Hargreaves from 1970 - 78

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 342 Steven Hill 1970 – 78

## Former Grounds

Peel Park 1967-68

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## Ground Guide

On one side of the ground is the Main Stand, which at first glance looks like one stand, but in fact it is comprised of two small stands; the Main & Thwaite's Stands. They sit on either side of the half way line, with an open gap between the two.

Both are all seated covered stands and have a row of floodlights at the back of them. To compensate for the fair slope of the pitch which runs up along the ground from the Coppice Terrace to the Sophia Khan End, the Thwaite's Stand has fewer rows of seats than the Main Stand. Both these stands also have an unusual array of tubular steelwork, running across the top of them.



Main Stand & Thwaite's Stand

Both ends are fairly new looking affairs, of which the home end, the Sophia Khan Stand covered, whilst the Coppice Terrace opposite is open to the elements with the Away fans are mostly housed, where up to 1,800 fans can be accommodated after this area was recently extended. If demand requires it then part of the Whiney Hill side can also be allocated. The Sophia Khan Stand looks a little odd, with a terracing at the rear, but with seating at the front, especially when you consider that the stand is quite a small structure.



The Sophia Khan Stand



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Opposite is a very small covered seated area, called the Whiney Hill side. This former terrace had seating installed before the start of the 2009/10 season, in order that the Club could meet Football League stadium criteria of having a minimum of 2,000 seats with further seating was also installed into the Sophia Khan End.



### Driving to the Ground



Leave the M6 at Junction 29 and take the M65 towards Blackburn. Continue past Blackburn towards Accrington and leave the M65 at Junction 7. Then take the first exit at the roundabout onto the A6185 towards Clitheroe, at the first set of traffic lights turn right onto Blackburn Road/A678, towards Padiham, and then at the next traffic lights, turn right onto the A680 towards Accrington.

After about half a mile along the A680 you will see the Hare & Hounds pub on your left take a right into Whalley Road, and then take the next left into Livingstone Road and then an immediate left for the Club Car Park. The car park is of a reasonable size and is free, however as you would expect it fills up pretty quickly or otherwise street parking around the ground.

### Public Transport & Walking



→ 20 mins

From **Accrington Railway Station** is about a mile away from the ground. Leave the station and travel down King Street towards the large viaduct roundabout, then take the Milnshaw Lane exit at the opposite side of the roundabout past Aldi store then turn left at the next junction into Whalley Road, follow Whalley Road for about a mile, passing the Grey Horse Pub, hospital and then a mini roundabout. Take the next right after the mini roundabout junction into Livingstone Road. The football club is approximately 100 metres on the left on Livingstone Road.

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## Admission

Adults £20  
Over 60's £15,  
Under 16's & Students £10  
Under 12's £1

## Where to Drink Locally

**The Crown Inn** on Whalley Road which virtually overlooks the ground offers a warm welcome to all supporters for banter, swapping stories and a good chat before and after the game. The Crown has a spacious beer garden, pool table and shows live sport on the big screen and this where we meet for the game.

**The Whitakers Arms** it is situated just 200 yards away from the Old Peel Park ground 322 Burnley Road. They do a selection of home cooked meals in the pub or restaurant and have great facilities including pool table, beer garden, sky sports, darts and lots more besides. Walking distance from ground is about 20 minutes, in a car about 5 minutes.

**The Grey Horse** is just 2 minutes' walk from the ground serving a wide selection of drinks all day.

# Barrow

**Ground** - Holker Street Stadium, Wilkie Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire LA14 5UW  
**Telephone & Fax** 01229 823061  
**Capacity:** 4,256 (Seats 1,000)  
**Team Nickname:** Bluebirds  
**Year Ground Opened:** 1909  
**Pitch Size:** 106 x 70 m  
**Undersoil Heating:** No  
**Shirt Sponsors:** JF Holby Sports  
**Kit Manufacturer:** Joma  
**Website:** [www.barrowafc.co.uk](http://www.barrowafc.co.uk)  
**Programme:** £2

## History Facts & Records

**Founded** - 1901  
**Years at Today's Ground** – 110 years  
**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1921/22 Third Division North (Founder member)  
**First Official Floodlit Match** – December 1954  
**Highest Attendance** – 16,874 v Swansea Town FA Cup 1954  
**Highest Score for** – 14-1 v St Helens Recreation Lanarkshire Combination 1902  
**Highest Against** – 0-5 Division Four 1971 v Stockport County  
**Highest Scorer in a Season** – Ronald Stevens 46 Lanarkshire Combination 1900  
**Highest Scorer Overall** – Ronald Stevens 346 1900 - 1910

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



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

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### Former Grounds

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

### Ground Guide

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

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

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

### Driving to the Ground



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

### Public Transport



→ 14 minutes

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

### Admission

Adults £16,  
Concessions £12,  
Under 16's £3

### Where to Drink

The Crossbar is run by the club on the stadium grounds and welcomes away and neutrals and the pub next door which is called the Soccer Bar which is independent from the club and popular with supporters home & Away.

# Bradford City

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01274 773 355

**Ticket Office:** 01274 770 012

**Capacity:** 25,136 (all seated)



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**Pitch Size:** 113 x 70 yards  
**Club Nickname:** The Bantams  
**Year Ground Opened:** 1886 (Manningham RFC)  
**Undersoil Heating:** No  
**Shirt Sponsors:** JCT 600  
**Kit Manufacturer:** AVEC Sport  
**Website:** www.bradfordcityfc.co.uk  
**Programme:** £3.00



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### History Facts & Records

**Founded -** 1903  
**Former Names –** Manningham Rugby Football Club (1886 – 1903)  
**Years at Today's Ground –** 116 years  
**First Admitted to the Football League –** 1903

**First Official Floodlit Match** – December 1954

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Ground Guide

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



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

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

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

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





Midland Stand

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



## Driving to the Ground



### From The South

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

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on to Valley Parade.



### From The North

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



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

## Public Transport



→ 24 mins

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



→ 10 mins

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

## Admission

Adults £20,



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OAP's £15,  
Juveniles £10

# Colchester United

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01206 755 100

**Fax No:** 01206 715 327

**Ticket Office:** 0845 437 9089

**Capacity:** 10,105 (all seated)

**Pitch Size:** 110 x 70 yards

**Club Nickname:** The U's

**Year Ground Opened:** 2008

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Teko and Jobserve

**Kit Manufacturer:** Macron

**Website:** [www.cu-fc.com](http://www.cu-fc.com)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1937

**Years at Today's Ground** – 10 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1950

**First Official Floodlit Match** – August 1959 Layer Road

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

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

**Highest Against** – 0–8 v Leyton Orient, 1988

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**Highest Scorer in a Season** – Bobby Hunt, 37 (1961/62)  
**Highest Scorer Overall** – Martin King, 131 from 1959–1965  
**Player with most First Team Appearances** – Michael (Micky) Cook, 700 from 1969–1984

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**Former Grounds**

Layer Road (1937 – 2008)

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



JobServe Stand

The ground is comprised of four separate stands. The Main (West) Stand on one side of the

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

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

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

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



## Driving Directions



### North

Take the A1 to just before Alconbury then take the A14/M11 sign for Huntingdon & Cambridge then leave the A14 and then join the M11. Come off the M11 at Junction 8 (Stansted Airport/ A120) at the roundabout take the first exit and follow the A120 towards Braintree & Colchester. Then at the next roundabout take the third exit onto the A120 then



joins the A12 at Marks Tey and after passing the stadium on your right, leave the A12 at Junction 28. Turn left at the first roundabout, then turn right into United Way from the second roundabout.



North Stand Tim Dove



### South:

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

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

## Public Transport



→ 30 mins

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





A shuttle bus operates from Bruff Close, which is close to **Colchester Railway Station** (at the end of the station approach turn left and take the second exit at the roundabout, the buses park behind the "Big Yellow" storage facility that you can see from the station).

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

## Admission

Adults £22,  
Concessions £18,  
Under 18's £13,  
Under 14's £6,  
Under 8's £2

# Crawley Town

**Ground** – Broadfield Stadium, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH11 9RX

**Main Telephone No:** 01293 410 000

**Fax No:** 01293 410 002

**Capacity:** 6,000 (3,295 Seated)

**Pitch Size:** 110 x 72 yards

**Year Ground Opened:** 1997

**Team Nickname:** The Red Devils

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Peoples Pension

**Kit Manufacturer:** Erra

**Website:** [www.crawleytownfc.com](http://www.crawleytownfc.com)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** - 1890

**Years at Today's Ground** – 19 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2010

**First Official Floodlit Match** – October 1974 Town Mead

**Highest Attendance** – 5,808 v Reading FA Cup Third Round 05/01/2013

**Highest Score for** – 18 – 1 Andover Athletic Sussex Cup Round Three 1/1/1898

**Highest Against** – 1-16 v Hastings Rock (Hastings United) Sussex Cup Round Three 1/1/1902

**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 32 Terry Robbins 1984/85

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 89 Terry Robbins 1984 - 86

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 448 Clifford Gant 1920 – 36

## Former Grounds

Jordans Field (1896/97)

Malthouse Farm (1897 – 1898)

Malthouse Meadow (1898 – 1949)

Town Mead (1948 – 1997)

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## Ground Guide

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



The Main Stand and North Stand

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



The East Stand

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

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



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

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

### Driving Directions



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

### Public Transport & Walking



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3 mins

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

### Admission

Adults £20,  
Over 65's/ Under 21's £13,  
Under 18's £4,

# Crewe Alexandra

**Ground** - Gresty Road, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 6EB

**Main Telephone No:** 01270 213 014

**Ticket Office:** 01270 252 610

**Capacity:** 10,066 (all seated)

**Pitch Size:** 100 x 66 yards

**Team Nickname:** The Railwaymen

**Year Ground Opened:** 1906

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Moonflake

**Kit Manufacturer:** FBT  
**Website:** www.crewealex.net  
**Programme:** £3.00



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## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1877

**Years at Today's Ground** – 114 years

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

**First Official Floodlit Match** – 1960 Old Gresty Road

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

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

**Highest Against** – 8–0 v Rotherham United (Division 3 North, 1 October 1932), Hartlepool

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United Auto Windscreens Shield First Round, 17 October 1995 & Doncaster Rovers LDV Vans Trophy Third Round, 10 November 2002

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

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 137 Herbert Swindells from 1927 – 37

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

### Former Names

Crewe FC 1877 - 1892

### Former Grounds

Earl Street Cricket Ground 1877/78

Alexandria Recreation Ground (1878 – 1896)

Natwich Road 1896/97

Edieston Road 1896/97

Old Sheds Field 1896/97

Sandbach 1896/97

Old Gresty Road (1897 – 1906)

### Ground Guide

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



The other three stands are roughly of the same height, covered and all seated, but are rather small when compared to the Main Stand. The newest of these smaller stands is the Gresty Road End, which is the home end of the ground. This replaced a former open terrace and seats around 900.

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

The Whitby Morrison Ice Cream Van Stand at one side of the ground is where the away fans



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congregate up to 1,800 and has an unusual television/press gantry on its roof. It almost looks as if a portakabin was at some point bolted onto the roof and it looks a bit precarious.



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



### Driving Directions



### North

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



### South

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



## Public Transport



→ 5 mins

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

## Admission

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

# Doncaster Rovers

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01302 764 664

**Ticket Office:** 01302 762 576

**Capacity:** 15,231 (All seated)

**Pitch Size:** 109 x 76 yards

**Club Nickname:** Rovers

**Year Ground Opened:** 2006

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Eco Power Group

**Kit Manufacturer:** OXEN

**Website:** [www.doncasterroversfc.co.uk](http://www.doncasterroversfc.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded-** 1879

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

**First Official Floodlit Match** – February 1953 Bell Vue

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## Colours



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## Former Grounds

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

## Ground Guide

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

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



East Stand

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

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

## Driving Directions



### North

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



South Stand



**South**

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



Main Stand

### Public Transport



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→ 8 mins

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

### Admission

Adults £21,  
Concessions £17,  
Under 13's £5  
(Concessions apply to Over 60's & Under 14 – 24).

### Where to have a Drink

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



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# Forest Green Rovers

**Ground** – The New Lawn, Nympsfield Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, GL6 0ET

**Main Telephone No:** 01453-834-860

**Capacity:** 5,140 (Seats 2,000)

**Team Nickname:** The Rovers

**Year Ground Opened:** 2006

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Ecotricity

**Kit Manufacturer:** Player Layer

**Website:** [www.forestgreenroversfc.net](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.net)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1889 (Forest Green)

**Years at Today's Ground** – 11 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2017/18 Season

**First Official Floodlit Match** – August 1990

**Highest Attendance** – 4,836 vs Derby County, FA Cup third round, 3 January 2009

**Highest Score for** – 8–0 vs Fareham Town, Southern League Southern Division, 1996–97, 8–0 vs Hyde, Football Conference, 10 August 2013

**Highest Against** – 10–0 v Gloucester, Mid-Gloucestershire League, 13 January 1900

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**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 42 Pat Glover in 1926/27

**Highest Scorer Overall** – Karl Bayliss 93 goals 1995 – 97

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 240 Alex Sykes 1996 – 2000 and 2001 – 04

### Colours



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Alternative

### Former Grounds

Lawn Green 1889- 2006

### Ground Guide

The stadium has a capacity of 5,140 the Western Thermal Stand at one side of the pitch. This is a 2,000 all seated capacity stand, opposite is a small open terrace, which is only seven steps high.



North Terrace

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At the Nymphsfield Road end of the ground, is a covered terrace, the roof of which came from the Barnfield Road side of the Old Lawn ground. Opposite is the EESI Stand is a covered seated stand that is given to away supporters. This stand was transported from the Club's old Lawn ground a few hundred yards away and re-erected at the New Lawn. The Green Man Based accepts neutrals and away fans with scarves which is on-site at The New Lawn stadium complex and this is Forest Green Rovers very own public house and the venue for watching live sport and have selection of the finest Stroud Brewery Ales from Tom Longs to Stroud Organic; they rotate the products available on a weekly basis and the club have a marquee for away fans.

The alternative for away pub to drink there is The George and the Britannia which is in Newmarket Road, in Nailsworth then walk back up the hill with food from Walkers on Old Market about 100 yards past the Britannia pub then walk back up the hill.

### Driving to the Ground



#### From the M5

From the M5 and exit at junction 13 and head for Stroud on the A419. At Stroud you turn onto the A46 Nailsworth. At mini roundabout in the town turn up Spring Hill towards Forest Green (signposted) and the stadium is at the top of the hill after the second roundabout. Sat Nav users should enter GL6 0ET and not the mail post code. Please note on Matchdays there is a Temporary Traffic Order in place on the highway around the stadium. Car parking is available inside the stadium at £3 per vehicle.



Main Stand



#### From the M4

Take the M4 to Junction 15 Swindon then at the roundabout take the third exit onto Marlborough Road A419 then continue down the road and take the slip road for Stroud and take the second exit on to the Cirencester Road (A419) then at the next roundabout take the



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second exit Bristol Road A429 at the next roundabout follow the signs for the A429 then at the next roundabout take the third exit for Stroud A419

Then at the end turn left and follow the signs for Stroud then turn left onto The Ladder this in parts has a 40mph speed limit when you get to the church follow the road round onto George Street over the bridge past the tyre garage and over the cattle grill then at mini roundabout at the clock take the second exit up Spring Hill the ground is signposted from here and the stadium is at the top of the hill after the second roundabout.



South Terrace

### Public Transport



→ 3 mins



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→ 6 mins

Train to **Stroud Railway Station** then walk from the Station to Merrywalks Shopping Centre and take the **Stagecoach West 63 Gold bus** drops you off at Colliers Wood stop on Nympsfield Road within 6 minutes of the ground then have a pint in the Green Man. It costs £8.00 return day ticket with Stagecoach West.

### Admission

#### **EESI (South) Stand:**

Adults £23

Over 65's £18,

Under 21's/Students £14,

Under 16's £8

# Gillingham

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01634 300 000

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**Ticket Office:** 01634 300 000 (choose option 3)  
**Capacity:** 11,582 (all seated)  
**Pitch Size:** 114 x 75 yards  
**Team Nickname:** The Gills  
**Ground Opened:** 1893  
**Undersoil Heating:** No  
**Shirt Sponsors:** MEMS  
**Kit Manufacturer:** Macron  
**Website:** [www.gillinghamfootballclub.com](http://www.gillinghamfootballclub.com)  
**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded -** 1893

**Former Names** – New Brompton FC

**Years at Today's Ground** – 123 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1920 Founder member of Division Three (Founder Member Division Three South 1921/22 & Division Four 1958/59)

**First Official Floodlit Match** – August 1963

**Highest Attendance** – 23,002 v Queens Park Rangers, FA Cup Third Round 10/01/1948

**Highest Score for** – 12-1 v Gloucester City Southern League 9/11/1946

**Highest Against** – 0-8 against Luton Town in Division Three South, 13 April 1929

**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 42 Hugh Russell in 1946/47

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 149 Brian Yea from 1963 - 75

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 655 Ron Hillard from 1974 – 91

## Colours



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## Ground Guide

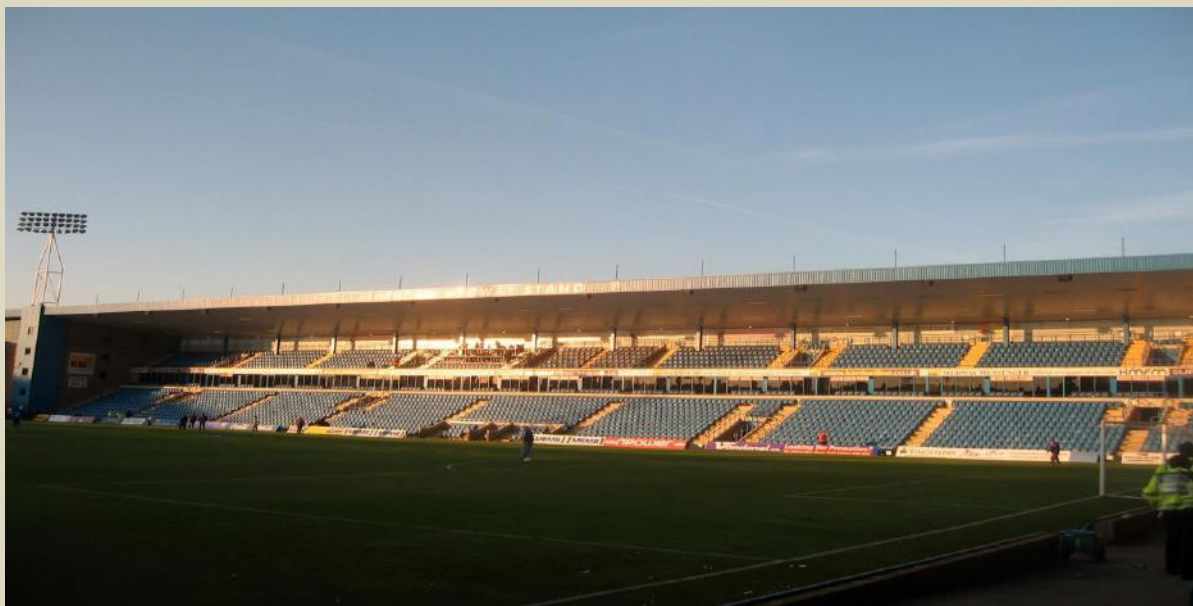
The Stadium has been virtually re-built since 1995. On one side of the ground is the Medway Stand which was opened in 2000, it is two-tiered, with a large lower tier and a small upper tier. In-between these tiers are a row of executive boxes, which also have seating outside.

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



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





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



### Driving Directions



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



BGE

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

### Public Transport



**10 minutes**

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

### Where to have a Drink

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

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

### Admission

#### **Brian Moore Stand:**

Adults £22,

Over 65's £19,

Under 18's £14,

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Under 14s £5

# Grimsby Town

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01472 605 050

**Capacity:** 9,546 (all seated)

**Team Nickname:** The Mariners

**Year Ground Opened:** 1899

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** My energi

**Kit Manufacturer:** Macron

**Website:** [www.grimbsby-townfc.co.uk](http://www.grimbsby-townfc.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1878 (Grimsby Pelham)

**Years at Today's Ground** – 117 years

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

**First Official Floodlit Match** – March 1953

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

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

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

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

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

## Colours





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Alternative

### Former Names

Grimbsy Pelham 1878/79

### Former Grounds

Clee Park 1878- 1889  
Abbey Park 1889 – 99

### Ground Guide

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



Findus Stand

Opposite is the old Main Stand, which is small covered all seated stand and has a large number of supporting pillars running across the front of it like most grounds was originally a standing area and built around 1901 and covered in the 1960's with the home fans are located in the Pontoon Stand where up to 2,000 fans can be accommodated, away fans have part of the Osmond Stand where 600 supporters but the whole stand can be given to a

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large away support for up to 2,200. The Club can increase the capacity of the ground by 500 by installing temporary seating in the three open corners of the ground.



**Pontoon Stand**

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



**Main Stand & Osmond Street**

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

The Rutland Arms in Rutland Street is also recommended for both home and away fans to mingle and also allows in children however it is about half a mile before Blundell Park, turn

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left at Ramsdens superstore and left again, and you'll see the pub at the opposite end of their car park.

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

## Driving to the Ground

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



### North West/East

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



### South

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

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

## Public Transport



→ 4 mins

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



→ 8 mins

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



## Admission

Osmond Stand: Adults: £22,  
Concessions £13,  
Under 16s £7

# Harrogate Town

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

**Telephone:** 01423 880675

**Capacity:** 3,800 (Seated 500)

**Team Nickname:** Town

**Year Ground Opened:** 1920

**Shirt Sponsors:** Strata

**Kit Manufacturer:** New Balance

**First Kit:** Yellow Shirt with Black Shorts and black socks

**Away Kit:** Sky blue shirts blue shorts blue socks

**Website:** [www.harrogatetownafc.com](http://www.harrogatetownafc.com)

**Programme:** £2



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1914

**Years at Today's Ground** – 106 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2020

**First Official Floodlit Match** – 1990

**Highest Attendance** – 3,080

**Highest Score for** – 18–0 v. Harrogate Hillside 4/9/1925, Yorkshire FA Cup Round 1

**Highest Against** – 1–9 v Millfield 28/10/1931 Yorkshire FA Cup Round 1

**Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall** – Allister Graham 49 goals 1920/21  
210 Goals 1920 - 25

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – Allister Graham 1914 – 25 217 appearances

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## Former Names

Harrogate AFC 1914 – 1935  
Harrogate Hotspur 1935 - 1939

## Colours



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## Ground Guide

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



Main Stand

In April 2019 a new terrace which is around 15 rows high and although pre-fabricated and is

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beside the main stand with one of the ground floodlights in the middle of it



New standing area

## Driving Directions



### North

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



Hospital End



### South

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





Wetherby and Clubhouse Ends

### Public Transport & Walking



8 mins

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

### Admission

Adults £20  
Over 65's/Students £16  
Under 16's £11

### Where to Drink

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

# Mansfield Town

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01623 482 483

**Capacity:** 10,000\* (all seated)

**Pitch Size:** 110 x 72 yards

**Team Nickname:** The Stags

**Year Ground Opened:** 1860 (Mansfield Greenhalgh Cricket, Athletic & Football Club)

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** One Call

**Kit Manufacturer:** Surridge

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**Website:** [www.mansfieldtown.net](http://www.mansfieldtown.net)

**Programme:** £3.00



### History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1897 (Mansfield Wesleyan FC)

**Years at Today's Ground** – 96 years

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1931 for Newport county FC

**First Official Floodlit Match** – October 1961

**Highest Attendance** – 24,567 v Nottingham Forest FA Cup third Round 10/01/1953

**Highest Score for** – 9–2 v Rotherham United, Division Three North 27/11/1932, v Hounslow Town FA Cup first Round Replay 5/11/1962

**Highest Against** – 1-8 v Walsall Division Three North 19/01/33

**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 55 Ted Harston in 1936/37

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 114 Harry Johnson 1932 - 35

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 522 Roderick J (Ron) Arnold from 1971 - 84

### Colours



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### Former Names

Mansfield Wesleyan FC,  
Mansfield Wesley FC

### Former Grounds

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

### Ground Guide

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



The West Stand (Ian Greaves) & Quarry Lane



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The stand has a capacity of 5,417 (2,764 in the upper tier, and 2,509 in the lower tier). The cricket club later became Mansfield Cricket Club and they moved out in 1918 to South Chesterfield Road and the ground some was taken up by house the rest by training ground and today's Quarry Lane Ground.

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



North Stand

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

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

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

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

The Sir John Cockle pub is on the Sutton Road (A38) going into Mansfield from the M1 and

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again serves good food'. About a quarter of a mile past the John Cockle there is The Bold Forester in Botany Avenue just off the Sutton Road on the A38 which has about 10 real ales and also serves good value food' and is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.

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



Bishop Road

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

### Driving to the Ground



#### From the North

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



#### From the South

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

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## Public Transport & Walking



→ 8 mins

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

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

## Admission

Adults £20  
Over 60's £18  
Under 22's £16  
Under 18's £13  
3 - 14 £9

# Milton Keynes Dons

**Ground - Stadium:** Mk Denbigh, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

**Main Telephone No:** 01908 622 922

**Ticket Office:** 01908 622 900

**Capacity:** 30,500 (all seated)

**Team Nickname:** The Dons

**Year Ground Opened:** 2007

**Pitch Size:** 115 x 74 yards

**Undersoil Heating:** Yes

**Shirt Sponsors:** Suzuki

**Kit Manufacturer:** Castore

**Website:** [www.mkdons.com](http://www.mkdons.com)

**Programme:** £3.00





## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1889 (Wimbledon Old Central)

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1977 for Workington Town

**First Official Floodlit Match** – October 1960 Plough Lane

**Highest Attendance** – 30,115 v Manchester United Selhurst Park Premier League  
9/05/1993

**Highest Score for** – 15 – 2 v Polytechnic FC FA Cup Preliminary Round 31/09/1929

**Highest Against** – 0 – 8 v Everton League Cup Second Round 29/08/1978

**Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall** – 35 Eddie Reynolds in 1957/58 &  
340 goals 1957 – 66 (Wimbledon FC)

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 644 Roy Law from 1958 – 72 (Wimbledon FC)

## Colours



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## Former Names

Wimbledon Old Central, 1889 - 1905

Wimbledon FC 1905 - 2003

## Former Grounds

Wimbledon Common (1889 – 1912)

Plough Lane (1912 – 1991)

Selhurst Park (1991 – 2001)

National Hockey Stadium Milton Keynes (2003 - 07)

## Ground Guide



West Stand

The Club moved to the new stadium in 2007 from the National Hockey Stadium and from the outside it has a modern look, with good use of silver coloured cladding and a large amount of glass on view. The most striking feature of the stadium is its roof, which sits high up above the football ground with a large gap between in and the back roof of seating. This allows more natural light to reach the pitch. The stadium is totally enclosed and has a bowl like design unlike most modern stadiums.

The overall look of the stadium has recently benefited from the installation of seating into the previously unused upper tier. The stadium has been designed for a higher level. It is two tiered, with on three sides having a large lower tier being over hung by a smaller upper tier.

The West side of the stadium is slightly different, with the seating areas in the upper tier being replaced by the Director's Box and executive and corporate hospitality areas. Unusually the spacious concourse areas at the back of the lower tier see directly into the stadium, so there is what seems a noticeable gap between the lower and upper tiers is where the concourse is located.



North & East Stands

Away supporters are located in the North Stand at one end of the stadium where normally around 3,000 fans can be accommodated. If demand requires it then the corners to either side of this stand can also be allocated increasing the allocation to over 6,000.

Food available on the concourse includes Pukka Pies; Chicken Balti (£3.20), Meat and Potato (£3.20), Cornish Pasties (£3.20), Cheese and Onion Pasties (£3.20), Quarter Pounder Cheeseburger with salad (£3.60), Rollover Hot Dogs (£3.60) and Bacon Rolls (£2.60). In keeping with the infamous concrete cows of Milton Keynes, the Club have a mascot called Mooie, whilst the South Stand is called the 'cowshed'. No wonder that the locals have christened the stadium 'The Moo Camp!'

The food around Bletchley Railway Station is that you can pick up cakes and pies from Tonis Bakery and the Upper Crust at 144 Queensway and 164 Queensway cheaper than the stadium. If you come off at Bletchley then stop at the Enigma Tavern at 2 Princess Street this pub also offers food, has a large beer garden and family friendly with good staff.

If getting off at Fenny Stafford then takes a short walk then use the Swan Hotel is the ideal place to watch football with friends or have a pint with a large car park and beer garden, The Swan Hotel is close to all transport links.

## Driving Directions



### From the North

There is two ways you can get to the ground the first is to leave the M1 at Junction 15 and take the A508 towards Old Stratford and at the roundabout just before the village and then take the first exit onto the A5. Turn off at the fourth junction (signposted Central Bletchley/ Denbigh/ Granby), then at the lights take the left position and go left the ground is in front of you with plenty of parking.



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The second way from the North is to drive a little further and from Junction 14 A1 take the third exit onto the A509 towards Milton Keynes. At the Northfield roundabout take the third exit onto Portway/ A509, and then keep going straight on at eight roundabouts until the ninth roundabout. Take the first exit onto A5. Turn off at the first junction (signposted A421), Turn off at the fourth junction (signposted Central Bletchley/ Denbigh/Granby), then at the lights take the left position and go left the ground is in front of you with plenty of parking at the ground.



### South

Leave the M1 at junction 13 and take the second exit (A421) towards Milton Keynes. At the next two roundabouts go straight on and at the fourth roundabout (BP garage on the right); take the second exit onto Groveway. Keep going straight on through four roundabouts and at the fifth roundabout take the second exit at the roundabout (signposted Central Bletchley/ Denbigh/Granby), then at the lights take the left position and go left the ground is in front of you with plenty of parking

### Public Transport & Walking



→ 18 mins

For a short pub crawl before the match and good food it is best getting off **at Fenny Stratford Railway Station** (See where to drink) which is an 18-minute walk to the ground or try Bletchley whatever is best for you. If coming from Fenny Stratford then walk down to Watling Street then turn right into it and walk up to the roundabout then walk straight on Deghbiegh Street till you see the ground when you see the ground on your right take the pedestrian crossing and walk over to moosvill.



→ 7 mins

From **Bletchley Railway Station** take the steps up to Buckingham Road and at the roundabout walk up Saxon Road till the next roundabout the turn left and follow the above details. (There mascots make me chuckle when I been at the ground).

### Admission

#### East Stand (Centre):

Adults £20,

Over 65's/Under 21's £17,

Under 18's £10

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# Morecambe

**Ground** - Globe Arena, Christie Way, Westgate, Morecambe LA4 4TB

**Main Telephone No:** 01524 411 797

**Fax No:** 01524 832 230

**Capacity:** 6,476 (Seating 2,173)

**Pitch Size:** 110 x 76 yards

**Team Nickname:** Shrimps

**Year Ground Opened:** 2010

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Mozuma

**Kit Manufacturer:** Jopa

**Website:** [www.morcambefc.net](http://www.morcambefc.net)

**Programme:** £3.00



## History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1920

**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2007

**First Official Floodlit Match** – October 1960

**Highest Attendance** – 9,383 v Weymouth FA Cup Third Round 6/01/1962 Christie Park

**Highest Score for** – 16-0 v Rossendale United Lancashire Combination League, Sept 1967

**Highest Against** – 0-7 v Darwen, Lancashire Combination League 7th November 1953

**Highest Scorer in a Season** – 36 Keith Borrowdale in 1958/59

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 289 Keith Borrowdale from 1956 - 68

**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 486 Keith Borrowdale 1956 – 68

## Former Grounds

Woodhill Cricket Ground 1920/21



Christie Park (Roseberry Park) (1921 – 2010) \*\*

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## Ground Guide

The Shrimps after 89 years at Christie Park moved to a new purpose-built stadium. At a cost of around £12m in 2010, the Globe Arena which is named after the company Globe Construction that built the stadium.





The stadium is dominated by the Peter McGuigan Stand one side. This stand which is named after the Chairman has a capacity of just under 2,200 seats. This all seated stand, with a corporate glassed area to the rear and has windshields to either side, essential for a football ground located near the coast.

Opposite is the North Terrace, which is a very small open terrace that is only a few steps high. The terrace is split into two separate parts, with a large gap between them located around the half way line. Behind this gap in the terrace is a service entrance, whilst above is perched a television gantry.

Although looking like of the Car Wash Terrace at Christie Park, it does detract from the overall look and feel of the stadium. Both ends are covered terraces. The West Terrace is for home supporters and houses 2,234 fans, whilst the East Terrace is substantially smaller and is for the away support where just fewer than 1,400 supporters can be accommodated. For the away fans Food inside not only includes the usual fayre of Burgers and Hot Dogs (£3), but also a selection of Pies and Pasties, from local baker Brassingtons, including Meat & Potato (£2.90), Steak & Kidney (£2.70), Cheese & Onion Pasty (£2.70) and Sausage Rolls (£2). Food outside the ground go to Susan's Pies at 168 Lancaster Road, Morecambe LA4 5QP it is about 500yars from the station and in the opposite direction to the ground but from there you take the short across the sports ground to the football ground which is around 17 minutes and for drinking well The Eric Bartholomew on Euston Road its 300 yards from the train station as is named after the town favourite son (Eric Morecambe) Like many Weatherspoon's, its main draws are the cheap prices and Ale selection 3 guests on my visit (Bryson Hurricane, Archers IPA, Cheeky Pheasant) plus a couple of standards (Pedigree and Abbott). The forthcoming ales are shown on a blackboard by the bar. There is further seating upstairs for supporters.

In the North East corner of the stadium, adjacent to the away terrace is a Police Control Box. Also located in this area, attached to a wall beside the Control Box is a small electronic scoreboard.

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## Driving Directions



Exit the M6 at junction 34, then take the A683 towards Lancaster (third exit from the North first junction from the South) and take the A683 towards Morecambe. Go through Lancaster on the one-way system and follow the signs for Morecambe/ Heysham then straight on at two roundabouts passing a McDonalds on your left.



At the next roundabout take the first exit into Westgate Road and continue along this road for about one mile and you will reach the stadium on your right across from Westgate Caravan Park. Parking at the stadium is for permit holders only so it is a case of finding street parking. If you continue along Westgate passing the stadium on your right, then on the other side of the railway bridge there is plenty of parking to be had in Buckingham and Osborne Roads.



Press box

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It is well worth noting that Lancaster can often be a particular traffic bottleneck, so drivers are advised to allow plenty of time to reach the ground from the motorway.

Away fans driving from the North can follow the directions above. Alternatively, exit the M6 at junction 35, following the signs for Morecambe and follow the A6 as far as Bolton-le-Sands, turning right at the traffic lights, continuing to follow the signs for Morecambe and when you reach the promenade, continue for a further mile and turn left at the Broadway Hotel. Go straight on at the small roundabout and take the fourth exit at the next larger roundabout with the Globe Arena is visible after a further mile

### Public Transport & Walking



→ 5 mins



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→ 3 mins

From **Morecambe Railway Station** walk from the Station straight down to Northumberland Avenue to the Promenade and turn left and take the **Stagecoach in Cumbria and Lancashire 6 bus** at the Winter Gardens this drops you right outside the stadium just walk up the lane past the Lumley Arms to the ground.

### Admission

Main Stand: Adults £21,  
Concessions £17,  
Under 19's £6

# Newport County

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01633 670690

**Capacity:** 7,012

**Pitch Size:** 112 x 72 yards

**Team Nickname:** The Exiles or Ironsides

**Year Ground Opened:** 1877 (Newport RFC)

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Pure Van

**Kit Manufacturer:** Hummel

**Website:** [www.newport-county.co.uk](http://www.newport-county.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00





### History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1912 (Reformed 1991)

**Years at Today's Ground** – 6 years

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

**First Official Floodlit Match** – October 1957 Somerton Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Former Grounds

Somerton Park 1912 – 1989, 1991/92  
London Road Moreton -in-Marsh (1989 -91)  
Meadow Park Gloucester (1992 – 94)  
Newport Stadium (1994 – 2010)

## Ground Guide

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



Bisley Stand

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

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

The entrance Gate 6, to the away supporters section is at the opposite end of the stadium to the home areas and is accessed along Corporation Road (so no need to go through the

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main stadium entrance) and it is poorly signposted and is literally a small pathway situated in-between some residential houses. There are a couple of blue poles that mark the entrance, but that is about it. Outside the turnstiles, there is a small cabin that serves as the away ticket office and for drinking then there is The Wetherspoon pub on Chepstow Road called the Godfrey Morgan, which is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. This spacious pub is only a 10 minute walk from the away turnstiles or the John Wallace Linton in Cambrian Road and the Queen's Hotel in Bridge Street are located quite close to the railway station.



Looking to the town end

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



Hazell Stand & South end

## Driving to the Ground





### FROM THE WEST:

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



### FROM THE EAST:

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

## Public Transport



→ 10 mins

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

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

## Admission

### Away Fans

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

# Nott's County

**Ground** – Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 3HJ

**Main Telephone No:** 0115 952 9000

**Ticket Office:** 0115 955 7204

**Capacity:** 20,300 (all seated)

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**Pitch Size:** 114 x 76 yards  
**Club Nickname:** The Magpies  
**Year Ground Opened:** 1910  
**Undersoil Heating:** No  
**Shirt Sponsors:** Utilita  
**Kit Manufacturer:** Puma  
**First Kit:** Black & White Shirt, Black Shorts and Black And White Socks  
**Away Kit:** Blue Shirts Blue Shorts Black and White Socks  
**Website:** www.nottscountyfc.co.uk  
**Programme:** £3



### History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1862 (Nottinghamshire County Football Club)  
**Years at Today's Ground** – 104 years  
**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1888 Founding Member  
**First Official Floodlit Match** – March 1953  
**Highest Attendance** – 47,310 v York City, FA Cup 6th Round, 12 March 1955  
**Highest Score for** – 15–0 v Rotherham Town, FA Cup 1st Round, 24 October 1885, v Bashford United FA Cup 1st Round 15 October 1886  
**Highest Against** – 1-9 v Aston Villa Division One 29/09/1889, v Blackburn rovers Division One 16/11/1889 & v Portsmouth Division Two 09/04/1927  
**Highest Scorer in a Season** – Tom Keetley, 39, Division Three South in 1930–31  
**Highest Scorer Overall** – Les Bradd, 125, from 1967–78  
**Player with most First Team Appearances** – Albert Iremonger, 564, 1904–26

### Former Grounds

Park Hollow (1862 – 64)  
The Meadows Cricket Ground (1864 – 77) (1878 – 80)  
Trent Bridge (1877/78)  
Castle Cricket Ground (1880 – 83)  
Trent Bridge (1883 – 1910)



Three of their former grounds The Meadows, Trent Bridge and Castle Cricket ground (Notts Forest FC) and today's Meadow Ground

## Ground Guide

During the early 1990's the ground was completely rebuilt, creating an attractive all seater stadium on three sides before a fourth was built in the late 1990's. Although the ground comprises four separate stands both sides are single tiered stands.



This is the Main Stand named after Derek Pavis which is the largest of the four stands containing the Directors opposite is the Jimmy Sirrel Stand and is named after the longest serving and in Magpies fans eyes their greatest manager in the modern era which has a gable on its roof reminiscent of those old grounds, where they were once a common sight and the away fans up to 2,000 are placed in the corner next to the Family Stand.

At one end is the large Kop Stand, which can house up to 5,400 supporters. Again this is a newish stand with excellent facilities. The other end is the smaller, covered Family Stand. This stand has one sizeable solitary supporting pillar, (although a structural point this bad design flaw in the stand) this can affect your view as it is situated right at the front of the stand in the middle. This stand also has a small electric scoreboard on its roof.





Jimmy Sirrel Stand

## Driving Directions



### North

Leave the M1 at Junction 26 and take the A610 towards Nottingham and then signs for Stapleford and Nottingham and at the roundabout take the first exit and follow the road to the City Centre in Nottingham at the Upper Parliament roundabout take second exit and follow the sign for the station into Maid Marian Way and keep in the left lane after St Nicholas church then at the roundabout take the second exit onto London Road and then after the railway bridge take the second left into County Lane with the ground on your right.



Kop End Stand



### South

Leave the M1 at Junction 24 and take the third exit at the roundabout onto the A453 towards Nottingham. Then take the junction for Nottingham Derby and Grantham and take the second exit on to the A52 and then at the next take sign towards Grantham and at the first

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exit on the A52 then take the first exit onto the A60 into Nottingham. Cross over the Trent Bridge and take a right then second left into County Road the ground is on the left.

### Public Transport



The ground is 20 minutes from **Nottingham Railway Station**. As you come out of the main station entrance, turn left into Queens Road and then left again into London Road. Then turn left up County Road on match days for your neutrals fans.



Family Stand

### Admission

#### **Jimmy Sirrel Stand:**

Adults £22,  
Concessions £15,  
Under 16's £10

### Where to have a Drink

Turn up County road for a pint at the Meadows Notts County Social club (cheap booze) on match days for you neutral no colours please. The Nottingham Rowing Club beside the City Ground welcomes all away fans and neutrals for a small fee but its only 400 yards from the ground.

If you want a pub in the centre of Town then the Company Inn just of Canal Street at Castle Wharf there is always good food and a section of real ale just come out of the station turn left walk up Carrington road then take a left walk down the canal takes the bridge and walk up to the pub.

Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem pub in Brewhouse Yard Castle Road, is one of England's oldest pubs Great little old pub nice good food the staff very helpful dinner is really nice and lots to see while you're there and it as a good selection of beers and wines.

# Salford City

**Ground** - Moor Lane, Salford M7 3PZ  
**Telephone** - 0161 792 6287  
**Nickname:** The ammies  
**Ground Capacity:** 5,180 (2,250 Seated)  
**Pitch Size:** 110 x 75  
**Undersoil Heating:** Yes  
**Shirt Sponsors:** Talk Talk  
**Kit Manufacturer:** Umbro  
**Website:** [www.salfordcityfc.co.uk](http://www.salfordcityfc.co.uk)  
**Programme:** £3



## History Facts & Records

**Founded:** 1940 (Salford Central FC)  
**Years at Today's Ground** – 31 years  
**First Admitted to the Football League** – 2019  
**First Official Floodlit Match** – v Curzon Ashton August 2000  
**Highest Attendance** – 5,000 v Eastleigh May 5 2019  
**Highest Score for** – 16 – 1 v Manchester Grammar Old Boys Athletic Cheshire County Football Association Challenge Cup August 1947  
**Highest Against** – 0-9 v Ashton Athletic Cheshire County Football Association Challenge Cup August 1946  
**Highest Scorer in a Season** – C W Caldwell 63 goals 1948/49 Manchester Football League  
**Highest Scorer Overall** – C W Caldwell 419 goals 1940 - 52  
**Player with most First Team Appearances** – Robert M Aitken 900 appearances 1940 - 56

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## Former Grounds

The Lower Willows 1940 - 1978

## Ground Guide

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



The East Terrace

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

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

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the West Terrace, being the first of the new stands to be constructed of the new stadium.



North Stand and West Terrace

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

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



South Stand

### Driving to the Ground



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

## Public Transport and Walking



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→ 7 minutes

Train to **Manchester Piccadilly Railway Station** take the Yellow Tram to Shudehill Interchange then walk out and get the **Go North West 98 bus** to the Kersal Bar on New Bolton Road and its 7 minutes to the ground turn left at the lights the ground is 500 yards down the lane.

From **Manchester Victoria Railway Station** and take the above bus to Moor Lane

## Admission

Adult: £19.00,

Concessions: £10.00,

Under 16s: £5.00

Child (Under 12): Free (accompanied by an adult)

## Where to Drink

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

# Stockport County

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

**Main Telephone No:** 0161 286 8888

**Fax No:** 0161 429 7392

**Capacity:** 10,832 (all seated)

**Team Nickname:** The Hatters

**Year Ground Opened:** 1902

**Pitch Size:** 114 x 76 yards

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Calm

**Kit Manufacturer:** Puma

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

**Away Kit:** White shirts blue shorts blue socks

**Website:** [www.stockportcounty.com](http://www.stockportcounty.com)

**Programme:** £2





## Ground Guide


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



Cheadle Park End

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

## Driving to the Ground

South (M6): 

Exit the M6 at Junction 19 (sign-posted 'Manchester Airport, Stockport A55, M56 East') and

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



Hardcastle and the Railway End

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



Main Stand



### North (M62 from Leeds):

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

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## Public Transport/Walking



→ 11 mins

Trains to **Stockport Railway Station** and then from the railway station, come out of the station and turn left up Station Road, and continue up the hill the turn left into Shaw Heath towards the roundabout and then go straight on at the roundabout and turn first right into Mercian Way and then take the third on the left into Caroline Street for the ground and at the bottom of the street the ground is in front of you.

## Admission

Adults £22  
Concessions £16  
Under 18's £12  
Under 13's £8

## Where to Drink

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

# Sutton United

**Ground** - The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, SM1 2EY  
**Telephone** - 020 8644 4440  
**Capacity:** 7,032 (Seated 765)  
**Team Nickname:** The U's  
**Year Ground Opened:** 1900 (Sutton Athletic Club)  
**Pitch Size:** 114 x 76 yards  
**Undersoil Heating:** Yes  
**Shirt Sponsors:** Angel Plastics  
**Kit Manufacturer:** O'Neil's  
**First Kit:** Yellow Shirt with Black Shorts and Black socks  
**Away Kit:** White shirts blue shorts blue socks  
**Website:** [www.suttonunited.net](http://www.suttonunited.net)  
**Programme:** £3

## Colours





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### Ground Guide

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



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

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



The grandstand

Opposite the stand is a further area of covered terrace, dating from 1986. Towards the Gander Green Lane End is a further newer area of uncovered terrace, whilst there is covered provision for disabled spectators near the corner flag at the Collingwood Road End.

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

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



Gander Green End

## Driving to the Ground

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## South



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

## North



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

### Public Transport & Walking



→ 3 minutes

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

### Admission

Adults £19  
OAP's/Students £13  
Under 16's £6

### Where to Drink

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

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

# Swindon Town

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

**Main Telephone No:** 0871 423 6433

**Ticket Office:** 0871 223 2300

**Capacity:** 15,728 (all seated)



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**Team Nickname:** The Robins  
**Year Ground Opened:** 1896  
**Pitch Size:** 110 x 70 yards  
**Undersoil Heating:** No  
**Shirt Sponsors:** First City  
**Kit Manufacturer:** Puma  
**Website:** [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk)  
**Programme:** £3.00



### History Facts & Records

**Founded** – 1879  
**Years at Today's Ground** – 118 years  
**First Admitted to the Football League** – 1920 founder Member Division Three & Founder Member of Division Three South 1921  
**First Official Floodlit Match** – April 1951  
**Highest Attendance** – 32,000 v Arsenal FA Cup Third Round 15/01/1972  
**Highest Score for** – 10–1 v. Farnham United Breweries, FA Cup First Round 28/11/1925  
**Highest Against** – 1–10 v. Manchester City, FA Cup Fourth round Replay 25 January 1930  
**Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall** – 47 Harry Morris in 1926/27 & 229 goals from 1926 – 33  
**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 889 John Trollope 1960-80

### Former Grounds

Glove Field (1879 – 81)  
Globe Field (1881 – 84)  
The Croft (1884 – 95)



The County Cricket Ground (1893 – 96)

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### Ground Guide

The club have been here since 1896 and one of their former the cricket ground is at the back of the Football Ground. The Main Stand is the Arkells Stand on one side which was in 1971 the stand is split into two part single stand and has the players tunnel and team dugouts in front and has the traditional windshields to either side and a few supporting pillars and Away fans are located in the Arkells Stand at one side of the pitch, where up to 1,200 fans can be housed but larger supports are given the Stratton Bank End where another 2,000 can accommodated but this is still open to the elements but should be covered for the start of the 2014/15 season plus the away fans have their own Bar called the 71 at the away end of the



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Arkells stand.

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



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



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



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

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



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



## Driving Directions



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

## Public Transport/Walking



→ 15 mins

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

## Admission

Adults £23,  
Over 60's/Students £18,  
Under 18's £9,  
Under 16's £3  
Family £30

# Tranmere Rovers

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

**Main Telephone No:** 0871 221 2001

**Capacity:** 16,587 (all seated)

**Pitch Size:** 112 x 72 yards

**Team Nickname:** Rovers

**Year Ground Opened:** 1912

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Essar & B&M Waste Services

**Kit Manufacturer:** Puma

**Website:** [www.tranmererovers.co.uk](http://www.tranmererovers.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00



### History Facts & Records

**Founded** - 1881

**Years at Today's Ground** – 102 years

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

**First Official Floodlit Match** – September 1958

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

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

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

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

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 180 Ian Muir in 1985 - 95

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

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## Former Names

Belmont FC

## Former Grounds

Steels Park (1881 – 83)

Devonshire Park (1883 – 86)

Ravenshaws Field (South Road) (1886 – 96)

Old Prenton Park (1896 – 1912)

## Ground Guide

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

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

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



The Main Stand & cowshed from the Kop (Samslip)

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



The Kop

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

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



John King Stand

## Driving Directions

North



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



South

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

### Public Transport



→ 3 mins



→ 5 mins



464 471Q or 472Q



There is a number of railway stations around the ground but I found taking the train to **Liverpool Lime Street Railway Station** then walking over to Victoria Street at getting the **Arriva North West Merseyside 464, 471Q or 472Q bus** from stop VE takes me to Devonshire Park and its a 5 minutes' walk to the ground and as there are three pubs within 20 yards from the ground.







→ 15 mins or 8 mins

The closest railway stations are **Rock Ferry Railway Station** and **Birkenhead Central Railway Station**.

From **Rock Ferry Railway Station** it is a 15 walk, on leaving the station turn right and walk up Bedford Road take second right walk up Grove Road second left into Mulberry Road (it used to be a straight walk up Mulberry till some idiot in the council put a six foot fence blocking the route from the station to the road) then go left right into Inkerman Street walk across Victoria Park at the roundabout outside the park take the first left after Barclays bank and walk up Everest Street and then turn left into Prenton Road and you will reach the ground and away fans turnstiles on your left.

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

### Admission

Adults £24,  
Under 23's/Over 60's £22,  
Under 18s £16  
Under 12 £10

# Walsall

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

**Main Telephone No:** 01922 622 791

**Ticket Office:** 01922 651 414/416

**Capacity:** 11,300 (all seated)

**Team Nickname:** The Saddlers

**Year Ground Opened:** 1990

**Pitch Size:** 110 x 73 yards

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Poundland

**Kit Manufacturer:** Errea

**Website:** [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3.00

### History Facts & Records

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

**Years at Today's Ground** – 22 years

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

**First Official Floodlit Match** – December 1955 Fellows Park

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

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

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

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

**Highest Scorer Overall** – 185 Tony Richards from 1954–63

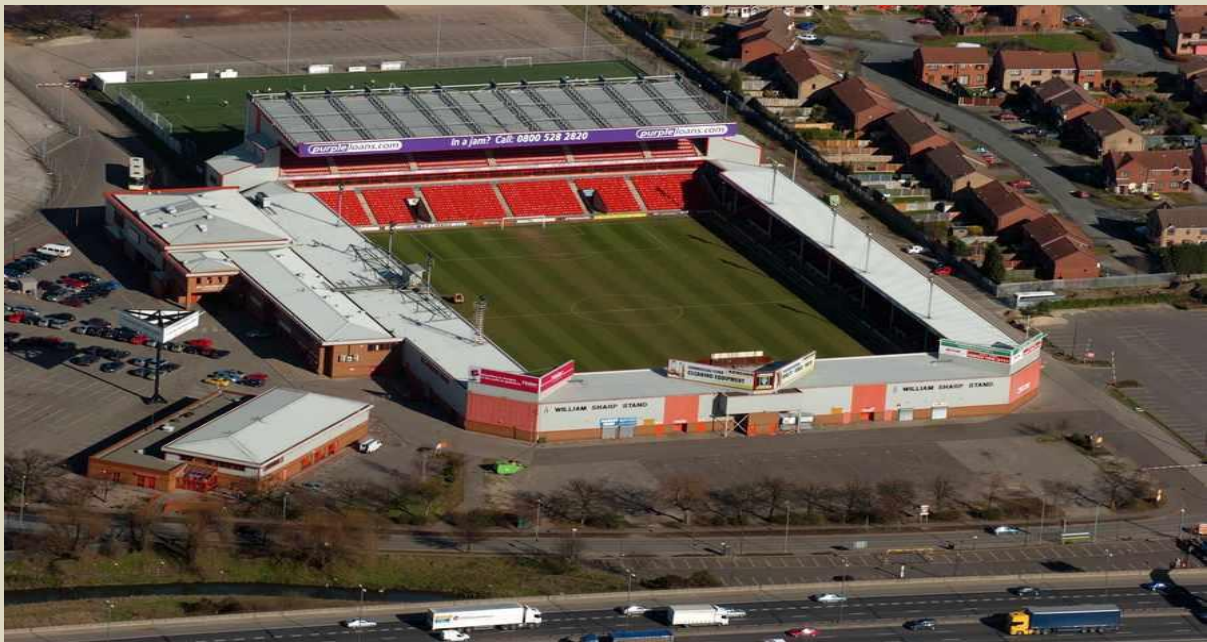
**Player with most First Team Appearances** – 534 Jimmy Walker from 1993-2004, 2010–12

## Former Grounds

The Chuckery (1888 -1893)

West Bromwich Road (1893 – 96)

Fellows Park (1890 – 1996)



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## Ground Guide

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



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



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



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



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

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

### Driving Directions



#### South

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



#### North

Leave the M6 at Junction 9 and take the A461 towards Walsall. Bear right on to Wallows Lane and turn right at the second set of traffic lights at Broadway Playing Fields. You will see the ground on your left after about 300yards. There is a good sized car park located at the

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ground which cost £3 and behind the away stand, which lends itself to a quick getaway after the match.

### Public Transport & Walking



→ 5 minutes

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

### Admission

Adults £23  
Senior Citizens £19  
Young person £18  
Junior £12

Before going to the game, you will have bought a ticket online they don't take cash!

# Wrexham

**Ground** – Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham, LL11 2AH

**Main Telephone No:** 01978 262 129

**Capacity:** 10,500\* (All seated)

**Team Nickname:** Red Dragons

**Year Ground Opened:** 1864

**Pitch Size:** 114 x 76 yards

**Undersoil Heating:** No

**Shirt Sponsors:** Expedia

**Kit Manufacturer:** kappa

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

**Away Kit:** Green shirts white shorts Red socks

**Website:** [www.wrexhamafc.co.uk](http://www.wrexhamafc.co.uk)

**Programme:** £3



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## Ground Guide

The Racecourse has a large home terrace, which was the Kop Terrace and is in the process of a new stand being built, the stadium also has a blend of the old and the new, with the Mold Road Stand, having a modern interesting design.



University Stand

At the other end is the Glyndwr University Stand is a two-tiered stands, and all seated, it also has an electric scoreboard on its roof. On one side is the Yale Stand and got its name from the Yale College, which was situated behind this stand and is given to the Away fans are now housed in the upper tier of the Stand, at one side of the pitch, towards the Glyndwr University Stand. It is a fair sized two-tiered stands, which is now all seated, having previously had terracing at the front. Opposite is the Mold Road Stand, this side of the ground has been unused it is semi-circular in design with a capacity of 3,500 seats and features an unusual roof design.



## Driving to the Ground

North: 

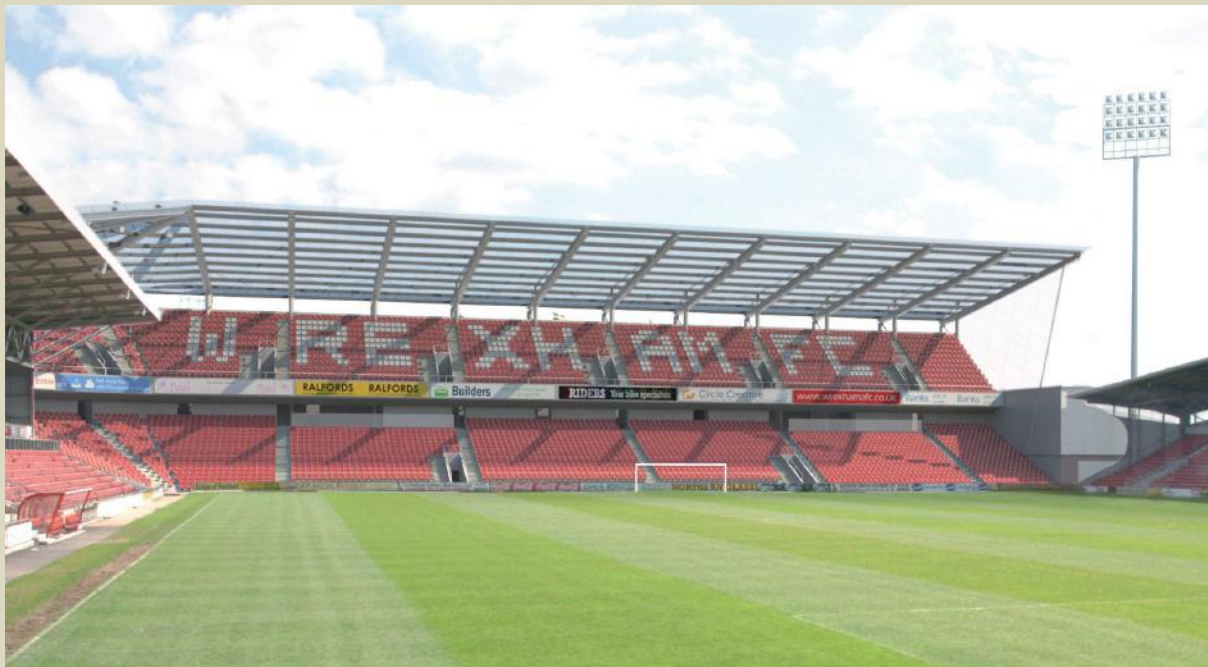


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Take the M6 to Junction 20A on to the M65 for North Wales/ Chester then at Junction 15 take the exit for Chester/ Wrexham then continue on to the A55 and at Junction 38 take the A483 towards Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 at Junction 15 on to the A541 Mold Road. At the roundabout take the first exit on to Mold Road then go straight through the next roundabout and the ground is 200 yards from this junction on the left.

**South:** 

Take the M54 from the M6 (Junction 10A Northbound). Follow the M54 to the end of the motorway and join the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Continue on the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and then join the A483 towards Wrexham. Stay on the A483 as you reach Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 at Junction 15 on to the A541 Mold Road. At the roundabout take the first exit on to Mold Road then go straight through the next roundabout and the ground is 200 yards from this junction on the left. There is also parking available at the nearby Glyndwr University (£3) or NEWI on the Plas Coch Retail Park which cost £2



The new kop

### Public Transport & Walking



2 minutes

Train to **Wrexham Railway Station** is located next to the ground and is a two-minute walk to the ground.

### Admission

Adults £22,  
Over 60's/Under 21's £12,  
Over 80's/Under 16's £9,

### Where to Drink

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The Plas Cochis a restaurant type pub, with a large beer garden, that is located past the ground going away from the town centre, near to the Sainsburys Petrol Station. It is about a five-minute walk away from the stadium'. The pub is on the Plas Coch Retail Park opposite NEWI, where you can also park for the afternoon, at a cost of £2.

The Golden Lion in Chester Road where the local beer from the Sandstone Brewery, Plassey Brewery and Wrexham Lager Brewery or on Hope Street is the Horse and Jockey which is Wrexham's oldest surviving pub friendly conversation can always be found beneath the timbers of this historic inn in another fantastic oldstyle traditional pub.

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# Former English Football Grounds 1962 - 2022

This is my list of former football League grounds I have watched at since my mother drag me to the football to watch dad at 7 days old in 1962 at the Cricket Ground in Bradford to watch Bradford Park Avenue and as of May 2023 I have watch games in the English Football League at 140 former grounds and about 180 Football League grounds in 60 + years!!!!

Arsenal – Highbury  
Barnet – Underhill Stadium  
Bolton Wanderers – Brunden Park  
Bradford Park Avenue – Cricket Ground (Dolls House)  
Brentford – Griffin Park  
Brighton & Hove Albion – Goldstone Ground, Withdean Stadium  
Bristol Rovers – Eastville Park, Twerton Park  
Burton Albion – Eaton Park  
Cardiff City – Ninian Park  
Chester City – Sealand Road  
Chesterfield – Saltergate  
Coventry City – Highfield Road,  
Derby County – Baseball Ground  
Doncaster City – Bell Vue  
Gateshead – Redhugh Park  
Huddersfield Town – Leeds Road  
Hull City – Blothferry Park  
Kettering Town – Rokingham Road  
Maidstone United – The Athletics Ground, Watling Street  
Manchester City – Maine Road  
Middlesbrough – Ayresome Park  
Millwall – The Old Den  
Milton Keynes Dons – National Hockey Stadium  
Morecambe – Christie Park  
Northampton Town – County Ground  
Oxford United – Manor Ground  
Reading – Elm Park  
Rushden & Diamonds – Nene Park  
Rotherham United – Millmoor, Don Valley Stadium  
Scarborough – McCain Stadium  
Scunthorpe United – The Showground  
Shrewsbury Town – Gay Meadow  
Southampton – The Dell  
Stoke City – Victoria Ground  
Swansea City – Vetch Field  
Sunderland – Roker Park  
Tottenham Hotspur - White Hart Lane, Wembley  
Walsall – Fellows Park  
West Ham United – Boleyn Park  
Wimbledon – Plough Lane  
Wycombe Wanderers – Loakes Park  
Yeovil Town – Huish Park  
York City – Bootham Crescent