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2024/25

Guide to League Two teams for 2024/25 season in this part of the book I have outlined their history old grounds with pictures a ground guide plus historical facts plus how to get there driving, public transport and walking to the ground along with where to drink for a neutral or away supporter and what you will pay to get in.



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Front cover Feethams Ground former ground of Darlington FC



AFC Wimbledon

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

Main Telephone No: 020 8547 3528

Main Fax No: 0808 280 0816

Capacity: 9,500

Pitch Size: 110 x 75 yards

Team Nickname: The Dons or Wombles

Year Ground Opened: 2020

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Football Manager

Kit Manufacturer: Puma

Website: www.afcwimbledon.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 2002

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

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Kingsmeadow 2002 - 2020

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

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

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

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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

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.

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
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

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

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

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

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

Driving to the Ground



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

Public Transport



→ 14 minutes

From the North train from **Carlisle Railway Station** or from **Lancaster Railway Station** in the South to **Barrow-in-Furness Station Railway Station** and on leaving the station, walk up Station Road till you get to Holker Street. Turn right and ground is approximately ½ Mile on the left the ground is 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)

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



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History Facts & Records

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

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1954

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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,

OAP's £15,
Juveniles £10

Bromley

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

Telephone - 020 8460 5291

Capacity: 6,000 (3,000 seated)

Team Nickname: The Ravens, The Lilywhites

Year Ground Opened: 1938

Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Southwark Metals

Kit Manufacturer: Pendle

First Kit: White shirt with Black Shorts and black socks

Away Kit: Crimson shirts Crimson shorts White socks

Website: www.bromleyfc.co.uk

Programme: £3



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

Driving to the Ground

North 

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

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



South

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



Main stand

Public Transport & Walking



The nearest station to the ground is **Bromley South Railway Station** but if your train going into London goes via **East Croydon Railway Station** it may be easier to get off there and catch the **119**

bus to the ground (approximate journey time: 40 minutes).



The new Enclosure



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

Admission

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

Where to Drink

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

Chesterfield

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

Main Telephone No: 01246 209 765

Fax No: 01246 556 799

Capacity: 10,400 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 111 x 71 yards

Year Ground Opened: 2010

Team Nickname: Spireites

Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Technique
Kit Manufacturer: puma
First Kit: Blue Shirt with White Shorts and blue and white socks
Away Kit: Crimson shirts Crimson shorts crimson socks
Website: www.chesterfield-fc.co.uk
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1863 (Fourth oldest Football Club)
Years at Today's Ground – 11 years
First Admitted to the Football League – 1899
(Founder Member of Division Three North 1921/22 & Division Three 1958/59)
First Official Floodlit Match – October 1967 Saltergate
Highest Attendance – 30,561 v Tottenham Hotspur FA Cup Fifth Round 12/02/1938
Highest Score for – 10-2 v Glossop North End Division Two on 17/01/1903
Highest Against – 1 – 9 v Port Vale Division Two 24/09/1932
Highest Scorer in a Season – 44 Jimmy Cookson in 1925/26
Highest Scorer Overall – 162 Ernest (Ernie) Moss 1968 - 86
Player with most First Team Appearances – 617 David Blakeley from 1948 – 67

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

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



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



Outside there are some nice touches too, with the 'wall of fame' from the clubs 'buy a brick scheme', in the South and North West corners and wide pathways that lead through the car park to the turnstile blocks from Sheffield Road. The Away fans are accommodated in the North Stand with additional support if they have a large support in the East Stand the whole ground was thought out well with spacious leg room not the tight space you get at some new grounds.

Driving Directions



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

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

Public Transport



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

Admission

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

Where to have a Drink

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

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

Colchester United

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

Main Telephone No: 01206 755 100

Fax No: 01206 715 327

Ticket Office: 0845 437 9089

Capacity: 10,105 (all seated)

Pitch Size: 110 x 70 yards

Club Nickname: The U's

Year Ground Opened: 2008

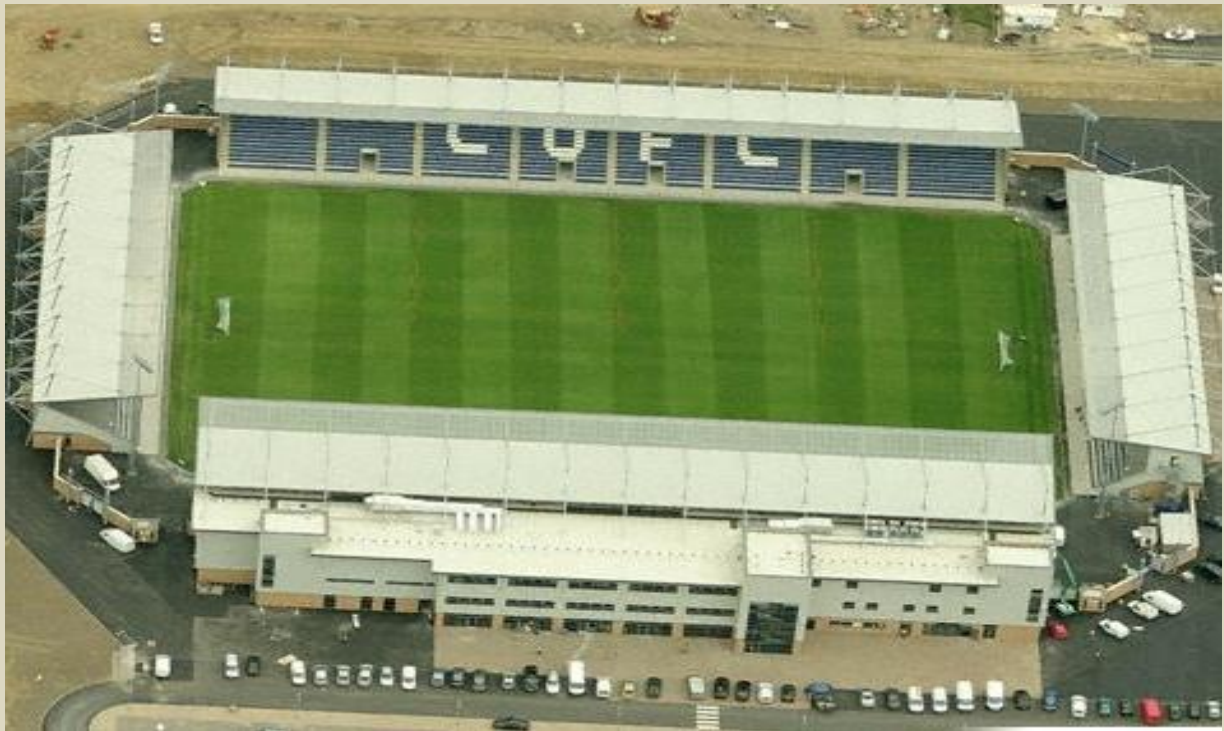
Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Teko and Jobserve

Kit Manufacturer: Macron

Website: www.cu-fc.com

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1937

Years at Today's Ground – 10 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1950

First Official Floodlit Match – August 1959 Layer Road

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

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

Highest Against – 0–8 v Leyton Orient, 1988

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

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

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

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Former Grounds

Layer Road (1937 – 2008)

Ground Guide

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 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 hots snacks cheaper than at the ground from Colchester Railway Station.

The Norfolk Arms 132 – 134 North Station Road which is less than five minutes' walk away from the station car park is the best pub for neutrals and away fans a warm and friendly

welcome as well as an excellent service, home cooked, quality food.



Driving Directions



North

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



North Stand Tim Dove



South:

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

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

Public Transport



→ 30 mins

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



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

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

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

Admission

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

Carlisle United

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

Main Telephone No: 01228 526 237

Ticket Hotline: 0844 371 1921

Capacity: 18,202

Pitch Size: 112 x 74 yards

Team Nickname: The Cumbrians

Year Ground Opened: 1909

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Thomas Graham

Kit Manufacturer: Umbro

Website: www.carlisleunited.co.uk

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1903 (Shaddongate United FC)

Years at Today's Ground – 109 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1928 for Durham City

First Official Floodlit Match – Feb 1952

Highest Attendance – 27,500 v Birmingham City FA Cup Third Round 05/01/1957

Highest Score for – 8-0 v Hartlepool United Division Three North 1/09/1928, v Scunthorpe United Division Three North 25/12/1952

Highest Against – 1-11 v Hull City Division Three North 14/01/1939

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – Jimmy McConnell, 42 goals in 1928–29 with 126 goals, from 1928–1932 in 178 appearances

Player with most First Team Appearances – Alan Ross, 466 from 1963–1979

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Former Names

Shaddongate United FC 1903/04

Former Grounds

Milholme Bank (1903 – 05)

Devonshire Park (1905 – 09)

Ground Guide

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



East Stand (Babs Arnott)

The Warwick Road End is a covered terrace that has a peculiar looking roof, which consists of three triangular sections. The other end, the Petterill End (aka The Waterworks End), is largely a small open terrace, which oddly contains a small section of seating on one side. This end is only used for the bigger games. On one side of this end is a Security Control Box, which also has a small electric scoreboard mounted below it.

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

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



Main Stand

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

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



Warwick Road End

Driving to the Ground



North

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



South

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

Public Transport



→ 21 mins

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

Admission Prices

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

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

Cheltenham Town

Ground - Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5NA

Main Telephone No: 01242 573 558

Fax No: 01242 224 675

Capacity: 7,066 (3,912 seated)

Team Nickname: The Robins

Year Ground Opened: 1927 (Cheltenham RFP)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: Mira Showers

Kit Manufacturer: Errea

Website: ctfc.com

Programme - £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1887

Years at Today's Ground – 84 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 1999

First Official Floodlit Match – Aug 1960

Highest Attendance – 8,326 v Reading FA Cup Round One 17/11/1957

Highest Score for – 12–0 v Chippenham Rovers, FA Cup 3rd qualifying Round, 2/11/1935

Highest Against – 1–10 v Merthyr Tydfil, Southern League, 8 March 1952

Highest Scorer in a Season – 53 Dave Lewis in 1974/75 scored 290 goals from 1967 – 79 and 1982/83 and 600 appearances

Highest Scorer Overall – Reginald Smith 391 goals 1890 – 1903

Player with most First Team Appearances – Roger Thorndale 702 from 1958–1976

Former Grounds

Gardner's Recreation Ground (1887 – 1900),

Whaddon Lane (1900 – 1919)

Carter's Field (1919 – 1932)

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At one end of the ground is the newest addition to the stadium this is the Hazlewoods Stand and has a capacity of 1,100 fans. It is particularly steep in its design, is unusual in the respect that it has a couple of more rows of seats on one side of it. There is also a small electric scoreboard on its roof.



On the other side of the pitch is the Main Stand, it has seating to the rear and terracing at the front. Straddling the half way line, it does not go the full length of the pitch, having open spaces to either side. At one end is the small covered terrace, called the Prestbury Road Stand, which is the home end of the ground.

On one side of the ground is another relatively new stand. The In2Print Stand this stand sits proudly at one side of the pitch and houses 2,034 supporters, all seated, single tiered stand, part of which is given to away supporters. The ground is now enclosed in one corner where the two new stands meet, although it is not used for spectators.

For away fans if you get bus E or walking then drop in at the Sudeley Arms' on Prestbury Road it's nice to go somewhere where the landlord treats you more of a mate than a customer that is relaxing and all of the locals do not give you that 'local' look. 'The Conservatory' on 104-106 Winchcombe St if Bus A then reverse the journey of Bus E to Prestbury Road and Winchcombe St with both pubs are five minutes away from the ground.



Driving Directions

From the North



Leave the M5 at Junction 10, (follow road A4019) towards Cheltenham, keep going straight through traffic lights until you reach a roundabout, PC World will be on your left and McDonalds on your right. Turn left here, after 500 yards you will then come to a double roundabout, go straight over, keep going for another 300 yards then turn right into Swindon Lane, follow the road over the level crossing and 2 mini roundabouts until you come to a large roundabout, go straight over, signposted Prestbury, continue past Racecourse and turn right into Albert Road, follow this to the end then turn left at roundabout into Prestbury Road, 200 yards turn into Whaddon Road.



From the South



Leave the M5 at Junction 11 take the A40 turning right towards Cheltenham. At the second roundabout follow the A40/ Gloucester Road. Follow the road into Lansdown Road past the Texaco Garage at the roundabout take the first left past Barclays then follow the signs for the A46 and follow the Inner Ring Road into North Street then go straight on into North Place past the Parrot Pub then at the junction go right then first left into Portland Street then take the first right into Clarence Road then first left into Prestbury Road, 200yards turn into Whaddon Rd.



Public Transport



→ 10 mins

From **Cheltenham Spa Railway Station** walk across from the station and take the **Stagecoach West Cheltenham Bus E** to the Hotel in the Park walk down and take the first left walk to the end of Wellington Road take the second on the left and walk down Prestbury Road take the first left into Whaddon Road and walk down to the Bowling club and turn left and walk up to the ground.

Stagecoach West Cheltenham Service D from the Station Car park to the Town Centre (Clarence Street). On Saturdays Service D runs every 10 minutes. It costs £3.90 for a 'day-rider' ticket with unlimited travel in Cheltenham. From the Town centre it is a short walk to Whaddon Road down Prestbury Road.

Admission

Hazlewoods Stand:

Adults £21,

Over 65's £15,

Under 18's & Students £7

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 United Auto Windscreens Shield First Round, 17 October 1995 & Doncaster Rovers LDV Vans Trophy Third Round, 10 November 2002
Highest Scorer in a Season – 35 Terry Hanskin in 1964/65
Highest Scorer Overall – 137 Herbert Swindells from 1927 – 37
Player with most First Team Appearances – 482 Tommy Lowry from 1965 – 77

Former Names

Crewe FC 1877 - 1892

Former Grounds

Earl Street Cricket Ground 1877/78
Alexandria Recreation Ground (1878 – 1896)
Natwich Road 1896/97
Edieston Road 1896/97
Old Sheds Field 1896/97
Sandbach 1896/97
Old Gresty Road (1897 – 1906)

Ground Guide

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



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

Opposite is the Wulvern Homes Stand, which was previously known as the Railway End.

This has some executive boxes at the rear, but the seating area is only opened for the bigger games.

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



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



Driving Directions



North

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



South

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



Public Transport



→ 5 mins

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

Admission

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

Doncaster Rovers

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

Main Telephone No: 01302 764 664

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

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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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.

Fleetwood Town

Ground – Highbury Stadium, Park Avenue, Fleetwood, Lancashire FY7 6TX

Main Telephone: 01253 770702

Ticket Office:

Capacity: 5,311 (Seats 2,701)

Team Nickname: Cod Army

Year Ground Opened: 1939 (Fleetwood FC)

Undersoil Heating: No

Shirt Sponsors: BES Commercial Gas

Kit Manufacturer: Hummel

Website: www.fleetwoodtownfc.co.uk

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

Founded - 1997

Former Names – Fleetwood Wanderers FC, Fleetwood Freeport FC

Years at Today's Ground – 17 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2011

First Official Floodlit Match – 1997

Highest Attendance – 5,194 v York City Football League Two Play-Off 2013–14
16/05/2014

Highest Score for – 13–0 v Oldham Town North West Counties League Division Two
5/12/1998

Highest Against – 0–7 v Billingham Town FA Cup First Qualifying Round, 2001–02
15/09/2001

Highest Scorer in a Season – 41 David Michael Ball 2016-17

Highest Scorer Overall – 101 David Barnes

Player with most First Team Appearances – 500 Nathan Pond from 2003 - 2018



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Ground Guide

The stadium has been completely re-built over the last five years, matching the teams' meteoric rise up the leagues with six promotions in nine seasons. The latest addition to the ground is the very impressive looking Parkside Stand which was first opened to spectators in March 2011. These 2,000 capacities all seated stand and it has a single tier of seating, whilst above are offices and a top row of executive boxes and hospitality area, all of which have a small tier of seating outside.



Opposite is the Highbury Stand, which is a small all-seated covered stand, which was opened in 2008. It is only six rows high, has a capacity of 550 and runs for only half the length of the pitch, meaning that there is a large open area next to it, although this area does feature some buildings.

On the roof of the Highbury Stand is a small television gantry you can see a small roof which is the roof the old Main Stand which is still in existence having had the new stand built in front of it. It just shows how much the stadium has come on, when you consider that at one time there was this stand and another stand beside it plus two small enclosures which had been there since 1946 and not much else at the ground.



Memorial Stand

Both ends are covered terraces, which are similar in size in terms of height. The Percy Ronson Terrace which is named after a former player who had most appearances with the old Fleetwood Town and which is given to away supporters and runs for around 65% of the width of the pitch where 831 fans can be accommodated. This terrace which was opened in 2007, is covered, free from supporting pillars and affords a good view of the playing action.



Percy Ronson Stand

Away fans are housed in both the Parkside Stand (seating) and the Percy Robson Stand (standing), with the sections of the stands effectively constituting the north-west corner of the ground. The modern terrace is capable accommodating 621 fans, whilst the less popular seating area has room for 210 visitors although it's still good to offer people the choice. There is an away fans ticket office and programme booth situated outside the visiting fans entrance.

The Memorial Stand is used by the home support (is larger extending the full width of the pitch and housing just under 1,500 supporters. In one corner of the stadium between the Parkside and Memorial Stands is a large video screen.

Driving Directions



Leave the M6 at Junction 32 and take the M55 towards Blackpool. Then leave the M55 at Junction 3 and take the A585 towards Fleetwood. On the outskirts of Fleetwood, you will come to a roundabout with Blackpool and Fylde College on your left. Continue straight on towards Fleetwood but after the roundabout take the first left into Copse Road.

After about a mile and as you pass Fleetwood Fire station on your left then branch left and turn left onto Radcliffe Road (going back on yourself but in parallel with Copse Road). Then take the next right into Stanley Road and the stadium is at the bottom of this road on your left. There is no parking for away supporters at the stadium itself but there is plenty of parking available in the area.

Public Transport



→ 7 mins



Fleetwood



→ 2 mins

Train to **Blackpool North Railway Station** and take a right and then first right down High Street walk down to the end and take a left into Pleasant Street and at the mini roundabout take a right and first left and walk down to the Tram stop on the Promenade and take the **Blackpool Tramways** for Fleetwood to Stanley Park and it's a three-minute walk to the ground.



1 or 14



→ 2 mins

The **Blackpool Transport 14 bus** on Cocker Street near the station or the **Blackpool Transport 1 bus** from the Promenade to Fleetwood its take about 20 minutes to get there and get off at the Fire Station and its two minutes to the ground

Admission

Parkside Stand: Adults

£25, Over 65's/Under 18's £20, Under 16's £17, Under 5's Free**

Percy Ronson Stand:

Adults £23, Over 65's/Under 18's £18, Under 16's £15, Under 5's Free**

** When accompanied by a paying adult.

Where to have a Drink

The Strawberry Gardens on Poulton Road is where we meet for the games and is a 12-minute walk back to the stadium an enormous and ever-changing choice of real ales and ciders. Run with pride by a professional team, the pub offers a selection of no less than twelve beers and six ciders, not to mention most other drinks you'd care to mention. On the real ale front, you'll find familiar favourites alongside new surprises, meaning you're spoilt for choice every time you head to the bar. CAMRA members receive discounts.

Gillingham

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

Main Telephone No: 01634 300 000

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
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

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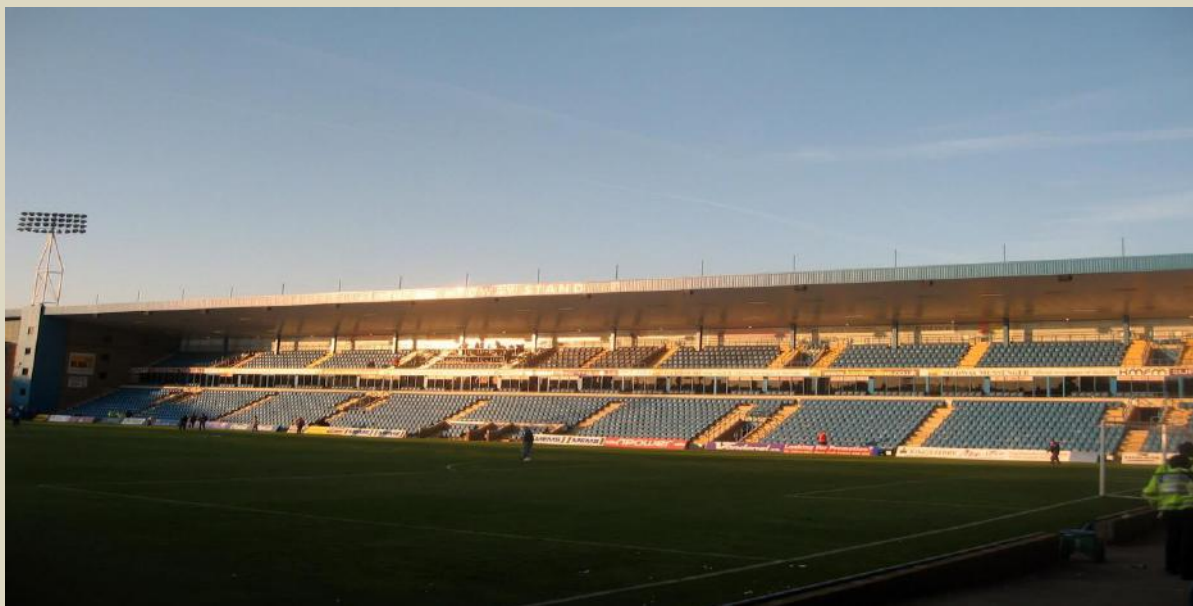
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The Stadium has been virtually re-built since 1995. On one side of the ground is the Medway Stand which was opened in 2000, it is two-tiered, with a large lower tier and a small upper tier. In-between these tiers are a row of executive boxes, which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

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

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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Former Names

Grimbsy Pelham 1878/79

Former Grounds

Clee Park 1878- 1889
Abbey Park 1889 – 99

Ground Guide

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



Findus Stand

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

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



Pontoon Stand

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



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

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

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

Former Names

Harrogate AFC 1914 – 1935
Harrogate Hotspur 1935 - 1939

Colours



Home Kit



Away

Ground Guide

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



Main Stand

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

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



New standing area

Driving Directions



North

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



Hospital End



South

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



Wetherby and Clubhouse Ends

Public Transport & Walking



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.

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
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



Home



Away



Alternative

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.

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

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

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) **

Colours



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.

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

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

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

Colours



Home



Away



Third

Former Grounds

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

Ground Guide

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



Bisley Stand

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

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

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



Looking to the town end

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



Hazell Stand & South end

Driving to the Ground



FROM THE WEST:

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



FROM THE EAST:

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

Public Transport



→ 10 mins

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

turn into Corporation Road which becomes Rodney Parade and the stadium is down this road on the left behind the houses.

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

Admission

Away Fans

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

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)

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 nineties. 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 there greatest manger 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 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



20 minutes

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.

Port Vale

Ground - Vale Park Hamil Road, Burslem, Stoke on Trent, ST6 1AW

Main Telephone No: 01782 655 800

Main Fax No: 01782 834 981

Ticket Office: 01782 655 832

Ticket Office Fax: 01782 836 875

Capacity: 18,947 (all seated)

Team Nickname: The Valliant's

Year Ground Opened: 1950

Pitch Size: 114 x 77 yards
Undersoil Heating: No
Shirt Sponsors: Synetecs Solutions
Kit Manufacturer: BLK
Website: www.port-vale.co.uk
Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1876

Years at Today's Ground – 64 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1958

Highest Attendance – 49,768: v Aston Villa FA Cup Round 5 20 February 1960

Highest Score for – 9–1: v Chesterfield Second Division 24 September 1932

Highest Against – 0–10: v Sheffield United Second Division 10 December 1892

Highest Scorer in a Season & Highest Scorer Overall – Wilf Kirkham: 38 in 1926–27 (Second Division) & 164 goals 1923–1933

Player with most First Team Appearances – Roy Sproson: 842 from 1950–1972

Former Names

Port Vale AFC, 1876 - 1885

Burslem Port Vale FC 1895 - 1919

Former Grounds

Lime Kiln Lane Ground (Scott Lidgett Road) (1876-81)

Westport Meadows (1881-84)

Burslem Football & Athletic Ground (Moorland Road) (1884-86)

Corbridge Athletic Ground (Waterloo Road) 1886 – 1913)

Colours



Home



Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

The ground has a good mixture of the old and the new, it is just let down that the Lorne Street Stand, which was partly opened in 1999, is still yet to be fully completed but with finances in place it will be fully opened for the 2014/15 season. This stand which is two-tiered has a row of executive boxes situated between its large lower tier and much smaller upper tier. The club said that it will have a capacity of 5,000. The original clock that was on the old stand has been incorporated into the new construction, above the player's tunnel and Directors area in the centre of the stand.



Lorne Street Stand

On the opposite side is the Railway Stand which was opened in 1954 and it has a number of supporting pillars that run across the middle of the stand. It had a large paddock terrace in front for people to stand, but this was subsequently filled with seating in the 1990's.

The Bycars Road End, which was built in 1992. It also is partly covered to the rear and has some supporting pillars to either side. Situated in one corner, in-between the Bycars & Railway Stand is an odd looking two-tiered structure that looks if it has been 'wedged' into the stadium. In fact, this area is the only portion of the old ground that still remains from when the ground was originally built in 1950 and the steelwork and roof of this structure were brought from the Kent Street Old recreation Ground in Hanley. Filled with seating it is currently used as a Family Stand. On one side of the Hamil Road Stand there is a Police Control Box, which keeps a watchful eye over the crowd. The pitch is also one of the widest in the League. Outside the Lorne Street Stand is a statue of former player and manager Roy Sproson who played for the club 842 times.



Railway End

At one end is the Hamil Road End, which is a good sized single tiered stand. It also has an electric scoreboard situated just below its roof. Again, it has a number of supporting pillars, plus it has windshields to either side.



The Bulls Head at 14 St John's Square in Burslem is a good place to drink for away and neutral fans and at least 3 Titanic Beers are available at all times plus a large selection of guest beers from Small Independent Breweries.

If going to the Bulls Head then take the Wardle Transport to Birches Head Shops from the Station then walk over to Hanley bus Station and then take the **First Potteries 20A bus** to Pitt Street it's a three-minute walk to the pub. From the pub to the ground is walk down on to Market Street at the cross road and then walk straight on then cross over the road and take a second left into Hamil Road the ground is 400 yards and is an eight-minute walk from the ground.

Driving Directions



The ground is located in the town of Burslem in Stoke on Trent so leave the M6 at junction 16 and take the A500 towards Stoke on Trent. Follow A500 until Longport Junction then exit and take first left on to the A527 Tunstall/Burslem. At the next roundabout follow the sign for the Moorcroft Factory, then at the cross mini roundabout take the second exit into Newcastle Street. Continue on this road up the hill, crossing another island and into Burslem town centre. Continue straight on over the traffic lights at the cross roads and then take the left into Hamil Road which takes you down to the ground. There is a large car park located outside a superstore next to the ground which costs £4, otherwise street parking.

Public Transport & Walking



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→ 13 mins

Take the train to **Stoke on Trent Railway Station** then get the **D&G 9** to McDonalds on High Lane and then take a left and walk down Moorland Lane, then take a left into Burslem

Park and walk through it of the ground.



The Alternative is to take the **First in the Potteries 25 bus** to Hanley Bus Station then walk down onto Bethesda Street and take a right and cross the road Stop B1 then take the **First Bus in the Potteries 3A bus** to High Lane and Hamill Road then walk back and turn right into Hamill Road the ground is seven minutes on the right.

Admission

Adults £22,
OAP's £17,
Under 19's £10,
Under 9's Free

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
Programme: £3



History Facts & Records

Founded: 1940 (Salford Central FC)

Years at Today's Ground – 31 years

First Admitted to the Football League – 2019

First Official Floodlit Match – v Curzon Ashton August 2000

Highest Attendance – 5,000 v Eastleigh May 5 2019

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

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

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

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

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

Colours



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Away



Alternative

Former Grounds

The Lower Willows 1940 - 1978

Ground Guide

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



The East Terrace

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

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



North Stand and West Terrace

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

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



South Stand

Driving to the Ground



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

Public Transport and Walking



98



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

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)

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

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded – 1879

Years at Today's Ground – 118 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – April 1951

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

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

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

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

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

Former Grounds

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



The County Cricket Ground (1893 – 96)

Colours



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Ground Guide

The club have been here since 1896 and one of their former the cricket ground is at the back of the Football Ground. The Main Stand is the Arkells Stand on one side which was in 1971 the stand is split into two part single stand and has the players tunnel and team dugouts in

front and has the traditional windshields to either side and a few supporting pillars and Away fans are located in the Arkells Stand at one side of the pitch, where up to 1,200 fans can be housed but larger supports are given the Stratton Bank End where another 2,000 can be accommodated but this is still open to the elements but should be covered for the start of the 2014/15 season plus the away fans have their own Bar called the 71 at the away end of the Arkells stand.

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



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



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

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

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



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



Driving Directions



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

Public Transport/Walking



→ 15 mins

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

Admission

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

Programme: £3.00



History Facts & Records

Founded - 1881

Years at Today's Ground – 102 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – September 1958

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

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

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

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

Highest Scorer Overall – 180 Ian Muir in 1985 - 95

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

Colours



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Alternative

Former Names

Belmont FC

Former Grounds

Steels Park (1881 – 83)
Devonshire Park (1883 – 86)
Ravenshaws Field (South Road) (1886 – 96)
Old Prenton Park (1896 – 1912)

Ground Guide

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

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

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



The Main Stand & cowshed from the Kop (Samslip)

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



The Kop

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

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



John King Stand

Driving Directions

North



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

South



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

Public Transport



→ 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

Programme: £3.00

History Facts & Records

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

Years at Today's Ground – 22 years

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

First Official Floodlit Match – December 1955 Fellows Park

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

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

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

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

Highest Scorer Overall – 185 Tony Richards from 1954–63

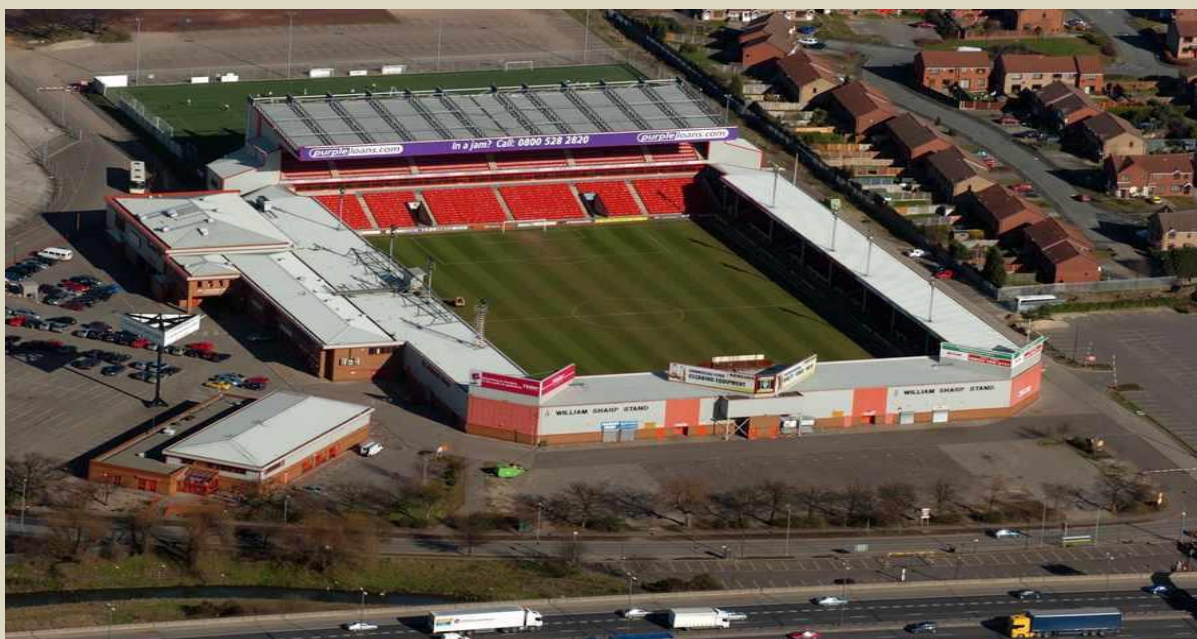
Player with most First Team Appearances – 534 Jimmy Walker from 1993-2004, 2010–12

Former Grounds

The Chuckery (1888 -1893)

West Bromwich Road (1893 – 96)

Fellows Park (1890 – 1996)



Colours



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Away



Alternative

Ground Guide

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



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



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

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



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

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

Driving Directions



South

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



North

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

Public Transport & Walking



→ 5 minutes

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

Admission

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!

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