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**IPSWICH TOWN VS OXFORD UNITED**  
**THURSDAY, 1 JANUARY 2026, KICK-OFF 3PM.**

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# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Information in this guide is as at 18 December and is correct to the best of our knowledge. Any updated information on this fixture will be published in the guide on the club website ([www.itfc.co.uk](http://www.itfc.co.uk)).

## INFORMATION FOR OXFORD UNITED FANS

Ipswich Town welcome you to Portman Road and we hope you enjoy your visit.

This is a short guide, designed to answer the kind of questions that are often asked by visiting fans.

This guide can be found on the ITFC website <https://www.itfc.co.uk/supporters/fanguides/> under Visiting Fan Guide.

For any further information, please contact Tom Grover, Supporter Liaison Lead on [slo@itfc.co.uk](mailto:slo@itfc.co.uk) or +44 (0)7701 219724 or on X at @itfchelp.

# IPSWICH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB INFORMATION

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**Accessibility:** [www.itfc.co.uk/supporters/disabledsupporters](http://www.itfc.co.uk/supporters/disabledsupporters)

**Safeguarding:** [www.itfc.co.uk/club/safeguarding/](http://www.itfc.co.uk/club/safeguarding/)

**Club Policies:** [www.itfc.co.uk/club/policies/](http://www.itfc.co.uk/club/policies/)

# KEY INFORMATION

*TICKET ALLOCATION*

**2,001**

*MATCHDAY TRAIN TRAVEL TIME*

**3-3.5 HOURS**

*THE AWAY END*

**COBBOLD STAND**

*RECOMMENDED AWAY PUB*

**STATION HOTEL**

*NEAREST TRAIN STATION*

**IPSWICH**

*STADIUM POSTCODE*

**IP1 2DA**

*PARKING AT THE GROUND*

**NEXT TO THE AWAY END**

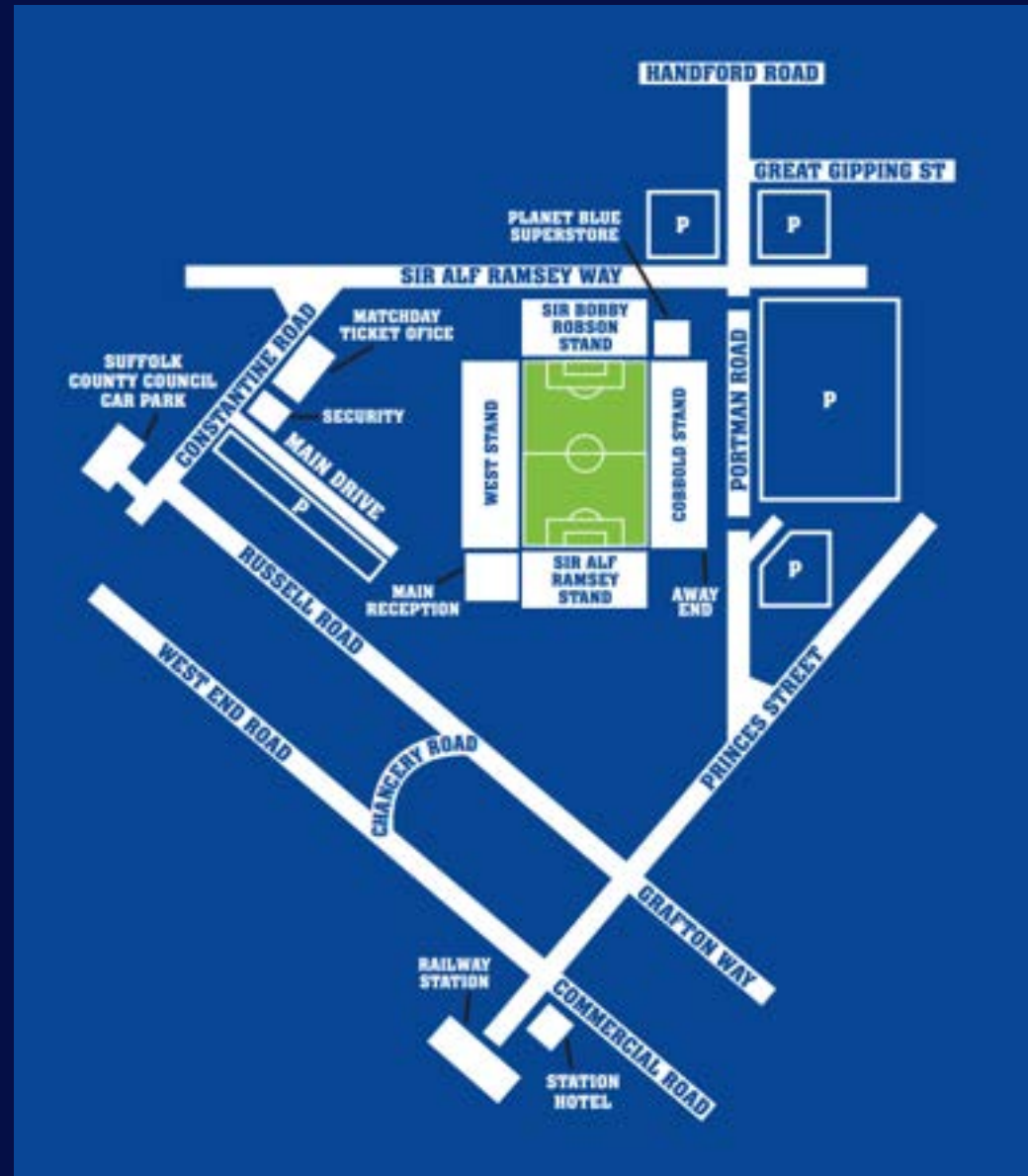
*CAR TRAVEL TIME*

**3+ HOURS**

*ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE*

**LEFT OF THE AWAY  
TURNSTILES**

# STADIUM MAP



# TICKET INFORMATION

## ALLOCATION

The fixture is all ticket for Oxford United fans. Your final allocation is 2,001 including wheelchair users and personal assistants.

*Please note there is no lift access to the upper tier.*

*All supporters under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who is 18+ .*

## PRICING UPPER TIER

- Adult - £38
- Over 65 - £29
- Under 23 - £22
- Under 19 - £11

## PRICING LOWER TIER

- Adult - £34
- Over 65 - £25
- Under 23 - £21
- Under 19 - £11

## AWAY END

You will be located in VU1 and VU2 (*safe standing*) as well as VL and VA (*seated*) of the Cobbold stand. You are recommended to buy a ticket in the seated area if you are unable to stand for long periods of time. Please note there are some restricted view tickets which are slightly cheaper.





# TRAVEL BY TRAIN

## BY TRAIN

Please note London Liverpool Street will be closed.

For those travelling by train, Ipswich station is only 5 to 10 minutes' walk from the ground.

Trains leave Oxford to London Paddington regularly all morning. Do check which train you take as some require a change at Didcot Parkway or Reading. At London Paddington, take the Elizabeth line to Stratford, London. Trains leave Stratford to Ipswich at 15 and 37 minutes past the hour (note there is also a train leaving at 10:05). For example, a train out of Oxford at 09:04 will see you arrive into Ipswich at 12:30. The overall journey time is three to three and a half hours depending on changeover times.

After the game trains leave Ipswich at 17:11, 17:41 and 18:11 towards Stratford. These connect to trains from Paddington to Oxford, arriving back into Oxford at 20:19, 20:44 and 21:17 respectively. If you plan on staying in Ipswich for a while after the game, trains leave Ipswich at 11 and 41 minutes past the hour all evening.

It is also possible to travel from Oxford to London Marylebone. From Marylebone take the Bakerloo Line to Baker Street and change to the Jubilee Line to Stratford for trains to Ipswich. There are options back after the game as well, leaving Ipswich at the times stated above.

Whatever your travel plans it is worth checking [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) for updated times and any late changes.

There are ticket checks on all mainline trains and ticket barriers at Ipswich.



# TRAVEL BY CAR

## BY CAR

The Sat Nav postcode for Portman Road is IP1 2DA. However, you may choose to pick the postcode of your chosen car park.

The simplest route is M40/M25/A12. Leaving Oxford, make your way towards the M40 via your chosen route from where you live. Stay on the M40 until you reach the M25 via junction 1A. Ensure you travel clockwise staying on the M25 until junction 28 where you will exit for the A12. Stay on the A12 until you reach the Copdock Interchange where you will follow the Last Few Miles on the next page to the stadium.

It is likely to take at least three hours. However, with it being New Years Day it could be much busier. Ideally you should allow ninety minutes beyond the AA / Google / Satnav suggested journey time, to allow for possible delays.

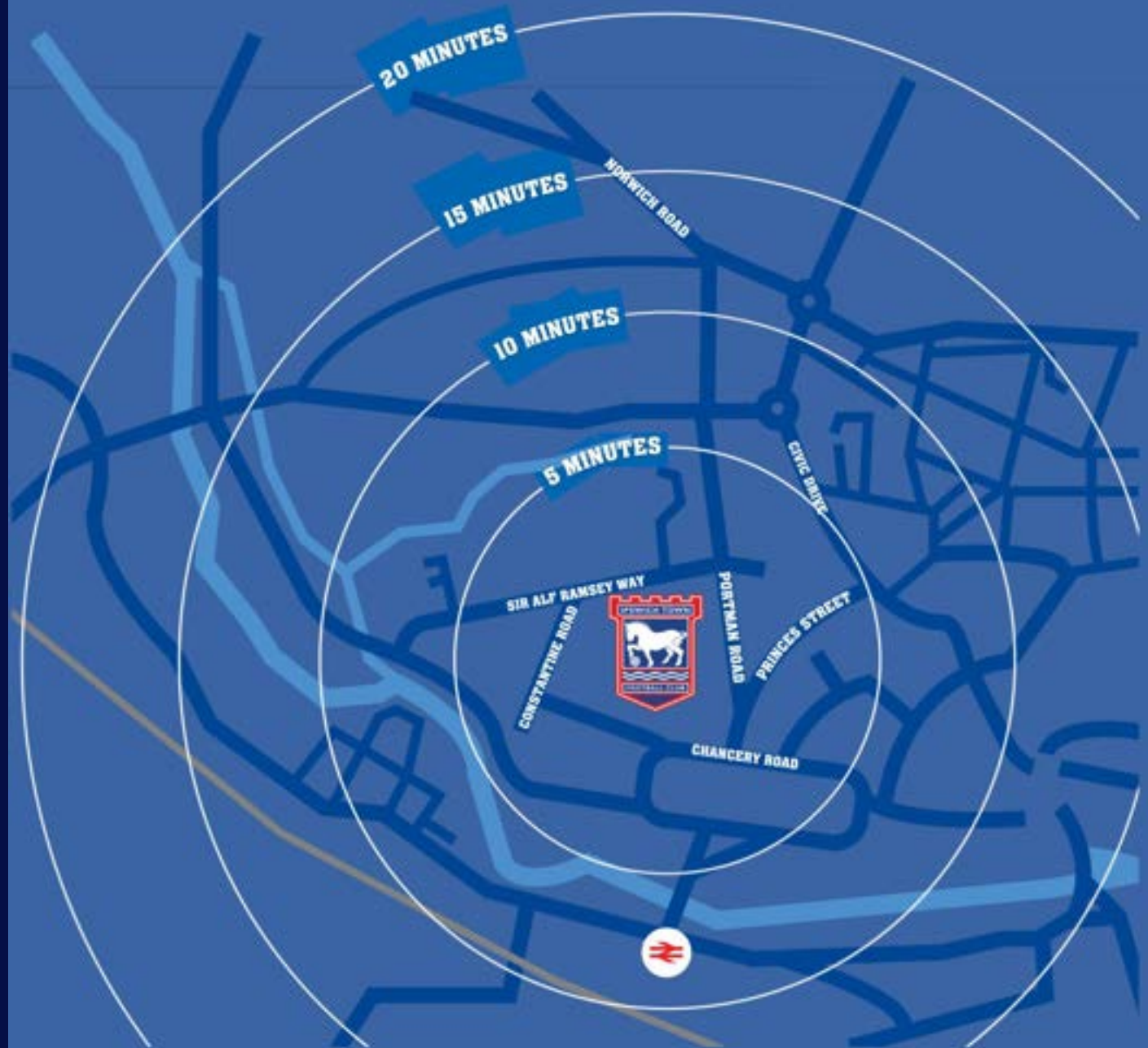
There is an alternative route via Cambridge and Bedford (A34/A41/A421/A428/A14) but this is likely to be much slower unless there are traffic issues on the M40/ M25/A12 route before you start your journey.

# THE LAST FEW MILES

Sat Navs vary in their recommended route into town, but whichever way you go, it shouldn't take more than 15 minutes from the A12/ A14 Copdock Interchange junction.

For those not using a Sat Nav, once you reach the A12 / A14 Copdock Interchange, just south of Ipswich, take the A1214 (London Road) for a couple of miles into town. As you approach the town centre area, there's a Sainsbury's supermarket on the left – at this point, go straight on past Sainsbury's and then almost immediately right onto West End Road. Take the first left (after about half a mile) onto Sir Alf Ramsey Way and continue to the stadium.

Note that the road immediately behind the Cobbold Stand is blocked permanently at both ends behind the stand, and the road behind the Sir Bobby Robson Stand is closed about 90 minutes before the game, so to access the IBC car park on Portman Road you will need to continue on London Road, straight on to Handford Road and then turn right at a set of traffic lights onto Portman Road (if you miss the turning, just do a U-turn at the roundabout with Civic Drive, turning back onto Handford Road, then taking the first left into Portman Road).



# PARKING

## EVENT DAY PARKING

Event day parking costs of £15 will be in operation at Ipswich Borough Council's long stay car parks situated near and next to the ground at Portman Road, West End Road and Princes Street. This comes into force three hours before kick-off to one hour after kick-off. Information on how to pay via online and phone can be found [here](#).

## AT THE GROUND – PORTMAN ROAD

There is no official stadium car park, but there is parking all around the ground. The closest is a large car park on Portman Road (right by the away end, post code IP1 2BP - note comment above re event day parking costs). Spaces are usually easy to come by, however be prepared to wait 15/20 minutes after the game as the Portman Road entry/exit is closed whilst pedestrians clear. Vehicle access via Friars Bridge Road to Princes Street remains open at all times.

There are also large car parks on West End Road (5 minutes' walk away, post code IP1 2DZ – note comment above re event day parking costs) and at the railway station (less than 10 minutes, postcode IP2 8AL).

## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Accessible parking can be found by clicking [here](#).

## TOWN CENTRE

The town centre is less than 10 minutes' walk, and has numerous car parks, as you would expect. Being a town centre ground, most streets are controlled (residents only) parking, so free on road parking tends to be at least a 20-minute walk away. As usual, the car parks nearest the ground are a bit slow to clear after the game, with roads near the stadium likely to take at least an hour to clear. The further you park from the ground, the less likely you are to face lengthy traffic delays post-match.

## RAILWAY STATION

One good option is the railway station car park. It costs £6.85 on a Bank Holiday. Exit left onto Burrell Road / Ranelagh Road (B1075), then (after about a mile) left onto the A1214 to get out to the A14. Of the town centre car parks, the Crown Street car park (Claude Street, IP1 3HS) is a large multi-storey, just over 10 minutes' walk from the stadium (this closes at 23:30).

## COACH PARKING

All away coaches will park in West End Road car park, just a short walk from the away pub and stadium!



# AROUND THE AREA

## AWAY PUB

The Station Hotel opposite the station is the official away pub. It has a garden, tv screens and beers mostly from the Greene King stable and was expanded last season.

Most pubs immediately around the ground are for home fans only and few pubs around the Town will welcome large groups of away fans. Couples, families and older fans may find it easier to slip into the town centre for a quiet beer. On non-matchdays, the pub scene is a lot more relaxed in terms of welcoming away fans. Please note on a match-by-match basis the police may designate other pubs within the town centre as home fans only.

## FANZONE

Portman Road does have a FanZone. However, this is only for home supporters.

## HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO PRE-MATCH IN IPSWICH

The statue of Sir Bobby Robson is on Portman Road opposite the Cobbold Stand, where away fans are located. Further along the road, diagonally opposite the club shop Planet Blue, you will find the statue of club legend Kevin Beattie which was unveiled in December 2021. Diagonally opposite Kevin you will find the statue of another Town great, Sir Alf Ramsey. All three statues are the work of local sculptor Sean Hedges-Quinn.

The stadium is just a short, 5-10 minute, walk to the town centre, with shops, cafes and restaurants. The waterfront area is around a 15-minute walk from the ground, with a yachting marina and a range of cafes and restaurants. Just beyond the town centre, 15 minutes' walk from the ground, is the beautiful Christchurch Park, with a renowned art gallery within the Tudor mansion building. More information is given at the end of this guide for fans staying in the area for longer.





# OUTSIDE THE STADIUM



## HERE2HELP

Our Here2Help staff are positioned around the stadium on a matchday. They can be identified by their pink hi-vis and are pleased to answer any questions you may have.



## MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

The 84-page programme costs £4 and can be purchased at Planet Blue and kiosks outside the stadium. No programmes can be bought inside the ground. *Note cash payments will not be accepted.*



## AWAY COLLECTION POINT AND ENQUIRIES

The away ticket collection window can be found near to the away turnstiles and next to the away supporter's accessible entrance.

Turnstiles will open 90 minutes before kick-off.



# ENTERING THE STADIUM

## SECURITY



Supporters may be searched prior to entering Portman Road. The Club also uses a trained K9 unit and some stewards, as well as police officers, wear body cameras on matchdays. We ask that fans arrive in plenty of time to allow searches to take place and a safe and steady flow through to the turnstiles.

## BAGS



No bags larger than A4 will be permitted into the stadium. There are no facilities to leave bags.

## FLAGS AND BANNERS



Flags and banners are allowed in the away end. These will require a safety fire certificate and should be fire retardant. All flags and banners will be questioned before entering. For any enquiries contact [neil.mccluskey@itfc.co.uk](mailto:neil.mccluskey@itfc.co.uk).

## PYROTECHNICS



As with all grounds and to comply with legislation, the use of pyrotechnics or even trying to get them into the stadium is a criminal offence and will not be tolerated.

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SELFIE STICKS



Musical instruments and selfie sticks are not allowed in the away end.





# INSIDE THE STADIUM



## FOOD AND DRINK

Food and drink facilities are what you would expect at most football grounds with pies, sausage rolls, crisps and chocolate. Vegetarian options are also stocked. Alcohol is available in the away end (subject to behaviour). A menu can be seen on the left of the screen.

## ACCESSIBLE TOILET, BABY CHANGING FACILITY AND SANITARY PRODUCTS



Accessible toilets are on the concourse of the lower tier of the Cobbold Stand. A baby changing facility can be found in the ladies' toilets in the lower tier. Sanitary product vending machines are installed in a number of the ladies' toilets. These products are free of charge.



## SMOKING POLICY

Portman Road is a no smoking stadium. This includes e- cigarettes. Anyone found smoking will be ejected from the ground. For anyone considering leaving the stadium, note that no re-admission to the ground is permitted.



### BEER & CYDER

ESTRELLA GALICIA PINT	£6.95
LEVEL HEAD IPA PINT	£6.95
ASPALL CYDER PINT	£6.95
ESTRELLA 0%	£5.00
CARLSBERG PET	£7.00

### WINE & SPIRITS

VINCA WINE	£7.50
GIN & TONIC	£7.00
VODKA & COKE	£7.00
JACK DANIELS & COKE	£7.50

### SOFT DRINKS

COKE 180Z	£3.50
COKE ZERO 180Z	£3.50
FANTA 180Z	£3.50
SPRITE 180Z	£3.50
BELU WATER	£2.35
CAPRI SUN	£2.25

### HOT DRINKS

TEA	£3.00
COFFEE	£3.00
HOT CHOCOLATE	£3.00
BOVRIL	£3.00



### SNACKS

DAIRY MILK DUO	£2.50
TWIRL DUO	£2.50
WINE GUMS	£3.85
SOUR PATCH KIDS	£3.85
BUTTONS GRAB BAG	£3.85
LIGHTLY SALTED CRISPS	£1.95

### HOT FOOD

SAUSAGE ROLL	£4.00
STEAK & ALE PIE	£5.45
FRIES	£5.00
CHICKEN GOUJONS	£7.50
CHICKEN & FRIES	£11.00
BANGER & BEAN PIE (VE)	£5.00





## PROHIBITED ITEMS

Items below cannot be brought into Portman Road.  
If any of these items are with you, you may be asked to  
discard them in the bins provided before entering the ground.



NO BAGS LARGER THAN  
A4 (100 x 200 x 300 MM)



NO BABY BUGGIES  
OR PRAMS



NO VIDEO RECORDING  
EQUIPMENT



NO LARGE  
LENS CAMERA



NO SMOKING INC.  
E-CIGARETTES & VAPES



NO DRINKING  
GLASSES



NO CANNED  
DRINKS



NO GLASS BOTTLES  
OR PLASTIC BOTTLES  
BIGGER THAN 500ML



NO DARTS, KNIVES  
OR WEAPONS



NO FIREWORKS  
OR FLARES



NO GAS OR SMOKE  
CANNISTERS



NO TOOLS



NO AIR HORNS  
OR MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENTS



NO FLAGS  
OR STICKS



NO UMBRELLAS



NO PERSISTENT  
STANDING



NO SELFIE  
STICKS



NO FOOD



NO PYROS

# ACCESSIBILITY

## PARKING

3-5 car parking spaces are available for visiting disabled supporters in the Suffolk County Council car park (IP1 2DH). Spaces can be booked, on a first come first served basis, by contacting your own Club. There is no charge for this parking which is a 7-minute walk from the away turnstiles for able bodied fans

## ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE & FACILITIES

Supporters may make use of the accessible entrance which is labelled via a purple sign at the away end. Once inside there are two accessible toilets which can be accessed via a radar key as well as a low-level counter for those wishing to purchase food/drink.

## SOCCER SIGHT

The Club has radio headsets available to supporters with visual impairments ran through Soccer Sight, who provide dedicated descriptive commentary. If you would like to reserve headsets, please contact Lee Smith on [accessibility@itfc.co.uk](mailto:accessibility@itfc.co.uk) or 01473 400556 in advance of the game.

## ASSISTANCE DOGS

Assistance dogs are admitted into the ground. Please contact Lee Smith on [accessibility@itfc.co.uk](mailto:accessibility@itfc.co.uk) or 01473 400556 in advance of the game.

## SENSORY PACKS

Packs are available to rent and collect at the Accessible Ticket Office. Supporters should contact Lee Smith on [accessibility@itfc.co.uk](mailto:accessibility@itfc.co.uk) or 01473 400556 in advance of the game.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ipswich Town Football Club is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all supporters and staff.

The Club takes a zero-tolerance stance on any form of discrimination or anti-social behaviour. Supporters can report any incident instantly that they feel needs attention by texting ITFC and your message to the anonymous number 60650 (standard text rate applies). All reports will be handled in the strictest confidence. Please include Stand, Row, Seat Number and names if known.

You can also report any discrimination or anti-social behaviour to Kick it Out using the Kick It Out app which is available to download from the App Store or Google Play, or via: Facebook /kickitoutofficial; Twitter @kickitout; email [info@kickitout.org](mailto:info@kickitout.org); phone 0800 169 9414.

Alternatively, our supporter services team can be contacted on [supporter.services@itfc.co.uk](mailto:supporter.services@itfc.co.uk).





# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS & HOTELS

Below listed is several local attractions and hotel weblinks which you may find useful if you are staying in Ipswich. Please note the Club has no connection to these but they have been listed based off supporter's feedback and convenience.

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS:

- Harbourside and marina, with numerous restaurants, cafes and bars.
- Town centre with many independent stores, plus the New Wolsey Theatre.
- Christchurch Park, Mansion and Gallery
- Pubs selling a wide range of locally brewed real ales, including the Fat Cat, Dove Street Inn, Woolpack, Greyhound, St Jude's Tavern, Arcade Street Tavern, Three Wise Monkeys, Thomas Wolsey, Spread Eagle, Lord Nelson and Briarbank Brewery.
- Felixstowe is just 15 miles away to the east, and is both a traditional seaside resort and major container port, which includes a fantastic viewing point.
- The Orwell Bridge carries the A14 over the river to Felixstowe.
- The historic town of Woodbridge is just a few miles from Ipswich, with a tide mill, lots of little boutiques, some fine pubs, and an Adnams Wine and Beer store.
- Just a bit further up the coast you will find Aldeburgh with its famous fish and chip shop as well as shops and pubs. You'll pass the concert hall, antique, home furnishings and fine foods shops of Snape Maltings en route to Aldeburgh, and it's well worth the short detour.
- If you've managed to get as far as Aldeburgh, you may well be tempted to continue a bit further up the coast, past the impressive power station at Sizewell, to the beautiful seaside town of Southwold, home of Adnams beers, a pier, and lots of little shops and galleries.
- The delightful market town of Framlingham is about 20 miles north-east of Ipswich, home turf of Ed Sheeran, who put the town on the world stage with his 'Castle on the Hill' track.
- 10 miles south of Ipswich, on the Essex border, is Constable country, where you can visit the artist's famous locations along the Stour valley, including Willy Lott's cottage and the Haywain at Flatford Mill.

## HOTEL WEBLINKS:

- [www.salthouseharbour.co.uk/](http://www.salthouseharbour.co.uk/)
- [www.milsomhotels.com/kesgrave-hall/](http://www.milsomhotels.com/kesgrave-hall/)
- [www.all.accor.com/hotel/0995/index.en.shtml](http://www.all.accor.com/hotel/0995/index.en.shtml)
- [www.hotel-bb.com/](http://www.hotel-bb.com/)
- [www.travelodge.co.uk/uk/hotels-in-ipswich](http://www.travelodge.co.uk/uk/hotels-in-ipswich)
- [www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/suffolk/ipswich/ipswich-town-centre-quayside.html](http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/suffolk/ipswich/ipswich-town-centre-quayside.html)
- [www.marstonsinns.co.uk/inns/mermaid-ipswich](http://www.marstonsinns.co.uk/inns/mermaid-ipswich)
- [www.therailwaywesterfield.co.uk/](http://www.therailwaywesterfield.co.uk/)