



ACCRINGTON STANLEY V IPSWICH TOWN

SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 2021, KICK OFF 15:00

Information in this guide is as at 30 September 2021 and is correct to the best of our knowledge. Any updated information on this fixture including ticketing and possible additional covid protocols will be published on the club website (www.itfc.co.uk), twitter (@IpswichTown and @itfchelp) and facebook (www.facebook.com/officialitfc).

Covid-19 Protocols

Accrington Stanley do not have any specific Covid-19 requirements for this game. However, Ipswich Town Football Club asks supporters to be respectful of their fellow supporters and not to attend the game if you are suffering from Covid-19 symptoms, are feeling unwell, have been asked to isolate or if you have been in close contact with anyone experiencing symptoms or who has tested positive. In the event that Covid-19 symptoms develop whilst at the Wham stadium, please notify the nearest member of staff immediately.

If you not fully vaccinated, it is recommended that you return a negative lateral flow test prior to attending the game.

INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS

We visit Accrington Stanley in Sky Bet League One on Saturday 2 October 2021. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to the Wham Stadium.

This is based on Accrington Stanley's away fans information plus additional information specific to this game.

For any further information, please contact Elizabeth Edwards, Supporter Liaison Officer on slo@itfc.co.uk or (+44) (0) 7968 876504 or on Twitter at @ITFC_SLO.

Accrington Stanley information for visiting fans

Address: Accrington Stanley Football Club, Livingstone Road, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 5BX

Website: <https://www.accringtonstanley.co.uk/>

Phone number: 01254 356950

Supporter Liaison Officer and Disability Liaison Officer: Robert Houseman:
robert.houseman@accringtonstanley.co.uk

Twitter and Facebook: @ASFCofficial

The Accrington guide for Town fans can be found at the following link:

<https://www.itfc.co.uk/siteassets/image/202122/fan-guides/away-fans-ipswich.pdf>

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.accringtonstanley.co.uk/club/visit-the-wham-stadium/>

www.footballgroundguide.com provides some information here:

<https://footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/crown-ground-accrington-stanley.html>

We have picked out the key information for Town fans below and added other material based on the Accrington away fans guide, our own experience of visiting the Wham Stadium and information that is specific to our fans.

Specific information for Town fans:

Our allocation for this game is 1,560 tickets, which is split across seats and a standing terrace.

Tickets in both areas are priced at £20 for adults, £15 for concessions (64+ and students), £10 for U18 and £5 for U12. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee.

Town fans can purchase tickets in-person from Planet Blue until 5pm on Thursday. After this, all purchases will be on the day at Accrington (see At the Ground, later in the document).

Due to the allocation being split across seating and a standing terrace, the Club will not be operating a 'safe seating area' at this fixture. The seating areas will include older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. We therefore request that fans in this area remain seated and are respectful of their fellow supporters so that everyone can enjoy the day safely.

Disabled fans requiring tickets should contact ITFC's Disability Liaison Officer Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on disability@itfc.co.uk.

Note that the ticket enquires line (03330 05 05 03) is for assistance only.

Travel to Accrington Stanley

Supporters Coach

Coaches will leave at 7am. Please ensure you are at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this.

Coach travel is £28 for Adults, £25 for seniors/U23 and £22 for U19s. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee. Supporters under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Note that all official coaches are non-smoking and the consumption of alcohol and hot food on board is strictly forbidden.

Pick-ups at Stowmarket, Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket can be arranged for this game. If you want to organise a pick-up please call the ticket office on 03330 050503 or email mainticketoffice@itfc.co.uk.

If you are travelling on the coach and are not fully vaccinated at the point of travel it is recommended that you return a negative lateral flow test prior to travel.

Car

Note: There is now a new stretch of A14 from Huntingdon to Cambridge, beginning a few miles south of the previous A1/A14 junctions. The signage is clear, but, if you haven't updated your SatNav, then do pay attention! In particular, heading west from Cambridge, you now keep right to stay on the A14. Heading east off the A1, the junction to join the A14 is several miles to the south of the previous road. The new road adds several miles but is much quicker and less prone to hold-ups.

Accrington is in Lancashire, roughly halfway between Blackburn and Burnley.

The Sat Nav postcode for the stadium is BB5 5BX.

From Ipswich, there are three main road options.

The first route, estimated to take around 4 hours 45 minutes, takes you along the A14 to Huntingdon where you join the A1. From the A1 you join the M62 and then the M66. At the end of the M66 follow the A56 until you come to the Rising Bridge roundabout. Take the first turning, the A680, towards Accrington for around 3 miles. Follow the ring road around the town centre. Opposite the Castle pub, turn right to rejoin the A680 following signs for Clitheroe and Clayton-Le-Moors. Drive up the hill under the railway bridge, through one set of lights and over a mini-roundabout. Livingstone Road is the next turning on the right.

The second, estimated to take around 5 hours, is via the A14 and M1. From the M1 join the M62 and follow the instructions as above.

The third route, estimated to take around 5 hours 15 minutes is via the A14 / M6, which is reasonably direct, but runs the risk of hold-ups, especially as there are extensive long-term road works. You are only likely to go this way if there are known issues with other routes. From the M6 join the M65. Leave the M65 at Junction 7, taking the Clitheroe turn off the roundabout. Turn right at the first set of traffic lights following the A678. Follow the road to the next set of traffic lights. Turn right again towards Accrington on the A680. Carry straight on at the next set of lights with the Greyhound pub on your right. Take the first left after the Crown pub into Livingstone Road.

We would recommend that, whichever route you choose, you allow at least another hour beyond the suggested time for traffic.

Parking

Parking is available in the streets around the ground. There is no residents-only parking but do take into account residents' accessibility when choosing a parking space.

There is a playing field behind the away end and a local amateur club open their car park for a donation. This is the nearest parking to the away turnstiles (just a 2 minute walk). If you use the what3words app the entrance to this car park is beam.gently.match . The away turnstiles are pull.left.jabs.

Accrington town centre is a 15-minute walk to the stadium.

Disabled Supporters Parking

Limited parking is available to purchase at £5. To pre-book a space please call Jo Ashton on 01254 356950.

Alternatively, you can contact ITFC's Disability Liaison Officer Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on lee.smith@itfc.co.uk.

Train

Note 1: All train services are subject to change or cancellation, as staff shortages due to Covid-19 isolation requirements can impact at very short notice. Please check your planned journey shortly before you travel, and be prepared to be flexible over timings.

Note 2: There are planned engineering works on the Ipswich to London line on the day of the match with rail replacement buses replacing trains between Colchester and Ingatestone.

There are two options – either cross-country or via London, the later involving a bus between Colchester and Ingatestone.

Cross-country, the journey takes around 5 hours 15 minutes. www.greateranglia.co.uk indicates a train leaving Ipswich at 06:00. With changes at Peterborough, Grantham and Leeds you arrive in Accrington at 11:11. Leaving Ipswich at 07:58 with changes at Peterborough and Leeds you will get to Accrington at 13:11.

The return cross-country journey is more challenging and requires changes at Todmorden, Leeds, Doncaster and Peterborough. Leaving Accrington at 17:27, after all these changes you should arrive back in Ipswich at 23:23, so a journey time of nearly 6 hours.

If you travel from Ipswich via London then, as noted above, there are buses between Colchester and Ingatestone. From Liverpool Street you will need to get the underground to London Euston. Either take the Circle, Hammersmith & City or Metropolitan line to Euston Square and walk to Euston or change at Kings Cross and take the Victoria Line to Euston. From London Euston you need to take a train to Preston where you can pick up a train to Accrington. The journey time is around 5 hours 30 minutes. www.greateranglia.co.uk indicates options leaving Ipswich at 06:41, 07:41 and 08:41. These connect to trains from London Euston at 09:30, 10:30 and 11:30 to Preston, where you make one final change, arriving in Accrington at 12:11, 13:10 and 14:10 respectively.

After the game there is a train from Accrington to Preston at 18:12. Again, a change at Preston is needed to connect to a train to London. www.greateranglia.co.uk indicates that this train connects to a train from Liverpool Street to Ingatestone at 22:42. With the bus journey to Colchester and train from Colchester you should arrive in Ipswich at 00:33.

If you are only travelling back as far as London there are also trains at 17:12 (it will be tight to catch this one) and 19:12.

Whatever your travel plans, it's worth checking www.greateranglia.co.uk and www.northernrailway.co.uk for updated times and any late changes due to engineering works or Covid-19.

Getting to the ground from the station

- a) Accrington railway station is about a 20-25 minute walk from the Wham Stadium. From the station go down the slope (signposted M65 Blackburn) and along King Street towards the viaduct roundabout in the centre of Accrington. Take the Milnshaw Lane exit from the

roundabout – this is the exit alongside Perry’s Peugeot dealership. After 100 metres this road joins Whalley Road. Bear left up the hill and follow Whalley Road, passing the hospital, a set of traffic lights and then a mini roundabout. Take the right-hand turn after the mini roundabout into Livingstone Road. The Wham Stadium will be on the left. (information taken from www.footballgroundguide.com)

b) By bus from Accrington Railway Station

You can cut out more than half of the walk by taking a number 7 bus from Accrington bus and coach station, which is close to the railway station. Get off after just three stops, at Ribblesdale Avenue, and the ground is just a few minutes’ walk away. Almost opposite the bus stop is the Whalley Road Fish Bar, where, a couple of trips ago, we were astonished to witness a local lady ordering “fish and gravy”.

c) Taxi

If you plan to use a taxi then Accrington recommend the following:

MAXCABS : 01254 555555

ADAMS: 01254 399099

Pubs

We have done our best to ensure that the listed pubs will be open and operating without major Covid-19 restrictions. Please understand that some might limit numbers or insist on small groups and table service.

There is a Fanzone in the marquee at the stadium. This is contactless and cash. This will open from 12:30 for all fans. There will be live music from 13:00. Food and drink is available.

www.footballgroundguide.com also mentions the facilities at the ground which welcome away fans and the Crown pub, which is just behind the stadium, on Whalley Street and the nearest of the pubs to the stadium. Last time we were at the Wham stadium there was a food bar outside the Crown.

For those Town fans who like to go off on a bit of a real ale trail, there are a few suggestions on Blackpool fan Jane Stuart’s excellent blog: <https://janestuart.co.uk/2020/12/20/accrington-stanley-v-blackpool-accy-pubs/>

We are not aware of any pubs that are strictly for home fans, nor any which are dedicated to away fans. As ever, use common sense, and if the first pub you try isn’t all that friendly, then move on and you’ll surely find somewhere welcoming pretty soon!

At the ground

Away end

Supporters with seats will be in the studio.co.uk stand. Those standing will be in the Coppice Terrace behind the goal. Note that the Coppice Terrace does not have a roof so is open to the elements

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A total of 12 wheelchair bays are available for away fans in the Eric Whalley Stand sponsored by studio.co.uk and the HML Recycling stand.

Tickets on the day?

Tickets will be available on the day at the Wham Stadium with cash and card payments available. There will be no price increase on the day.

Security

As at most stadiums stewards may ask to search your bag.

Programmes

Programmes will be available to purchase outside the stadium at a cost of £3.

Food and Drink facilities

There is an away bar/refreshment concession behind the studio.co.uk Stand and also behind the Coppice Terrace. The usual burgers and pies are always available.

Smoking

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes anywhere in the stadium is not permitted.

Anti Social Behaviour – Matchday Text Line

Racism or discrimination of any form is not OK, 'Not Today or Any Day' and supporters are reminded that instances of discriminatory or prejudiced behaviour will not be tolerated at any EFL game.



If you should hear or see any racist language and/or anti-social behaviour during a match-day, please report this to your nearest steward.

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; phone 0800 169 9414.

Staying the night

The Accrington away fans guide lists the following hotels in the area:

Mercure Dunkenhalgh Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, 1.5 miles from stadium. Tel: 01254 426800, Quote 'Accrington Stanley' for a discount

Sparth House Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, 1.4 miles from stadium. Tel: 01254 872263

Travelodge, Blackburn, Junction 4 M65, 7.9 miles from the stadium. Tel: 08719 846122

Holiday Inn Express, Burnley, Junction 10 M65, 8.3 miles from the stadium. Tel: 01282 855955

Willows by Marston's Inn, Blackburn Junction 5 M65, 6.3 miles from the stadium. Tel: 01254 681550

There is also a new Hampton by Hilton, 4 miles from the stadium (on the edge of Blackburn). Tel: 01924 946060