



AFC WIMBLEDON V IPSWICH TOWN

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022, KICK OFF 19:45

Information in this guide is as at 18 January 2022 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

AFC Wimbledon protocols - Note that this is subject to change

The following information was issued by AFC Wimbledon prior to their recent game against Morecambe : <https://www.afcwimbledon.co.uk/news/2022/january/your-matchday-guide-for-saturday/>.

This information is repeated below:

“Please note that face masks will be compulsory in all indoor areas, at all times. The only exception will be when you are eating and drinking - or when you are outdoors watching the game.

Secondly, and after discussion with our local health authority, we will be conducting random spot checks as part of a survey of fans who come to the Cherry Red Records Stadium on Saturday - and at future home games after that. The purpose of this is twofold - one, it will provide invaluable research material for the health authority and, two, it will get us all into a habit of following the best-possible practises.

The survey will work in the following manner:

If approached, you will be asked to provide proof that you have been double jabbed as a basic minimum. This must have happened no less than 14 days clear of the second jab;

If the above isn't possible, you will be asked to show evidence of either a successful lateral flow test, PCR test or proof of recent recovery - no earlier than 48 hours prior to kick off. Alternatively, you should provide documentation showing you are exempt from these checks;

The spot-check survey will be carried out by our stewards and volunteers, who will be wearing distinctive tabards and carrying clipboards and checklists;

Home and away fans will be randomly selected as they queue to enter the stadium and before they go through each of the turnstile blocks into the main Cappagh (West) Stand - and also at the Ry (East), Movers (South) and Cherry Red Records (North) stands;

Fans will NOT be refused entry if they are unable to provide any Covid certification evidence. It is a spot check survey only and our target is to cover 10 per cent of our total stand capacity - and over 50 per cent of hospitality guests;

Nobody is exempt - including Cappagh Stand hospitality guests, directors, VIPS, and other visitors;

Inevitably, these surveys will slow down the process of entering the stadium and we urge all fans to bear this in mind by arriving much earlier than normal.

We also urge all fans to download the NHS app so their vaccination details are easily and clearly to hand. If you do not have a smartphone, your vaccination card will be acceptable.

Fans using lateral flow tests can report their result via: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> - certification of a negative test will then be sent via text or email.

The following links are helpful:

How to get an NHS COVID Pass - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/>

How to download a digital NHS COVID Pass - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/get-digital-covid-pass/>

Further information about COVID-19 - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We would urge all fans to take a lateral flow test before attending the match. Anyone who records a positive result must NOT come to the Cherry Red Records Stadium under any circumstances. Instead, follow the correct NHS procedures. Even if you are double-vaccinated, you - or your friends - must not attend if you are feeling unwell, showing any of the Covid symptoms or are required to self-isolate.

Finally, we make no apologies for the measures outlined above. We do not want AFC Wimbledon to have failed its fans - and its wider community - by not doing everything possible to contain the spread of the Omicron variant.

Nor do we want to see a return to this time last year, when football stadiums across the country were empty and fans were ordered to stay away. If we all apply common sense and respect to one another, then we can continue to enjoy, in safety, what has been an exciting season at our new home."

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Ipswich Town Football Club also asks supporters to be respectful of their fellow supporters.

Please note also the requirements for fans travelling on the official coaches (see below).

We will endeavour to update fans with any further information through the Club website and social media outlets.

INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS

We travel to AFC Wimbledon on 25 January in League One. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to the Cherry Red Records Stadium. This is based on AFC Wimbledon'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.

AFC Wimbledon information for visiting fans

Address: AFC Wimbledon, Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane, London, SW17 0NR

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Email: info@afcwimbledon.ltd.uk

Supporter Liaison Officers: Anuk Teasdale, Tim Hillyer and Paul Raymond

Twitter: @AFCWimbledon

Facebook: @afcwimbledon

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AFCWimbledonTV>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/afc_wimbledon/

Information can be found on the AFC Wimbledon website at the following links:

[AFC Wimbledon - Opposition Fans](#)

[AFC Wimbledon - Disabled fans](#)

www.footballgroundguide.com provides some information here:

[Football Ground Guide - AFC Wimbledon](#)

We have picked out the key information for Town fans below and added other material based on a previous visit to the Cherry Red Records Stadium and information that is specific to our fans.

Specific information for Town fans:

Ticket news

Tickets for this match are sold out. Our allocation is 1,100 in the Cherry Reds Records Stand.

For this fixture we will be operating a 'Safe Seating Area' in the front rows of Block 113. This area is suitable for older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. For supporters with tickets around the safe seating blocks please bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.

Travel to AFC Wimbledon

PLEASE NOTE: Face masks must be worn whilst onboard unless medically exempt or eating/drinking.

A few coach tickets remain for this game. Coach tickets are available at a cost of £22 for adults, £19 for seniors and U23s and £16 for U19s.

Coaches will depart from behind the Sir Bobby Robson Stand at 15:00. Please be at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this.

Pick-ups at Marks Tey 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.

Note that all official coaches are non-smoking and the consumption of alcohol and hot food on board is strictly forbidden. Under 16s cannot travel without an accompanying parent/guardian. Please make sure you are aware of the Terms & Conditions prior to travelling: [Away Travel Terms and Conditions](#)

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: The suggested route involves the Dartford Crossing. You must pay the Dartford Crossing charge by midnight the day after you cross. You will get a fine if you're late or do not pay. Details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/pay-dartford-crossing-charge>

The Sat Nav postcode for The Cherry Red Records Stadium is SW17 0NR.

From Ipswich the furthest but likely quickest route is the A12 / M25 / A3. Note this route does include the Dartford Crossing so remember to pay the toll. This is usually quicker than the M25 / A20 / South Circular route that Sat Navs seem to prefer.

To join the A3 leave the M25 at junction 10 (signposted London (SW) / London(C) / Portsmouth / Guildford). Continue on the A3. Take the A298 exit towards Wimbledon. Continue on the A298 and then turn left onto Grand Drive / B279. Turn left onto Raynes Park Bridge / A238 and follow the A238. Continue straight onto Worple Road / B235. Follow the B235 which eventually becomes Plough Lane. The ground will be on the left-hand side – bear in mind that due to buildings in the area around the ground it may not be visible. Continue on the B235 which becomes Summerstown. Turn right into Riverside Road (the Corner Pin pub is on the corner) and the access road to the stadium is left off Riverside Road.

Please keep in touch with traffic news. With a clear run, www.googlemaps.co.uk suggests it will take around two hours and 30 minutes although we would expect it to take at least 3 hours. We generally recommend allowing at least an hour beyond the AA / Google / Sat Nav suggested journey time.

Parking

There is no parking available at the stadium.

Free parking is available in nearby streets. However, fans are urged to park responsibly and with consideration for local residents.

There are public car parks in the centre of Wimbledon, about 15 minutes' walk from the ground.

For those that leave locally and own a bike, there are 100 bicycle racks available at the ground.

Disabled Supporters Parking

There are a limited number of disabled parking spaces on site which we understand are issued on a first come first served basis.

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.

Note 2: Greater Anglia are operating an amended train service until further notice. At the time of writing they warn on their website that train times from 24 January may not be showing correctly in journey planners. Please check your planned journey shortly before you travel, and be prepared to be flexible over timings.

Note 3: Note that if you were intending to travel on the Northern Line, the Northern Line Bank Branch is closed between Moorgate and Kennington until mid-May 2022.

Note 4: It is mandatory to wear face coverings at train and underground stations and on trains and buses.

AFC Wimbledon's stadium guide provides summary train information as follows:

"The stadium is well served by public transport links, with Earlsfield Station (trains from Waterloo), Wimbledon (trains from Waterloo), Haydons Road (Thameslink and Southern trains to the South Coast, Central London and Hertfordshire), Wimbledon Park (District Line) and Tooting Broadway (Northern Line) all within walking distance. A number of bus services run along Garratt Lane between Earlsfield and Tooting Broadway, while the 493 bus runs from Wimbledon Train Station directly outside Plough Lane Stadium."

Most Town fans will be travelling via Liverpool Street, so we have detailed the easiest journeys from there to the stadium area:

If you are travelling from Liverpool Street by underground to Tooting Broadway, given the closures on the Northern Line, the quickest route from Liverpool St station is to take the Central Line to Oxford Circus and change to the Victoria Line to Stockwell and then the Northern Line to Tooting Broadway. Alternatively take the Central Line to Tottenham Court Road and change to the Northern Line to Tooting Broadway. The ground is then a 20-minute walk or a short bus ride.

By National rail, you go Waterloo to Earlsfield or Wimbledon (zone 3). From Ipswich it may be easier to change at Stratford and take the Jubilee Line to Waterloo. Trains run frequently from Waterloo and take around 15 minutes. The ground is about a 15-minute walk from Earlsfield and a 30-minute walk from the Wimbledon station. If you are starting in London, see the note re the Northern Line closure and note that the Waterloo & City Line operates between 15:23 and 19:11 each weekday afternoon.

Alternatively, take the District Line to Wimbledon Park which is a 25-30 minute walk away.

Using the Northern Line/Victoria/Central Line route, you should get back to Liverpool St within an hour of the end of the game, so in time for the 23:02 and 23:30 trains.

Given the uncertainty re the Greater Anglia timetable from 24 January we have not included detailed train times.

Pubs and food

We have done our best to ensure that the listed pubs will be open and operating without major Covid-19 restrictions.

We understand from social media posts that away fans this season have had two designated pubs - 'The Earlsfield' and 'The Halfway House' - both adjacent to Earlsfield train station and a 15-minute walk down Garratt Lane to the visitors turnstiles.

There are also pubs in and around the centre of Wimbledon, or, if you are travelling by train, around Waterloo station. Alcohol is available at the kiosks in the ground.

Note that we have been advised that the Phoenix pub at the stadium and the Corner Pin on the corner of Riverside Road and Summerstown are designated home fan pubs.

At the ground

Away end

The Cherry Red Records stadium is new and a really smart stadium, with the feel of a Scandinavian design.

We will be seated in the Cherry Red Records Stand, which is the North Stand at Plough Lane. This can be accessed via Gate 7 from St Martin's Way or Maskell Road.



As mentioned above, the lower rows of 'Block 113' have been designated as our 'Safe Seating Area'. This area is suitable for older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. For supporters with tickets around this block please bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.

There are a number of wheelchair spaces located in the away end.

Cashless Stadium

AFC Wimbledon are currently operating a semi-cashless Stadium. This means that most of the Stadium will only accept card payments apart from the club shop and matchday magazine sellers. Fans who turn up on the day with only cash will be able to purchase vouchers in denominations of £10 at the matchday magazine stalls and the club shop, which can then be used to buy food and drinks in the concessions.

Bags

To help reduce queues at checkpoints, fans are asked not to bring bags into the Stadium where possible. If essential, then please only bring an A5 sized bag (21cm x 15 cm x 10cm) or a clear bag only. Large bags or suitcases (including cabin bags) are not permitted.

Water

Fans are permitted to bring water in a clear plastic bottle if they wish. However, no glass, cans, metal bottles or thermos flasks will be allowed.

Security

As at all grounds, expect to be searched before entering the ground.

Programmes

The matchday magazine can be purchased for £3 at the club shop and also inside each of the four stands. Sellers will also be positioned outside the Cappagh Stand entrance and along Plough Lane.

Food and Drink facilities

On match days, a number of food outlets both inside and outside the ground sell a variety of hot and cold food and drinks. We understand that alcohol will be available in the stadium.

The club has implemented a reusable beer cup scheme to replace all single use plastic pint cups around the Stadium. Once fans have finished their beer, they are required to put these cups within the reusable cup bins located around the Stadium.

Smoking

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere in the stadium. Based on previous visits, supporters who wish to smoke or use e-cigarettes can exit the stadium at half time.

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 see, hear or are the victim of discrimination or anti-social behaviour, please speak 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.