



## LINCOLN CITY V IPSWICH TOWN

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2021, KICK OFF 15:00

*Information in this guide is as at 15 September 2021 and is correct to the best of our knowledge. Any updated information on this fixture including ticketing and possible covid protocols will be published on the club website ([www.itfc.co.uk](http://www.itfc.co.uk)), twitter (@IpswichTown and @itfchelp) and facebook ([www.facebook.com/officialitfc](http://www.facebook.com/officialitfc)).*

*Information leading up to the game and on the day of the game will also be posted on twitter (@LCFCSLO) by the Lincoln City SLO Alan Long.*

### INFORMATION FOR TOWN FANS

We visit Lincoln City in Sky Bet League One on Saturday 18 September 2021. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to the LNER Stadium.

This is based on Lincoln's visiting fans guide to the LNER Stadium plus additional information specific to this game.

For any further information, please contact Elizabeth Edwards, Supporter Liaison Officer on [slo@itfc.co.uk](mailto:slo@itfc.co.uk) or (+44) (0) 7968 876504 or on Twitter at @ITFC\_SLO.

### Lincoln City information for visiting fans

Stadium Address: Lincoln City Football Club, LNER Stadium, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN5 8LD

Website: <https://www.weareimps.com/>

Phone number: 01522 880011

Email Address: [admin@theredimps.com](mailto:admin@theredimps.com)

Supporter Liaison Officer: Alan Long - [slo@theredimps.com](mailto:slo@theredimps.com)

Disabled fans contact: Heidi Langham - [dlo@theredimps.com](mailto:dlo@theredimps.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lincolncityfc/>

Twitter: @LincolnCity\_FC, @LCFCSLO

The Lincoln City away fans guide can be found at this link:

[https://www.weareimps.com/siteassets/club/lcfc\\_away-fan-guide\\_2021.pdf](https://www.weareimps.com/siteassets/club/lcfc_away-fan-guide_2021.pdf)

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) provides some information here:

<https://footballgroundguide.com/leagues/england/league-one/sincil-bank-lincoln-city.html>

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

### **Specific information for Town fans:**

#### ***Ticket news***

Our allocation for this game is 1,800.

Adult tickets for this game are priced at £24 with concession prices of £19 for seniors (65+) and U23s and £10 for U18s. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee.

Tickets go on sale to Gold card and season ticket Junior Blues members at 10am on Tuesday 31 August, season ticket holders at 10am on Thursday 2 September and Silver card and non-season ticket Junior Blues members at 10am on Saturday 4 September. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale at 10am on Monday 6 September.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://tickets.itfc.co.uk/> or in Planet Blue on a non-matchday.

The postal deadline for tickets is Wednesday, 15 September at 2pm.

***Note that we will be allocating 'Block 5' in lower rows as our designated 'Safe Seating Area'. This is in a more central position and close to all facilities and turnstiles and therefore suitable for older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans.***

***To book a seat within this area please call 03330 050503 asking for this area but please note tickets will be subject to availability***

***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.***

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

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

### **Travel to Lincoln City**

#### ***Supporters Coach***

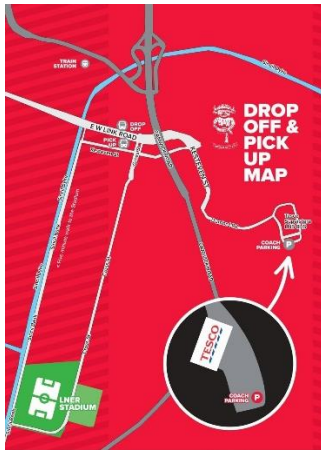
Coaches will leave from behind the Sir Bobby Robson stand at 09:00. Please ensure you are at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this.

Coach travel will go on sale in line with the ticket sale windows at £20 for adults, £16 for seniors and £13 for U19s. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee.

Note that all official coaches are non-smoking and the consumption of alcohol and hot food on board is strictly forbidden. ITFC recommend that all supporters under 16 are accompanied by an adult.

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.

Note that the coach drop-off point has changed since our last visit to the LNER Stadium its now about a 10-minute walk from the stadium (see map below).



## **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.**

The Sat Nav postcode for the stadium is LN5 8LD.

From Ipswich take the A14 to the A1. Once you reach Newark, take the A46 to Lincoln.

If you need detailed instructions to find the ground, then the following is taken from the Lincoln City website: At the Hykeham Roundabout (A46) take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto the Newark Road / A1434. After about 3 miles the road becomes St Catherines (A1434) and then St Catherines (A15). At the roundabout, take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto High Street / B1262. Turn right onto Scorer Street and right again onto Cross Street. The stadium is at the end of Cross Street.

This route will take you to the LNER Stadium. You may want to use a Sat Nav postcode for parking, though (see parking below).

Other routes are available but will take a lot longer.

Google maps indicates a typical travel time of around 3 hours but warns that it can take up to 4 hours depending on travel conditions. Our own experience is that traffic into Lincoln on a matchday can be very slow, taking up to an hour from the outskirts of the city to the ground.

## **Parking**

There is no parking for away fans at the stadium.

A number of car park options can be found in the Lincoln City away fans guide and also via the following link:

<https://www.weareimps.com/news/2021/september/parking-v-rotherham--ipswich-town/>

Please note that the South Common car park (LN5 8LN) is not available for the match due to a funfair on the site, but fans can take advantage of reduced pricing in the Lincoln Central Car Park.

The Lincoln Central Car Park (Melville Street, Lincoln LN5 7BP) has a 'Saturday Game Day' offer at £4.20 (a discount of more than 50%) – this covers a 24-hour period from 9am Saturday until 9am Sunday.

The car park has 1,000 spaces for fans. The offer is activated by scanning the QR code below at the pay machine. The offer is subject to space availability at the car park.



[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) comments that if you follow the signs for 'away coaches' this leads to the A158 South Park Avenue, where there is plenty of street parking. This is around a ten-minute walk to the ground. Town fans have previously found street parking quite easy, but only if you arrive at least 90 minutes before the game.

### ***Disabled Supporters Parking***

Supporters with disabilities should contact Lincoln's Disability Liaison Officer Heidi Langham via [dlo@theredimps.com](mailto:dlo@theredimps.com) or by calling 01522 880011.

The club also have a drop off/pick up point at the Cross Street entrance.

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

### ***Train***

***Note 1: All train services are subject to change or cancellation, as staff shortages due to Covid 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 no planned engineering works on the day of the game.***

Lincoln Central train station is on the East Coast, East Midlands and Northern train routes.

It is possible to get to Lincoln cross-country with a number of options indicated on [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk). For example, the 07:58 from Ipswich with changes at Peterborough and Newark North Gate will get you to Lincoln at 11:07. Leaving two hours later at 09:58 with one change in Peterborough you will arrive in Lincoln at 13:13.

You can also travel via Cambridge, but this route is much slower. For example, if you get the 08:21 from Ipswich (changes at Cambridge, Peterborough and Newark North Gate) it will take you 4 hours 45 minutes compared to the 3 hours 15 minutes on the 07:48 and 09:58 trains.

After the game there is a train from Lincoln at 18:01. With changes at Newark North Gate and Peterborough you will arrive back in Ipswich at 21:28. There is another option leaving Lincoln at 19:31 which with one change at Peterborough arrives into Ipswich at 23:23. Note that the 19:45 departure from Lincoln (via Newark and Peterborough) begins with a rail replacement bus from Lincoln to Newark North Gate.

Note the even with the new rolling stock, trains from Ipswich to Peterborough trains are small – at best three carriages so they can be very busy.

It is possible to travel via London (from Kings Cross) but the journey time is much longer than cross-country.

If you are travelling from London there are a number of trains from London Kings Cross on the day of the game. These will involve a change at Peterborough, Newark North Gate or Retford. After the game there are trains back to Kings Cross (change at Retford or Newark North Gate) and St Pancras (change at Nottingham or Peterborough).

Whatever your travel plans, you should check [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) or your usual train operator website for updated times.

### ***Getting to the ground from the station***

Lincoln train station is a 15 minute walk from the stadium.

The walk goes along High Street, Scorer Street, and Cross Street which is where you will find the stadium.

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) provides the following instructions if you do decide to walk:

‘Turn left out of the station and walk up to the traffic lights next to St. Mary's church. Turn left at these traffic lights onto the High Street, walking over the railway level crossing. Walk along the High Street (passing many pubs) for approximately 10 minutes before turning left into Scorer Street. Walk along Scorer Street until you come to a bridge across the Sincil Drain river. Turn right immediately after crossing the bridge onto Sincil Bank, the ground is straight ahead.’

Alternatively, there is a shorter route (which doesn't pass the pubs): ‘Come out of the station and turn right to go down the road. About 30 yards ahead on your right you will see some steps and a bridge over the railway. Go over the bridge and once on the other side follow the road down to the ground.’

### **Pubs**

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

As mentioned below there is a Fan Village outside the stadium which welcomes away fans. This includes a number of food outlets.

Otherwise, there are plenty of pubs on the High Street and in the Cathedral Quarter.

[www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) mentions the Hop and Barley micropub (417A High Street, LN5 8HX) and the Golden Eagle (21 High Street, LN5 8BD) which is a Castle Rock Brewery pub. There is a Wetherspoon's called The Ritz (143 – 147 High Street, LN5 7PJ). Another Wetherspoon's, the Square Sail (Brayford Wharf North, LN1 1YW) is in the Marina Area which is not far from the railway station. There are a number of other eating and drinking places here as well. To find the Marina area look for the large Odeon Cinema.

Also, near to Lincoln Railway Station is the Treaty of Commerce (173 High Street, LN5 7AF). This is a Batemans pub with three Batemans ales on draught and two guest beers on offer.

If you are interested in great pubs and amazing beers, we highly recommend a blog by Blackpool fan and beer writer Jane Stuart: [Lincoln City v Blackpool: Lincoln Pubs | Jane Stuart - Writer](#) This is a

virtual pub guide, written during last season – but it leaves you wanting to spend at least one night in Lincoln, if not more!

### ***Need Cash?***

The nearest cash machine is located at the convenience store on Lincoln High Street (LN5 8HX).

### **At the ground**

Card payments are not accepted in the away kiosks inside the stadium and there are no cash points inside the stadium.

### **Lincoln City Supporter Liaison Officers**

Upon your arrival at the LNER Stadium the Lincoln City Supporter Liaison Officers will be located around the stadium and at the University of Lincoln family fan village should you have any queries.

### ***University of Lincoln Fan Village***

The University of Lincoln Fan Village adds to the matchday experience. Situated outside the Fan Lounge, the University of Lincoln Fan Village is free to all and gives both home and away fans the chance to purchase refreshments. There is also a variety of entertainment on offer.

There will be mobile catering kiosks around the stadium footprint and in the University of Lincoln Fan Village which are all part of the Lincoln Street Food Collective, from the likes of the ever-popular Yellowbelly Sausage Company, Curry Jacks, Kind Kebab and The Good Grub Catering Co.

### ***Tickets on the day?***

Supporters are advised to buy tickets in advance as it is unlikely that tickets will be available on the day of the game. Information will be published on the club website ([www.itfc.co.uk](http://www.itfc.co.uk)), twitter (@Official\_ITFC and @ITFC\_Tickets) and facebook ([www.facebook.com/officialitfc](http://www.facebook.com/officialitfc)).

If you have any ticketing related queries on the day, the Lincoln City Ticket Office is located within the stadium along with the club shop. It opens at 10am on a matchday.

### ***Away end***

Visiting supporters are housed in the Stacey West Stand behind the goal.

***Note that the lower rows of block 5 have been allocated to older fans, families, those unable to stand for long periods of time and ambulant disabled fans. Please bear this in mind and respect those who want to sit at this game as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.***

Wheelchair bays are available in front of the Stacey West Stand. For any other queries/accessibility requirements, please email [dlo@theredimps.com](mailto:dlo@theredimps.com) or contact ITFC's Disability Liaison Officer Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on [lee.smith@itfc.co.uk](mailto:lee.smith@itfc.co.uk).

## **Security**

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

## **Programmes**

The official Matchday Programme 'We Are Imps' is full of exclusive interviews, content and much more. It is available from the official sellers located outside and within the stadium at a cost of £3.

## **Food and Drink facilities**

You'll find refreshment facilities near the entrance to the away end, which sell a range of pies, burgers, hot dogs, confectionary and hot and cold soft drinks. All food is cooked and served fresh so there maybe queues at peak times. We understand that alcohol is not on sale in the away end.

The products on sale around the stadium are all sourced from local companies, such as pies and sausage rolls from Curtis' bakers of Lincoln as well as other locally sourced & made products.

Please note that card payments are not accepted in the away kiosks inside the stadium.

## **Smoking**

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes anywhere in the stadium is not permitted. Designated smoking bubbles can be used during intervals. Note that supporters are not allowed to leave and return to the stadium.

## **Non-permitted items**

Non-permitted items within the stadium include: Bottles, cans, video cameras, cameras (excluding mobiles), pyrotechnics and flags larger than 250 cm in size at widest/longest point. Flags smaller than this must be fire retardant and use either wood or plastic poles.

## **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.

Lincoln City also advise that any supporter who persistently uses expletives could face a ban from the stadium. Supporters who become the victim of (or witness) any abuse, can report it anonymously by texting Lincoln City's safe text number, 07718 483367.

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.

***Planning on spending more time or staying in Lincoln?***

If you are planning on spending more time in Lincoln or have a few hours to spare prior to the game, the Lincoln City visiting supporters guide includes some useful information on things to do. The guide can be found here:

[https://www.weareimps.com/siteassets/club/lcfc\\_away-fan-guide\\_2021.pdf](https://www.weareimps.com/siteassets/club/lcfc_away-fan-guide_2021.pdf)

For places to stay see the following link: [www.visitlincoln.com/stay](http://www.visitlincoln.com/stay).