



OLDHAM ATHLETIC V IPSWICH TOWN

TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2021, KICK OFF 19:45

Information in this guide is as at 11 November 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

Oldham Athletic 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 Fratton Park, 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 Oldham Athletic for our FA Cup First Round Replay on Tuesday 16th November 2021. The following guide has been produced for Town fans making the trip to Boundary Park.

This is based on information on the Oldham website 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.

Oldham information for visiting fans

Stadium Address: Oldham Athletic Football Club, Boundary Park, Oldham, OL1 2PA

Website: www.oldhamathletic.co.uk

Phone number: 0161 624 4972

Email Address: enquiries@oldhamathletic.co.uk

Supporter Liaison Officer: please contact Adam Street, supporter.services@oldhamathletic.co.uk or call on 0161 785 5150.

Disabled Liaison Officer (matchday): John Trotter, disability.slo@oldhamathletic.co.uk

Twitter: @OfficialOAFc

There is useful and detailed information for away fans on the Oldham Athletic website:

[Visitors Guide - Oldham Athletic](#)

[First Time Guide - Oldham Athletic](#)

www.footballgroundguide.com provides some information here:

[Boundary Park | Oldham Athletic FC | Football Ground Guide](#)

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

Specific information for Town fans:

We have received an initial allocation of 850 tickets. We do not expect to sell out this game.

Tickets are priced at £10 for adults, £5 for concessions (65+), £5 for U21s. Please note that each ticket will incur a £1.50 booking fee. Fans will need to buy their tickets before 2pm on Friday 13th November in order to receive them in the post.

Tickets will be available on the day of the game from Oldham with any remaining unsold available for cash on the turnstiles at Boundary Park.

The lower rows of the Chaddy End 'upper 2' block 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. 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 – or need to - sit at this game as we want everyone to enjoy the day safely.'

If you have accessibility or mobility issues, please contact Lee Smith on 01473 400556 or by email on disability@itfc.co.uk to discuss arrangements.

Travel to Oldham

Supporters Coach

Coaches will leave at 11:30am from behind the Sir Bobby Robson stand. Please ensure you are at Portman Road at least 15 minutes before this.

Coach travel is £30 for Adults, £28 for seniors/U23 and £24 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

The Sat Nav postcode for Boundary Park is OL1 2PA.

From Ipswich, take the A14 to the A1 (North), then continue up to the M62. Take the M62 (West) past Leeds, then, shortly before Manchester, turn off at the A627(M), heading south towards Oldham. Take the second slip road off the A627(M) following the signs for Royton (A663). At the top of the slip road you will find a large roundabout that on the left has a McDonalds and a KFC. The ground is just a short distance away, to your left. Take the second exit onto the A627 towards Oldham/Oldham Royal Hospital. After passing a Vauxhall Garage and Clayton Green Brewers Fayre pub (which is used by away fans), turn left at the traffic lights. Follow the road around to the right and with the B&Q store in front of you, bear left onto Westhulme Way which leads into Westhulme Avenue. You will then reach on the right an entrance to the Oldham Royal Hospital where matchday parking is available at a cost of £5, otherwise continue along to the end of the road to reach Boundary Park.

Typically, the journey time is at around 4 hours 30 minutes but can take up much longer in busy traffic.

You should allow at least another hour beyond the AA / Google / SatNav suggested journey time, to allow for possible delays.

Parking

Please note that parking at the ground itself is for permit holders only.

The Oldham website suggests that you use the £5 matchday parking at the hospital (see above for directions). Parking is limited and fans are advised to use the Sat Nav postcode 'OL1 2PA' and drive down Westhulme Avenue.

Otherwise consider parking near a tram stop, such as Oldham Mumps, Rochdale or even Manchester Piccadilly!

If you are one of the lucky few with parking arranged next to the Joe Royle Stand, then please use the postcode OL1 5BL.

Disabled Supporters Parking

Oldham's website suggests that you contact their Ticket Office on 0161 785 5150 or supporter.services@oldhamathletic.co.uk.

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

Train

Note: It is not possible to get back to Ipswich after the game

The nearest Metrolink tram stop to the stadium is Westwood, which is around a 20-minute walk to the ground.

This is an interesting public transport challenge, involving several modes of transport, and a journey of four-and-a-half to five hours. The route takes you to London Liverpool Street, across to Euston for a train to Manchester Piccadilly, and then a tram to Westwood (on the Oldham line). By way of example, the 12:42 from Ipswich is scheduled to arrive at Liverpool St at 13:51. Take the Metropolitan / Hammersmith & City / Circle Line to Euston Square, which is a short stroll to Euston station. Then take the 14:20 to Manchester Piccadilly, which is due to arrive at 16:27. Drop down into the tram

station (below the main concourse, under the higher-numbered platforms), and take a Yellow Line tram to Victoria station (it will be heading for Bury). At Victoria, change for the Pink Line to Westwood (it will be heading for Shaw & Crompton), arriving at 17:11. If you don't have a ticket that takes you all the way to Westwood / Oldham, there are ticket machines on the tram platform which accept cards and cash.

If you have spare time en route, then pub options include the Head of Steam just outside Euston Station (a slightly old-fashioned Fullers pub with some guest beers) and the Piccadilly Tap (50m from Piccadilly station in Manchester, with 6-8 cask ales and 10 or so craft taps).

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

Getting to the ground from the station

Walking from Westwood Station (20 mins)

On exiting the Westwood Metro Stop, turn left along the main road and at the traffic lights turn right into Featherstall Road. You will reach a roundabout outside a large Tesco's store where you proceed straight on. At the next roundabout take the first exit in the direction of Rochdale/M62. Follow the pathway beside the dual carriageway and when you reach the traffic lights with a B&Q store on your right, cross over at the lights onto the other side. At this point you can clearly see the floodlights of Boundary Park in the near distance. Go up the road between Pentagon and the B&Q and then take the next left into Boundary Park Road. This brings you out near to the away end of the ground.

Alternatively, take a bus to Oldham hospital, which is just a few minutes' stroll to the ground.

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.

(Information mostly taken from www.footballgroundguide.com – please note that pub information is subject to change – we have had experience at other grounds that some pubs normally open to away fans have been made “home only”, with decisions sometimes not made until matchday itself).

The closest pub is the **Clayton Green**, which is a Brewers Fayre outlet and can be found two hundred yards from the corner of the Main Stand and the Chaddy End, on Sheepfoot Lane. There is also the **Greyhound Inn**, which is across Broadway down Holden Fold Lane. This pub welcomes visiting fans, shows Sky and BT Sports, offers real ale (it is a J W Lees pub), serves freshly cooked food and is family friendly.

Many Town fans will plan to arrive in Oldham relatively early. Those travelling via Manchester may well choose to stop off at the Piccadilly Tap (as above), or the Angel (just a few minutes from Manchester Victoria station), or the Marble Arch (just beyond the Angel).

If you want to explore Oldham, then there are many pubs you are likely to enjoy. In the town centre, there is the Ashton Arms, on Clegg Street, which www.ratebeer.com recommends, due to its 8 handpumps. We quite like the way the name and address references our current plus one previous ITFC CEO!. If you want to find local ale, then the JW Lees brewery owns the Bank Top Tavern (Kings Square) and the Tommyfield (St Marys Way). If you prefer Robinsons beers, then you should head for the Royal Oak (178 Union Street), and if you like cheap beer then the Spinner Arms (287 Manchester

Road) is a Sam Smiths outlet, and the Bridgewater (197 Manchester Road) is a Holts pub. There are a couple of Wetherspoons in the town centre too.

Any food outlets near the ground?

There is a Pizza Hut and a Nandos at the Elk Mill shopping park, a short distance from the ground off the A627(M), and a Toby Carvery just opposite the shopping park. There is also an Indian, with a street-food inspired menu, the Khau Galli, 331 Oldham Road, OL2 6AB, just a few minutes' walk from the ground.

At the ground

Tickets on the day

Should any tickets remain available, supporters will be able to gain entry by paying cash on the turnstiles at Boundary Park.

Further Information will be published on the club website (www.itfc.co.uk), twitter (@Official_ITFC and @ITFC_Tickets) and facebook (www.facebook.com/officialitfc).

Away end

We will in the Chadderton (Chaddy) Road End Stand, which is behind the goal. There are a number of supporting pillars, but you should be able to move to improve your view if need be. Given Boundary Park's reputation as the coldest ground in the country, it might be best to wrap up warm.

Wheelchair users: The away wheelchair section is with the home fans at pitch level. An accessible toilet is available, adjacent to the spaces. If you have any specific needs you are advised to contact call 0345 646 1898 prior to the match.

Ambulant disabled: Away ambulant disabled users should contact Oldham on prior to the match to discuss any specific needs they may have.

Security

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

Programmes

Programme sellers are situated around Boundary Park, with 'Boundary Bulletin' copies also available in the Club Shop.

Food and Drink facilities

Inside the ground, due to the partnership with Quirky Catering, kiosks are situated in all the stands offering a selection of traditional hot and cold food and drinks. Hot pies are a speciality, though www.footballgroundguide.com suggests that the beer choice is limited to just one lager. It also notes that there is catering outside.

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 overnight?

There is Premier Inn next to the ground, as well as other options in and around town.