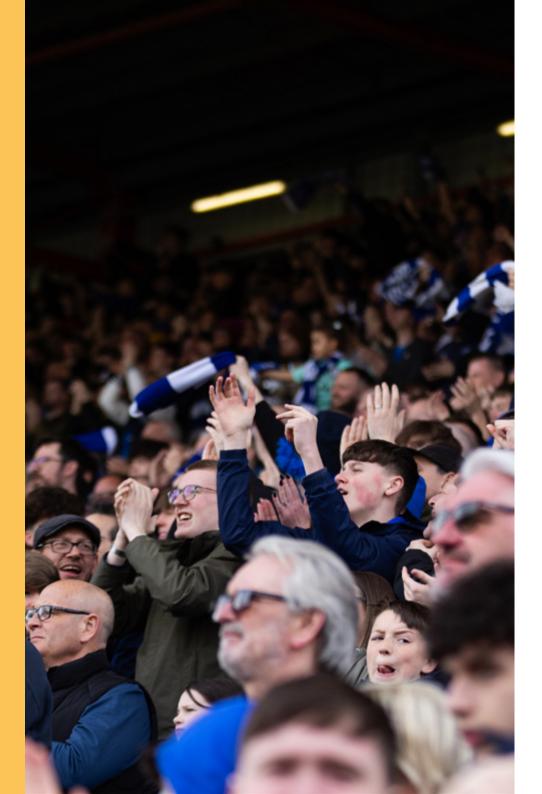


**Stockport County Football Club** 

### **Away Fan Information Pack**

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### Welcome to Edgeley Park

The origins of Edgeley Park as a sporting venue can be traced back to 1891. It all started when Stockport Rugby Club decided they wanted to rent a large field from Messrs. Sykes and Co in Edgeley. Hoardings were erected, the ground was re-laid and the first rugby game took place on September 3rd 1891.

A small 10m length covered stand was erected on the Hardcastle Road side, with a raised bank and 20m of terracing erected on the opposite side of the field. A small 20m raised terrace was also erected at the Railway End.

In 1901 the ground was sold to Bells Brewery and in 1902, Stockport County FC were keen to move to a ground closer to the town, in the hope this would increase attendances. Stockport Rugby Club were struggling financially so it was agreed that from the 1902 season, County would share the ground – an arrangement that would be resurrected nearly 100 years later.

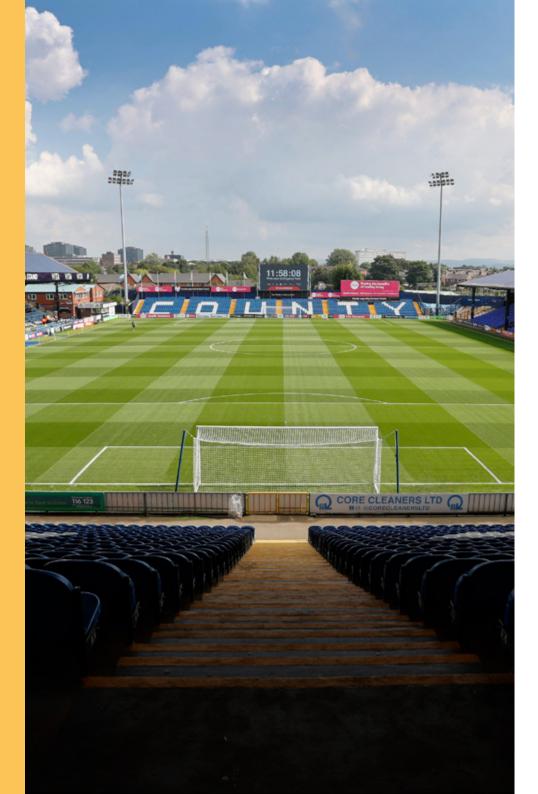
In 1903 the rugby team disbanded and Edgeley Park became the sole home of Stockport County.

At the time the ground was still a very basic sports field with limited facilities. In 1903 a wooden covered stand was built at the Cheadle End of the ground,

holding 1,400 standing spectators. Remarkably County's dressing rooms were at the club headquarters at the Windsor Castle pub on Castle Street. A secretary's office and away dressing rooms (with a lavatory and hot/cold baths) were built at the Cheadle End. To accommodate bigger crowds new large gates were built at either end of the ground on Hardcastle Road. It is known that there was a small wooden stand built on a raised earthworks on the Popular side.

In September 1905 Stockport County hosted Chelsea FC, for their very first football match, County winning the game 1-0.

Since then, the ground continued to develop over the years, this included the erection of the Danny Bergara Stand in 1936, floodlights were installed in 1956, in 1995, a friendly fixture with Manchester City marked the opening of the new 5,000 capacity Cheadle End stand. Re-development continues to this day under the ownership of Mark Stott, who has invested over £3m into the Club.

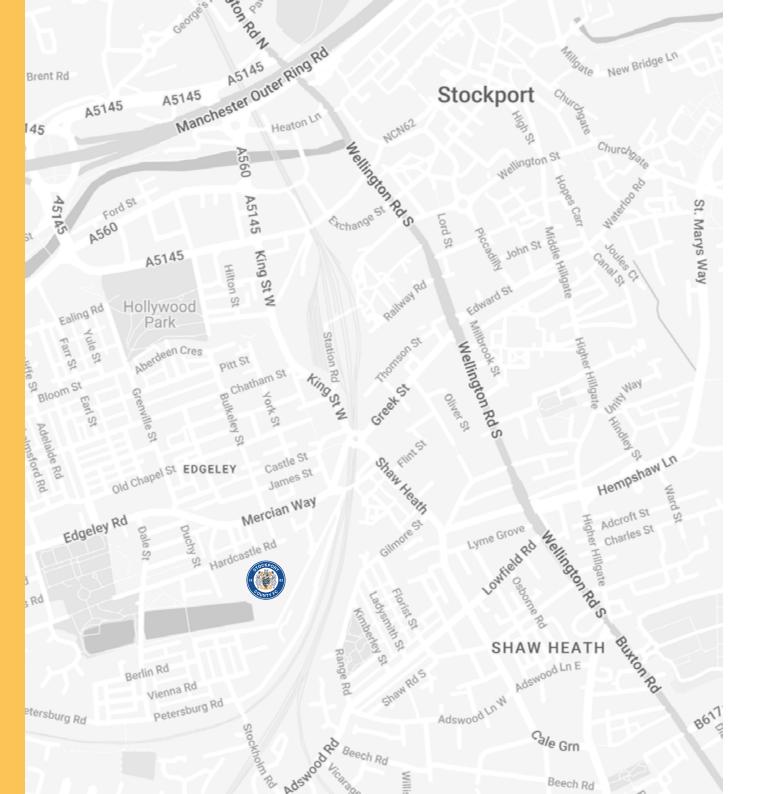




# At Stockport County FC we strive to make your matchday experience as enjoyable as possible.

This guide will provide you with everything you need to enjoy your matchday including:

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# **Getting to Edgeley Park**

Stockport County FC Hardcastle Road Edgeley Stockport SK3 9DD

Edgeley Park is located 1 mile from Stockport Town Centre and is just a 10 minute walk from Stockport Train Station.

#### **Travel By Bus**

The number 11, 309 & 310 bus all stop near Edgeley Park. The nearest stations to Edgeley Park are:

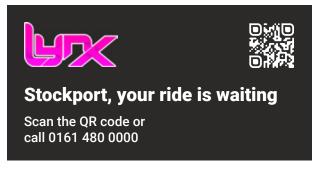
Hardcastle Road is 98 meters away, 2 min walk.

Castle Street is 328 meters away, 5 min walk.

Worral Street is 330 meters away, 5 min walk.

Stockport is 2787 meters away, 36 min walk.

East Didsbury (Manchester Metrolink) is 4248 meters away, 55 min walk.







#### **Travel By Train**

Stockport Railway Station is situated approximately half a mile from Edgeley Park. Walk down steps from platform and turn left (opposite direction to booking office). Walk up Station Road, turn left at the top and cross at the pelican crossing before the roundabout. Take the A5464 (Mercian Way) and turn left into Caroline Street for the stadium

#### **Travel By Bicycle**

For any fans travelling by bicycle, we have free, secure bicycle parking. These bike racks are located in the Vitality Railway End Car Park and are free to access for all fans. Please note: bike storage is available on a first come first serve basis and locks/chains will not be provided.

#### Travel By Car

Edgeley Park's postcode is SK3 9DD. Car parking in the club car park on a matchday is limited to players, staff, home and visiting Directors and match officials. There is no public car parking available on the day of the game. There is plenty of pay and display car parks all within walking distance of Edgeley Park.

#### From the south (M6)

Exit the M6 at Junction 19 (sign-posted 'Manchester Airport, Stockport A55, M56 East') and at the roundabout turn right onto the A556. At the Bowden roundabout after 4.2 miles, turn right (sign-posted 'Manchester M56') onto the M56 motorway. Exit the M56 motorway after 6.9 miles (sign-posted 'Stockport M60, Sheffield M67') onto the M60. Exit the M60 at Junction 1 (sign-posted 'Stockport Town Centre'). At the roundabout,

follow signs to 'Cheadle A560' also 'Stockport County FC' into Hollywood Way. Go straight on at the first set of traffic lights and turn right at the next (sign-posted 'Cheadle A560, Stockport County FC') onto the A560 towards 'Ye Olde Woolpack' pub. After 1.1 miles, turn left (no signpost, by the 'Farmers Arms') onto the B5465 Edgeley Road. After approximately 1 mile turn right into Dale Street at the traffic lights and take the second left into Hardcastle Road for the stadium

#### From the north (M62 from Leeds)

Follow the M62 onto the M60 and continue south. Exit the M60 at Junction 1 (sign-posted 'Stockport Town Centre'). At the roundabout turn left following signs to Cheadle A560 into Hollywood Way. At the roundabout, follow signs to 'Cheadle A560' also 'Stockport County FC' into Hollywood Way. Go straight on at the first set of traffic lights and turn right at the next (sign-posted 'Cheadle A560, Stockport County FC') onto the A560 towards 'Ye Olde Woolpack' pub. After 1.1 miles, turn left (no signpost, by the 'Farmers Arms') onto the B5465 Edgeley Road. After approximately 1 mile turn right into Dale Street at the traffic lights and take the second left into Hardcastle Road for the stadium.

From south/east (A6/A523 over Peak District)
Follow the A6 towards Stockport/Manchester. Continue along A6 until reaching major traffic lights at hazel
Grove alongside the 'Rising Sun' pub. Follow signs for Stockport Town Centre along the A6 for approximately 2.8 miles, until reaching the traffic lights by 'The Nelson Tavern' and the Town Hall. Turn left (sign-posted 'Cheadle, Stockport County FC') into Greek Street. At the roundabout after 0.3 miles take the second exit (sign-posted 'Cheadle A5465') onto Mercian Way. Take the second left turning into Caroline Street for the stadium.





# Matchday Parking

Car parking in the club car park on a matchday is limited to players, staff, home and visiting Directors and match officials There is no public parking on the day of the game.

#### Pay and Display Car Parks

The NCP car park at Stockport Train Station offers a discounted price of just £3 on match days.

There are a number of pay and display car parks within a 5-10 minute walk of the ground

Caroline Street - SK3 9DJ 3 hours 70p/4 hours 80p

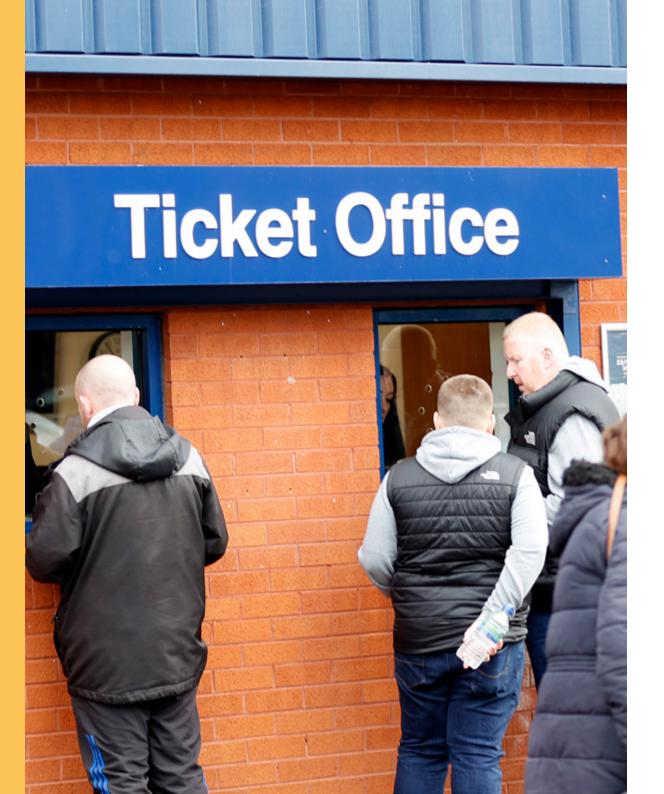
Armoury Street - SK3 9DR 3 hours £2.70/4 hours £3.60

James Street East /7 West - SK3 9AT 3 hours £70p/4 hours 80p

York Street - SK3 9AD 3 hours 70p/4 hours 80p

Bulkeley Street SK3 9AJ 3 hours 70p/4 hours 80p

For more information please visit stockport.gov.uk/car-parks/car-parks-in-stockport





# Away Fan Ticketing

Tickets for away fans at Edgeley
Park are sent out to the visiting team
approximately a month before the fixture
takes place. In most cases, supporters
should buy through the visiting club but
depending on the allocation sold, visiting
fans may also be able to buy from
stockportcounty.com/away-supporters.
Away tickets are available online only.

#### **Duplicate Ticket Requests**

If you require a duplicate ticket you will need to contact your club prior to the matchday who will authorise us to duplicate the ticket. Tickets that have been duplicated can be collected from turnstiles 24 & 25 at Gate F, on matchdays.

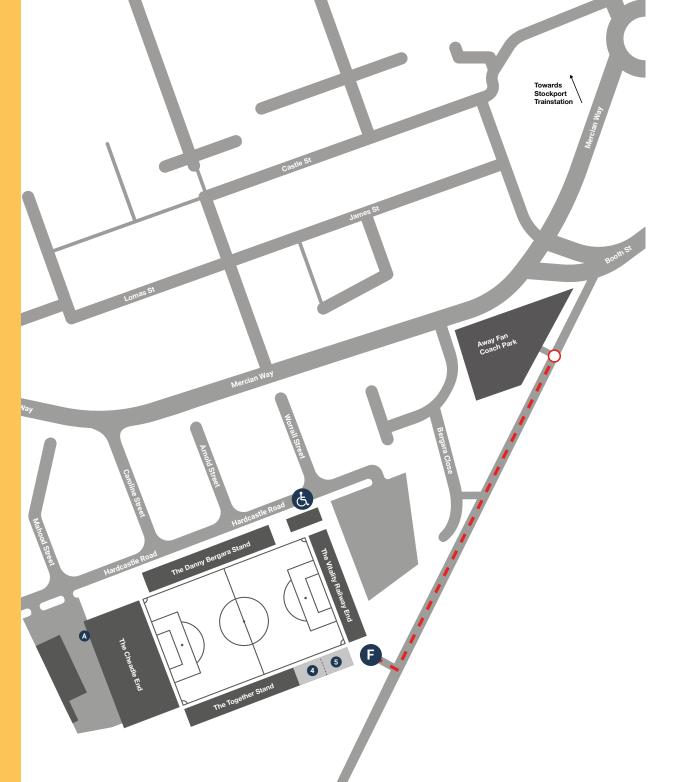
#### **Collecting Tickets**

Any tickets that have not been collected before the matchday will travel with your official coach to Edgeley Park. Tickets can be collected from turnstiles 24 & 25 at Gate F, once they have arrived. Please note, not all clubs offer this collection method so please double check with your club beforehand.

#### **Away Disabled Ambulant Fans**

Ambulant/Carer tickets are normally available out of the standard ticket allocation sent to the away club. Fans who may find seating difficult or require specific help/advice are welcome to contact our Supporter Services team. You can contact supporter services on 0161 266 2700, option 2 or you can email us at tickets@stockportcounty.com.

Gate F is highlighted on the stadium map on the page that follows.





### **Stadium Guide**

#### **Entering the stadium**

Entrance and exit for The Together Stand is via Gate F, located at the south east corner of the ground. Access to Gate F is via the walkway off Booth Street, accessible directly from the coach park. Disabled access is via Gate E at the north east corner of the ground along Hardcastle Road, this access point is step free. From here you will be escorted to The Together Stand by one of our stewards.

#### **Away Ticket Office**

The Away Ticket Office (A) is located at the north west corner of the ground, in the Cheadle End car park.

#### Seating

Away fans will be sat in our covered Together Stand.

#### Food & Drink

You will have access to our food and drink kiosk where you can purchase: (All items are sold subject to availability)

- Pies, mushy peas and gravy
- Hotdogs
- Burgers
- Confectionary
- Soft drinks
- Alcohol





### **Stadium Guide**

#### Flags & Banners

Flags and banners without poles are permitted as long as they have a fire certificate, there is nothing controversial, discriminatory, commercial, political or contentious on the flag & they do not cover any advertising.

#### **Bags**

Small bags or back packs will be ok to take into the stadium. Larger bags / luggage cannot be taken into the stadium as there is insufficient room and such items will restrict spectator movement. We advise that you leave all items in your car/coach/hotel as there is no provision available to store any items at the stadium.

#### **Prohibited Items**

Pyrotechnics, flares or smoke bombs Knives, weapons, tools (or items considered to be weapons)

#### Quiet Room in partnership with John Lewis Cheadle

We have a dedicated quiet room with a sensory light (kindly installed and donated by NK Electrical) along with a sofa, beanbags and soft furnishings (kindly donated by John Lewis Cheadle) for a calm, safe and controlled environment on a matchday.

The quiet room is free to use and anyone wishing the use the facility on a matchday can do the following:

Email - slo@stockportcounty.com Text - 60777 Contact a steward on a matchday, a member of the SLO team or safeguarding officer.







### Away Fan Pubs

Pubs in the local vicinity are predominantly used by home fans. We do recommend for away fans to use the below pubs:

Nelson Tavern 98 Wellington Road South Stockport SK1 3UH

Nelson Tavern is 0.6 miles to the stadium, just a 14-minute walk.

The Calverts Court (Weatherspoons Stockport) 13 St Petersgate Stockport SK1 1EB

The Calverts Court is 1.1 miles to the stadium, just a 22-minute walk.





## **Key Contacts**

Stockport County FC Hardcastle Road Edgeley Stockport SK3 9DD

www.stockportcounty.com

#### **Ticket Office**

0161 266 2700 tickets@stockportcounty.com

#### Supporter Liaison Team

slo@stockportcounty.com

**SCFC Text Message Service** 

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### **Stockport County Text Message Service**



# We hope you have a great matchday experience.

If you would like to send us feedback or report any incidents that you see, then please use our new text message service.

### Text '60777' and start your message with SCFC.

We want all of our fans to feel safe and at home whilst at Edgeley Park, and be able to enjoy the best possible matchday experience.

We appreciate that not everyone will feel comfortable raising any concerns or providing feedback in person, and so supporters can now contact our dedicated Supporter Liaison team by texting 60777, starting your text with SCFC.

Standard rates apply.

