

Harrogate Town AFC

AWAY VISITORS GUIDE



Welcome

Come and experience the award-winning Exercise Stadium, home of Harrogate Town Football Club - a great day out for you and your family.

Fun, clean, safe, and dry from the rain - be part of our journey to the Football League and together let's make this Town proud!

If you need a place to park, would like to know what food and drink is on offer, which pubs are recommended or which accommodation you can book whether it be a hotel or an apartment for those longer stays, and which are the easiest routes to the stadium via public transport, you will find all the information here.

Away supporters are housed behind the goal in the Myrings Terrace at the eastern end of the ground and along the southern side of the ground in the the Kitching Plant Hire Stand (seating) as well as in a section of the Barclays LED Terrace. It is up to away supporters to choose the stand/terrace in which they wish to go at the time of purchasing their matchday ticket.

Access for all away supporters is via the South Turnstile. To access the away area of the Barclays LED Terrace, fans need to come through the South Turnstile off the A661, and turn left immediately after entering the ground.

Turnstiles open at 1:30pm for Saturday matches and at 6.30pm for weekday matches.

Important Note:

To purchase away tickets, supporters should contact the visiting club, who will advise how to purchase. Tickets are not sold to visiting away supporters by Harrogate Town on matchdays, at the ground or by any other means.





The Exercise Stadium

aka Wetherby Road

The ground dates back to 1920, when it became home to its current tenants, Harrogate Town AFC, who moved there from their previous home at Starbeck Lane. Currently known as the EnviroVent Stadium for sponsorship reasons, Wetherby Road's name comes from the road that passes by its southern side (also known as the A661).

The football ground has seen multiple redevelopments in the decades since, including the installation of an artificial pitch that was in use during Harrogate Town's time in Non-League. It is a place that looks noticeably different to what it did not too long ago, but the necessary changes have made it a nice football ground that offers a little bit of everything.

After Harrogate won promotion to the Football League for the first time in 2020, regulations required all stadiums to have a natural grass pitch, and so the turf at the ground had to be removed and replaced, along with notable renovations to the stands so that Wetherby Road could reach the required 5,000 minimum capacity.

Harrogate Town briefly played home matches at Doncaster Rovers' Keepmoat Stadium whilst these renovations were taking place, and their first game back at Wetherby Road was a 1-0 win over Barrow on 17th October 2020.





Getting to the Ground

Stadium Address

The Exercise Stadium Wetherby
Road, Harrogate HG2 7SA

Wetherby Road (The Exercise Stadium) is located adjacent to Harrogate District Hospital on the A661, approximately 1.25 miles east of Harrogate Town Centre. The Stray, a large stretch of protected grassland, is less than 0.5 miles to the west of the football ground and Starbeck where Harrogate Town formerly played is roughly 0.75 miles away to the northeast.

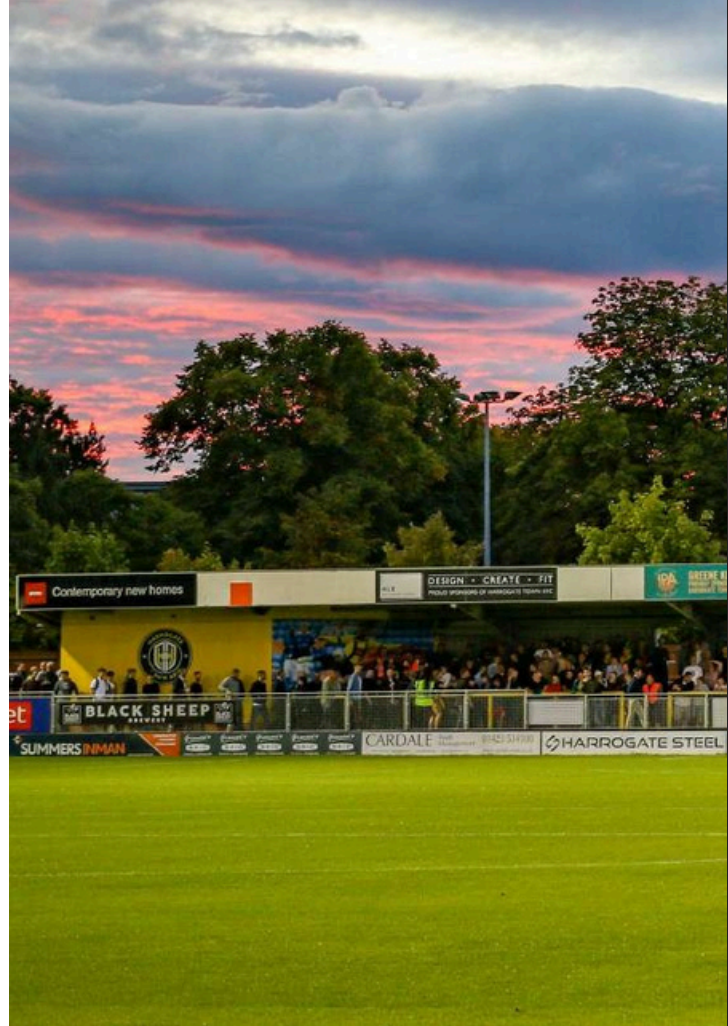
Coming to The Exercise Stadium by car is certainly possible, and there is street parking around the ground but respect for residents should be maintained. Also, please be aware that parking restrictions apply in some areas and limit stays to two hours.

Coming by train takes you to Harrogate Station, served by Northern Rail, and is near to the town centre.

Walking from there, across the Stray and to the ground takes around 20 minutes. Hornbeam Park, the next stop on the line south of Harrogate Station, is a 25-minute walk away from Wetherby Road to the southwest.

Starbeck Station is also on the same line and roughly a 20-minute walk northeast of the ground.

For buses, your best route is to use the Number 7 service, that runs to the football ground from Harrogate Bus Station (next to the railway station) and stops outside Wetherby Road on its way to Leeds City Centre. Getting to the ground early means you can make the most of your day at Harrogate Town. We recommend you plan to arrive at the ground at least 45 minutes before the start of the game.



Travelling by Car

From the North and South, leave the A1(M) at Junction 47 and take the A59 towards Knaresborough. Then take the A658 towards Bradford/Harrogate. At the second roundabout turn right onto the A661 towards Harrogate. You will pass a Sainsburys, then carry straight on at the lights with the Woodlands pub on one corner. The entrance to the ground is just a bit further down on the right. Please note that traffic can be quite congested along the A661, so you may wish to allow more time for your journey.



Car Parking

There is no parking at The Exercise Stadium itself but there is street parking available nearby, but local restrictions apply on most of the residential streets immediately around the ground. There are other roads close to the ground where parking is possible, but we would ask you to be respectful of local residents and ensure that you do not block or infringe driveways.

Matchday parking is available at the Cedar Court Hotel (HG1 5AH), just 15 minutes walk north of the ground.

Available on a first come first served basis, anyone wishing to park at Cedar Court Hotel must book their car in at reception and pay a parking fee. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle being clamped and a fine.

Alternatively, the ground is only a short walk from the Town centre where a number of car parks are available. For more information on parking in Harrogate please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit Harrogate Borough Council.

Public Transport

Travelling by Bus

Harrogate Town have agreed a matchday deal with

The Harrogate Bus Company – It's only £2 for adults and £1 for kids on the number 7 which stops right outside The Exercise Stadium every 30 minutes.

Park in Harrogate town centre or get the train to Harrogate Station then hop on the 7 at the Bus Station. Show the driver your match ticket, or your Harrogate Town shirt or scarf, to get this super deal!

If you are coming from Starbeck, Knaresborough, Wetherby or anywhere in the Harrogate area, the group ticket is a great way for you and your friends/family to get to the match. Up to five people can travel for just £9 using the group ticket.

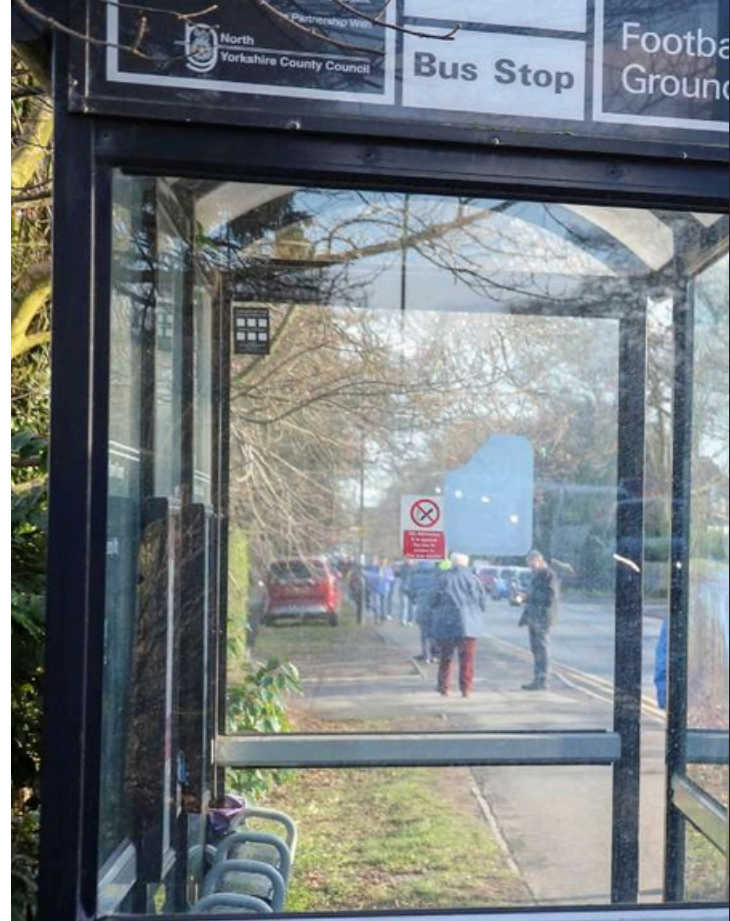
Travelling by Train

From York - Trains from York are every hour and the journey takes approximately 30 minutes. On arrival at Harrogate Station, hop on the 7 bus at the bus station and show your match ticket to the driver to get your discounted fare.

The Exercise Stadium is roughly a 25-minute walk from Harrogate Station - HG1 1TE. (1.1 miles)

From Leeds - Trains from Leeds depart every 30 minutes and arrive at Hornbeam Park Station 30 minutes later.

The Exercise Stadium is a 25-minute walk from Hornbeam Park Station - HG2 8BW. (1.3 miles)
Harrogate Train Station and The Bus Station are next to each other. Harrogate Train station connects directly with Leeds and York which have direct links with the main centres across the country including Manchester, London, Birmingham, Newcastle, Liverpool.



Supporters Coaches

It is mandatory that no coaches or minibuses drop off supporters outside the stadium or on Wetherby Road. All Supporters Coaches/Minibuses must travel to park within the designated parking area at the Harrogate Sports and Fitness Centre at Hookstone Wood Road, Harrogate, HG2 8PN just under a mile (15-minute walk) from the ground.

Directions to Parking Area

From the A1 take the A661 and turn Left at the traffic Lights onto Hookstone Drive. Then turn left onto Hookstone Wood Road, follow the road until you reach the Large car park located within the sports centre.



Fans with disabilities or walking difficulties

Although the walk to the ground from the Parking Area is a flat, fully-paved route, the distance may not be suitable for persons with disabilities or walking difficulties. If this is the case, drivers may use the bus stop outside Willow Tree School, south of the ground on Wetherby Road to allow disabled travellers or those with walking difficulties to disembark and be picked up.

The drop off and pick up point at Willow Tree School is for disabled travellers or those with walking difficulties only and cannot be compromised as instructed by the local authority. All other supporters must be dropped off and picked up at the designated car park area at Harrogate Sports & Fitness Centre without exception.

Coach / Minibus Parking Costs

Coaches: **£20** Minibus: **£15**

Payment can be made in advance and should be made no later than 12pm on the day before you travel. Credit cards not accepted on arrival. Please find bank details below and show evidence of payment upon arrival.

Payment details

HARROGATE TOWN AFC LTD

Sort Code: 30-92-68

Account No. 42393760



Wetherby Road, Harrogate HG2 7SA

