

A Guide for Away Supporters

2018 - 2019

We look forward to welcoming you to Blundell Park.

Before you travel across the M180 to Blundell Park, we wanted to give you an insight into the match day experience with us here at Grimsby Town Football Club.

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been to Blundell Park before, this guide will help you make the most of your time with us.

If you need a place to park your car, would like food & drink before the match or the details on the easiest route to the ground via public transport, all the information is here.

We also recommend away fan friendly bars and other attractions you could enjoy whilst you are here.

Unfortunately, we can't guarantee the score but we aim to ensure you, your friends and family have a great day out in Cleethorpes.



Welcome to Blundell Park

The home of
Grimsby Town Football Club

Blundell Park was built in 1899, but only one of the original stands remains. The current capacity of the ground is 8,933, after being made an all-seater in the summer of 1995, reducing the capacity from around 27,000. Several relegations in previous years meant the expansion seating was also taken away; that reduced the capacity further from around 12,000 to what it is now to this day.

How to get here:

By Road:

Follow the signs for Grimsby on the M180, continue on this road when it becomes the A180. This road runs right past the Blundell Park and the ground is adjacent to the McDonalds Drive-Thru.

Supporters and Team coaches should leave Grimsby Road to Tiverton Street and will be parked along Harrington Street.

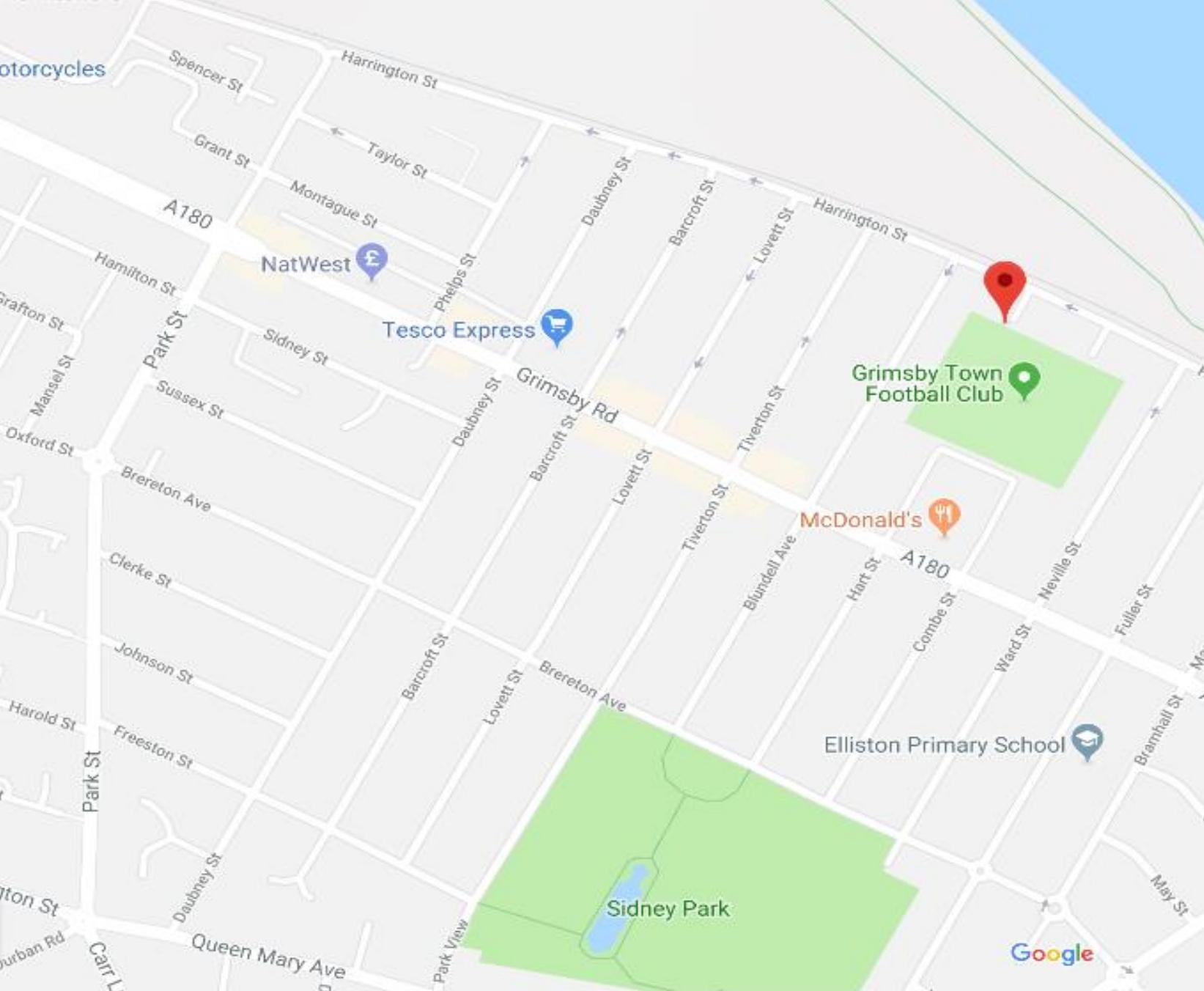
Parking is extremely limited around Blundell Park. We advise supporters to arrive early and use the local street parking. Please be aware though that some areas close to the ground have match day parking restrictions.

By Train:

The nearest train station to the ground is Cleethorpes, which is around a 20 minute walk away. Upon exiting the station, turn right and head down the High Street following the signs. You will eventually come down to Blundell Park on your right.

By Bus:

Stagecoach operate services that run directly opposite Blundell Park that are free to season ticket holders on matchdays. Supporters should look out for the number 9, 13 and 46 routes on matchdays.



The Osmond Stand (away).



Away supporters will predominantly be accommodated in the covered corner of the Osmond Stand. The club reserves the right to change the seating allocation for away supporters and their location depending on the home support ticket demand, safety steward directions must be obeyed at all times regardless of the allocated seat number on the Matchday ticket. Away supporter ticket numbers will remain in line with the league regulations with regards to the overall percentage of the stadium's capacity.

Disabled Supporters

We have 20 wheelchair bays and 20 seats for carers in the Osmond Stand for Visiting fans. These need to be pre-booked by contacting GTFC directly on 01472 605050.

Each disabled fan in receipt of High Rate DLA/Enhanced PIP is entitled to one carer free. Grimsby Town Football Club also for the 2018/19 season have an accessibility toilet in the away end of the ground.

As the ticket office is located on the opposite side of the stadium to away fan turnstiles it is advised that any ticket collections are made before making your way into the ground.

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ACCEPTABLE SUPPORTER BEHAVIOUR

Supporters are expected to uphold the values of Grimsby Town Football Club and behave in a manner that does not cause distress or alarm to other supporters both home and away. Foul and abusive language is not acceptable and supporters could find that they are asked to leave the stadium if they persist in its use.



The Club operates a zero tolerance towards abuse of away supporters. Gesturing, threats of violence or abuse of away supporters could result in ejection from the stadium. Any supporter that is asked to leave due to a breach of the Ground Regulations will not be entitled to a refund of their ticket.

All supporters are asked to respect the match officials and the decisions made on the field of play. Abuse of the match officials could result in you being asked to leave the stadium, together with the potential for further action to be taken.

ACCOMMODATING AWAY SUPPORTERS



The Club abides by League Regulations governing the allocation of tickets to visiting clubs.

The Club does not charge admission prices to supporters of a visiting club, which are higher than those charged to our own supporters for comparable accommodation. In particular our concessionary rates offered to senior citizens and junior supporters apply to supporters of a visiting club. Proof of concession must be provided on a Matchday, failure to provide proof will result in the full adult rate of £21 being charged.

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Banners and Flag Information



1. Flags are permitted into Blundell Park on matchdays.

2. Any banner / flag greater than 160cm x 80cm in size must have a valid Fire Certificate supplied with it at the time of bringing it into the stadium.

3. Any supporter planning on bringing a flag into the stadium that requires a Fire Certificate must inform the Club's Health & Safety Officer prior to the match day, including a photograph image via email: Safety@gtfc.co.uk

4. Messages and images on any flag or banner must be supportive of their team and not contain any text or images of a defamatory, racial, abusive, homophobic, religious hatred or any other text that could be perceived as inciting tension by the club's Duty Managers on a matchday. GTFC reserves the right to refuse any flag that does not endorse supporting the game entry into the stadium.

5. Flags must not be displayed in any area where supporters enjoyment of the match is going to be obscured or disrupted as a result of the flag. Match day stewards reserve the right to ask supporters to remove their flag if it is causing disruption of upset to fellow or rival supporters

Food and Drink

Visiting fans will be sure of a warm welcome to Blundell Park with your dedicated bar inside Blundell Park. Although an old room it is full of character and is decked out in flags, scarves, shirts etc, that have been kindly donated from previous clubs who have visited over time.

The bar opens at the same time as the turnstiles (1.30pm on Saturday) However, we can accommodate groups earlier than this and we ask groups to contact us via email to safety@gafc.co.uk in which we could make arrangements to also accommodate food for your visit.

Scotties Bar is ran by The Mariners Trust, a supporters organisation with has the aim of raising money for the Club. They are asking for any donations of away club memorabilia (scarves, shirts, pennants etc..) to make it a true football bar. So if you have something spare that you can take along then I'm sure it would be appreciated. Please note that entrance to Scotties Bar can only be gained from inside the ground, once you have entered through the away turnstiles.



Food and drink on offer inside the ground include

Drinks

- **Classic Beef Burger** 1/4lb - £4.00
1/2lb - £5.00
- **Classic Cheese Burger** 1/4lb - £4.20
1/2lb - £5.20

- **Hot Dog - £3.80**
- **PUKKA Pies**
steak, chicken Balti, Pukka Pastry
cheese & onion - £3.30 each

- **Grab Bag Sweets - £3.00**
- **Duo Chocolate Bars -1.30**
- **Crisps Grab Bags - £1.20**

- **Tea - £2.00**
- **Coffee - £2.00**
- **Beefy Bovrill - £2.30**
- **Hot Chocolate - £2.30**
- **Soft Drink - 2.30**
- **Bottled Water - £1.50**

Food and Drink



There are also a number of pubs and food establishments along Cleethorpes seafront but this is around a 15-20 minute walk from the stadium. We recommend visiting fans to congregate at a local bar called Baracuda. This is on the Corner of the High Street.

For the younger fans then there is also a McDonalds situated right outside Blundell Park please be mindful that the Osmond Stand entrance is to the rear of the ground.

Fans traveling by road are advised to visit The Olde Farmhouse Inn, Stallingborough who are a small friendly country inn on the B1210, approximately 15 minutes from Blundell Park accommodating up to 50 customers.

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Where to stay in the town

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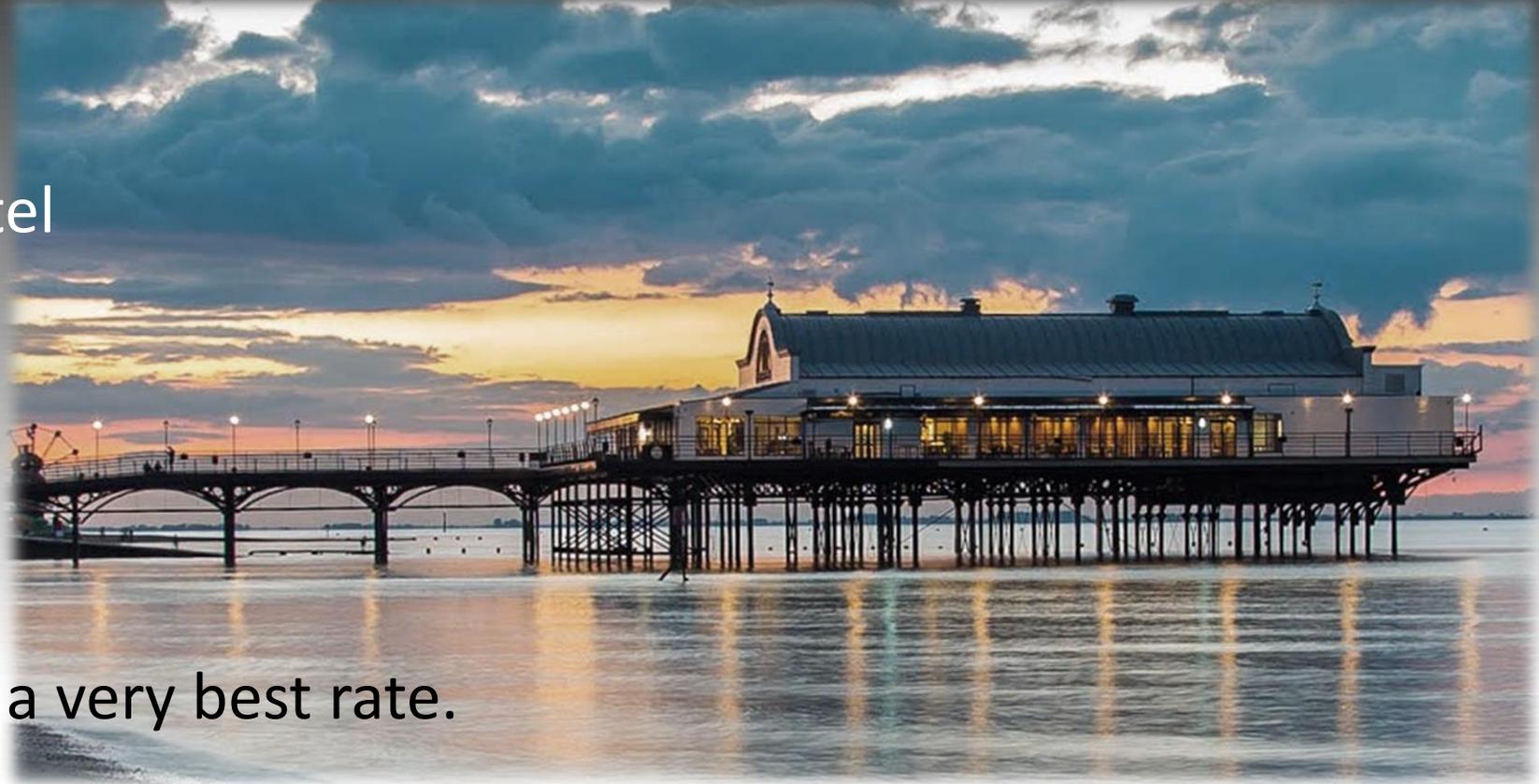
The Burlington Hotel

2-4 Albert Road

Cleethorpes

North East Lincolnshire

DN35 8LX



Quote GTFC to get a very best rate.

T: 01472 693155

E: info@theburlingtonhotel.co.uk

SUPPORTER LIAISON:

On match days at Blundell Park our supporter liaison officer Adie Merrikin will be on hand to assist both home and away supporters.

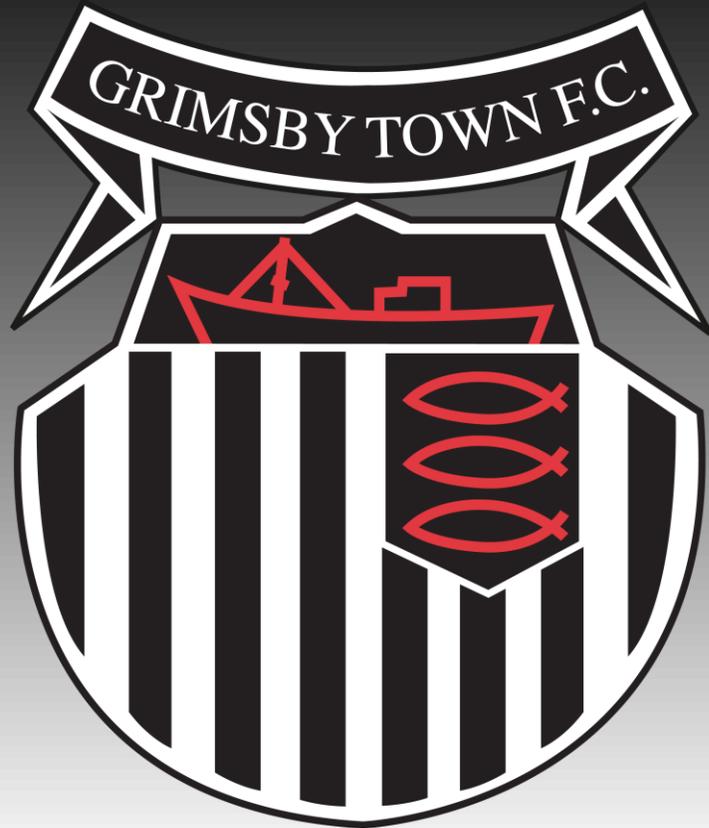
Should you have any issue with your match day experience please look out for the SLOs around the ground or contact the nearest steward who will contact the SLOs on your behalf.

Grimsby Town Football Club prides itself on providing an enjoyable match day experience and aim to resolve any issues you may have on the day.

However, should you not be satisfied or are unable to speak to the SLOs you can contact Adie Merrikin via email at:

SLO@gtfc.co.uk or adrianmerrikin@gtfc.co.uk





Thank You for Visiting

**We hope you enjoy your time in and around
Cleethorpes and of course Blundell Park.**

**From all of us here at Grimsby Town Football Club
we would like to wish you a very safe journey to
and from the game and hope to see you again.**



LEAGUE TWO

