



# Stockport County Fan Information Pack



# 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.



# Tickets

The following prices are for EFL matches at Edgeley Park for the 2022/23 season. Prices for other competitions and away matches will be posted on the website before each game.

Tickets for home supporters usually go on sale two weeks before each fixture, with dates confirmed on the website and social media in advance. They are available to purchase either online, over the phone or at the ticket office. We always recommend that supporters buy their ticket in advance to avoid disappointment.



## 2022-23 Ticket Prices & Ticket Office Opening Times

Category	Price	Monday
Adults (18+)	£20	10am till 4pm
Students	£14	<b>Tuesday</b> Closed
Age 65+	£14	(Unless on matchdays, open from 12 noon until half time)
Disabled Fans	£14*	<b>Wednesday</b> 10am till 4pm
Youth 14-17	£7	<b>Thursday</b> Closed
Junior 6-13	£7**	<b>Friday</b> 10am till 4pm
Infant 0-5	FREE**	<b>Saturday</b> Closed
		(Unless on matchdays, open from 11am until half time)
		<b>Sunday</b> Closed

\*Terms & conditions apply, visit [stockportcounty.com](http://stockportcounty.com) for full list

\*\*must be purchased with a full paying adult

For further information please call the Stockport County Ticket Office on 0161 266 2700, email us at [tickets@stockportcounty.com](mailto:tickets@stockportcounty.com) or visit [stockportcounty.com/match/match-tickets](http://stockportcounty.com/match/match-tickets).



# Hospitality

Business or pleasure, we aim to deliver the finest experience with our football matchday hospitality packages.

The 1883 provides a first-class experience on matchdays to entertain clients and enhance business relationships or bring friends and family and enjoy a special day, from just £55. This is the ultimate experience for any County fan or local businesses.

Our packages suit all tastes and occasions, from VIP seating for you and your super-fans as well as a beverages counters and fine dining for your guests.

This exclusive day may even include a County legend or two!



## Hospitality Packages

### The 1883 Three Course Meal

Host for the day

Access to The 1883, including dedicated cash bar.

Three course meal in the Hospitality Suite restaurant

Question and answer session with a club representative

Man of the Match presentation

Chance to win a bottle of bubbles

Light hearted pre match entertainment

Q&A with former players

Prime padded seat in executive seating area

Complimentary Match Day programme

**Price Per Match: From £75 per person inc VAT**

**For the fixtures listed below, there will be a Two Course Buffet available:**

Swindon Town, Carlisle United, Crawley Town, Newport County.

**Price Per Match: From £55 per person inc VAT**

For any enquiries, please contact [hospitality@stockportcounty.com](mailto:hospitality@stockportcounty.com)



# What to Expect on a Match Day

Matchdays at Edgeley Park are an enjoyable day out for everyone, whether you're coming with friends, family or colleagues.

## Turnstile opening times

Turnstiles open from 1pm for a 3pm and 6pm for a 7.45pm kick off.

## Club Shop

On a match day the Club shop is open from 10am until kick off and then for half an hour after the final whistle.

## Junior Supporters Zone

We have two dedicated junior supporters zones, there's a large marquee behind the Together Family stand, which includes a giant inflatable speed cage and scoreboard, a face painter, balloon artist and a sweet stand. There is also an area in The Cheadle End next

to the concourse, which also includes a face painter, a balloon artist and a sweet stand.

## Food & Drink

We have a variety of food and drink available from the concourse and various kiosks around the ground, including the award winning The Great North Pie Co pies, a selection of draught and bottle beers, wines, soft drinks and more. Please note, we now only accept card payments at kiosks and in the concourse.

## Vernon the Bear

Vernon the bear is our famous mascot who makes an appearance every match day, he'll be available for photo opportunities ahead of kick off in the junior supporter's zones and in the hospitality suites. He'll also do a lap of the pitch at half time for a chance to get a picture with him pitch side.

## Programme

Our award-winning programmes are available to buy from our programme sellers and the Club shop every match day, for £3.

## Half Time Draw

Be in with the chance of winning a cash prize, every matchday! Supporters will be able to purchase half time tickets for £1, from sellers both inside and outside the stadium ahead of the match. The draw will take place at the dug-out, just after the half time whistle, the winners will be shown on the big screen & posted on our website & social channels after the game.



# The Danny Bergara Stand

The Danny Bergara Stand runs adjacent to Hardcastle Road and has a capacity of 2020. The Danny Bergara is only allocated to home fans.

## Accessibility

You can access The Danny Bergara Stand straight off Hardcastle Road through turnstiles 5-8, 5 and 6 are for supporters seated in Blocks D,E and F, whilst turnstiles 7 and 8 are for supporters seated in Blocks A,B and C.

For disabled access, please use gate 3, wheelchair bays can be found directly in front of Block F and the disabled toilet is located next to the wheelchair bay.

## Refreshments

In the Danny Bergara stand you'll find two kiosks serving hot food, hot and soft drinks, as well as confectionary, please note alcohol is not available to buy at these kiosks.



## The Cheadle End

The Cheadle End Stand is our biggest stand with a maximum capacity of 5058, with supporters spread over two tiers. The Cheadle End is only allocated to home fans.

### Accessibility

You can access the Cheadle End straight off Hardcastle Road and through turnstiles 9-17. For disabled access please use the lift in the main Club Reception area, the disabled toilet is next to the disabled bay.

### Refreshments

The Cheadle End houses our recently renovated concourse with four kiosks serving hot food, beer, wine, hot and soft drinks, as well as confectionary. The concourse also features a newly extended draught bar with a selection of beers and ciders.



# The Together Stand

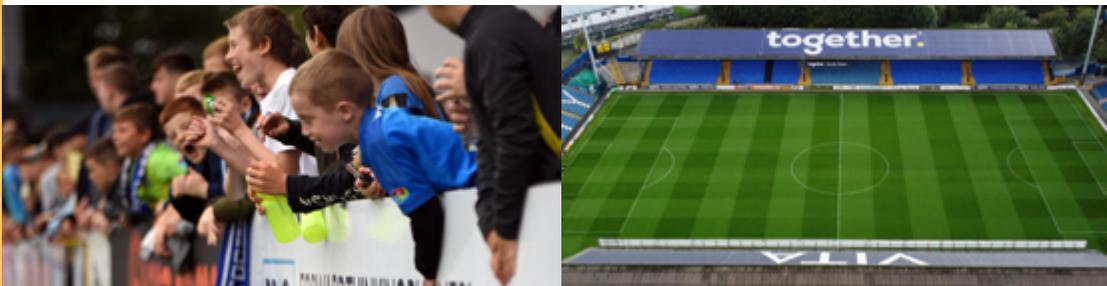
The Together family Stand is located opposite the Danny Bergara stand and has a maximum capacity of 2410. The Together Stand is predominately allocated to home fans, but a couple of blocks are reserved for away fans. Located behind the Together stand is the junior supporters zone which features a giant inflatable speed cage and scoreboard, a face painter, balloon artist and a sweet stand. You may also have the chance to meet non playing players for pictures or autographs! Our Together stand is also famous for our schools initiative scheme, where we invite local primary schools to come and watch County for free.

## Accessibility

You can access The Together stand through the main carpark and through turnstiles 18-23.

## Refreshments

In the Together Stand, you'll find four kiosks serving hot food, beer, wine, hot and soft drinks, as well as confectionary.



# The Vitality Railway End

The Vitality Railway End Stand is used for away fans and has a maximum capacity of 1354.

## Accessibility

You can access the Vitality Railway End straight off Hardcastle Road and through turnstiles 1-4. Away coaches are instructed to pick up and drop off directly outside of the turnstiles on Hardcastle Road.

## Away Tickets

For away tickets, please check your clubs official social channels and website.

## Refreshments

The Vitality Railway End has one kiosk available and serves hot food, beer, wine, hot and soft drinks, as well as confectionary.



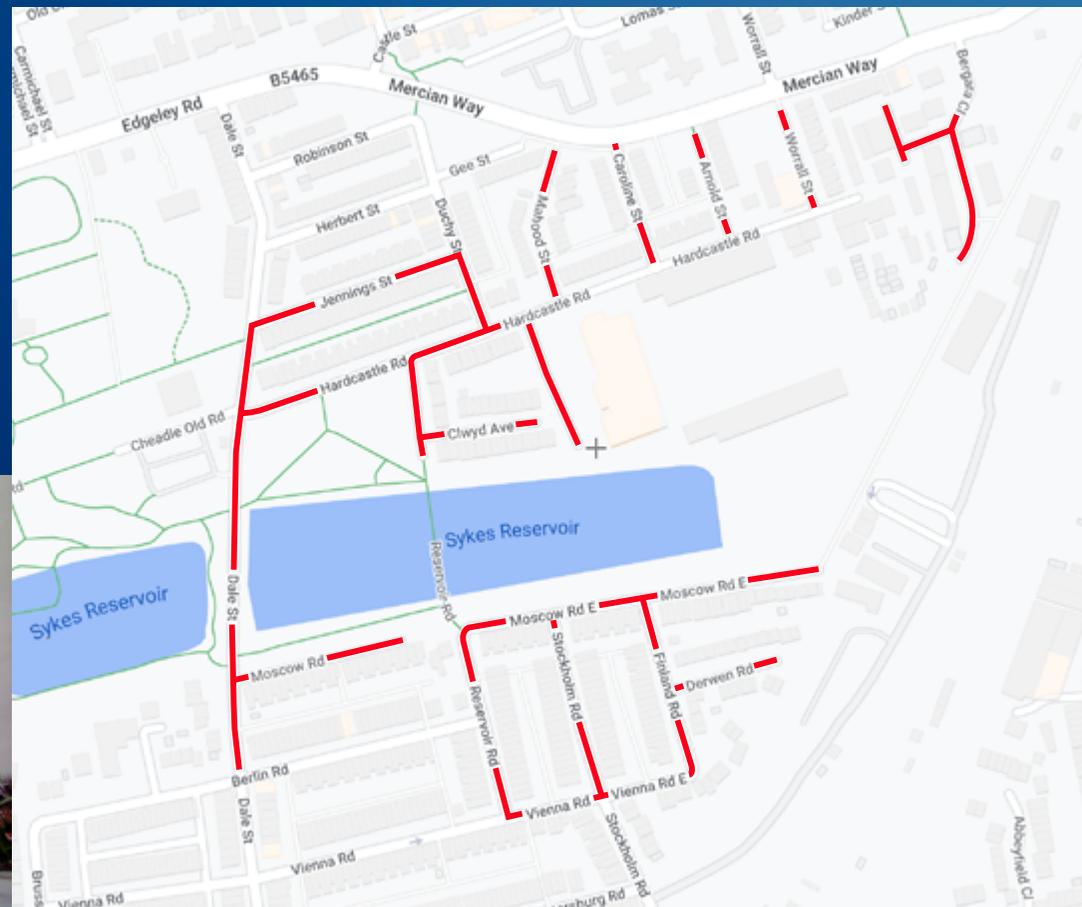
# Parking & Public Transport

At Edgeley Park we are very limited on space, so unfortunately, we aren't able to offer parking to supporters on a match day. As the stadium is located in the middle of a residential area, the on street parking in the surrounding area is restricted to residents only.

Please see the map below for the streets that have restricted parking;

## Public Transport

Stockport Train Station is only a 10 minute walk from the stadium, with frequent trains to and from Manchester city center and surrounding areas.



# Code of Conduct

## Unacceptable Conduct Policy

To help ensure a safe, entertaining atmosphere at all Stockport County matches, please be reminded that unacceptable conduct whilst at any Stockport County match – from home or away supporters – will not be tolerated.

Stockport County accepts a duty of care in respect of ground safety, behaviour at matches and damage to stadia to ensure that our players, officials, supporters and any other person exercising a function for, or connected with, the Club does not engage in unacceptable conduct at a stadium on the occasion of an official match. This includes all home and away matches played by the Club.

Unacceptable conduct covers conduct which is violent and/or disorderly and includes:

- Any sort of sectarian, religious, bigoted, homophobic, racist or sexist behaviour
- Aggressiveness or violent behaviour, including damage to the ground
- Drunkenness
- Threatening and/or abusive behaviour

The safety team at Stockport County works very closely with the Police and the regulatory authorities to ensure that safety and security is never subject to compromise and that fans receive the highest level of service in this regard.

Any individual who participates in unacceptable conduct at home or away matches will be ejected and/or arrested. Stockport County reserves the right to take further sanctions, including exclusion from the stadium, for a period of time or permanently. The Police will also pursue Football Banning Orders.

Police and all National League clubs have a disclosure policy whereby details of "away" fans involved in unacceptable conduct will be passed to their home club.



## Flags/Banner Policy

Large Flags/banners are allowed provided they are accompanied by a certificate from the manufacturer confirming they are made of fire retardant material. They will be subject to examination prior to entry to ensure that the flags or banners do not depict anything offensive.

Flags/banners can be draped over vacant seats at the discretion of the match day security team, however banner/flag surfing is not permitted. Also banners cannot be draped over and obscure advertising hoardings

Flags on poles – small flags on wooden canes are not permitted, however metal telescopic flag poles are permitted.

## Musical Instruments

Musical instruments will be permitted on the following conditions:

1. They will be searched prior to entry to the stadium;
2. They must not be used to encourage or accompany any singing or chanting that is deemed to be unacceptable. (This includes anything of a racist, sectarian or personal nature against a player, manager, director etc.). Please remember that Edgeley Park is a family orientated stadium and anything that is against public/family decency will not be tolerated.
3. If fellow fans in the vicinity of the instruments complain about the noise, then stewards will request that the instruments are not played. If the person playing the instrument refuses to stop, then he/she may be ejected from the stadium.

## Pyrotechnics

The use of pyrotechnics (smoke flares and noise percussion) is an unwanted feature at football grounds. Please note discharging such items is extremely dangerous and can cause serious injury and crowd panic. Stockport County,

in conjunction with the Police, have a zero-tolerance approach to the use of pyrotechnics and offenders will be ejected and banned from attending Stockport County matches for life. They may also be subject to criminal proceedings and banned from football stadia.

## Pitch Incursions

Any person who encroaches onto the field of play or pitch side track, for whatever reason, will be ejected by ground security staff and also banned from the Stadium. These fans may also be subject to arrest by Police. This also applies to fans who throw any items onto the pitch before, during or after the game.

## Alcohol

It is prohibited to bring any alcohol into the stadium and all alcohol drinks must be purchased from the food kiosks or bars within the ground. Fans caught bringing alcohol into the stadium will have this removed and could face bans as a result.

## Smoking

Smoking (including vaping) is prohibited anywhere within the stadium. Fans caught smoking will be ejected from the stadium and could face bans as a result.

In order to ensure the full enjoyment and safety of our supporters, Stockport County welcomes any feedback or comments on the safety and security operation at Edgeley Park. Please contact the safety team direct via stadium.maintenance@stockportcounty.com. This facility can also be used to make any complaints or positive comments to improve fans' experiences at Edgeley Park.

Thank you for helping make Edgeley Park a safe place for everyone.