

THE BEES UNITED GUIDE TO VISITING BRENTFORD FC'S GTECH COMMUNITY STADIUM



This guide has been created by Bees United for football fans, by football fans. It draws on the experiences of visiting supporters, combined with our local knowledge, to help you make the most of your visit. **Enjoy!**

LIONEL ROAD SOUTH, BRENTFORD, TW8 ORU



AWAY STAND ACCESS

Home fans enter their stands via Lionel Road South, immediately adjacent to Kew Bridge station. Away fans need to pass this road and go straight on to the next left turn on the corner by the leisure centre/swimming pool. This is the grandly named "Capital Interchange Way", although it has no name plate. Take this road and as it bends right turn left into Thomas Layton Way and follow this over the railway bridge to entrances F, G & H. **What 3 Words location: arts.mixer. fortunate**

For queries about accessibility please contact the Disability Access Officer, <u>email here</u>. Please see our section on public transport below for rail and tube, stations accessibility.

Away fans should expect the usual queuing and search procedures so do arrive at the turnstiles at least 30 minutes before kick-off. For details of what is and isn't allowed into the stadium, click on the link below. www.brentfordfc.com

HOTELS

Here are some links to a few local hotels:

Travelodge London Kew Bridge 15 mins level walk

What 3 Words location: highs.transit.nails www.travelodge.co.uk

Premier Inn London Kew Bridge 22 mins level walk

What 3 Words location: icon.this.smile www.premierinn.com

Novotel London Brentford 21 mins level walk What 3 Words location: host.cult.couches www.all.accor.com

Premier Inn London Brentford 23 mins level walk www.premierinn.com

Room2, Chiswick 30 mins level walk or buses as from Turnham Green www.room2.com



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

The London Museum of Water & Steam

An old water pumping station with working steam engines. Open 10.00 - 16.00 Thursday to Sunday. Adult admission £11.50. What 3 Words location: path.broke.finds www.waterandsteam.org.uk

The Musical Museum

A dedication to mechanical musical and the history of recording.

Open from 10.00 - 16.00 Friday to Sunday. Adult admission £16.50.

What 3 Words location: spare.grew.bank www.musicalmuseum.co.uk

Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew

Known generally as "Kew Gardens" and used to be an old penny in a turnstile to get in when I was a kid, it's now around £20 but cheaper booking online.

What 3 Words location: fade.corner.deaf (nearest entrance to GTech) www.kew.org/kew-gardens

Gunnersbury Park & Museum

A grade II listed Georgian mansion now housing a museum in a local park. Free entry and open from 10.00 - 16.30 daily except Mondays.

What 3 Words location: after.copies.axed www.visitgunnersbury.org/museum

Boston Manor House

17th century Jacobean manor house in a park setting. Free entry and open daily from 12.00 - 17.00 except Mondays. What 3 Words location: inch.search.insist www.bostonmanorhouse.org

Syon Park House and Gardens

The London Home of the Duke of Northumberland, Ralph Percy. The park is free to visit but there is a charge of £15 (adults) for entry to the house, gardens and the Great Conservatory or £10 for just the gardens and conservatory. There is a £1 Discount on all prices if you book online. Opening times are 10.30 - 16.30 Wednesday to Sunday for the Gardens and 10.30 to 16.30 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday for the house.

What 3 Words location: pinks.give.soda www.syonpark.co.uk

The Bees United Plaque

Our plaque marks the site of the Oxford & Cambridge pub where the decision was made by Brentford Rowing Club to establish a football team to keep fit during the winter. This can be found on the wall of the large development of flats on the North West corner of Kew Bridge, you pass it walking down from Sainsbury's local to the One over the Ait pub.

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BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB



FOOD & DRINK

AWAY STAND: FOOD & DRINK

Four Corners Bar

(Named after our old Griffin Park stadium which had the distinction to be the last football ground with a pub on each corner) draught beer and cider (Fuller's London Pride, Peroni, Grolsch and Cornish Orchards), sausage rolls, pies and snacks.

Griffin Kitchen

Bottled beers, hot drinks, burgers, sausages and snacks. Warning! In the stadium, a 330ml bottle of alcoholic drink can cost as much as a draught pint. All food and drink stadium outlets are cashless.

NEAR THE STADIUM

The Roastery www.kewroastery.com

The Bridge café www.bridge-cafe.co.uk

Cluck Yeah! www.cluckyeah.co.uk

Costa www.costa.co.uk

Plus - Sushi Point, Falafel, Sainsbury's Local, The London Museum of Water & Steam Cafe (see above, Nearby Attractions)

A little further afield venturing a 20 minute walk west you have a McDonald's "drive thru" which was cited by the cast of "People just do nothing" as Brentford's greatest asset, after the football club obviously!

PUBS

There are no recognised "away" pubs, but well behaved visitors may get served in the following nearby pubs, all of which are within 10 minutes of the stadium:



The Express Tavern

Next to Kew Bridge station, a large pub with a garden serving a good selection of real ales. They normally have a barbeque in the side alleyway to the pub.

What 3 Words location: feast.fixed.staple



The Pilot

Wellesley Road (close to the rear of Gunnersbury station). A Fuller's pub with a rear and front garden. Serves food but booking is essential if you want to eat on match days.

What 3 Words location: stored.torch. successes



The Bell and Crown 11-13 Thames Rd, W4 3PL. A riverside Fuller's pub with standing room on the towpath.

What 3 Words location: pines.parks.names

www.bell-and-crown.co.uk

www.pilot-chiswick.co.uk



The Steam Packet 85 Strand-on-the-Green, TW8 3PU, 20m

from the river where you can take your pint and stand on the riverside.

What 3 Words location: tubes.ankle. respect

www.brunningandprice.co.uk/steampacket



One over the Ait

8 Kew Bridge Rd, Brentford TW8 0FJ. Hidden away behind a development of apartments, this modern Fuller's pub next to the river and overlooking Brentford Ait (or Eyot/Ayot).

What 3 Words location: spots.skills.onion

www.oneovertheait.co.uk

Food booking is strongly advised in all cases except the Express. There are more pubs around Kew Green, south of Kew Bridge.

If you are visiting from the north of the country, please be aware of the saying about London beer prices – "Buy two get one!"

AT A GUESS WE WOULD SAY, IF YOU ARRIVE WITH NO SHIRT AND THE NAME OF YOUR TEAM TATTOOED ACROSS YOUR BELLY, YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED INTO ANY OF THE ABOVE PUBS!

TRANSPORT



TRAVEL BY TRAIN / TUBE

Kew Bridge (SW Railway from Waterloo/ Clapham Junction). 5 mins walk to the away turnstiles (No step free access)

Gunnersbury tube (District Line Richmond Branch & London Overground Richmond to Stratford service). 15 minutes level walk or bus (110, 237or 267) from Chiswick High Road to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre bus stop or bus H91 to Chiswick Roundabout bus stop. (No step free access)

Brentford (SW Railway from Waterloo/ Clapham Junction). **18 mins level walk** to the away turnstiles (**Has step free access**)

Acton Town tube (Piccadilly and District Line Ealing Broadway branch. 25 minutes downhill stroll (Has step free access)

Kew Gardens tube and railway (tube services as Gunnersbury). 25 minutes level walk, or bus 110 from bus stop N in Sandycombe Rd to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre bus stop (Has step free access)

Chiswick Park tube District Line Ealing Broadway branch. 25 minute level walk or buses same as Gunnersbury above (No step free access) use after the match as Gunnersbury is closed Turnham Green tube District line Ealing and Richmond branches. At 35+ mins a bit of a hike, but only a couple of minutes to Chiswick High Rd with its various pubs, cafes and shops plus buses to the GTech (buses same as Gunnersbury above) (No step free access)

South Ealing tube Piccadilly Line Heathrow branch. Then a 65 bus to London Museum of Water & Steam bus stop (No step free access)

South Acton (London Overground). 30 min walk but only useful after the match when Gunnersbury is closed (Has step free access)



CYCLING

There are 88 cycle spaces located at the NW corner of the stadium. The area is covered by CCTV but bikes are left at the owner's risk. Insurance and a quality lock are recommended.

What 3 Words location: became.chained. fever



BUS STOPS CLOSE TO GTECH

65 (Ealing Broadway to Kingston) – to London Museum of Water & Steam bus stop Y or Kew Bridge Station bus stop S

H91 (Hammersmith to Hounslow West) – to Chiswick Roundabout/Gunnersbury bus stop M or R

110 (Hammersmith to Hounslow Bus Garage) – to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre **bus stop K**

237 (Shepherds Bush to Hounslow Heath) – to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre **bus stop K**

267 (Hammersmith to Fulwell) – to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre **bus stop K**

After the match Kew Bridge station is accessible only via the tunnel from Lionel Road South onto the London bound platform. The west bound platform is only accessible via the road bridge. There will be a long queue and we recommend walking to another station. Gunnersbury is also closed for at least an hour after the match for safety reasons.





TRAVEL FROM LONDON HEATHROW

Piccadilly Line to South Ealing then 65 bus as above or Elizabeth Line to Ealing Broadway then 65 bus as above.



Driving is not advised with limited parking in the immediate area. Parking in Lionel Road North is not advised. It's a known car crime hotspot.

The entire locality (and the club's own parking options, link below) are within the TfL Ultra-Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) which will cost £12.50 per day. Check before travel to see if you are liable to pay the £12.50: tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle

Parking suggestions:

www.brentfordfcparking.co.uk www.yourparkingspace.co.uk/london www.justpark.com



Hopefully all, or at least some, of the information on these pages has been helpful to you and you will enjoy your visit to the GTech Community Stadium.

We wish you a warm welcome, a great and exciting match and, of course, a Brentford win!

Jeff Dent, Bees United, July 2024

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