

Harrogate Town AFC

AWAY VISITORS GUIDE

2021-22 Season



Welcome

Come and experience the award-winning EnviroVent Stadium, home of Harrogate Town - 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!

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

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 and apartment for those longer stays, and which are the easiest routes to the stadium via public transport, you will find all the information here.



The EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent Stadium
Wetherby Road, Harrogate HG2 7SA

Wetherby Road (The EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent 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

Arriving at the Ground

Wetherby Road has undergone several notable redevelopments in a short space of time, and it has created a practical football league ground despite its small size. Accessibility is perhaps the only real issue of note, given that the only way into the ground is through one of two sets of turnstiles that can be found on Wetherby Road (A661) on the southern side of the ground. This is likely to stay the case as well given what surrounds the other three sides. Currently the North Gate is used by home fans and the South Gate is used by away fans. The North and South turnstiles, the two sets of turnstiles that are in use for the entire football ground, can be found at either end, with Club Offices located at the North end.

The views from inside the ground are generally very clear, with a nice mix of terracing behind either goal and a large, newer Main Stand for those who prefer a slightly higher up view and prefer to be seated.

All four sides of Harrogate Town's home offer something different, and there's sure to be at least one of them that suits your taste.

The southern side of Wetherby Road currently holds the EnviroVent Terrace and the EnviroVent Stand. The exterior of them is made up mostly of white corrugated iron, though most of that exterior is blocked from view by bushes that run alongside the A661.

It is not possible to walk around the immediate vicinity of Wetherby Road's other three sides.

The West Stand, currently known for sponsorship reasons as the AON Terrace, has a large car park to its rear that is used by Harrogate District Hospital. Access to the AON Terrace is through the North Gate.



The northern side of The EnviroVent Stadium, which contains the Black Sheep Brewery Stand, Main Stand and Corporate Seating Area, has the Harrogate Ambulance Station behind it and it is not necessary for fans to walk around to here on matchdays.

The eastern side of the football ground, currently known as the Myrings Terrace, has a row of houses directly behind it. Access to the Myrings Terrace is via the South Gate.

Away Supporters

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 EnviroVent Stand (seating) as well as in a section of the EnviroVent 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 EnviroVent Terrace, fans need to come through the South Turnstile off the A661, and turn left immediately after entering the ground.

Inside the Ground

South Side

The southern side of The EnviroVent Stadium can essentially be split into three sections, the smallest of which is towards the southwest corner and just in front of the Club Offices where there is a small, covered stand for disabled supporters.

The **EnviroVent Terrace** is located next to this and takes up most of Wetherby Road's southern side. It is a single tier of standing terrace with two rows of yellow metal bars in place for supporters to lean on. The dugouts can be found in front of this section. The view from inside the EnviroVent Terrace is almost perfectly

clear, though there are two floodlight poles coming down through the roof which may restrict your view lightly if you are stood towards the back of the terrace but shouldn't if you are stood down at the front or at either end of the terraced section.

The third part of the south side is the **EnviroVent Stand**, a single tier of entirely yellow seating that offers a completely clear view of the action taking place on the pitch and has a large windshield in place at one end to offer good protection from the elements.

On matchdays, the disabled area and the home section of the EnviroVent Terrace is accessed via the North Turnstiles off the A661, whilst the EnviroVent Stand is accessed via the south turnstiles for away supporters.

West End

The **AON Terrace** is very similar in height to the adjacent EnviroVent Terrace. It is a single tier of standing terrace with two rows of yellow metal bars in place for fans to lean on. There are access points along the stand's back wall and a yellow wall at either end each featuring an image of a notable moment in Harrogate Town's recent history. The view from inside the AON Terrace is excellent as there are no supporting pillars coming down from the roof, and the yellow walls offer decent protection from the sides. Access is via the North Turnstiles off the A661.

North Side

The northern side is split into three main sections.

In the northwestern corner is the **Black Sheep Brewery Stand**, a single tier of standing terrace with three rows of black metal bars in place for fans to lean on. The view is mostly, perfectly clear, but there is a pole coming down through the centre of this section that one of the floodlights is attached to at the top. This pole could restrict your view slightly if you are stood in the rows behind it. The Stand does however have a windshield at the end next to the northwest corner that offers good protection from the elements.

The centre section on the north side is the **Main Stand**, a single tier of entirely yellow seating. The view from most of the Main Stand, particularly the centre, is perfectly clear but there are two floodlight poles that come down through the roof and into the seating blocks. These may restrict the view for back row seats at either end of the stand. The Black Sheep Stand next to the Main Stand offers a decent level of protection on one side, but the other side of the Main Stand is open.

In the northeast corner is the **Corporate Lounge** and Seating Area. It is noticeably lower than the nearby Main Stand and Black Sheep Stand, consisting of just a few rows of black and yellow seats with corporate boxes located behind them. The Corporate Seating Area is also uncovered in some places and has supporting pillars running along the front of it.

East End

The **Myrings Terrace** is located at the Eastern end of the ground and is single-tiered and only a few rows high with the player's tunnel situated just off centre. The view from almost everywhere in the Myrings Terrace is clear. The only issue is if you are stood directly behind the goal as the stand itself is not much taller than the goalposts. Both ends of the Myrings Terrace are well protected from the elements, however.

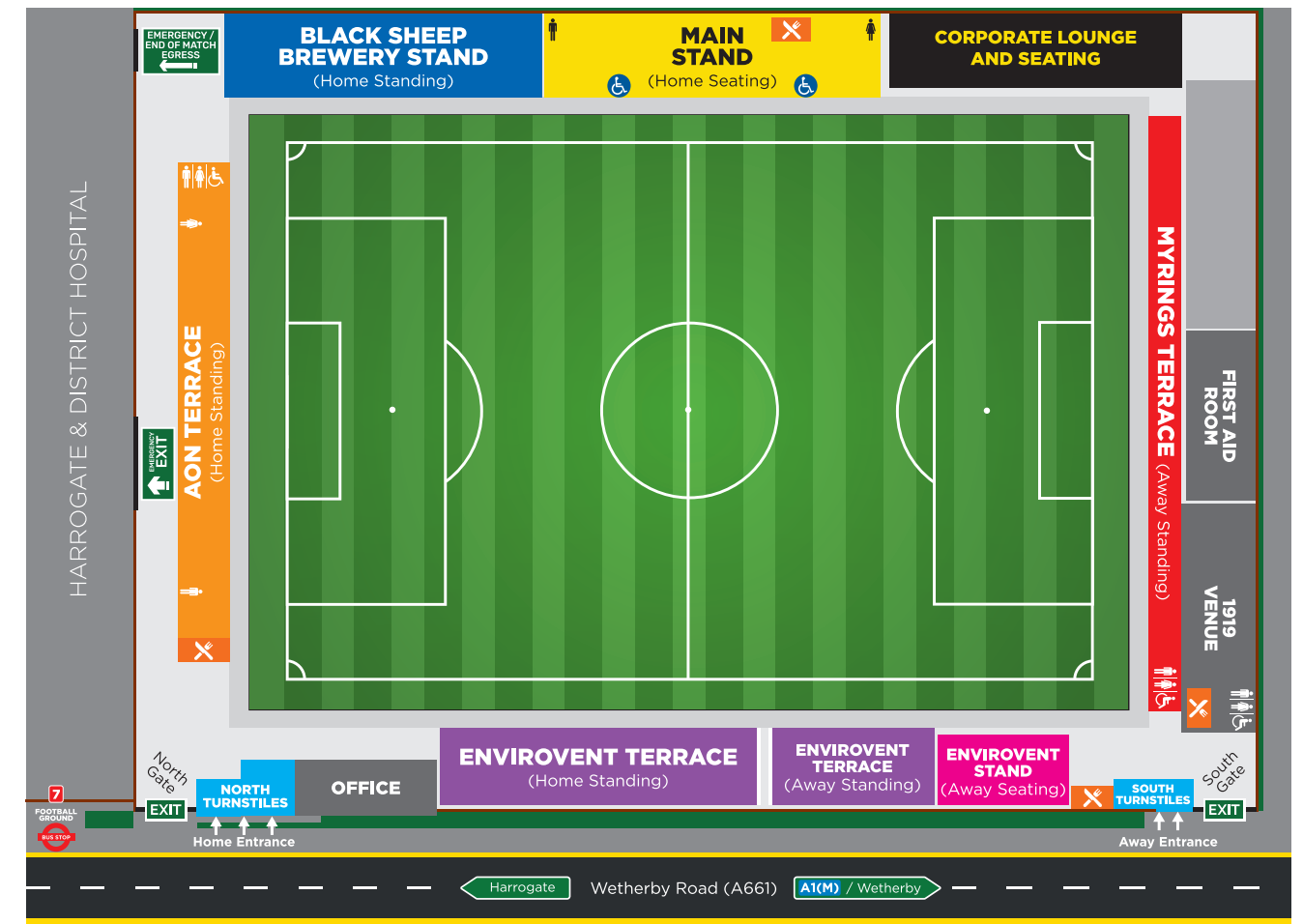
Food & Drink

There is a number of kiosks around the ground where you and your family can pick up traditional matchday food and a mixture of hot and cold beverages before and during the match.

Alternatively, if you wish to enhance your matchday experience, then why not have a look at the variety of hospitality packages on offer. For more details on these packages, please call 01423 210600 or email hospitality@harrogatetownafc.com.

THE envirovent® STADIUM

Wetherby Road,
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Stadium Security & Safety

All our matches are manned by fully-trained SIA Security Stewards who can be easily identified by their uniform. We have trained medics in attendance, two Defibrillator Units on site and first aiders to attend to minor issues.

We would urge you not to bring bags to the stadium as we do have a Stop and Search Policy which is generally overseen by the local police outside the stadium at the turnstiles. We would also encourage people not to bring drums and flags as these will not be permitted in the ground.

[CLICK HERE](#) for our Ground Safety Regulations

Smoking Policy

The EnviroVent Stadium has a no smoking policy (including E-cigarettes) in all areas of the ground. Supporters will not be allowed to leave and return to the stadium at any time during the duration of a match to smoke. Any supporter caught smoking inside stadium may be ejected.

Matchday Programme

Matchday Programmes will be available to purchase at the ground on matchdays as well as it being available to order online. Programmes will also be available at the Official Club Store located at 32 Commercial Street, Harrogate. Supporters can also read the programme online for free from 24 hours before kick off.

Official Club Store

Located at 32 Commercial Street, Harrogate HG1 1TY, Harrogate Town's Official Club Store stocks a range of club merchandise, which can be viewed and purchased online via the link below. For the most up to date opening times, please see [@HTAFCStore](#) on Twitter.

[VISIT THE ONLINE CLUB STORE HERE](#)

Useful Information

Matchday Pubs

Recommended pubs that are available to both home and away supporters on a matchday include:

Christies Bar

20 King's Road, HG1 5JW
(Located near Harrogate town centre)

The Den

Nidderdale House, Cambridge Road, HG1 1NS
(Located in Harrogate town centre)

The Empress

10 Church Square, HG1 4SP
(Located east of the football ground)

The Harrogate Tap

Harrogate Station, Station Parade, HG1 1TE
(Located within Harrogate Station)

The Winter Gardens

Unit 4, Royal Baths, Parliament Street, HG1 2RR
(A JD Wetherspoon Pub located around Harrogate town centre)

Accommodation

Accommodation available to supporters around a matchday include:

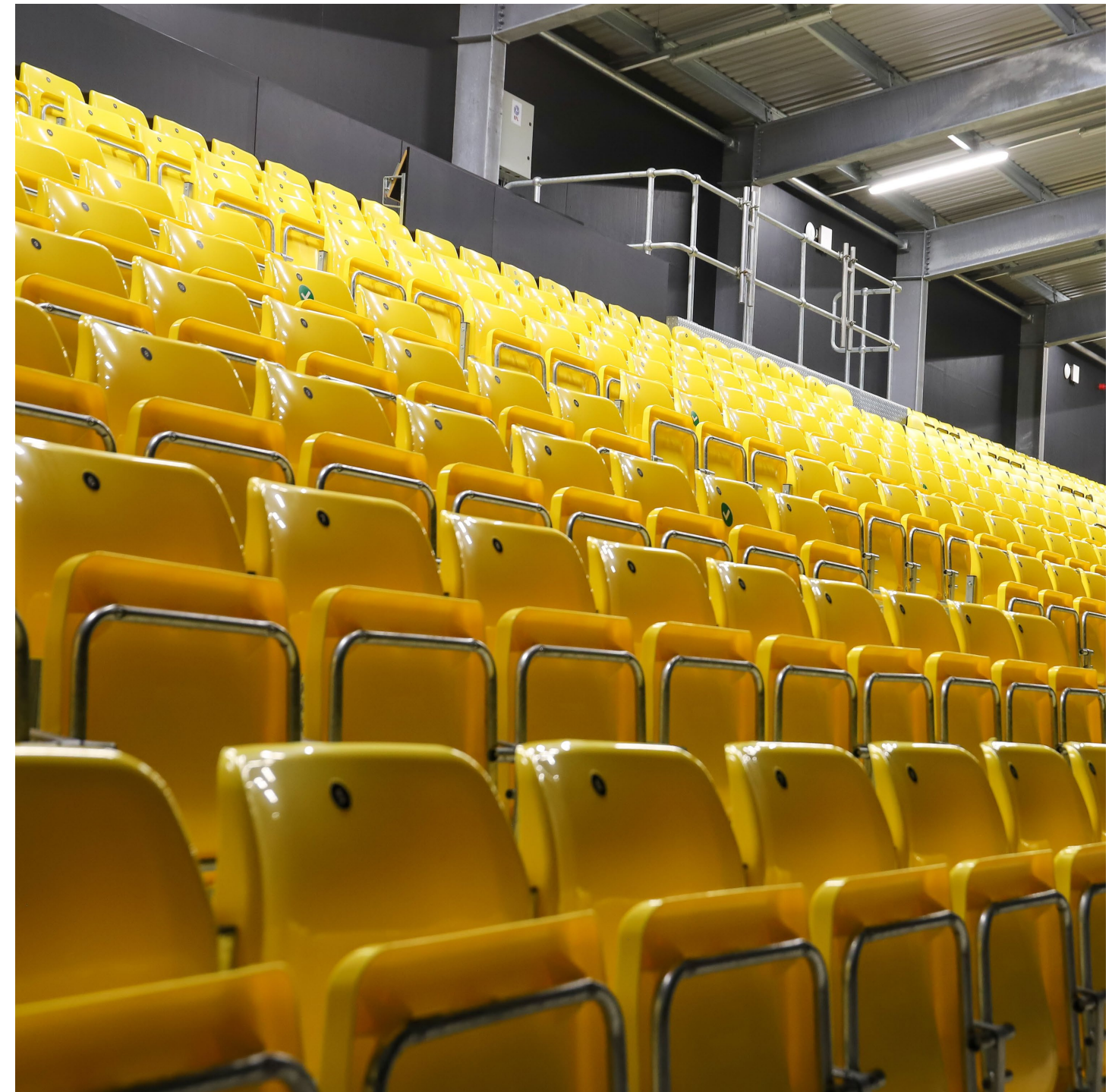
Harrogate Lifestyle Luxury Serviced Apartments – located in the town centre

Cedar Court Hotel – located 15 minutes' walk north of the ground.

Premier Inn – located just slightly north of the town centre, 30 minutes' walk to the ground

Football Ground Guide

You can also find some useful information at <https://footballgroundguide.com>; which gives a 'fans guide to football grounds' although please be aware that information isn't always fully up to date.





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