

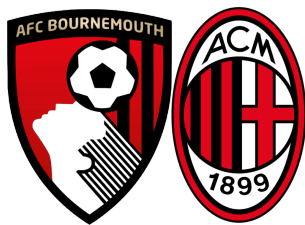


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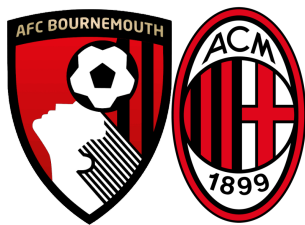


VITALITY STADIUM
22/10/2026 – 8:00 PM, LOCAL TIME

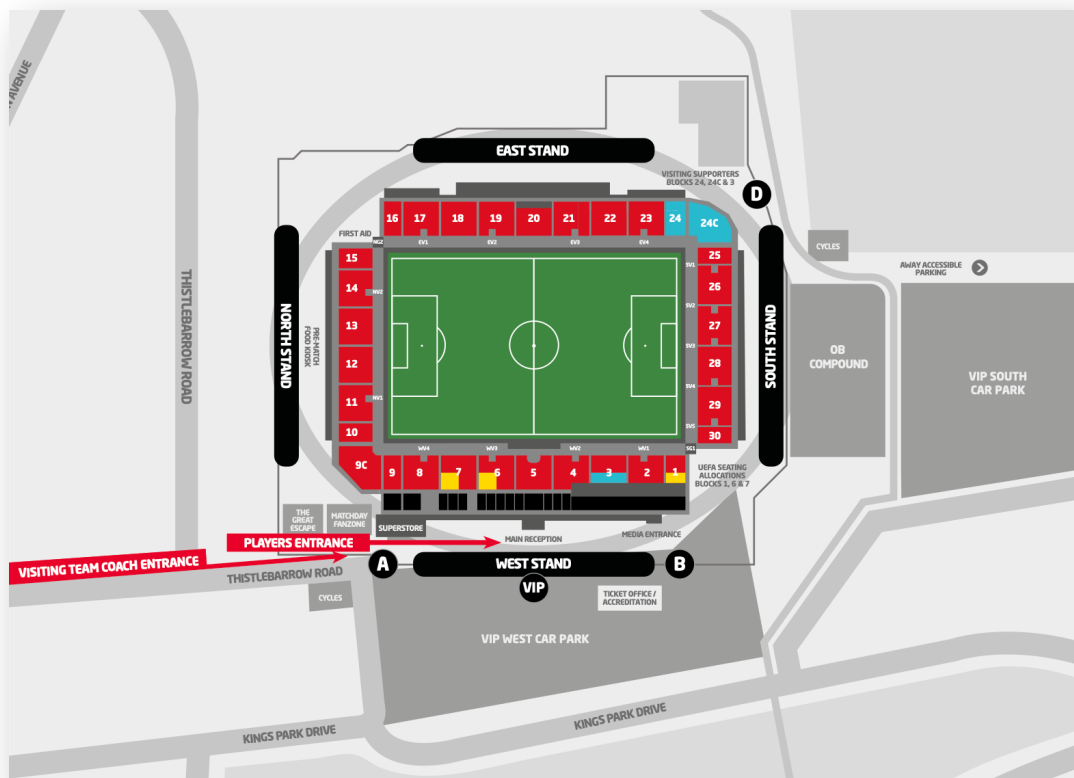


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STADIUM



INAUGURATED: 1910

ADDRESS: Dean Court, Kings Park, Bournemouth, BH7 7AF

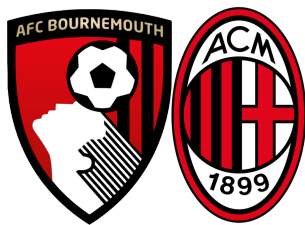
COVERING: All seats covered

PITCH DIMENSIONS: 105 x 68

CAPACITY: 11 286

GATES OPENING: 2 hours before k.o., unless otherwise directed by the Authorities

RENOVATION: 2001



AWAY SECTOR



GATE: Visiting Supporters

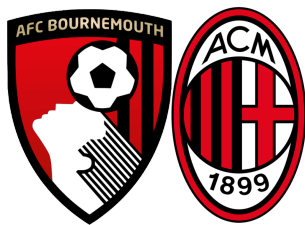
AWAY SECTOR: Block 24, 24C

GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM, local time, unless otherwise directed by the Authorities

CAPACITY: 632

HOLD BACK: 30 minutes

SPECIFIC RULES: Smoking is not allowed



HOW TO GET TO THE STADIUM



AIRPLANE

Southampton Airport: Go to Southampton Airport Parkway station, connected to the airport; there are direct trains to Bournemouth taking about 40–50 minutes.

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From Heathrow Airport: There are direct National Express buses to Bournemouth (about 2–2.5 hours), or you can take the train changing at Woking or Southampton.

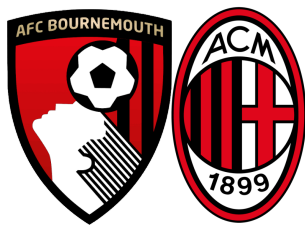
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The nearest railway station to the stadium is Pokesdown (for Boscombe), which is about a mile (approx. 1.6 km) from the ground and about a 15-minute walk. Currently, this station is not accessible to wheelchair users. Bournemouth railway station is about a 30-minute walk from the stadium and is accessible. Trains run regularly from various areas of Dorset and Hampshire.

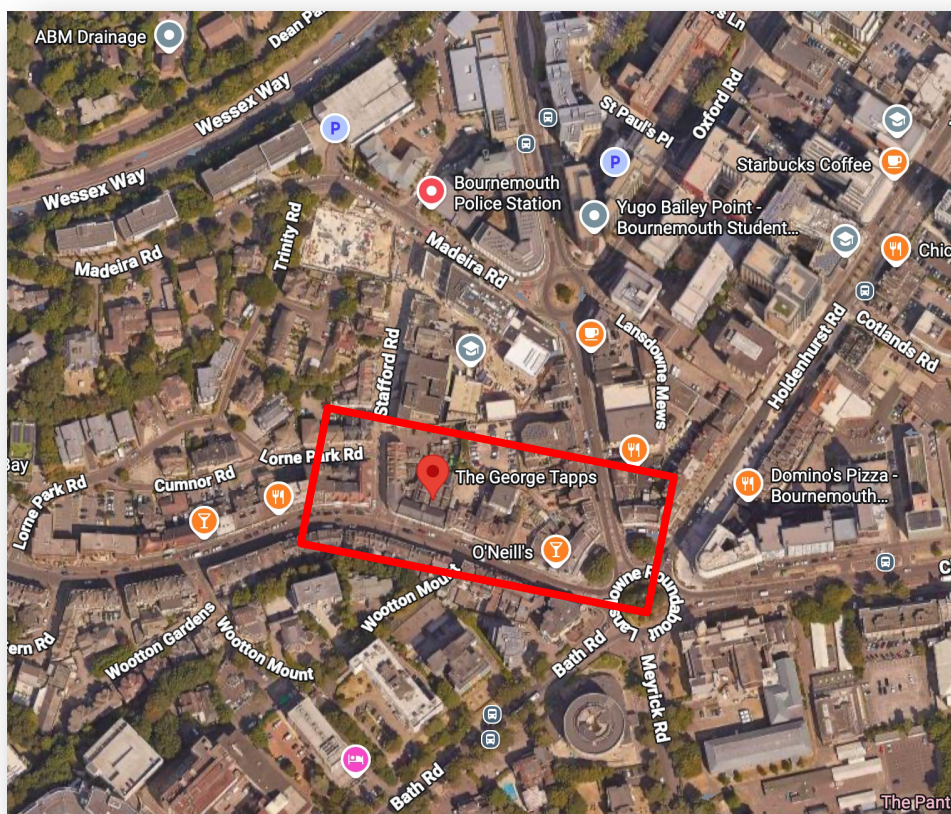


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From Bournemouth city center, the stadium (Vitality Stadium, at Kings Park) is about 2 miles (3 km) away and takes 10-15 minutes by car, longer on match days due to traffic. Generally, you leave the center heading east towards Boscombe, along Holdenhurst Road. The easiest way is to set your GPS/navigator to the postcode BH7 7AF.



MEETING POINT

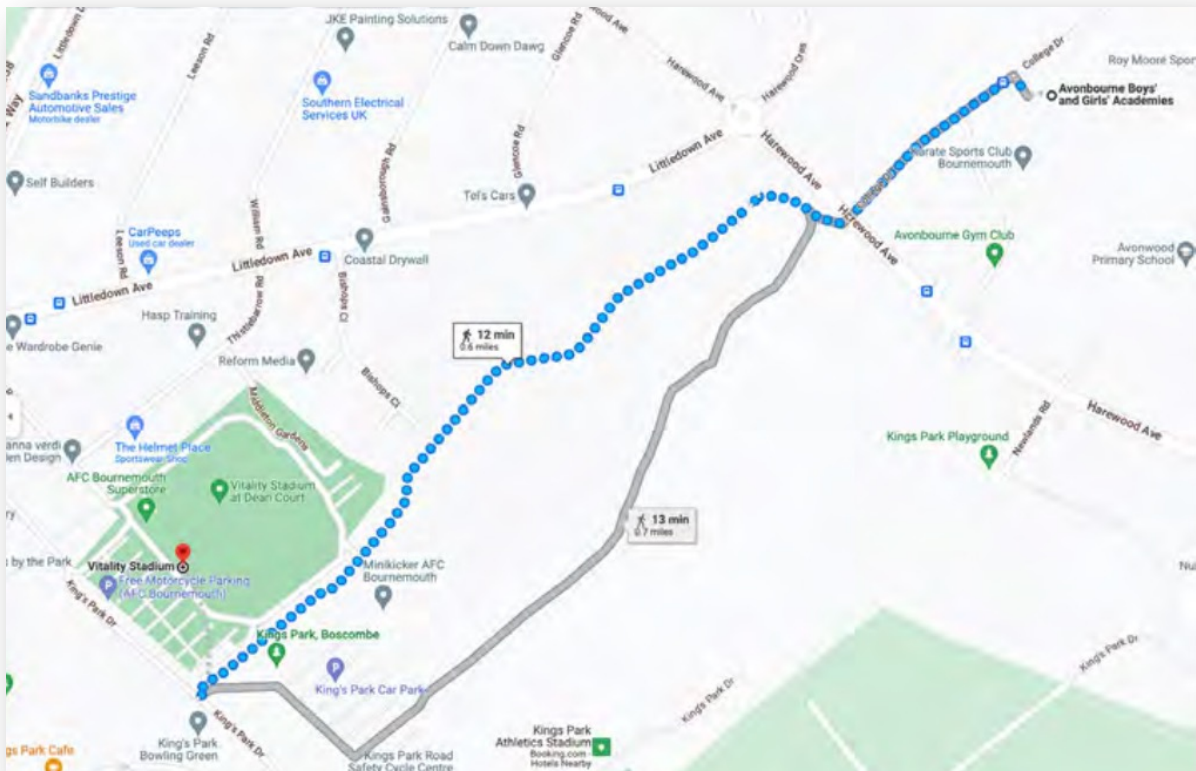


The meeting point is located at «**The George Tapps**, 207-215 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, BH1 1JZ» and will be open from the morning of the match day, an area where you can find pubs and restaurants inside which you can consume food and drinks. From the meeting point, fans can take the train from Bournemouth station to Pokesdown, which is about a 15-minute walk from the stadium and offers a short route. From Pokesdown, the walking route is going across Kings Park to the stadium.

The **VOUCHER – TICKETS** exchange point is located at **The NICI Bournemouth Hotel, W Hill Road, Bournemouth**, and the exchange can be made from 11:00 on match day until 19:00, local time, on match day.

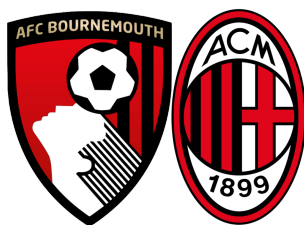


PARKING



For free parking just a 10-minute walk from the stadium, **Avonbourne Academies** (formerly Harewood College) opens 3 hours before kick-off on weekends and 1 hour and 45 minutes before kick-off for midweek matches.

If you are using a satellite navigator, please do not enter the postcode and instead set it to "**Harewood Avenue**". The car park has around 200 spaces, with 3 reserved for disabled people.



STADIUM REGULATIONS



ALCOHOL



CANNED DRINKS



DRINKING GLASSES



GLASS BOTTLES



GLASS VESSELS
(E.G PERFUME)



SOLID CONTAINERS
OR FLASKS



AIR HORNS



BABY BUGGIES OR
PRAMS



VIDEO RECORDING
EQUIPMENT



LARGE LENS
CAMERA



POLES OR STICKS
(INCLUDING SELFIE - STICKS)



FLAGS OR BANNER
LARGER THAN 2M X
1M OF AN OFFENSIVE
OR POLITICAL NATURE



KNIVES OR
WEAPONS



LARGE BAGS OR
SUITCASES
(INCLUDING CABIN BAGS)



UMBRELLAS



FIREWORKS OR
FLARES



SMOKE OR
GAS CANISTERS



LASER PENS



TOOLS



MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS



DANGEROUS OR
HAZARDOUS ITEMS
(UNLESS AUTHORISED
BY THE CLUB)



VITALITY STADIUM IS A NO
SMOKING STADIUM, THIS
INCLUDES THE USE OF
ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES
AND VAPORISERS

PROHIBITED ITEMS



HOME TEAM



In 1899, "Boscombe F.C." was founded in Boscombe, a district of Bournemouth, as the successor to a local church youth group team (Boscombe St John's Lads Institute). In 1910, the club moved to Dean Court, in Kings Park, where it still plays today. In 1923, it entered the Football League under the name Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, while in 1971 it adopted its current name: AFC Bournemouth.

In January 1984, managed by Harry Redknapp, the club beat Manchester United 2-0 in the third round of the FA Cup, one of the most famous victories in its history. In 1998, it reached the Football League Trophy final at Wembley, losing to Grimsby Town. The year 2008 marked its darkest moment: the club went into administration, suffered points deductions in the league standings, and faced the risk of bankruptcy and relegation out of the Football League. In January 2009, Eddie Howe, who was only 31 years old, was appointed manager, kicking off an extraordinary climb: from League Two to League One, and all the way up to the Championship.

In 2015, Bournemouth won the Championship and earned promotion to the Premier League for the first time, completing the journey from the lower divisions to the top flight in just a few years. Following relegation in 2020 and a return to the Premier League in 2022, the club stabilized under new American ownership, and starting in 2023 under manager Andoni Iraola, it has achieved increasingly higher results, including the points record in the top flight during the 2024/25 season.



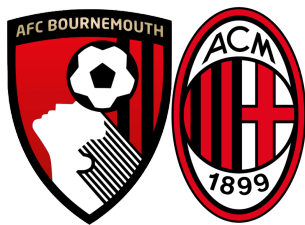
CITY



In Bournemouth you will find the Bournemouth Pier, the long pier that extends out to sea in front of the beach, above the golden sand that stretches for about 11 kilometers. The current pier dates back to 1880 and is the symbol of the city: it offers a beautiful view of the coast and cliffs, and from its walkway you can admire the sunset over the bay.

You can also find in the heart of the city the Bournemouth Gardens (Lower, Central and Upper Gardens), which follow the course of the small River Bourne from the center down to the sea. They were created in the 19th century, during the period when Bournemouth was transforming from a heathland village into an elegant seaside resort. Today they are among the green spaces most loved by residents and visitors, with manicured lawns, flower beds, and shaded paths.

Also present in Bournemouth is the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum, housed in East Cliff Hall, an unusual-looking Victorian villa built in 1901 by Merton Russell-Cotes as a gift to his wife. The interiors are a tribute to the eclecticism of the era, with oriental influences and art collections gathered during the family's travels. Not far away, the chines, wooded ravines that descend towards the sea, such as Alum Chine and Durley Chine, tell the greener and more natural side of the city.



USEFUL INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112

RADIO TAXI: +01 202 707070

ITALIAN CONSULATE: +44 (0) 745 4681394

TICKET PRICE: €36

AWAY SECTOR COVERAGE: yes

GATES OPEN: 2 hours before, unless otherwise directed by the Authorities

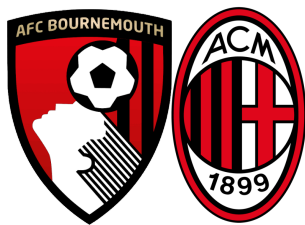
HOLD BACK: 30 minutes

NEAREST HOSPITAL: The Royal Bournemouth Hospital

LAST GUIDE UPDATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 12:00 PM

TIMES IN THE GUIDE: All times in the guide refer to the time zone of Bournemouth

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Bournemouth Police have announced that, due to maintenance work on the railway line, the last useful train of the day to reach London will depart from «Pokesdown» station at 22:24 local time. As an exception, it will continue all the way to «London Waterloo» instead of terminating at the scheduled station, «Woking».



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WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU!

Thursday 22 october 2026
8:00 PM, local time

FORZA MILAN!