

# LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Away Fan & New Visitor Guide

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## WELCOME

The LNER Stadium has been the home of Lincoln City Football Club, also known as the Imps, since 1895.

The club's nickname is taken from the legendary Lincoln Imp, found turned to stone by an angel in the rafters of Lincoln Cathedral.

Founded in 1884, the Imps were officially named as an amateur association despite playing as a team since the 1860s. The club's most famous former player is Graham Taylor, who also managed Lincoln City between 1971 and 1977.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Lincoln and enjoy the game at The LNER Stadium!

If you have any questions please email [slo@theredimps.com](mailto:slo@theredimps.com)



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## GETTING TO LINCOLN

Lincoln is closer than you think and easy to get to from any direction.

### BY ROAD

If travelling by road:

- From the North: via the A15 (Hull) or the A46 (Grimsby);
- From the South: via the A46 (Leicester, Nottingham, Newark) or the A1 and A15 (London, East Anglia);
- From the East: via the A158 (Skegness);
- From the West: via the A1 and A57 (Leeds, Worksop, Sheffield).

There are several options for parking:

- There is a “Saturday Game Day” offer for fans in Central Car Park (1,000 spaces) with discounted parking for Season Ticket holders and match by match ticket purchases. The price is only £4.20 through using the QR code provided. Activate this offer by scanning the code at the pay machine. Subject to space availability at car park.
- There is also the “Midweek Game Day” offer at King Street (100); Tentercroft Street (380) (offer code: 7840); Lucy Tower (420)(offer code: 7852) – total 900 spaces. This offer is for discounted parking for Season Ticket holders and match by match purchases. There is a discounted evening tariff after 6pm, the typical full cost is £3.50 – 50% off offer: £1.75.

- The South Common Car Park (LN5 8LN) can be booked online via [eticketing.co.uk/imps](https://eticketing.co.uk/imps), only 5-10 minute walk from the stadium. This is available on a first come first serve basis at £5 per match (tickets for the car park must be booked in advance with no cash sales on the day)
- Supporters with disabilities must contact the Ticket Office regarding parking by calling **01522 880011** or by emailing [dlo@theredimps.com](mailto:dlo@theredimps.com).

### SAT NAV

The postcode for LNER Stadium is **LN5 8LD**

### BY RAIL

Lincoln Central Train Station is on the East Coast, East Midlands, and Northern train routes. On arrival, the stadium is a 15 minute walk via High Street, Scorer Street, and Cross Street.

**Full details are available at** [visitlincoln.com/travel-tools](https://visitlincoln.com/travel-tools).





# AT THE LNER STADIUM

## Information Point:

Upon your arrival at the LNER Stadium our friendly and welcoming Supporter Liaison Officers will be located around the stadium and University of Lincoln Fan Village should you have any queries. Alternatively, you can email [slo@theredimps.com](mailto:slo@theredimps.com) before the day of the game.

## Ticket Office:

The Lincoln City Ticket Office has a welcoming and helpful team to assist with all ticketing related queries, for both home and away supporters. It is located within the stadium along with the club store. On match days it is open from 10am, or can be contacted by phone on **01522 458884** or via email at [tickets@theredimps.com](mailto:tickets@theredimps.com).

## Programmes:

Our official Matchday Programme '**We Are Imps**' is full of **exclusive interviews**, content and much more. Our match day magazine is a must read and is available for £3 from the official sellers located outside and within the stadium.



# MATCHDAY TIMELINE

Below is a typical matchday itinerary which lists the events going on during the day at the LNER Stadium.

Kick-Off 15:00	Kick-Off 19:45	Activity
12:00	16:45	All bars and matchday restaurants open
12:00	16:45	University of Lincoln Fan Village open to all fans
12:30	17:15	Live football on in all our bars
13:30	18:15	Stadium opens
14:00	18:45	The Former Players Association with special guests in the Fan Village
14:15	19:00	Team announced in University of Lincoln Fan Village by the Former Players Association.
15:00	19:45	Fan Lounge and University of Lincoln Fan Village closes
15:00	19:45	Match Kicks Off
15:45	20:30	University of Lincoln Fan Village open for food and refreshments
17:00	21:45	Full Time

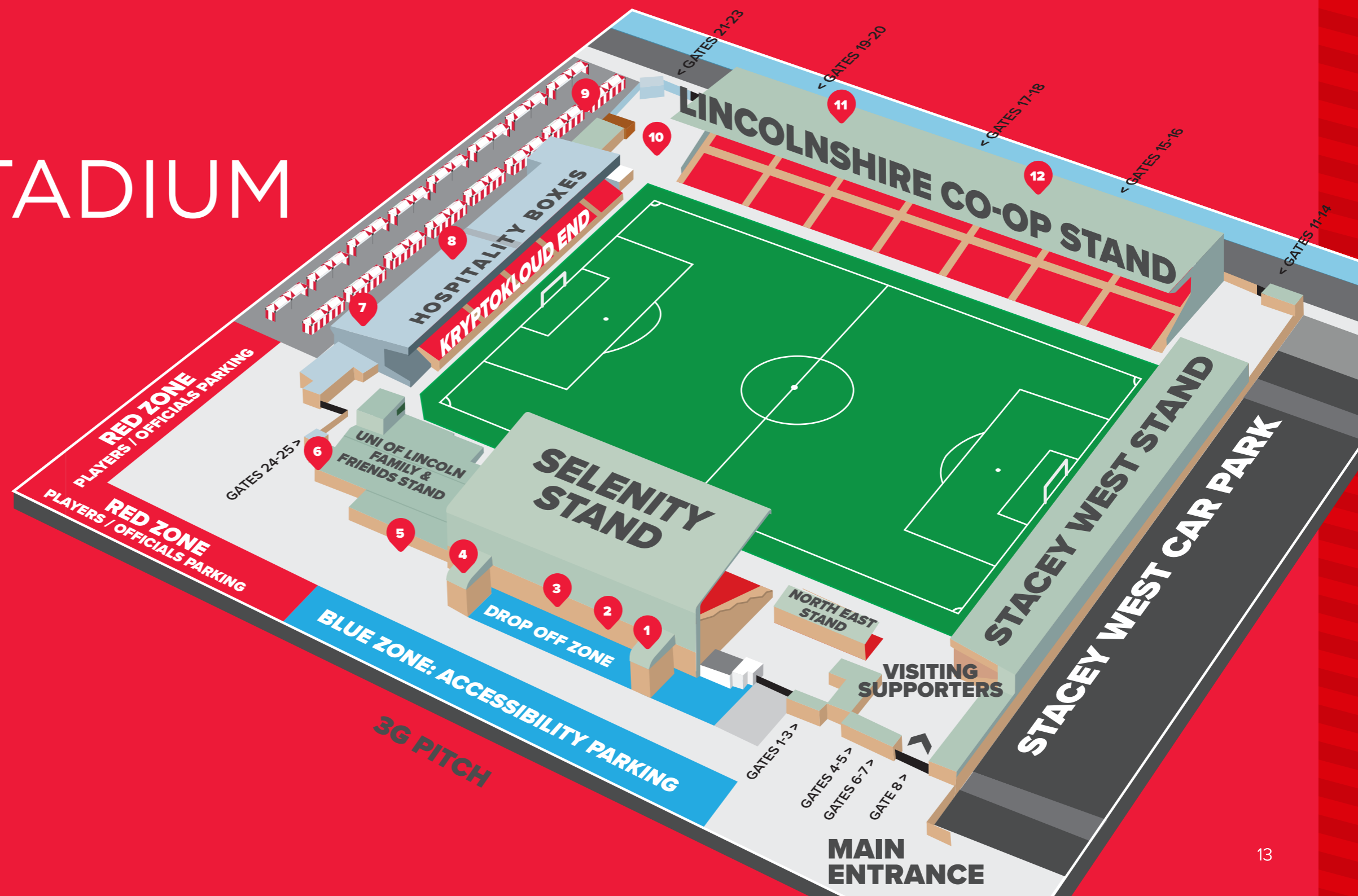


# WELCOME TO LNER STADIUM

HOME OF

## THE IMPS

1. BOARDROOM ENTRANCE
2. LINCOLN CITY FOUNDATION
3. TICKET OFFICE/CLUB SHOP
4. SRP 200 CLUB
5. PLAYERS' ENTRANCE
6. MEDIA SUITE
7. EXECUTIVE LOUNGE
8. FAN LOUNGE  
ALL FANS WELCOME
9. UNIVERSITY OF  
LINCOLN FAN VILLAGE
10. POACHER'S CORNER
11. BUILDBASE  
LEGENDS LOUNGE
12. RED IMP BAR  
HOME FANS ONLY





# STADIUM REGULATIONS

Lincoln City FC is committed to ensuring that all supporters have an enjoyable experience at the LNER Stadium.

## NON-PERMITTED ITEMS WITHIN THE STADIUM INCLUDE:

- Bottles;
- Cans;
- Video cameras;
- Cameras (excluding mobiles);
- Pyrotechnics;
- Flags larger than 250 cm in size at widest/longest point. Flags smaller than this must be fire retardant and use either wood or plastic poles.

## SMOKING POLICY:

- The LNER Stadium is a smoke free zone, including use of e-cigarettes;
- Designated smoking bubbles can be used during intervals;
- Supporters will not be allowed to leave and return to the stadium.

## SAFE TEXT NUMBER

Any supporter who persistently uses expletives could face a ban from the stadium. Any supporters who become the victim of (or witness) any abuse, you can report it anonymously by texting our safe text number,

**07718 483367**







# ACCESSIBILITY

Lincoln City FC is committed to ensuring that all supporters have an enjoyable experience at the LNER Stadium.

Tickets can be arranged by contacting the visiting club. For any other queries/accessibility requirements, please email [dlo@theredimps.com](mailto:dlo@theredimps.com). Our Access Statement is available to view on our website at

<https://cutt.ly/XQ9rqF7>



More information on accessible Lincoln and things to do, places to stay and food and drink can be found at [visitlincoln.com/accessible](http://visitlincoln.com/accessible)





# UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN FAN VILLAGE

The University of Lincoln family fan village adds to the matchday experience.

Situated outside the Fan Lounge, the University of Lincoln Fan Village is free to all and gives both home and away fans the chance to purchase refreshments. There is also a variety of entertainment on offer, including live football, music and the chance to see some former Imps who may have played for your club too.

University of Lincoln Fan Village features include:

- Pouring points at either end of the fan village
- Local businesses serving food on the day
- Different entertainment to fit in with the theme of the day - A selection of refreshments.
- Children's activities

## Need more help?

For more information on the day, look for one of our Supporter Liaison Officers to point you in the right direction, or contact the club before the day of the game by emailing [slo@theredimps.com](mailto:slo@theredimps.com).







## MATCHDAY CATERING

There are bar and refreshment facilities in the home and away stands which offer a range of pies, burgers, hot dogs, confectionery and soft drinks. All of our food is cooked and served fresh, so there may be queues at peak times.

Also continuing the local theme, there will be mobile catering kiosks around the stadium footprint and in the University of Lincoln Fan Village which are all part of the Lincoln Street Food Collective, from the likes of the ever popular Yellowbelly Sausage Company, Curry Jacks, Kind Kebab and The Good Grub Catering Co.

Please note that card payments are not accepted in the away kiosks inside the stadium and there are no cash points inside the stadium. The nearest cash machine is located at the convenience store on Lincoln High Street (LN5 8HX).



# THINGS TO DO

Lincoln has so much to offer, make sure you explore the whole city when visiting for the football. Here are our top five things to do when in the city:

## Lincoln Cathedral

The Cathedral can be seen from miles around, and even from the stands at LNER Stadium. Explore what was once the tallest building in the world – a place of beauty and tranquillity. Don't forget to look out for the gargoyles outside, and the famous Lincoln Imp inside, from whom Lincoln City FC take their nickname.

## Lincoln Castle

The Castle on the hill was built by William the Conqueror to defend any future invasions of England. And it has stood strong ever since, even in the face of two Battles of Lincoln. Today it holds events, is home to a 1215 copy of Magna Carta, and you can walk the entire walls with stunning views across the city. Can you spot the stadium to the south?

## Steep Hill

One of the most famous hills in England connects the busy city centre to the cobbled Cathedral Quarter of Lincoln! But fear not, there are plenty of unique shops, tea rooms, coffee houses, and historic pubs along the way to give you a rest and keep you refreshed. And don't forget to pick up your "I Climbed Steep Hill" souvenir at the Visitor Information Centre at the top!

## Brayford Waterfront

LNER Stadium is found alongside one of the city's many waterways, the most famous of which is the Brayford Pool. Close to the city centre, the Waterfront

is the perfect base for a day in Lincoln with restaurants, pubs, coffee shops, and a cinema for entertainment. You can also take a boat trip to explore more of the area or stay overnight with views from the 4th floor at one of the waterfront hotels.

## International Bomber Command Centre

You will often hear echoes of Lincoln's Royal Air Force past in the stands at LNER Stadium as air raid sirens and the Dam Busters theme are sung by home support. Discover this heritage for yourself just a 20 minute

walk away past the South Common at the International Bomber Command Centre. The poignant memorial spire and walls are accompanied by a fascinating exhibition to remember more than 50,000 servicemen and women who died serving Bomber Command in WWII – many based in the county.

**Find full details at [visitlincoln.com/visitingfantips](http://visitlincoln.com/visitingfantips)**







# THINGS TO DO

## 1 HOUR BEFORE KICK OFF:

Walking time: 15 minutes

### Cornhill Quarter

Walk from the stadium to Lincoln's High Street. The Cornhill Quarter has received a £30m revamp and includes Cosy Club restaurant, Everyman Cinema, The Botanist, retail shops and entertainment venues. There are regular food, craft and artists markets lining the High Street, plus street performances in City Square.

Walking time: 15 minutes

### Brayford Pool

Lincoln's waterfront has a wide range of restaurants and bars, as well as hotels and a multi-screen cinema. If the weather is warm you can eat and drink al fresco overlooking the water.

## 2 HOURS BEFORE KICK OFF

Walking time: 40 minutes

### Cathedral Quarter

Look up the hill and you can't miss Lincoln Cathedral. Walk from the stadium along the High Street and keep heading up. You'll walk along the High Street before reaching the cobbled street of 'The Strait', which is lined with boutique shops and independent traders. If you fancy a breather, take a rest at The Collection Museum or the Usher Art Gallery. If you'd rather keep going, walk up 'Steep Hill' and be rewarded with Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln Castle (money saving Joint Tickets available through [www.VisitLincoln.com/joint](http://www.VisitLincoln.com/joint)).

Walking time: 40 minutes

### International Bomber Command Centre

Make your way to South Common and you'll see the memorial spire of International Bomber Command Centre reaching into the sky. The spire and walls are accompanied by an exhibition to remember more than 50,000 service men and women who died serving bomber command in WWII.

## 3+ HOURS BEFORE KICK OFF

Walking time: 40 minutes

### Cathedral Quarter

Enjoy Lincoln's open top sightseeing bus 'Tour Lincoln'. With live commentary it is one of the best ways to experience the whole city – and you can hop on and off at 10 different stops. The full tour lasts 1 hour and starts at Lincoln Cathedral. Buy your ticket from the Visitor Information Centre for a discount [www.VisitLincoln.com/tour](http://www.VisitLincoln.com/tour).



## LINCOLN LOVES KIDS

If you're bringing the kids to the match in Lincoln, stay a little longer for a great family break.

Whether it's galloping through Lincoln Castle, hearing your echoes at the Cathedral or getting crafty at The Collection; Lincoln is the perfect backdrop for all your family adventures no matter how much time you have.

And on a match day head to the University of Lincoln Family Fan Village at the LNER for lots of family fun. Take part in the football speed test to see how you match up to Lincoln City's players, test your Robin Hood skills at the archery stand, and soak up the atmosphere before the big game.

Get more family inspiration at [visitlincoln.com/kids](http://visitlincoln.com/kids).







## PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

Arrive in Lincoln early to experience the tastes of Lincoln before the game.

Try somewhere like the Cosy Club for a special breakfast or head to the Brayford Waterfront for an al fresco lunch – both walking distance to the stadium for the match.

After the game head back into the city centre and enjoy a bite to eat and a pint of local ale at one of the historic pubs that line the High Street and Cathedral Quarter.

Plan your day with Visit Lincoln's guide to eating and drinking in the city at [visitlincoln.com/food-drink](https://www.visitlincoln.com/food-drink).



## WHERE TO STAY

Lincoln is an ideal destination for a long weekend break when visiting the LNER Stadium.

There are many quaint B&Bs, holiday apartments, and cathedral-view hotels ready to welcome you in the city. Or you could search for a cottage or country house hotel in the area surrounding the city.

If you'd like to stay closer to the action at the LNER, the Brayford Waterfront is home to three hotels – The Holiday Inn, DoubleTree by Hilton, and Holiday Inn Express – and is just a 30 minute walk to the stadium.

Closeby the historic area of Lincoln, know as the Cathedral Quarter includes a number of hotels. Within this area there are the White Hart and The Lincoln .

Search for places to stay and plan your break at [visitlincoln.com/stay](https://visitlincoln.com/stay).







## CONTACT

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