

# VISITING SUPPORTERS



# VISITING SUPPORTERS INFORMATION

## Match programmes

We advise visiting supporters in Doug Ellis Upper Tier – Block P to purchase a match programme from the official programme kiosks located on Witton Lane prior to entering the stadium. Due to limited facilities within the Upper Tier concourse area it is not always feasible for us to sell programmes.

## Visitors ticket collections

Tickets can be collected from The Arcadian Centre in Birmingham City Centre. The area itself is a 4 minute walk from New Street Station and is serviced by a number of Hotels from Budget to High end, all within 5 minute walk from the centre.

## Visiting supporters in home areas

Any visiting supporters identified in home areas of Villa Park will be ejected from the stadium.

## No smoking

Villa Park stadium complies with the legislation which restricts smoking, this is banned in the stadium and all buildings owned or operated by Aston Villa FC. The ground regulations issued by the club extend this prohibition to artificial cigarettes, which are commonly known as e-cigarettes. Any reference to smoking thus also includes e-cigarettes. Birmingham City Council officials visit the stadium on occasions to check compliance with the legislation, they are authorised to impose instant fines on anybody smoking.

## West Midlands Police on Twitter

For useful information on matchday, please follow West Midlands Police on Twitter - @WMPVillaFC

## Flags and banners

Where possible, we are happy to try and help the displaying of your flag and / or banner at Villa Park within the away area at Villa Park. Please email a photograph of your flag and / or banner to [lee.preece@avfc.co.uk](mailto:lee.preece@avfc.co.uk) at least three days prior to your visit. We reserve the right to refuse admission to any flag or banner Please get in touch in advance so we can confirm arrangements and avoid disappointing you on the day of the match.



# VISITING SUPPORTERS TRAVEL



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**TRAFFIC EXCLUSION ZONE**

Please note that in the interest of pedestrian safety, a traffic exclusion zone (TEZ) is imposed around Villa Park on match days to exclude vehicles on the following roads:

Witton Lane from the junction with Aston Hall Road to the traffic island at Witton Road, and Trinity Road between Nelson Road and Witton Lane.

The zone is in operation two hours prior to kick off to approximately 30-60 minutes after the final whistle. The precise timing is dependent upon traffic and pedestrian movement on the affected roads.

Residents' parking zones are in operation on match days. We strongly advise all supporters to use official car parks and avoid parking in residential areas. You will avoid the parking fine of £60 which you will incur for parking in within the residents' zones.

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## **Air**

The nearest airport is Birmingham International Airport. Rail connections are available from Birmingham International Airport via Birmingham New Street. Villa Park is approximately 25 minutes by road from Birmingham International Airport although you may wish to add additional travel time to account for matchday traffic.

## **Bike**

There are 20 cycle stand spaces available free of charge at Villa Park, located in the Villa Village Car Park

## **Car**

We recommend away fans use junction 6 of the M6 to access Villa Park. Parking is available at <https://astonvillaparking.co.uk/>

## **Parking for Disabled supporters**

Parking for visiting disabled supporters is available on the away coach park. Away clubs will be sent an allocation of permits which need to be purchased in advance from that club. Please note that accessible parking cannot be purchased on the day of the game.

## **Coach**

The visiting supporters' coach park is located on Witton Lane and is highlighted on the map shown on page 6 of this guide. Parking for away coaches is free, and the coach park is located very close to your turnstiles. If you organise coach travel to Villa Park then please email the West Midlands Police Football Liaison Department in advance of your travel arrangements on [s.bladen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:s.bladen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk).

## **Minibus**

We recommend away fans traveling by Minibus use junction 6 of the M6 to access Villa Park. Parking is available at Powerleague located on the Lichfield Road. If you organise away minibus travel to Villa Park, please email the West Midlands Police Football Liaison Officer in advance of your travel arrangements at [s.bladen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:s.bladen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk).

## **Rail**

Witton station is the nearest station to Villa Park, and is also the nearest train station to the visiting supporters seating at Villa Park. As well as regular services from Birmingham New Street, Witton station offers park & ride possibilities north of Villa Park on the Walsall line. For details of the accessible features of the station and for timetable information please visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) and [www.networkwestmidlands.com](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com)

