



For Attention of Opposition Captains and Club Administrators

## **Key Information for Visiting Clubs to Gravesham and Wellcome Hockey Club**

This document has been produced to support visiting clubs who are scheduled to play a fixture against Gravesham and Wellcome Hockey Club (GWHC) during the 2023/24 season.

### **GWHC Club Colours**

Gravesham and Wellcome Hockey Club wear a white shirt with white shorts and yellow socks. Please bring an alternate coloured shirt or socks if there is a colour clash.

### **Location**

Gravesham and Wellcome Hockey Club play all home fixtures at the following location - Gravesend Rugby Club, Donald Briggs Drive, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2TL. There is sufficient car parking on-site, though this is shared with Gravesend Rugby Club, and the tennis club.

Googlemaps: C9PJ+X9 Gravesend - <https://goo.gl/maps/6NkXzHDXT9Xw5m1S6>

What3Words: ///push.pose.army

**The pitch** is located at the furthest (southeastern) corner of the site. There is no toilet facility pitchside - please ensure formal facilities are used. Anyone found to be violating this request will be asked to be withdrawn from the site prior to the fixture commencing or continuing. To access the pitch, please use the entrance at the farthest end of the car park, which has a step-free ramp into the fenced spectator area. This is particularly important if a match is taking place. Upon the end of the previous match, players are then invited to access the pitchside shelters to prepare for the following fixture. At the end of the game, teams are asked to quickly vacate the shelters and pitch area to allow the following fixture to commence.

**Changing and toilet facilities** - Allocated changing and toilet facilities are provided on site. These are located in the very first building on the left hand side as you enter the site from Donald Briggs Drive. Please use the entrance facing the cricket square/main road and use the changing room on the right hand side as you enter. There are showers at these changing rooms and are available for use following the fixture. You are advised to not use toilets in the adjacent Gravesend Rugby Club clubhouse, you may politely be asked to leave.

Googlemaps: C9PJ+X9 Gravesend - <https://goo.gl/maps/6NkXzHDXT9Xw5m1S6>

What3Words: ///heat.gear.scam



**Clubhouse** - GWHC offers post-match refreshments and inter-club socialising at the nearby Old Gravesendians Rugby Club clubhouse. This is in the immediate vicinity of the pitch, and can be accessed on foot. It is not recommended that players drive from one site to the other. Changing and shower facilities are not available for use at this site. ***Please do not confuse this clubhouse with the Gravesend Rugby Club clubhouse.***

Googlemaps: C9PH+4J Gravesend - <https://goo.gl/maps/9aoArtKj1QzYRRuT8>

What3Words: ///modern.improving.agenda

**Walking instructions:** *From the pitch* - Upon leaving the pitch, turn to your right, with the tennis courts on your left hand side. Walk to the end of the tennis courts and turn left. Walk through the gate and the clubhouse building is on the left hand side. *From the changing rooms* - Upon leaving the changing rooms, walk towards the car park and the tennis courts, with the wall on your right hand side. Upon reaching the tennis courts, keep following the path through the gate, and the clubhouse building is on the left hand side.

**Post-match teas** - these are typically offered in the main bar with outdoor seating and overlooking the main rugby pitch. We will be offering teas for fixtures for our upper four sides. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer post-match teas for fixtures involving our Development Side. We will have written to all impacted clubs at the beginning of the season. To order teas, please use the following link [GWHC post-match teas order form](#). League rules require opposition clubs to inform home teams of orders for teas by 8pm of the Wednesday preceding the game. We will accept orders for post-match teas by no later than 8pm of the Thursday evening. Unfortunately we are unable to accept orders after this time, as to allow our catering team the opportunity to purchase what is needed in an effort to minimise costs. Offering teas is a costly endeavour, and therefore if an order is made but teams fail to stay, we will seek to recover costs from the opposition club. Similarly if a fixture is cancelled by the opposition in the 36 hours preceding the scheduled fixture, we will look to recover any costs for post-match teas and pitch hire. The cost will be billed at £3 per ordered meal.

**Umpiring** - As per league rules, we will provide both umpires for fixtures hosted by GWHC, however should you wish to bring your own umpire, please contact the club by 8pm of the Wednesday prior to the fixture.

**Contacting the club** - should you need to contact the club, please use both of the following email addresses in the first instance: [chairman@gwhockey.co.uk](mailto:chairman@gwhockey.co.uk) and [welfareofficer@gwhockey.co.uk](mailto:welfareofficer@gwhockey.co.uk).