



# SUSSEX CRICKET LIMITED

The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground  
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## The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground, Hove Ground Information Sheet

The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground is the home of Sussex Cricket where we play the majority of our first-class cricket.

To help plan your day we have detailed a range of useful information for your convenience.

### ADDRESS:

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### ENTRANCE:

There are two entrances to the ground. The main gate is on Eaton Road adjacent to The Sussex Cricketer pub. The other gate is located at the North end of Palmeira Avenue at the North East corner of the ground. Either gate may be used to enter The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground, however, ticket holders for the Spen Cama Pavilion or Jointing Tech South West Stand are advised to enter the ground via the Eaton Road gate. SEA LIFE family stand and general admission ticket holders are advised to enter via the North East gate in Palmeira Avenue. Cash and card sales are available from the Eaton Road gate.

### MONEY:

There is no ATM on site, the closest one being within The Sussex Cricketer pub at the main entrance to the ground (fees apply). Church Road and George Street are both within walking distance and have cash machines with all the major banks.

Card payments for merchandise, tickets, food and beverages are available at the majority of outlets, including contactless payment to assist with the speed of queues.

### ALCOHOL POLICY:

It will be permissible to bring a maximum of four 500ml cans of beer/lager or a 75cl bottle of wine per adult for all Specsavers County Championship and non-Floodlit One-Day Cup matches.

No alcohol is permitted to be brought into the ground for all Vitality Blast, Kia Super League, Floodlit Royal London One-Day Cup, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Tourist matches. Any alcohol above this quota attempted to be brought into the ground will be confiscated by the stewards.

### SEATING:

General Admission is unreserved seating in the North area of the ground. The seating is deckchairs, benches and folding chairs on a grass area. For Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup matches, general admission also includes the Jointing Tech Shark Stand.

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The Jointing Tech Sharks Stand in the South West corner of the ground previously known as the South West Stand offers tiered seating in a purpose-built stand where allocated seating is available for Vitality Blast, Kia Super League, Women's One-Day International and Tourist matches.

For all Kia Super League and Vitality Blast matches you will find a new SEA LIFE Family Stand located in the North West corner next to the Aerotron Indoor School in front of the nets. This stand is also allocated seating and can be booked upon purchase of tickets. Adults must be present with a youth or junior to gain admission. Individual adults not accompanied by a youth or junior will be refused admission to this stand.

The Spen Cama Pavilion on the West side of the ground offers exclusive Members facilities. For Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup, non-members may purchase a pavilion upgrade at a cost of £5.00 per day, subject to availability. For Vitality Blast, Kia Super League, Women's One-Day International and Tourist matches tickets will become available to non-members after the priority booking afforded to Members expires.

### **FOOD AND DRINK:**

There are several outlets around the ground for you to enjoy food and drink.

The Sharks Café, located at the South end of the ground is open on match days offering a range of food and beverages.

The North End Bar located at the North East corner offers a range of hot or cold food on Specsavers County Championship matches. This area is open for all games serving a selection of real ales, lager, cider, wine and soft drinks.

The Spen Cama Pavilion is a Members area, an upgrade is available at a cost of £5 per day for Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup matches. There are two areas within the Pavilion; The Dining Room offering a restaurant dining option for all matches including the Vitality Blast and Tourist fixtures. To book your place within the restaurant and to enquire about the offering on a specific match day contact our catering and events team on 01273 827106.

The Long Room is open on all match days offering light snacks and various other informal dining options together with the Jim Parks Bar serving a full range of draught beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks.

Additional food outlets will be available throughout the ground for Vitality Blast and Tourist matches, offering a broad range of culinary delights. More details for these matches are available within the 'Guide to the Game' which will be provided as part of the electronic match preview sent out to ticket purchasers who have provided an email address.

### **CLUB SHOP/RECEPTION:**

The club shop is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm and extended hours on match days. This is a good place to come for general information, to purchase tickets for all fixtures as well as scorecards, programmes and a wide range of Sussex Cricket merchandise.

### **SMOKING POLICY:**

In accordance with the Health Act 2006, the ground is a non-smoking ground other than the clearly marked designated smoking areas. The smoking of e-cigarettes is not permitted anywhere within the ground except for the designated smoking areas provided.

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### ENTERTAINMENT:

#### **Vitality Blast, Kia Super League, Women's One-Day International and Tourist matches**

The fast-paced action and electric atmosphere of the Vitality Blast, Kia Super League, Women's One-Day International and Tourist matches provides entertainment for all the family from face painters and balloon modelers for the kids to batting simulators and paparazzi for the teenagers to Sid the Shark for the adults we make sure everyone is catered for! However, every match is different so make sure you provide us with your email address upon booking tickets to receive the 'Guide to the Game' which will be provided as part of the electronic match preview sent out the day before.

#### **Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup matches**

A more traditional approach is taken to the Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup matches, providing supporters the opportunity to access the outfield and indulge in a friendly game of kwik cricket or inspect the work of the Sussex Cricket groundsmen between sessions (weather dependant).

### TOILETS:

There are numerous toilet facilities throughout the ground.

### DISABLED ACCESS:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground is fully accessible. We have access ramps to all our buildings. The ramp access to the Spen Cama Pavilion is at the North end of the building. The Spen Cama Pavilion is also equipped with an access lift, but it is not suitable for mobility scooters. On match days Sussex Cricket stewards will be on hand to provide willing assistance. We also offer a 'call ahead' service which allows you to discuss your requirements prior to your visit. Please call 0844 264 0202. Whenever possible, a limited amount of vehicle parking for those requiring assistance will be provided. Accessible toilets are located within the Spen Cama Pavilion next to the Aerotron Indoor School (North West corner), behind the general admission seating at the North East corner (Cromwell Road end), rear of South Stand and beside the Jointing Tech Sharks Stand. For Corporate Hospitality Guests there are facilities within the Focus Group Boundary Rooms. For more information visit our website <https://www.sussexcricket.co.uk/stands-facilities>

### DOGS:

Dogs are welcome to our ground for Specsavers County Championship matches only.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and are not permitted within any catering areas unless they are an assistance dog. It is the responsibility of the owner to both ensure their animal has access to clean fresh water for the day and to clean up after their animal. Dogs must not be left alone in vehicles, Sussex Cricket reserve the right to gain entry to the vehicle if they feel it necessary to do so.

### PARKING:

There is very limited parking at The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground on Specsavers County Championship matches for Sussex Cricket members and those with disabled parking permits.

Please note there is no parking available for all other match days including Royal London One-Day Cup, Vitality Blast, Kia Super League, Women's One-Day International and Tourist matches.

There is a public car park, Norton Road Car Park (BN3 3BE), located a short walk West of The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground opposite Hove Town Hall (charges apply between 8am and 8pm). For further information please go to: [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/norton-road-car-park](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/parking/norton-road-car-park)

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**TRAVEL:** There are various travel options available detailed below.

**By Train:**

Hove Railway Station is a ten minute walk from the ground. Leave the station and head South on Goldstone Villas, at the bottom of the road turn left onto Eaton Road. Cross over The Drive continuing along Eaton Road, The 1<sup>st</sup> Central County Ground will appear on your left hand side.

Brighton Railway Station is approximately a mile and a half from the Club. There are regular rail services from Brighton Station to Hove Station. There is also a taxi rank located just outside Brighton Station, together with a bus terminus (please see bus details below).

**By Bus**

The Number 7 bus runs past the North (Cromwell Road) end of the ground with several stops near the ground. This service is the George Street, Hove to Brighton Marina service and serves both Hove and Brighton Rail Stations. This bus runs approximately every 10 minutes and around every 15 minutes on Sundays.

The 21 & 21A Brighton Marina to Goldstone Valley service stops outside the main entrance to the ground; these are less frequent but do run through the central Hove and Brighton areas.

For up to date information on these services and for detailed route map information please visit [www.buses.co.uk](http://www.buses.co.uk).

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