

Shrewsbury Town Football Club

Racecourse Ground, Monkmoor 1886-1889

STFC's first ground hosted 51 games over its 3 year history. These were mainly friendly games as the club had not yet joined an organised league. The first ever game at the ground was against Wellington on 16 October 1886; Shrewsbury won 5:2.



Ambler's Field 1889-1893

The four seasons here saw Town play in their first ever organised league – the Shropshire & District League started in 1890. Highlights include a 18:0 win over Wellington in February 1890. Town played 44 games at Ambler's Field.



Sutton Lane 1893-1895

47 games were played at this ground which saw Town's shortest stay and the end of their association with the Shropshire & District League. Shrewsbury defeated Oswestry United 6:1 in the first match played here. The site is now allotments.



Barracks Ground, Copthorne 1895-1910

This move coincided with Town's step up into the Birmingham League. They played 15 seasons and over 300 games here, many against the Midlands' top reserve sides such as Aston Villa and Wolves. In 1910 they reached the first round of the FA cup.



Gay Meadow 1910-2007

Town spent 97 years at the most revered of its former grounds. They played over 3,000 games here and had many highlights including winning the Welsh Cup 5 times, football league promotions and spending 10 years in the old second division.



Prostar Stadium 2007-present

This is Town's current, state of the art, stadium. The first game was a 4:0 victory against A-Line All Stars on 17 July 2007, Highlights to date have included hosting England International games at under 19 level and the England women's side.



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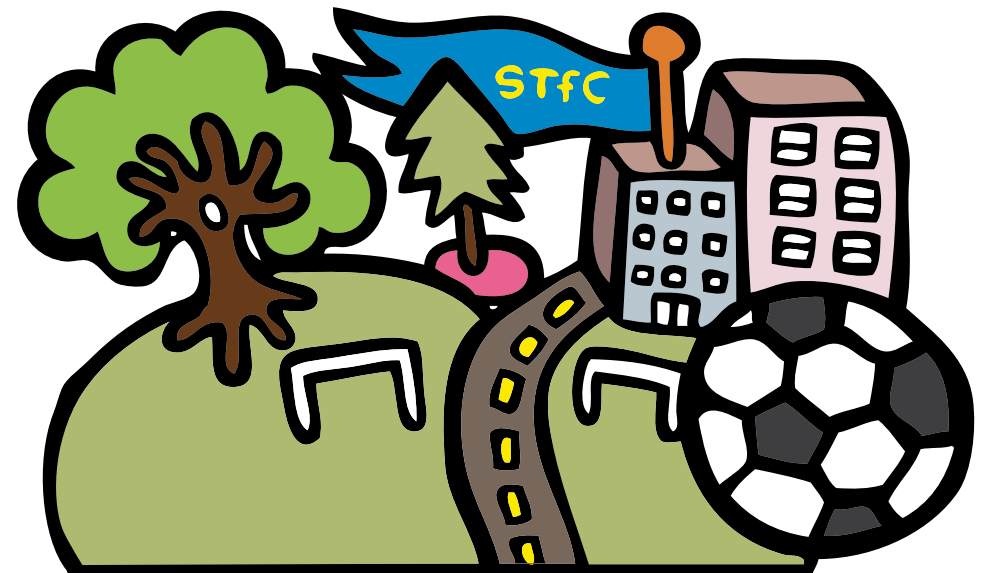


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A cycle tour of Shrewsbury Town FC

A 7 mile circular cycle ride exploring Shrewsbury's footballing history.



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A cycle tour of Shrewsbury Town FC

- 1 Turn left out of the **Prostar Stadium** onto Oteley Road; home to Shrewsbury Town since 2007.
- 2 Turn right at Meole Brace Island onto Hazeldine Way.
- 3 Turn left onto **Sutton Lane** past the location of the football ground from 1893 to 1895.
- 4 Take left fork over bridge onto Betton Street.
- 5 Turn right onto Old Coleham.
- 6 Turn right and go under railway bridge. Cross Old Potts Way at Asda and turn left on cycle track towards the Abbey.
- 7 Cross the road by the Wildlife Trust and go left under railway bridge.
- 8 Turn right to the site of **Gay Meadow**, STFC's ground 1920-2007.
- 9 Retrace route to the corner by Abbey Hardware. Keep left past the Abbey.
- 10 Turn left onto Holywell. Continue along Underdale Road.
- 11 Turn right onto Tankerville Street.
- 12 Cross Monkmoor road onto Racecourse Avenue, site of the **Racecourse Ground**, 1886-1889.
- 13 Retrace route to Underdale Road. The site of **Ambler's Field**, STFC's ground 1889-1893, is just north of here at Bradford Street.
- 14 Go straight over Underdale Road onto Castle Walk.
- 15 Cross footbridge and turn left, left again, then right, following signs to Route 81 to join riverside path.
- 16 Follow riverside path through The Quarry and cross Porthill Bridge.
- 17 Cross Porthill Road and turn right onto Pengwern Road, signed Route 81.
- 18 Turn left onto Woodfield Road.
- 19 Turn right at the mini roundabout onto Porthill Drive. Copthorne Drive on your right was the site of the **Barracks Ground** 1895-1910.



- 20 Return to Woodfield Road and turn right.
- 21 Branch right at Woodfield Avenue, signed Route 81.
- 22 Cross Shelton Road using crossing and turn left on cycle track.
- 23 Follow Shelton Road/Roman Road back to Meole Brace Island.
- 24 Use underpass to cross Roman Road and retrace steps to Prostar Stadium.



See back page for more detailed information on the history of Shrewsbury Town's football grounds.