

# **Supporter Information**

## **Zulte Waregem v Wigan Athletic**

### **UEFA Europa League Group D**

### **Thursday 19 September 2013**

Supporter Information for the UEFA Europa League game against Zulte Waregem.

The following information has been supplied by the appropriate authorities to ensure that supporters travelling to the game are aware of some important information. Please note that this information may be updated from time to time and that this page can be downloaded by clicking the link at the bottom of the page.

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### **1. A welcome message from the police of Bruges**

Welcome to all Wigan Athletic AFC fans, we are glad to welcome you to Bruges as a football fan and as a guest.

In order to make your stay as comfortable as possible, we would like to ask you to keep the following in mind:

- It is not allowed to carry glass bottles or other glass recipients in the streets or public places
- Do not block traffic; please stay on the pavement
- In streets and public places (including the football stadium) you are required to carry a proof of identity at all times. This document must be produced upon request of a police officer (see section 3 below for more information.)
- The police will stay in contact with the Wigan fans by Twitter on the hash tag #ZULWIG
- The general hash tag is #politiebrugge
- If you have any questions or need assistance, the police will be glad to assist you.

### **2. Travelling to Bruges**

#### **If you are travelling by car:**

Follow the motorway E40. To head for the town centre: take exit 8, then follow 'centrum.' To get to the stadium : take exit 6, then follow 'bezoekers.'

#### **If you are travelling by train :**

Take the train to Brugge. From Brussels and Ghent there is a train each half hour.

From the train station and the town centre take bus 25 to the stadium.

**By air:**

Coming from Brussels International Airport: take the train in the airport to Brussels North. Transfer to the train to Bruges

Coming from Brussel South (Charleroi): take the bus to the Charleroi train station. Take the train to Brussels South. Transfer to the train to Bruges.

Coming from Ostend Airport: Take the bus to the Ostend train station. Transfer to the train to Bruges.

**By sea:**

Supporters travelling via the Hull – Zeebrugge ferry crossing must book any necessary coach tickets BEFORE departing the UK as they will be unavailable once in Belgium. Coach tickets can be purchased online via the P&O website or by phone.

**3. Information for visiting supporters**

Parking for visiting supporters:

Parking Z1(yellow zone of the sportspark Olympia) Doornstraat. This parking is for coaches only. Set the GPS on: BRUGGE DOORNSTRAAT 51

From the town centre to the visitors zone of the Jan Breydelstadium you can take bus number 25. It stops driving one and a half hours before the start of the game. Supporters who are intending to travel from the city centre to the stadium by taxi should pre-book their taxi and allow plenty of time to allow for traffic congestion in the vicinity of the stadium before the game.

The visitor's entrance to the football ground is at the south side of the stadium. You enter the visitor's zone by the entrance of parking 'Z1 bezoekers' (yellow indication panel).

When entering the visitor's zone you will be asked for your ticket.

Supporters travelling by coach will be taken to Brugge city centre upon arrival on Thursday. Transportation to the Jan Breydelstadium will then be on foot. Supporters are advised that the journey by foot is at least 45 minutes and a police escort will leave the centre of Bruges at approximately 5.00pm.

Supporters who have booked their journey through the official club partner will be dropped off and picked up from Bruges from a designated collection point.

Only visitors with a valid ticket will be admitted and allowed to proceed towards the stadium. In addition to the travelling distance to the stadium from the town, all fans will have to pass through one security check point and so they should arrive early to avoid delays and allow ample time to gain access to the stadium.

If you have questions do not hesitate to put them to the police or the stewards when you are in the stadium.

All banners will be searched by police approximately three hours before kick off outside the Jan Breydel Stadium.

Fans found carrying smoke-bombs, flares or any other kind of pyrotechnics will be arrested.

Alcohol will not be available once inside the stadium but refreshments can be purchased inside via a voucher-system. Vouchers for food/drink can be purchased from a separate kiosk once inside the stadium concourse.

**Please note: A Wigan Athletic liaison officer will be on hand throughout Thursday to answer any queries supporters may have during the day. Supporters can consult the liaison officer at the NH Brugges Hotel located within the city centre.**

### **IMPORTANT:**

If you are in a public place the Belgian law allows the police to demand a person to identify himself to the police. It is mandatory to do this with an official document - such as a passport, drivers licence, etc...

If you are not able to identify yourself in a proper way or if the police is not able to establish your identity without a reasonable doubt, the police can arrest the person(s) for the duration of 12 hrs in order to establish the identity.

### **STAY INFORMED**

The police will provide in a Twitter hash tag in order to make it possible for the visiting supporters to contact the police before, during and after the match.

The general hash tag is #politiebrugge

The hash tag for the fixture is : #ZULWIG

### **4. Tickets**

Please note that tickets are not on sale on the day of the game and must be purchased before travelling.

Please take good care of your match ticket. There is no system for duplicate tickets to be issued. If you lose your ticket, you will not be permitted to pass the check points or enter the stadium.

### **5. Links**

City of Bruges: <http://www.brugge.be/>

Local Police: <http://www.politiebrugge.be/>

Federal Police traffic information: <http://www.inforoutes.be/>

Club Brugge: <http://www.clubbrugge.be/>

UEFA: <http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/index.html>  
Belgian Football association: <http://www.footbel.com/>  
Brussels airport: <http://www.brusselsairport.be/>  
Oostend airport: <http://www.ost.aero/>  
Charleroi airport Brussels South: <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/>  
Railway: <http://www.b-rail.be/main/E/>  
Public transport: <http://www.delijn.be/>  
Federal government: <http://www.belgium.be>  
Embassy of England : <http://ukinbelgium.fco.gov.uk>  
Embassy of Portugal : <http://www.reper-portugal.be>  
Embassy of France: <http://www.ambafrance-be.org>

## **6. Useful Telephone Numbers**

Emergency 112  
Police 0032 50 448844  
Telephone information 1207  
Club Brugge KV 0032 50 402121  
Tourist information 0032 50 444646  
Train station 0032 50302424  
Public transport (bus) 0032 70220200  
Embassy of Portugal 0032 25330700  
Embassy of England 0032 2022876211  
Embassy of France 0032 2548 87 11

## **7. Area Map**

