**Homeground Access Information**

**Homeground Site General Access Information**

* Homeground is a temporary pop-up venue. It is located on an old carpark with uneven ground and large areas of gravel underfoot.
* Flat shoes are essential.
* For wheelchair users or those with mobility impairments, there are alternate accessible entrances available leading directly from the street to each designated area of the site. Please report to the main Homeground entrance to be assisted in entering via the alternate entrances.
* The site is large (approx. 200 metres across in each direction).
* The postcode for the site is M15 4AA

**Homeground Opening Hours**

Monday – Thursday 5pm – 10pm

Friday 5pm – 11pm

Saturday 12pm – 11pm

Sunday 12pm – 10pm

**Homeground Site Layout Information**There are four main areas to the site. The layout is as follows:

**Food and Drink Terrace**

Next to the Bruntwood Stage

Advance booking available – to book, email homegroundcatering@homemcr.org or call 0161 212 3500

Table service

Wheelchair accessible tables available

Designated smoking areas

Dogs on leads permitted

Accessible toilets

**Auto Trader Showground Stage**

Ticketed area

Tickets with a fee (varied prices depending on event) – see information on booking below for further information

Accessible toilets

**Bruntwood Stage**Un-ticketed area next to the Food and Drink Terrace

Advance booking available – to book, email homegroundcatering@homemcr.org or call 0161 212 3500

Free performances from locally-based artists

Accessible toilets

Dogs on leads permitted

**The Ask Tent**Ticketed area

Designated smoking area

**Toilet facilities**

Including accessible toilets

**Bookable Access Facilities**Full information on the Homeground programme is online at [homemcr.org/homeground](https://homemcr.org/homeground/)

To make advance access bookings, please contact access@homemcr.org, call our Box Office on 0161 200 1500 or drop into HOME.

The below facilities can be booked in advance:

* Essential Companion tickets can be arranged for all ticketed events
* Wheelchair accessible spaces are available across the site
* Advance booking for food and drink available. To book, email homegroundcatering@homemcr.org or call 0161 212 3500
* Audio Description is available for selected events, including *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *Alice In Wonderland*.
For information, visit [homemcr.org/AD](https://homemcr.org/accessibility/audio-described/)
* Caption Subtitles are available for selected events, including *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *Alice In Wonderland*.
For information, visit [homemcr.org/captions](https://homemcr.org/accessibility/caption-subtitled/)
* British Sign Language interpretation is available for selected events, including *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *Alice In Wonderland*.
For information, visit [homemcr.org/BSL](https://homemcr.org/accessibility/bsl/)

**Assistance Dogs**Homeground welcomes Assistance Dogs UK (ADUK) accredited dogs with formal identification across all areas of the site. Ask staff on site if you have questions.

**Strobe Lighting**Some events may contain flashing imagery and strobing. If this is the case, information will be provided in advance via HOME’s website, pre-event information emails and on-site signage.

 **Travel Guide and Arrival Guide**
Homeground is located at the back of the First Street site approximately 150 metres from HOME.

The entrance is opposite James Grigor Square and the postcode is M15 4AA

**Car Drop-Offs**The closest drop-off point is approximately 10metres from the site entrance next to James Grigor Square at M15 4AA.

This drop-off point is located across the road from the main Homeground entrance.

**Travelling by Car**Blue Badge holders can park on Hulme Street in parking bays next to the GMEV electric charging station which is approximately 160 metres from the Homeground entrance.

There is also the Q-Park First Street multi-story carpark with 28 accessible parking spaces. This car park is located across from HOME on Tony Wilson Place at First Street. The pedestrian car park entrance is approximately 30 metres from HOME’s main entrance or 180metres from the Homeground entrance and is located facing the pedestrian public square, Tony Wilson Place.
Homeground customers can get 25% parking discount at the Q-Park First Street carpark by visiting the [Q-Park website](https://www.q-park.co.uk/en-gb/cities/manchester/first-street/) and using the discount code HOMEGROUND.
Please note that Blue Badges are not valid for free parking in the Q-Park.

**Travelling by Bus**The 256 bus from Piccadilly Gardens stops on Medlock Street. The bus stops are located approximately 100metres and 150metres from the Homeground entrance.

Alternatively, you can use the free buses which link main rail stations, car parks, shopping areas and businesses in the city centre. Free buses run from Piccadilly, Salford Central, Victoria, Oxford Road and Deansgate train stations. There are three circular routes covering the city centre (the Route 3 bus runs Mon-Sat in the evenings from 7.30pm and stops approximately 500 metres from Homeground on Whitworth Street West). Visit the [Transport for Greater Manchester website](https://tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/free-bus)to view the Free Bus map and to plan your journey.

**Travelling by Train**Homeground is located between Oxford Road train station and Deansgate train station.

Deansgate train station is closest at 0.3 miles or 500 metres away.

Oxford Road train station is 0.4 miles or 645 metres away.

Piccadilly train station is 0.8 miles away.

Victoria train station is 1.2 miles away.

**Travelling by Tram (Metrolink)**The closest tram stop to Homeground is Deansgate-Castlefield which is 0.3 miles or 500 metres away. There is a lift at this station to travel between platform and road level.

For further information including videos of routes from stations, visit [homemcr.org/visit/getting-here](https://homemcr.org/visit/getting-here/)