

Goodwell Lane is a football stadium in Canterbury, England. It is the home of Goodwell United and has a capacity of 55,000 people. It can be found next to the train station, about 500 metres from the city centre.

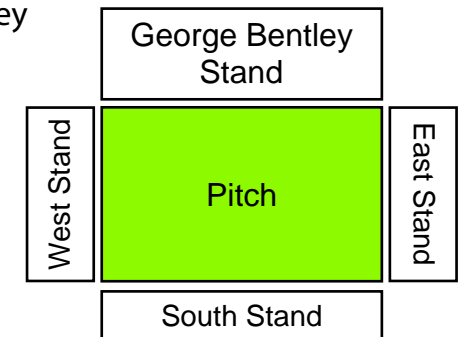
The History of the Stadium

The stadium was designed by George Bentley and construction took nearly two years. The building was completed in 1923 and cost almost £60,000. During World War II, the building sustained heavy damage during German bombing raids and Goodwell United were forced to play elsewhere. In 1951, United were able to play their first match at the rebuilt stadium.

Over the following years, a new roof and proper floodlighting were added to the stadium. In 1996, it was expanded, adding an extra 10,000 seats.

Facilities

The stadium has four seated stands. The George Bentley stand is two tiers tall and can hold about 22,000 people. There are also a number of boxes, suites and cafes. The other stands hold about 11,000 people each and include shops and offices. The pitch has an underground heating system and measures approximately 103 metres long by 70 metres wide.



Other Uses

Throughout its history, Goodwell Lane has been used in a number of other ways. Games of rugby, cricket and hockey have all been played on the pitch. The stadium is used for parties, weddings and conferences too. A number of concerts have also been staged there, featuring U2, Justin Bieber and Olly Murs.

The stadium has a long and proud history in Canterbury. With plans to expand two of the stands, local people and United supporters are excited about the future of Goodwell Lane.

Goodwell Lane

France is a large country in Western Europe. Some of the countries that border France include Germany, Italy and Belgium. It is home to over 66 million people and the official language is French.

Famous Places

France is one of the most visited countries in the world and there are many famous sights to explore. These include the **Eiffel Tower** in Paris (which has been visited by over 200,000,000 people), **St. Tropez** (a popular holiday destination for rich and famous guests in the summer months) and **Chamonix** (a ski resort in the French Alps).



Chamonix

Did you know...?

The world's most famous cycle race began in France in 1903.

France



A map of France

French Sport

Sport plays an important role in French society. The most popular sports in France include football, basketball, tennis and handball.

Motorsports, including Formula One and motorcycle racing, are also very popular.



Formula One track in Monaco

Food

Many people believe that French cooking is the best in the world. A French meal is usually split into three parts:

- **Hors d'oeuvre** - This is a starter dish which may include salad, soup and / or bread. Baguettes (long, white bread sticks) may be shared.
- **Main Meal** - Popular French meals include Ratatouille (a stewed vegetable dish), Coq au vin (chicken braised with wine, bacon, mushrooms and garlic) and Boeuf Bourguignon (a rich beef casserole).
- **Fruit or Cheese** - Over 350 different kinds of cheese are made in France.



French cheeses

There is plenty to explore wherever you go in France. Learn the language, see the sights and enjoy the food!



Koalas

Koalas are marsupials (mammals that carry their young in a pouch). They live in Australia and have large, round heads with fluffy ears. They can grow up to 85cm in length and have grey and brown fur. Babies (called Joeys) are carried in their mothers' pouch for the first six months of their life.

Koalas live in woodlands throughout Australia. They stay in the trees for most of the time and sleep for up to 18 hours each day, tucked up inside the spaces in the trees.

A koala can eat up to one kilogram of eucalyptus leaves in a day. They choose the tastiest leaves from the tree where they live. They get most of their moisture from the leaves, so they don't need to drink much water. Koalas can also store leaves in special pouches in their cheeks to save as a snack for later!

Eucalyptus leaves can be poisonous. However, koalas have a special digestive system that protects them from harm.

Eucalyptus
Leaves



Koalas are not classed as an endangered species. However, they were hunted for food and fur in the past. Today their biggest threat is habitat destruction. In urban areas, koalas can also be killed and injured by collisions with vehicles or in attacks by dogs.

Many people think that a koala is a cuddly bear. However, it is illegal to keep these pouched mammals as a pet. Have you ever seen a koala?