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**The Hundred**

**Couples**

I have fond memories of the 1970's and 1980's, trips with my father to Lancashire County Cricket ground. Back then the West Indies cricket team were the best in the world and the most exciting to watch. Steel drums, horns and whistles were par for the course for Windies supporters who injected charisma into the sport - frowned upon by the aspiring middle classes. The Windies of this era were venerated to 'Legends' in my mind, I was not alone.

Fast forward to 2022:

13th August was my first trip to 'The Hundred' a new type of cricket with only one hundred balls for each side. Along with a plethora of rule changes, including a bowler being able to bowl consecutive overs, The Hundred's intent is clearly to inject a bit of charisma into the game. A DJ banging out tunes and pyrotechnics after each boundary completed cricket's transformation. Brought me back forty years.

Bathed in sunshine with the epic Manchester City skyline as a backdrop, the cricket was fast paced, exciting and undoubtedly entertaining. Manchester Originals, made me laugh as none of them were born when I first visited the ground - should be 'Manchester Generations', versus [the] Trent Rockets. Two games, the women followed by the men. As a Manchester native from Old Trafford I was sad to see the Manchester women thoroughly outclassed by their opponents.



Whilst being crushed, along with hundreds of others, I was begging for stewards to help us. They refused to let us sit on empty seats and had no idea what to do when they could see people in tears. When one of them was laughing at someone who has having a panic attack, not taking them seriously, I had to jump over the barrier and help her myself. A medic thankfully saw the situation and helped, but only because they were trained to react to a person in need.

I was shocked at the lack of preparation, support and empathy from this venue and it's representatives. This is Manchester - we help each other.

I got a taxi home due to 1000's already queuing to leave at the tram station because they couldn't get in. After waiting so long to see my very favourite band, I left after a few songs because of this greedy, scandalous shameful excuse of a venue.

It only took me so long to write this review because I was so shocked and gutted. After seeing the articles and multiple reviews sharing the same experiences as me, I felt it was only right to contribute.

I really hope they do something proactively and sort ticket volume + safety, rather than reactivately when it's too late and they can no longer have these events there.

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**Killers gig**

Friends

Staff seemed quite good at getting people into the grounds safely but once in I didn't feel there was a lot of crowd control going on. The bar I saw in the main ground had good crowd control and seemed to serve quite quickly. Because it's designed for cricket and not music I feel like they should probably stick with just cricket. The ground has to stay flat for the sport but this means unless you're tall or near the front you've got no view of the stage when standing. It seems like others had much worse experiences but based on what I've read I wouldn't bother with this venue again for a gig if I could travel elsewhere for a band. I've not been here for cricket and maybe it's better for that.

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**Paul Carter**

2 contributions

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**Shouldn't have bothered**

Went to chill peppers gig on Wednesday and wish I hadn't bothered , the pitch seemed way overcrowded and I could barely see the stage even though I'm 6ft2 ,I won't be going back

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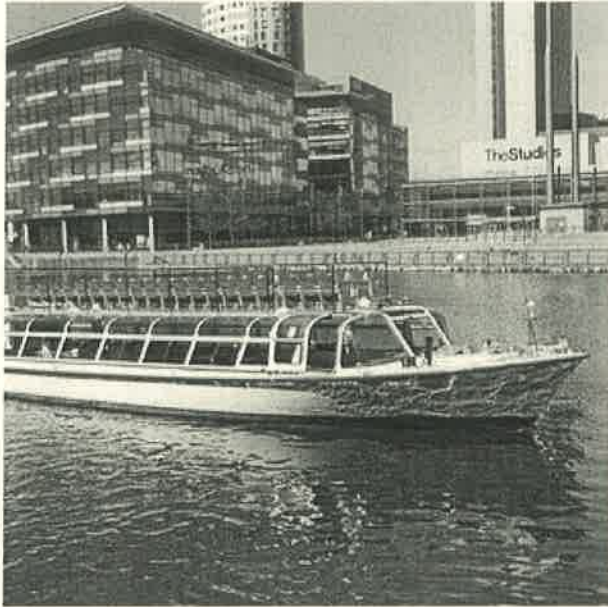
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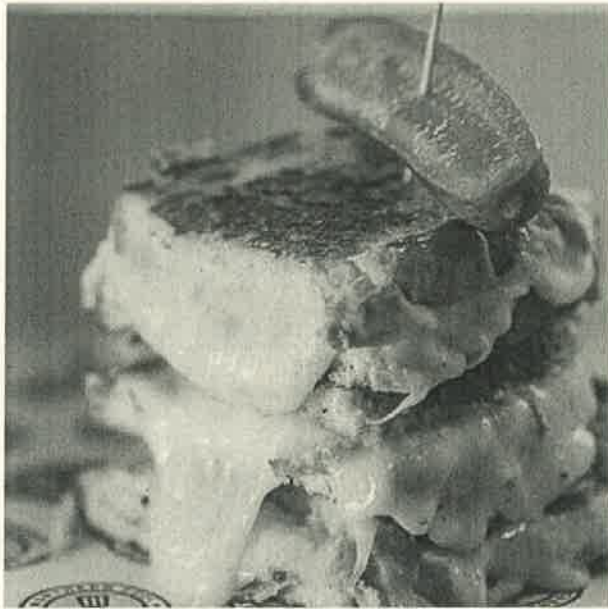
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**disgusting unsafe venue for gigs**

as with many reviews ive read are all stating Dangerous dont go That is spot on. Ive been to many many gigs over 45 yrs and festivals and have never ever felt as unsafe as this . As soon a swe got past security it was a wall of people not moving 45 mins wait for food drink tshirst i was nearly faint andhad to wait for water no emergency supply or tap etc, I was ready to leave straight away . Absolutely rubbish venue, a loa dwho had pitch tkts couldnt get on. Every one i spoke to were so so angry. I had to step in and stop one punter from hitting one of teh stewards because he wa sso angry . I also thought straight away anotehr Hillsborough waiting to happen, treated like animals to milk everyone of their already hard earned ticket money. You should be ashamed of yourselves and have licence revoked . I aintg fifinished here im going through the rightg channelsto gt that licence looked into. Absolutely disgusting please dont go if you value your safety

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Hawarden, UK419 contributions

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**Emirates Gig**

Couples

Think we were one of the lucky ones having seen others reviews and it could have been a lot worse. Getting into the venue was quick security, no issues. As it started to fill up the toilets and bars did become an issue, massive queues, very little food vendors and obscene queues so make sure you eat before hand!! Prices were ridiculous expensive for everything. But we loved the stage and venue to host a gig, just hope they read the issues and improve in the future for hosting gigs as could be brilliant!



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I would also give this venue a minus score if I could! I have been to many gigs and festivals over the years and I have never been so disgusted at the lack of safety. Yes there are always people who prefer the beer tent and get totally trashed but in this environment everyone was in danger. People with reserved seats either had no intention of using them or gave up trying to find them therefore causing massive overcrowding on the pitch. The flooring was uneven and at one point I tripped. Had I fallen I could have been trampled. DO NOT GO TO THIS VENUE! As for the RHCP I couldn't see the stage and the sound was better outside the ground! We left early. Shameful shambles.

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**JoleneBoyce81**

Greenock, UK4 contributions

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**Red Hot Chilli Peppers**

Couples

If I could give minus I would! Avoid this venue at all costs if attending a concert. Just been to see the Red Hot Chill Peppers and I can honestly say I have never been to a worse venue. The organisation was a complete disgrace. They dangerously oversold it and packed so many people in there was no room to move. Anywhere!! We attend gigs regularly all up and down the UK and I have never experienced anything like this! If this is how they run all concerts then it's a disaster waiting to happen.

If you want to see your favourite artist perform pick another venue on the tour - one that knows how to run such an event safely. I will never go back there.

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**Rich**

1 contribution

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**Unsafe venue**

Friends

of the crowd are blinded for most of the show, bearing in mind you know where the sun sets!

At the end of the show we again had to cross the pitch (which still had most of the crowd on it) to exit, as there was no way to exit the stand directly.

This venue is clearly not able to cope with this type of event, and the movement and crowding of people was definitely bordering on being unsafe.

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**Isla**

England, UK7 contributions

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**Harry styles concert**

Family

Visited for the Harry Styles concert, it was very quick and efficient getting into the venue where we sat waiting for the show to start. The toilets were not the best but the security were very good and helpful.



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**Traveller162014**



# "Amazed a venue in 2022 could be so dangerous": Fans slam Emirates Old Trafford over 'shocking' crowd control at gig

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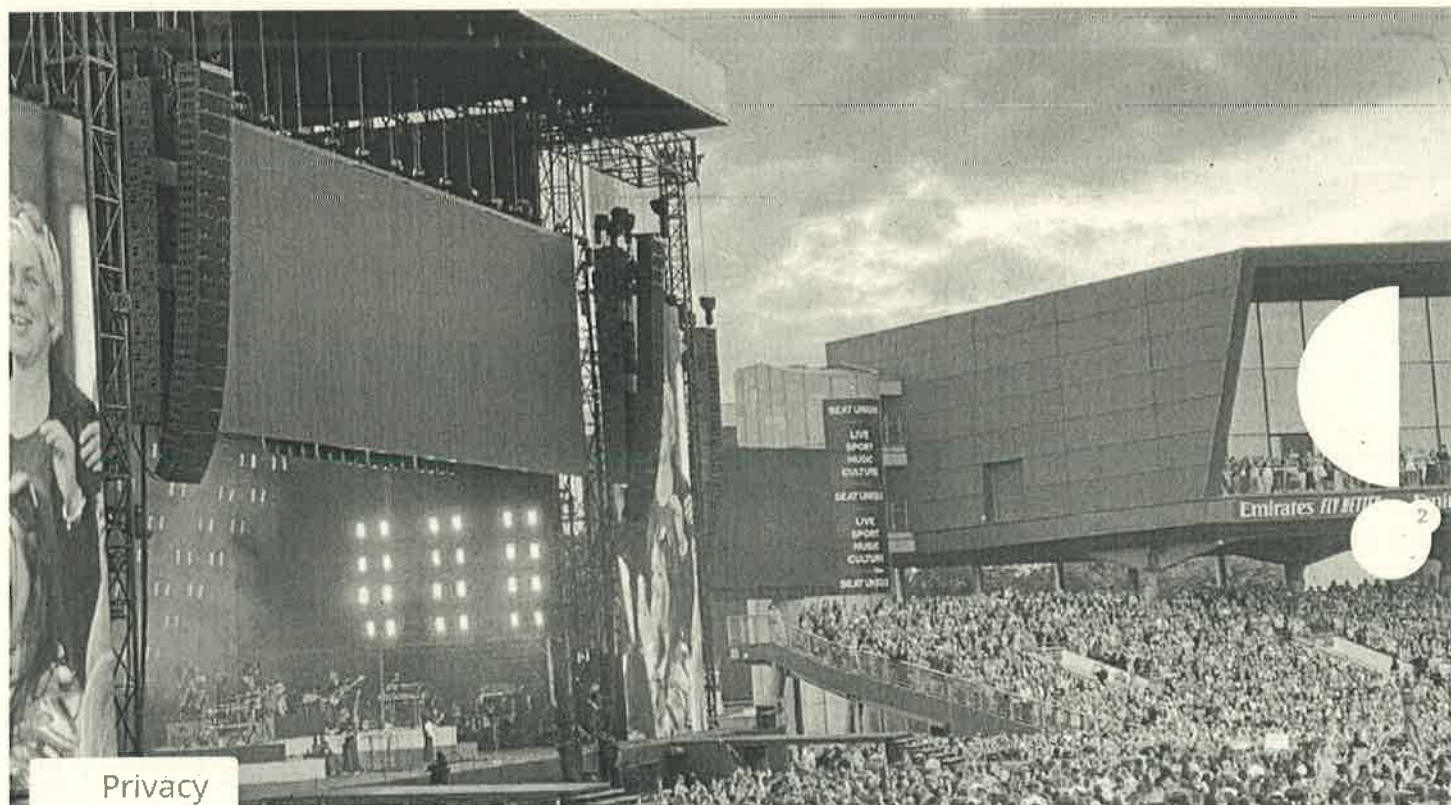
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Harry Styles at his Emirates Old Trafford gig (Image: MEN)

Concert-goers have slammed the Emirates Old Trafford after poor crowd control, security checks, and "inadequate" left them feeling "wholly unsafe" at the venue.

The cricket ground, which is regularly used to host gigs, has been inundated with negative TripAdvisor reviews following the Red Hot Chilli Peppers concert in June. Attendees dubbed overcrowding and poor organisation as a "disaster waiting to happen".

Fans say they were unable to access seated areas because the venue was too crowded, there was 'zero' accessibility provision, flares were set off in the crowd, and bag searches were unclear and inconsistent, leaving them feeling concerned about their safety.

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"Crowd control was non-existent. People were crammed in and this caused panic. People were getting taken off their feet and swept with the crowd," one attendee told the *Manchester Evening News*.

She described her fear as fireworks and flares were set off behind her, causing "panic" in the crowd.

"This is totally unacceptable especially in light of incidents in Manchester," she said. "It was at this point I realised if something was to happen I would have no chance of getting out."



Brogz15  
Hornsworth, United Kingdom

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### Never again

Recently attended the RHCP gig here, the band were great but the venue was a disaster waiting to happen. Of all the venues and festivals I've been to over the years this was by far the worst and the only one where I felt unsafe.

One exit for everyone who was standing and judging by some of these reviews some people who were seated too. There was lots of pushing and shoving at the end of the gig while thousands of people tried to leave and no stewarding to be found. Saw lots of people having panic attacks and lots of stewards just looking on, especially the 4 or 5 we could see based in the hospitality stand which seemed to have more stewards than people and none of them seemed to be doing anything (except enjoying the concert). As for the stage and the screens by it, both were far too low so we couldn't see a thing except lots of heads in front of us. Absolute joke of a venue, will never return. I hope the concerns raised are taken seriously before you have blood on your hands.

Date of experience: June 2022

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### A number of fans have left negative reviews following the event

Emirates Old Trafford say guest safety will "always be at the heart" of events hosted at the venue.

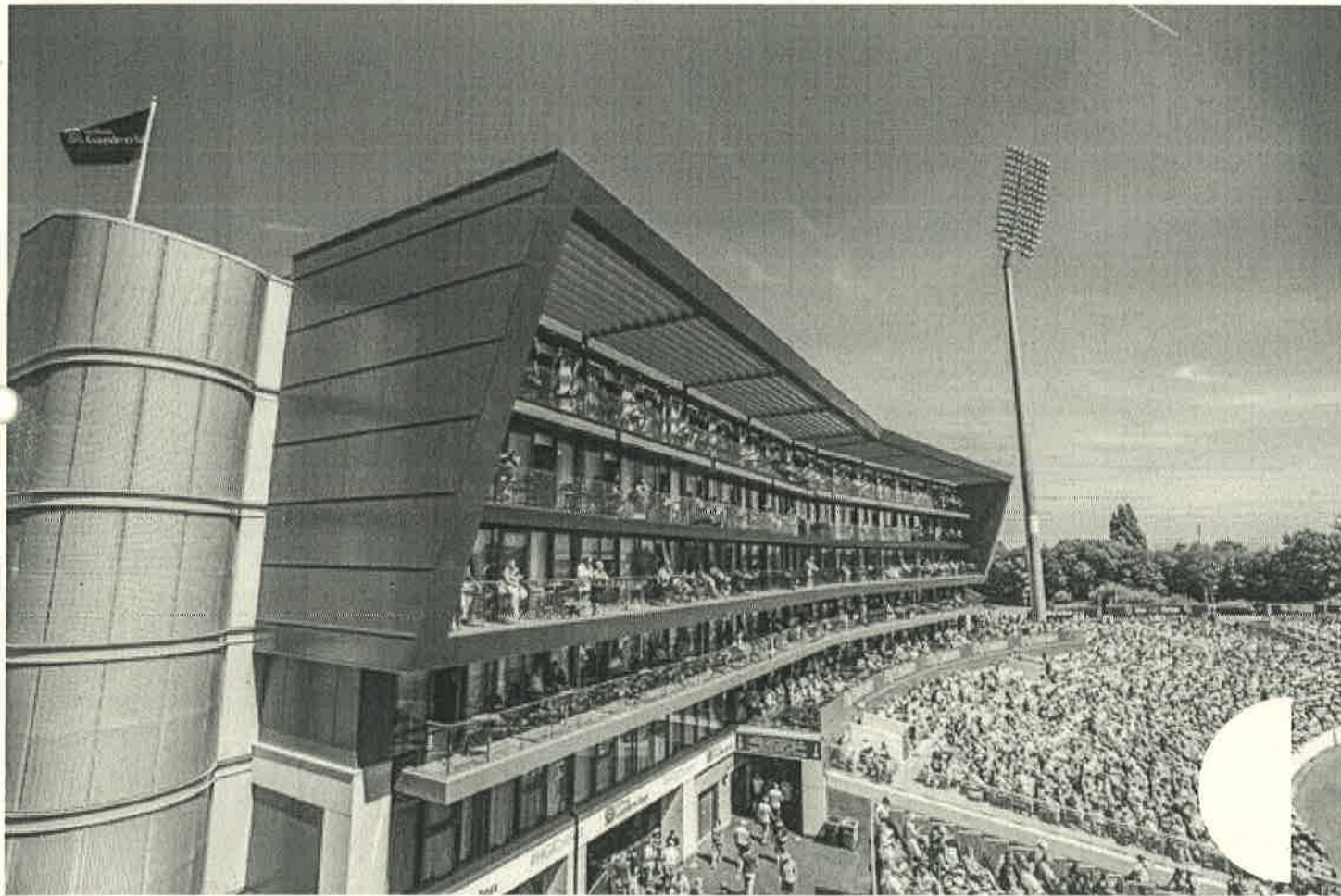
One concert-goer told the M.E.N he booked seated tickets for himself and his partner, who is five months pregnant. But when the pair entered the ground, they found themselves unable to get to their seats, with crowds at "a complete standstill".

He described the experience as "daunting," and said security staff told them they would just have to wait until the gig started and hope the crowd died down.

"I've been to gigs for years, a long, long time and I've never seen anything like what I saw that night. That ground is not built for that number of people," he said.

"It was dangerous. We all know what happened outside Manchester Arena a couple of years ago - if something similar were to have happened, or even a scare, there would have been nowhere for all those people to go at once. It was chaos."

Since the concert, the venue has been left a number of damning TripAdvisor reviews. Attendees called the site "shocking" and said they would leave a minus rating if they could.



Emirates Old Trafford is primarily a cricket ground

"Dangerous unsafe venue," one review reads. "A Hillsborough disaster in the making."

"Amazed a venue in 2022 could be so dangerous. Massively oversold for the size. From the second you clear security it was absolute chaos and people trapped with nowhere to move

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"Completely trapped and more and more fans pouring in behind. We witnessed numerous fans come into medical trouble and the untrained staff just waved them away as if they were drunk.

"Disabled and families had no way of getting to the seating area. Nowhere near enough exits. And then stopping people exiting after the show!

"If an incident were to have happened this would have been a disaster. Manchester of all places should know what could happen at these events and safety should always always outweigh profit! I hope this gets looked into before something serious happens."

Another reviewer slammed the ground, writing they had never felt so unsafe at a gig or festival before.

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"Absolutely disgusting, please don't go if you value your safety," they wrote.

A spokesperson for Emirates Old Trafford said: "All events at Emirates Old Trafford are reviewed continuously to improve the guest experience by working alongside all stakeholders that are involved. Our guest safety will always be at the heart of the events we host at Emirates Old Trafford."

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