

Welcome Pack



Welcome to Eldridge Park

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About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Eldridge Park. This pack has been produced by the My Journey team to provide you with information about planning journeys from your new home.

My Journey Wokingham promotes travel which helps keep our residents healthy and safe and our borough cleaner and greener.

Within this pack you will find reference to local walking and cycle routes, information about local bus and rail services, and where to find your nearest electric car charging points.

We are also pleased to be able to provide you with information on discounted travel and travel related items, some of which are exclusively for new residents of Eldridge Park.

My Developer Details

My Journey Wokingham

As well as welcoming new residents to the borough, My Journey Wokingham provides a series of travel related events and training courses.

For further information about the My Journey Wokingham programme please visit the My Journey Wokingham website.

Additionally, you can follow us on Facebook or Twitter to find out about our latest offers, events and training programmes.

Website:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/MJWokingham

Twitter:

[@MJWokingham](https://twitter.com/MJWokingham)

Feedback

We are always looking to improve the information provided in our welcome packs. If you have any comments about the pack or any questions around travel in Wokingham you can contact us.

Email:

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Names of prominent people who lived in Wokingham have been used for streets across Eldridge Park

Brief History

Bingham

John Bingham spent his early working life in the print industry but later set up a car hire business in London and often found himself acting as chauffeur to the stars of stage and screen.

Having come to Wokingham John was able to fulfil a long-held ambition by opening his own restaurant, Lucan's Bistro, in Peach Street and carried on this enterprise until 2000. John then became part-time town centre manager for four years and gained considerable respect and gratitude from the shops and offices in the town. He received a Civic Award from Wokingham Town Council in 2005 in recognition of his contribution to the life of the town.

John also worked for a local firm of funeral directors, and put his experience of the motor industry to good use by helping to maintain the company's fleet of cars.

John gave his time unstintingly to local charities and was one of the organisers of the Wokingham Winter Carnival, looking after the catering side of the annual event. John was a highly valued member of the Executive Committee of the Wokingham Society for many years, serving for five years as Vice-Chairman, acting (with his wife Jane, who was also on the Committee) as caterer at public meetings, and being the Editor of the Society's Newsletter right up to the last edition.

Hazylwood

Wokingham had its own bell foundry, which operated from around 1350 to 1495 and again from 1565 until 1622. Names of the founders are unknown until Roger Landen (from ~1448), John Mitchell (~1487 to #1493) and William Hazylwood (~1494) who moved the business to Reading on Mitchell's death in 1495. The business continued in Reading, alongside another foundry set up by William Knight in 1518.

Bell founding began again in Wokingham in the mid-15th century, possibly under Faulk Mitchell, and was definitely in business under Thomas Eldridge (1565-1592) and Richard Eldridge (1592-1622). The business then transferred to Chertsey, where Bryan Eldridge had set up a foundry in 1619.



1 - Ponds

Two delightful ponds sit in the park featuring both a timber viewing deck and a number of areas of informal seating allowing you to enjoy the local wildlife and the stunning views around you

2 - Wildflower Meadows

Picturesque wildflower meadows flow across the country park providing an idyllic and tranquil space for relaxing and enjoying the great outdoors.

3 - The Mound

A characterful raised feature area allows stunning views across the park. With benches, stunning landscaped beds, a woven willow tunnel and specially created wildlife habitats.

4 - Ashridge Stream

Ashridge Stream provides another stunning and diverse environment ready to be explored.



Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier

Cambridge University researchers have found that a brisk walk every day has substantial health benefits to people of all sizes.

Incorporating walking into your lifestyle will go a long way in helping your health and well-being.

The My Journey Wokingham website can be used to discover walking routes around the borough or to plan walks to your local shops, services and other amenities.

Visit: www.myjourneywokingham.com

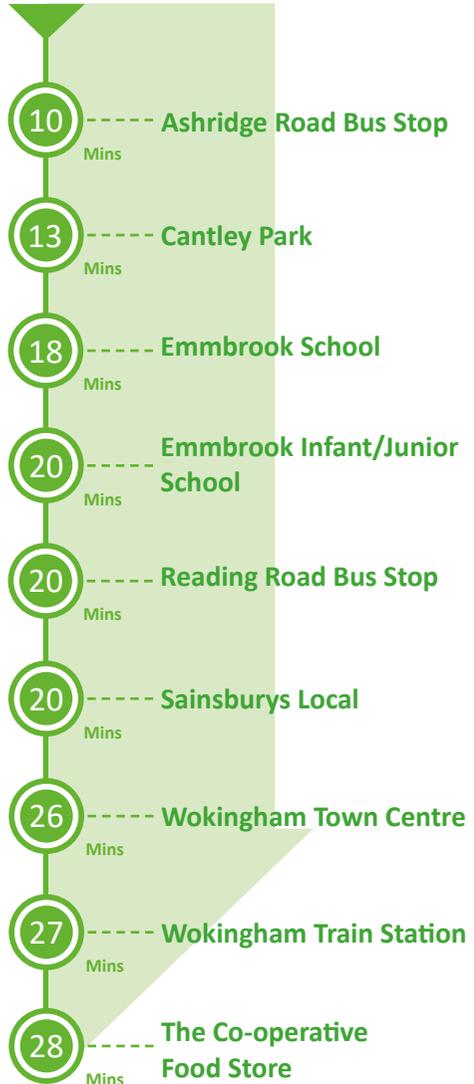
Health Walks

There are a number of health walks that take place across the borough. The walks are a great way to meet new friends and keep active.

Visit:

www.wokingham.gov.uk/sports-and-activities-for-adults/walking-for-health

Places to Walk to



Cycling is a low impact type of exercise which can help you lose weight, reduce stress and improve your fitness

It is often quicker to cycle than travel by car for local journeys in Wokingham, particularly during rush hour.

Cycling is one of the easiest ways to fit exercise into your daily routine. For example you could cycle to work or Wokingham station a few days a week.

Visit the My Journey website for the latest copy of the Wokingham Cycle Map, information on local bike events, training courses for adults and children as well as discounts at local retailers and much more.

Visit:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

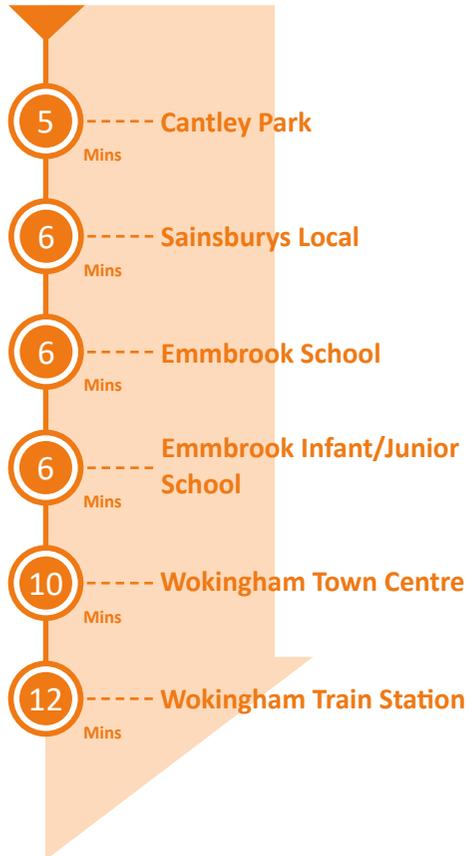
Wokingham Bikeathon

The Bikeathon is an annual event that takes place around Wokingham every June. The date of the event will be shared on the My Journey website once it is announced.

Love to Ride

If you ride for more than 10 minutes, log your ride at www.lovetoride.net/wokingham for a chance to win cycle related prizes. Encourage friends and family for even more chances to win.

Places to Cycle to



LOVE TO RIDE





Forget about the parking costs and rising fuel prices and let someone else do the driving

The Lion 4/x4 bus service travels between Reading and Bracknell every 15 minutes. Buses towards Reading provide an excellent service to Wokingham Station and Holt, Forest, Emmbrook and St Crispin's Schools.

Your nearest bus stops for the Lion service are on the Reading Road. Bus stops for the local 121 service to Wokingham Town and Tesco are located on Ashridge Road, approximately 10 minutes walk from Eldridge Park.

For the most up-to-date timetable information visit: www.myjourneywokingham.com/bus-travel

Park and Ride to Reading

A park and ride service is now operating from the edge of Winnersh Triangle Business Park. The service provides buses into central Reading every 15 minutes. There are 400 car park spaces, two electric car charge points and a cycle shelter on the site.

For more information visit:

www.reading-traveline.co.uk/park-and-ride/winnersh-triangle

Live Bus Information

Visit our website for live bus information:

www.myjourneywokingham.com/live-bus-map/



Rail travel is a faster, more relaxing and less stressful way to travel on business, and it's easy and hassle-free for leisure trips with your family and friends

Brief History

Wokingham is the nearest railway station to Eldridge Park. You can walk or cycle there in less than 30 minutes. Alternatively it takes approximately 16 minutes to walk to the bus stop at Wiltshire Road which is your nearest bus stop to catch the 122 bus or 10 minutes walk to the bus stops at Ashridge Road for the 121 bus service.

Four trains an hour depart for Reading Station, two direct trains an hour to London Waterloo and two direct trains an hour to Guildford, Redhill and Gatwick Airport. Some additional services are provided at peak times.

The station is located on Station Approach, RG40 2AP. It has a cafe, 118 sheltered cycle storage spaces and 531 parking spaces.

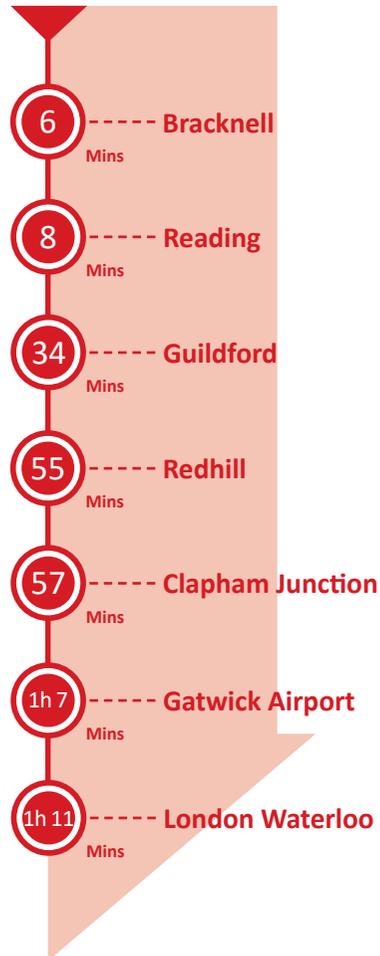
For further information on train times visit:

www.nationalrail.co.uk

For information on tickets and discounted rail travel visit:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

Approximate Journey Times





Wokingham 

LOOK RIGHT



We save 1560kg
CO₂ each year
between us!

Arrange to travel together and share the cost, whilst reducing congestion and pollution at the same time

Electric Vehicles

Electric vehicles are better for the environment, cheaper to run and cheaper to maintain.

Pure electric vehicles have zero exhaust emissions, which means they do not emit any harmful exhaust emissions in the local environment.

Depending on your electricity deal and how efficient your electric car is, you could drive for as little as 2-5p per mile. Electric charging points are provided locally in the Carnival Pool and Shute End Car Parks.

Car Share

Car sharing is a great way to reduce the costs of travelling by car. It is also a great way to meet new people and help the environment.

There is a public car share database available to search for other people looking to car share around your area.

Visit: www.wokingham.liftshare.com

Smarter Driving

Smarter driving can help keep you safe and cost you less. Here are some tips for smarter driving:

- Check your tyres are at the correct pressure to help the car run more efficiently
- Remove unnecessary weight from your car like heavy equipment, roof racks or items in your boot
- Make sure your car is serviced regularly to ensure it is running as efficiently as possible
- Avoid wasteful fuel consumption with engine idling or air conditioning

Wokingham Car Charge Points





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