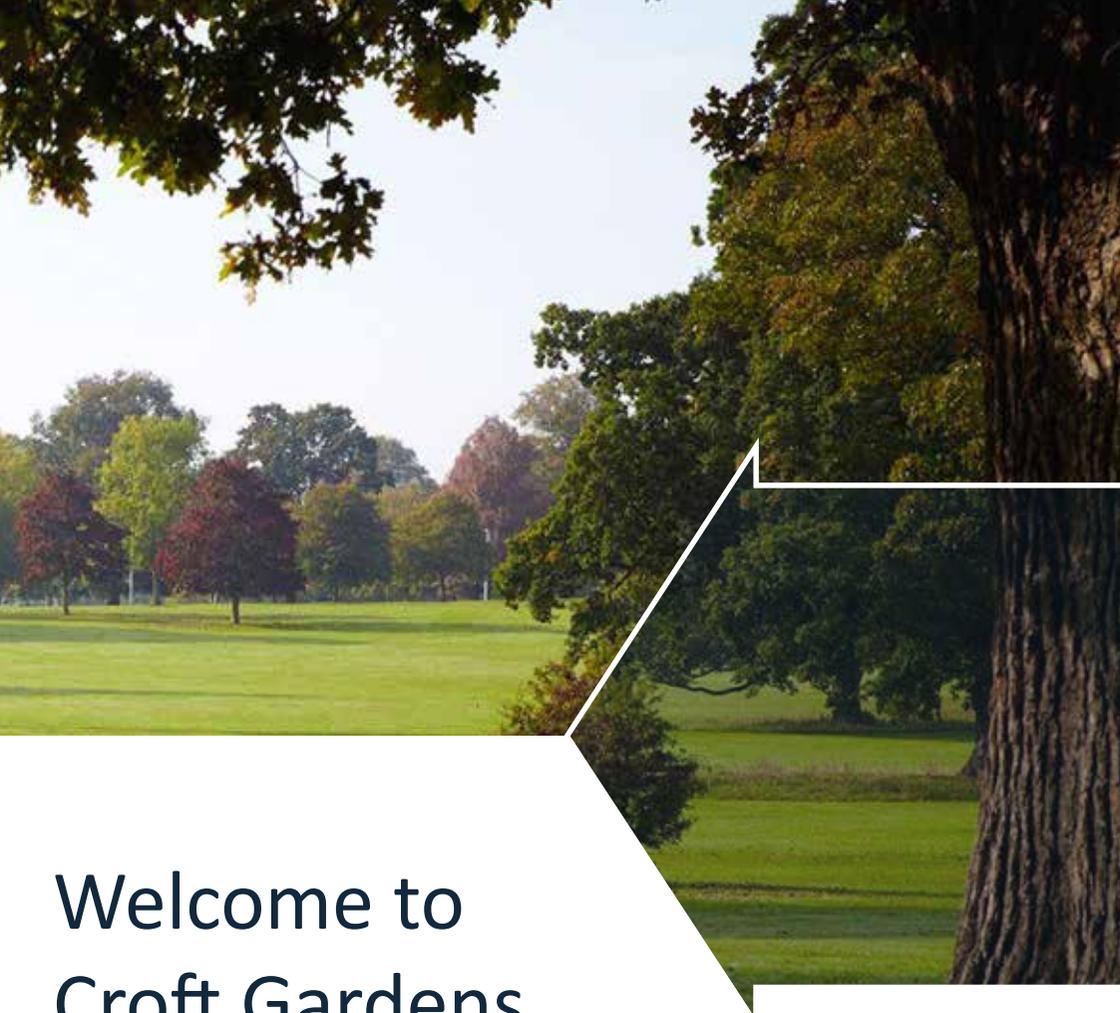


Welcome Pack



# Welcome to Croft Gardens

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## About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Croft Gardens. 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 Croft Gardens.

## My Developer Details

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## 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](http://www.myjourneywokingham.com)**

Facebook:

**[www.facebook.com/MJWokingham](http://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:

**[myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk)**



## Names of prominent men and women who owned the land in Wokingham have been used for streets across Croft Gardens

### Brief History

Wokingham Borough Council in collaboration with Spencers Wood, Shinfield Local History Group and Shinfield Parish Council has devised road names for the new Croft Gardens development.

In 1611 Croft Gardens was part of Blackhouse Farm. The area was mentioned in Nicholas Russell's will and was part of a charity set up to pay money to the poor of the village until 1756.

#### Appleby

Most of the land in Croft Gardens was owned by the Appleby family from 1756. Mrs Appleby was named as owner on the 1756 Estate map. She was descended from a Reading tailor named John Appleby. The land was left to her relation the Reverend John Appleby. When the Reverend died in 1825 the land was then in the hands of trustees and remained in 'Chancery' until 1866 when the land was sold.

#### Full brook

Maria Lane inherited the land from her father John Lane. Maria married William Fullbrook who farmed plots 456 and 457 whilst their sons, Thomas and James Fullbrook lived at plot 473 and 478 respectively. The cottage that James lived in still remains and was called Fullbrook cottage until a few years ago. George Fullbrook, grandson of Maria was killed in Afghanistan whilst serving with the Royal Berks Regiment in 1880 and is commemorated on the Maiwand Lion in Reading as well as in Shinfield Churchyard.

#### Marlow

Plot number 445 was called Marlow Green. The name Marlow arrived early in the records of Shinfield - a William Marlow was vicar of Shinfield c.1502-17. Joseph Marlow junior and senior were tenants of Henry Lanoy Hunter of Beech Hill House and farmed land behind Fullbrook Green on plots 464-471. A William Marlow was once landlord of the Swan Inn, Three Mile Cross.

#### Packer

The Packer family owned land around the area including in Shinfield, Swallowfield, Great Lea and Whitley. The family were part of the Winchcombe Estate - Robert Packer having married into the wealthy family.

#### Albert

In the late 1800 Albert Beckingham married Lydia Baylis and moved to Marlows Farm. They had six children. Albert grew fruit and vegetables in three fields around Marlows. Twice a week, he would set off early with his horse and cart to sell to households in the University and Royal Berkshire Hospital area of Reading. He did this right up until his death in 1958 aged 80.





## 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.

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 in your local area or to plan walks to your local shops, services and other amenities.

Visit: [www.myjourneywokingham.com](http://www.myjourneywokingham.com)

### Walks around Shinfield

Shinfield Volunteer Group have six planned walking routes around Shinfield as well as details of walks around Langley Mead. Full details can be found on Shinfield Parish Council's website.

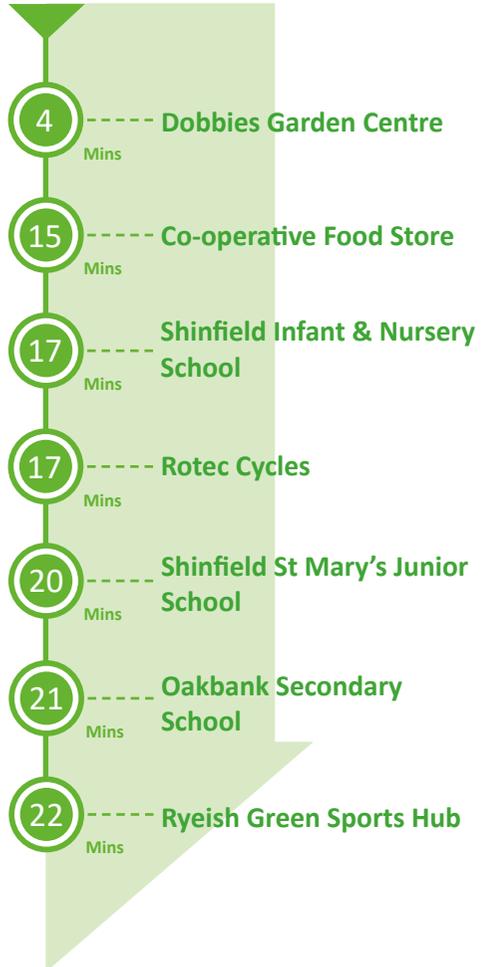
Visit: [www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/leisure/local-walks/](http://www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/leisure/local-walks/)

### 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](http://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 Shinfield, 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 Reading or Mortimer 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.

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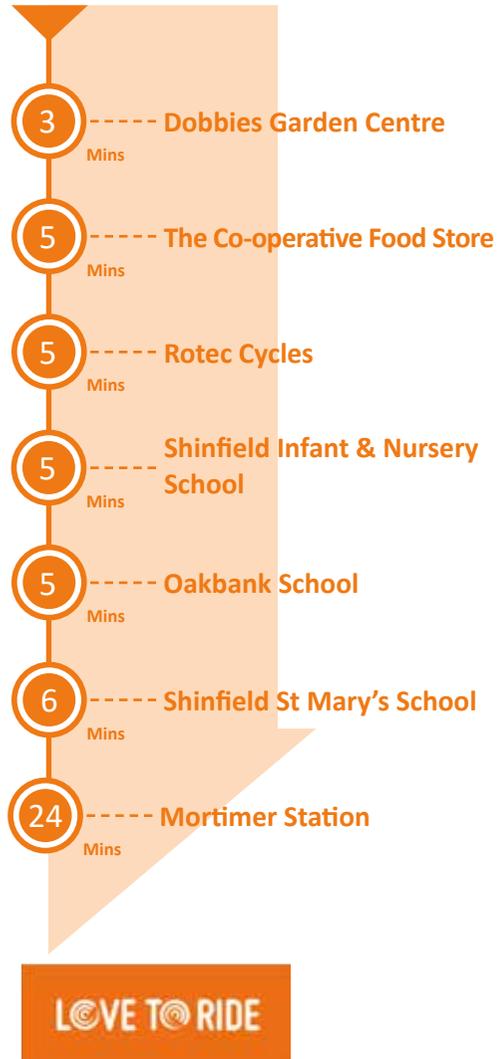
#### **Wokingham Bikeathon**

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](http://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

## Croft Gardens Bus Stops

From Croft Gardens you can catch the No. 8 bus from either Albert Close, Marlow Place or Croft Road bus stops to reach Reading train station via the Shinfield Road and the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

From Croft Gardens you can also catch the No. 9 bus to reach Reading train station via the Royal Berkshire Hospital which goes via Basingstoke Road and Whitley Wood.

Buses depart Albert Close at 20 and 40 minutes past the hour (8) and 52 minutes past the hour (9).

Average journeys times to Reading are around 40 minutes.

## Park and Ride to Reading

A park and ride service operates from Mereok Park & Ride at Mereok Lane, Grazeley. The site provides nearly 600 parking spaces, plus cycle and motorcycle parking. Reading Buses, Greenwave service provides a fast and frequent service between the site and Reading town centre and Reading train station. Park and ride fares include a parking fee of £1.00 per day. Concessionary passes are valid for bus travel in accordance with the scheme conditions, but pass-holders will be asked to pay a £1.00 parking fee.

## Shinfield School Green Bus Stops

For Reading, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Shinfield, Arborfield, Wokingham & Bracknell.

It takes approximately 20 minutes to walk from Croft Gardens to the School Green bus stops. For travel towards Reading use 'Adj School Green' and for travel towards Wokingham & Bracknell use 'Opp School Green' bus stops.

Leopard 3 provides a bus every 20 minutes from School Green to Reading town centre via Shinfield and the Royal Berkshire Hospital. In the opposite direction the Leopard 3 travels every 20 minutes to Arborfield and hourly to Wokingham.

It takes approximately 20 minutes to walk from Croft Gardens to the School Green bus stops. For travel towards Reading use 'Adj School Green' and for travel towards Wokingham use 'Opp School Green' bus stops.

For fares and for further information on all these bus services visit:

[www.readingbuses.co.uk](http://www.readingbuses.co.uk)

You can also plan your journey using our journey planner:

[www.myjourneywokingham.com/journey-planner](http://www.myjourneywokingham.com/journey-planner) or download the Reading Buses mobile application from your providers' app store.

## Long Distance Coaches

National Express operate coaches to London Victoria Coach Station as well as Heathrow and Gatwick Airports from Mereok Park & Ride. Please note that there is no overnight parking at Mereok.

Tickets must be booked in advance at:

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) or

Tel No. 08717 818178.

**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**

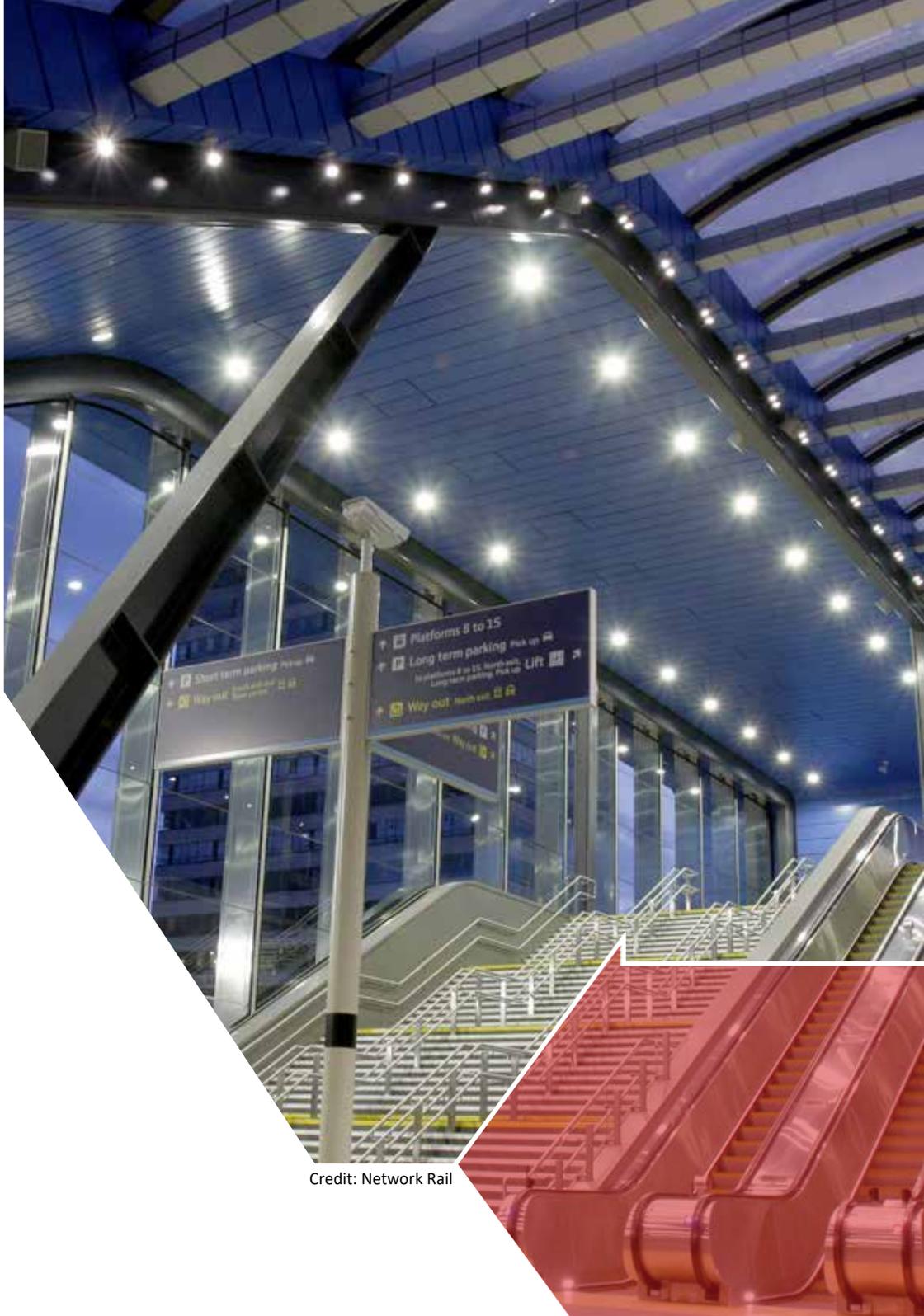
### Brief History

Trains from Reading station travel to stations all over the country including London Paddington, Gatwick, Birmingham New Street and Bournemouth. In addition, the rail air bus departs from Reading station travelling direct to Heathrow. Reading station is located on Station Approach, RGI ILZ. There are 344 bicycle storage spaces and 1,275 parking spaces located at the station. It takes approximately 30 minutes to cycle to Reading Station from Croft Gardens.

Catch the 8/9 bus from either Albert Place, Marlow Place or Croft Road bus stops to Reading train station. Reading Buses Greenwave service travels to Reading train station from Mere oak Park & Ride in 20-25 minutes.

### Approximate Journey Times





Credit: Network Rail



We save 1560kg  
CO<sub>2</sub> each year  
between us!

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

### 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](http://www.wokingham.liftshare.com)

### Mereok Park & Ride

*For Reading Town Centre, Reading International Business Park, Kennet Island & Madejski Stadium*

Mereok Park and Ride is an 8 minute drive from Croft Gardens and accessed via Mereok Lane. Journey times to Reading are 15-25 minutes.

A parking fee of £1 per car for day users applies to Mereok Park and Ride and is included in the bus ticket. Concessionary pass holders travel on the bus for free but need to buy a £1 per car parking ticket on the bus. No overnight parking is permitted.

For more information, visit:  
[www.myjourneywokingham.com](http://www.myjourneywokingham.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

### Electric Car Charge Points





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