

Welcome Pack



# Welcome to Keephatch Gardens

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

## About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Keephatch 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 Keephatch 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)



### Brief History

The North Wokingham major development site is an urban extension of Wokingham town, on land adjoining the Kentwood and Matthewsgreen neighbourhoods and Keephatch Beech (Keephatch Gardens). As part of the new development, there are several new recreational open spaces for residents to enjoy the natural environment. These open spaces include parks and gardens, public open spaces, children's play areas, playing pitches, allotments and nature parks.

The development at Keephatch Gardens has some allotments and a noise-reducing hill with a fence along the A329M.

A pub and restaurant, The Oakingham Belle, opened its doors in September 2019. It is located on Oak Avenue on the right hand side of the entrance to Keephatch Gardens off the London Road. The pub was named after a local Wokingham barmaid from the 18th century 'Molly Mogg' who was also known as the Oakingham Belle.

### Innovation Valley Rewards

Earn rewards whilst you walk, cycle, scoot or use the bus or train. These can be exchanged for high street vouchers or donated to charity.

Find out more here:

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

Or scan the QR Code



### St Crispin's Leisure Centre

St Crispin's Leisure Centre on the London Road, Wokingham is a leisure facility offering a gym, squash courts, classes, swimming lessons, indoor bowls and much more. It is a short walk or cycle ride from Keephatch Gardens.

### Schools Nearby

- Floreat Montague Park Primary School
- Keephatch Primary School
- All Saints (CE) Primary School
- St Crispin's School
- The Emmbrook School
- The Holt School

### Nature Parks in North Wokingham

- Old Forest Meadows – Old Forest Road, Winnersh, RG41 1LA
- Eldridge Park (Bell Farm) – Bingham Drive, Bellfoundry Lane, Wokingham, RG40 5QF
- Kentwood Meadow, Warren House Road, Wokingham, RG40 5RE
- Keep Hatch Woods – Binfield Road, Wokingham, RG40 5PS
- Keephatch Meadows (Stokes Farm) – Binfield Road, Wokingham, RG40 5PR
- Piglittle Field (adjacent to Keephatch Meadows), Amen Corner, Binfield, RG42 4FZ





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

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

### Thames Basin Heaths Partnership

To find greenspaces on your doorstep and get outside for some fresh air and exercise.

Visit:

[www.tbhpartnership.org.uk](http://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk)

### 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](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk)

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

### Wokingham Bikeathon

The Bikeathon is an annual family cycle 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

## London Road Bus Stops

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 the Holt, Forest, Emmbrook and St Crispin's Schools.

Journey times to the Southern Industrial Estates on the Lion 4 are less than 10 minutes and journey times to Bracknell's Lexicon Shopping Centre are 15 minutes via the Lion X4.

Your nearest bus stops for the Lion services are the Hilton St Anne's Manor Hotel stops on the London Road.

For fares and for further information of the bus service visit:

[www.reading-buses.co.uk](http://www.reading-buses.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.

## Park and Ride to Reading

The Winnersh Triangle Park & Ride site is currently being improved with additional spaces and more electric vehicle chargepoints. The Winnersh Triangle car park (reduced capacity of 100 during construction) will still be in use for those using the train service.

### Mereok Park & Ride

There is a park & ride facility at Mereok just off the A33, J11 M4 with regular buses going into Reading.

For more information visit:

<https://www.reading-buses.co.uk/park-ride>

### National Express Coaches

National Express Coaches call at Mereok Park & Ride going onto London Victoria or London Heathrow.

For more information visit:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>

## FREE Bus Travel

There are a limited number of free weekly bus passes available for residents of Keephatch Gardens. Please contact us to receive your free voucher.

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



**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**

Wokingham is the nearest railway station to Keephatch Gardens. It takes approximately 15 minutes to cycle to the station. Alternatively you can catch the 4/X4 Lion bus which departs from the London Road bus stop every 15 minutes.

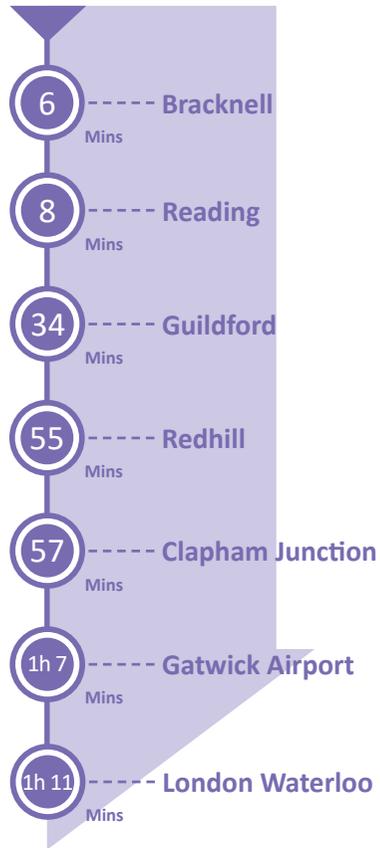
Four trains an hour depart for Reading Station, two direct trains an hour to London Waterloo and two direct trains an hour to Guildford, Redhill and Gatwick Airport. Some additional services are provided at peak times.

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](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

For information on tickets and discounted rail travel visit:  
[www.myjourneywokingham.com](http://www.myjourneywokingham.com)

### Approximate Journey Times



Twyford Train Station is approximately 10 minutes by car or 25 minutes by bike. There are regular trains to London Paddington from Twyford with journey times varying from as quick as 21 minutes depending on when you travel. You can also catch the Elizabeth line train to London from Twyford Station which will provide more flexibility for travel to London.

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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.

For locations of more electric car charge points please visit:

[www.zap-map.com](http://www.zap-map.com)

### 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 national car share database available to search for other people looking to car share around your area.

Visit: [www.liftshare.com](http://www.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

### Electric Car Charge Points





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