

Welcome Pack



Welcome to Long Acre

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www.myjourneywokingham.com

About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Long Acre. 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 Long Acre.

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 Shinfield you can contact us.

Email:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk



Shinfield

In Shinfield Parish, the villages of Shinfield, Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross are being extended and together comprise one of our major development areas.

School Green Centre is a new community centre where Shinfield Parish Council are located. There are lots of rooms to hire, a cafe and library there too. For further information about the community centre and resources available please visit Shinfield Parish Council's website here: www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk. The University of Reading has also built the Thames Valley Science and Innovation Park which is accessed from the Shinfield Eastern Relief Road.

Schools

The nearest schools to Long Acre are Shinfield Infant & Nursery School, Shinfield St Mary's Junior School, Alder Grove Primary School and Oakbank Secondary School (11-16 years).

Bike hub at Shinfield

My Journey have a bike hub at Shinfield St Mary's Junior School which is used for cycle training and cycle events during the school holidays.

Parks in Shinfield

- Langley Mead - Hyde End Road, Shinfield, RG2 9EP (nearest postcode)
- Mays Farm Meadows - Hyde End Lane, Ryeish Green, Shinfield, RG7 1EP
- Five Acres Field - next to Clares Green Field, Shinfield, RG7 1EN
- Clares Green Field - Ryeish Lane, Shinfield, RG7 1EN (nearest postcode)

Ryeish Green Sports Hub

The former Ryeish Green Sports Centre has been updated and re-opened as the Ryeish Green Sports hub with a health and fitness gym, changing facilities, a club room and a car park, along with a refurbished sports hall. The refurbished facilities together with the improved sports pitches have created a dynamic sports hub in the western part of Wokingham Borough.

BetterPoints - My Journey Wokingham Challenge

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.mjwokingham.betterpoints.uk

Or scan the QR Code







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

Walks around Shinfield

Shinfield Volunteer Group have six planned walking routes around Shinfield Parish 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

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

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.

Visit:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

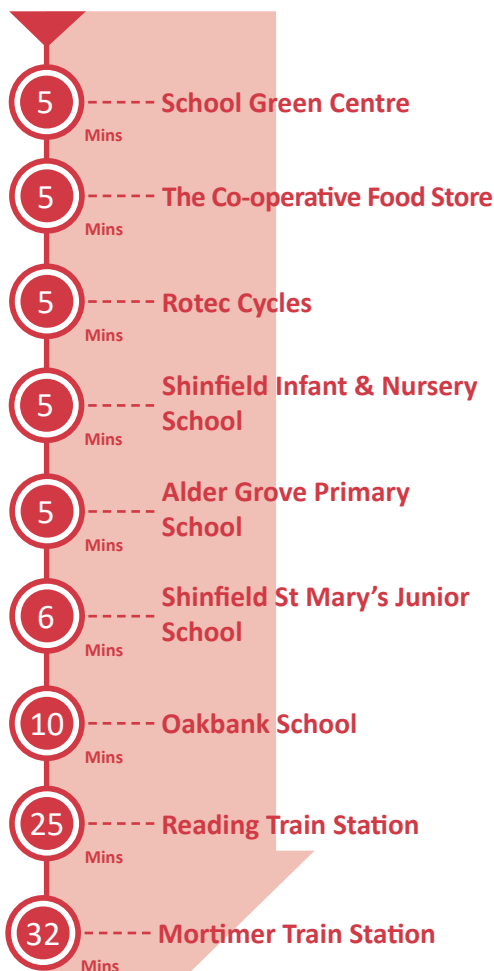
Wokingham Bikeathon

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

Hawthorn Bus Stop

The hourly 600 bus service from the bus stop on Hawthorn goes to Reading train station via MereOak Park & Ride. Some of the Leopard 3 buses also stop at the bus stop on Hawthorn.

For fares and further information on bus services visit:

www.reading-buses.co.uk

You can also plan your journey using our journey planner:

www.myjourneywokingham.com/journey-planner

or download the Reading Buses mobile application from your providers' app store.

Change to School Green and Hollow Lane Bus Stops

Leopard 3 provides a bus every 20 minutes from School Green or Hollow Lane bus stops 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.

The hourly 600 bus also stops at School Green or Hollow Lane bus stops. It takes approximately 10 minutes to walk from Long Acre to the School Green or Hollow Lane bus stop.

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Long Distance Coaches

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

Tickets must be booked in advance at:

www.nationalexpress.com

FlixBus also operate coaches from MereOak Park & Ride to London Hammersmith or London Victoria Coach Station.

For further information and tickets please visit their website:

www.flixbus.co.uk

Park and Ride to Reading

A park and ride service operates from MereOak Park & Ride at MereOak 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.

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

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, RG1 1LZ. There are 344 bicycle storage spaces and 1,275 parking spaces located at the station. It takes approximately 25 minutes to cycle to Reading Station from Shinfield Meadows.

For further information on train times visit:

www.nationalrail.co.uk

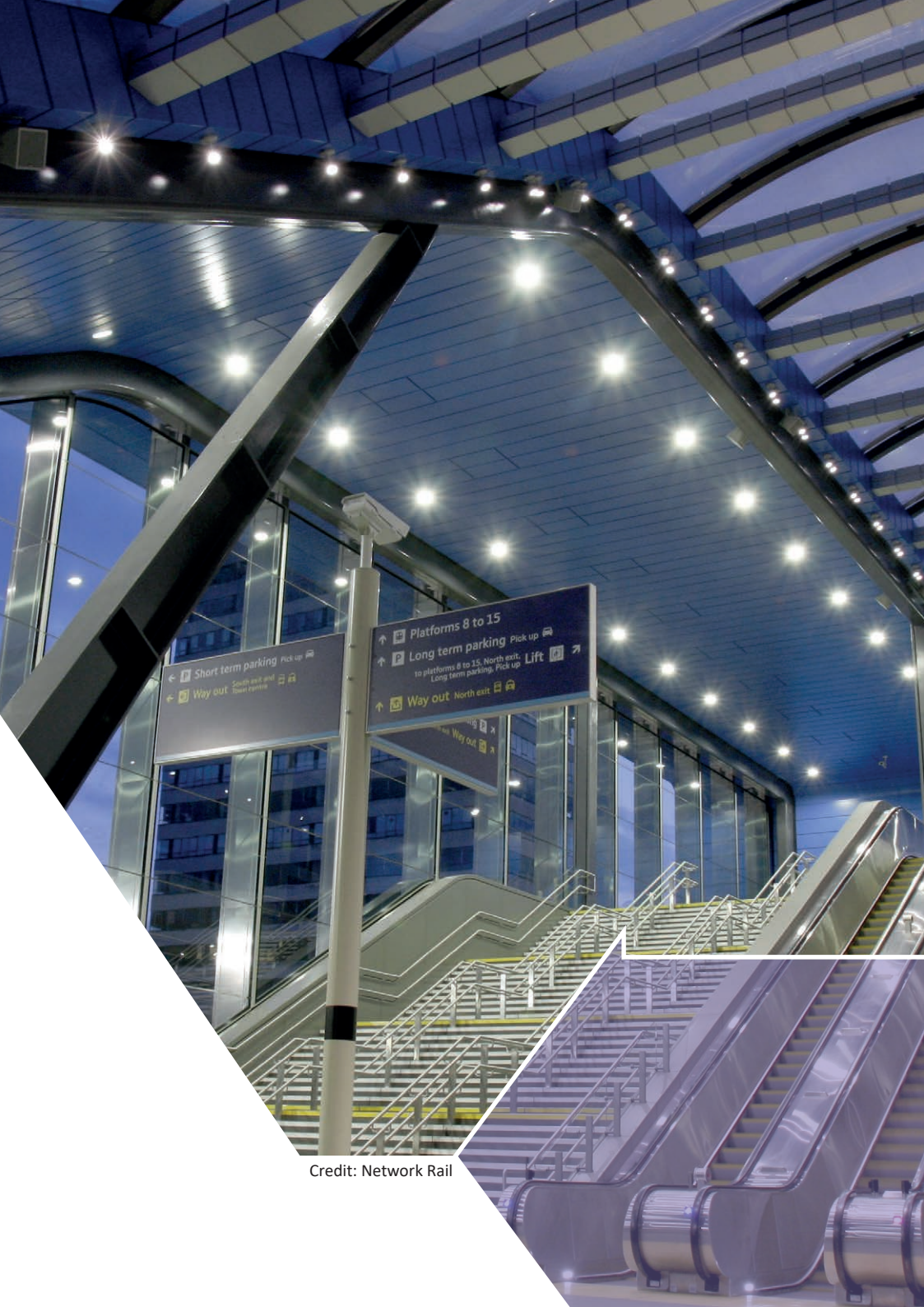
For information on tickets and discounted rail travel visit:

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Catch the Leopard 3 or 600 bus to reach Reading train station from your nearest bus stop to reach Reading train station.

Approximate Journey Times





Credit: Network Rail



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.

Although the upfront cost of purchasing an electric vehicle is higher, savings are made in the longer term with lower running costs. Electric vehicles have lower servicing and maintenance costs due to having fewer mechanical components as well as being more cost effective to charge than petrol cars. Electric charging points are provided locally in the Carnival Pool and Shute End Car Parks in Wokingham. There are also electric charging points at Wokingham, Fleet and Farnborough train station car parks.

For locations of more electric car charge points please visit: 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 public car share database available to search for other people looking to car share around your area.

Visit: 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



To find a charging point please visit:

www.zap-map.com



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