

Welcome Pack



Welcome to Emmbrook Place

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About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Emmbrook Place. 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 Emmbrook Place.

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 as well as competitions.

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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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. 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 (SANGs – Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace). SANGs commonly called nature parks are designed to attract residents and dog walkers.

SANGs are an alternative to the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area, which supports rare ground nesting birds such as the Dartford warbler, woodlark and nightjar and is highly sensitive to visitors.

Matthewsgreen Primary School and Community Centre

A new primary school is under construction in Matthewsgreen as part of the development. The school will have 1 class per year (1 form-entry) with the ability to expand to 2 classes per year. There will be a school car park as well as community parking and a school drop-off area provided.

The development will include a neighbourhood centre with shops and other community uses. There will also be a new community centre which will be linked to the school.

Schools nearby

- Emmbrook Infant School
- Emmbrook Junior School
- Matthewsgreen Primary School (under construction)
- The Emmbrook Secondary School
- The Holt School.

SANGs/Parks nearby

- Old Forest Meadows, Old Forest Road, Winnersh, RG41 1LA
- Eldridge Country Park, Bingham Drive, Bellfoundry Lane, Wokingham, RG40 5QF
- Kentwood Meadows, Warren House Road, Wokingham, RG40 5RE
- Keephatch Meadows, Binfield Road, Wokingham, RG40 5PR
- Keephatch Woods, Binfield Road, Wokingham RG40 5PS.

Sports/Leisure Facilities

- Cantley Park, Twyford Road, Wokingham, RG40 5QG – tennis courts/sports pitches
- St Crispin's Leisure Centre, London Road, Wokingham – leisure facility offering a gym, squash courts, classes, swimming lessons, indoor bowls and much more

Visit:

www.placesleisure.org

Wokingham Theatre

Wokingham Theatre is a thriving community theatre putting on eight full-length productions a year as well as several extra smaller productions. They are located just off Twyford Road, Wokingham, RG40 5TU near to Cantley Park.





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.

Thames Basin Heaths Partnership

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

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

Places to Walk to

- 10 Mins ----- The Emmbrook School
- 10 Mins ----- Emmbrook Infant/Junior School
- 15 Mins ----- Emmbrook Post Office
- 16 Mins ----- The Holt School
- 22 Mins ----- Morrisons, Woosehill
- 25 Mins ----- Wokingham Train Station
- 30 Mins ----- Wokingham Town Centre

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 busier times.

Visit the My Journey website for the latest copy of the Wokingham Area 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 family 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

5

Mins

The Emmbrook School

7

Mins

Emmbrook Infant/Junior School

9

Mins

Emmbrook Post Office/Holt School

9

Mins

Morrisons, Woosehill

10

Mins

Wokingham Train Station

12

Mins

Wokingham Town Centre

20

Mins

Twyford Train Station

LOVE TO RIDE





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

The nearest bus stop to Emmbrook Place is the Dog and Duck stop, approximately 8 minutes walk to catch the 122/129 bus to Wokingham.

For fares and for further information on all these bus services visit: www.thamesvalleybuses.com

The Lion 4/X4 bus service travels between Reading and Bracknell every 15 minutes and the nearest stop is the Rifle Volunteer, approximately 15 minutes walk.

For fares and for further information on all these 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.

FREE Bus Travel

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

Email: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Park & Ride to Reading

A park and ride service is available from the edge of Winnersh Triangle Business Park. The service provides fast 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-travelinfo.co.uk/park-and-ride/winnersh-triangle



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 station to Emmbrook Place. You can walk or cycle there in less than 30 minutes. The nearest bus stop to Emmbrook Place is the Dog and Duck stop, approximately 5 minutes walk to catch the 122/129 bus. The Lion 4/X4 bus service travels between Reading and Bracknell every 15 minutes and the nearest stop is the Rifle Volunteer, approximately 15 minutes walk.

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:

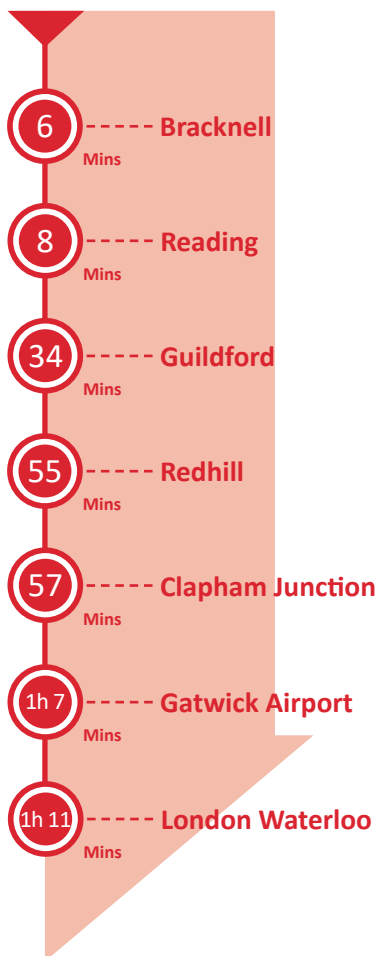
www.nationalrail.co.uk

For information on tickets and discounted rail travel visit:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

Twyford Train Station is approximately 10 minutes by car or 20 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. Later this year Crossrail will be calling at Twyford Station which will provide more flexibility for travel to London.

Approximate Journey Times





Wokingham





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 in Wokingham. There are also electric charging points at Wokingham, Fleet and Farnborough train station 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.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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