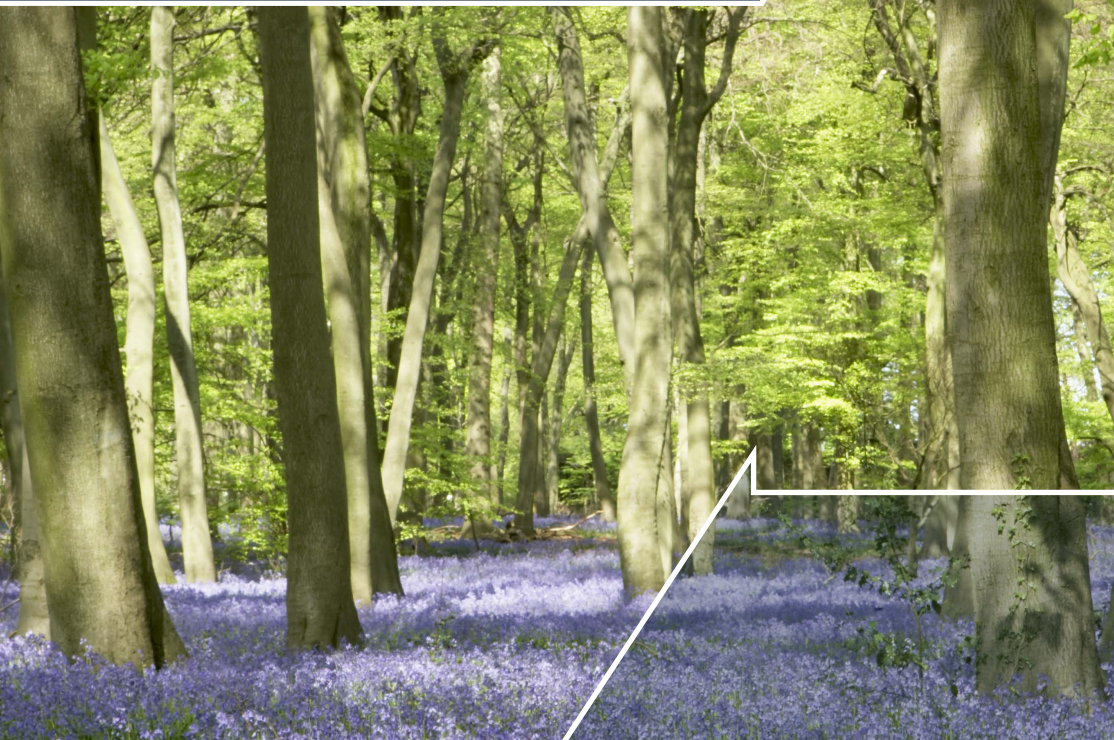


Welcome Pack



Welcome to Deer Leap Park & Orchard Rise

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www.myjourneywokingham.com



About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Deer Leap Park/ Orchard Rise. 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 Deer Leap Park & Orchard Rise.

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:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk



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Brief History

Development of Shinfield, Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross

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.

There will be homes, a district centre with a supermarket and community centre, a neighbourhood centre, two new primary schools, new playing fields and open spaces, and new roads which includes the Shinfield Eastern relief road. The University of Reading has also built the Thames Valley Science and Innovation Park which is accessed from the Shinfield Eastern Relief Road.

History of Three Mile Cross

Basingstoke Road was the historic route south from the Thames Valley at Reading to Odiham, Farnham, and Portsmouth. The not very fertile land was held by large estates and the medieval open-field system was only enclosed by hedging in the nineteenth century. The estates and farms depended on labourers and servants who lived in poor conditions on the common land or in sporadic clusters of dwellings. Ale houses and coaching inns served the travellers on the main road, and Three Mile Cross developed at the junction with the then chief route east to Shinfield parish church and on

to Wokingham, and the route west to Grazeley and Mortimer. Tradesmen and services for agriculture were attracted to Three Mile Cross. By the 1820's the community of farriers, bakers, cobblers, seamstresses and others formed a bustling village that was brilliantly depicted in the series of articles entitled 'Our Village', written over many years by the resident dramatist and author Mary Russell Mitford. The articles made Three Mile Cross so famous that American visitors would come here to look at the village and make Mary Mitford's acquaintance.

***This History of Three Mile Cross was taken from Our Villages – Character Statement written by Patricia Green & Graham Simonds.**

Schools nearby

- Alder Grove Church of England Primary School – due to open September 2020
- Shinfield Infants & Nursery School
- Shinfield St Mary's Junior School
- Lambs Lane Primary School
- Grazeley Parochial Primary School
- Oakbank Secondary School (11-16 year olds).

New Parks in Shinfield

- Langley Mead (formerly known as the Loddon SANG) - Hyde End Road, Shinfield, RG2 9EP
- 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.

Ryeish Green Sports Hub

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





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

Thames Basin Heaths Partnership

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

Visit: 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/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 Three Mile Cross, 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

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- 3 Mins ----- Post Office/One Stop
 - 5 Mins ----- Oakbank Secondary School
 - 6 Mins ----- Ryeish Green Sports Hub
 - 6 Mins ----- Spencers Wood Library
 - 9 Mins ----- Shinfield Infant & Nursery School
 - 10 Mins ----- Lambs Lane Primary School
 - 10 Mins ----- Rotec Cycles
 - 10 Mins ----- MereOak Park & Ride
 - 24 Mins ----- Mortimer Station

LOVE TO RIDE





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

Basingstoke Road Bus Stops

From Deer Leap Park and Orchard Rise you can catch the No. 9 Leopard bus to reach Reading train station via Royal Berkshire Hospital and Whitley Wood. The nearest bus stop is located on the Basingstoke Road opposite Three Mile Cross Post Office.

Average journey times to Reading are around 35 minutes.

For fares and for further information on the Leopard 9 see the enclosed leaflet.

Tiger 7 also serves Reading train station and takes around 35 minutes.

In the opposite direction the Tiger 7 serves Swallowfield, Wellington Country Park, Hartley Wintney and Fleet train station. Average journey times to Fleet train station are around 35 minutes.

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.

Park and Ride to Reading

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

Long Distance Coaches

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

Tickets must be booked in advance at:

www.nationalexpress.com or

Tel No. 08717 818178.

145 Bus – Tuesdays only

Every Tuesday the 145 bus goes to Sainsbury's at Winnersh via Riseley, Swallowfield, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Barkham, Arborfield.

Departs from	Time	Departs from	Time
Three Mile Cross, Post Office Lay-by	0945	Winnersh, Sainsbury's	1200
Wokingham, Tesco	1026	Wokingham, Broad Street	1220
Wokingham, Broad Street	1030	Wokingham, Tesco	1225
Winnersh, Sainsbury's	1050	Three Mile Cross, Post Office Lay-by	1305

For fares and for further information on the above service visit:

www.horsemancoaches.co.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

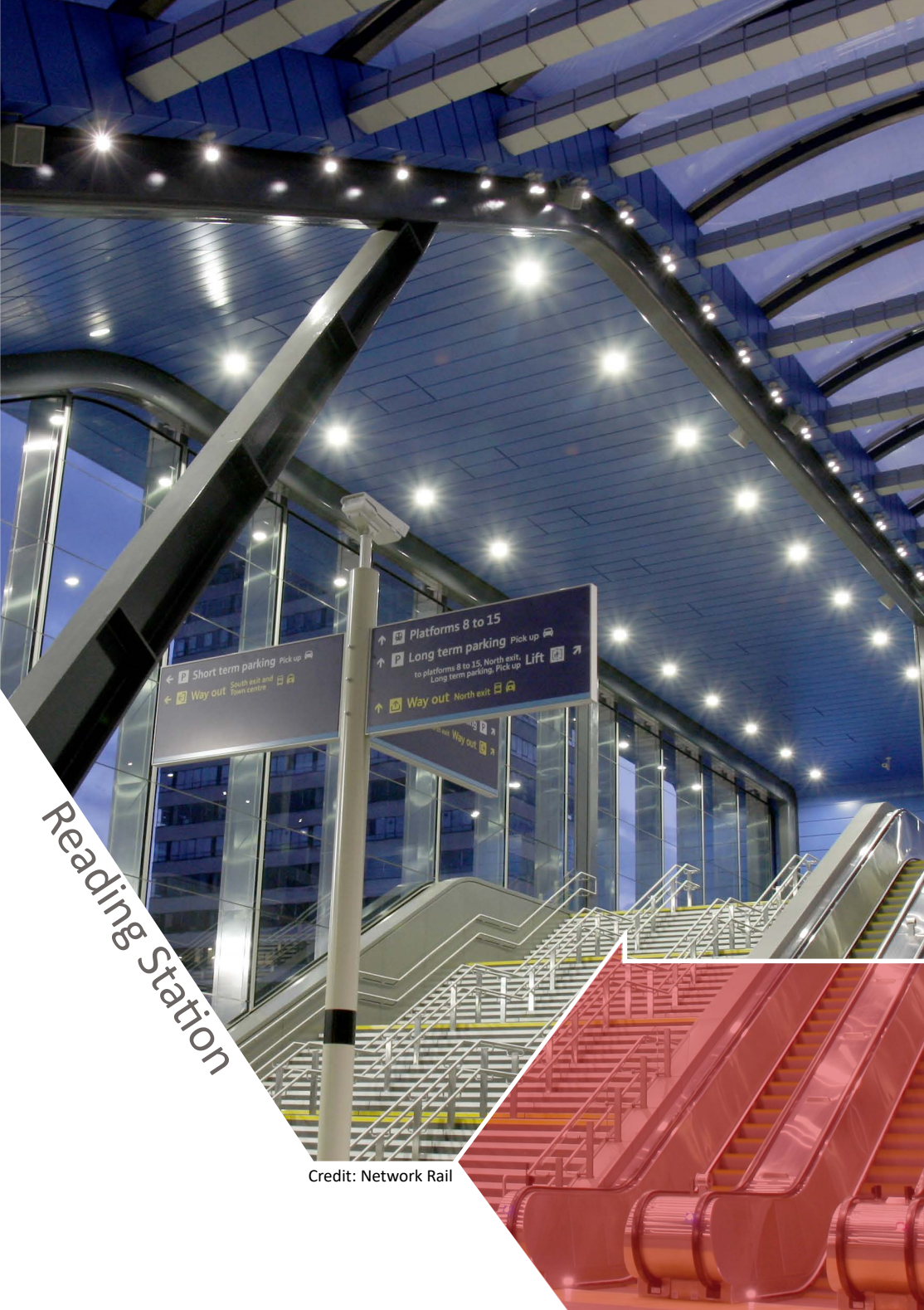
Brief History

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, RG1 1LZ. 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 Deer Leap Park & Orchard Rise.

Catch the No. 7/9 bus from the Basingstoke Road bus stop to Reading train station. Reading Buses Greenwave service also travels to Reading train station from Mere oak Park & Ride in 20-25 minutes.

Approximate Journey Times





Reading Station

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

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

MereOak Park & Ride

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

MereOak Park and Ride is a 5 minute drive from Deer Leap Park & Orchard Rise and accessed via MereOak Lane. Journey times to Reading are 15-25 minutes.

A parking fee of £1 per car for day users applies to MereOak 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

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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