Welcome Pack



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About This Booklet

Welcome to your new home in Mulberry View. 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, details of how to access the car club 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 Mulberry View.

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

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



Names of prominent people who lived in Wokingham have been used for streets across Mulberry View

Brief History

Readwin Crescent

Thomas Readwin was a school teacher who ran a boarding and day school for young gentlemen. In 1845 he wrote An Account of the Charities of the Town and Parish of Wokingham. Every Christmas he paid for dinner for the poor of Wokingham.

Lockhart Drive

Private Robert Lockhart of the Scots Greys gained fame by dying on the Sandhurst Road on a march between Aldershot and Wokingham en route to Ireland on Wednesday, 30th July 1856. An inquest was held at the Rose Inn in Wokingham the following day. The exact cause of death of this man who had survived the Crimean War with honour was never stated but it is believed that he died from heatstroke.

This is not surprising because when the body was undressed it was discovered that underneath his regimental tunic he had also been wearing two woollen shirts; a cotton shirt; and a stable jacket. Various articles had also been stuffed into the breast of the tunic. His death gained much public sympathy and a stone was erected to his memory near where he collapsed.

Morres Grove

Commander Elliott Morres, R.N. served in the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic Wars. He took a leading role in the rebuilding of the parish almshouses and in the restoration of All Saints Church. The west window of All Saints Church was inserted in his memory.

Avres Grove

Dennis Ayres was a noted Wokingham historian who wrote many articles about the town and who co-authored The Inns and Public Houses of Wokingham.

Goddard Crescent

Charles Goddard was a Police Superintendent in Wokingham. He was awarded the King's Police Medal in 1924 for services during WW1, in which he set up a force of Special Constables to act in the event of a hostile aircraft invasion. He was one of the officers who investigated the disappearance of Agatha Christie in 1926, remained convinced that she was alive and would return in her own good time, which she did.

Penny Row

Rev. William Charles Penny was a Medical Officer, Bursar and Professor of Chemistry at Wellington College, who lived at Shute End House, Wokingham. He was also a naturalist who wrote numerous articles on the subject. Just before his death he donated a picture of Prince George of Denmark to the Town Council which hangs in the Council Chamber.

Farbrother

Mr Farbrother (first name not known) was the creator of a flying machine in 1909 in which he persuaded a number of people of Wokingham to invest considerable sums. The large craft resembled a huge fish and was nicknamed The Wokingham Whale. It never flew.





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 to people of all sizes.

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 the borough 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

Diamond Jubilee Way (Spooner Place) Bus Stop Sainsbury's Local Mins Cantley Park Mins Cantley Park Mins

Approximate Walking Times



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 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

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 annuanced.

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.

Approximate Journey Times









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

Thames Valley Buses 121 stops at Spooner Place and serves Wokingham Broad Street and Wokingham Rail Station, every half an hour from around 6:40am to 7:23pm, Monday to Friday. The service extends to Tesco between 9:30am and 3:00pm Monday to Friday. A more limited service is provided on Saturday.

The nearest bus stop to Mulberry View is on Spooner Place which is located on Diamond Jubilee Way. There is another bus stop on Wheeler Avenue near the entrance to Culver Grove and a third one less than 2 minutes walk from Mulberry Grove on Ashridge Road.

For more details visit:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

Smarter Driving

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

Email: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Park and Ride to Reading

A park and ride service is now operating from the edge of Winnersh Triangle Business Park. The service provides 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.

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 railway station to Mulberry Grove. You can walk or cycle there in less than 30 minutes. Alternatively you can catch the 121 bus which runs every 30 minutes with direct journey times of just over 10 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.

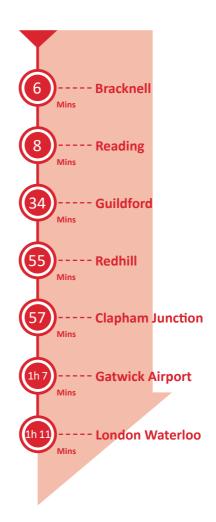
The station is located on Station Approach, RG40 2AP. It has a cafe, 118 sheltered cycle storage spaces and 531 parking spaces.

For further information on train times visit: www.nationalrail.co.uk

For information on tickets and discounted rail travel visit:

www.myjourneywokingham.com

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Arrrange 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 train station.

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

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

Wokingham Charge Points







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