



KINGSMERE

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YOUR TRAVEL CHOICES



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# WELCOME TO KINGSMERE'S TRAVEL CHOICES

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## Real travel choices

Commuting could not be easier from Kingsmere, with two railway stations within walking distance and two bus services that run through the development, providing direct access to Bicester town centre, Bicester North railway station and Oxford city centre.

Additionally:

- There is quick access to London, Birmingham, Banbury, Leamington Spa, Oxford Parkway and Oxford by train.
- Bicester is a flat town, with all areas within a comfortable cycling distance.
- Kingsmere has on-site facilities within walking or cycling distance.
- You are only a short walk from the town centre, Bicester Business Park and Bicester Village.

- There are opportunities to share car journeys with other residents.

Oxfordshire County Council is further improving travel choices in Bicester (and information about them) as part of the Bicester Eco-town proposals.

## Out and about

Explore the surrounding area and you will stumble across rambler footpaths and cycleways, country pubs and pretty villages, whilst being within easy reach of major businesses and shopping centres.

## Keeping in touch

Look at the pictures, watch the videos, and read about the developments.

 [www.kingsmere-bicester.com](http://www.kingsmere-bicester.com)

 [@Kingsmere\\_Bices](https://twitter.com/Kingsmere_Bices)



## Site map

Please find enclosed a separate A3 version of this site map



## Key

- Park
- Playing field/sports pitch
- Play area
- Footpath/cycleway
- Pedestrian route
- Bus route
- Future 26 bus route (via phase 2 - bus stop locations TBC)

- Bus stop (approximate location)
- B Possible future bus stop locations
- Completed residential development
- Future residential development
- Ponds
- Stagecoach
- Thames Travel

## Bus services

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# TRAVEL ON FOOT

Travelling by foot is a quick and easy way of getting around Kingsmere. Due to Kingsmere's close proximity to central Bicester many local facilities can be reached via a short walk. Key destinations and approximate walking times are shown on the map below.

## Key locations

Bicester town centre can be reached in a 15 minute walk, whilst Bicester Village railway station is around a 10 minute walk from the north east of Kingsmere. Bicester North railway station is situated 20-25 minutes walk away.

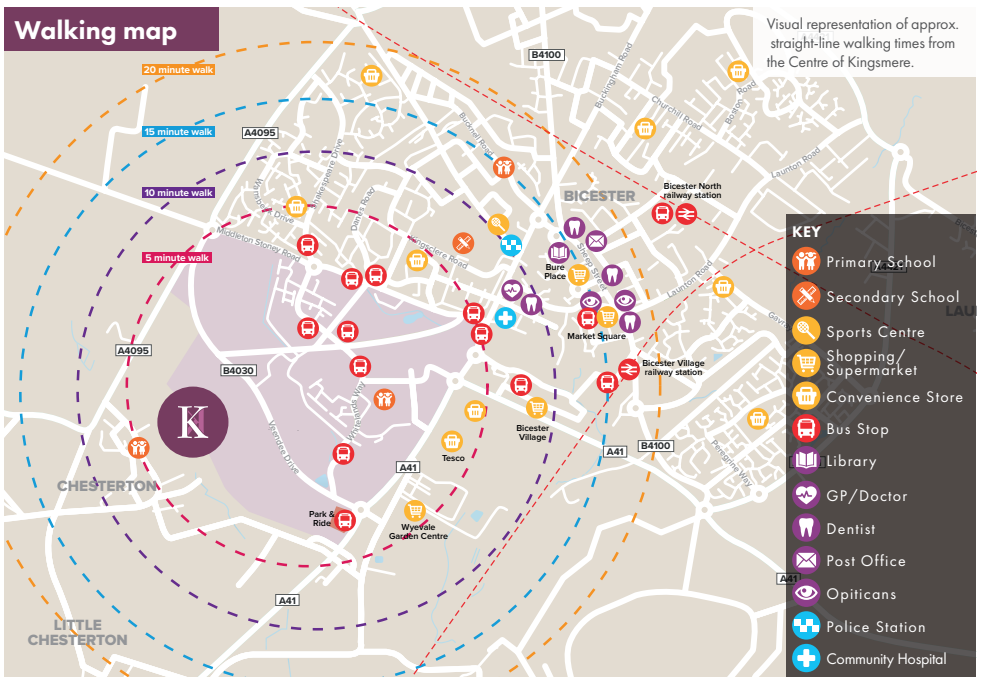
Additional local facilities can be accessed via a short walk, including supermarkets, local shops, leisure facilities, community hospital, primary and secondary schools.

Good quality, direct and lit pedestrian routes are being installed through Kingsmere, connecting with routes to the town centre, Bicester Village and Bicester North railway stations and other destinations.

Kingsmere also provides many local opportunities for recreational walking trips.

## Benefits

Whilst many health benefits are associated with walking, you can also help minimise environmental impacts caused by car travel by walking more often as part of your daily journeys.



## DID YOU KNOW?

A brisk walk burns the same amount of calories as a run over the same distance!

It can:

- help beat stress: walking can make you feel good and more relaxed.
- cut your risk of heart disease by up to 50%, reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and the risk of some cancers.
- boost your immune system for 24 hours.
- even lower your blood pressure.

source: [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)



### Further information

Advance journey planning can often offer routes that reduce your expected travel time.

For planning walking routes for everyday journeys or recreation a series of digital resources are available. Names and details of these sites are listed below:

#### Bicester & Kidlington Group of the Ramblers' Association

The group helps local people enjoy walking and to protect the places we all love to walk. Most groups organise regular walks led by local experts – a great way to get outside and discover how walking boosts your health.

 [www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk)

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### Eco Bicester

The Eco Bicester project team have produced a map of the main walking routes to help you find your way around the town. The map also shows the location of Bicester Village and Bicester North railway stations.

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

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### Oxfordshire County Council

Find out where to go and explore the Oxfordshire countryside using the council's online map, showing all public rights of way, open access land and a collection of walks and rides.

 [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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## TRAVEL BY BIKE

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Kingsmere provides ample cycle opportunities with Bicester town centre located within a 5 minute ride, and 5-10 minutes to Bicester Village railway station and Bicester North railway station.

There is secure covered cycle parking at both railway stations, in the following locations:

- Bicester Village: By the station entrance;
- Bicester North: By the Bicester Village shuttle bus stop and also on the opposite side of station approach.

For updated information please check:

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

 [Bicester Village/Bicester North](#)

Part of the National Cycle Network (Route 51) runs along the A41 past Kingsmere.

Whilst cycling can help to incorporate exercise into your daily routine it also acts as an efficient way of travelling in terms of both time and money.

### Bicester Bike Loan

Bicester Green is host to a fleet of Cherwell District Council owned bikes that are fully maintained and offered out to hire from our workshop.

The scheme, aimed at getting people out of their cars and onto bicycles, allows you to take up the opportunity of a free cycle loan as part of the 'Cycle for Bicester' programme. 'Cycle for Bicester' encourages more people in Bicester to give cycling a try.

You can borrow either a traditional bicycle or could try a folding Brompton bike. Accessories such as trailers, children's tail bikes and child seats are also available.

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

 [bicester bike loan](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

- New crossing points have been provided on Middleton Stoney Road, linking Kingsmere to the existing communities.
- Cycle parking is available to the rear of the southbound X5 bus stop on the A41, at the Kingsmere Park and Ride Site and at Bicester Village and Bicester North railway stations, to support connections to public transport.





### Further information

Information on local cycling clubs in the area, cycle maps and recreational cycle trails can be found at the websites listed:

### Map My Ride


Know where you're going, see where you've been. Record activities and keep track of your progress.

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

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### Sustrans

Information on the National Cycle Network (Route 51) and cycle routes.

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

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### CycleStreets

CycleStreets is a UK-wide cycle journey planner system, which lets you plan routes from A to B by bike. It is designed by cyclists, for cyclists, and caters for the needs of both confident and less confident cyclists.

 [www.cyclestreets.net](http://www.cyclestreets.net)

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### The National Cycling Charity (CTC)

Social cycling group for Bicester, formed in September 2015. The group keep to a sociable pace, not a sporty one. Non-CTC members are welcome to try out these rides as a taster for riding in a group.

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

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## TRAVEL BY BUS

Kingsmere is served by two local bus services providing residents with direct access to Bicester and Oxford city centre.

The no.26 bus service runs directly through the development connecting you to Bicester town centre (and additionally to Bicester North railway station during peak hours). The S5 to Oxford also runs through the site at peak times. At other times it can be accessed from the Kingsmere Park and Ride site or stops on the A41 Oxford Road.

The X5 bus service (Cambridge, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Buckingham to Oxford, via Bicester) can also be accessed from stops on the A41 Oxford Road. It is possible to interchange to additional services in Bicester town centre or Oxford city centre.

Thames Travel additionally run the 25a Oxford to Bicester bus service (approximately hourly Monday to Saturday) via Middleton Stoney Road.

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

### Frequencies of buses

Service no. and approx frequency

#### **26 (local service)**

Every 30-40 minutes, Monday-Saturday

#### **S5 (from Kingsmere Park & Ride site)**

Every 15 minutes Monday-Saturday

(more at weekday peaks)

Every 30 minutes on Sundays

Runs until late at night

#### **S5 (from Kingsmere centre)**

Selected peak hour services

(see S5 timetable for details)

#### **X5 (from Oxford Road)**

Every 30 minutes daily



### ★ SPECIAL OFFER ★

#### **FREE TICKET WORTH UP TO £81!**

A **FREE** 28-day Stagecoach Oxfordshire Megarider Gold ticket is on offer to every Kingsmere household, for use on local bus services provided by Stagecoach.

The ticket is valid on all 26 and S5 services, as well as the X5 service (between Oxford and Bicester only), plus interchange to any other Stagecoach service in Oxfordshire.

Complete the voucher form on the back inside cover or contact your Travel Plan Coordinator (see voucher for more details).

### Further information

Plan your journeys, find out when the next bus is coming using the live feed and buy your tickets in advance.

 [www.stagecoachbus.com/kingsmere](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/kingsmere)

#### **NO CASH - NO PROBLEM**

Contactless payment is now available on board the 26 and the S5 services.

Use your contactless payment card or phone (i.e. ApplePay) to pay for your ticket when boarding.



# Key bus routes operated by Stagecoach in South West Bicester



## Bicester town centre

- stand **2** **X5** to Milton Keynes & Cambridge  
**S5** to Launton or St George's Barracks
- stand **3** **X5** to Oxford  
**S5** to Kingsmere & Oxford
- stand **4** **26** to Kingsmere



## TRAVEL BY TRAIN

The proximity of local railway stations operated by Chiltern Railways mean Kingsmere is highly accessible to destinations further afield.


Newly re-opened Bicester Village railway station has services to London Marylebone and Oxford Parkway. A direct line to Oxford also opened in December 2016.

Additionally there is Bicester North railway station with services to London Marylebone, Birmingham Moor Street, Birmingham Snow Hill, Leamington Spa and Banbury.

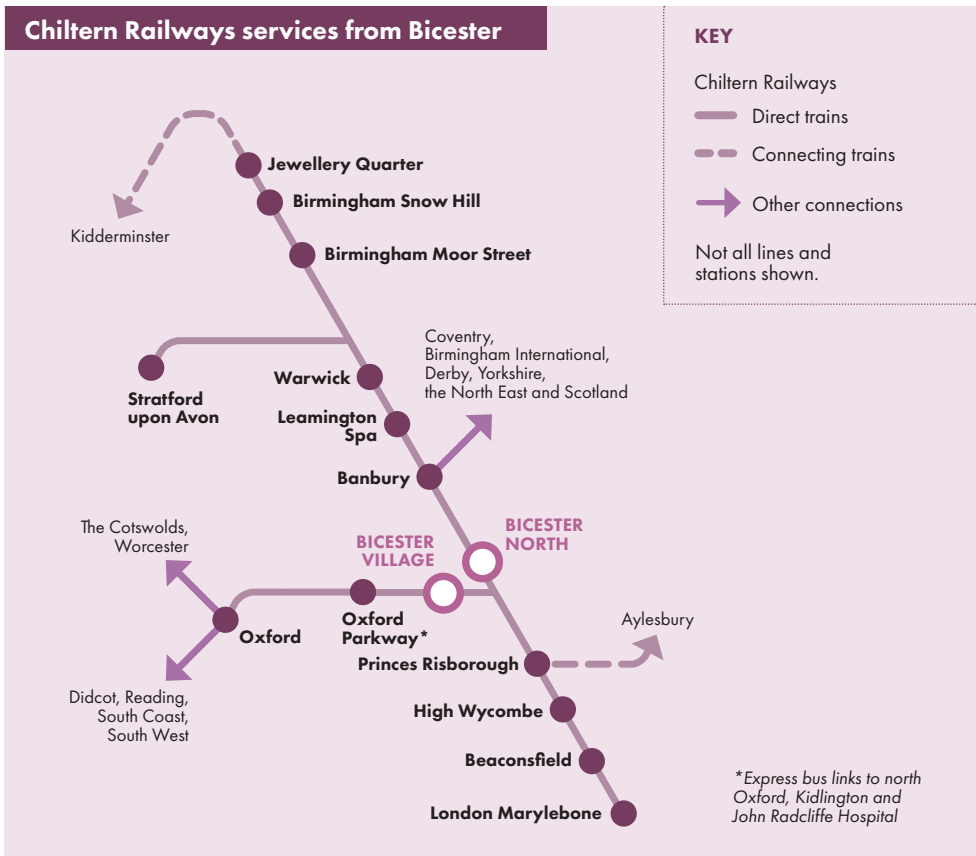
Chiltern Railways' trains provide:

- Free wifi on most trains
- Spacious carriages with plenty of tables and power points
- Fast, frequent trains to London, Oxford and Birmingham

For live arrival and departure times, advanced ticket prices and booking information see Chiltern Railways or National Rail websites:

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

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



## Services from Bicester Village railway station

DESTINATION	DURATION (from)	TRAINS PER HOUR (max)
Oxford Parkway	7 minutes	2
Oxford	14 minutes	2
London Marylebone	44 minutes	2

## Services from Bicester North railway station

DESTINATION	DURATION (from)	TRAINS PER HOUR (max)
Birmingham Moor Street	59 minutes	1
London Marylebone	46 minutes	2
Leamington Spa	30 minutes	1
Banbury	12 minutes	2

Subject to change due to timetable alterations, please see rail operator's website for detailed information.

### ★ SPECIAL OFFER ★

#### FREE OFF-PEAK RAIL TICKETS WORTH OVER £50!\*

Two **FREE**-of-charge off-peak return rail tickets are on offer to every Kingsmere household, for use on Chiltern Railways' services.

Complete the voucher form on the back inside cover or contact your Travel Plan Coordinator (see voucher).

\*Based on two people travelling from Bicester Village / North to London Marylebone off-peak return.

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If you think our way, travel our way.

## TRAVEL BY CAR

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### Car Sharing

You can cut the cost of your journey by registering as a member of a car share website. It works both ways meaning you are able to share your journey either as a driver or by joining someone else as their passenger, which is a great way of travelling to work or further afield.

### Oxfordshire Car Share

Oxfordshire County Council and the UK's largest car-share network, Liftshare have created a partnership scheme.

They provide a matching service for all those who live or work in and around Oxfordshire as well as longer journeys to other locations outside the county. Once you have been matched, you can choose to journey share as little or as often as you like, with whomever you choose.

The service is available to anyone over 18. Joining the scheme is simple and completely free. All you have to do is register your details and then activate your account. Once you've registered your journey, the database searches for possible matches. When you have found a suitable match, you can then contact the member(s) using our internal messaging system.

Additional information about the Car Share scheme including 'benefits and frequently asked questions' can be found at:

 [www.oxfordshire.liftshare.com](http://www.oxfordshire.liftshare.com)





This Travel Choices pack has been prepared by WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff on behalf of Countryside Properties and in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council, Stagecoach and Chiltern Railways.

Many Bicester residents make healthier, greener, cheaper, more sustainable choices than driving their car alone. We want all Kingsmere residents to know what great travel options are available to them too.

To monitor the success of the travel options and the information we've provided, site monitoring will be undertaken periodically.

The monitoring will include resident surveys, so please look out for further information. A summary of results will be provided to residents.

## Personalised Travel

The Travel Plan Coordinator can provide each new household with a personalised travel information pack containing:

- Timetables and ticketing information relevant to the journeys you make
- Additional route maps and journey planning information

Contact your Travel Plan Coordinator to discuss your personal travel needs and to arrange provision of your tailored pack.

## Contact

For more information, advice or updates about the Travel Plan please contact your Travel Plan Coordinator by either telephone or email.

**Telephone:** 0117 930 2000 and ask for the 'Kingsmere Travel Plan Coordinator'

## Email:

[kingsmeretravelplan@wspgroup.com](mailto:kingsmeretravelplan@wspgroup.com)



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Complete and send the form overleaf or contact your Travel Plan Coordinator by:

**Telephone:** 0117 930 2000 and ask for the 'Kingsmere Travel Plan Coordinator' or

**Email:** [kingsmeretravelplan@wspgroup.com](mailto:kingsmeretravelplan@wspgroup.com)

*Tickets are offered upon first occupation of each new dwelling at Kingsmere and are subject to availability. Tickets are provided courtesy of Stagecoach. Operator reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time.*

# TWO FREE OFF-PEAK RETURN RAIL TICKETS

FROM CHILTERN RAILWAYS

WORTH OVER £50!\*



*\*Based on two people travelling from Bicester Village / North to London Marylebone off-peak return.*

Two **FREE**-of-charge off-peak return tickets are on offer to every Kingsmere household, for use on local train services provided by Chiltern Railways.

Complete and send the form overleaf or contact your Travel Plan Coordinator by:

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**Name of person to use the voucher\*:**

**Address (must be within Kingsmere)\*:**

**Email\*:**

**Telephone:**

**Name of person(s) to use the voucher\*:**

*Max two people*

**Address (must be within Kingsmere)\*:**

**Email\*:**

**Telephone:**

**Please send form to:**

Kingsmere Travel Plan Coordinator  
WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Kings Orchard, 1 Queen Street,  
Bristol, BS2 0HQ

**\*Required to obtain your voucher**

**Terms and Conditions**

- No cash or other alternatives are available.
- Strictly one voucher per household.
- Up to 3 children under the age of 5 travel free with a pass holder or fee paying adult.
- Ticket is transferable within households for separate journeys but cannot be used simultaneously.

Additional Terms and Conditions are provided by Stagecoach.

Stagecoach or the Travel Plan Coordinator may wish to contact you with occasional offers, information, timetable updates or for monitoring purposes. Your contact details will be retained for this purpose.

Please tick this box if you wish to opt out.



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WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Kings Orchard, 1 Queen Street,  
Bristol, BS2 0HQ

**\*Required to obtain your voucher**

**Terms and Conditions**

- No cash or other alternatives are available.
- Strictly two off-peak vouchers per household.
- Strictly one ticket per person.
- 3 month expiry date from receipt of voucher.

Additional Terms and Conditions are provided by Chiltern Railways.

Chiltern Railways or the Travel Plan Coordinator may wish to contact you with occasional offers, information, timetable updates or for monitoring purposes. Your contact details will be retained for this purpose.

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