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Getting around... **Kingwell Rise**



Welcome

This Travel Pack has been funded by the new Taylor Wimpey development and is designed to help you travel in, out of, and around the Wincanton area. It includes information on local walking and cycling routes, bus and train journeys, working from home and money off vouchers.

Did you know the majority of car trips are less than 2 miles? The options highlighted in this pack may help you change the way you travel and could even save you money, your time and help the environment. Website details and contact numbers can be found at the back of this booklet.

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Introduction

During the planning process of the Kingwell Rise development a Travel Plan was written to encourage new residents to make wider use of sustainable travel choices such as walking, cycling, car share and public transport. The aim is to improve our environment, our health and our quality of life. A Travel Plan Co-ordinator has been appointed to help and advise you on travel choices; contact details can be found on the back page of this Travel Pack.

Each year all residents of Kingwell Rise will be invited to take part in a questionnaire to see if you have been able to take advantage of the options set out in this pack and to discover how much of a difference the changes will have made.

What we offer:

- This Travel Pack for new residents of the **Kingwell Rise development**.
- Green Travel Vouchers for all householders of Kingwell Rise
Each new household at Kingwell Rise is offered a Green Travel Voucher which allows you to claim up to £133.33 for items associated with sustainable travel and transport, e.g. bicycle, bus season ticket or towards walking shoes. A full list of what you can buy is set out on the back of the voucher.. Simply fill in the application form, attach your receipts and return it to your Travel Plan Coordinator (details on the back page). Please see the voucher for terms and conditions.
- Tips and advice on travel choices on the Moving Somerset Forward website **www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk**



How to get around... **Walking**



Walking one mile a day burns 100 calories. By doing this, you could lose ten pounds in a year without changing your eating habits.

Walking is an excellent way to get around. It's free, reliable and a great way to fit regular exercise into your daily routine, no matter what your age or level of fitness. It requires no specialist equipment other than a good pair of walking shoes.



There are also a variety of phone apps on the market that you can use to measure how far you have walked and how many calories you may have burned.

If you are entitled to Green Travel Vouchers you could use them to buy:

- walking shoes
- bus tickets
- cycle equipment
- rucksack
- maps
- bike panniers
- torch (not batteries)

Practical information about walking in and around Kingwell Rise.

There are a number of facilities and amenities located around the area of Kingwell Rise and within easy walking distance. These include:

- Local primary school
- Churches
- Local shops
- Post office
- Sports ground
- Wincanton library

If you're able to **walk that bit further** you can access the following on foot:

- Wincanton Doctors Surgery
- Sports Centre
- King Arthur's Community School
- Community Hospital

If you want to explore the local area, walking maps can be found on pages 8 and 10 for full walking/cycling maps go to www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk

How far in minutes round Kingwell Rise



How to get around... **Cycling**



To work out how many calories you have used on your ride click on the Travel Change Calculator at www.movingsomersetforward.com

Somerset is a wonderful county for cycling, with more people cycling to work than in many other counties of the UK. It is a fantastic way to travel, being quicker than walking (and sometimes driving) and cheaper than running a car. Cycling is a great leisure pastime and a free way of getting to work and has many health, environmental, social and financial benefits.



If you are thinking of buying a bike to commute to work, check with your employer to see if they have signed up to the national Cycle to Work scheme www.cyclescheme.co.uk which provides loans to help employees buy their own bike and make further savings on bike equipment. All apartments on the Kingwell Rise development have been provided with shared communal bike storage with bike stands.

Practical information about cycling in and around Kingwell Rise.

- Cycle route signs are generally white on a blue background
- Be visible. You must use front and rear lights after dark and it is advisable to wear a helmet
- Make sure your bike is well maintained and roadworthy
- Check out the Somerset Road Safety website www.somersetroadsafety.org for advice and courses to keep you safe

If you are new to cycling or need a little training to help gain your confidence, you could talk to your Travel Plan Co-ordinator about running some courses for you and your neighbours.

Local cycling maps can be found on page 8 and full walking/cycling maps can be downloaded from www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk

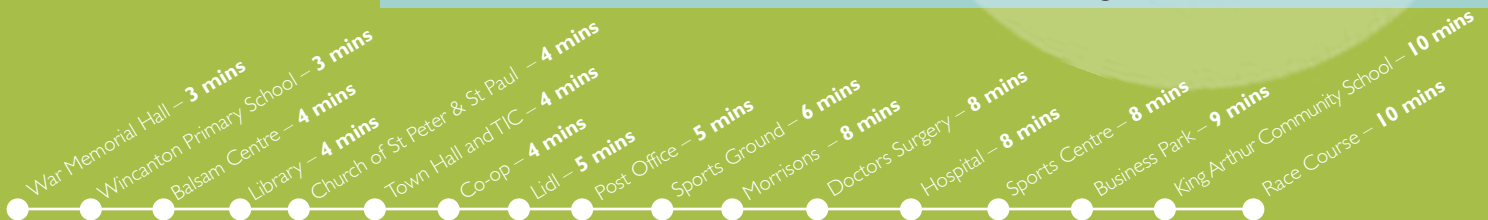
Places you might **consider cycling to...**

- Wincanton Town Centre
- Sports centre/swimming pool
- Library
- Doctors surgery

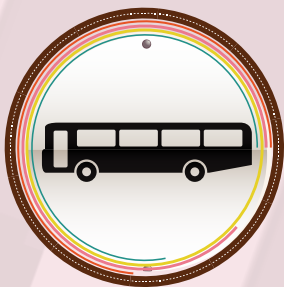
Bicycle shops in the area:

- The Cycle Centre - 64 High St, Shepton Mallet
- Wheels - Station Road, Gillingham
- The Bike Clinic - Brickfields Business Park, Gillingham

Distance from Kingwell Rise in minutes:



How to get around... **Public Transport**



Travelling by rail, bus or coach can avoid being stuck in congestion and you don't need to look for a parking space



Somerset has an extensive public transport network and offers an immediate alternative for individuals to reduce their energy use and carbon footprint. Travelling by rail, bus or coach can often be less stressful than sitting in heavy road traffic in your car, providing you with the opportunity to read, listen to music or just a chance to relax.

Taking the Bus

South West Coaches
www.southwestcoaches.co.uk
First www.firstgroup.com/wessexdorset-south-somerset and Nippy Bus (nippybus.co.uk) run regular services around Wincanton, connecting the town to surrounding areas including Yeovil, Stalbridge, Bruton, Castle Cary, Gillingham and Shaftesbury, and services to Strode and Yeovil Colleges.

The CAT Ring & Ride is a demand responsive transport scheme which meets the needs of people of all ages who live on a normal bus route but are unable to use it due to mobility difficulties and for people in villages with infrequent or no public transport. To find out more about this service and how to use your voucher call 01963 33864 or look on line www.timlaw.supanet.com/cat.htm

Nippybus also run a regular service to Bruton, Castle Cary and Street (667) which operates Mon-Sat. Go to www.nippybus.co.uk or call 01935 823888 to find out more/register.

If you are over 60 and/or disabled you could be entitled to free travel with a concessionary bus pass (details are at www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionary), whilst students (16+) can apply for a County Ticket (annual ticket) detailed at www.somerset.gov.uk/countyticket or call **0300 123 2224** to speak to an advisor. For all other discounts and offers please contact the bus operator. Don't forget you can use your Green Travel Vouchers to buy season tickets, including on demand responsive transport, up to the value of the voucher.

To look up all bus timetables, bus stop information and plan your journey, go to www.travelinesw.com

Practical information about using the bus from Kingwell Rise:

Your **nearest useful stops** are located at: **Memorial Hall** (Wincanton's main stop)

Common Road by the junction with Deanesly Way (NW bound)

158 South West Coaches services into Wincanton town centre only for all other bus services (1B, 28, 58/58A, 648, 658, 667).

Your local bus services:

1B (South West Coaches)
Bruton – Castle Cary –
Sparkford – Yeovil

28 (Tourist Coaches)
Bourton – Mere – Fonthill
Bishop – Dinton – Salisbury

58/58A (First)
Templecombe – Milborne Port
– Sherborne – Yeovil

158 (South West Coaches)
Mere – Gillingham – Shaftesbury

648 (South West Coaches)
Strode College service

658 (Nippy)
Yeovil College service

667 (Nippy)
Bruton – Castle Cary – Street

** subject to change. Check with your local operator.*



Using mobile phone technology to find your next bus.

NextBuses:

NextBuses is a mobile internet service which enables you to find bus times on your smartphone (iphone, Android and Windows Phone apps are also available). It allows you to select a bus stop close to where you are and find times for the next buses from that stop. Scheduled bus times are shown if live times are not available. Normal data charges from your mobile phone operator apply. Speed and access to the service is subject to your network connection (www.nextbuses.mobi)

Text:

You can also check the next buses from a particular bus stop by sending the bus stop code in a text to **84268**. The bus stop code may be displayed on the bus stop flag or in the timetable case. If the stop has lots of departures, then you can also add the service number you want (leaving a space after the stop code)... so your message might look like "sotdtdpt 3". You will receive a message back, normally in less than a minute. Typically the message will show a clock time if the information comes from timetables (e.g. 0935) but it will show an expected waiting time (e.g. 5 mins) if it comes from a real-time information system. Remember the service is specific to an individual stop for travel in that one direction... the code for the stop in the other direction will be different. The message you send will cost your normal text message charge. In some areas the reply will be free of charge. In most areas the reply will cost up to 25p.

Useful bus stop codes:

- Deanesly Way (NW bound) – sotdjpdw
- Memorial Hall (Wincanton's main stop) - sotdjpdt

Getting on the bus:

- Find the right stop
- Stopping the bus – check the route number and destination on the front of the bus as it approaches. Raise your arm to show the driver that you want it to stop – it may not stop otherwise.
- Buy your ticket on the bus – choose from a single, return or day ticket for your journey. Quite often day tickets are the cheapest if you are doing two or more journeys that day. Generally a return ticket is the price of 2 singles – unlike the train. Having the correct fare will help the driver who may not have much change. Season tickets may be the cheapest option if you intend to use the bus a lot for your daily commute (these need to be purchased from the bus station or online).
- Getting off the bus – press the bell once in advance of the stop where you want to get off, giving the driver enough time to slow down and stop. Ask the driver for help if you are unsure where to get off the first time. It helps to know how long your journey is supposed to be so that you know roughly how long you should be on the bus for.

Details of the bus services that operate around Kingwell Rise and Wincanton can be found at the back of this Travel Pack.

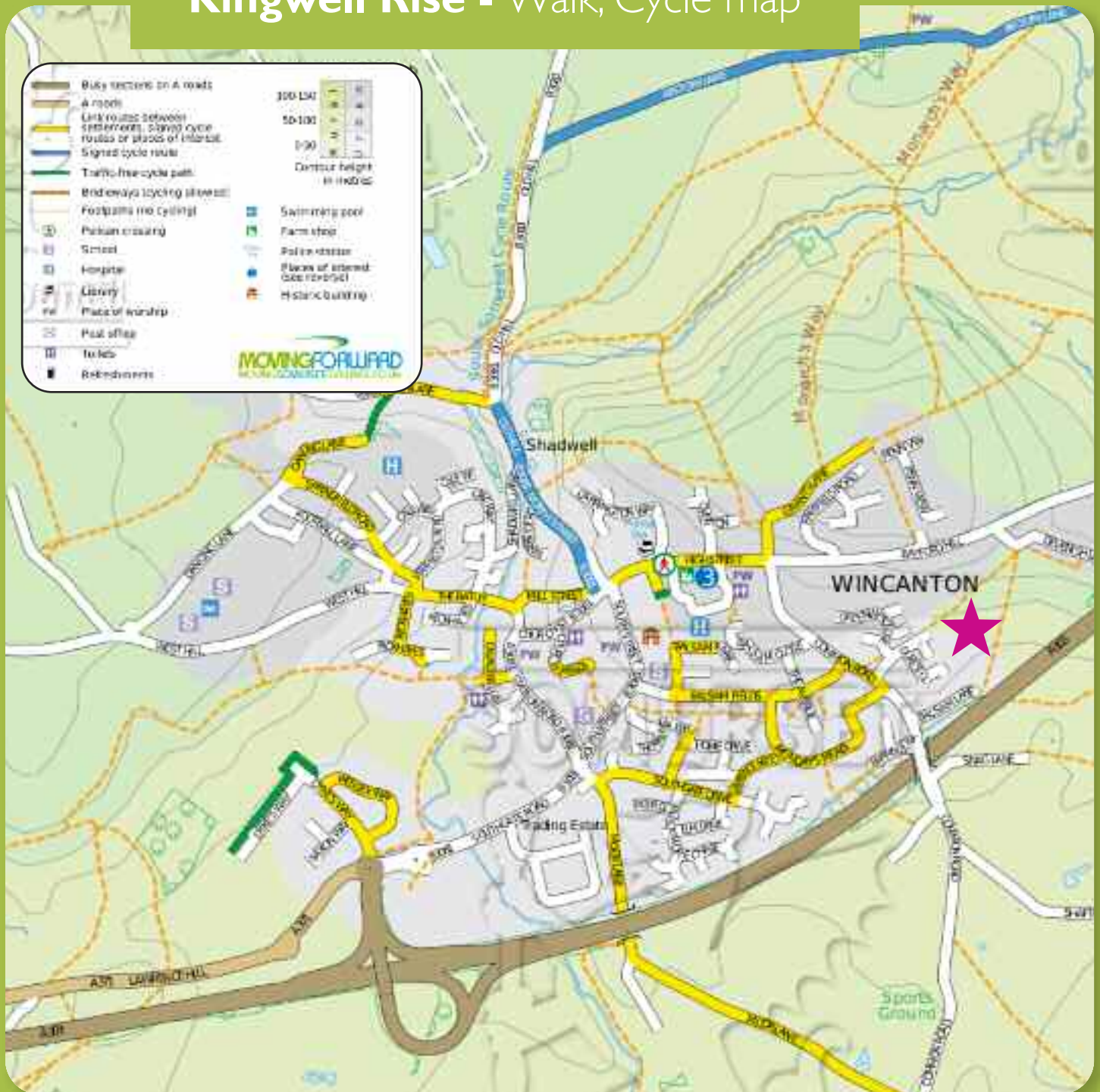


To plan your journey visit
www.travelinesw.com and use the
'plan your journey' tool or,
if you have one, use the free
Traveline app on your smartphone

Around Wincanton











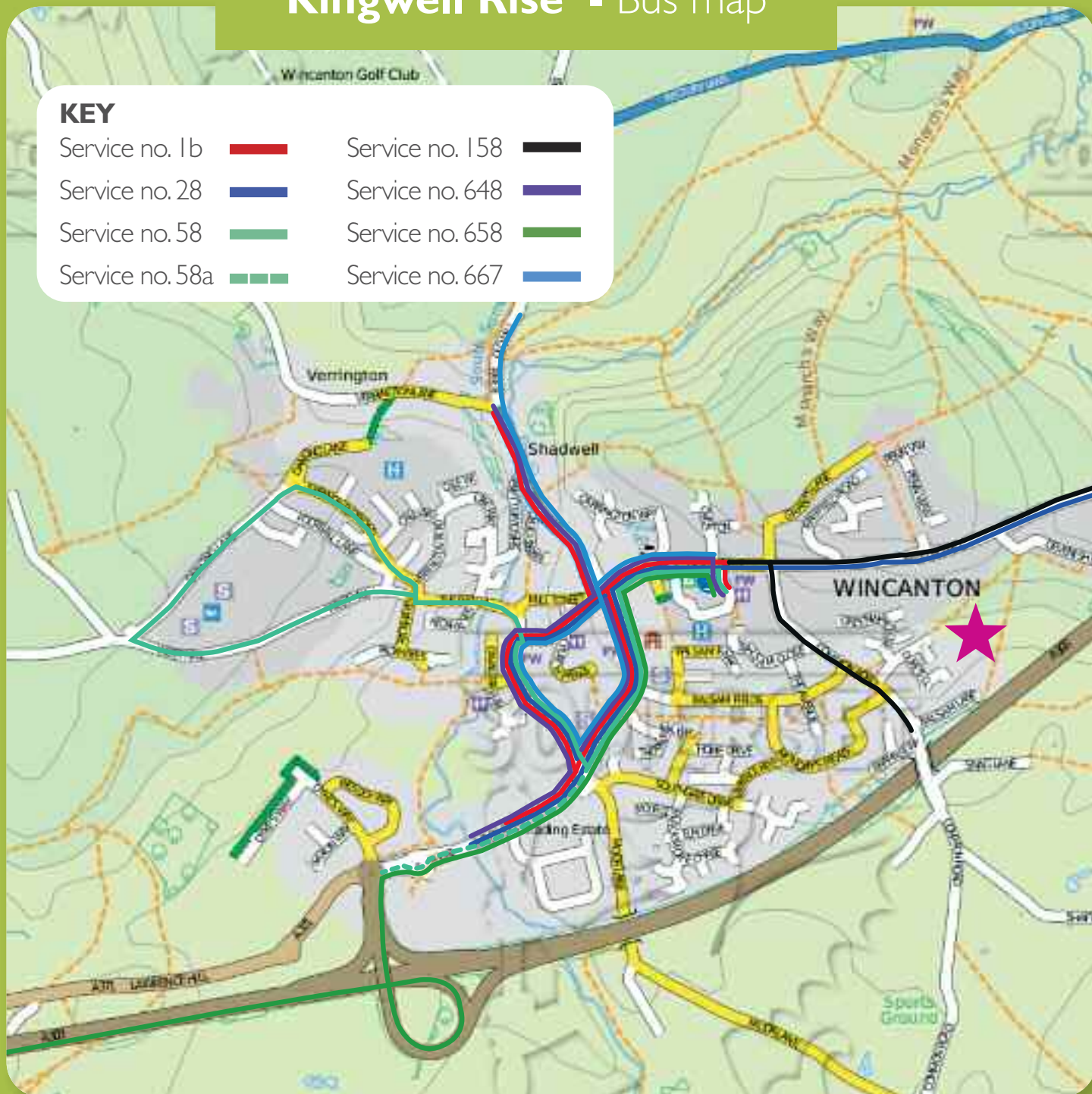
Kingwell Rise - Walk, Cycle map



Kingwell Rise - Bus map


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Service no. 1b		Service no. 158	
Service no. 28		Service no. 648	
Service no. 58		Service no. 658	
Service no. 58a		Service no. 667	




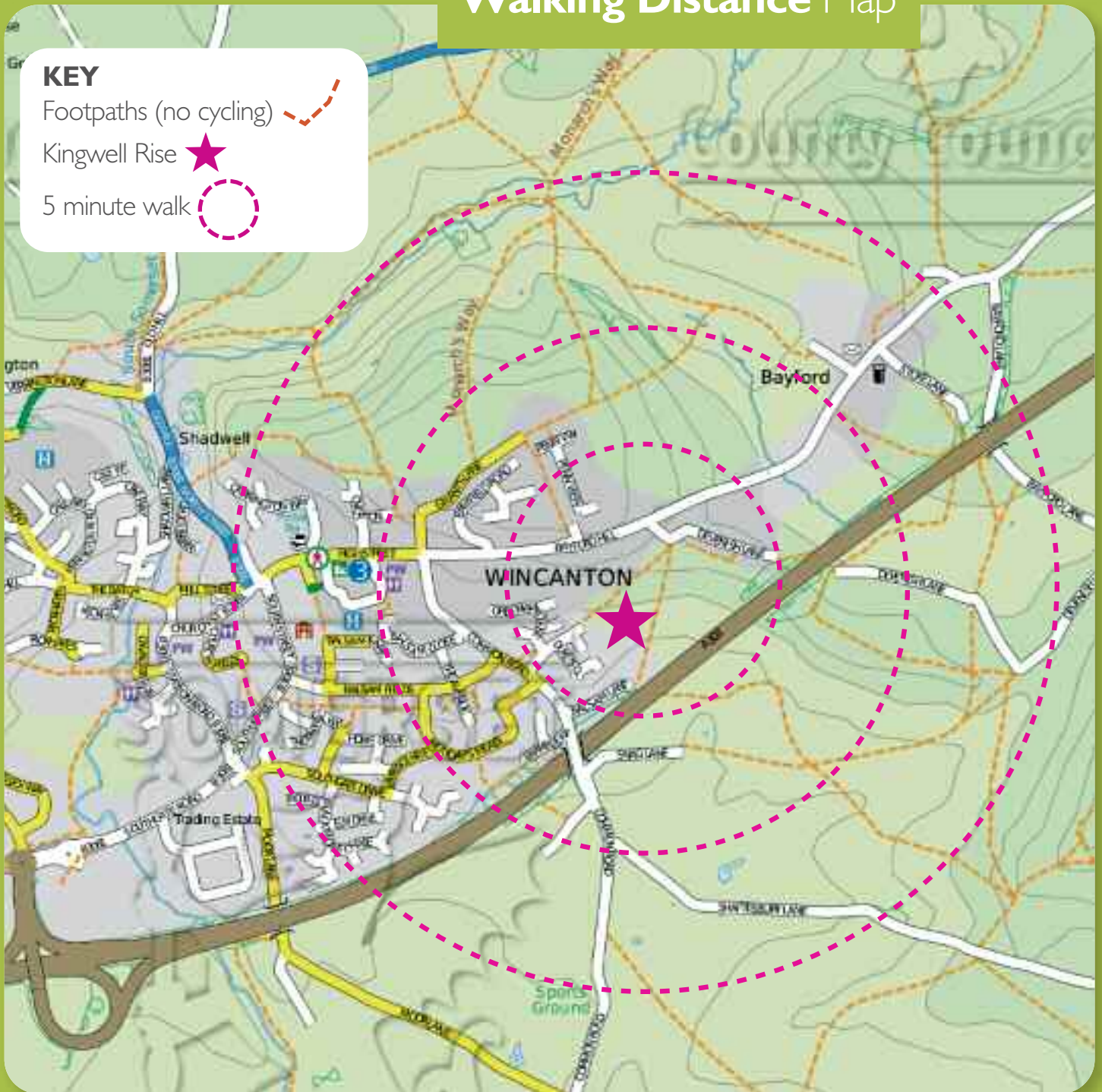
Walking Distance Map

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Footpaths (no cycling) 

Kingwell Rise 

5 minute walk 



How to get around... **Trains**



Did you know that cycle parking is available at Templecombe, Bruton and Castle Cary stations?

Wincanton does not have its own railway station but there are three stations within a short distance from Kingwell Rise with easy links to many parts of the south west and beyond, including Exeter, Bristol, Bath, London and Salisbury. All three stations are connected to Wincanton by frequent bus links.



Practical information about using the trains.

- Templecombe railway station, 5 miles away from Kingwell Rise, is located on Exeter to London Waterloo mainline, serving locations including Yeovil, Salisbury and Basingstoke. This service is operated

by South West Trains. First bus services 58 and 58A connect Wincanton to Templecombe rail station and are reasonably frequent. The journey takes around 18 mins.

- Bruton Station is on the Bristol - Weymouth line and is 6 miles from Kingwell Rise and operated by Great Western Railway www.gwr.com
- Castle Cary railway station is on the London Paddington to Exeter and Bristol to Weymouth lines, 8 miles from Kingwell Rise and is also operated by Great Western Railway.
- Nippy Bus, service 667, runs roughly every 90 mins (from 8am until 4.20pm) from the vicinity of both Bruton and Castle Cary stations.

Getting **on the train**

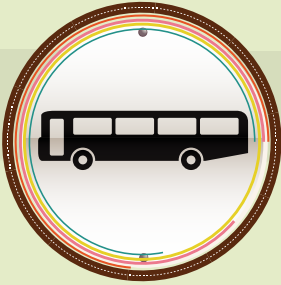
- To look up the times of trains you can use the various National Rail Enquiry services - www.nationalrail.co.uk
- Tickets can be purchased on-line, by phone or at the station. Often buying a ticket at least 24 hours in advance can save you money. There are a variety of railcards and discounts on offer for all age groups including 16-25, Two Together, Family & Friends, Disabled Persons and Senior. To find out more go to www.nationalrail.co.uk

Green Travel Vouchers can also be used to buy season tickets to get to work (not one-off journeys)

Journey times from Templecombe Station



How to get around... **Coach**



Travelling in a modern, air conditioned, spacious and comfortable coach is a fantastic way to see the country while you unwind.

If you don't fancy taking the train, a cheaper option may be to go by coach. With regular services running to various parts of the country, it can often work out more economical than using the car.

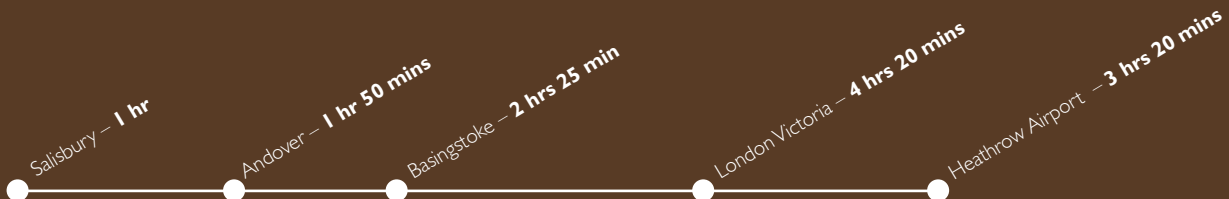
Berry's Coaches provide a twice daily Superfast service to London from the Memorial Hall car park and other assorted excursions. To learn more about these services go to www.berryscoaches.co.uk

National Express coaches (www.nationalexpress.com) operate a bookable service and are on the direct route to London via nearby Henstridge to many locations across the country including London Victoria, Salisbury, Basingstoke, Andover and Heathrow Airport. Henstridge can be reached by First Bus services 58/58A.

Other coach companies in the area, including South West Coaches www.soutwestcoaches.co.uk provide a variety of services from private hire to daily excursions, scenic tours and visits to special events. Day tours for the coming week are listed in the back of the Blackmore Vale Magazine and Western Gazette.



National Express journey times from the lay-by outside the Virginia Ash Hotel:



How to get around... **Motorcycle**



Even in the busiest places,
there is usually a spot to
park a bike.



Riding a motorcycle can be cheaper to run than a car, and is a more environmentally friendly option. It can reduce travel time for both you and other road users by either by-passing traffic or taking up less road space and therefore reducing congestion.

If you would like to learn to ride a motorcycle, or already have a license but are a bit rusty and require a refresher course, why not take advantage of the discount voucher at the back of this Travel Pack or contact one of the many other motorcycle training schools in the area to see what they offer.

Practical information
about travelling by motorcycle

Many car parks have dedicated areas for motorcycle parking, making parking easier and reducing the risk of any damage

happening to the vehicle. Before you set off on your journey why not check out www.parkopedia.co.uk to find out the best parking area at your destination. If you already own a motorcycle or scooter you may find the following shops useful:

- FF Motorcycles – Hopkins Court, Wincanton
- Morgan Motorcycles – Brympton Way, Yeovil
- V & J Superbikes – Main Street, Yeovil
- Riders – Pen Mill Trading Estate, Yeovil
- Bransons Motorcycles – Pen Mill Trading Estate, Yeovil

Don't forget you can use your **Green Travel Vouchers** to purchase motorcycle equipment including helmets (but not servicing or labour costs).

How to get around... **Driving**



The average driver spends around £2,300 a year on fuel.



Although being able to hop into your car and just drive is very convenient, it may not be the cheapest, fastest or most environmentally friendly option.

In the UK last year, almost 70 percent of the workforce commuted to work by car during peak times, with the average driver spending 124 hours stuck in gridlock annually, and this is set to rise to 136 hours in 2030, equivalent to 18 working days a year.

There are steps that you can take to reduce the impact of driving on your pocket and the environment. So why not consider some of the ideas below and try something new?

Practical information about travelling by car:

- The simplest way is to try to reduce the number of car journeys you need to make. You will find advice on alternatives within this Travel Pack.

- Car Sharing with a friend, neighbour or colleague is a good way to help cut your travel costs. If you don't know anyone personally to share your journey, why not look at

www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk/driving/car-sharing which is safe, secure and free of charge.

- Try combining your car journeys, carrying out several tasks in one journey.
- Try travelling at quieter times of the day, avoiding rush hour if you can.
- Why not use your car for only part of your journey and cycle or walk the rest.
- Look into public transport and walking/cycling routes near your home.
- Visit the Moving Forward website – www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk for tips on greener driving.

Before you set out on your journey, why not take a look at the BBC Travel or AA website (www.theaa.com/traffic-news/index.jsp), which will give you up to date information on any roadworks on your route.

Reducing travel in other ways...

Thinking carefully about how you travel is important – but it may be that you don't have to make that journey at all. Cutting the number of journeys you make could save you time, hassle and money.

Practical information about working from home

Flexible working (or changing the times you work) and **home working** (or changing where you work) can have major rewards in terms of lifestyle.

- Ask your employer if they can do anything to support flexible and home working. There are a number of rewards that your employer might not be aware of – such as improved staff morale, increased productivity and the potential to provide bigger personal workspaces.
- Can you set up a home office space to work from home, even for just one day a week? You can use your Green Travel Vouchers to help you do this by using them against the following:
 - Broadband (max 3 months bills)
 - Computer equipment (not games) including laptop and printer
 - Home office desk
 - Home office storage
 - Lighting
 - Office chair
 - Other DSE type equipment (rests, supports, holders etc)
 - Small office equipment/stationery
 - Wifi router
- Visit the Moving Forward for Business website for further ideas and information on working from home: www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk/business

Practical information about going shopping

Shopping locally and buying locally sourced products is a good way to improve your lifestyle and support local suppliers.

There are local shops just a short walk from your home within the Kingwell Rise area. Using your Green Travel Vouchers, maybe you could invest in a new rucksack or panniers on your bike can help you carry your shopping home.

For bigger purchases, why not do your shopping online and have it delivered to your door? This not only avoids having to travel to the shops but also the queues at the tills, and can even save you money by encouraging you to stick to a budget as the cost is tallied up as you go along. Most national supermarkets have an online service.

You could also link up with neighbours for a big shop, taking it in turns to drive, thereby cutting congestion and the cost of fuel.





Stourhead Gardens

Practical information about days out / things to do.

Instead of getting in the car to enjoy a day out why not take advantage of what is on your doorstep within either walking or cycling distance, or even a short bus ride away? The journey itself then becomes part of the fun e.g. a cycle ride and stopping for lunch or a picnic. Moldrams Ground Nature Reserve is a 19 min cycle ride away and Stourhead is just 38 mins.

Places to visit locally:

Moldrams Ground Nature Reserve

Pen Selwood, Nr Wincanton

01935 462462

www.penselwood.ning.com



Wincanton Race Course

Wincanton

01963 32344

www.wincanton.thejockeyclub.co.uk

Wincanton Museum

Wincanton Library, Carrington Way

0845 345 9177

www.wincantonmuseum.org.uk

Longleat Safari & Adventure Park

Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7NW

01985 844400

www.longleat.co.uk



East Somerset Railway

Cranmore Railway Station

Cranmore, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4QP

01749 880417

www.eastsomersetrailway.com

Fleet Air Arm Museum

Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, BA22 8HT

01935 840565

www.fleetairarm.com

Climb Aboard Children's Soft Indoor Play Centre

Ambassador Business Park

West Stour, Nr Gillingham

01747 839888

www.climb aboard.co.uk

Stourhead Gardens

Nr Mere, Wiltshire, BA12 6QF

01747 841152

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead



Tintinhull Garden

Farm Street, Yeovil, BA22 8PZ

01935 823289

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tintinhull-garden

Montacute House

Montacute, TA15 6XP

01935 823289

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/montacute-house



Haynes Motor Museum

Sparkford, BA22 7LH

01963 823289

www.haynesmotormuseum.com

Swan Theatre

138 Park Street, Yeovil, BA20 1QT

01935 428646

www.swan-theatre.co.uk

Yeovil Country Park

Brunswick Street

01935 462462

www.southsomersetcountryside.com



Sherborne Castle

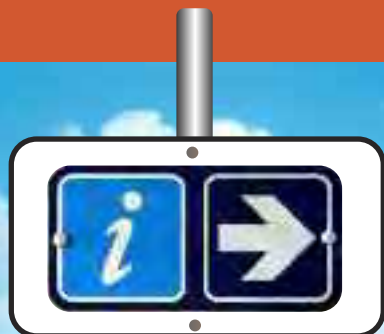
New Road, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 5NR

01935 812072

www.sherbornecastle.com



Further Information



Moving Somerset Forward

www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk

The Moving Somerset Forward website provides detailed information about all forms of transport in Somerset and beyond, helping you understand your options, plan your journey and get support to try something new.

General Bus Info

Traveline

www.travelinesw.com 0871 200 2233

Nextbuses

www.nextbuses.mobi

Bus Operators

South West Coaches

www.southwestcoaches.co.uk

CAT – Ring & Ride

www.timlaw.supanet.com/cat.htm
01963 33864

First Wessex Dorset & South Somerset

www.firstgroup.com/wessex-dorset-south-somerset
Twitter - @firstdorset

Nippy Bus

www.nippybus.co.uk
01935 823888
Twitter - @NippyBusInfo

General Train Info

Great Western Railway

www.gwr.com
Twitter - @GWRHelp

South West Trains

www.southwesttrains.co.uk
Twitter - @SW_Trains

Coaches

National Express

www.nationalexpress.com
Pre book 0871 7818181
Twitter - @nationalexpress

South West Coaches

www.southwestcoaches.co.uk
Twitter - @SouthWestCoach1

Taylors Coaches

taylorscoachtravel.co.uk

Berry's Coaches

www.berryscoaches.co.uk/book-tickets-london-superfast
Twitter - @BerrysCoaches

Cycling Info

Sustrans cycle route planner

www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map

Bicycle Shops

The Cycle Centre, Shepton Mallet - 01749 345218
Wheels Cycles, Gillingham - 01747 825757
Giant Store, Yeovil - 01935 478478
Rock & Road Ltd, Yeovil - 01935 431937
Riley's Cycles, Sherborne - 01935 812038

Motorcycle Shops

Morgan Motorcycles, Yeovil - 01935 433095
Bransons Motorcycles, Yeovil - 01935 474998
Riders, Yeovil - 01935 421681
Wells Motorcycles, Shepton Mallet - 01749 342537
The Bike Clinic, Gillingham - 01747 835535

Car

Car Share Somerset

www.carsharesomerset.co.uk

Taxis

Yellow Pages

www.yell.com

Notes...



**Units 1 & 2
Brympton Way
Lynx Trading Estate
Yeovil BA20 2HP
01935 433095**

www.morganmotorcycles.co.uk

10% off motorcycle training



10%

discount
on bicycles,
clothing &
accessories

**The Cycle Centre
64 High St, Shepton Mallet
Somerset BA4 5AX**

Tel: 01749 345218 the-cyclecentre.co.uk

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600 Park Avenue
Aztec West
Almondsbury, Bristol
BS32 4SD

Tel: **01454 628416**

Email: **fiona.farrell@taylorwimpey.com**

