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# Getting around... Brimsmore



his Travel Pack has been funded by Charles Bishop Limited for the new Wyatt Homes development. It is designed to help you travel in, out of, and around the Yeovil area. It includes information on local walking and cycling routes, bus and train journeys, working from home and your possible entitlements.

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 Brimsmore 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 for Brimsmore to help and advise you on travel choices; contact details can be found at the back of this Travel Pack.

Each year residents 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.



# 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. alking 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.



who meet regularly in your area? 'Health Walks' are open to all ages and fitness levels and are a great way to find out more about your area and make new friends. To find out more about the routes, distances and how to join in, visit www.southsomerset.gov.uk/healthwalks. 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.

# **Practical information about walking** in and around Brimsmore.

There are a number of facilities and amenities located around the area of Brimsmore and within walking distance of the development. These include:

- Local schools
- Town Centre
- Supermarket
- Public House
- Doctors surgery

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

- Yeovil Recreation Centre
- Yeovil College
- Yeovil District Hospital
- Preston School Academy

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





How far in minutes round Brimsmore

Yeoni Town Football Club (Hursh Park) - 3 mins

Apple Tree Farm Shop Doctor Surgery 17 mins

Abbery Manor Doctor Surgery 17 mins

Preston School Academy 22 mins

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# 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.movingsomerset forward.com

omerset 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. It is also a great leisure pastime and a free way of getting to work with 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.

# **Practical information about cycling** in and around Brimsmore.

- 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...

- Yeovil Sports and Social Club
- Town Centre
- Abbey Manor Doctor's Surgery
- Yeovil College

# Bicycle shops in Yeovil:

- Rock & Road Ltd Lynx Trading Estate
- Tri UK Lyde Road

Distance from Brimsmore in minutes:

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Trains 1 mins

Trains 8 mins

Trains 20 mins

The Apple Tree farm Shop Primary School 5 mins

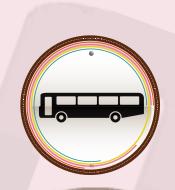
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Travelling by rail, bus or coach can avoid being stuck in congestion and you don't need to look for a parking space

# Your local bus services:

### Service I

(First)

Abbey Manor Park – Asda

- -Town Centre Hospital
- Cavalier Way

### Service II

(South West Coaches) Abbey Manor Park – Larkhill –Town Centre – Bus Station

Service 3 (First)

Wessex Road – Yeovil Town Centre – Lyde Road

# How to get around... Public Transport



omerset 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.

### Taking the Bus

Yeovil is well connected to surrounding towns and villages by bus to the town centre and there are good bus services to places including Chard, Crewkerne, Sherborne, Wincanton, South Petherton, Somerton, Langport, Glastonbury, Wells and Taunton.

If you don't usually catch the bus, or haven't used the bus for a long time, you can use your Bus Pass Voucher, worth up to £40.00, to try your local service and then reclaim the cost of doing so.

South West Coaches provide regular bus services around Yeovil including a half hourly service to Yeovil Junction and Pen Mill rail Stations and connect to other towns from the bus station. To find out more visit www.southwestcoaches.co.uk

First Bus www.firstgroup.com/Wessex-dorset-south-somerset also run regular services into the town centre, to other parts of Yeovil and to surrounding towns.

Nippy Bus (N9A) is both a conventional and a flexible demand-responsive bus service which connects many villages and communities with Yeovil, including from Martock via Tintinhull to Yeovil. Go to www.nippybus.co.uk or call 01935 823888 to find out more or register.

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

English National Concessionary Travel Scheme Passes are available for those who are of pensionable age or eligible on the grounds of disability

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.

Practical information about using the bus from Brimsmore:

Your **nearest stops** are located at: **Stourton Way** close to junction with Forde Park (for service | and | | |)

Wessex Road close to junction with Thornton Road NE bound (for service 3)



# 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.

### The bus stop codes around Brimsmore:

- Stourton Way close to junction with Forde Park (SW bound) - sotdagpm
- Wessex Road close to junction with Thornton Road (NE bound) - sotdajtw

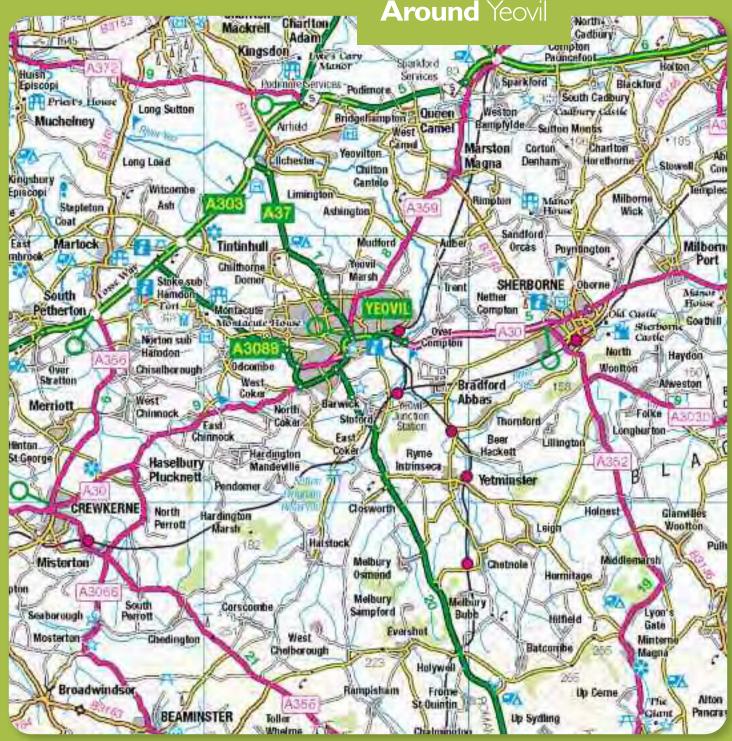
# **Getting on the bus:**

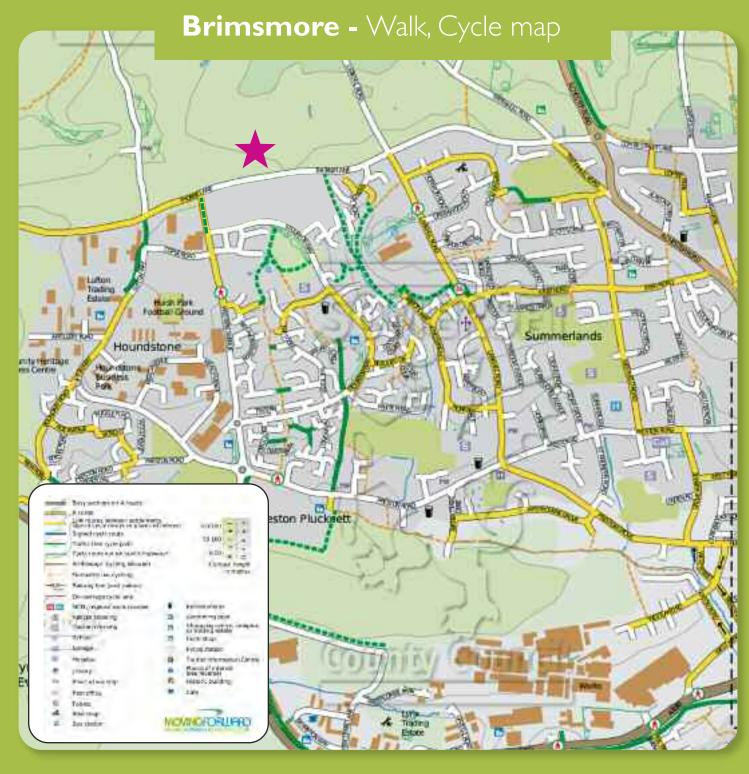
- Find the right stop
- Stopping the bus check the route number and destination on the front of the bus as it approaches. Raise your arm to show the driver that you want it to stop it may not stop otherwise.
- Buy your ticket on the bus choose from a single, return or day ticket for your journey. Quite 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.

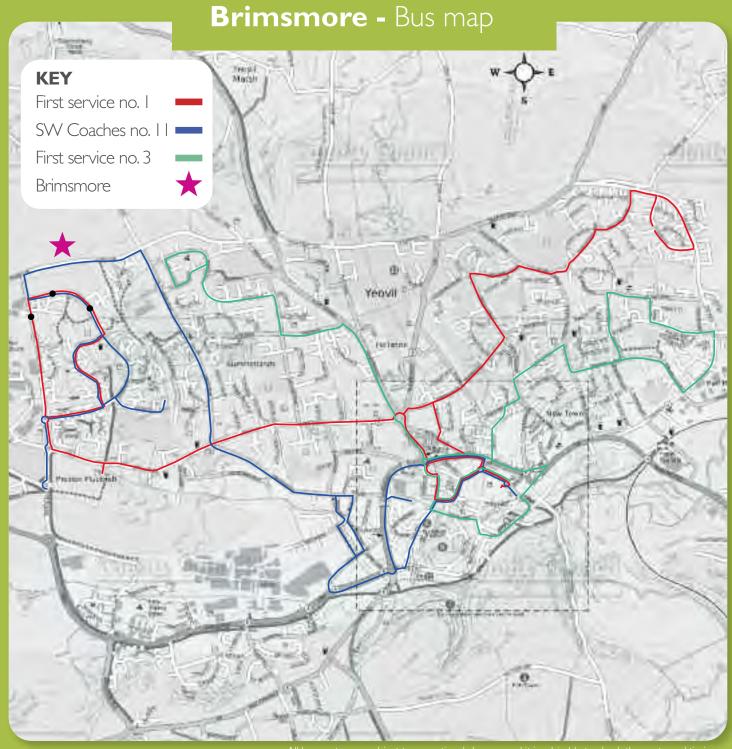
Details of the bus services that operate around Brimsmore and Yeovil can be found at the back of this Travel Pack.

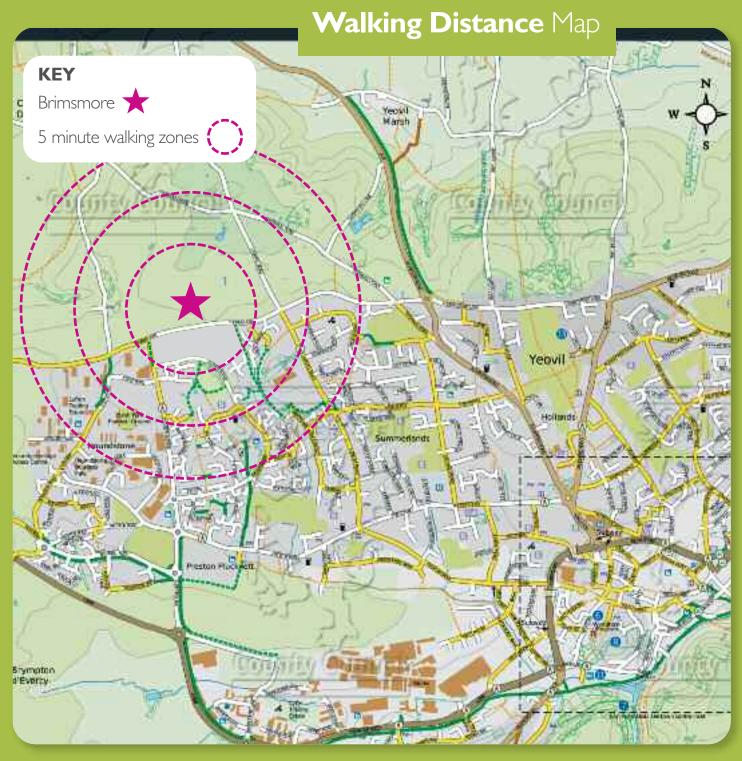


To plan your journey visit www.travelinesw.com and use the 'plan your journey' tool or, if you have one, use the free Traveline app on your smartphone









# How to get around... Trains



Did you know that cycle parking is available at both Pen Mill and Yeovil Junction stations? eovil has two railway stations on two separate lines. Yeovil Pen Mill is on the Bristol to Weymouth line and Yeovil Junction on the Waterloo to Exeter line. South West Trains operate a connecting service between the two from Monday to Friday (afternoons and evenings only at the moment). Both stations are served by South West Coaches 68 service and 'PLUSBUS' tickets (bookable with your train ticket) are available.



**Practical information** about using the trains.

• Yeovil Pen Mill railway station is situated to the east of the town centre. Most of the services from the station are operated by Great Western Railway. www.gwr.com

- A broadly two hourly service operates north to Bristol Temple Meads and to Weymouth, southbound. The station is a 22 minute cycle from Brimsmore.
- Yeovil Junction is the busier of the two railway stations, serving the London Waterloo to Exeter line, and is operated by South West Trains
  - (www.southwesttrains.couk). It will take 28 minutes to cycle there from Brimsmore.

### Getting on the train

- Look up the times of the trains to your destination – use the various National Rail Enquiry services to get the time of the next train - www.nationalrail.co.uk
   Tel: 08457 48 49 50 or smartphone app.
- Buy your ticket You can order your ticket via the internet, over the phone or at the station before you get the train. Sometimes if the station is unstaffed you can buy the ticket on the train itself. Often buying your ticket at least 24 hours in advance can be much cheaper than buying on the day. Also, 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 railcards. Check for details on how to obtain railcards and travel discounts at www.nationalrail.co.uk
- On the train Have your ticket to hand as you may be asked to show your ticket more than once during your journey and to go through the barriers once you get off.

Journey times from Pen Mill and Yeovil Junction Stations

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London Waterloo 2hr 20 min

# 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.

f 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.

National Express coaches

(www.nationalexpress.com) operate a bookable service from Yeovil bus station to many locations across the country including London, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cardiff and Newquay.

Berry's Coaches

provide a twice daily Superfast service to London from Yeovil bus station and other assorted excursions. To learn more about these services go to

www.berryscoaches.co.uk

Taylors Coach Travel

(www.taylorscoachtravel.co.uk) run services both within Yeovil and further afield including day trips, theatre trips and sightseeing tours. Information on upcoming tours and trips can often be found in the local press.

South West Coaches

(www.southwestcoaches.co.uk) also run tours and excursions, both home and abroad. To find out more go to info@southwestcoaches.co.uk



National Express journey times from Yeovil Bus Station:

Dorchester 40 mins

Bristol 1 hr 35 mins

Bournemouth 2 hrs 10 mins

Carolff 3 hrs 15 mins

Birmingham 4 hrs 15 min



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

# How to get around... Motorcycle



iding 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 booklet or contact one of the many other motorcycle training schools in Yeovil to see what they offer.

## **Practical information**

about travelling by motorcycle

Many car parks have dedicated areas for motorcycles, making parking easier and reducing the risk of any damage happening to the vehicle. Within Yeovil town centre you can find provision for motorcycles at:

- Market Street
- Earle Street
- North Lane
- Petters Way

To find out more visit www.parkopedia.co.uk

If you already own a motorcycle or scooter you may find the following shops useful:

- Morgan Motorcycles Brympton Way
- Bransons Motorcycles Pen Mill Trading Estate
- Riders Pen Mill Trading Estate
- South West Scooters 5 Central Road

# How to get around... Driving



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



Ithough 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...

hinking 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.

- Why not 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? Your employer may also be able to help with this.
- 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 shops just a short walk from your home within Brimsmore area. Using a 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.





# 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. Montecute House is just a 17 minute cycle ride away.

# Places to visit locally:

#### Fleet Air Arm Museum

Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, BA22 8HT 01935 840565 www.fleetairarm.com

#### The Octagon Theatre

Hendford, Yeovil, BA20 TUX 01935 422884 www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

#### ready2climb Adventure Zone

10 Buckland Road, Pen Mill Trading Estate, Yeovil, BA21 5EA 01935 413675 www.ready2climb.co.uk

#### Tintinhull Garden

Farm Street, Yeovil, BA22 8PZ 01935 823289 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tintinhull-garden

#### Huish Park Stadium

Lufton Way, Yeovil, BA22 8YF 01935 423662 www.ytfc.net/club/huishpark

#### **Somerset Cider Brandy Company**

Pass Vale Farm, Martock, Yeovil, TA 12 5BU 01460 240782 www.ciderbrandy.co.uk

#### **Montacute House**

Montacute, TA15 6XP 01935 823289 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/montacute-house

#### **Yeovil Recreation Centre**

Chilton Grove/Off Mudford Road, Yeovil, BA21 4AW 01935 462616 www.southsomerset.gov.uk

#### **Haynes Motor Museum**

Sparkford, BA22 7LH 01963 823289 www.haynesmotormuseum.com

#### **Yeovil Driving Range**

Sherborne Road, Yeovil, BA21 5BW 01935 422965 www.yeovilgolfclub.com/courses/driving

#### Cineworld Cinema

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Park, Yeovil, BA20 INP 087 | 200 2000 www.l.cineworld.co.uk/

#### Swan Theatre

138 Park Street, Yeovil, BA20 IQT 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**

#### **First Dorset**

www.firstgroup.com/wessex-dorsetsouth-somerset Twitter - @firstdorset

#### **Nippy Bus**

www.nippybus.co.uk Twitter - @NippyBusInfo

#### **South West Coaches**

www.southestcoaches.co.uk Twitter - SouthWestCoach I

#### The Buses of Somerset

www.busesofsomerset.co.uk/ timetables.shtml Twitter - @busesofsomerset

#### **PLUSBUS**

www.plusbus.info/yeoviljcn

# **General Train Info**

#### **National Rail Enquiries**

www.nationalrail.co.uk 0871 200 49 50 Twitter: @nationalraileng

# **Trains**

#### **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

#### Taylors Coaches

taylorscoachtravel.co.uk

#### Berry's Coaches

www.berryscoaches.co.uk/book-ticketslondon-superfast

#### **South West Coaches**

inf@southwestcoaches.co.uk

# **Bike Info**

# Sustrans cycle route planner

www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map

#### **Bicycle Shops in Yeovil**

Rock & Road Ltd - 01935 431937 Tri UK - 01935 414142 Giant Store – 01935 478478

#### **Motorcycle Shops in Yeovil**

Morgan Motorcycles – 01935 433095 Bransons Motorcycles – 01935 474998 Riders- 01935 421681 South West Scooters – 01935 475574

### Car

#### Car Share Somerset

www.carsharesomerset.co.uk

# **Taxis**

# **Yellow Pages**

www.yell.com

Notes...



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

www.morganmotorcycles.co.uk

off motorcycle training

# Rock & Road 01935 431937

www.rockandroaduk.com

Merlin Road Lynx Trading Estate, Yeovil BA20 2GZ



off cycle clothing & accessories

