



# 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 Village railway station and Oxford city centre.

Additionally:

- There is quick and easy access to London Marleybone and Oxford in under one-hour, direct with Chiltern Railways from Bicester Village Railway Station - which is less than a 15-minute walk from Kingsmere.
- Bicester is a flat town, with all areas within a comfortable cycling distance.
- Kingsmere has on-site facilities within walking and cycling distance including primary and secondary schools, on site sports facilities and play areas, shops, a restaurant and Kingsmere Community Centre.

- 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 ramblers footpaths and cycleways, country pubs and pretty villages, whilst being within easy reach of major businesses and shopping centres.

## Keeping in touch

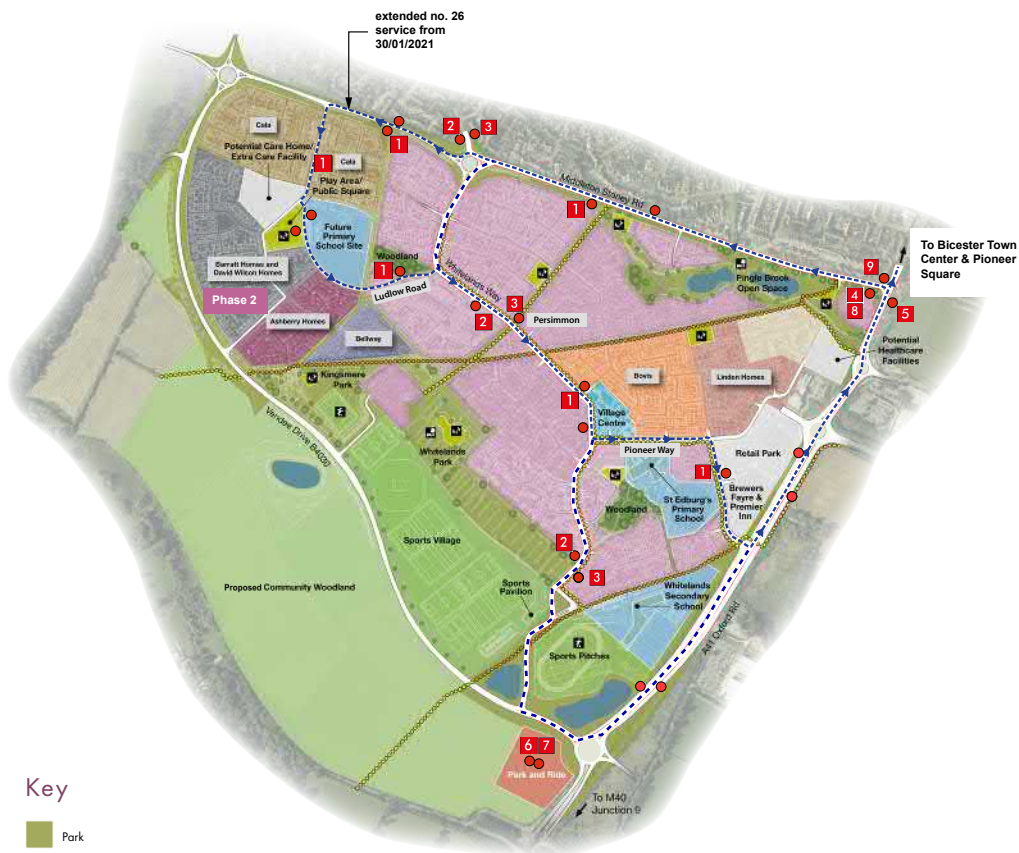
Look at the pictures, watch the videos, and read about the developments.

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

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



## Site map



## Key

- Park
- Playing field/sports pitch
- Play area
- Proposed green spaces (to be delivered in future phases)
- Footpath/cycleway
- Pedestrian route
- Bus route
- Bus stop
- Completed residential development
- Future residential development
- Drainage Basins

## Bus services

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| <p><b>1</b> 26 to Bicester Town Centre up to every 30 minutes</p> <p><b>2</b> S5 to Bicester, certain peak journeys only</p> <p><b>3</b> S5 to Oxford, certain peak journeys only</p> <p><b>4</b> S5 to Bicester, up to every 15 minutes (except certain peak journeys)</p> <p><b>5</b> S5 to Oxford, up to every 15 minutes (except certain peak journeys)</p> | <p><b>6</b> S5 to Bicester, up to every 15 minutes</p> <p><b>7</b> S5 to Oxford, up to every 15 minutes</p> <p><b>8</b> X5 to Buckingham, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge, every 30 minutes</p> <p><b>9</b> X5 to Oxford City Centre, every 30 minutes</p> |
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# TRAVEL ON FOOT

Travelling by foot is a quick and easy way of getting around Kingsmere. Due to the number of on-site facilities available to residents, and 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.

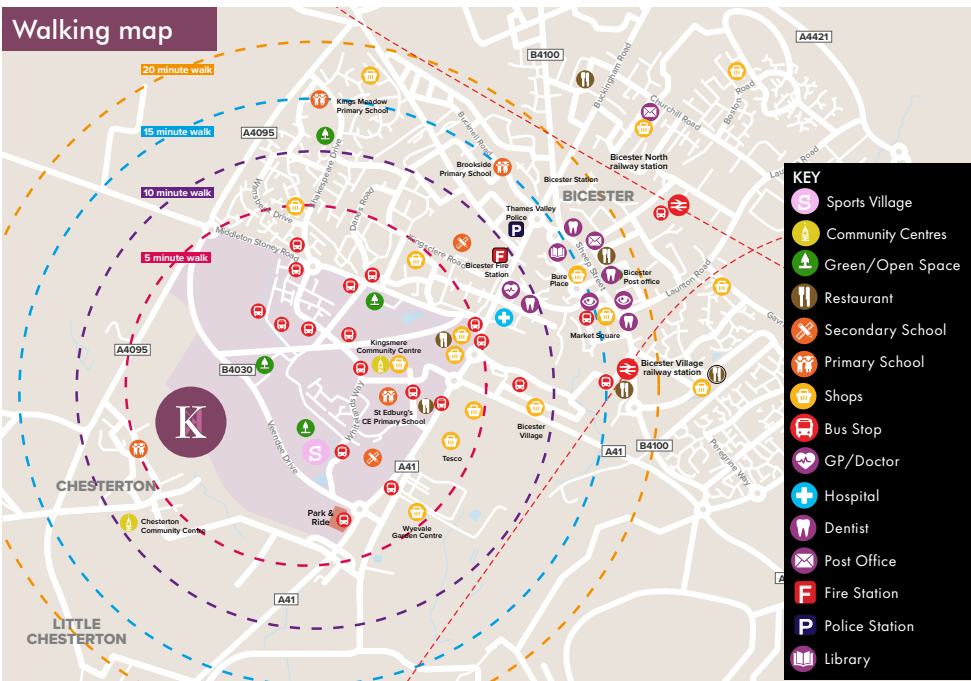
Additional local facilities can be accessed on site, including local food shops, leisure and sports facilities, Kingsmere Community Centre and local primary and secondary schools.

All of the on-site footways and cycleways being installed throughout Kingsmere are high-quality and connect you to, from and around your new neighbourhood with routes to Bicester Town Centre, Bicester Village and other local destinations.

Kingsmere also provides many local opportunities for recreational walking trips, including our proposed Community Woodland which will be provided by Cherwell District Council in later phases of the development.

## 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)



There are lots of existing walking groups and digital resources available, to help you plan walking routes for everyday journeys as well as for recreation or leisure. Some useful website links and walking groups are detailed 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)

### Eco Bicester

The Eco Bicester project team have produced a map of Public Rights of Way and key pedestrian 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)

### 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)

## TRAVEL BY BIKE

Kingsmere provides ample cycle opportunities with Bicester town centre located within a 5-minute ride, and Bicester Village and Bicester North Railway Stations located within a 5-10 minute ride.

There are a number of quiet on-road and off-road cycle routes provided throughout Bicester and within the Kingsmere development itself, as shown on the Cycle Route Map overleaf.


Sections of the A41 which routes past Kingsmere forms part of the National Cycle Network Route 51 which provides connections through Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The NCN51 is shown on the Cycle Route Map overleaf. For more information on the NCN51 visit:

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

New crossing points have also been provided on Middleton Stoney Road to provide safe crossing from Kingsmere to the wider area.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- You can hire a bicycle for free from Bicester Green (located on Station Approach in Bicester Town Centre) as part of the 'Cycle for Bicester' programme. 'Cycle for Bicester' encourages more people to give cycling a try, for free.
- There are 16 adult bikes and two Brompton folding bikes available to hire, as well as a range of accessories including kids trailers and child seats for you to try.
- For more information please visit:

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

### Bicester Cycle Parking

There is secure and covered cycle parking provided at both Bicester railway stations, and at the Bicester Park and Ride site, to help you travel by bike more easily and to support connections to public transport.

All of these cycle parking areas provide sheltered and secure cycle parking facilities.

Cycle parking is available at the Bicester Park and Ride Site on Vendee Drive, which is less than a 5-minute cycle from Kingsmere. You can catch the S5 and NS5 Stagecoach Gold bus services from here direct to Oxford.

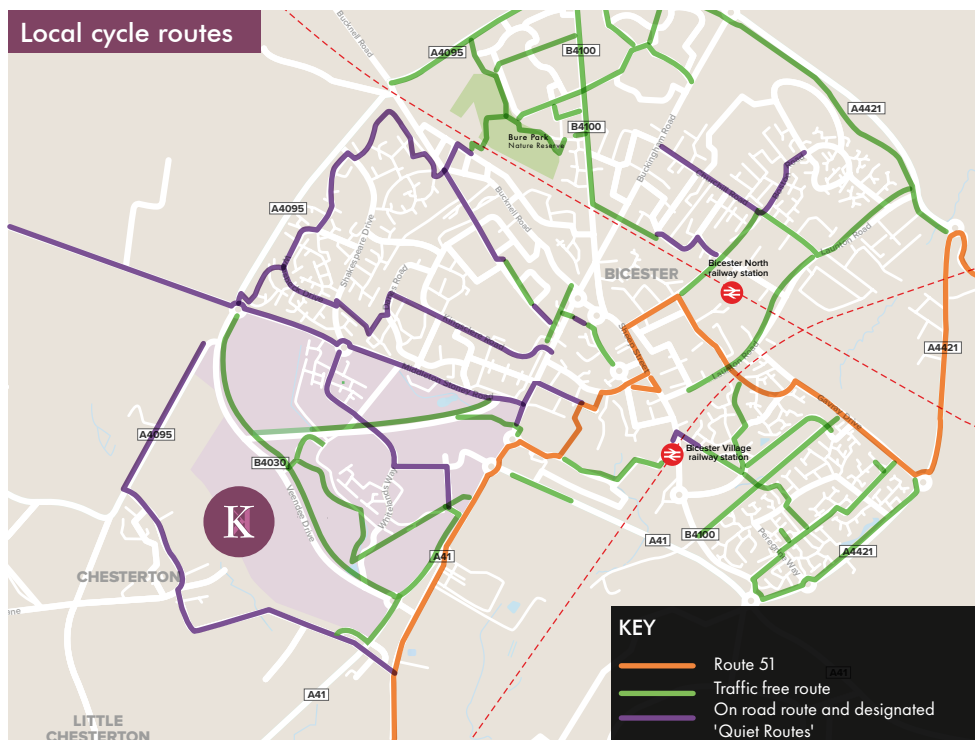
There is also secure covered cycle parking available at both Bicester railway stations, in the following locations:

- Bicester Village Station: at the station entrance.
- Bicester North Station: at the car park exit (opposite the taxi bays).

For updated information on cycle parking at stations, please check:

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





## Further Information

There are lots of existing local cycling groups and digital resources available, to help you plan cycling routes for everyday journeys as well as for recreation or leisure. Some useful website links and cycling groups are detailed below:

### 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)

### Sustrans

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

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

## 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)

## 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)

# TRAVEL BY BUS

At Kingsmere, we want our residents to benefit fully from the sustainable transport opportunities available to them. We have coordinated with Stagecoach to ensure that bus services available throughout the development site provide residents with easy and convenient cross-town links.

Kingsmere is served by two main local bus services, providing residents with access to Bicester Town Centre and Oxford City Centre.

## NO. 26 BUS SERVICE

The no. 26 service runs directly through the development connecting you to Bicester Town Centre. The no.26 routes serves both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the development and provides a direct service to Pioneer Square every 30 minutes, with a journey time of just 10 minutes. From Pioneer Square, the no.26 will route to Bicester Village Railway Station as the no. H5 or no. 29 and provide half-hourly services to Graven Hill and Ambrosden and hourly services to John Radcliffe Hospital, Brookes University and Bullingdon Prison.

However you can stay on the bus even if the service number changes. Visit the Stagecoach website for more details on routing and timetables.

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

### 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



## NO. S5 BUS SERVICE

The S5 service to Oxford is a Stagecoach Gold service that routes through the development in the morning and evening peak periods, with a journey time of just 35 minutes. At other times, it can be accessed from the Bicester Park and Ride site or from stops on the A41 Oxford Road.

## NO. X5 BUS SERVICE

The Stagecoach X5 services offers a non-stop Bicester to Oxford link. The service also provides connections to Cambridge, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Buckingham. The X5 can be accessed from stops on the A41 - next to Kingsmere. It is possible to interchange to additional services in Bicester town centre or Oxford city centre.

Visit the Stagecoach website for more details on routing and timetables.

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

## Further information

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

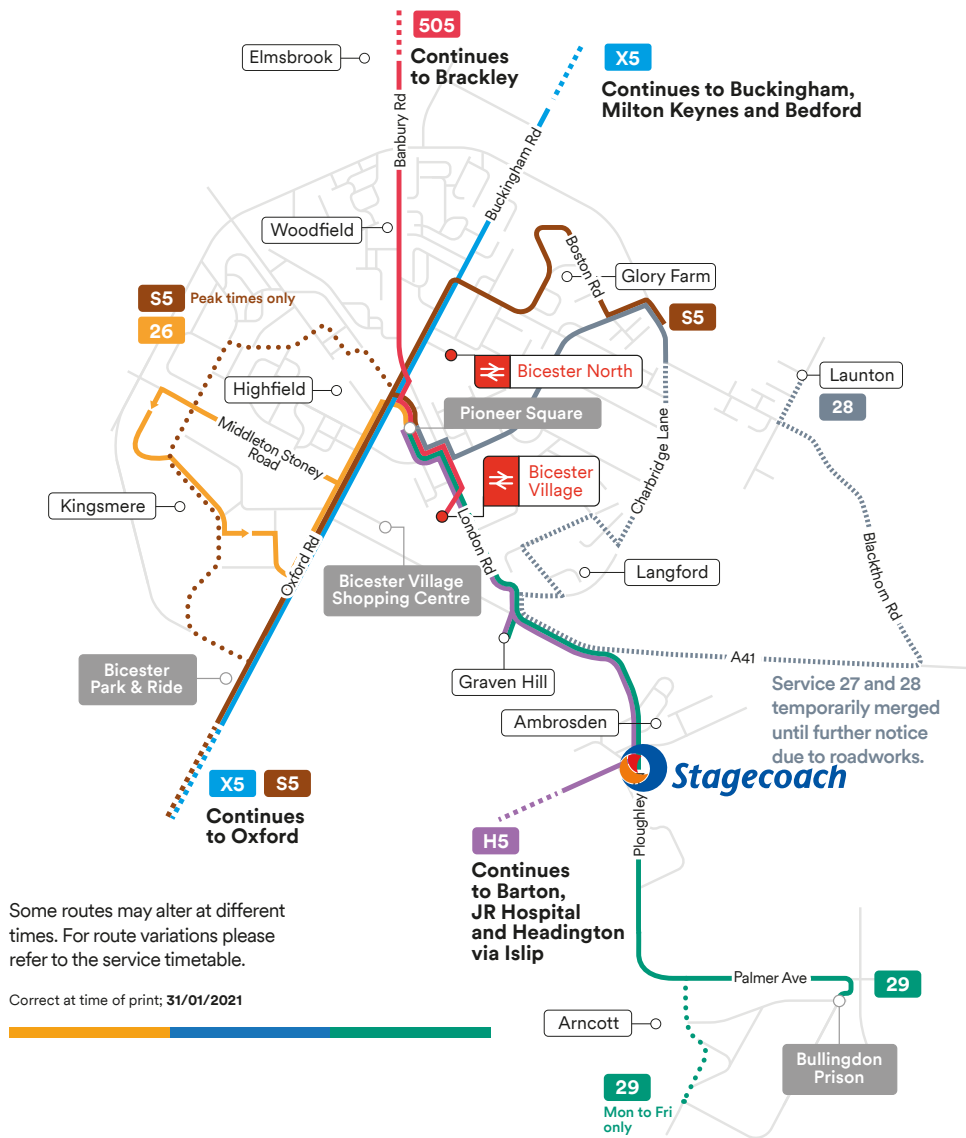
 [www.stagecoachbus.com/kingsmere](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/kingsmere)

## 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



# TRAVEL BY TRAIN

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

Bicester Village railway station has direct services to London Marleybone and Oxford. The station is also within walking distance of the site, making your daily commute to work, education or shopping trips to the City faster and more convenient - without having to worry about sitting in traffic or paying for parking!

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

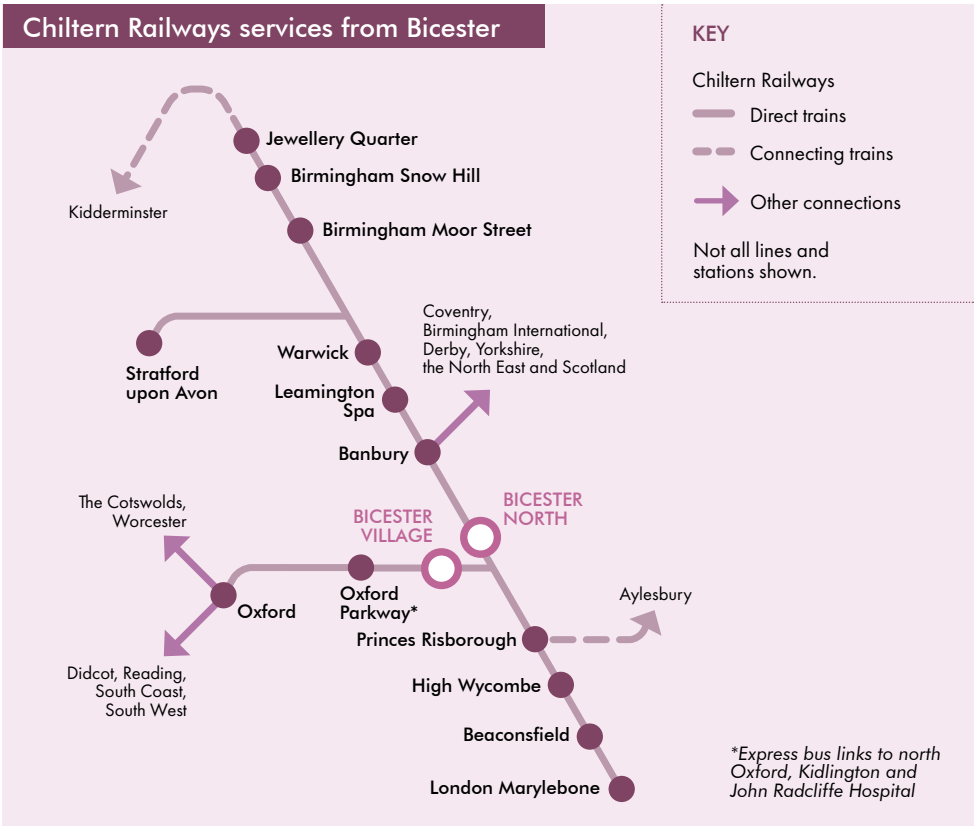
Chiltern Railways' trains provide:

- 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.



**Chiltern Railways**

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.liftshare.com/uk](http://www.liftshare.com/uk)







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