



WELCOME TRAVEL PACK



Stonewater would like to welcome you to your new home. As you settle in to a new location, we would like to make the move as easy as possible.

This Travel Information Pack seeks to inform you of the options available to you for travelling to and from your new home and provides information to assist you in making sustainable choices about the way in which you travel.

This Pack contains

- Walking and cycling information
- Bus and rail information
- Information about community transport and local taxi companies
- Advice on saving money on car travel

Walking

Walking is one of the simplest, easiest and cheapest ways to get around. It is ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels who want to be more active. Walking briskly can help you build stamina, burn excess calories and make your heart healthier.

The NHS provides a walking guide at

www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/walking-for-health

Your home is located within a comfortable walking distance of 700 metres (or 14-minute walk) to a village shop with post office, bus stops, school and church (located on North Street).

There is a network of Public Rights of Way (PROW) which you can use to enjoy the countryside around you.

Visit Milton Keynes City Council's website to explore these PROWs:

<http://mapping.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mymiltonkeynes.aspx>

Further information on walking routes and journey planner can be obtained from Get Around MK website:

<https://getaroundmk.org.uk/walking>

SAVE THE DATE!
Walk to School Week 2023
20th - 25th May



Cycling

Regular cycling can help you lose weight, reduce stress and improve your fitness. For the commuter, cycling to work is an excellent way to fit exercise into your daily life, improving your fitness and overall health.

You could plan a cycle route from your home using CycleStreets.

<https://getaroundmk.org.uk/cycling>

<https://www.cyclestreets.net>



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

National Cycle Route 6 (part of National Cycle Network running from London to Lake District) passes through Castlethorpe and provides a useful traffic-free route to Wolverton Station, located approximately 15-minute cycle ride away from your home.

The National Cycle Network (Route 52) lies to your west and is within preferred maximum cycling distance (i.e., less than a 30-minute cycle).

A variety of useful information can be found at:

<https://getaroundmk.org.uk/cycling>

Cycling UK | The Cyclists' Champion

The National Cycle Network - Sustrans.org.uk

<https://www.cyclestreets.net>



Cycling

Check with your employer if they have registered with **Cyclescheme**.

Cyclescheme is an employee benefit that saves you 25-39% on a bike and accessories (or even more with the offers which can be found on the **Cyclescheme** website - see link below).



You pay nothing upfront and the payments are taken tax efficiently from your salary by your employer – more information is available here <https://www.cyclescheme.co.uk>



Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's like cycling proficiency, but better! It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

Visit www.bikeability.org.uk for more information about Bikeability.

There are three Bikeability levels, each designed to improve cycling skills, no matter what is known already. Levels 1, 2 and 3 take trainees from the basics of balance and control, all the way to planning and making an independent journey on busier roads.

Milton Keynes City Council subsidises Bikeability training. More information can be obtained via:

<https://getaroundmk.org.uk/cycling/skills-training>



SAVE THE DATE!
National Cycle to Work Day 2023
6th August

Travel by Bus

The nearest bus stops are located on **North Street**, some 280 metres (or 4-minute walk) from your home.

Service 33/X33 stops here and provides access to **Northampton** and **Central Milton Keynes**. This service is run by Arriva.

The bus timetable information (as from July 2022) for this service is attached to this information pack.

Please note that the bus route and frequency is subject to change and hence please ensure that you check Council's and Arriva's website regularly to keep yourself abreast of any changes.

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/bus-rail-and-taxis/bus-timetables-maps-and-travel-updates>
<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/find-a-service>

All in 1 MK Card (Junior Concessionary Travel Scheme)

It is a travel concessionary card which anyone at your home between the ages of 5 and 18 can avail and are in full or part time education. More information on how you can apply for this is provided here:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/bus-rail-and-taxis/bus-passes-and-cards/all-1-mk-card-junior-concessionary-travel-scheme>

Disabled Person's Bus Pass

Holders of Disabled Person's bus pass are entitled to free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. More information on eligibility and how to apply for or renew a Disabled Person's bus pass, please visit:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/bus-rail-and-taxis/bus-passes-and-cards/disabled-persons-bus-pass>

Older Person's Bus Pass

Holders of Older Person's bus pass are entitled to free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. More information on eligibility and how to apply for or renew an Older Person's bus pass, please visit:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/bus-rail-and-taxis/bus-passes-and-cards/older-persons-bus-pass>



Annual Bus Pass

In the bid to reduce car travel and to support Milton Keynes Council's Net Zero ambitions, we will be providing each household a 12-month bus pass to cover your bus travel costs, fully funded by us. This bus pass will allow you to travel anywhere in Milton Keynes on Arriva (bus operator) routes.

Arriva run majority of the bus services in Milton Keynes. More information can be obtained via their website:

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk>

In fact, the bus routes that serve Castlethorpe are run by Arriva.

Should you wish to avail a bus pass, please contact our Graham Walker (Project Officer) via email at **graham.walker@stonewater.org** with your contact's name and address. We will cross-reference these with our database.

Please note that you have three months from the date that you have moved in to contact us with this request.

Once approved, we will post an Arriva Smartcard ticket to you. Smartcard tickets are electronic passes that are the same dimensions as a credit card and use a small microchip to store the ticket information.

The Smartcard ticket will typically take 48 hours to register. Once registered, you will be able to use the Smartcard for a year to travel anywhere in Milton Keynes using Arriva bus services.

Travel by Rail

Wolverton Railway Station is located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Castlethorpe and is within 13-minute cycle ride away from your home.

Wolverton Railway Station is served by two trains per hour to London Euston, two trains per hour to Rugeley Trent Valley. The preceding and following stations are Northampton and Milton Keynes Central.

Station facilities include step free access coverage, 238 car parking spaces and 48 cycle parking spaces.

MK Connect

MK Connect is an accessible, innovative public transport option for residents who aren't served by a bus route, or when other choices like cycling might not be appropriate.

The journeys could be booked from your phone, tablet, computer or calling the contact centre at **01908 252526**.

You'll be picked up when a vehicle becomes available and dropped off at or near your destination. It's not a door-to-door taxi, as it's shared by passengers heading the same way, and there may be a short wait just as there would be at a bus stop.

Further information on ways to book, service hours and pricing can be obtained via: <https://ridewithvia.com/mk-connect/>

Electric Vehicle Charging

Electric cars offer a range of financial, performance and environmental benefits when compared with internal combustion engine vehicles.

The UK government has announced that it will end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030. With electric vehicle charging points, your home will be future proof!

Your home is provided with adequate infrastructure to ensure installation and activation of a charging point at a future date.

You could save hundreds of pounds per year by utilising off peak energy tariffs to charge your vehicle. Other features include Wi-Fi and ethernet connectivity from your smart phone or tablet, intelligent power adjustment, a cable lock security system, and a 5-year warranty.

Welcome to the future of car travel!



Travel by Car

Where driving is unavoidable the following tips may be useful:

- The most fuel-efficient driving speed, where permitted, is in the highest gear at approximately 50mph – this can cut your fuel bill by about 30%;
- You can further reduce your fuel bill through adopting a smoother driving style, avoiding sudden braking or acceleration;
- Keep your car well maintained including keeping your tyre pressures to the appropriate level, check the air filters and get your vehicle regularly serviced.

SAVE THE DATE!
World Car Free Day 2023
22nd September

Taxi Companies that Serve Castlethorpe (information obtained from Yell.com)

247 Taxiline Milton Keynes	01908 767522
Club Taxis	01908 567567
Skyline Taxis	01908 965965

Home Deliveries

Most well-known foodstores do home deliveries in your area.
You can therefore visit their websites to get your goods delivered to you.



Waitrose

TESCO

Sainsbury's

ASDA



Local School and Facilities

Castlethorpe Village Shop is located 700 metres away (i.e., a 10-minute walk) on North Street.

Castlethorpe Village Hall is located 400 metres away (i.e., a 5-minute walk) on North Street.

Castlethorpe First School is also located on North Street, only three minutes away on foot.

Acorns Childcare is located on School Lane, also three minutes away on foot.



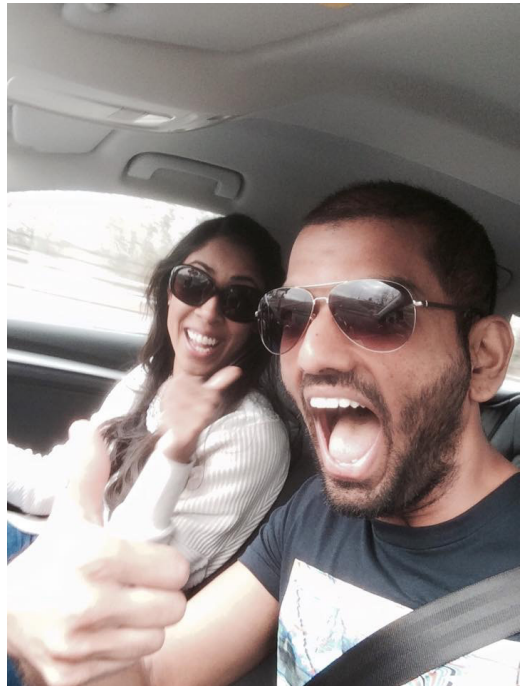
Car Sharing

If half of UK motorists received a lift one day a week, congestion and pollution would be reduced by 10% and traffic jams by 20%. If you're a driver, by sharing your car you can split the cost of your journey and reduce your carbon footprint.



If you currently drive alone to say Northampton for work you could save around £464 each year and reduce your yearly CO₂ emissions by 845 kilograms car sharing based on sharing with 1 person, five times a week.

Check out <https://liftshare.com/uk/savings-calculator> for the savings you could make and <https://liftshare.com/uk> if there are other car sharers in your neighbourhood.



If you work in Central Milton Keynes and share a journey to work, you could save even more money by getting a CMK Car Share Parking Permit which also gives you access to prime location parking bays. It provides you with a free parking in all standard rate spaces and over 350 reserved car share bays.

Further information on how to join the Central Milton Keynes Car-sharing Scheme is available here:

<https://getaroundmk.org.uk/get-connected/sharing>

The following journey planning websites are effective for working out the best way to drive, walk, cycle and use public transport to any destination:

The AA Route Planner

<https://www.theaa.com/route-planner/route>

The Cycling Route Planner

<https://www.cyclestreets.net>

Cyclescheme

<https://www.cyclescheme.co.uk>

Bikeability

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk>

Milton Keynes Public Right of Way

<http://mapping.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mymiltonkeynes.aspx>

Public Transport

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/bus-rail-and-taxis/bus-timetables-maps-and-travel-updates>

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/find-a-service>

Public Transport Concessionary Fares

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/bus-rail-and-taxis/bus-passes-and-cards>

MK Connect

<https://ridewithvia.com/mk-connect/>

The National Rail Website

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk>

The Trainline Website

<https://www.thetrainline.com>



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