

New Home, New Start, New Ways to Travel

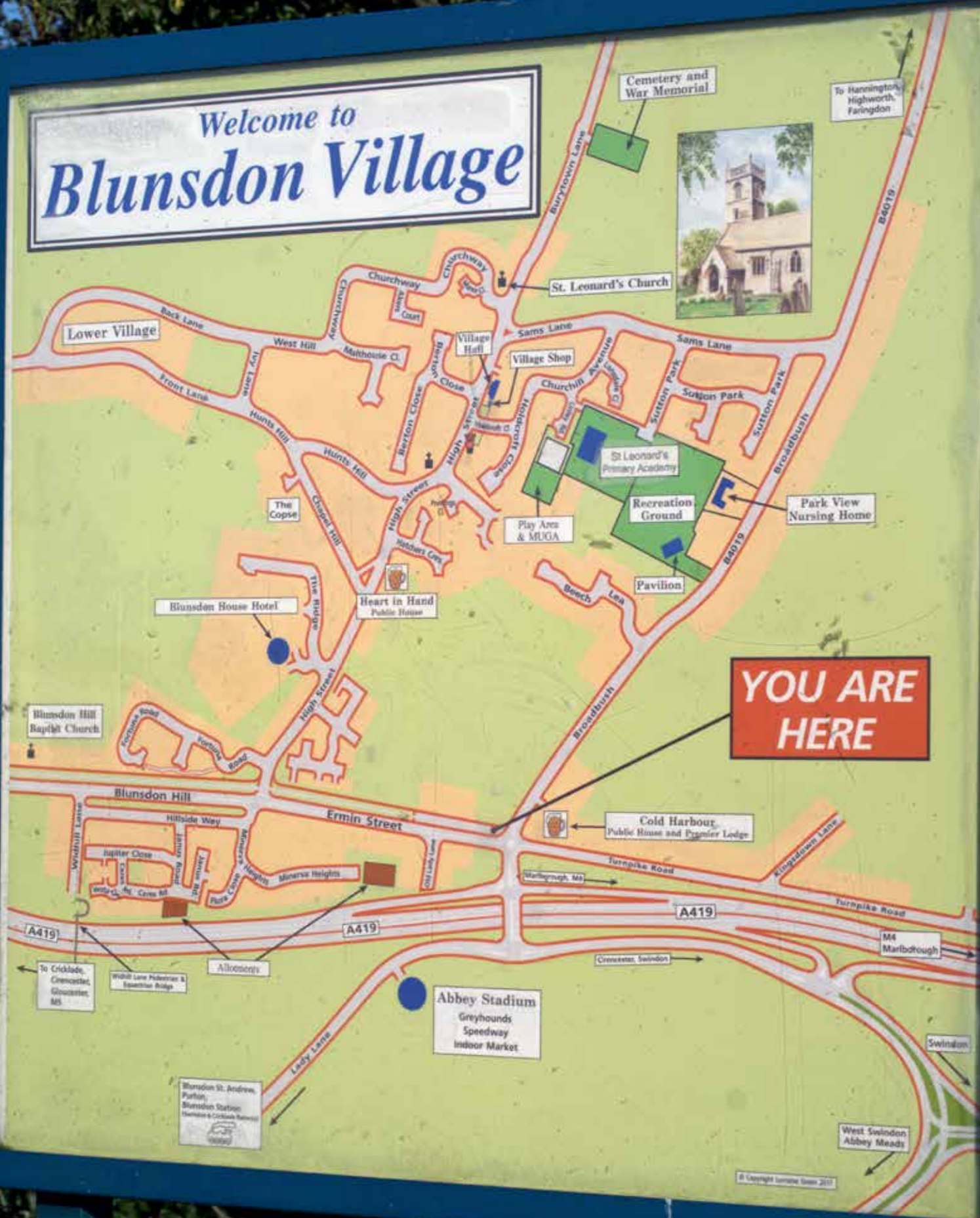
Travel Information for Skylark Meadow



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Welcome to Blunsdon Village



Introduction

This Travel Information Pack contains useful information about your travel options in and around Blunsdon.

Getting involved with your Travel Plan has plenty of positive benefits for you including:

- Improving your fitness, health and wellbeing
- Reducing your travel costs
- Reducing your travel times
- Improving your accessibility to local services
- Making the community safer
- Improving your travel choices
- Creating a cleaner, more vibrant local community

About this travel information pack

Newland Homes is committed to promoting sustainable transport for the residents of Skylark Meadow.

Situated to the north of Swindon, on the edge of glorious open Cotswolds countryside, Blunsdon is a delightful place to set up home and raise a family. Here you'll get to enjoy all the superb facilities of Swindon, without living in the town itself, giving you the best of both worlds.

This guide provides further information on the different ways that you can travel in the area for your daily trips as well as those journeys you undertake less frequently.

A primary aim of the development is to encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transport such as walking, cycling, public transport or car sharing.

Please take a few moments to read this Travel Information Pack and consider how you can choose to make more sustainable travel choices.



Walking

One of the easiest and cheapest ways to travel is to walk, particularly if your destination is within 2-kilometres of your new home. Walking is also a versatile mode of travel – there's no waiting around, no congestion and it's free!

Research shows that walking 10,000 steps a day will significantly improve your health. Putting one foot in front of the other can build stamina, burn excess calories and give you a healthier heart.

Newland Homes has provided good quality, direct and well-lit footways throughout the development. These routes connect to existing paths which provide access to the local area.

Blunsdon has a range of services, facilities and amenities in the village within walking distance, such as the community shop, a gym, restaurant, GP surgery and Heart in Hand pub. There are also a primary school, Blunsdon Hill Baptist and Blunsdon Methodist churches. Additionally the Cold Harbour pub is located on the edge of the village.

Useful websites

- www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/walk
- www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/step-out-swindon
- www.wiltsswindonramblers.org.uk

Useful walking apps

- MapmyWalk
- One You Active 10 Walk Tracker
- Pedometer
- OS Maps



Cycling

Cycling is fast, convenient, healthy and cost-effective, and is a realistic way to travel from your new home, especially if your destination lies within 5-kilometres – a 20 minute pedal.

All of the services, facilities and amenities within Blunsdon are available within a 10 minute cycle ride from the site. Swindon town centre is within a 30 minute cycle ride from Skylark Meadow which provides a wider range of services, facilities and amenities including a number of employment opportunities.

Benefits of Cycling

Improving wellbeing by relieving stress, improving fitness and burning calories

Helps prevent chronic and life threatening illnesses

Maintaining a bike for a year costs twenty times less than maintaining and driving a car

Reducing congestion and pollution on our roads

Useful websites

- www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/cycle
- www.swindoncyclecampaign.org

Bike shops in Swindon

E-motion (electric bikes)

373, Cricklade Road, SN2 1AQ

<http://e-motionevc.co.uk>

01793 251200

Mitchell Cycles

27, Shrivenham Rd, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2QA

www.mitchellcycles.co.uk

01793 523306

Swindon Cycles Superstore

60a, Beechcroft Rd, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN2 7QD

www.swindoncycles.co.uk

01793 700105

Recycles (refurbished bikes)

1 Spring Close, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2BF

www.recycles-swindon.co.uk

01793 401834

Hargroves Cycles

Unit 9, Penzance Drive, Churchward Park, SN5 7RX

www.hargrovescycles.co.uk

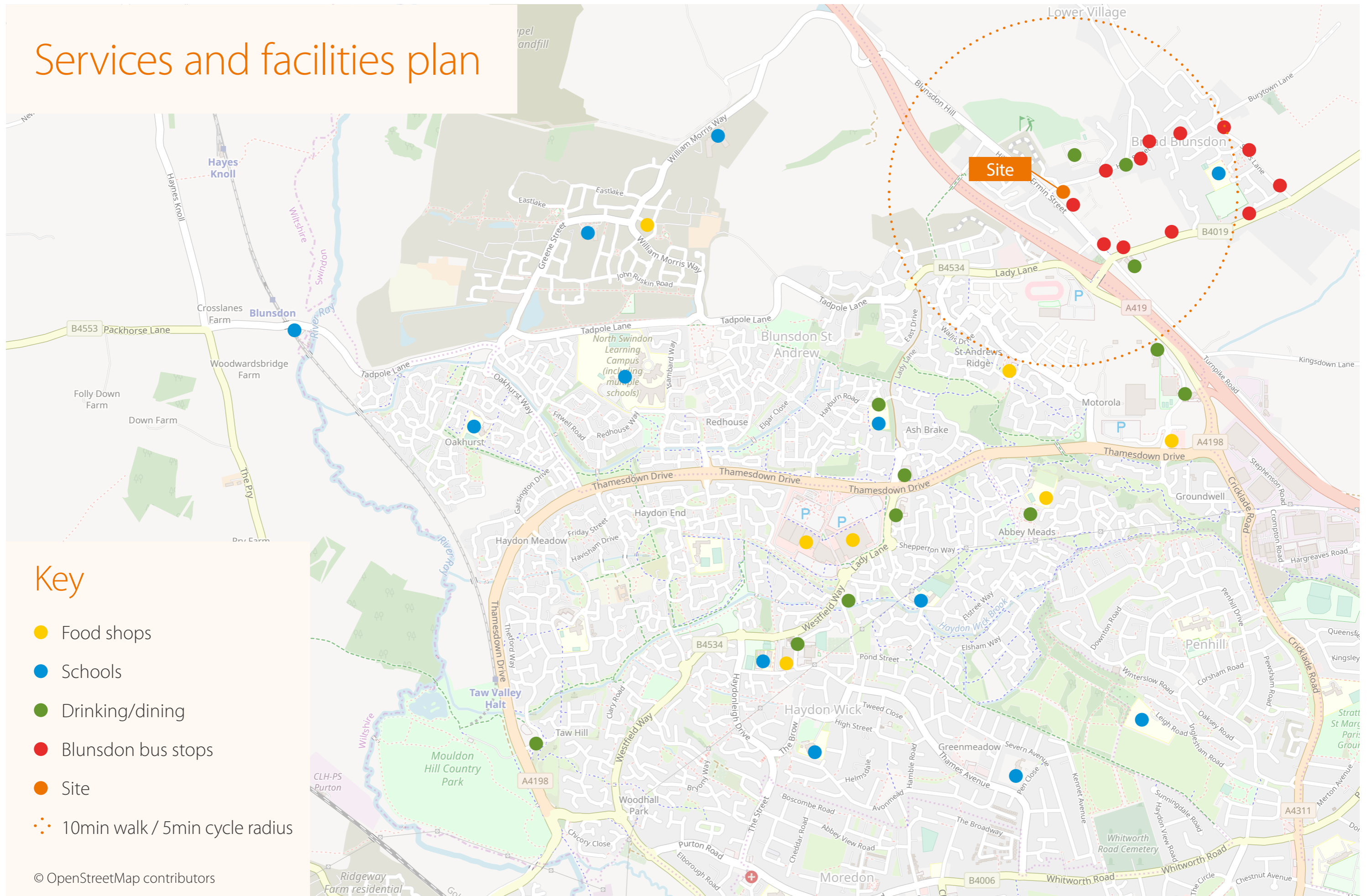
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Useful cycling apps

- Strava
- MapmyRide
- CycleStreets journey planner

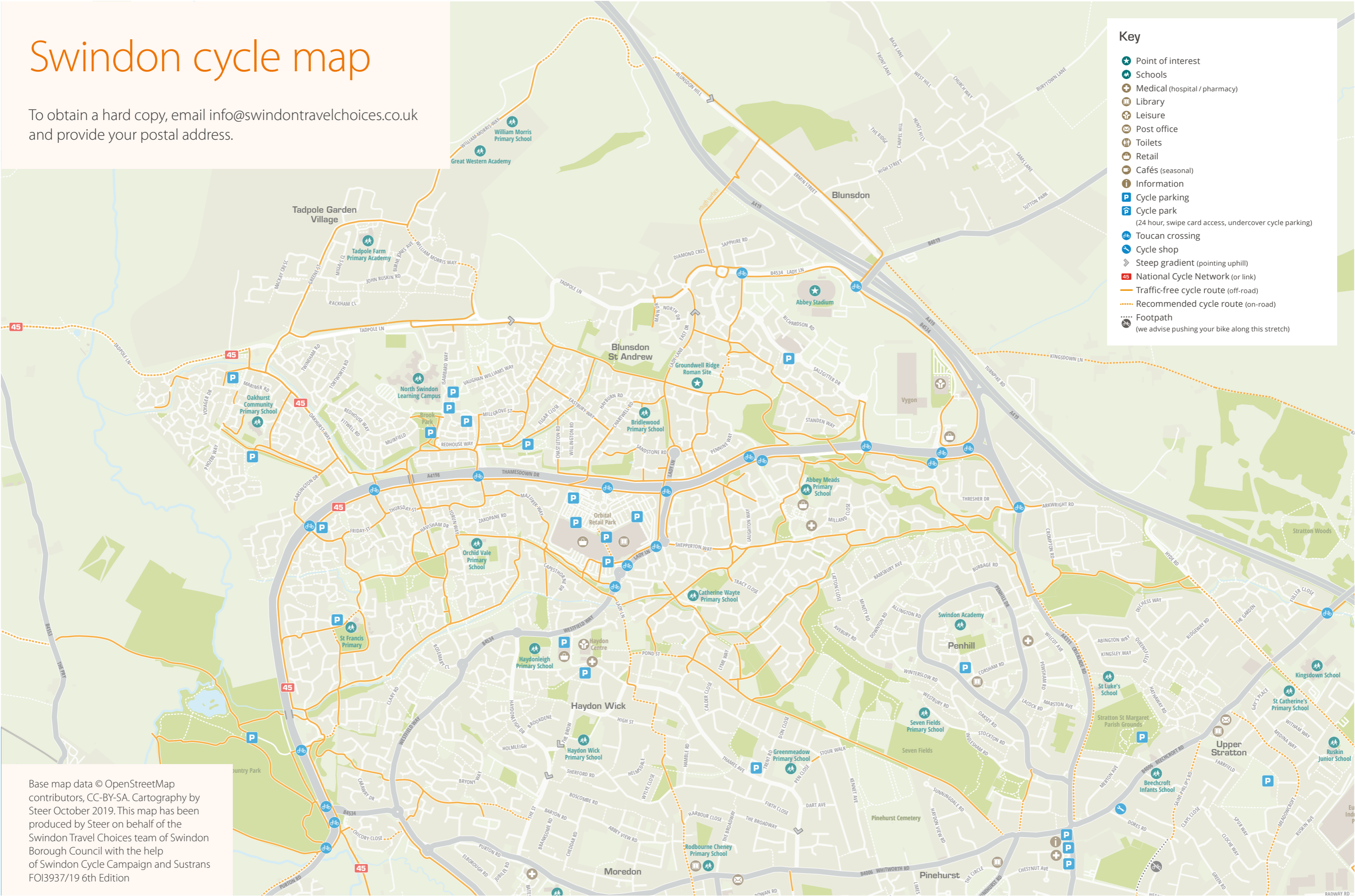


Services and facilities plan



Swindon cycle map

To obtain a hard copy, email info@swindontravelchoices.co.uk and provide your postal address.



Bus

You can access bus stops within a short walk (around 3-minutes) of your new home, on Ermin Street (Hillside Top). From here bus number 16 provides a service to Swindon Town Centre via the Orbital Shopping Park every 2 hours and service 24 calls twice a day with a faster connection to Swindon town centre via Gorse Hill.

There is also a Stagecoach Service to Highworth’s Warneford School once daily.

As a guide we have provided a summary below of the available bus services and their typical frequencies.

Service	Route	Frequency	Operator
16	Blunsdon Village › Ermin Street › St Andrews Ridge › Abbey Meads › Orbital › Wood Hall › Akers Way › Swindon College › Swindon Bus Station	Every 2 hours*	Swindon's Bus Company
24	Blunsdon Village › Ermin Street › Stratton Crossroads › Gorse Hill › Swindon Bus Station › Fleming Way	2 services daily, Monday to Saturday	Swindon's Bus Company
807	Blunsdon Village › Ermin Street › B4019 › Highworth Warneford School	1 trip each way, Monday to Friday, term time only	Stagecoach West

* Service 16 provides a more frequent 30 minute service to and from Wallis Drive in St Andrews Ridge, which is a 20 minute walk from Skylark Meadow.

Useful websites

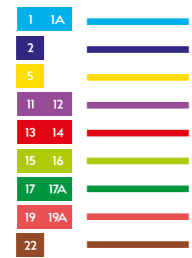
- www.swindonbus.co.uk
- www.stagecoachbus.com
- www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/plan-a-journey

Useful bus apps

- Clickit2ride (Swindon’s Bus Company tickets)
- Stagecoach Bus App (Plan journeys, buy tickets)
- Bus checker (Find bus stops and track buses)



Service number



Daytime frequency
Monday-Friday
every 10 mins
every 15 mins
every 8 mins
every 15 mins*
every 10 mins
every 15 mins†
every 8 mins
every 30 mins
every 30 mins

Other services

Limited service

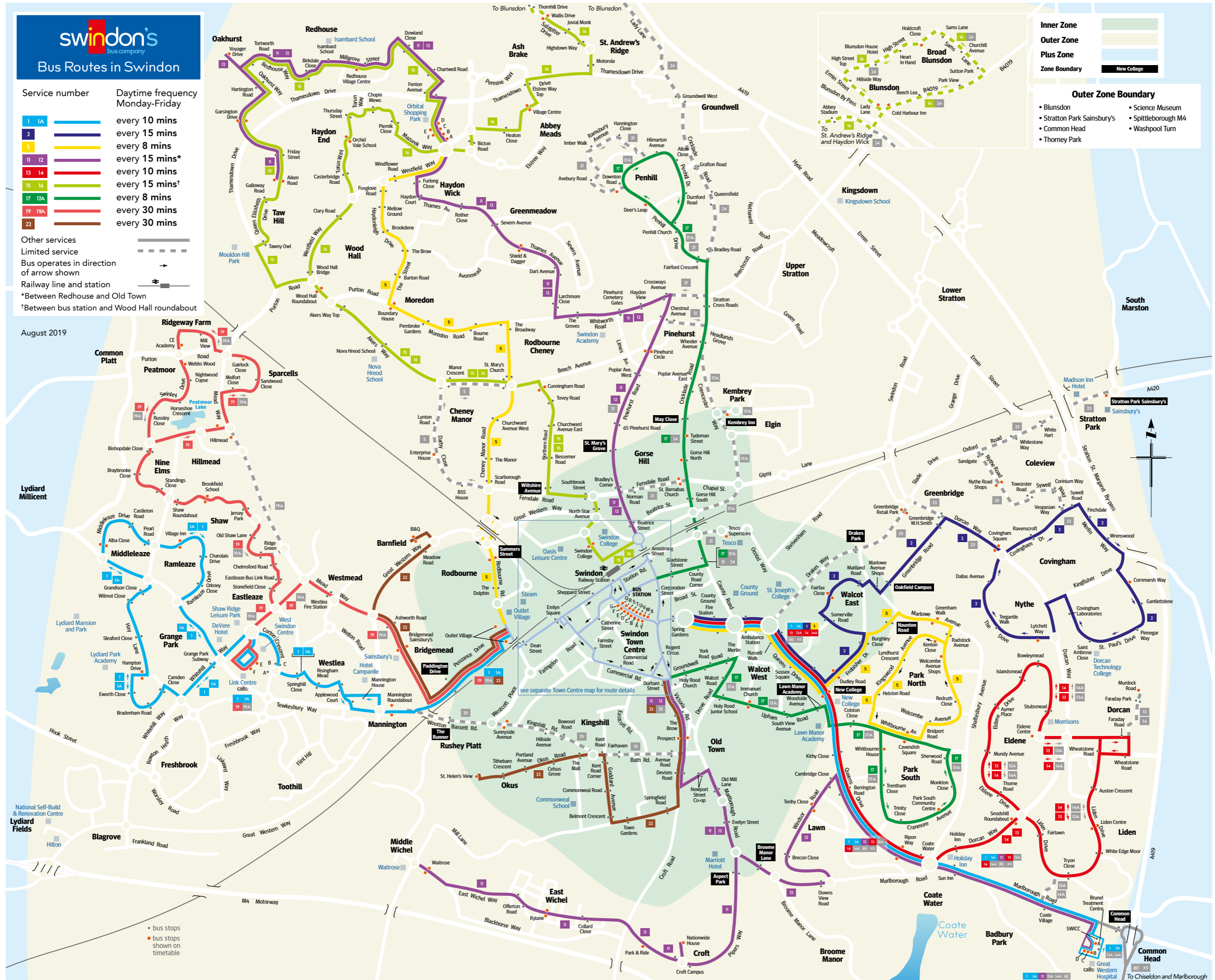
Bus operates in direction
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Railway line and station

*Between Redhouse and Old Town

†Between bus station and Wood Hall roundabout

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Taxi

Taxis can form an important part of sustainable journeys.

Many taxis are hybrids or ‘green’ vehicles, which help to reduce the impact of car journeys on the environment. Utilising taxis could save you money and help to reduce your carbon footprint.

There are a number of private hire taxi operators local to the area, through which taxis can be pre-booked.

Taxi companies in Swindon

Company	Telephone	App Available
A1 Swindon Taxis	01793 251251	
Cross Street Cars	01793 232323	
V-Cars	01793 701701	
SN1 Cars	01793 523523	
Connect Cabs	01793 238444	
Safe Taxis Swindon	01793 979277	



Car sharing

Car Sharing is when two or more people travel together in the same car. Many of us already car share informally, but if you regularly make long trips in the car alone (to work, for example) it may make more sense to get another person (or two or three) in your car and help share your petrol costs.

There are many benefits to car sharing;

- Opportunity to socialise
- Reduced fuel costs
- Less wear and tear on your car
- Useful for people with mobility difficulties (door to door travel)
- Time to relax without driving stress
- Provides a solution for travelling to and from areas not served by bus
- Reduces the number of cars on the roads, resulting in less congestion, less pollution and fewer parking problems

Car Share Swindon

Over 2500 people who live or work in Swindon have registered with www.carshareswindon.com. This is an online database that matches people together based on the routes and times that people travel. It's free and easy to register and chances are, you'll find someone going your way. Even if you only share once a week, you're helping to save money.



Electric vehicles

With a rapidly expanding network of public charging points available across the region, there has never been a better time to make the switch to electric vehicles. There are discounts available to buy all types of electric and plug-in hybrid cars, vans and motorcycles, ranging from £1,500 to £8,000.

To check out your nearest public charging points and the wider network, plus help with selecting the right car and calculating your cost savings, visit:
www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/electric-vehicles/



Shopping

With online shopping you can do your shop from the comfort of your own home and have it delivered at a time to suit you from as little as a £1 delivery charge. Or you can collect from the store when you're out and about anyway, so no need for a specific shopping trip.

The supermarket websites now allow you to save favourites, so putting your weekly shop into the virtual basket is just a few clicks!

Benefits

- Save time, someone else is picking your items from the shelves
- Reduce stress, no trolley wars with other shoppers
- The groceries are dropped at your door

Useful websites

- Sainsburys www.sainsburys.co.uk/shop/gb/groceries
- Morrisons <https://groceries.morrisons.com/>
- Tesco www.tesco.com/groceries/
- Asda <https://groceries.asda.com/>
- Waitrose www.waitrose.com/ecom/shop/browse/groceries
- Ocado www.ocado.com/webshop/startWebshop.do

Local contacts

Government

Blunsdon Parish Council
www.blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk
01793 705617

Swindon Borough Council
www.swindon.gov.uk
Housing Benefit and
Council Tax Support – 0345 3022316
All other enquiries – 01793 445500

MP for North Swindon
www.justintomlinson.com/contact

Shopping

Blunsdon Village Shop
www.blunsdonvillageshop.co.uk
01793 700915

Co-op, Blunsdon St Andrew
01793 723928

The Orbital Shopping Park
www.orbitalshoppingpark.com
01793 726636

Aldi, Latham Road
www.aldi.co.uk/store/s-uk-E0791

Asda Walmart, Thamesdown Drive
<https://storelocator.asda.com/store/swindon-haydon-supercentre>
01793 707770

Morrisons, Haydon Wick
<https://my.morrisons.com/storefinder/363>
01793 726705

Schools

St Leonard's CE Primary Academy, Blunsdon
<https://stleonardsblunsdon.org.uk>
01793 721423

Places of Worship

Saint Leonards Church, Blunsdon
01793 762702

Blunsdon Methodist Church
01793 750095

Health

Blunsdon Surgery
www.westropmedicalpractice.nhs.uk
01793 721254

Great Western Hospital
www.gwh.nhs.uk
01793 604020

Gyms

Blunsdon Fitness
www.blunsdonfitness.co.uk
01793 720640

David Lloyd, Latham Road
<https://www.davidlloyd.co.uk/clubs/swindon>
0345 129 6771

DW Sports and Fitness,
Orbital Shopping Park
www.dwfitnessfirst.com/find-a-gym/swindon
01793 704044

Haydon Centre
www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/swindon/haydon-centre
01793 721526

Dining and Drinking

Heart in Hand, Blunsdon
www.heartinhandpub.com
01793 721314

Blunsdon House Hotel
www.blunsdonhouse.co.uk
01793 721701

Cold Harbour, Blunsdon
www.chefandbrewer.com/pubs/wiltshire/cold-harbour
01793 724840

Robin's Farm, Latham Road
www.farmhouseinns.co.uk/pubs/wiltshire/robins-farm
01793 726424

Harvester, Latham Road
www.harvester.co.uk/restaurants/southwest/harvesterswindonwiltshire
01793 702631

The Jovial Monk, St Andrew's Ridge
www.thejovialmonk.co.uk
01793 727180



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