

Sustainable Travel Newsletter

BACKHOUSE, HIGHWORTH



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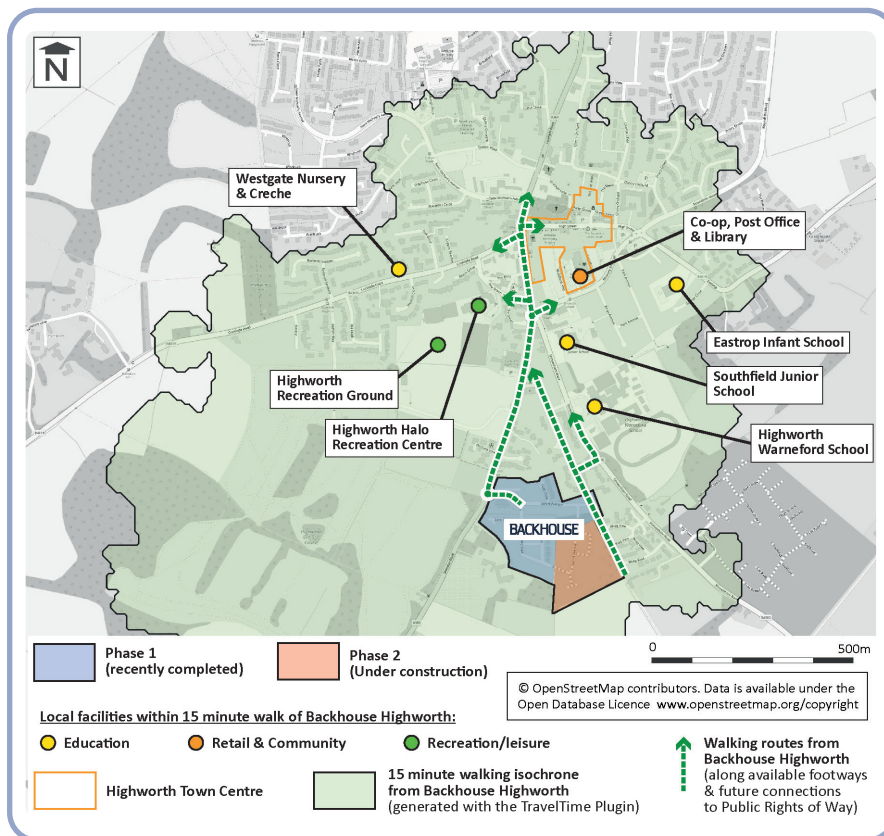
Welcome to the latest **Sustainable Travel Newsletter** for Backhouse Highworth. This newsletter will provide you with information on walking, cycling and using public transport so that you can travel without relying on car modes.

Why is walking a great way to travel?

Walking to local destinations and for leisure or exercise is free, fun and healthy! It is also better for the environment! Instead of driving to local destinations why not try walking? Within **15 minutes** walk of your home on footways & footpaths from Backhouse you can reach many places including the:

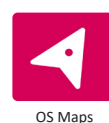
- **Highworth Warneford School** on Shrivenham Road
- **Southfield Junior School** on Shrivenham Road
- **Co-op supermarket** on Brewery Street
- **Halo Highworth Recreation Centre** at The Elms

...and local facilities located on the High Street!



Useful apps for walking

There are many apps that you might find are helpful for waymarking & route planning, tracking your walks and sharing your progress with others.



Did you know? Highworth Town Council and Visit Highworth created a bespoke app detailing a historical short town trail route through Highworth.

Download it today from the Apple or Google Play Store!



Did you realise that it was **Living Streets National Walking Month** this May? Why not challenge yourself in June and encourage others to fit in a 20 minute walk everyday for the rest of the month!



Find out more at <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/national-walking-month>

How can I get involved?

Walking can be more enjoyable when you are with others!

Visit Highworth offer specially devised guided walking tours for individuals and groups covering the fascinating and rich history of Highworth for £5 (under 16yr olds free with an accompanied adult). To organise your 1hr town tour, call 01793 764440 or pop into their shop on the High Street.



The **Highworth & Swindon Walking Club** offer regular walks in the local area and further afield every Sunday and Wednesday. They are a friendly group affiliated with the Ramblers and walks are typically 5-12 miles long. Find out more on their website at <https://highworthswindonwalking.com> or visit their **Facebook page**.



Keep an eye out for local walks in Swindon and Highworth on the **Swindon Travel Choices** website as they often organise beginner walks.

Have you been cycling this year?

Now that the weather has improved it is the perfect time to start cycling. Cycling is a convenient option for local travel and is great for your mental and physical health.

To see the benefits of cycling, visit the **British Heart Foundation** who share **10 reasons to start cycling** - see the QR Code below!



If you fancy getting back on your bike, why not join a free led bike ride. Keep an eye out by visiting the **British Cycling Let's Ride** website via the **QR Code on the right**.

If you are not confident or have not been on a bike before, **Swindon Travel Choices** and **Moredon Cycle Hub** often hold beginner friendly learn to ride lessons, suitable for adults and children.

Public Transport

Perhaps the best option to get to Swindon is hopping on the public bus from your local **'Redlands Close'** bus stop. **Service 7** operates between **Highworth and Swindon every 20 minutes** providing access to destinations such as **Greenbridge Retail Park, South Marston Industrial Estate, Swindon Town Centre and Freshbrook**.

We've currently had low uptake of the free 'flexi 5' bus taster ticket available to residents, so please contact Harry at PFA Consulting for more details on hpearce@pfaconsulting.co.uk if you are interested or would like more details.

Bike Week June 2026

Just a heads up that it is **Bike Week 2026**, Cycling UK's annual celebration of cycling, between **8-14 June 2026**. Have a read of what this entails and hopefully it will inspire you to ride your bike for any type of journey that you do regularly!



Find out more about Bike Week by visiting the QR code above!



Swindon Travel Choices

Did you know that **Swindon Travel Choices** website provides a range of useful information including **cycling tips for beginners**, on **bike maintenance, safe cycling** and also an **interactive Swindon Cycle Map**! Visit the **QR Code to the right** to discover this and more!



For personalised travel planning, please email hpearce@pfaconsulting.co.uk and we will be happy to help you with your journey!

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Stagecoach
we've got you

Freshbrook • Link Centre • Swindon Town Centre • Greenbridge Retail Park • Highworth

Visit the QR Code to the right to access the Service 7 timetable:

Runs 7 days a week!

Travel Surveys - we need your input!

As part of the **Residential Travel Plan** for the Backhouse Highworth development, we are getting in touch with residents to understand how you currently travel and your views on walking, cycling and public transport in the local area. We would like to invite all residents to complete the following **survey by 30th June** so that we can help to improve the conditions for walking, cycling and public transport in the future so that they remain a good option for travel.

The survey is anonymous and should take approximately **5 minutes**, and your comments will be fed back to the Travel Plan Officer at Swindon Borough Council.

Link & QR Code to access the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5uefJF4ygp>



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