

Sustainable Travel Newsletter

BACKHOUSE, BLUNSDON



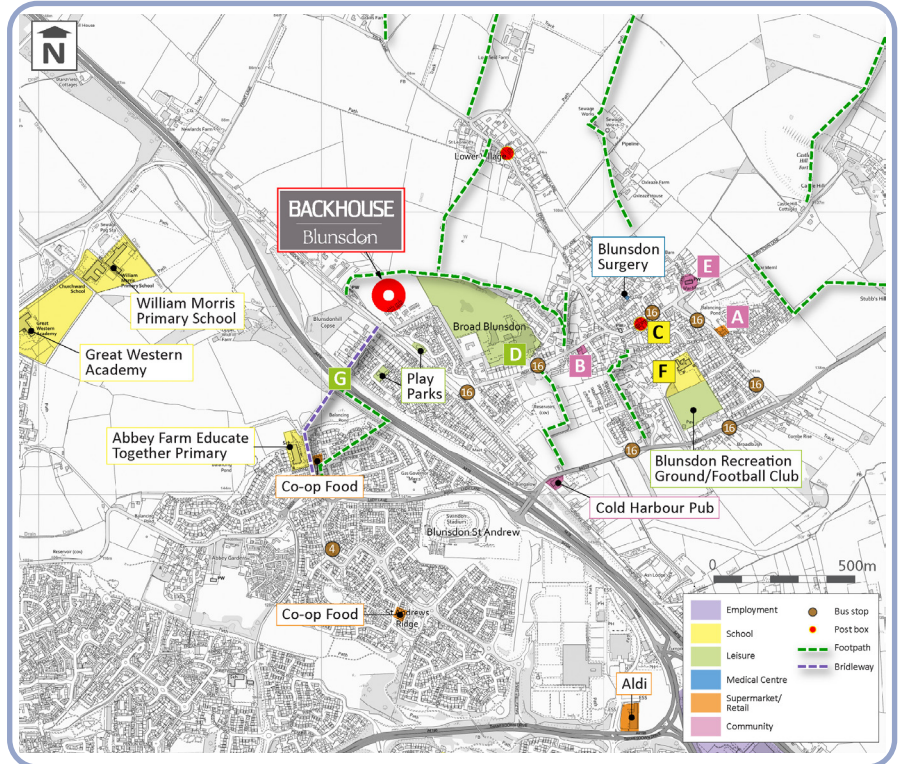
Dear Resident

Welcome to the latest **Sustainable Travel Newsletter** for Backhouse Blunsdon. 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?

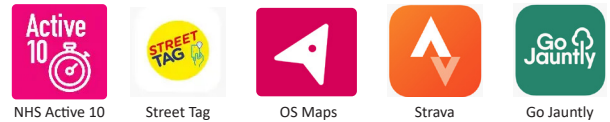
Walking to local destinations and for leisure or exercise is free, fun and healthy! It is also better for the environment! Instead of driving to local destinations why not try walking? Within **15 minutes** walk of your home on footways & footpaths from Backhouse you can reach many places including:

- A** Blunsdon Community Shop & Cafe
- B** Heart in Hand Pub
- C** Village Hall & Pre-School
- D** Blunsdon House Hotel & Golf Course
- E** St Leonard's Church
- F** St Leonard's Primary Academy
- G** Widhill Lane Bridleway Bridge leading to the Co-op on Diamond Crescent.



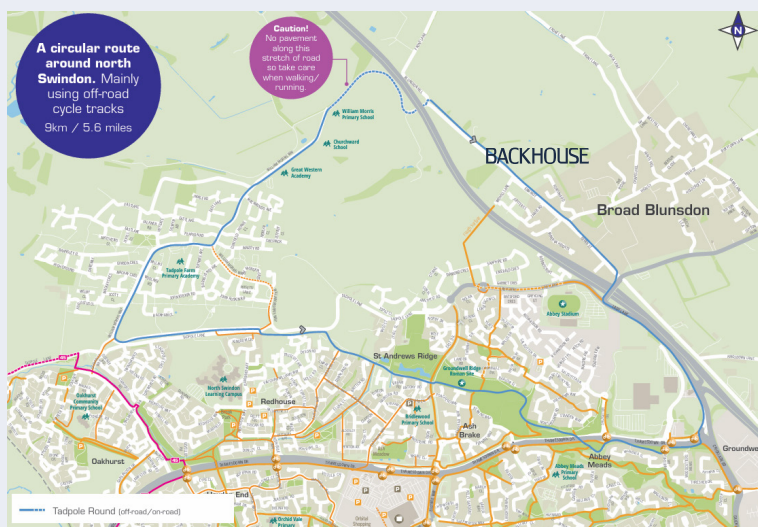
Useful apps for walking

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



Routes for walking & cycling near Backhouse

The **Swindon Travel Choices** website show plenty of routes near Backhouse Blunsdon, such as the **Tadpole Round** - but be safe while transversing the short on-road section of William Morris Way.



Walking can be more enjoyable when you are with others!

Keep an eye out for local walks in Blunsdon & Swindon on the **Swindon Travel Choices** website and Facebook page as they often organise local walks!

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!

If you would like to go on a countryside walk, how about trying the **Blunsdon Heritage Trail**. You can find the route in your Travel Information Pack or you can email hpearce@pfaconsulting.co.uk for more information.

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 you local **'Minerva Heights'** bus stop. **Service 16** operates between **Blunsdon and Swindon every 2 hours** providing access to destinations such as the **Orbital Shopping Park, Abbey Meads** and **Swindon Town Centre**.

We've currently had low uptake of the free '1 week' 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!

Visit the QR Code to the right to access the Service 16 timetable:



Runs 7 days a week!



Travel Surveys - we need your input!

As part of the **Residential Travel Plan** for the Backhouse Blunsdon 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 feedback given to the Travel Plan Officer at Swindon Borough Council.

Link & QR Code to access the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/zeb8a4BaY8>

