

LET'S TALK TRAVEL

Oakfield



Dear Resident, Welcome to the Oakfield Travel Plan Newsletter. Here you'll find information regarding exploring your local area in sustainable ways, including:

- Offers for free bus and rail travel
- Tips to get active this summer
- New maps and publications



SUMMER TRAILS LAUNCH IN JULY

The Swindon Active Swindon Trails are short walking trails around Swindon for you to explore all year round. There are three trails launched each "season" and for each trail you complete, you can collect a badge and enter the prize draw. Perfect for the kids and those sunny summer days.

The summer trails launch on July 23rd 2026 and include a new Wichelstowe Trail utilising newly opened stretches of the canal, plus a Deer Trail around Stanton Park and

a lovely walk through an urban Forest in Pinehurst.

The trail leaflet can be downloaded from www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/home/activeswindonchallenge or you can collect hard copies at the main libraries in Swindon. We can post you a copy if you email us.

AND OUR SURVEY SAID...

Thank you to everyone that completed a resident travel survey last year. We had a healthy response rate of 29%. Congratulations to Biswakalyan from Anna Purna who won the prize draw of £100 Sainsburys voucher.

The percentage of journeys by car has declined, with only 45.6% of driving trips undertaken by car. It was encouraging to see good levels of public transport use – the bus trips have risen to over 30%. We have been busy sending information out to residents who said they would be interested in various initiatives.

Take a look at the Swindon Travel Choices link below to access information and services that are available to you as a new resident in Oakfield.

www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk

WALKING AND WHEELING THE AREA



WALCOT WALKIE TALKIE

If you fancy a free guided social walk at a gentle pace, South Swindon Parish Council are running the Walkie Talkie programme each week. Meet at the Buckhurst Park Community Café at 10.30am each Thursday where there will be a gentle 30-minute walk, followed by free refreshments. It's open to all adults.

For more information, contact: communities@southswindon-pc.gov.uk

Mitchell Cycles is a family run company spanning 3 generations of Mitchell's and we've been trading over 50 years!

We have a great team who are a part of the Mitchell family even if not by last name, a group of people who are all keen cyclists in their own disciplines. Enthusiastic, professional and knowledgeable staff teamed with our fantastic range of bikes and spares is the reason we have been fortunate to be in business for so long & why we are planning for the next 50!

For completion by Mitchell Cycles:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date Redeemed: _____

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Please take along this voucher and proof of your address (such as a recent utility bill). This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, including previously discounted bicycles. It is available on the purchase of full price bicycles, spares and clothing. One discount per household. Discount can be withdrawn at any time. Your address and email details will not be passed onto any third parties.

MONEY OFF AT MITCHELLS

Residents in Oakfield can get **10% discount** at Swindon's oldest family-run bike shop, Mitchell Cycles. This gives you 10% off any full price bikes, clothing or accessories. There should have been a flyer in the pack when you first moved in, but if you didn't get one, you can print it from www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/newdevelopments/oakfield or we can post you a copy if you email us.



ORIENTEERING FOR ALL

Did you know there is an outdoor orienteering course across Swindon?

There are 36 stickers across the lamp posts in Swindon for people to track down - on foot, on cycle or even by bus! There are new map booklets available and you can use the app "Huntly" to photograph the points and submit the challenge when you've found them all.

The orienteering course is split into 6 smaller areas, so you can challenge yourself one quest at a time...

See www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/getting-around/cycling/cycleorienteering for details.

BORROW A BIKE

Whether it's taking the kids to school, getting to work or just riding for leisure, there's no better time to give cycling a go! In conjunction with your developer, Swindon Travel Choices are offering your household a chance to try cycling for FREE for 6 weeks.

You can choose between a hybrid bike, electric bike or folding bike.

For more details, see www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/borrow-a-bike-scheme

Try cycling for FREE with the Borrow a Bike Scheme



FAREWELL TO THE CO WHEELS CAR

Sadly our car club vehicle that was parked on Little Walcot Lane for the use of residents (who signed up to the Co Wheels car club) didn't get enough use and has had to be withdrawn.

There are still cars available in Prospect Place, Wellington Street and Wichelstowe should you need to hire a car by the hour.

WILL YOU GO JAUNTLY?

Whether you stomp, roam, ramble, hike or wander, the "Go Jauntly" app has unlimited walking trails for you to enjoy.

The mission is to help you get out and about, every day.

Swindon Travel Choices has been curating walks on the app, so simply download the free walking app, search for "Swindon" and enjoy a pocket-sized encyclopaedia of urban walks in the area.



SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO ACCESS OAKFIELD OFFERS, MAPS AND INFORMATION



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

FREE BUS AND RAIL TRAVEL

Residents at Oakfield are eligible to apply for bus taster tickets to try the bus service for free.

This gives a code to redeem a week's travelpass on the Swindon Bus Company app. There's also the option to get a voucher code worth £20 to spend on a GWR rail journey.

Each household can claim one bus code and one rail code.

See more details and apply at www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk/newdevelopments/oakfield



KIDS TRAVEL FREE THIS SUMMER

Families in Swindon are set to benefit from free bus travel for children throughout August under a new Government scheme.

The initiative will allow children aged 5 to 15 to travel free on participating local bus services between 1st and 31st August, with no registration required. The August offer forms part of a broader "**Great British Summer Savings**" package.

This includes a temporary VAT cut on selected family attractions, children's cinema and theatre tickets, and kids' meals during the summer period.

If you would like any more information about travelling in your local area, please contact Swindon Travel Choices on swindontravelchoices@swindon.gov.uk.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!



Lower Price Cap

You may have heard that the Government is re-introducing a bus fare cap of just **£2 from 1 January 2027** for at least a year. The scheme will replace the existing £3 fare cap and ensure that eligible single bus fares on participating services cost no more than £2.

Upgraded bus stop

Look out for a brand new bus stop and shelter on Marlowe Avenue. This will benefit passengers heading into the town centre where there is currently no shelter. It should be installed by the end of July.

