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Windmill Way, Hinckley
Travel Pack

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WELCOME TO WINDMILL WAY AT HINCKLEY

This Travel Pack has been put together by Bloor Homes to show you how to get around Hinckley and Leicestershire by walking, cycling and using public transport.



The idea is to give you information that will help you to use forms of transport that are cheaper to use, healthier and more beneficial to the environment than driving. Of course there are times when using a car might be the only option, so we also give you information about how you can Car Share.

WHY THE NEED TO CHANGE?

The unnecessary use of the private car has an effect on the environment in terms of congestion, air quality and road traffic accidents. In addition, walking and cycling is good for your health!



If every car commuter used an alternative to the car on just one day a week, car usage levels for commuting would be reduced by 20 per cent with immediate effect.

Sedentary lifestyles and a lack of physical activity are causing an epidemic of obesity and increasing the risk of a range of health problems including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancers and osteoporosis.

Most people know that they should have five portions of fruit and vegetables a day, but aren't aware of the recommended 30 minutes of exercise each day. Walking or cycling to work, or perhaps just walking to the bus stop can contribute towards your '30 minutes'.

WINDMILL WAY, HINCKLEY

Windmill Way is located off Sword Drive, approximately one mile (1.7km) northwest of the centre of Hinckley.



Hinckley has a history going back to Saxon times. By the time of the Domesday Book in 1086, Hinckley was quite a large village, and grew over the course of the following 200 years into a small market town—a market was first recorded there in 1311.

Hinckley played a prominent part in the English Civil War. In March 1644, Hinckley was occupied by a group of Royalist troops, though they were soon driven out by a force of Parliamentarians.

The largest industry in the early 19th century was the making of hosiery and only Leicester had a larger output of stockings.

Castle Street, to the east of the town centre, is the first known location of 'Luddism', where disgruntled workers, replaced by machinery in their jobs, took sledgehammers to the machines.

Hinckley has a history of engineering - Joseph Hansom built the first Hansom cab here in 1835.

The town is home to Triumph Motorcycles Ltd, the largest surviving British motorcycle manufacturer, and to Ultima Sports Ltd, a manufacturer of sports cars.



Hinckley is situated in southwest Leicestershire, approximately 13 miles (21km) southwest of Leicester City Centre.

The first use of the name Leicestershire was in the Domesday Book of the year 1087. The historically important Battle of Bosworth took place within the county in 1485, and was the last battle in which an English King was to lose a life.



THE OPTIONS: WALKING



Windmill Way is ideally located for walking. There are good quality footpaths along Sword Drive connecting to the Milestone Pub/ Restaurant, the DIY store and to Normandy Way.

There's a footpath at the southeastern end of Windmill Way providing a link for walking to the bus stops on Stoke Road and beyond to the nearby schools.

At the Normandy Way roundabout there's a pedestrian refuge and designated crossing point to help you cross Stoke Road near to the Morrison's Supermarket pedestrian access.

The centre of Hinckley is less than a 25 minute walk from Windmill Way - you need to walk along Stoke Road then continue along Hollycroft until you reach the town centre.

Experts advise that 10,000 steps a day will help protect against a range of lifestyle-related illnesses, including diabetes, heart disease and some forms of cancer.

If you live within one mile of work, this is less than a 20 minute walk from home. A brisk walk will burn around 100 calories in 15 to 20 minutes.

Walking 15 minutes to work and home again each day can halve the risk of heart disease. For those living further away, the walk to public transport is helpful. Even if you have to drive to work, why not try parking further away and walk the last 15 minutes of the journey?

If you want some company on your walk, try using http://WalkBUDi.liftshare.com - it matches you up with other people who want to go the same way as you so you can walk together. It's easy and free to use.

See the 'Planning Your Journey' section for help with finding the best walking routes.

THE OPTIONS: CYCLING



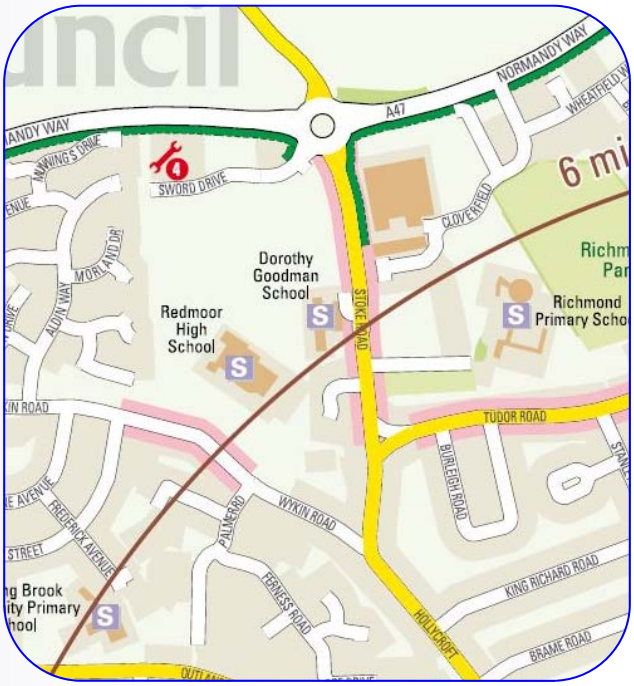
Windmill Way is also ideally located for cycling, with a good range of facilities to assist cyclist being available nearby.

Cycling reduces the risk of serious conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity and the most common form of diabetes.

The County of Leicestershire is covered by a series of cycling maps which are available for downloading from the County Council's website www.leics.gov.uk.

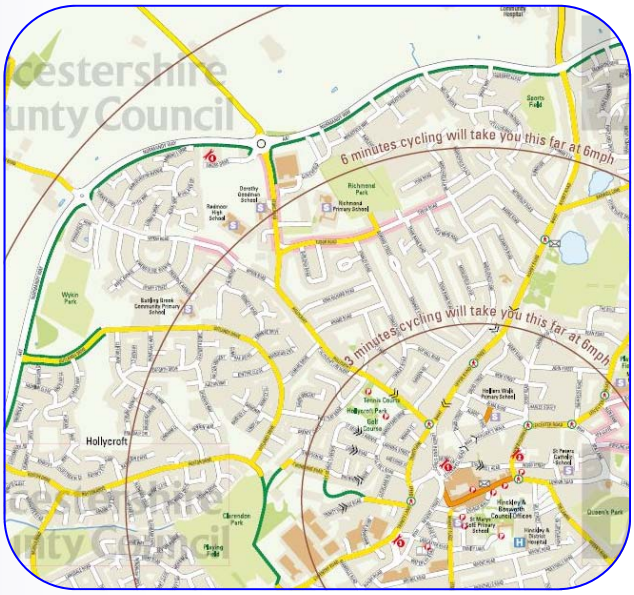
Two of the maps cover Hinckley - Hinckley Urban and Hinckley Rural - and copies of these are provided with the Travel Pack.

The extract from the Hinckley Urban cycling map below shows the nearby recommended cycling routes (in yellow), off-road cycle paths (in green) and traffic calmed areas (in pink).



On reasonably flat ground like that around Hinckley you will be able to cover around ten miles in an hour, so if you live within three miles of work this is less than a 20 minute cycle from home.

The centre of Hinckley is less than a 7 minute cycle ride from Windmill Way. Cycling can actually be quicker than driving, particularly for shorter journeys.



Cycle parking facilities are located throughout Hinckley city centre. The location of all cycle parking, bike shops and related facilities, are shown on the Hinckley Cycling Map.

If you'd prefer some company on your cycle to work, try using http://BikeBUDi.liftshare.com - it's easy and free to use.

See the 'Planning Your Journey' section for help with finding the best cycling routes.

THE OPTIONS: BUSES



New bus stops with shelters are available on Stoke Road just outside Windmill Way - these are accessible using the footpath link.

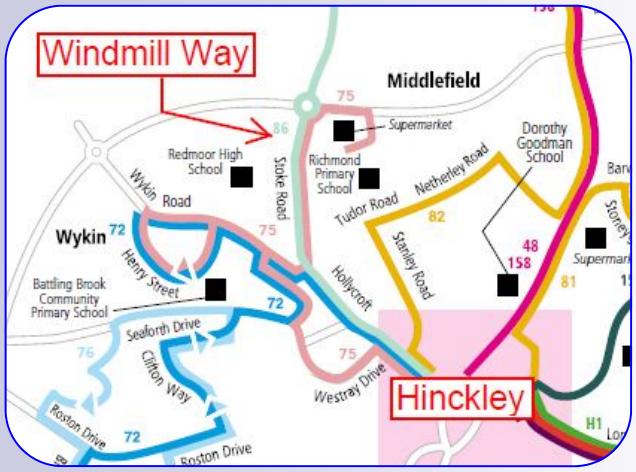
Buses and trains can help overcome congestion, reduce carbon emissions and offer far higher fuel efficiency per passenger mile than the average car journery.

From the bus stops on Stoke Road, the bus journey into the centre of Hinckley is around 10 minutes.

A Hinckley Bus Map and Guide is provided with this Travel Pack. The bus map is also available for downloading from the Council's website www.leics.gov.uk.

The Bus Map and Guide provides an area-wide map showing all the bus services available in and around Hinckley and their frequencies. It also provides a Town Centre map showing the roads served by buses and the location of bus stops and the bus station.

Here's an extract from the map showing the bus routes and service numbers near to Windmill Way:



From the stops on Stoke Road you can catch the following buses:

- **No. 75** – this is operates on a 30 minute frequency between Hinckley Town Centre and the Morrison's Supermarket via the Wykin Estate.

- **No. 86** – this operates on a 60 minute frequency between Hinckley Town Centre and Nuneaton via Dadlington and Higham on the Hill.

From the stops on Wykin Road you can catch the following bus:

- **No. 72** – this is operates around the western side of Hinckley. There are just three services per day during the week, but on a Saturday there is a 30 minute frequency.

From the stops on Tudor Road you can catch the following bus:

- **No. 82** – this operates on a 20 minute frequency between Hinckley Town Centre and Barwell.

Full details of bus services, including timetables, are provided with this Travel Pack. Bus timetables for Hinckley are available from the local bus operator, Centrebus: www.centrebus.info.

You can also get bus timetable and ticket information from Traveline, either by using the website www.traveline.org.uk or telephone 0871 2002233.

See the 'Planning Your Journey' section for help with finding which bus routes you should use.

THE OPTIONS: TRAINS

Hinckley railway station lies to the south of the Town Centre. The station lies on the line between Leicester and Birmingham New Street and an hourly service is available to these two cities, and intervening towns including Nuneaton and Narborough.



Full details of train services are provided with this Travel Pack. Alternatively you can get the latest train information from www.nationalrail.co.uk or call them on 08457 484950.

See the 'Planning Your Journey' section for help with finding which trains you should use.

THE OPTIONS: CAR SHARE



Sometimes because of where you work, or family commitments, driving to work is the only option. Or you might need the use of a car during the day. But you can still help to cut CO2 emissions, reduce the numbers of cars on the road, and save money by Car Sharing!

Even if you don't drive you can still Car Share, as 60 per cent of car drivers would be willing to share a car to work if there was someone suitable to travel with.

The www.leicestershare.com website has been set up to provide a free car sharing service for all those who live in Leicestershire. A leaflet on the scheme is included with this Travel Pack for further information.

THE OPTIONS: SMARTER WORKING



Why not ask your employer if you can work flexible hours? If this was adopted by enough companies it would 'stagger' the rush hour, spreading it out and making it less intense, reducing road congestion and overcrowding on public transport, reducing travel time and making it a less stressful part of the day for everyone.

You could also ask your employer about remote working. Working from home just once a fortnight reduces your commuting time by 10 per cent, saves office space and allows 'hot-desking'.

The website www.workwiseuk.org will provide you with further information about flexible and remote working and explains how you can work with your employer for the benefit of both of you.

THE OPTIONS: HOME SHOPPING



Mail order and internet shopping have the potential to reduce the overall number of journeys made. You'll need to install an internet connection and have a suitable computer, but these are cheaper now than they ever have been.

You might want to consider installing a secure storage container for deliveries, with a refrigerated area for food.

Most of the major supermarket operators will let you order your shopping online, with a competitive, and sometimes free, charge for delivery.

PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY



A number of journey planners are available online to help you get to where you want to go by walking, cycling, using the bus or train, or a combination of these.

If you are going to walk or cycle you can use www.maps.google.co.uk to find the most direct route to your destination and then print off the map and directions to take with you.

If you want to cycle, you should refer to the Leicester cycle maps to find out if there is a recommended cycle route you can use.

Also for planning your cycle route you could try the website www.cyclestreets.net. CycleStreets is a UK-wide cycle journey planner system, which lets you plan routes from A to B by bike. It is designed by cyclists, for cyclists, and caters for the needs of both confident and less confident cyclists. The website is currently at a 'beta testing phase' so that cyclists around the country can test out routes and let them know about any problems they find on the site, before they launch officially.

Alternatively go to www.transportdirect.info - this website provides you with information on the best routes to cycle depending whether you want the quickest or the quietest route.

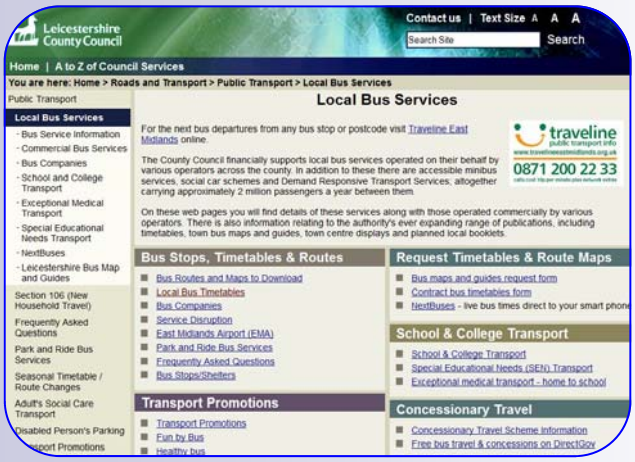


The transportdirect website is, also, probably the best journey planner for public transport.

Most train operators have their own journey planners on their websites - for the East Midlands area you can try www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk.

The website www.traveline.org.uk helps you plan journeys using all kinds of public transport - buses, coaches, trains and trams. Alternatively you can telephone 0871 2002233. Traveline gives impartial advice, so you get the information you need to decide the best option for you.

USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS



Local Authorities

Hinckley: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
Leicestershire County Council: www.leics.gov.uk

Planning a Journey

Transport Direct: www.transportdirect.info
Cycle Journey Planner: www.cyclestreets.net

Maps

Google Maps: www.maps.google.co.uk
Bing Maps: www.bing.com/maps

Walking

Walking Your Way To Health: www.whi.org.uk
Walk It: www.walkit.com

Cycling

Cycling Information: www.sustrans.org.uk
Bike To Work: www.bike2work.info
Discounted bikes: www.cyclescheme.co.uk

Public Transport

Centrebus: www.centrebus.info
Traveline: www.traveline.org.uk
National Rail: www.nationalrail.co.uk

Car Sharing

Leicestershare: www.Leicestershare.com

Green Driving

Energy Saving Trust: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

Smarter Choices

Smarter Choices: www.dft.gov.uk
Working from Home: www.workwiseuk.org

Travel Emissions Calculator

www.travelcalculator.org

YOUR LOCAL SHOPS AND AMENITIES



You can search for your nearest shops, doctors, schools, etc., using various websites. These include www.upmystreet.com, and www.mylocalservices.co.uk.

Although we don't necessarily recommend any of the following, we've identified a range of your nearest shops and amenities, complete with the distance from Windmill Way, the time it should take to walk or cycle there, and the relevant Bus Number. These places are also shown on the map at the back of this document.

Education…

Richmond Primary School
Stoke Rd
Hinckley LE10 3EA
01455 637266
0.2 miles
4 minutes walking
1 minutes by cycle

Redmoor High School
Wykin Rd
Hinckley LE10 0EA
01455 230731
0.4 miles
9 minutes walking,
2 minutes by cycle

Supermarkets…

Morrisons
Hinckley Fields Industrial Estate, Cloverfield, Hinckley LE10 1YA
01455 230322
less than 0.1 miles
1 minute walking
1 minute by cycle

ASDA
Barwell Lane
Hinkley LE10 1SS
Tel: 01455 636145
1.1 miles
22 minutes walking
7 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 82

YOUR LOCAL SHOPS AND AMENITIES (CONTINUED)

Health…

Hollycroft Medical Centre
Clifton Way, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 0XN
01455 234414
1.1 miles
22 minutes walking
7 minutes by cycle
No. 72 Bus

Station Road Dental Practice
34 Station Road, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1AP
01455 637141
1.4 miles
28 minutes walking
8 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86

Hinckley Eye Centre
9 The Borough, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1NL
01455 234555
1.2 miles
24 minutes walking
7 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86

Morrison's Pharmacy
Hinckley Fields Industrial Estate, Cloverfield, Hinckley
LE10 1YA
01455 230322
less than 0.1 miles
1 minute walking
1 minute by cycle

Post Office…

Tudor Road Post Office
Tudor Road, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10
0845 722 3344
0.4 miles
9 minutes walking
2 minutes by cycle.

Sport and Leisure…

Fields Health & Fitness Club
1 Wheatfield Way, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1YG
01455 233337
0.3 miles
7 minutes walking
2 minutes by cycle

Empire Fitness Gym
Druid Street, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1QH
01455 636526
0.9 miles
20 minutes walking
5 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86

Hinckley Cycle Centre
21 New Buildings, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1HN
01455 635776
1.1 miles
23 minutes walking
7 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86

Hinckley Library
Lancaster Road, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 0AT
01455 635106
1.1 miles
23 minutes walking
7 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86

Local Shops…

Focus DIY Ltd
Unit 1, Hinckley Retail Park,
Sword Drive, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 0GL
0844 800 1464
less than 0.1 miles
1 minute walking
1 minute by cycle

Food and Drink…

The Milestone
Stoke Road, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 3EA
01455 619221
less than 0.1 miles
1 minute walking
1 minute by cycle

Tudor Road Fish & Chip Bar
64 Tudor Road, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 0EQ
01455 632756
0.5 miles
11 minutes walking
3 minutes by cycle

Middlefield Inn
Tudor Road
Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10
01455 238001
0.4 miles
8 minutes walking
2 minutes by cycle

Banks…

Hinckley & Rugby Building Society
81 Upper Bond Street,
Hinckley, Leicestershire
LE10 1DG
01455 233008
0.9 miles
20 minutes walking
5 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86

NatWest
13 The Borough, Hinckley,
Leicestershire LE10 1NL
0845 600 2803
1.0 miles
20 minutes walking
6 minutes by cycle
Bus No. 86