



## Catching the Bus



There is an excellent bus service operating in North Swindon, with both Stagecoach and Thamesdown services providing frequent and good value bus travel to Swindon Town Centre and surrounding areas.

There are three bus stops in Tadpole Garden Village. They are located at William Morris Way, beside Tadpole Farm Academy school and at Greene Street, near the pond. The number 4 service, operated by Stagecoach, stops at all three bus stops. Getting on at any stop in Tadpole Garden Village will bring you straight to Swindon Bus Station via St Andrew's Ridge and Cricklade Road in just 25 minutes.

The no. 4 operates every day except Sunday, and departs approximately every 30 minutes. On Sundays, the Thamesdown no. 11 is extended to run from nearby Oakhurst and Redhouse to the Town Centre, stopping at Tortworth Road and Millgrove Street, roughly 10 minutes' walk from Tadpole Garden Village. Service no. 15/15A also stops at Tortworth Road and Millgrove Street, from Monday to Saturday, travelling to Swindon Bus Station.

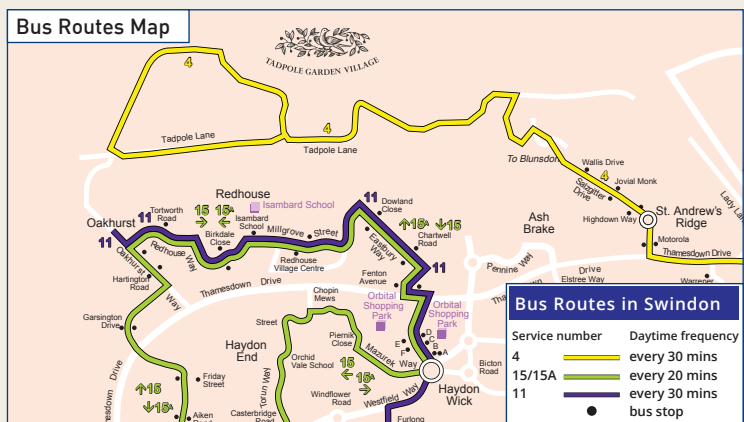
Bus Service Frequency		
Service	Route	Frequency
4 (from Tadpole Garden Village)	Swindon Bus Station via St Andrew's Ridge and Cricklade Road.	Every 30 mins, Monday-Saturday
15/15A (from Tortworth Road/Millgrove Street)	Swindon Bus Station	Every 20 mins Monday-Friday, Every 30 mins on Saturday
11 (from Tortworth Road/ Millgrove Street	Haydon Wick via Swindon Town Centre	Every 30 Mins on Sunday

### Bus Timetables

More information on the timetables can be found at:



[www.swindonbus.info/timetables.asp](http://www.swindonbus.info/timetables.asp)



A full bus network map can be found at [www.swindonbus.info](http://www.swindonbus.info)

### Real – Time Information

Free real-time information is available for all bus stops in Swindon. Live departure times for the no.4 service from Tadpole Garden Village can be found at:



[www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/west/4/tadpole-gardens-swindon/xsao004.i](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/west/4/tadpole-gardens-swindon/xsao004.i)

Live departure times for Tortworth road can be found at:



<http://m.thamesdown-transport.co.uk/stop.aspx?stopid=47356>

### Bus Tickets

One way single fares on the no. 4 service start from as little as £1.40. An Adult Day Rider fare bought from Stagecoach costs just £3.50, and is valid on all bus services in Swindon operated by both Stagecoach and Thamesdown.

The cheapest and easiest way to travel by bus is to obtain a Stagecoach or Thamesdown smartcard, onto which you can load unlimited weekly and monthly TravelPass tickets. TravelPass allows unrestricted travel on all Stagecoach and Thamesdown buses the Swindon urban area, with prices starting from £14.50 for a 1-week TravelPass. You do not need to replace your smartcard when your ticket runs out, simply top it up with a new ticket online. Stagecoach smartcards can be bought online or on the bus.

If you plan on using the bus less frequently, then the Stagecoach app lets you pay for and download single and return tickets for the no. 4 service onto your smartphone. Simply show the driver your screen when you board – you don't have to carry cash or worry about having exact change.

### Free Bus Pass

As one of the travel options contained within the Travel Voucher, you can use your £50 Travel Voucher towards the cost of a 4 Week TravelPass. See your Travel Voucher for more details on how to claim this.

### Stagecoach App:

The Stagecoach bus app helps to make your journey hassle-free. You can check live times so you know exactly when your bus will arrive, use your phone's GPS to find the nearest bus stop, use the journey planner to get to your destination with ease and even buy m-tickets on your phone. You can download the app by scanning the QR code below, and it works with all iOS and Android phones.



<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/national/stagecoachbusapp>



## Catching the Train

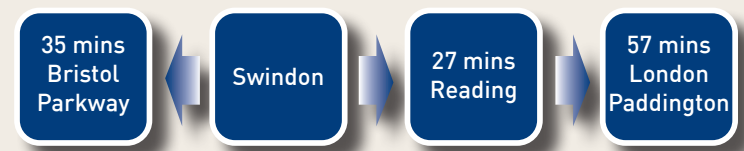


Bus service no. 4 provides a direct connection from Tadpole Garden Village to Swindon Bus Station, which is less than 5 minutes' walk from Swindon Train Station. Swindon train station is also accessible by bike and is pproximately 25 minutes' cycle from Tadpole Garden Village. The station has 160 cycle parking spaces with CCTV. Cycles can also be carried on trains free of charge, however most trains stopping at Swindon now require an advance reservation if you wish to bring your bike on board. More information can be found at:



<https://www.gwr.com/plan-journey/journeyinformation/on-board/cycles>

The station has 24 hour car parking available. Daily parking charges start from £8.40.



Services from the station run to all major centres in the region, including Reading, Bristol and London.



## Walking and Cycling



It is easy to travel around Tadpole Garden Village and North Swindon by walking or cycling. Existing local pedestrian and cycle routes provide direct routes to key destinations. A dedicated cycle path has also been installed along Tadpole Lane to improve walking and cycling access. Sustrans National Cycle Route 45 also runs along Tadpole Lane west which connects to Cricklade and the Cotswold Water Park, as well as Swindon town centre.

The cycle route map (opposite) shows the pedestrian and cycle network around Oakhurst and Redhouse. Tadpole Garden Village links to this network. Green spaces will also be in abundance at Tadpole Garden Village and these will be linked by pedestrian/cycle routes to allow easy access for residents.

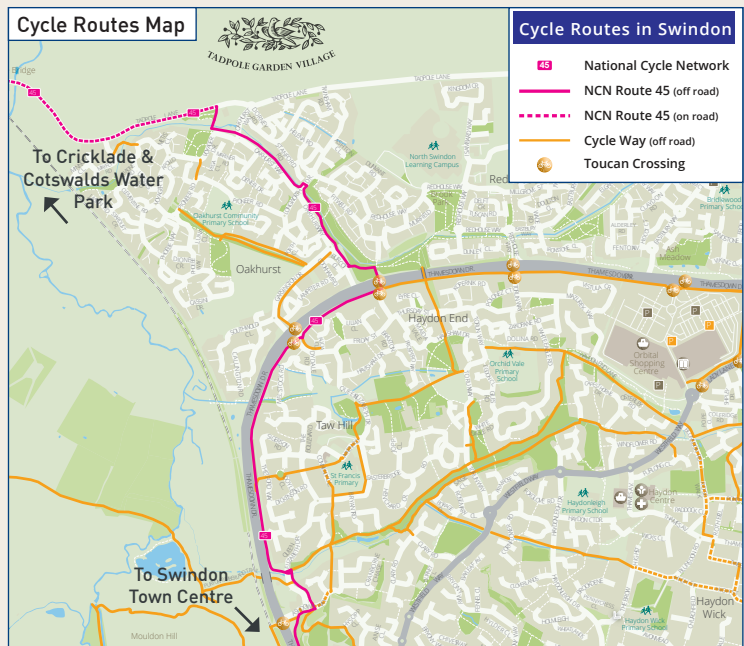
Existing primary schools, secondary schools, local shops and parks are all within walking and cycling distance from Tadpole Garden Village. All your basic provisions and leisure requirements can be reached within a mile walk (18 minutes) or cycle (7 minutes).

When completed, Tadpole Garden Village will have its own community facilities with local shops, a pub, a new primary school, healthcare facilities, allotments, play areas and

the new Nature Park – all linked via a comprehensive pedestrian and cycle network to ensure easy access to residents.

All updates on the development of the site will be posted on the upcoming Tadpole Garden Village Travel Webpage. See reverse for more details.

### Cycle Maps



Swindon Borough Council have a variety of cycling resources available, including an online map of cycle routes in Swindon.

### Bike Shops

To make it easier for you to cycle at Tadpole Garden Village, you can use your £50 Travel Voucher towards the cost of an adult bicycle or cycle equipment. See your Travel Voucher for more details on how to claim this or contact the Travel Plan Coordinator. Shops located in Swindon include:

- Swindon Cycles Superstore, 60A Beechcroft Road, Swindon, SN2 7QD Tel: 01793 700105 [www.swindoncycles.co.uk](http://www.swindoncycles.co.uk)
- Halfords, 2 Fleming Way, Swindon, SN1 2NN Tel: 01793 714760 [www.halfords.com](http://www.halfords.com)
- GO Outdoors Swindon, Ocotal Way, Swindon, SN1 2EQ Tel: 0844 3876821 [www.gooutdoors.co.uk](http://www.gooutdoors.co.uk)


### Cycling Clubs

There are a number of local cycling groups active in Swindon. Whether you are participating in cycling as a competitive sport or simply a leisurely pursuit, there is something for everyone




Visit [www.swindonweb.com](http://www.swindonweb.com) and follow the links.





## Car Share

Sharing a trip with a friend, neighbour or colleague is a good way to help cut your travel costs. If you don't know anyone personally to share your journey with, why not join a car share scheme? Simply enter your journey details to see if there is a suitable car share match for you.




Free to join website  
[www.carshareswindon.com](http://www.carshareswindon.com)


Car Share Swindon is a completely free car share service that makes it safe, secure and easy to search for a car share partner and find people making similar trips to you. If you are considering sharing with someone for the first time, arrange to meet them in a public place first and remember there is no on-going commitment to car share if the arrangement does not continue to work for you.

### Cost Savings

Did you know that the average commute to work every day is 10 miles one-way? By sharing the cost of that journey every day, you could save up to £1,300 per year by sharing with other passengers. The more miles you commute the more money you can save by car sharing.



Use the free online cost calculator at  
[www.carshareswindon.com](http://www.carshareswindon.com) to see how much you could save.



## Taxi

Swindon has a number of taxi companies. Operators include:

- A1 Swindon Taxis: 01793 251251
- V-Cars: 01793 701701
- HST Swindon Taxi: 01793 250500



## Community Transport

Swindon Dial-a-Ride provides transport for people of any age who are unable to use public transport due to mobility impairment or disability. To make use of this service you must be registered. To do so, go online or call the number below.



Visit [www.dialarideswindon.org.uk](http://www.dialarideswindon.org.uk) or call  
01793 616050.



## Home Delivery Services

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Online shopping is a great way to have your groceries delivered without the need to make a trip. All major supermarkets offer this service and it can be a real way to save money as you can monitor the cost of your shopping all the way through the process, from the comfort of your own home.

- [www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk)
- [www.tesco.com](http://www.tesco.com)
- [www.asda.com](http://www.asda.com)
- [www.morrisons.co.uk](http://www.morrisons.co.uk)
- [www.waitrose.com](http://www.waitrose.com)
- [www.ocado.com](http://www.ocado.com)



## Swindon Travel Choices

Swindon Borough Council also has their own comprehensive website with details on walking, cycling, bus travel and car sharing to promote different travel choices for people who work in the town centre and live in the borough.



Visit [www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk](http://www.swindontravelchoices.co.uk)  
for more help and tips on travelling more sustainably.




## Tadpole Garden Village E-Newsletter

All the latest developments in relation to future transport services, and any news, information, and details of forthcoming events is contained within the Tadpole Garden Village e-Newsletter, which is posted on the Tadpole Garden Village website. To register interest, sign up for the e-Newsletter and keep up-to-date on the development of the site, contact your community mobiliser, [Chris Tanner](#), at [chris.tanner@preim.co.uk](mailto:chris.tanner@preim.co.uk)



## Tadpole Garden Village Travel Webpage

You can find all the information contained within your travel information guide, and more, on the Tadpole Garden Village Travel Webpage. This webpage contains useful links to the travel providers listed in this guide. Use the webpage to check timetables and find out when your next bus is, or sign up to car share, for example.



Visit [www.tadpolegardenvillage.com/travel](http://www.tadpolegardenvillage.com/travel)



# Tadpole Garden Village Travel Information Guide

*A sustainable and convenient community-based lifestyle*

Your guide to travel choices at Tadpole Garden Village



## Welcome to Tadpole Garden Village

Tadpole Garden Village is a new development which seeks to combine the very best of town and country living. Over the coming years, Tadpole Garden Village will become a community of around 1,700 homes, along with supporting facilities including a primary school, shops, and an abundance of leisure spaces.

Tadpole Garden Village embodies Garden City principles and has been specifically designed to promote a healthy, outgoing and sustainable way of living – including excellent transport connections.

We want a community that has sustainability built into its core and one of the ways to support you, the resident, is through providing real sustainable transport choices for your everyday life. This guide is designed to help you travel in, out of and around the Tadpole Garden Village area. It contains everything you will need to know on walking and cycling, buses, trains and driving.

To encourage and facilitate sustainable travel choices, we are excited to offer each household a travel voucher. Enclosed in this guide is a travel voucher to the value of £50 which will entitle each household to one of the following;

- A contribution towards the purchase of an adult bicycle or cycle equipment to the value of £50; or
- A smartcard with unlimited 4 week travel (TravelPass) on Thamesdown and Stagecoach bus services in Swindon.

To request a travel voucher or for further information, please contact the [Travel Plan Coordinator](#) at [Matrix Transport](#) on 0845 600 6668, or email [info@travelplancoordinator.co.uk](mailto:info@travelplancoordinator.co.uk)

Terms and conditions apply.

