



VARSITY QUARTER, WYTHENSHAW



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Resident's Travel Pack

WORKING TOWARDS A
GREENER PLANET

Welcome to your new home

Miller Homes would like to encourage sustainable travel to and from the Varsity Quarter residential site in Wythenshawe.

As a new resident, you will no doubt be considering your travel arrangements – how is the best way to get to the places you regularly visit; and which new places can I visit?



Your new home is situated in a sustainable location which allows you to consider whether to travel by car, or whether some journeys can be made by alternative greener modes of travel.

For example, you are within walking distance of the bus stops on Sale Road which provide direct access to Piccadilly Gardens. Additional bus services are available in Piccadilly Gardens.

The proximity of bus stops along Sale Road, approximately 170m from your home, means travelling sustainably maybe easier than you think!

Travel Choices

Some journeys need to be made by car, but some could be made by a more sustainable mode of travel.

Your new home at Varsity Quarter is ideally located to allow you to make a choice about how you travel and the **greener** the choice, the better!



This Residents Travel Information Pack has been produced to assist in those choices and to inform you just how easy it is to leave your cars at home, maybe not every day but for some of the journeys you have to make.

Travelling sustainably is a vital part of looking after the environment and reducing the number of cars on our roads.

Your Local Area



- Rowlands Pharmacy– Walking = 5 mins – Cycling = 2 mins
- Nearest Bus Stop – Walking = 2 mins – Cycling = 1 mins
- St Aidans RC School - Walking = 4 mins – Cycling = 2 mins
- Wythenshawe Sports Ground – Walking = 17 mins – Cycling = 5 mins
- Nisa Local – Walking = 7 mins – Cycling = 3 mins
- Tesco Express – Walking = 14 mins – Cycling = 5 mins

Walking & Cycling

There is a small Nisa Local convenience store and post office on Sale Road, which is around a 7 minute walk from the site. Whilst the nearest pharmacy is located locally, around an 5 minute walk. Please refer to the map on page 2 for detailed walking and cycling times to local amenities and key transport link.

There are three formal cycle routes located in proximity to the site. These routes give access to Appleton Thorn and surrounding areas. More information can be found at [Detailed maps & routes to explore across the UK | OS Maps](#)

Cycling Initiatives

Cyclescheme is the UK's number one provider of tax-free bikes for the Government's Cycle to Work initiative. Either speak directly to your employer about this service, visit www.cyclescheme.co.uk or contact your Travel Coordinator for more details.



Getting to School

Getting to school can be a nightmare and can often experience congestion especially at dropping off and picking up times.

Problem Solved!!!

Your new house is located close to numerous schools and nurseries including St Aidans RC School, Rack House Primary School, Pioneer House High School and Southern Cross School.



There are suitable walking routes to the nearest primary school (St Aidans RC School) which is roughly 2 minutes by bike or an 4 minute walk, along with routes to the local secondary school (Pioneer House High School) which is around 9 minutes by bike or a 4 minute walk.

Public Transport

Another alternative to driving is the bus, which can allow you to have a stress-free journey and save money on petrol and parking charges. The local bus services are available within a short walk of your home on Sale Road.



From here you can catch the bus to Piccadilly Gardens in approximately 25 minutes.

Timetables are available from the following websites:

<https://www.traveline.info/>

You may not have used the bus to get around before, but why not give it a try?!

Another sustainable option would be to travel by train. Northern Moor tram stop is located within a reasonable distance from your home via an approximate 17-minute walk. Northern Moor Tram Stop is also accessible via a 5 minute cycle.

The train services available from this station include direct journeys (various services an hour in each direction) to destinations including Ashton and Altrincham.



<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Telephone: 03457 48 49 50
(24 hours, every day except Christmas Day)

Textphone 0345 60 50 600 (for customers with hearing impairment)

TrainTracker: 03457 48 49 50

Car Sharing

Have you ever thought of car sharing?

Car sharing is proven as an effective means of reducing the number of cars on the road, especially for commuting trips to work. One of the most popular services is Liftshare.



The website is <https://liftshare.com/uk>

Car sharers do not need to work for the same company, or even be based in the same building. The car share scheme matches up car drivers and passengers who travel on similar routes at similar times.



There is no fee for registering or using the website.... So why not start car sharing today!

Eco-Driving

Although driving a car is the least sustainable choice of travel, sometimes it's a necessity, so here are 7 eco-driving tips that can really make a difference:

1. Service your car regularly to maintain engine efficiency.
2. Check your tyre pressures regularly (and before long journeys), under-inflated tyre's use more fuel as they increase rolling resistance
3. Lose any unnecessary baggage, extra weight means extra fuel
4. Combine short trips, cold starts use more fuel, so it pays to combine your errands
5. Drive Smoothly, accelerate gently and read the road ahead to avoid unnecessary braking
6. Cut down on the air-con, air-conditioning increases fuel consumption at low speeds (the effects are less noticeable at higher speeds)
7. Stick to the speed limits, the faster you go the greater the fuel consumption (cruising at 70mph uses up to 9% more fuel than at 60mph and up to 15% more fuel than at 50mph)



USEFUL TRAVEL APPS FOR SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS

National Rail



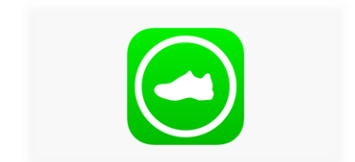
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National Railcards

For £30* per year (£20 for a Disabled Persons Railcard), National Rail offer a variety of Railcards, giving discounts for train travel, including:

- 16–25 Railcard – for those aged 16-25, or mature students (26+) and in full-time education
- Two Together Railcard – for two named people travelling together
- Family & Friends Railcard – for those travelling with children aged 5-15 (up to 4 adults and 4 children can travel on one card)
- Senior Railcard – for those aged 60 and over
- Disabled Persons Railcard – for those who have a disability that makes travelling by train difficult could qualify for a Disabled Persons Railcard, giving the user 1/3 off rail fares for them and a friend.

For further information, and to order online, go to <https://www.railcard.co.uk/>



*Price subject to change

Bus Passes

There are also a selection of local/national incentives to promote travelling by public transport, including:

- National Free Bus Pass – for those at the State Pension age, you're entitled to a bus pass that allows free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England
- Disabled Persons Free Travel Bus Pass – similar to the National Free Bus Pass, eligible disabled people are entitled to free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England
- Companion Bus Pass – Anyone who is eligible for a bus pass but who can't travel unassisted may be able to get a 'companion pass'. This will allow their carer to travel free within the Greater Manchester area.

For further information, go to;

[Travel pass for older people | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](https://www.tfgm.com/travel-pass-for-older-people)



Further Information is available via the websites below:

Free Journey Planner:

<https://www.traveline.info/>

Walking Routes and Initiatives:

<http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us> & <http://www.walk4life.info/>

Online Cycle Route Planner:

<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map>

Bus Timetables, Leaflets and Maps:

<http://www.traveline.info/>

Bus Stop Finder:

<https://www.nextbuses.mobi/WebView/BusesStopSearch/Index>

Rail Travel Information:

www.thetrainline.com &
www.nationalrail.co.uk/