

Travel Matters



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North Whiteley Travel Matters: Issue 19

Hampshire County Council's Travel Planning Team is delivering a Travel Plan for North Whiteley on behalf of the North Whiteley Consortium. Our focus is helping you to travel more actively and sustainably by supporting you to swap car journeys for more walking, cycling and shared transport.

Get your bike summer ready



Do you have a bicycle that could benefit from a safety check or minor repairs? Barn Community Centre is hosting a free **Dr Bike session on 4 June at 10:00 am**. This is an excellent opportunity to have your bike inspected and adjusted by a cycling professional, ensuring it is safe and ready for enjoyable riding throughout the summer. Adult and child bikes welcome.



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Support National Clean Air Day on 18 June



Taking place each June, Clean Air Day is the UK's largest campaign dedicated to tackling air pollution. Transport remains the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the UK, playing a significant role in climate change and impacting public health. This year, Clean Air Day will take place on Thursday 18 June - why not take the opportunity to explore how you can get involved and make a difference?

- If you are a local resident looking to make a positive change, why not get involved by creating your own personalised air pollution action plan? Taking small, practical steps can help reduce emissions, improve local air quality and support healthier, more sustainable communities.

Clean Air Planner - Create your personalised air pollution action plan

- Are you a school? Hampshire County Council's Travel Planning Team is running The Clean Air Day challenge and competition for schools in Hampshire. By taking part, your school will help promote the benefits of active and sustainable travel for cleaner air, better health and improved wellbeing for the whole school community.

[The Clean Air Challenge | My Journey Hampshire](#) for Primaries and [Clean Air Day - Schools | My Journey Hampshire](#) for Secondary Schools

- Are you a business willing to make a positive change and contribute towards cleaner air and a healthier environment? Why not explore ways to reduce employee travel emissions by getting involved in the Modeshift STARS for Business programme?

[Modeshift STARS Business Scheme](#) – you can express interest in the scheme.

There are many simple actions you can take - whether individually, with your family, at work, in school, or within your community - to help raise awareness and reduce air pollution, which can be invisible, yet its impacts are all around us.

Free bus travel for children this summer



The UK Government has announced that children will be able to travel on local bus services across England free of charge throughout August 2026, as part of the wider 'Great British Summer Savings' cost-of-living support package.

From 1 to 31 August 2026 inclusive, all children aged 5 to 15 will be eligible for unlimited free travel, regardless of income or where they live in England. The offer will apply to participating local bus services, although a full list of operators has yet to be confirmed and is expected to be published closer to the scheme's launch.

Families will also be able to enjoy reduced cost of children's restaurant meals, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas and tickets for attractions like soft play, amusement parks, and museums as a result of VAT cut from 20% to 5%.

To find out which bus operators and venues are participating, as well as further information on summer savings and support, please visit: [Summer Savings - Cost of Living Help](#)

Save this summer by lift sharing



Are you a regular driver looking to reduce the cost of your journeys by sharing your ride with others? Or perhaps you are a passenger willing to contribute towards a lift but unsure how to find one?

Why not try Liftshare platform which makes it easy to connect drivers and passengers making similar journeys and willing to share. The platform supports both regular commuting and ad hoc trips, helping you find a suitable ride-sharing partner quickly, conveniently and for free.

For a step-by-step guide, inspiring lift-sharing stories, and further information, please visit: [Car share with trusted, reviewed and rated Liftshare.com members](#)

Request a roadside tree



Did you know that you can suggest a location for a new roadside tree to be planted? This initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to increase tree numbers, improve air quality and support local wildlife.

Over the past decade, more than 15,000 new trees have been planted along local roads, with a focus on areas where they can deliver the greatest environmental benefit. Trees help to filter pollutants, trap dust, absorb carbon and provide valuable shade. You can request a tree where suitable verges exist, and each proposed site is assessed by specialist arboriculturists.

[Find out more and suggest a location] [Request Highway tree planting | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](#)

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