

EASY TO FOLLOW GUIDE TO CATCHING THE BUS FROM

PIDDINGTON

You don't need a car to get places from Piddington. Did you know that there are direct buses to a number of locations? If you haven't been on a bus for a while, or thought it was a bit daunting or complicated, this easy-to-follow guide will show you how. Keep it in a handy place so you can use it again and again.

Where can I go? You can get direct buses to High Wycombe, Thame, Oxford, Great Missenden, and numerous places in between. With just *one change* of bus in High Wycombe or Oxford you can get to *dozens* of destinations across the south of England, as far afield as Swindon, Cheltenham, Watford, Heathrow Airport, Stansted Airport, Uxbridge, Banbury, Chipping Norton, Wantage, Didcot, Abingdon, Amersham, Maidenhead, Reading, Aylesbury, and many other places. This guide concentrates on where you can go *without* changing buses.

Where do I catch the bus from? There are convenient bus stops just a short walk away. Buses to and from Piddington stop on the Old Oxford Road. There are two pairs of stops, one at the bottom of King Street, and another near the bottom of Princes Street, adjacent to the Dashwood Arms and the recreation ground.

What time do the buses leave Piddington? For **buses to High Wycombe** you need to use the bus stops on the side of the Old Oxford Road nearer to the A40.

Buses for High Wycombe leave Piddington on **Mondays to Fridays** at:

In the morning at	7.05	7.58	9.11	10.14	11.14	
In the afternoon at	12.14	1.14	2.14	3.14	4.18	5.17
In the evening at	6.25	7.20	8.16			

Buses for High Wycombe leave Piddington on **Saturdays** at:

In the morning at	8.14	9.14	10.14	11.14		
In the afternoon at	12.14	1.14	2.14	3.14	4.14	5.14
In the evening at	6.15	7.16	8.16			

Buses for High Wycombe leave Piddington on **Sunday** mornings at: 9.38

And in the afternoons at: 2.26 4.06 6.11

How can I tell which bus is the one I want?

Buses on Mondays to Saturdays are operated by Arriva (usually coloured blue and cream) and will show **40 High Wycombe** on the front.

Buses on Sundays are operated by Vale Travel (usually coloured yellow) and will show **48 High Wycombe** or **48 Great Missenden** on the front.

What time do buses leave High Wycombe to come back to Piddington?

Buses leave High Wycombe bus station (located at the Bridge Street side of the Eden Shopping Centre) on **Mondays to Fridays** at:

In the morning at	6.25	7.25	8.30	9.35	10.35	11.35
In the afternoon at	12.35	1.35	2.35	3.35	4.40	5.40
In the evening at	6.45	7.45	11.10			

Buses leave High Wycombe bus station on **Saturdays** at:

In the morning at	7.35	8.35	9.35	10.35	11.35	
In the afternoon at	12.35	1.35	2.35	3.35	4.40	5.40
In the evening at	6.45	7.45	11.10			

Buses leave High Wycombe bus station on **Sunday** mornings at: 9.50 11.50

How can I tell which bus is the one I want?

Buses on Mondays to Saturdays in the morning and afternoon are operated by Arriva and will show **40 Thame** on the front. Buses on Monday to Saturday evenings will show **40 Stokenchurch**

Buses on Sundays are operated by Vale Travel and will show **48A Lane End** on the front.

What about buses to other places from Piddington?

From the bus stops on the Old Oxford Road nearest to the houses you can catch buses to Stokenchurch, Thame and Oxford (as well as many other places in between).

Buses to **Thame** depart Piddington on **Mondays to Fridays** at:

In the morning at	6.34	7.35	8.42	9.46	10.46	11.46
In the afternoon at	12.46	1.46	2.46	3.48	4.53	5.53
In the evening at	6.55	7.55	11.19	but evening journeys only go as far as Stokenchurch.		

Buses to **Thame** depart Piddington on **Saturdays** at:

In the morning at	7.44	8.46	9.46	10.46	11.46
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In the afternoon at	12.46	1.46	2.46	3.46	4.51	5.51
In the evening at	6.55	7.55	11.19	but evening journeys only go as far as Stokenchurch		

There are no buses to Thame on Sundays from Piddington

How can I tell which bus is the one I want?

Buses to Thame are operated by Arriva and show **40 Thame** on the front.

How do I get back from Thame?

Buses depart from outside Thame Town Hall generally at 34 minutes past each hour, and will be operated by Arriva and show **40 High Wycombe** on the front.

Buses to **Oxford** depart Piddington on **Monday to Friday** mornings at: 7.16

(Other departures to Oxford are available by going to High Wycombe bus station and catching coach service 737. This is operated by National Express, with white coaches, showing 737 Oxford on the front. Alternatively, there are later departures to Oxford from West Wycombe (The Swan pub) on the Red Rose 275 (at 9.57 in the morning and 1.12 and 4.18 in the afternoon))

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Buses to Oxford are operated by Red Rose (usually coloured red and yellow) and show **275 Oxford** on the front.

How do I get back from Oxford?

Buses depart from Oxford City Centre, on Broad Street, bus stop L1 (adjacent to Turl Street) at 5.40 in the afternoon and show **275 High Wycombe** on the front.

I have a disability. How can I get about independently?

All buses (with virtually no exceptions nowadays) are fully wheelchair-accessible. The driver will lower the ramp when you want to get on or off the bus (coaches use a wheelchair lift – a platform which raises up and down – instead of a ramp). Buses also have a designated wheelchair space where you can travel safely without having to get out of the wheelchair. For people with other disabilities or frailties – there are designated seats near the door for those who find it harder to walk, and drivers are trained to be aware of the special needs of people with disabilities, and will wait for you to take your seat before moving off. When you want to get off just press the bell-push which you will find located at or very near your seat.

For those people who genuinely cannot use conventional bus services, door-to-door dial-a-ride services exist. To use these services you will have to register as a member of the scheme before you

first use the service. Dial-a-Ride services in the area are operated by **Wycombe Dial-a-Ride (telephone High Wycombe 441818)**.

You could also try the **Community Transport Hub on 0800 085 8480**. Funded jointly by Buckinghamshire County Council and the Buckinghamshire NHS Trust, the Community Transport Hub is a one stop shop for information, advice and guidance on community transport providers in Buckinghamshire. From Dial A Ride to community car schemes, minibuses for hire to transport schemes for young people, call the hub to find out who can help.

Where can I find information about buses in the area?

Everywhere you would expect to find information! Nearly every bus stop has an easy-to-understand timetable display attached to it. Take a look next time you pass one.

In addition, Buckinghamshire County Council has complete information about all bus services in the county, which you can select and print off for yourself. Go to www.transportforbucks.net/buses-and-trains.aspx

West Wycombe and High Wycombe libraries both carry timetable books and leaflets about local bus and train services.

High Wycombe bus station has leaflets and posters about local bus and train services.

The bus companies generally have their own websites, with information about the complete network operated by each company, plus fares deals and other useful information.

Arriva	www.arrivabus.co.uk	Telephone 0844 800 4411
National Express	www.nationalexpress.com	Telephone 08717-818179
Red Rose	www.redrosetravel.com	Telephone 01296-747926
Vale Travel	www.valetravel.org.uk	Telephone 01296-484348

There are many smartphone apps to help you find out about bus services. For iPhone users try **NextBuses** or **MyBus** or **UK BusChecker**.

For Android users try **CatchThatBus** or **Transicast UK**

For older mobile phones you can send an SMS text message to receive a reply message giving details about the next 4 buses from any bus stop in the UK. (Messages cost 25p per text plus standard network charges). Each bus stop has its own unique code. For Piddington, the codes are:

For buses towards High Wycombe: King Street is bucdmtad ; Dashwood Arms is bucdmtap

For buses towards Stokenchurch: King Street is bucdmtaj ; Dashwood Arms is bucdmtdw

Text the appropriate bus stop code to 84268

For a comprehensive journey-planner call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or www.traveline.info

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