



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL PACK

THE GATEWAY, BEXHILL



Part of the **Vistry Group**

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Why make fewer trips by car? It saves you money!!!

The fewer trips you make, the more money you save on fuel and car maintenance costs.

- Reducing your annual mileage reduces your private vehicle insurance premium.
- Walking and Cycling on a regular basis is good for your heart and lungs, burns calories and is a good way to achieve a fitter and healthier lifestyle.
- When travelling by bus or train you don't need to find a parking space or worry about parking tickets. You also get to avoid the stresses of driving.
- Fewer car journeys will reduce local CO₂ emissions creating a cleaner environment for you to live in.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Of course not all destinations are easily accessible by walking, cycling or public transport. That's when car sharing and electric vehicles can be an environmentally friendly way of getting around.

Your home has access to an on-plot electric vehicle charging point. In addition, your nearest electric vehicle charging stations are the Shell Recharge Charging Station located on London Road (TN39 3JY) and the MFG Charging Station on Hastings Road (TN40 2JU), both an approximate 4-minute drive from your home!

Welcome...

One of the reasons your development was granted planning permission is because Vistry Group has committed to delivering a sustainable development.

Travel plan

Part of this commitment involves the implementation of a Residential Travel Plan to achieve a 10% reduction in car trips, which is focussed on encouraging sustainable travel modes such as walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing.

With your help, we aim to achieve a reduction in the total number of car trips each household makes. In doing so this will provide a range of benefits to you and the community including; a safer and cleaner environment, reduced congestion, improved health and personal financial savings.

Monitoring our success

Every other year we will be conducting multi-modal surveys and may also ask you to complete a Travel Survey Questionnaire.

This will enable us to measure the success of the Travel Plan and identify new measures to focus on over the monitoring period of 5 years.

There's an easier way from A...B

This Travel Pack provides information to help you plan your day-to-day journeys, hopefully by alternative means to the car. By providing a range of travel information and a FREE voucher offer we hope to encourage you to consider other ways to travel than by car.

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to travelling by car, however, we encourage you to consider alternative ways to travel when possible and this pack provides you with the information you might need.

We hope you will find this pack useful and that it helps you to explore your town and the great benefits it has to offer.

Sustainable Travel Voucher

To help you make the most out of the sustainable transportation options in your local area, each household will be provided with a £150 sustainable travel voucher. This flexible voucher can be redeemed across cycle equipment, a bus ticket and a railcard. To claim your voucher, see the enclosed travel voucher for further details

On your feet...

Fit exercise into your daily routine by walking or cycling all, or part, of your journey somewhere.



Walking and Cycling are great ways to boost your health, fitness and well being. It is recommended that the average adult should do 30 minutes of exercise 5 times per week. Walking or cycling to work, the shops or school is an easy way to achieve this target.

Walking and cycling also offer a cheaper alternative to a monthly gym membership!

You can find local walking groups at: ramblers.org.uk

Alternatively, East Sussex Health Walks are free led walks which aim to encourage all ages to get outdoors and increase activity. To find out about walks taking place in your local area, or to volunteer as a walk leader, visit: tcv.org.uk/southeast/volunteer-south-east/east-sussex-healthy-walks

Walking and cycling have great personal health and fitness benefits:

- Lower risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes
- Stronger bones
- A strengthened immune system
- Better weight management
- Increase energy levels
- Enhanced self esteem
- Better sleep

Walking on a regular basis is good for your health and wellbeing and it's FREE.

The NHS Change4life website is full of ideas about how to fit being active into your lifestyle! nhs.uk/change4life

Places you might walk to... See map for suggested walking routes:



St Mary's School
and College



Glovers House
Bus Stop



Bexhill Sixth
Form College



Bexhill College
Sports Centre



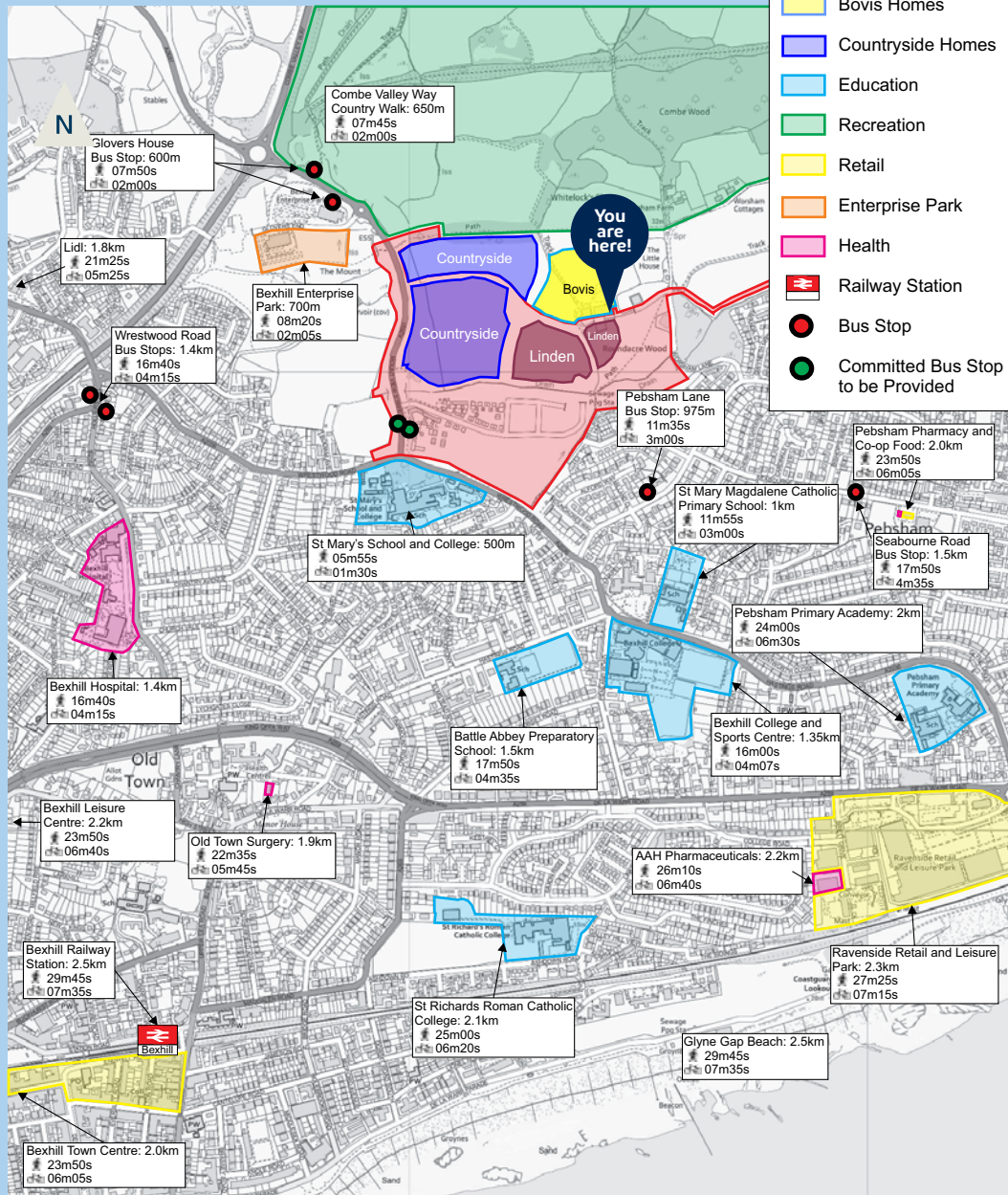
St Mary Magdalene
Catholic Primary



Co-op Food and
Pebsham Pharmacy



Local facilities



On your bike... It's quicker by bike!

It is often quicker to cycle short distances than travel by car, particularly during the morning and evening rush hours.

To help you get out and about on your bike, we are offering you the opportunity to receive a **FREE voucher worth** up to the value of **£150** for use online at Decathlon ([decathlon.co.uk](https://www.decathlon.co.uk)). This online retailer offers a wide range of cycles and accessories with delivery to your door. To claim your voucher, see the enclosed travel voucher for further details.

In addition to the health and fitness benefits associated with cycling, it is also a quick way of getting around and much cheaper than driving. Cycling to your local shops is good for the community too, as this helps support your local economy.

East Sussex Bikeability courses are a great way to get started with cycling! There are 3 different course levels from beginner to advanced road riding. To book a course and find out more information, visit: eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/roads/roadsafety/cycle-and-driver-training/cycle-training/bikeability/apply-for-bikeability

Reduce your Carbon Footprint

- Ditching your car for just one mile a day, twice a day, could save you around £40 in fuel over a year, and reduces your annual CO₂ imprint by about 76kg.
- The possible savings if you could avoid a 31-mile (50km) round trip once a week could be as high as £140 and 275kg in CO₂ a year.

 [moneywise.co.uk](https://www.moneywise.co.uk)

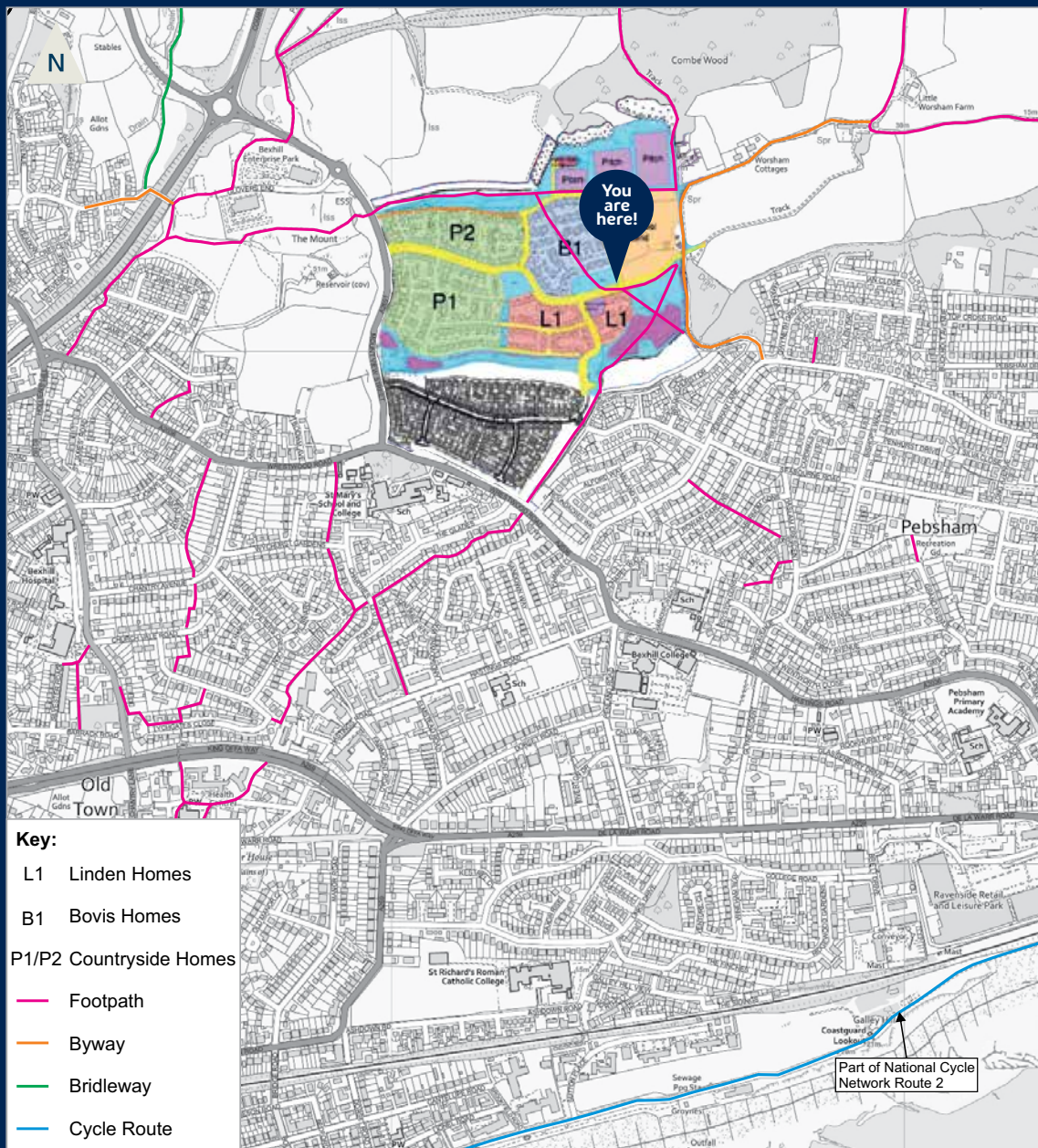
The national cycle route 2 is the closest route to Bexhill, which travels along the coastline. For more information, see the route maps included in this pack.



Places you might cycle to... See the map for suggested routes:



Local cycle/walking routes



On the bus...

Stop fuelling around!

Relax and let someone else drive you there



Don't worry about the cost of parking once you reach your destination; relax and let someone else do the driving – for whatever reason you are travelling, taking the bus can be less stressful and more relaxing than driving.

The Stagecoach 94/94A bus services operate every Monday to Saturday from Glovers House bus stop on Mount St View providing connections to Bexhill Railway Station. Additional bus services are also available in town that provide access to destinations further afield, including St Leonards, Hastings and Eastbourne. See enclosed map for route details.

To help you find your way around by bus we are offering you the opportunity to receive a **FREE 1 month bus pass** (1 per household) valid on Stagecoach services in the South East Travel Zone. See the enclosed travel voucher for more details of how to redeem this offer.

Where to find your bus stops:

The nearest bus stops to your home are the Glovers House Bus stops 600m away and Pebsham Lane (Milland Close) Bus Stop, located approximately 975m from the site.

Bus time information

Real time bus information can be accessed on the Stagecoach app. It is also possible to download mobile day and weekly tickets and view timetables from the app. Download from the App Store on Apple or Android by searching 'Stagecoach'.

New to the App? Head to stagecoachbus.com and click 'FAQs and Contact' then 'Help Using the App' for more information on how to use the app and neat tricks, or head to The Stagecoach Bus App | Stagecoach Bus for a tutorial.

To help you plan your journey you can text the bus stop code from which you are travelling from to Traveline '84268' and receive the real time information for upcoming services. Or you can visit nextbuses.mobi and search for your bus stop online.

For further travel information on routes and timetables, please contact:

stagecoachbus.com
☎ 0345 241 80 00

traveline.info
☎ 0871 200 22 33

Bus users
breathe a
third less
pollution than
car users

Number	Route	Monday – Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
		Operating Hours	Average Frequency	Operating Hours	Average Frequency	Operating Hours	Average Frequency
12*	Bexhill Town Centre – Bexhill Hospital & Pebsham	09:58 – 16:48	Every 2 hours	09:58 – 16:48	Every 2 hours	N/A	
53/53A	Eastbourne – Polegate – Hailsham – Bexhill	08:13 – 23:02	Hourly	08:10 – 23:02	Hourly	10:46 – 18:46	Every 2 hours
	Bexhill – Hailsham – Polegate – Eastbourne	07:55 – 20:54	Hourly	07:10 – 20:54	Hourly	09:04 – 17:04	Every 2 hours
94/94A	Conquest Hospital – Sidley – Bexhill	07:46 – 15:53	Every 2 hours	10:00 – 17:00	Every 2 hours	N/A	
	Bexhill – Sidley – Conquest Hospital	07:39 – 17:14	Every 2 hours	07:56 – 15:46	Every 2 hours	N/A	
95	Conquest Hospital – Battle – Sidley – Bexhill	08:45 – 18:33	Every 2 hours	09:20 – 16:20	Every 2 hours	N/A	
	Bexhill – Sidley – Battle – Conquest Hospital	06:51 – 15:04	Every 2 hours	09:36 – 16:36	Every 2 hours	N/A	
98	Hastings – Pebsham – Bexhill – Sidley	06:40 – 23:22	Every 20 minutes	06:35 – 23:22	Every 20 minutes	08:17 – 17:17	Hourly
	Sidley – Bexhill – Pebsham – Hastings	07:14 – 23:21	Every 20 minutes	07:30 – 23:21	Every 20 minutes	08:20 – 17:20	Hourly
99	Hastings – St Leonards – Bexhill – Eastbourne	06:27 – 21:26	Every 20 minutes	06:27 – 21:27	Every 20 minutes	08:51 – 18:51	Half hourly
	Eastbourne – Bexhill – St Leonards – Hastings	07:07 – 21:22	Every 20 minutes	06:53 – 21:22	Every 20 minutes	09:07 – 20:21	Half hourly

*Bexhill Community Bus Service

On the buses...



just take the bus and lose the fuss!

For further travel information on routes and timetables, please contact:

Stagecoach

 [stagecoachbus.com](https://www.stagecoachbus.com)

 0901 545 5160

Traveline

 [traveline.info](https://www.traveline.info)

 0871 200 22 33

Concessionary Fares:

If you are over the age of 65, or disabled, you are eligible to qualify for a free concessionary pass. This enables you to travel on services anywhere in England between 9:30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and bank holidays. To apply for concessionary travel passes visit:

[eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/public/concessionaryfares/buspass](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/public/concessionaryfares/buspass) or call 0300 33 09 471.

Additionally, the funding for the cap on single bus fares currently remains in place until 31st December allowing bus users to continue to pay no more than £3 for a single journey when travelling with Stagecoach.

Flexibus – Bookable Rideshare

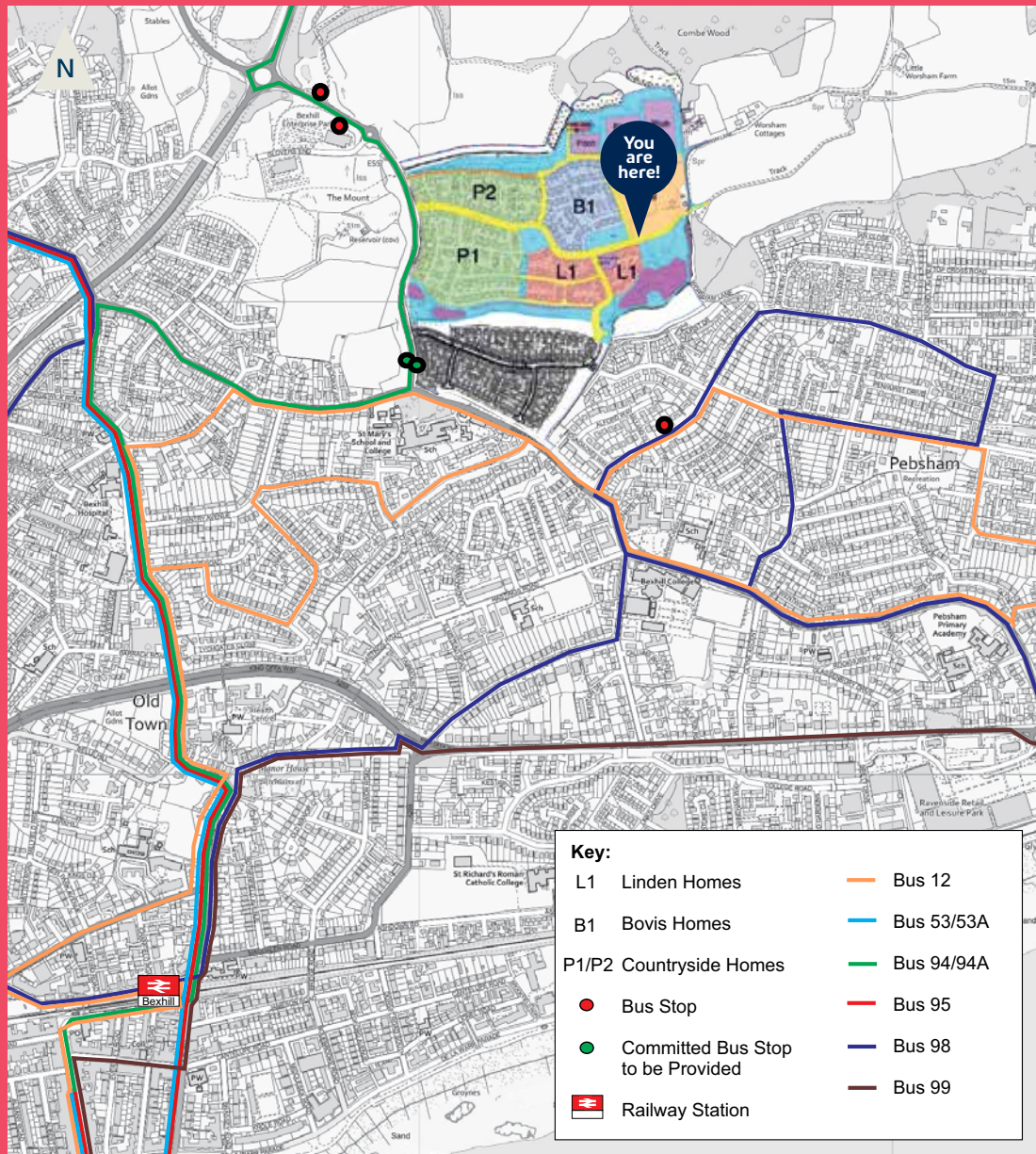
In addition, **Flexibus** covers 90% of East Sussex, connecting you with your local area and the wider transport network. This on-demand service can take you anywhere you need to go along routes not already served by public transport within a 14-mile radius of your pick-up point.

For more information, go to:

 [eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/public/buses/flexibus](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/public/buses/flexibus)

Children
under 5 years
old travel for
free on all
bus services

Bus routes



On the right track...

Beat the rush and take the train!

Travelling by rail provides a fast, efficient and frequent option, whether travelling for business or pleasure. The nearest station to your home is Bexhill Railway station.

This station offers a number of services to destinations across the south, including London Victoria, Brighton, Eastbourne and many more. See network rail map for other destinations.

To support you on your train journeys, we are offering you the opportunity to receive a **FREE National Railcard** (1 per household) which will give you discounts off Rail Tickets. See the enclosed travel voucher for more details of how to redeem this offer.

For further travel information on routes and timetables, please contact:

Southern Railway

 [southernrailway.com](https://www.southernrailway.com)

 03451 27 29 20

- Rail travel could save you time and money, and help you reduce your carbon footprint.
- You don't have to worry about traffic jams or speeding fines.
- You can lose yourself in a good book or catch up on some sleep.
- You can catch up on your work, or even have a meeting!
- You can arrive at the centre of your destination and avoid paying for the car park.

You could take the train to the following destinations; we've also listed approx journey times:





Travelling to the Station:



The Stagecoach 94/94A bus services provide direct connections to Bexhill Railway Station Monday to Saturday from the Glovers House bus stop in just 15 minutes!

Bexhill Railway Station is located approximately 2.3km from your home, which is an approximate 7½ minute cycle. Cycle parking is available at the station with 78 stands.



Cycle storage is available on all trains for non-folding bicycles. However, restrictions apply during peak times. Check on Southern Railway website for further information.



Car Parking is available at the station but can be expensive. You can save yourself some money by taking the bus, cycling, or walking to/from the station or by car sharing with someone you know.



Taxis are available to and from the station and a taxi rank is located on Sea Road. For more information about taxi journeys, contact Train Taxi at traintaxi.co.uk.

Travel by Taxi

Getting to the station

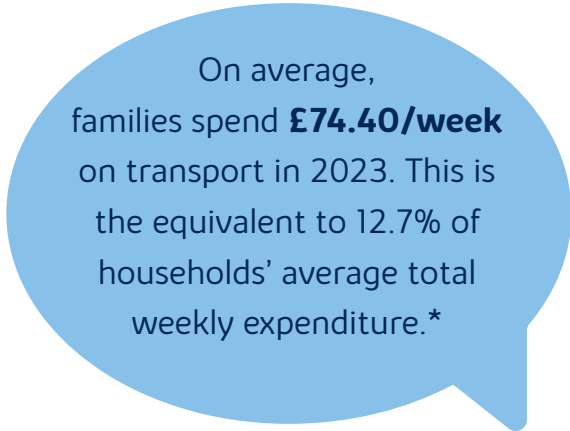


taxi!

Travel by taxi... not such a luxury as it sounds – especially when you share

Taxis can offer a good option for linking journeys such as trips by public transport and for travelling out of hours. Taxis are convenient and cut parking time and charges, they also reduce worry about directions.

traintaxi.co.uk can be used to find out the phone numbers of taxis serving most stations in England.



On average,
families spend **£74.40/week**
on transport in 2023. This is
the equivalent to 12.7% of
households' average total
weekly expenditure.*

Below is a list of your local taxi
firm operators:

Bexhill Taxis	01424 222777
Town Taxis	01424 733733
290 Taxi Minibuses	01424 290290
C.J. Cars	07827 295994
Swift Cars	01424 422884
Bexhill Taxis and Minicabs	01323 746746
Little Common Taxis	01424 834488
Parkhurst Taxis	01424 733456
Evo Bexhill and Hastings Taxis	01424 222 777

*Family spending in the UK; financial year ending 2023
(Office for National Statistics)



Car Sharing

On the road...

Got a spare seat, why not share your car journey?

One way of reducing the costs of travelling by car is to 'car share' or 'liftshare'. As well as saving you money you will also help the environment by reducing your carbon footprint. It's also a great way to meet new people and make new friends!

The following public car share databases enable you to search for journey matches and these are all FREE to use:

East Sussex County Council Carshare

 liftshare.com/uk/community/eastsussexcarshare

National Database

 liftshare.com

National Database

 blablacar.com

Why not try it out, to search for other people travelling on similar routes to you. Your personal details will not be displayed to other users.

Save money by car sharing...



When travelling to work

When going shopping

When on the school run

When going to the gym

in fact on any journey you make!

Follow these simple guidelines when meeting up with your lift for the first time:

- Agree a convenient pick up point e.g. an open and public space, such as a bus stop or outside a shop.
- Arrange to meet near public transport links so you have an alternative means of travelling should the lift fall through.
- The first time you lift share with a stranger, satisfy yourself as to his or her identity. You could ask for ID, such as a passport or driving licence.
- Find out what colour and model of car to expect. If you want to share with the same sex only, then you can indicate this when you search for a match.
- Tell a friend or family member when and where you are travelling and with whom.

So why don't you sit back and relax and let someone else do the driving!



Share
the journey
home

Shopping locally and home delivery

Live local... shop local

An easy way to cut the cost of car travel is to shop locally.



There are a range of shops and services close to your new home which can provide you with everything you need.

Why not also support your local community by visiting the 'Bexhill Farmers Market', located next to Bexhill Railway Station on Devonshire Square. The Market is held every Friday from 09:00 to 13:00. For more information visit:

www.bexhillmarket.org.uk

To take the stress and the drive out of your weekly shop your nearest Tesco store offers free delivery to home on purchases over £50, when shopping online. Another added benefit is that this is an easy way to reduce the need to use your car.

For more information:

 tesco.com

TESCO

Other supermarkets offering home delivery in your area are Waitrose, Asda and Morrisons.

Access them online at:

 waitrose.com

Waitrose

 asda.com

ASDA

 morrison.com


Morrison's
Since 1899

 sainsburys.co.uk

Sainsbury's

**Check
it out!**

A photograph of a supermarket fruit and vegetable aisle. The shelves are stocked with various produce. In the foreground, there are boxes of lemons, pears, and oranges. Below these, there are bags of green grapes and boxes of tomatoes. Further down, there are more boxes of tomatoes and bags of flat lettuce. A blue circular overlay is positioned in the upper right corner of the image, containing the text "Support your local shops".

Support
your local
shops

Vistry Group

Who we are

Despite only been founded as a group in 2020, in bringing together the energy and talents of Bovis Homes, Linden Homes and Vistry Partnerships, the Group has a heritage that can be traced back to 1885.

Even more impressive is that with developments from Northumberland and Cornwall to Cheshire and Norfolk, Vistry Group will deliver around 12,000 private and affordable homes a year across the country.

Achieving the accolade of Housebuilder of the Year 2021 in the industry's top awards and retaining a 5-star HBF Customer Satisfaction Rating, Vistry has gone from strength-to-strength.

With around 3,000 staff across it's Housebuilding, Partnership and Vistry Services division, there are plenty of opportunities in a range of disciplines.

We all have the same values, vision and ambition to do right by our customers and to make a difference in our industry.

Together, we take opportunities. Together, we make Vistry.





The Gateway, Bexhill

**Bovis
Homes** 

Useful contacts and links

To help you with planning your journey we have provided below a list of useful contact numbers and links

Travel Plan Coordinator

Stuart Michael Associates

☎ 01635 867 711

✉ travelplans@stuartmichael.co.uk

For any enquiries regarding the Travel Plan and travel options.

Bus

Stagecoach

🌐 stagecoachbus.com

☎ 0901 545 5160

Operates many of the local bus services.

Bexhill Community Bus

Website: bexhillcommunitybus.co.uk

☎ 01424 222820

✉ info@bexhillcommunitybus.co.uk

Journey share

🌐 liftshare.com/uk/community/eastsussexcarshare

🌐 blablacar.com

Local and National carshare database.

Rail

Southern Railway

🌐 southernrailway.com

☎ 03451 27 29 20

Operate many of the local train services

National rail enquiries

🌐 nationalrail.co.uk

☎ 03457 48 49 50

Trainline

🌐 thetrainline.com

☎ 0901 545 2752

Cycle

Decathlon

🌐 decathlon.co.uk

Unit 3, 134 North Street, BN1 1RG Brighton

Decathlon site where you can redeem your Gift Voucher.

Sustrans

🌐 sustrans.org.uk

Information about all travel modes and activities, particularly cycling.

Useful documents

In accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Stuart Michael Associates' (SMA) Privacy Policy, any details provided by yourself, either as part of the voucher request form or further measures to be implemented as part of the Travel Plan delivery, will be stored on SMA's secure systems for the life of this Travel Plan. For more information on our Privacy Policy please visit stuartmichael.co.uk/privacy-policy.

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