

# Barsham Vale

## Spring Newsletter 2024



### Did you know....

Car sharing saves  
+£1000 per year  
on average!

(Liftshare, 2023)

Car upkeep costs  
£2,835 each year,  
on average!

(Top Gear, 2023)

Cycling shorter  
journeys could  
reduce your travel  
emissions by 75%

(Our World in Data, 2023)

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We are happy to help you make  
sustainable travel choices.

### Incentives

Don't forget, the **Get Around For £2** bus scheme is valid until December 2024 - single fares £2 or less!

Tesco and Vauxhall have teamed up to provide one year **FREE charging credit** for customers who purchase a new electric Vauxhall - valid until September 2024.

Travel with Greater Anglia and get **2FOR1** discounts on attractions such as London Zoo, Kew Gardens, Ascot Racecourse and more.

Enterprise are offering **10% discount** on hire cars when you pre-pay this summer.

#### Just moved in?

Scan QR code or visit our website to claim a £140 active travel voucher **or** 2-month bus pass **or** 1-month train pass



### Personal Travel Plan

Need to get from A to B?

Claim a **FREE PTP!**

We will investigate your travel options, such as walking, cycling, public transport, car-sharing and car clubs (where applicable) and compare the impact of each mode!

Each travel mode analysed by the PTP will show you:

- ◇ Health impact
- ◇ Journey distance
- ◇ Duration of journey
- ◇ Estimated CO<sub>2</sub>e for each mode

Email us to claim:

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# Welcome to the Barsham Vale

## Spring Newsletter

Dear residents,

On behalf of Hopkins Homes, we hope you find the information enclosed useful. Please do contact us if you have any travel queries.

Safe Travels,

The Smarter Travel Team

## Walking & Cycling

Health experts recommend at least 30-mins of activity per day, to keep you fighting fit, both physically and mentally - why not take a walk on your lunch break?

Earn points for walking with the Sweatcoin app - spend on 1000s of brands or donate to charity!

Bike servicing & repairs available at Michaels Cycles in Beccles, a 5-min cycle from home. Call **01502 717413** to book, open Mondays and Thursday-Saturday.



**CycleStreets**  
Check out your cycling options  
[cyclestreets.net](https://cyclestreets.net)



**Rambler's Walks**  
Discover your local area with a walking group  
[ramblers.org.uk](https://ramblers.org.uk)



**Strava**  
Track your activities and support friends  
[strava.com](https://strava.com)

## Bus & Community Travel



### Local Bus Services

Closest stop is Butterfly Drive on London Road, a 2-min walk, for Border Bus 522/524 serving Beccles-Aldeburgh. Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft & Norwich buses available from Exchange Square.



### Connecting Communities

Helping people with limited access to public transport. Wheelchair accessible. Call **01986 896896** to book service, rides available 7am-7pm, Mon-Sat.



**BusChecker.co.uk**  
When is the next bus?



**Suffolkonboard.com**  
View timetables

## Liftshare & Electric Vehicles



### Car Sharing

Sharing your journey to Lowestoft could save £371 per year or £650 for trips to Norwich.\* Sharing with 1 other person cuts fuel costs by 50%!

\*Based on 5 days per week (Liftshare, 2024)



### Electric Vehicles (EV)

EVs are tax free until April 2025! People travel an average 127 miles per week but 1 charge averages 211 miles! Find available charging points with the live Zap Map.



**Zap-Map.com**  
Find EV charging points



**Liftshare.com**  
Share your journey

## Train Travel

Beccles Train Station is a 7-min cycle and there are 15 cycle storage spaces. The station has step-free access to both platforms, for services to Lowestoft and Ipswich.

Over 50s can get a Club 50 railcard for £20 per year with Greater Anglia, saving 20% during off-peak & advanced fares purchased online.

Apply for a 16-25, 26-30, Senior or other National Railcard for £30 per year and save 33% off train travel.



**Trainline**  
Book trains and get live updates  
[thetrainline.com](https://thetrainline.com)



**Greater Anglia**  
Book trains and get live updates  
[greateranglia.co.uk](https://greateranglia.co.uk)



**National Rail**  
Get a Railcard and save 1/3rd off travel  
[nationalrail.co.uk](https://nationalrail.co.uk)

## Upcoming Events

**May**

No Mow May  
Walking Month

**June**

10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Bike Week  
15<sup>th</sup> Clean Air Day

**July**

Plastic Free July  
6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Net Zero Week

**August**

1<sup>st</sup> Cycle to Work Day

**Sept**

16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Liftshare Week  
21<sup>st</sup> 0 Emissions Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> Car Free Day

**Oct**

24<sup>th</sup> Climate Action Day

Small Steps make for Small (Carbon) Footprints