

Miller's Gate

Soham

Travel Information Pack

Claim your **£50**
active travel voucher
or public transport
tickets today.

Find out more inside

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This Travel Information Pack has been produced exclusively for residents of **Miller's Gate, Soham**. We hope you find the information enclosed useful and trust it helps highlight the variety of sustainable travel options available to you in the area.

As part of the commitment from Hopkins Homes to you as a resident of Miller's Gate to support sustainable travel, you are entitled to claim **one** of the following:

- **Two one-week bus passes** on services to Cambridge, Newmarket and surrounding areas, **or**
- **A £50 active travel voucher** for wiggle.co.uk (an online sporting goods retailer).

See page 18 for further details on how to claim (T&C's apply).



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Sustainable Travel – Good for you and your community

Engaging with sustainable ways of travel can have plenty of positive benefits including:

- Improving your health and wellbeing;
- Reducing your travel costs;
- Improving your accessibility to local services;
- Increasing local road safety;
- Reducing travel times;
- Improving your travel choices and options; and
- Creating a cleaner, more vibrant local community.

Miller's Gate.

Soham

Dear resident,

Congratulations on moving into your new home and welcome to Miller's Gate, Soham.

It is important to Hopkins Homes that you settle in well to Soham and the local area. To help make your move a little bit easier, we have produced this **Travel Information Pack**.

Throughout this pack, you'll find information on the variety of local travel options available to and from Miller's Gate, including information on public transport services as well as walking and cycling routes.

As a resident of Miller's Gate, we would like to invite you to claim **one** of the following:

- **Two one-week bus passes** on services to Cambridge, Newmarket and surrounding areas, **or**
- **A £50 active travel voucher** for wiggles.co.uk (an online sporting goods retailer).

For information on how to claim your vouchers, please take a look at page 18.

We really do hope that you find the information included useful and also enjoy exploring Soham and the surrounding areas using the variety of travel options available to you.

On behalf of Hopkins Homes, thank you for selecting Miller's Gate as the place you call home.

Kind regards,

Louisa

Your Travel Plan Coordinator

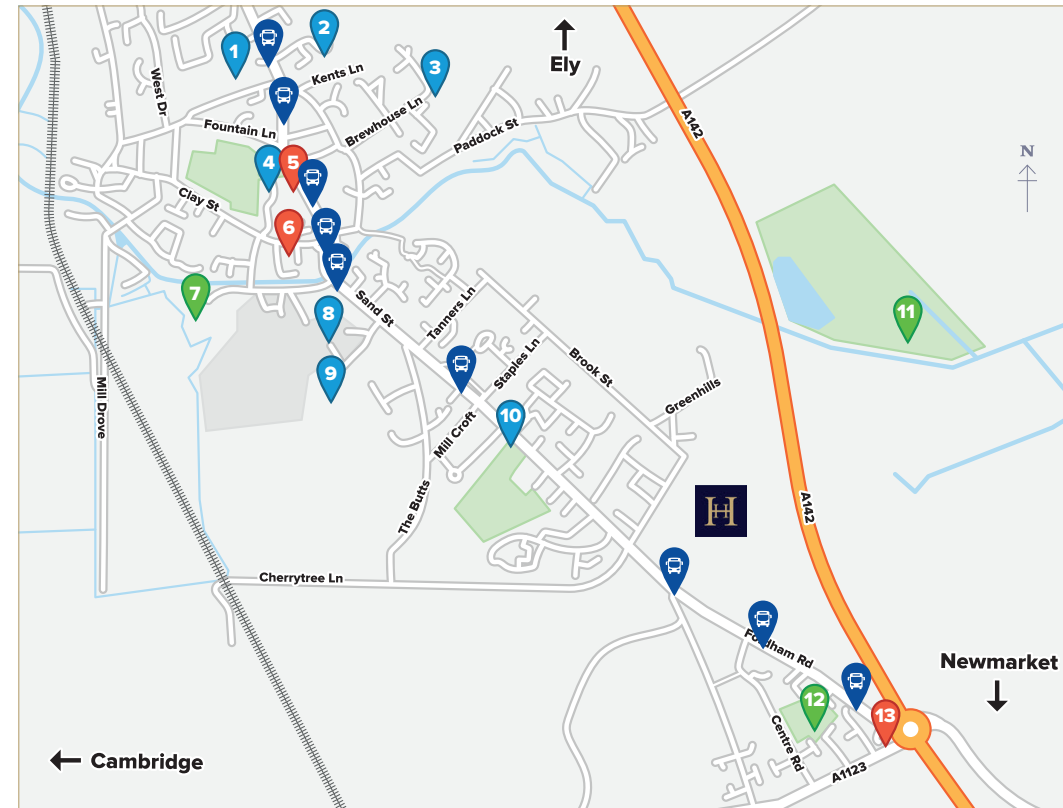
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Miller's Gate

and the local area.



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| 1. Soham Cycles | 5. Co-op Food Soham | 10. Pet Doctors Soham |
| 2. The Weatheralls Primary School | 6. Asda Soham Supermarket | 11. Soham Wet Horse Fen |
| 3. Medical Centre | 7. Sports Centre | 12. Downfields Park |
| 4. Post Office | 8. Soham Village College | 13. BP Garage |
| | 9. St Andrews CE Primary School | |



Bus Stops



Food Stores



Exercise areas



Other



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Don't forget,
as a resident of
Miller's Gate, you can
claim two one-week
bus passes.

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Bus Travel.

Your most frequent local bus service is:
Stagecoach No. 12 Ely to Cambridge
Approximately every 60 mins, Monday to Saturday.

View the
bus timetable
here



Your nearest bus stop is on Fordham Road adjacent to Centre Road, approximately a 3-minute walk. From this bus stop the Stagecoach service 11 and 12 runs to Newmarket and Cambridge every 60-minutes, see the map on page 4 for the bus stop location. This bus also stops within Ely by the railway station, which is around a 15-minute journey.

If you are a student you could be eligible for the Stagecoach student discounted bus pass. Students can enjoy unlimited discounted travel on school days, half terms, evenings and weekends and passes are available to school, college, sixth form and university students.

To find out more visit: stagecoachbus.com

Did you know by using a Stagecoach service you can then receive rewards including: discounts off Fitbit products, Protein Works, discounted day trips and discounts on hotel bookings? To find out more visit: stagecoachbus.com and search for Stagecoach Rewards.



Useful Apps & Websites.



Bus Checker



ZipTrip



Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority

Bus Checker

Bus Checker gives you instant up to date information for buses throughout the UK. The app also offers journey planning.
buschecker.com

ZipTrip

See instantly when your bus will arrive, use smart journey planning to help you get around, and view real-time disruption updates, traffic reports and stop alerts - all from one easy-to-use app.
ziptrip.co.uk

Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority

The Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority website is a great hub for all public transport enquires within Cambridgeshire. You can access local bus timetables as well as reporting any issues with public transport in the area.
transport.cambridgeshire-peterborough-ca.gov.uk



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Train Travel.

Save money on rail travel!

Railcards are a great way to easily save money on the cost of train travel (up to 1/3rd off) with a variety of cards available, such as: 16-25 Railcard, Disabled Persons Railcard, Two Together and Senior Railcard. Visit the [Railcard.co.uk](https://www.railcard.co.uk) website to find out more and how to apply.

Your nearest train station is located in Ely. The station is approximately 9.6 km from Miller's Gate, this is a 40-minute cycle ride or 15-minute bus or car journey. There are 330 cycle storage spaces with wheel racks, alternatively there are 143 free car parking spaces at the station.

Ely train station is very well connected with direct services to: Cambridge, Birmingham, Norwich, Stansted Airport, Kings Lynn, Colchester and London Kings Cross.

The **Soham train station** is expected to be opened by the end of 2021 to provide a regular route to; Ipswich, Peterborough, Ely and Cambridge. The station is only 2km away from Miller's Gate. We will keep you informed on an expected opening date!

Did you know that you can take bicycles on trains? Taking your bicycle with you is **free of charge** but can be subject to reservations at peak hours. However, folding bikes can be taken at any time. To find out more information, visit the **PlusBike** website: plusbike.nationalrail.co.uk or follow them on Facebook and Twitter: [@nationalrailenq](https://twitter.com/nationalrailenq).

Useful Apps & Websites.

Greater Anglia

The Greater Anglia app has a variety of different features including the option to purchase mobile tickets and receive live departure updates.

greateranglia.co.uk
Twitter: [@GreatAnglia](https://twitter.com/GreatAnglia)

National Rail

The National Rail app allows you to plan train journeys as well as receiving alerts and notifications in the event of any disruption or delays.

nationalrail.co.uk



Greater Anglia



National Rail



Trainline

Trainline

The Trainline app also allows you to plan your train journeys, receive alerts and details on your journey including platform numbers. Tickets are also available to purchase and e-tickets are available to download.

thetrainline.com



View live departures from Ely train station here



ELY TRAIN STATION

Cambridge	19 mins
Nottingham	30 mins
Kings Lynn	31 mins
Norwich	53 mins
Stansted Airport	57 mins
Colchester	1hr 15mins
London Kings Cross	1hr 21mins
Birmingham	2hr 24mins



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SOHAM Walking in the area.

Why not take a walk and get to know your new area?
Soham is surrounded by beautiful countryside and filled with footpaths.
To find more information on these visit the Miller's Gate section on the
Smarter Travel website.

A primary school, college, public house and sports centre are all within a 15-minute walk from Miller's Gate. A slightly further walk away you can reach the Asda superstore, Premier convenience store and the Co-op, along with multiple restaurants in the Town Centre.

There are also many local places to go for walks, including Soham Wet Horse Fen nature reserve - a 4-acre hay meadow which is free to visit all year round. There is also the National Trust Wicken Fen nature reserve which is the oldest nature reserve within England. You can find cycling and walking routes around the reserve along with a cafe.

Fancy joining a group of local people who enjoy walking new routes? Your most local walk is a circular route beginning in Wicken and passing through Soham.

www.ramblers.org.uk/cambridge

It is recommended that adults get 150 minutes of exercise per week (which works out as 30 minutes per day over five days in the week). One of the easiest ways to accomplish this is heading out for a brisk walk. You can view all of the Cambridge rights of way (footpaths) on the Cambridgeshire County Council website, you can also get the rights of way map added to your Google Maps app on your smartphone. **Find out more:** cambridgeshire.gov or scan the QR code to the right.



FROM MILLER'S GATE

- St Andrews Primary School**
15 mins
- College**
15 mins
- Sports Centre**
15 mins
- Public House**
15 mins
- Asda Superstore**
17 mins
- Premier Convenience Store**
18 mins
- Co-op**
18 mins
- Medical Centre**
24 mins
- The Weatheralls Primary School**
24 mins

Useful Apps & Websites.



Map My Walk



All Trails



Walkit

Map My Walk

This app can record your workout duration, distance, pace, speed, elevation, calories burned and the route travelled.

mapmywalk.com

All Trails

A useful website with a variety of walking routes and trails suggested for all abilities.

alltrails.com

Walkit

A walking journey planner across the U.K, showing time, calories burnt, steps & carbon saved.

walkit.com



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Cycling in the area.

Your nearest bicycle shop is within Soham. Soham Cycles is located along Station Road, around a 20-minute walk from Miller's Gate.



Cycling is a great alternative to short car journeys and again many local facilities can be easily reached by bike. The road bringing you into Soham Town is paved with speed limits varying between 20mph - 30mph. This will take you around 7-minutes to cycle, and within the town there are cycle storage spaces at varying locations. To cycle to Ely train station you have two routes options, the slower but quieter route is via Barway Road which will take you along country lanes, this route takes just under 40-minutes.

If you prefer cycling for leisure, visit the [Cycling UK website](#) to find local cycling groups or clubs such as Burwell Bike Club.

Cycling has many benefits, including:

- Improving wellbeing by relieving stress;
- Helps prevent chronic and life threatening illnesses;
- Being more cost effective than running a car; and
- Cycling can reduce congestion and pollution on our roads.

Cycle to work schemes allow you to receive a bicycle and cycling equipment through a salary sacrifice scheme. By using the scheme, you can save up to 39% on the cost of equipment. Speak to your employer to see if they are signed up to one of the many options available. Electric bikes (e-bikes) are becoming increasingly popular, opening up more possibilities when travelling by bike. You can even purchase e-bikes through the Cycle Scheme – saving up to 39%.

[cyclescheme.co.uk](#)

Useful Apps & Websites.

Cycle Streets

This website allows you to easily plan cycle journeys with variable route options regardless of the level of cyclist.

[cyclestreets.net](#)

Strava

This app records your cycle ride and you can compare your performance overtime, as well as sharing with the local community.

[strava.com](#)



Cycle Streets



Strava




BBC Weather

BBC Weather

The great British weather is always something to consider when cycling. Use BBC's weather app to be prepared for whatever nature may throw at you!

[bbc.co.uk/weather](#)

FROM MILLER'S GATE	
St Andrews Primary School	4mins
College	4 mins
Sports Centre	4 mins
Public House	4 mins
Asda Superstore	5-mins
Premier Convenience Store	5 mins
Co-op	5 mins
Medical Centre	7 mins
The Weatheralls Primary School	7 mins
Ely Train Station	38 mins (Barway Rd) 30 mins (A142)
Newmarket	36 mins (A142) 48 mins (B1103)



There are already
42 lift share options
heading from Soham
into Cambridge!

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Greener Car Travel.

Did you know that by sharing the same, or a similar journey, with other people you can save money on the cost of car travel – the average commuter could save £1,000 per year!

Sign up for free to the CamShare website or organise your own lift with someone you already know and start saving money. liftshare.com/uk/community/camshare



Car travel is sometimes unavoidable, but there are also ways of travelling by car in a more eco-friendly and sustainable way. Smarter and greener car travel is recommended where other ways of sustainable transport are not possible.

Sometimes it's a necessity to drive, so here are seven eco-driving tips that can help make a difference to your journey:


1. Service your car regularly to maintain engine efficiency;
2. Check your tyre pressures regularly (and before long journeys), under-inflated tyres 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 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); and
7. 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).



The future is electric! Cars and vans are changing, electric and hybrid vehicles are becoming increasingly popular as they are cleaner, quieter and cheaper to run. To find out how much you could save or for information on government grants on home charging points, visit goultralow.com



Find out where your nearest charging point is!
www.zap-map.com



Each week,
the average Brit
spends seven
hours in their car

The average
annual cost of car
insurance is £436

Drivers spend on
average £89.67
per month on fuel

It's likely that you will
play eye-spy in the car
around 1,470 times
during your lifetime!

Over your lifetime,
on average you will
have 7,817 singalongs
to the car radio!

Concessionary & Community Travel.

There are a selection of local incentives to promote travelling by public transport. People at the age of retirement, or with an eligible disability, are entitled to a bus pass that allows free off-peak travel on weekdays and anytime travel on weekends.

To apply for either of these bus passes or to find out more information, visit the **bus transport section** at transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or alternatively, call **01223 740149**.



Additionally, for those that are less able to travel by regular public transport, there are community transport options.

To find out more about these services please visit:

transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

or call **01223 740149**.

School Buses

If you have school aged children, you can find out information on school bus passes through the cambridgeshire.gov.uk website.



Smarter travel choices.

There are many ways you can reduce your travel, such as implementing working from home days if possible. This is a great opportunity to save you time, money and of course, reduce your carbon footprint.

Another simple way to make a change, is to alternate your modes of travel. Perhaps one day per week, you could travel by train or bus instead? There are a range of flexible train and bus tickets on offer to help you make these small positive changes.

For more information on working from home and flexible public transport tickets, visit the Miller's Gate section of the Smarter Travel website: www.smartertravel.uk.com/millersgate.

Have you considered getting your food delivered? There are some great local businesses offering deliveries to your door, including: Cambridge Organic Food Company, Fresh in a Box and Farm Drop - all locally grown and sourced.

Also, if online shopping isn't an option for you, how about shopping locally where possible and travelling by foot or bicycle? With Asda and the Co-op just down the road why not incorporate your daily walk into your shop.

Find out more on the **Miller's Gate** section of the Smarter Travel website.



Claim

Your Personal Travel Plan and vouchers.

Free Personal Travel Plan.

Don't forget about the **free Personal Travel Plan** available to you! A Personal Travel Plan provides you with a list of detailed alternative travel options to and from a specific location that you regularly visit. These alternative options will be compared to your current mode of travel in the amount of CO₂ produced and calories burnt. The Personal Travel Plan will show you options such as walking, buses, trains, cycling or driving and which routes are ideal for each mode of travel.

To claim your free Personal Travel plan, visit: www.smartertravel.uk.com/millersgate or scan the QR code below, and fill in the short questionnaire.

Free Travel vouchers.

As part of Hopkins Homes commitment to you, you can claim one of the below travel options:

- **Two one week bus passes** for local bus services, **or**
- **A £50 active travel voucher** for [wiggle.co.uk](http://www.wiggle.co.uk) (an online sporting goods retailer).

To claim your voucher please complete the short survey by heading to:
www.smartertravel.uk.com/millersgate or scan the QR code below.



Scan here
to claim your
Personal Travel
Plan and Travel
Vouchers!



What is Wiggle?

Wiggle is a great online retailer which sells all sporting goods and equipment from bikes to fitness watches. They have something to suit everyone whether you're a keen cyclist, runner, walker and everything between.

See what you can spend your voucher on:
www.wiggle.co.uk.



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