

# SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL INFORMATION

# WELCOME

Welcome to Branston Locks. Your new home has been built within the first phase of a larger development scheme which will eventually see the provision of around 2,500 homes, employment space, a local centre and a new primary school. Our vision is for the creation of a high-quality sustainable community with a balanced mix of homes, jobs and facilities, where sustainable travel will be at the heart of the development with excellent walking, cycling and public transport.

This vision is supported by the Branston Locks Travel Plan, Nurton's long-term strategy for the delivery of sustainable transport objectives. These objectives include:

- Provision of safe and easy, sustainable access for all, increasing awareness of choice of travel modes and promoting social inclusion.
- Promoting the health, wealth and environmental benefits of cycling, walking and using public transport - encourage healthy lifestyles and a sustainable development.

Full details of the Framework Travel Plan can be found at: [www.dtatransportation.co.uk/branston-locks](http://www.dtatransportation.co.uk/branston-locks)

Travelling actively (walking and cycling) can bring positive benefits to health and reducing our car use will help to also reduce our impact on the local and global environment. This guide provides an overview of your

transport choices alongside details of offers available to you as new residents including:

- £100 to spend with your local cycle retailer
- Free adult one-to-one cycle training sessions
- Free local bus travel

I hope that you find the guide useful and take us up on our sustainable travel incentives!

Yours sincerely

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# LIFTSHARING

If you have empty seats in your car, why not share them with someone else on your route? Or sign up to find a lift from someone already driving your way? Car sharing can save you money whilst helping to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Some large organisations and employers have their own car share schemes in place or you can make private arrangements with someone you already know.

Branston Locks is part of Staffordshire's 'Community Share-A-Lift' scheme. The scheme can link you with people from within your own community to share lifts either as a passenger or as a driver, log on and look for the Branston Locks logo: [community.share-a-lift.co.uk/](http://community.share-a-lift.co.uk/)

[liftshare.com/uk](http://liftshare.com/uk) provides a free national liftshare matching service. When you register details of your regular journeys potential matches are identified alongside suggested journey cost contributions. There is no obligation to accept the suggested matches.

[blablacar.co.uk](http://blablacar.co.uk) provides a matching service for longer, less regular journeys (e.g. travel between home and a university campus). Enter your journey details to find others travelling similar routes with seats to spare.



# RAIL SERVICES

Burton upon Trent railway station is approximately 4km from Branston Locks (around 20 minutes by cycle). The cycle route between Branston Locks and the station is flat with off-road provision along much of the route (see enclosed cycle map). Undercover cycle parking is available on the platform. Long-stay car parking is also available adjacent to the station.

Frequent and direct trains to Birmingham, Derby and Nottingham can be boarded here.

TYPICAL JOURNEY TIMES	
Burton to Derby	14 minutes
Burton to Nottingham	40 minutes
Burton to Birmingham New Street	35 minutes

Services are provided by Crosscountry Trains. For journey planning, tickets and live travel updates see: [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk) and [crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://crosscountrytrains.co.uk)



# WALKING

Walking is a great way of incorporating exercise into your day, whether it's a walk to the local shops, school or work or a leisure walk around your local area. The NHS recommend that those of us aged between 19 and 64 undertake at least 150 minutes of 'moderate aerobic activity' each week with a brisk walk providing one way of achieving this.

See [www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/) to find out more.

Branston Locks is bordered by the Bass Millenium Wood and Battlestead Hill to the north-west, is bisected by the Trent and Mersey Canal and is a short distance from Branston Water Parks, offering varied opportunities to access the local countryside. This pack includes details of local walks that start and finish at Branston Locks. You can also find inspiration and information on the following websites:

- [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)
- [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)
- [www.livingstreets.org.uk](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk)
- [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/Walking/Near-Me](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/Walking/Near-Me)

Branston local centre is approximately 1,250m (around 15 minutes-walk) from Branston Locks. This established local centre provides for a wide range of existing local facilities including:

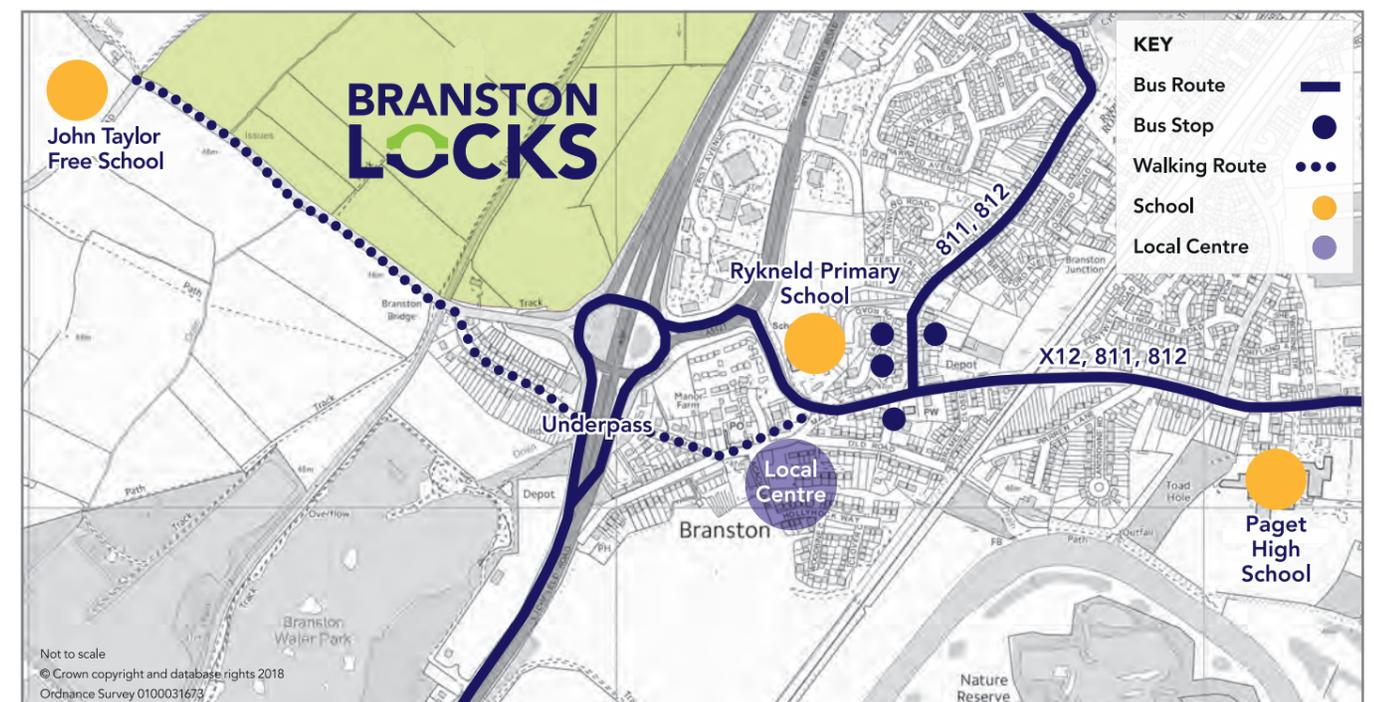
- Trent Medical Practice
- Coop Convenience Store
- Pharmacy
- Take-aways
- Bus stops for services to Burton Town Centre, Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield

A well-used and well-maintained underpass from Tatenhill Lane provides for a short-cut to Branston on foot and by cycle. See map below for details.

## Taking your bike on the train at Burton

Crosscountry trains have two reservable bike spaces and one further space for unreserved bikes. Bikes without a reservation will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and can only be carried subject to space being available. Cycle reservations can be made online via the Crosscountry website and may take up to 24 hours and spaces are subject to availability. If you require a reservation at short notice, get in touch through Social Media using their Twitter handle: @CrossCountryUK or through Facebook, where a member of staff will reply within 30 mins, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Cycle spaces on Crosscountry trains operating between Cardiff and Nottingham (serving Burton) are typically located within coach C.



# CYCLING

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Cycling also provides an opportunity for exercise as well as an efficient and low-cost way of travelling around the local area. The route between Branston Locks and Burton upon Trent town centre is flat with off-carriageway cycleway provision along much of the route. See the enclosed cycling map for the Burton urban area.

Burton upon Trent town centre and Burton Railway Station are approximately 4km from Branston Locks, that's a 20-minute journey time at a cycling speed of 12kmph.

Give your local cycling journeys a kick-start with our cycling offer. As our first householders at Branston Locks we would like to offer you a £100 voucher to spend at Cycling 2000 in Burton upon Trent. You can use this voucher to stock up on cycle accessories, cycle repairs, towards the cost of a new cycle or even to rent the latest e-bikes. Check out the Cycling 2000 website to see what they have to offer. [cycling2000.co.uk](http://cycling2000.co.uk)

To claim your voucher complete and return the enclosed feedback form.

## Useful websites for route planning:

[www.cyclestreets.net](http://www.cyclestreets.net) - Cycling Journey Planner.

[www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk) and search 'cycling' for links on local cycling routes, inclusive cycling, local cycling clubs, cycling events, training courses and much more.

[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk) - a leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day.

## Local Cycle Groups and Rides

If you are interested in getting out on your bike in a group check out the following local cycling clubs:

The Mercia Cycling Club is a road cycling club organising regular club runs and events: [merciacyclingclub.co.uk](http://merciacyclingclub.co.uk)

CTC Derby and Burton are a member group of Cycling UK organising regular rides starting in Derby and Burton alongside cycling holidays and tours: [ctcdab.uk](http://ctcdab.uk)

Also see [letsride.co.uk](http://letsride.co.uk) for details of Breeze Rides (for women only), group and led rides.

## Cycle Training

Bikeability Cycle training is delivered by Staffordshire County Council with courses available in school. You can find out more from your child's school or by contacting [info@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:info@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Adult one-to-one cycle training can help develop safe cycle skills and confidence for cycling on the road, learn about local routes or if you are an absolute beginner can get you started with riding a bike. As part of the Travel Plan we can arrange **free one-to-one adult cycling sessions**. To arrange a session please complete and return the enclosed feedback form.

# BUS SERVICES

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Nurton Developments have a commitment to delivering a frequent bus service between Branston Locks and Burton Town Centre. In these early stages of development, flexible public transport services are being developed. Existing bus services can be boarded in Branston. This includes the X12 Express service between Burton Town Centre, Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield. See the map for details of where to board.

The latest timetables for these services are included within this pack for further information see: [midlandclassic.com](http://midlandclassic.com)

You can download the ZipTrip App from the App Store for journey planning, to see live bus arrival times and for traffic updates.

In advance of dedicated bus services at Branston Locks we will reimburse the cost of your local bus travel for an initial six-month period following your move to Branston Locks. This includes travel to Lichfield and Derby. To find out how to claim please complete and return the enclosed feedback form.

