

Transport Special By Bus to Witney

Although the actual car journey to Witney takes only about 20 minutes, one then spends ages circling the Waitrose and Sainsbury's car parks waiting to swoop on a vacant space. This will get worse with the recent closure of the longer-stay car park for the Marriott Close re-development.



You can get a useful little leaflet with the times on the buses themselves, at the Council offices in Witney or from Stagecoach in Gloucester Green, Oxford. The timetable is clearly displayed on the official bus stops in Milton (almost opposite the Quart Pot pub) and

Shipton (opposite the Post Office). You can also hail the bus at other places where the driver can stop.

It's the Bus for Us!

Why not try the 233 Stagecoach bus service? It can deliver you to the centre of Witney via the scenic route (Burford and Minster Lovell) from Milton or Shipton in about 35 minutes door to door. The return fare is below £3, little more than the cost of the petrol. Older residents can ride free, if they don't take the first bus, so no need to get up early!. The bus offers a 90 minute service throughout the day Monday to Saturday inclusive. The first (school) bus leaves Milton at 8.00 am (8.12 am during school holidays), Monday to Friday, calling at Shipton a few minutes later. The last bus leaves Witney (Market Place) at 6.00 pm.

It Gets There in the End

Two minor caveats; the school buses tend to take longer for obvious reasons and the meandering route through the Witney housing estates can be a bit worrying though you do reliably end up at your destination in the middle of Witney. The 9.45 am bus to Witney even takes you on to the Sainsbury's stop, giving an hour and a half for shopping, and collecting you at noon in time for lunch at home. Your comments on the bus service would be welcomed. I continue lobbying the County Council and Stagecoach to get a better bus service to Chipping Norton.
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