

Harwell

Harwell Campus Information Pack

LIFE AT HARWELL





Welcome to Harwell Campus, the UK's leading science, innovation and technology campus that's host to an array of over £2bn of world leading research infrastructure and many exciting and innovative organisations. Harwell is an integral part of Oxfordshire's high value economic infrastructure and the Science Vale, the UK's knowledge spine.

This pack is designed to give you an overview of the amenities and services available to you at [Harwell Campus website](#) but is not exhaustive as new initiatives and services are springing up all the time. We recommend that you regularly check the Harwell Campus website for news and events and that you sign up to receive ongoing information about events and activities on campus (please email connect@harwellcampus.com for this).

You and over 6000 others are part of this vibrant, fast-growing community, working inside some 200+ organisations here including the UK Research Councils, start-ups, international organisations and commercial partnerships. A truly interdisciplinary environment, Harwell is also home to a number of growing clusters of innovative organisations across the Space, Life Sciences/HealthTec and EnergyTec sectors, alongside other key fields such as Big Data, Advanced Materials and Cryogenics among other sectors.

The 710-acre site boasts more than 70 years of

world-changing innovation, from the foundation of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment in 1946 to the opening of the Diamond Synchrotron in 2007. Campus development continues today with the arrival of new buildings and organisations plus a residential quarter located at the north of the site that commences consultation in early 2018.

Networking, events and communal areas facilitate valuable interaction within the campus community as well as with external customers and suppliers.

Achieving a good work/life balance at Harwell is helped by its rural location, just twenty minutes from Oxford and 15 minutes from Didcot. London and Heathrow are less than an hour away, making the campus ideally located for local, national and international science and enterprise.

If you would like to sign up to personal communications about Harwell Campus events and activities you can simply opt into the mailing list. Please complete the online Google Form [here](#).

Please see here for a map of Harwell Campus.

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Transport

Harwell Campus is located directly off slip-roads (north and south) at the A34 junction at Chilton, near Didcot. The A34 intersects the M4 motorway at Junction 13 of the M4 and is fewer than 15 minutes (9 miles) away from campus. Junctions 8 and 9 of the M40 are both within 30 minutes reach and the campus is well connected for all forms of transport:

Bus

The [Science Transit Shuttle](#) bus connects the Oxford Science Area to the Old Road Campus and Harwell Campus (please see website for eligibility and terms). The service also has an Oxford City Centre stop.

The [Space Shuttle](#) is a daily shuttle that runs twice a day, morning and evening between Harwell Campus and Didcot Parkway. Tickets are available from the Satellite Applications Catapult.

The [Harwell Connector \(X32/32A\)](#) bus connects Harwell, Abingdon, Wantage, Chilton, Didcot Parkway and Oxford.

The [South Oxfordshire Zone](#) has buses run by the Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel, see the website to view the areas covered in the zone map.

For travel in and around Oxford see the [Stagecoach Bus network](#). For travel from Oxford to London see the bus route for the [Oxford Tube here](#).

There is an [Oxford Bus Discount](#) Scheme for Harwell Employees.

Train

Didcot Parkway Mainline Rail Station is only 5 miles away from campus, with direct services to Central London (Paddington), just 45 minutes away and Oxford City Centre in under 15 minutes. A frequent bus service from the campus serves both Oxford and Didcot Parkway rail stations.

Check out the [National Rail](#) train travel enquiries for trains to Didcot Parkway, the nearest train station to Harwell and [The Trainline](#) for advance tickets.

Car

To plan your route to Harwell Campus go to [Google maps](#). If you are interested in a car sharing scheme please find information about the [Harwell Lift Share scheme here](#).

For electric car owners there is an electric charge point located centrally at RAL Reception (R75).

There are several petrol stations close to the campus, here is a [link](#) to check the closest one for your journey. [Milton Heights](#), Milton Interchange, Didcot Berkshire Downs Service Station, Chilton [Murco Garage](#), Rowstock [Moto Services](#), Chieveley

Taxi

Taxi companies serve the campus from Didcot Parkway, where there is a taxi rank.

[Pryors](#): 01235 812345

[Go Green Taxis](#): 01235 811100

Ken's Taxi: 01235 554444

Bicycle

Oxfordshire has a growing cycling community, so you will not be alone if you decide that you would like to cycle to the campus. There is also a Harwell bicycle users group [HarBUG](#) where you can find out more about the cycle routes to Harwell Campus and the surrounding areas and connect with fellow cyclists.

There are a number of facilities for cyclists on [Campus](#), including cycle stands, shower and changing facilities. Please see the HarBUG site for more details

[Cycle Route 544](#) connects Didcot and Wantage.

The route offers a leisurely ride running along the north edge of the downlands and offering views of the Thames Valley and Didcot Power Station. Around 6.5 miles are virtually traffic-free on a combination of public bridleways, tracks and quiet country lanes.

[Brompton Bike Hire](#) is available from Didcot Parkway railway station and [Mountain Mania](#) in Didcot is the nearest bike shop to campus, able to advise on bike purchase and hire..

Airports

London Heathrow and Southampton airports are each an hour away by road. Oxford Airport is 30 minutes from Harwell Campus and is expanding, currently running scheduled flights that include Geneva and Jersey, with connections to more than 1,000 airports across Europe.

London Gatwick, Birmingham, Bristol and Luton airports can all be reached in less than 1.5 hours from the Campus.

[London Heathrow Airport](#)

[Southampton Airport](#)

[Oxford Airport](#)

There are many different types of short and long stay accommodation on offer, both on and near Harwell Campus.

Hotels

[Ridgeway House](#) located on Harwell Campus

[Milton Hill House Hotel](#) Milton Hill

[Kingswell Hotel & Restaurant](#) Didcot

[Steventon House](#) Hotel Steventon

[Premier Inn Milton](#) Gate Didcot

[The Swan](#) Compton

[The Bear](#) Wantage

[Crown & Thistle](#) Abingdon

[Oxford Abingdon Hotel Abingdon](#) (currently under refurbishment, with name change imminent)

[Coseners House Abingdon](#) (weekends only for bookings)

[Westwood Hotel](#) Kennington

[Gorgeous Cottage](#) East Hendred

Serviced Apartments and Short Lets

[Ashbrook Lets](#) Blewbury

[Brook Farm Cottages](#) Abingdon

Bed & Breakfast (B&B)

[The Red Lion Pub & Kitchen](#) Blewbury

[Home Farm House](#) Steventon

[Cherry Tree](#) Steventon

[Manor Farm](#) Wantage

[Mather House](#) East Hendred

[Southern Wood](#) Didcot

[The Laurels Guest](#) House Didcot

Amenities

Harwell Campus has a wide range of amenities including cafes, restaurants, health and beauty centres and a Post Office for convenience. Set amidst farm and woodland, the site has many open spaces and areas where you can relax, picnic or walk through green, landscaped areas.

Restaurants and Cafes

There are a number of restaurants, cafes and farm shops to choose from on Campus and close by.

Pierrepont's Café #Pierreponts@TheQuad

Open 08.00 - 17.00 - Monday to Friday

The café serves salads, sandwiches, cakes and drinks and there are also hot options available. If you are visiting the café you will need to either walk there (it is located behind the Quad One building on Becquerel Avenue) or if you drive, please park in the Thomson Avenue Car Park and use the pathway from the Quad car park directly to the café. Please note there is no parking at the café itself. Take-away as well as eat in options are available.

R22 Restaurant and Coffee Lounge is available to all campus occupiers, serving breakfast and lunch, together with snacks and beverages all day. It also sells newspapers, greetings cards and a selection of other handy items.

R1 Coffee shop

Open Monday to Friday from 08:30 - 16:00

Located within the RAL Library building, serving hot and

cold drinks, snacks and sandwiches.

Costa Coffee

Open 08:30 - 16:00 is located within the Satellite Applications Catapult, Electron Building, Fermi Avenue and is available to all campus occupiers – no pass required. Costa serves one hot meal at lunchtime, plus sandwiches, baguettes and cakes throughout the day.

The Wandering Kitchen

Visits Harwell Campus every Wednesday, for most of the year.

Assorted food purveyors serve hot and cold food and beverages from a pitch on the edge of the recreation field, off Curie Avenue. [Click to register](#) for updates, opening times and weekly suppliers.

Bloomers Sandwich Bar

Open from 07.30 for breakfast. Closes around 14.00hrs Offer a selection of sandwiches, baguettes, soup and salad. Located at the Shopping Centre, Curie Avenue. 01235 833885 for orders.

Sandwich Express. 01865 390288.

Offer a sandwich delivery service to companies on campus which can be arranged direct by contacting them.

McColls Shop on Curie Avenue sells sandwiches, some hot food and a selection of supermarket items. Tel: 01235 834391. Open weekdays 06.30-18.00 and 07.00 – 12.00 on Saturdays and Sundays.

Ridgeway House located on Harwell Campus.

A new restaurant will open later in 2018 in the refurbished HQ Building on Thomson Avenue. Details will be circulated prior to its opening.

Nearby Pubs/Restaurants & Cafes

Chilton Wyevale Garden Centre with Café

Just outside Campus, towards Chilton village

The Rose & Crown Chilton

Style Acre, Savages Farm Shop Blewbury

The Red Lion Pub & Kitchen Blewbury

The Packhorse Harwell

The Hart of Harwell Harwell

The Wheatsheaf East Hendred

Eyston Arms East Hendred

The Blueberry Blewbury

The Harrow West Ilsley

The Swan East Ilsley

Q Gardens Tea Room Milton Hill

Beefeater Milton Gate, Didcot

Costa Coffee Milton Gate, Didcot

Harvester Milton Gate, Didcot

Post Office

Open weekdays 06.30-18.00 and 07.00 – 12.00 on Sat/Sun.

The Post Office is located, within McColls Shop, Curie Avenue, Harwell Campus Tel: 01235 834391.

Cashpoints

RAL R22 Coffee Lounge

Post Office Counter – within McColls Shop

Banks

Barclays Bank – Now on campus

Barclays know this is a worrying time for their

customers and are here to help you, your colleagues and their families as the Coronavirus situation evolves.

They have created a [Coronavirus hub](#) that will be regularly updated, keeping you informed about managing your money, providing help and support on finances and travel, and advising you on staying fraud-safe. You can also contact Barclays via email: harwell@barclays.com

Other local banks include:

Banks in Didcot

Banks in Oxford

Banks in Wantage

Supermarkets and Mini Marts

McColls Shop, Curie Avenue, Harwell Campus

Tel: 01235 834391

Rowstock Petrol Station

Milton Hill Services includes M&S BP outlet

Hairdressers

Atomic Hair Curie Avenue, Harwell Campus.

Garden Centres

[Chilton Garden Centre](#) with café and antiques, Chilton

Butchers

Bob's Butchers Harwell Village

Farm Shops

Savages Farm Shop Blewbury – fruit, vegetables, plants, gifts and café.

The Old Farm Shop Milton Hill

Q Gardens Farm Shop and Butchers Milton Hill

Local Garage Services

[Mellors Garage, Challow](#) provide a collection and delivery service for car servicing and repairs. 01235 760606

[Scotlands Ash Garage](#) is very close to Harwell Campus and they provide a courtesy car service while your car is being serviced. 01235850707.

The Campus Community - Networking

Harwell Campus is a thriving community and you will have no problem meeting other people and staying connected on campus, as there are a number of lively professional forums, networking groups, student groups and events that you can join.

These regular and ad hoc events may also prove useful in contributing towards your own Continuous Professional Development.

Professional Forums

These now encompass Marketing, Human Resources, Facilities Management, Personal Assistants, Space Professionals and Project Management. If you would like to join one of these communities, please see [Linked In/Harwell](#) Campus or contact connect@harwellcampus.com who will put you in touch with the organiser.

Connect Harwell is a bi-monthly networking meeting that's free and is open to everyone on campus. Held in different venues, it showcases the facilities here and provides an opportunity for people to meet and collaborate. Light refreshments are provided.

Connect Harwell Workshops are free monthly workshops that provide quality, value-added business advice at the Satellite Applications Catapult. Masterclasses include key topics including accounting, law, marketing, negotiating, access to finance, data protection and others. Sign up is via invitation links or the Harwell Campus event page. Workshops are open to external guests and are sponsored by preferred business suppliers. They are free of charge and a light lunch is provided.

Please contact connect@harwellcampus.com if you would like to hear about campus Connect events.

Satuccino

14.30 - 16.00 hrs, First Wednesday of every month from and is a networking event for space related organisations on campus to find out what is going on as well as to share ideas and opportunities. These events are held at the Satellite Applications Catapult, Fermi Avenue. Contact marketing@catapult-org.ccsend.com

Space Cakes is on the third Thursday of every month and is informal networking and collaboration event for residents (both current and alumni) of the ESA BIC (European Space Agency, Business Incubation Companies), Atlas Building, space community and ITAC (Innovation Technology Access Centre). This is an ideal opportunity to share ideas, contacts and best practice as well as to identify possible areas for collaboration or just to meet your neighbours. Contact Joanna Hart Joanna.hart@stfc.ac.uk

Space Young Professionals Group is a newly formed group and for details please contact connect@harwellcampus.com for details.

Harwell Green Club is a monthly informal forum to bring people together to share information, make new connections and exchange views. Please go to the Harwell website for details.

Perhaps you are a student and would love to connect with other students on the campus, take a look at the Students at Harwell site for more information.

NxtGen Programme is a central hub for early stage career professionals and students, signposting and organising events and opportunities to support integration into campus life. For more information about the programme, please contact abigail.richings@harwellcampus.com

Talking Science at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory delivers a series of fascinating, FREE monthly scientific lectures by invited speakers. External guests also attend these popular events.

Languages at Lunch offers language lessons during your lunch hour, during term times.

Guitar Lessons for Beginners is available during term time. Please contact hughturner1@aol.com if you are interested in joining the group sessions.

The Harwell Festival of Science & Technology (formerly the STEAM Ahead Fun Day) is an annual summer event and an opportunity to bring your family to the Campus. It's a great day out where all the family can enjoy taking part in fun science activities as well as meeting other members of the community including organisations such as the Scouts, Brownies and conservation organisations. Details are advertised on the Harwell

Campus website and due to the Coronavirus, the next one will be in June 2021.

Recreation, Health, Wellbeing and Fitness

Harwell has excellent sports pitches and a well-appointed sports pavilion, as well as a number of connecting cycle paths and running/walking routes around and into the campus. See here for a map of the different cycle routes available.

There are numerous links to The Ridgeway, known as Britain's oldest road, and the Berkshire Downs. Surfaces vary from tarmac to tar spray to gravel chippings to limestone dust, but are designed for easy riding throughout.

There is also a Harwell Running Club Oxford Fusion where a group of people run at lunchtime and welcome fellow runners.

The Harwell Laboratories Recreation Association

(HLRA) is a voluntary organisation that runs the facilities for Harwell Campus. All personnel employed at Harwell can join the HLRA for a small annual subscription and thereby have access to all the clubs above and to possibly set up their own hobby/club if they wish.

There are many Sports & Clubs run by HLRA including: Archery, Cricket, Croquet, Evening League Cricket, Football, 6-a-side Football, Rounders, Rugby, Running, Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Aunt Sally. Membership forms and further information are available at HLRA. You can join the Rec Soc Facebook page to also see more.

Cinemas and Arts Centre

Cineworld, Didcot

The Beacon, Wantage

Cinemall, Abingdon

Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot

Gyms

The Fitness Experts is a fresh alternative to traditional gyms and they are located behind Quad One Building, Becquerel Avenue, next to Pierrepoint Cafe.

The Fitness Experts offer a free 6 day trial www.thefitnessexperts.co.uk, (select the Harwell Club, and click 'free trial') and they also offer Corporate memberships.

Instagram page: (The_Fitness_Experts)

Facebook Page: 'The Fitness Experts Harwell'

For any specific questions please feel free to email

harwell@thefitnessexperts.co.uk

Endeavour Personal Training

For personal training with Endeavour, visit Curie Avenue Shopping Centre.

A free **Outdoor Gym** is situated on the main sports recreation field, off Thomson Avenue.

Dentists

Harwell Dental Practice at Curie Avenue on the Campus is a fully independent practice offering affordable private dental care.

Doctors

The National number for urgent medical concerns is 111. [Details here](#).

See the [National Health Service \(NHS\)](#) site for more details of Doctors (GP – Medical Practitioner) in the Harwell area, including NHS user ratings, whether they are currently accepting new patients and have online booking and prescription facilities.

Woodlands Medical Centre Didcot

Didcot Health Centre Didcot

The Oak Tree Health Centre Didcot

Aquarius Complementary Healthcare Curie Avenue, has health practitioners who provide a wide range of therapies for mind, body and spirit.

Sue Evans, Holistic Therapist: 07799411994/

SueEvans999@hotmail.com

Chiropractor

Karen Ambrose is a McTimoney Chiropractor located at Curie Avenue, on campus.

Hospitals

The nearest Accident & Emergency (A & E) serving Harwell is 13 miles away at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The Abingdon Community Hospital has an Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit (EMU) and Minor Injuries Unit open from 10.00 – 22.30 daily

Children's Nurseries and Day Care

Little Stars The Atlas Centre, Fermi Avenue

Bright Horizons The International Centre, Curie Avenue

Beanstalk Nursery & Day Care Milton Hill

Oxfordshire Activity and News

Here are a few Oxfordshire websites that will help you plan ahead whether for recreation or business.

Harwellcampus.com (events section listings)

[Experience Oxfordshire](#)

[Oxford Mail](#)

[Visit Southern Oxfordshire](#)

[What's On Oxfordshire Cotswolds](#)

[Visit Didcot](#)

[Visit Abingdon](#)

[Science Vale](#)

Relocation Support

For help when relocating to the UK from overseas

Clearview can offer practical advice and support.

[Clearview Relocation](#)

[OxLEP](#) offer free advice and support for organisations moving into the county.

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