

**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](mailto: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 inter-disciplinary 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.

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. You can also plan your [A34 Motorway Services](#) available online:

[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 [the Harwell 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

## **Serviced Apartments and Short Lets**

[Ashbrook Lets](#) Blewbury

[Brook Farm Cottages](#) Abingdon

## **Bed & Breakfast (B&B)**

[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.

**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** is located within the RAL Library building and is open Monday to Friday from 08:30 - 16:00 for hot and cold drinks, snacks and sandwiches.

**A Costa Coffee** 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. Opening hours are from 08:30 - 16:00

There's nothing better than the varied choices on offer from January to October, when **The Wandering Kitchen** visits Harwell Campus. Various vans serving hot and cold food and beverages pitch on the edge of the playing fields off Curie Avenue every Wednesday lunchtime. [Click to register](#) for updates, opening times and weekly suppliers.

For breakfast in a bap or a homemade sandwich or salad, **Bloomers Sandwich Bar** is at the Shopping Centre, Curie Avenue. 01235 833885 for orders. There is also a sandwich delivery service which can be arranged direct : [Sandwich Express](#). 01865 390288.

**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

[The Rose & Crown](#) Chilton

Style Acre, Savages Farm Shop 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**

Post Office, within McColls Shop, Curie Avenue, Harwell  
Campus Tel: 01235 834391. Open weekdays  
06.30-18.00 and 07.00 – 12.00 on Sat/Sun.

### **Cashpoints**

RAL R22 Coffee Lounge  
Post Office Counter – within McColls Shop

### **Banks**

There are a number of banks in the area:

[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**

[Wyevale Garden Centre](#) with café, 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 with plenty  
going on. You will have no problem meeting other  
people and staying connected on campus, as there are a  
number of lively professional forums, networking  
groups, learning sessions, 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](mailto: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 in an interactive setting at the Satellite Applications Catapult. Delegates have access to masterclasses in key business areas such as accounting, law, marketing, negotiating, access to finance, data protection and other business topics. 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](mailto:connect@harwellcampus.com) if you would like to hear about campus Connect events.

**Satuccino** is on the first Wednesday of every month from 2.30-4.00pm 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 Caroline Rendon-Garcia at [marketing@catapult-org.ccsend.com](mailto: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 practices as well as to identify possible areas for collaboration or just to meet your neighbours. Contact Joanna Hart [Joanna.hart@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:Joanna.hart@stfc.ac.uk)

**Space Young Professionals Group** is a newly formed group and for details please contact [connect@harwellcampus.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**NxtGn 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](mailto:abigail.richings@harwellcampus.com)

**Guitar Lessons for Beginners** is available during term time. Please contact [hughturner1@aol.com](mailto:hughturner1@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the group sessions.

**The Harwell Campus & Chilton Village Family 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 the 2018 Fun Day is on Saturday 9th June.

## **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. There are plenty of green spaces, an outdoor gym alongside the recreation field and an attractive pond area to enjoy. 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

## **Gym**

The Outdoor Gym is situated on the main sports field, off Thomson Avenue and is free for use by everyone on campus.

A new indoor gym at the Quad One development is currently under construction.

For personal training, visit [Endeavour Personal Training](#), Curie Avenue Shopping Centre.

## **Dentists**

[Harwell Dental Practice](#) at Fermi 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](mailto: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**

Oxfordshire has a lot to offer and here are a few 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 these organisations can offer practical advice and support.

Clearview Relocation

Expatriate Know How

OxLEP offer free advice and support for organisations moving into the county.

## **Contact Us**

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