

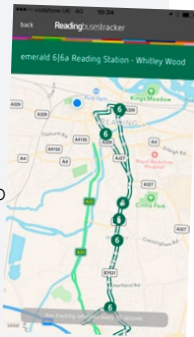
# TRAVELWISE

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## Mobile bus app

Reading Buses have launched a new mobile app for iOS and Android giving you a one-stop shop for both information and ticketing.



The most popular feature allows you to watch your bus getting closer to you in real time. So you never have to wonder when the next bus is again.

[www.reading-buses.co.uk/app](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/app)

## Contactless and mobile payments on buses

Reading Buses now accept contactless payments via debit cards, or via their new app. This means you no longer have to worry about finding the correct change – ideal for visitors to Reading. It will still be slightly cheaper to use easysaver10 tickets and very regular users should take advantage of the range of longer period passes available from 7 days to 1 year.

## Two buses one ticket

Reading buses have also launched a 60 minute ticket that can be used on more than one bus. Ideal if you need to change buses to complete your journey. The final bus journey must start within the 60 minute period, it doesn't have to be completed then. These currently cost £2.50 on the bus and can be bought using the mobile app



## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING ON CAMPUS

We now have our first charging points for electric vehicles (EVCP's) on Whiteknights campus! These are located in the pay and display car park near the SportsPark, usual parking permits/fees apply. We have four reserved parking bays with two charging posts. They are part of Chargemaster's Polar network (although they won't be publically advertised as part of the network as we only want to encourage University members and

visitors to use them). Users will need to sign up to the Polar network which has two options – a monthly Polar Plus account (<https://polar-network.com/>). Or a pay as you go option Polar Instant <https://www.polarinstant.com/> which has an admin fee of £1.20 per charge. Electricity will be charged at 15p/kwh for both account types to cover the University's electricity costs.

## CO-WHEELS ON CAMPUS

Don't forget about our Co-wheels cars on campus that you can hire by the hour. Free £10 credit for University staff and students when you sign up. – [www.reading.ac.uk/sustainabilityservices/travel/carclub](http://www.reading.ac.uk/sustainabilityservices/travel/carclub)



## FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND YAMMER

Remember to follow the Sustainability Services on Twitter or like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest news – see next page



## MORE SPACE TO SHARE



New wider shared path from Friends Bridge to Meteorology.

If you've been to the Earley Gate side of campus since the Easter break you will hopefully have spotted our new wider path from Friends Bridge to Meteorology. These path improvements are intended to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists to ensure they can share the route safely.

The improvements follow feedback received from University colleagues in the 2016 Travel Survey. Staff and students said this path suffered most from overcrowding and pedestrian cyclist issues. To read the full travel survey results report and summary visit: [reading.ac.uk/sustainabilityservices/travel](http://reading.ac.uk/sustainabilityservices/travel)

### Route improvements consultation

The improvements are part of a wider strategy on campus routes that is being developed. Hopefully you shared your views on the consultation. See the [staff and student portals](#) for more information.

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# BIKESMART

Many University members have been taking part in the Bikesmart campaign, collecting points for their cycle and walking journeys and getting involved in various initiatives. It was great to see so many attendees at our recent bike maintenance session run by Bikesmart.

Congratulations to Fokion Kaldis, a PhD student at the University who won the University specific Bikesmart draw, and to Erika Delbecque from the Library, (pictured below with Karen Robertson, Bikesmart Reading's Challenge Manager, and Karen Stanbridge, University Sustainable Travel Coordinator) who won the Reading-wide prize draw for April. They have both won £100 in Oracle vouchers.

For those who have not yet signed up there is still time – visit the Bikesmart website [bikesmartreading.betterpoints.uk](http://bikesmartreading.betterpoints.uk)

Also running throughout June is the Reading Cycle Challenge - join in with your colleagues as a team and encourage them to cycle - it's about participation not distance. To get involved visit [www.lovetoride.net/bikesmart](http://www.lovetoride.net/bikesmart)



## Why Readybike?

"Hopping on a Readybike when I arrive in Reading is quicker, healthier, cheaper and more enjoyable than taking the bus! It is so convenient to not have to take my bike on the train. The fact that both University campuses in Reading have their own Readybike docks also makes it really easy to quickly travel between campuses for meetings, which saves me a lot of time."

**Erica Delbecque**

## STAYING DRY WHILE WAITING FOR THE BUS

As part of the Chancellors Way resurfacing we have included a new, wider bus layby to enable buses to overtake each other more easily, and increased the size of the shelter, so you can keep dry while waiting for the next 21 or 21a.

