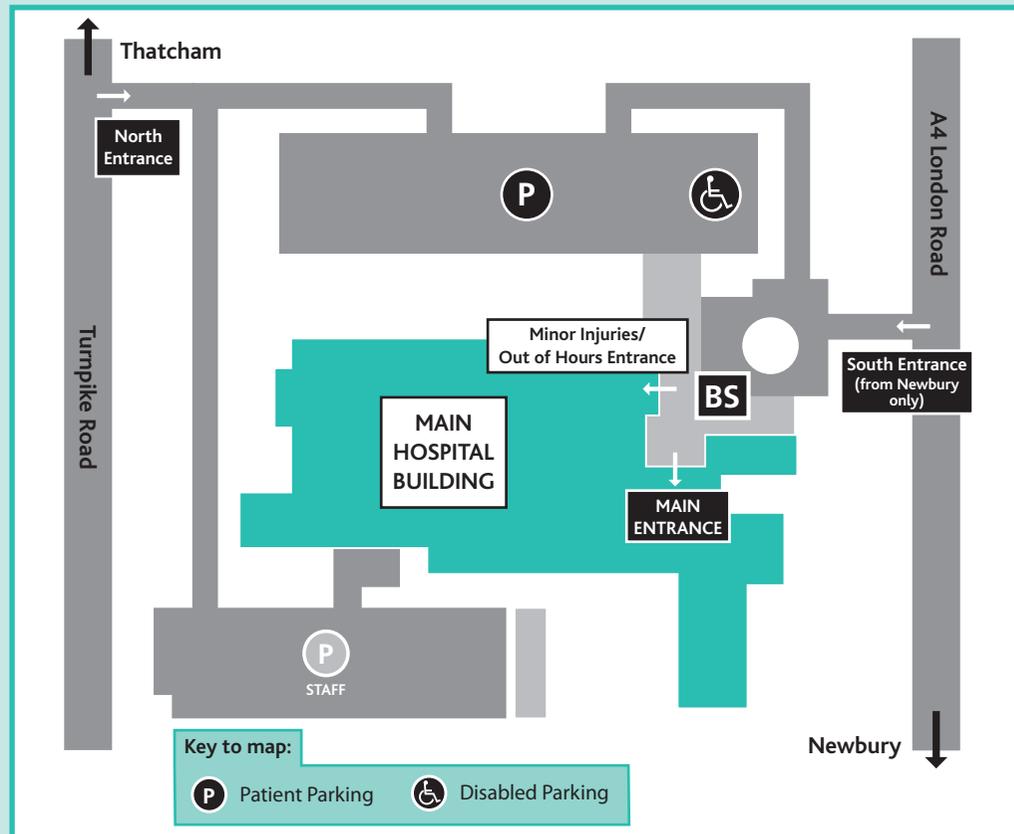
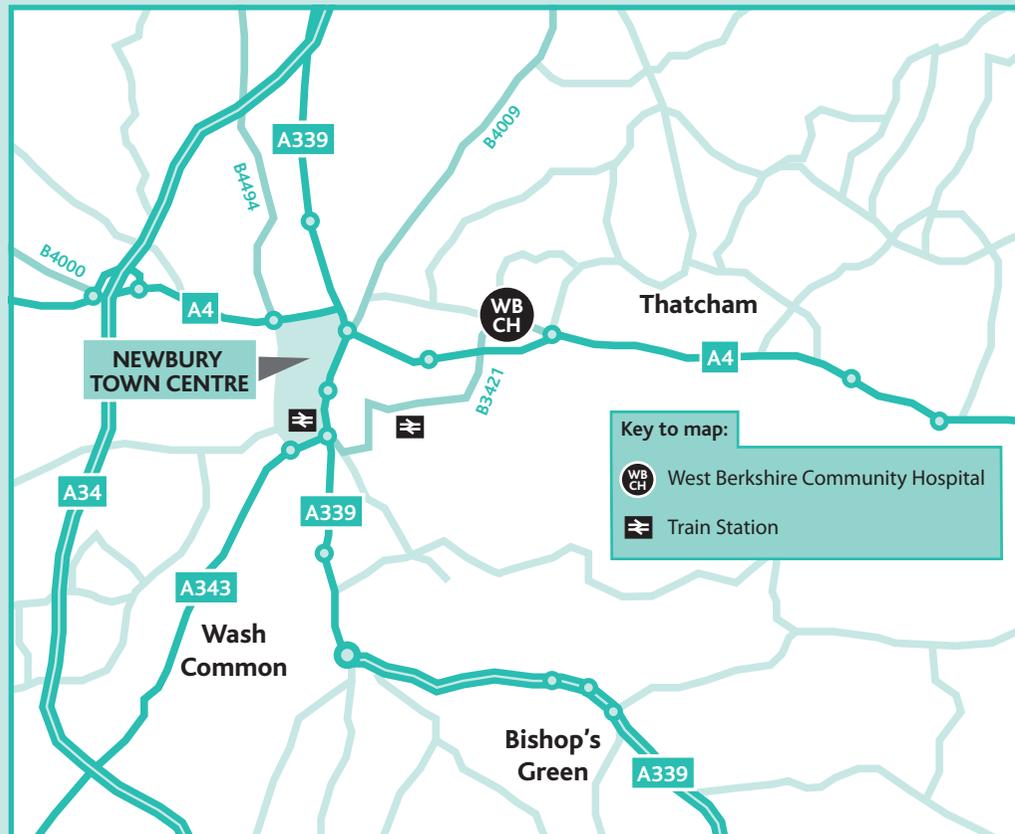


# Getting to: West Berkshire Community Hospital

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## Travel

West Berkshire Community Hospital is easily located approximately two miles east of Newbury at Turnpike, on the A4 between Newbury and Thatcham.

## By car:

There are two road entrances to the hospital:

The South Entrance is located directly off the A4 and may only be accessed by vehicles coming from Newbury and turning left into the site.

No right turn is possible from the Thatcham direction.

The North Entrance and exit has unlimited access and is located on Turnpike Road, off the Garden Centre roundabout on the A4.

## By bus:

There are regular bus services from both Newbury and Thatcham which stop at the hospital.

Reading Buses 0118 959 4000  
[www.reading-buses.co.uk](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk)

Traveline 0871 200 22 33  
[www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk)

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## Parking

Pay and Display car parking is available at the hospital, as well as designated spaces for disabled parking, motorcycles and bicycles. There is also a Drop Off point and a taxi rank near the Main Entrance.

# About: West Berkshire Community Hospital

The West Berkshire Community Hospital is a modern hospital located near Thatcham. The Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust runs a number of services here, including outpatient clinics, x-ray and day surgery unit. Our patients also have access to blood tests, physiotherapy and occupational therapy on the site.

Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust also run a Minor Injuries Unit at the site.

## Your appointment

Your appointment letter will tell you the date and time of your appointment. Please check your letter carefully before you set off for your appointment and please let us know if you are unable to attend.

Please follow any instructions given in your appointment letter or card and follow the signs to the relevant department. The main reception desk is located on the ground floor – please ask the receptionists or any members of staff if you need help in finding your way to your appointment.

## Facilities

There are public toilets and disabled toilet with baby changing facilities on the site. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters are available in the main reception area.

A taxi phone is located in the main reception area and a public phone is located near the minor injuries unit in the outpatient department.

## Special requirements

If you have any special needs relating to a disability, or you require language or communication support, please ring the telephone number given in your appointment letter so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## Refreshment and retail facilities

The restaurant is on the ground floor and is open 8.30am-3.30pm (vending machines available 24 hours).

The League of Friends tea bar is on the ground floor and is open 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.00pm-4.00pm Monday-Friday.

There is a Patient Information Point near the Main Entrance, providing general health information.

## Infection control: what you can do

We take infection prevention and control very seriously. As an outpatient, the best way you can help contribute to preventing germs passing from one patient to another is by washing your hands or using the hand gel which you will find in all clinical areas.

If you have recently had diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please wait until 48 hours has elapsed from your last symptom before visiting the hospital. Patients/visitors who suspect that they may have an infection should telephone the ward or department and ask for advice before coming in.

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If you would like this information in another language or in large print or Braille, please contact the Patient Relations Team on 0118 322 8338 or email [talktous@royalberkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:talktous@royalberkshire.nhs.uk)

Please help us keep our hospitals clean and tidy. By disposing of waste (for example used tissues or sweet wrappers) in the household waste bins provided.

## Tell us your views

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our service or if you have any concerns you would like addressed, please contact the Patient Relations Team on 0118 322 8338 or email [talktous@royalberkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:talktous@royalberkshire.nhs.uk).

## Friends and Family Test

You will be asked to give feedback by answering the government's Friends & Family test question – *How likely are you to recommend our service to family and friends if they needed similar care or treatment?* - by filling in a card given to you before you leave hospital. If you haven't been given a card, please ask for one at the reception area in the ward or department you visited.