

## Great Wolford Village – Public Transport

The simple explanation is that services are extremely limited.

The more complicated answer is that there is a Shipston LINK bus service on a Friday that leaves Great Wolford at 10.07 am and arrives in Shipston at 10.34. The return is then from Shipston at 12.05 and arrives back at Great Wolford at 12.32 pm.

The Villager Bus operates on Wednesday only and could get you from Great Wolford (1.54 pm) to Chipping Norton (2.33). The return trip commences from Chipping Norton at 3.47 returning to Great Wolford at 4.06 pm. However, timetabled arrival and departure in Great Wolford is dependent on nobody requesting transport to Moreton-in-Marsh (which seems a little unlikely!).

UBUS operate a minibus request service in the Great Wolford area on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The service is based in Stratford-upon-Avon and can be requested on these days up to seven days in advance. An example fare is £3.40 each way from Great Wolford to Stratford. Trips to Shipston can also be accommodated. UBUS point out that the service is available on a first come, first served basis with the return trip booked over the phone at the same time as the pickup. Prospective users can register with UBUS by phoning 01789 264491 (no registration charge).

There are bus services available for the transport of school pupils to and from a number of local schools. These appear from around 7.30 – 8.00 pm during school mornings and drop off from around 4.00 to 4.30 pm in the afternoon. Services go to Chipping Campden School, Shipston School, Shottery Girls (Stratford) and when required, to Sibford School. There are no services to Cotswold School in Bourton or Chipping Norton School.

The School Coaches are at present provided by Bakers Coaches based in Moreton-in-Marsh and are usually full size executive 55/53 seater coaches with the exception of the Sibford Bus, which is a minibus.

The nearest rail service is Moreton-in-Marsh which provides good services to London and Worcester. Taxi services from Great Wolford to Moreton would need to be booked well in advance as there are a limited number of suppliers, and little or no option to meet an unbooked taxi upon arrival at Moreton.

There are two volunteer driver agencies locally that can provide trips to local hospitals and doctors surgeries etc. Cotswold Friends in Moreton and VASA in Stratford can be contacted to arrange this. Costs are around 45-50p per mile travelled. Lifts are dependent on the availability of volunteer drivers and should be requested at least three days in advance.

Decisions to reside in Great Wolford are not made on the basis of living close to good public transport links. Travel in and out of the village relies heavily on access to your own private transport.