

# **TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR WOOL** *updated Oct 2026*

**Walk / Bike / Taxi / Community Transport / Bus / Rail / Coach:** *all the information you need!*

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## **Walking and Cycling**

Cycle route **NCN 2** along the south coast of England, passes through Wool via East Burton Road, Wool level crossing and Bindon Lane. This route is part of the [National Cycle Network](#).

An international cycle route called [Le Tour de Manche](#) also passes through Wool; it links Devon and Dorset with Normandy and Brittany via connecting ferries.

There is a signposted, off-road cycle/footpath from Wool Station to Bovington, passing the [Tank Museum](#) entrance.

There is another signposted cycle route connecting the station with [Dorset Innovation Park](#) and the Dorset Police HQ to the west of the village. The first part follows quiet back roads (Breach Field and Colliers Lane), and the last part uses the cycle/footpath along Dorchester Road.

Several leisure cycle rides in Purbeck are shown on Dorset Council's website [here](#). There are dozens of walks in Dorset which you can download [here](#).



*Cycle-route sign facing the station exit ➡*

We don't recommend walking to [Monkey World](#) (just to the north of Wool) because part of the route would be along a roadway in the path of fast-moving traffic.

## **Taxi**

**These taxi companies operate from Wool Station forecourt:**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Silver Cars</b>      | Tel: 01929 400409 |
| <b>Jurassic Cabs</b>    | Tel: 01929 558119 |
| <b>Garrison Cars</b>    | Tel: 01929 463395 |
| <b>EZ Riders Taxis</b>  | Tel: 01929 556575 |
| <b>Capital Cars</b>     | Tel: 07507600461  |
| <b>Durdle Door Cabs</b> | Tel: 01929 444546 |

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Purbeck Cabs</b>      | Tel: 01929 500604 |
| <b>A1 Taxis</b>          | Tel: 07758 130281 |
| <b>Wool Station Taxi</b> | Tel. 07447 120007 |

**A few other taxi companies operate in and around Wool:**

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Celtic Cabs</b>   | Tel. 01929 463311 |
| <b>Wool Taxi Co.</b> | Tel. 01929 558119 |

## Community Transport

### Car service for medical appointments:

The **Share and Care** car service is run by volunteers, and covers Wool and surrounding villages. The service provides transport to medical appointments (doctor, dentist, optician, hospital etc.) if no other means of getting there are available. A donation is requested based on mileage covered.

For details or to make bookings, ring [Share and Care](tel:07751968944) on 07751 968 944 and leave a message stating **your name, phone number and a brief summary of your need**. Please give at least 3 days' notice if possible. Someone will get back to you quite quickly (messages are picked up regularly between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday).

### Dorset Community Transport:

**PlusBus** "little green bus" community transport services are operated by Dorset Community Transport and are available to local residents unable to access public transport easily. They are not restricted to the elderly or those with limited mobility. To use PlusBus, simply register your details



with DCT initially and then pre-book your seat whenever you wish to join the bus. The DCT registration and booking line is open from approximately 9:30am to 2:30pm, Mon-Fri: *tel* 01258 287987 or *email* [dorset@ectcharity.co.uk](mailto:dorset@ectcharity.co.uk). The general enquiry number is 01258 287980.

Where possible, DCT can offer a "door-to-door" service and, with advance notice, can also accommodate passengers travelling in wheelchairs.

### *Revised PlusBus routes and fares for 2026:*

[PlusBus Routes "Dorchester A" and "Dorchester D"](#) pick up in the Wool area on **Wednesdays** at around 9:30am. The return bus leaves Dorchester Trinity Street at 12:30pm. The fare for the return trip to Dorchester is £9. Concessionary-fare bus passes are accepted for travel on this service.

[PlusBus Routes "Wareham A" and "Wareham B"](#) pick up in the Wool area on **Thursdays** at around 9:30am. The return bus leaves Wareham town centre at 12 noon. The fare for the return trip to Wareham is £6. Concessionary-fare bus passes are accepted for travel on this service. The Wareham service was formerly operated by Nordcat (who ceased trading).

DCT's [Group Transport](#) service is available for voluntary and community organisations including charities, social groups and schools. Groups are able to book a minibus, with one of DCT's drivers, for their own exclusive use.

## Bus

An electronic departure board giving up-to-the-minute bus times is located on Platform 2 at Wool Station. The information is also displayed electronically at the nearby bus stop.

Bus services in south Dorset are operated by a number of companies, principally:

- [Damory](#) - including school buses for Purbeck School
- [Dorset Community Transport](#) - including the Dorchester Market PlusBus
- [First Wessex](#) - including the X54 and summer buses X50 & 55
- [moreBus](#) - including summer buses: Jurassic Breezer 30 & 31
- [Discover Dorset](#) sightseeing - Jurassic Coast tours from Bournemouth & Poole
- [Dorset Tours](#) sightseeing - Jurassic Coast tours from Weymouth
- [South West Coaches](#) - in West Dorset

A full list of bus operators in Dorset is given [here](#).

### General information about buses:

The operator, route and timetable of bus services can change frequently, so you should check before travelling. Bus maps and timetable booklets are sometimes available from libraries, post offices and tourist information offices.

Timetables can be viewed online on the relevant operator's website, on the [National Public Transport Information](#) website (best for at-home printing) or on the [Bustimes](#) website (easiest to navigate).

Alternatively, telephone the **Traveline** call centre on **0871 200 22 33** (Lines open from 0700 to 2200 every day except Christmas Day).

**Shuttle bus services** provide handy connections with airports, ferries and some of the tourist attractions in the South, for example:

- [routeONE](#) from **Poole** railway station to the town, hospital and quay.
- [Quay Connect](#) from **Southampton Central** railway station to the shops and Town Quay ferry terminal. Free for Red Funnel & Red Jet ferry passengers.
- [RailAir](#) coaches from **Reading, Guildford** and **Woking** railway stations to Heathrow Airport.
- [Flightline 730/731](#) from **Basingstoke** railway station to Heathrow Airport
- [DCT 200](#) from Wareham Station to **RSPB Arne** nature reserve, Wednesdays (and other days in summer season)
- [Shuttle bus 52](#) from Wool Station to the **Tank Museum** (special event days only)

**Getting to Dorset County Hospital:** These bus services operate between Dorchester South railway station and Dorset County Hospital...

- [Damory](#) services 6 (to/from Poundbury), and CR9 (to/from Blandford)
- [First](#) service X51 (Dorchester-Axminster)

In addition, [First](#) service 10 (Weymouth-Dorchester-Poundbury) runs at frequent intervals from the main road bus stop (near the covered market) to the hospital.

The bus departure screen on the side wall of Dorchester South station shows the next bus service from the station bus stop. There's a plan to install lifts at Dorchester South station which will make it much easier to get over to the bus stop.

## Winter Bus Services for Wool and Lulworth



The **Coaster X54** bus service operates in our area throughout the year. During winter months, the service runs Monday-Saturday, except bank holidays.

During the “shoulder seasons” of Sept to Nov 26 and Mar to May 27, **Breezer 31** also operates on Saturdays, Sundays, bank holidays and during school holidays.

Both these bus services call at Wool Station, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door.

*See our **Bus & Rail Map** for Wool and Lulworth*

A summary is provided below. Full timetables are on Operators’ websites or see <https://bustimes.org/localities/wool>

**Breezer 31**      Wool Station – Winfrith – Lulworth – Wool Station    *circular*

*Sats, Suns, bank hols & sch hols, up to 1 Nov 26, then...*

*Sats, Suns, bank hols & sch hols, from 13 Mar 27.*      **operated by moreBus**

Breezer 31 runs roughly hourly in an anti-clockwise loop taking in East Knighton, Winfrith, Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove. No service from 2 Nov 26 to 12 Mar 27.

**Coaster X54**      Weymouth – Winfrith – Lulworth – Wool Station – [Wareham]

*Monday-Saturday except bank holidays.*      **operated by First**

Coaster X54 runs at irregular intervals. There are only four journeys each way per day. The morning and afternoon schooltime journeys go beyond Wool station to Wareham town and station. The other two journeys terminate at Wool station.

A new “Bovi Bus” local bus service is expected to begin in January 2027.

Daily summer bus services are expected to return in late May 2027.

## Rail

**Wool Station** is on the main line between London Waterloo and Weymouth. The Waterloo-Weymouth rail service is operated by [South Western Railway](#) (SWR), now in public ownership.

Trains in each direction call at Wool at hourly intervals throughout the day and at similar intervals in the evening, seven days a week. Some additional trains call at Wool during Mon-Fri peak hours. Up-to-the-minute information about train arrivals/departures at Wool Station can be viewed [here](#).



You can plan your rail journey using the [National Rail journey planner](#). Information about stations, fares and any current or planned service disruptions can also be found on the [National Rail](#) website. Information about planned service disruption is displayed in advance on the side wall of the station building at Wool Station.

**Beware:** SWR trains are running to an emergency timetable from 3 Aug 26 until further notice.

All London-bound trains from Wool call at Wareham, Poole, Bournemouth, Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (and other stations). **Southampton Central** is the main interchange point for a number of other rail services, namely:

- Portsmouth-Southampton-Salisbury-Bristol-Cardiff services operated by [First Great Western](#).
- Bournemouth-Southampton-Reading-Birmingham-Manchester operated by [CrossCountry](#).
- Southampton-Chichester-Brighton services operated by [Southern](#).
- Local services to Romsey, Eastleigh, Fareham and Portsmouth.

All Weymouth-bound trains call at **Dorchester South**. From here, there is a signposted 10-minute walk to **Dorchester West** for train services to Yeovil, Westbury, Bath and Bristol operated by [First Great Western](#). Alternatively, you can change between the two services at Upwey Station.

### Station Facilities

Wool Station has two platforms: **Platform 1** (for London) and **Platform 2** (for Weymouth). The main exit from the station is alongside the station building on Platform 2.

You can cross between platforms 1 and 2 using the **footbridge**. Alternatively, you can avoid steps by crossing the railway using the **level crossing**. You can lock up your bicycle at the **bike racks** on Platform 2. The **Onward Travel** information poster is displayed on Platform 2 near the footbridge, and on the new Touch Screen on the front wall of the station building.

The **railway car park** adjacent to the station exit is for railway patrons only. The parking fee is £2/day (£1 on Sat & Sun and after 12:00 M-F) with weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual season tickets available. You can pay (i) via RingGo or (ii) via the APCOA mobile phone app or (iii) at the ticket vending machine on Platform 2. RingGo Code for Wool station is 77527.

The **layby car park** (ie the ten parking spaces opposite the bus shelter) are not on railway land and are for general use. These parking spaces are free of charge.

There's a small **taxi rank** near the exit from Platform 2. Taxi company business cards are normally displayed on the front door of Wool Station waiting room.

A **bus departure screen** is located alongside the exit from Platform 2. All bus services call at the **bus stop** on the south side of the station (between the station building and the level crossing). The bus stop flag has its own electronic bus departure screen. Timetables are displayed on the bus stop pole and in the nearby bus shelter.



Village map and leaflets



Our new Touch Screen



*The map and village leaflets are provided and maintained by Friends of Wool Station.*



The LOCAL INFORMATION point on the outside wall of the station building comprises a village map and leaflet dispenser. The leaflet dispenser is stocked with the *Welcome to Wool* information leaflet. To the left of this is a new “Digital Totem” touch-screen which gives travel details and local information.

A new “Welcome to Wool” information board next to the bus stop shows local walks and places of interest. The map makes it easy to find cafés, pubs and local shops.

## **Notes about Rail Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased in advance, often at discount prices, on the [South Western Railway](#) website, on the websites of other train operators or on independent ticket websites such as [Red Spotted Hanky](#) (beware: some independent sites may charge you a fee).

You can purchase tickets at the start of your journey from the booking office at Wool Station (when staffed) or from the ticket vending machine on Platform 2.

Other options for ticket purchase include carrying e-tickets on your mobile phone, and signing up for a Touch Smartcard which automatically debits your account each time you travel.

*Split fare option:* You can save money on some journeys by buying two sets of tickets instead of one, eg instead of buying a Wool-London return, buy a Wool-Basingstoke return plus a Basingstoke-London return. Ticket office staff at Wool can sell you both sets of tickets but are not allowed to advise you about the split fare option. The trains you catch must call at the intermediate station, but there is no need to get out and rebook. Use a split ticketing website such as [www.traintickets.com](http://www.traintickets.com) to reveal the best ticket combination.

Eligibility for the Disabled Persons Railcard has been expanded. From October 2026, people with a long-term impairment, health condition or neurodivergence that has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months and significantly affects their ability to use rail services will be able to apply for the railcard and get a third off ticket prices. An accompanying adult gets a third off ticket price too.

Members of HM Forces (including Reservists) and their spouses and children can get a third off most rail fares with an [HM Forces Railcard](#). Similar discounts can be obtained with eight other [national railcards](#) – there's one for almost everyone!

**Rail Rover** and **Ranger** tickets are available for unlimited travel in a specified area for one day or several days. The two available in our area are:

- **Freedom of the Severn & Solent Rover** gives unlimited off-peak travel for either any 3 days in a 7 day period (adult: £79.50, child: £39.75) or any 8 days in a 15 day period (adult: £107.50, child £53.75). The area extends from Great Malvern and Worcester in the north to Weymouth and Portsmouth in the south and from Cardiff, Tiverton Parkway and Axminster in the west to Swindon in the east and includes Bristol, Salisbury and Southampton.
- **Heart of Wessex Day Ranger** gives unlimited off-peak travel for one day on the Heart of Wessex Line between Bristol/Swindon and Weymouth. Cost, adult: £27.50, child: £13.75. You will need a separate ticket to get between Wool and Dorchester West or Upwey.

*Notes:* Some time restrictions apply. Further discounts for railcard holders. There are also Rover tickets for the whole South West, or the whole of Britain. You can buy all these tickets from Wool Station booking office. More details on the [Railrover](#) website.

## Coach

Scheduled coach services in the South are provided by [National Express](#) and [FlixBus](#)



**National Express** service 035 no longer serves Wareham and Swanage, but continues to serve Dorchester and Weymouth once per day. A wider selection of **National Express** coaches operate from **Poole** bus station (10 mins walk from railway station) and **Bournemouth Interchange** (just outside the railway station). Services run to central London, Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham and other destinations.

You can usually get the cheapest advance fares on the more popular NatEx routes, for example: Bournemouth-London.

Global travel brand **FlixBus** in partnership with local operator Excelsior provides scheduled coach services between Heathrow or central London and Bournemouth or Poole. Services operate eight times a day in each direction.





The station and bus stop in Wool have been adopted by **Friends of Wool Station.**

We have access to Community Rail funding and we want to make sure Wool Station gets its fair share.

Can you spare some time to lend a hand now and then?  
*Please consider joining us!*

FoWS enjoys the support of the [Purbeck Community Rail Partnership](#)  
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