

Serving MERE and surrounding towns and villages with connections to SALISBURY, WARMINSTER, GILLINGHAM RAIL STATION and much more...

# Mere & District Taxi Buzz Guide

**CONNECT**  
Wiltshire

Valid from May 2009

Your local, door-to-door service  
operating Monday–Saturday

To book call

**08456 525255**

Option **2**

Booking Centre open Monday to Saturday, 0830–1730



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# The Mere & District Connect2 service

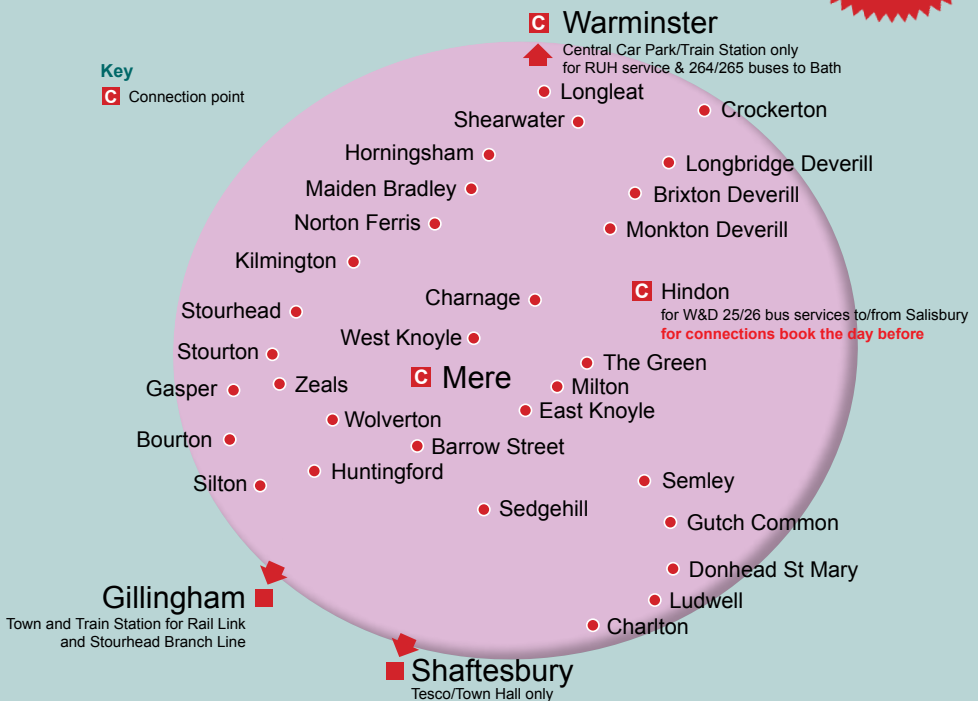
is the flexible and convenient way to get around Mere and its surrounding areas. Whether you are shopping, sightseeing or looking to make a bus or train connection – there's a Connect2 Wiltshire taxi just a phone call away.



## The Connect2 Time Window

Book for journeys between 0900 and 1800, Monday–Friday, from any town or village shown on the map.

**Booking Line open Monday to Saturday 0830–1730**



## How to book

Provide the booking centre with the following information:

- **Date and time of travel required**
- **Your pick up address**
- **Do you require a return journey?**
- **Do you require a connecting service?**
- **Are you a wheelchair user, or do you have a mobility or vision impairment?**
- **A contact telephone number**

The booking centre will then confirm your journey. Remember, journeys should be booked at least 1 hour before travel. **Hindon connections, book your journey the day before travel required.**

To obtain a concession fare you must show the driver a valid free bus pass.

Child fares are available to customers aged 5–16 years (inclusive). Accompanied children 0–4 years travel free. This service does not run on Sundays or public holidays.

## Buses from Salisbury to Hindon

Monday–Friday only

Wilts & Dorset services 25 and 26 travel from Hindon Square (Bus Shelter) to Salisbury City Centre.

The Connect2 Taxi provides connections at Hindon from the Mere & District area by pre-booked request.

To book your journey to Hindon for one of the advertised services call 08456 525255 and tell the booking centre which bus you would like to connect with and if you are travelling back on a return service from Salisbury.

**To guarantee connections at Hindon please book your journey the day before travel required.**


Some buses on Service 25 run all the way from Zeals and Mere to and from Salisbury, for further details call Wilts & Dorset on 01722 336855.

Taxi Zone	W&D Bus	Hindon (depart)	Salisbury (arrive)
Book for a journey any time between 0900–1800 Mon–Fri	25	0935	1020
	26	1026	1120
	25	1135	1220
	26	1226	1320
	25	1335	1420
	25	1650	1735


W&D Bus	Salisbury (depart)	Hindon (arrive)	Taxi Zone
25	0940	1025	Book for a journey any time between 0900–1800 Mon–Fri
25	1140	1225	
26	1240	1334	
25	1340	1425	
25	1600	1645	

NB. Through tickets are not available between Wilts & Dorset and Connect2 Wiltshire services. However, you may purchase a Wiltshire Day Rover Ticket from the service 25/26 bus or the taxi drivers and use this ticket for your entire journey.

## Gillingham Rail Link Taxi service operating Monday–Friday only





**The Morning Link** operates from 0650 (approx), picking customers up on a flexible basis where indicated  on a pre-booked request, arriving at Gillingham Rail Station at 0730 when booked.

**For bookings** to travel on this service, book no later than 1730 the day before travel. To travel on a Monday you must book on the previous Friday.


**The Afternoon Link** operates from 1625 (approx), picking customers up on a flexible basis where indicated  on a pre-booked request, arriving at Gillingham Rail Station at 1725 when booked, before operating a return service, again when booked.

**For bookings** to travel on this service, you should book no later than one hour before you wish to travel.

**The taxi will wait up to ten minutes for late arriving trains.**

anywhere in Area	
Mere Town Area	
anywhere in Area	
Milton on Stour village	
Gillingham Rail Stn	07  30

**Taxi connects with the following trains:**  
**0743** departure to Sherborne and Yeovil  
**0744** departure to Salisbury, Basingstoke and London

Hindon	
anywhere in Area	
Mere Town Area	
anywhere in Area	
Milton on Stour village	
Gillingham Rail Stn	17  25
Milton on Stour village	
anywhere in Area	
Mere Town Area	
anywhere in Area	

**Taxi connects with the following trains:**  
**1745** arrival FROM Exeter, Yeovil and Sherborne (if booked in advance)  
**1712** arrival FROM Salisbury, Basingstoke and London

**Train times correct at time of print.**

To book any service (without having to listen to all the Connect2 travel options)

# Phone 08456 525255

Then press option

**2**

Booking Centre open Monday to Saturday, 0830–1730

## To Warminster

Shaftesbury Town Hall	–	1055	1350	1550
Donhead St Mary	–	🕒	🕒	🕒
Semley	–	🕒	🕒	🕒
Sedgehill	–	🕒	🕒	🕒
East Knoyle	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Milton	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
The Green	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Hindon	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
West Knoyle	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Barrow Street	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Huntingford	🕒	–	–	–
Silton	🕒	–	–	–
Mere Town area	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Mere, Square	0910	🕒	🕒	🕒
Monkton Deverill	–	🕒	🕒	–
Brixton Deverill	–	🕒	🕒	–
Lords Hill	–	🕒	🕒	–
Longbridge Deverill	–	🕒	🕒	–
Zeals	🕒	–	–	–
Stourton (inc Stourhead)	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Norton Ferris	🕒	–	–	–
Kilminster	🕒	–	–	–
Maiden Bradley	0930	🕒	🕒	–
Horningsham Bath Arms	0935	🕒	🕒	–
Horningsham Holly Bush	0938	🕒	🕒	–
Longleat Estate entrance	09045	11030	14015	17000
Crockerton	🕒	🕒	🕒	–
Morrisons Supermarket	🕒	🕒	🕒	–
Warminster Rail Station	🕒	🕒	🕒	🕒
Warminster Main Car Park	1000	1145	1430	🕒

## From Warminster

Warminster Main Car Park	1000	1145	–	1500
Warminster Rail Station	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Morrisons Supermarket	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Crockerton	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Longleat Estate entrance	10015	12000	–	15015
Longbridge Deverill	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Horningsham	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Maiden Bradley	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Kilminster	–	🕒	–	🕒
Norton Ferris	–	🕒	–	🕒
Stourton (inc Stourhead)	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Zeals	–	🕒	–	🕒
Lords Hill	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Brixton Deverill	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Monkton Deverill	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Mere, Square	–	🕒	1330	🕒
Mere Town area	–	🕒	🕒	🕒
Silton	–	🕒	–	🕒
Huntingford	–	🕒	–	🕒
Barrow Street	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
West Knoyle	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Hindon	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
The Green	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Milton	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
East Knoyle	🕒	🕒	–	🕒
Sedgehill	🕒	–	–	🕒
Semley	🕒	–	–	🕒
Donhead St Mary	🕒	–	–	🕒
Shaftesbury Town Hall	1055	–	1350	1550

Taxi-Buzz 82 operates on Saturday only.

Customers can use the taxi without booking from any timetabled point shown without a 🕒 symbol.

The service will pick customers up and drop them off on a flexible basis where indicated 🕒 by pre-booked request or by a request to the driver whilst boarding at a timetabled stop.

**To Shaftesbury:** There are three services from Warminster and Mere.

**To Warminster:** There are three services from Shaftesbury and four services from Mere (most via Maiden Bradley and Horningsham).

**To Longleat:** There are a number of services available from Mere, Warminster and Shaftesbury in each direction. Take a look at the timetable (above) to plan your day.



# LONGLEAT

Safari Park • Longleat House • Adventure Castle • Blue Peter Maze • Butterfly Garden  
Railway • Motion Simulator • Old Joe's Mine • Pet's Corner • Postman Pat Village • Safari Boats

A C2W Taxi-Buzz visits Longleat every Saturday.  
See details (above) and make a day of it with Connect2.



# Visit Stourhead Gardens

Stourhead is one of the great British gardens. Set in a 2,650 acre estate near Warminster, this magnificent 18th century creation surrounds a shimmering lake, nestled among gently undulating hills.

Strategically placed around the shore are classic architectural features including temples a grotto and Alfred's tower. Each serves as a focal point for yet another memorable photograph, while magnificent rhododendrons, azaleas and mature trees ensure that Stourhead is a visual delight every day of the year.

## Links to Stourhead from Salisbury:

The two journeys from Salisbury to Mere via Hindon (which must be booked the day before travel) are:

Salisbury ► to ► Hindon ► to ► Stourhead

Mon-Fri	0940 bus 25	1030 C2W	1050
Mon-Fri	1340 bus 25	1425 C2W	1445

The return journey from Stourhead

(which must be booked the day before travel) is:

Stourhead ► to ► Hindon ► to ► Salisbury

Mon-Fri	1610 C2W	1650 bus 25	1735
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## Stourhead Branch Line: (Visitors from London) Gillingham Rail Station to Stourhead

Train departs London Waterloo 1020 Arrives Gillingham Rail Stn 1212

Connect2 journeys must be booked as detailed below

Monday–Saturday

Departs Gillingham Rail Stn 1220 C2W Arrives Stourhead approx 1240 C2W  
(Bus will wait up to 10 minutes for late running trains)

## Stourhead to Gillingham Rail Station

Connect2 journeys must be booked as detailed below

Monday–Saturday

Departs Stourhead 1610 C2W Arrives Gillingham Rail Stn approx 1630 C2W

Train departs Gillingham Rail Stn 1642 Arrives London Waterloo 1845

This train also serves Basingstoke, Salisbury and Tisbury in each direction. For times please call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.

## Key

C2W = Connect2 Wiltshire  
(phone to book)

■ Anyone living in the Mere & District Rural area can travel throughout the week to Stourhead by booking their seat on the taxi using the information inside this leaflet.

■ Call 01747 841152 for opening times and price information or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead) There are discounts available for public transport users so show your taxi ticket on entry.

## RUH Bath with Connect2

The Mere & District Taxi-Buzz can connect you with a frequent service running Monday–Friday to the Royal United Hospital (Bath) at Warminster. Call the booking centre on 08456 525255 and we'll arrange a journey from your home to Warminster and the RUH service that's best for your appointment.

**Fares: £5 single/£6.50 return.**

For more details call the Connect2 Wiltshire information line on 01380 860100 (0900–1700, Monday–Friday).



# Frequently asked questions

## Will the Mere taxi pick me up at my front door?

Yes, this is a door to door service in the areas shown on the map. The Connect2 service will pick you up and drop you off at your front door if your address is accessible for the vehicle.

## What if more than eight people book the same journey?

The taxi can only carry eight people (or seven and one wheelchair user) and if you really need to travel on a particular journey you are advised to book earlier than normal. Once the taxi is full the operator will only be able to offer the next best time for your journey.

## How much will it cost me to travel with Connect2?

If you have a Free Bus Pass, you can travel at no cost, for all other fares ask the booking line operator or the driver.

Information about Wiltshire Council services can be made available in other formats (such as large print or audio) and other languages, on request.

Please contact the council on:  
0300 456 0100,

by text phone on:  
01225 712500

or by email on:  
customercare@wiltshire.gov.uk

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customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Na życzenie udostępniamy informacje na temat usług oferowanych przez władze samorządowe hrabstwa Wiltshire (Wiltshire Council) w innych formatach (takich jak dużym drukiem lub w wersji audio) i w innych językach. Prosimy skontaktować się z władzami samorządowymi pod numerem telefonu 0300 456 0100 lub telefonu tekstowego (01225) 712500 bądź za pośrednictwem poczty elektronicznej na adres: customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

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email: connect2@wiltshire.gov.uk

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