
Welcome to Lifeplus.

Be generous – knowledge is only powerful if shared with others so here's the information we would love to share with you!



Where you'll be staying



Let's take a look at what you'll find in your room:

- 2 electric hobs
- Kettle
- Microwave
- Sink
- Fridge
- Cupboard space

The hotel also features:

- Plenty of outdoor space
- Free WiFi
- Indoor games area: Table football, Wii games console, Table Tennis
- Golf Driving Range: You can pay for this at the hotel and rent golf clubs if required
- Gym facilities: We offer a free 3 day trial, after which you would need to pay £7.50 for 24 hours



The Hotel

Wyboston – The Willows

Great North Road,

Wyboston,








MK44 3AL

<https://www.wybostonlakes.co.uk/>



So what's around you?



-  Lifeplus House
-  Shops
-  Home Improvements
-  Post Office
-  Train Station
-  Entertainment
-  Food and Drink

There are more shops and things to do than shown here so if you'd like to know a little more about the local area and what's going on, please feel free to visit the following website:

<http://www.visitstneots.co.uk/>



Estate Agents and other property support



Local Estate Agents:

- [Lovett](#): We work closely with Lovetts to ensure you are supported where needed so please let them know that you are working for Lifeplus, if you choose to use their services.

There are many more agencies that you can use within [St Neots](#) and surrounding areas, such as [Bedford](#), if you would like. Please use the following companies who will look to provide you support.

Online Support:

- [SpareRoom](#): is the UK's busiest flat share site.
- [Rightmove](#): is the UK's largest online real estate portal and property website.
- [Purplebricks](#): is a British online estate agent.

Please note:

- When renting a property, your Landlord or Letting Agent will need to complete their own checks. This will include a reference check and proof that you have the right to rent. Please use this [link](#) to find out more about these checks and the right to rent.
- Not all properties come furnished and so you may need to find items to furnish your new place.
(You will find information on this in [slide 14](#))



National Insurance Number



Why do you need one?

Your National Insurance Number is used as your unique reference number for the UK social security system throughout your life. It helps HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) make sure your tax and National Insurance contributions are recorded against your name.

If you're moving to the UK

You may have a National Insurance (NI) number printed on the back of your [biometric residence permit \(BRP\)](#). You don't need to apply for a National Insurance number if you already have one, or one is printed on your BRP.

*If you don't have a National Insurance number, you **must** apply.* You can only apply for it once you're in the UK. You must have the [right to work](#) or study in the UK to get a National Insurance number.

How to apply

If you need to apply for a National Insurance number then please visit the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>



Average price of housing



Don't forget: You will also have other costs such as [bills](#), council tax and [living expenses](#).

Area	Bedrooms	Average monthly payments (£)	
East Cambridgeshire	1	575	650
	2	695	790
	3	850	1,080
South Cambridgeshire	1	650	800
	2	850	995
	3	995	1,200

Area	Bedrooms	Average monthly payments (£)	
Bedford	1	550	650
	2	700	825
	3	850	995
Huntingdonshire/ St Neots	1	525	625
	2	695	795
	3	795	975

These are average figures taken from the following source and will vary - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-23234033>



Bills to consider



Please click on the orange text for more detailed information

- **Council Tax:** Money earned through council tax goes towards local services such as policing, fire services, support for the elderly and vulnerable, parks maintenance, refuse disposal and street cleaning. Each council is responsible for allotting the funds as it sees fit.
- **Water Bill:** Water will cost you, according to Water UK, **on average**, £405 a year, or £33.75 a month in 2018/19.
- **Gas and Electric Bills:**
 - **Average** Gas bill - Flats with one or two bedrooms will get an average gas bill of £33 per month, or £392 a year.
 - **Average** Electricity bill - A one or two bedroom flat will spend just £34 per month on electricity, or £403 a year.
- **Broadband:** A type of high-speed internet connection. Broadband packages come in all shapes and sizes, depending on what you would like.

- **TV Licence:** A TV Licence costs £150.50 for the year. You must have a TV Licence if you:
 - Watch or record programmes on a TV, computer or other device as they're broadcast.
 - Download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer – live, catch up or on demand.

Considering purchasing your own property?

- **Service Charge:** You pay this to the freeholder of your **leasehold property** or to a managing agent to cover the upkeep of communal areas in a block of flats. If you're not sure how much your service charge is, check your lease for the amount. If you're renting, the service charge is normally included in the rent.
- **Ground Rent:** This is an annual amount that you pay if you own a leasehold property. Most flats and maisonettes are leasehold properties. It's usually a small amount (such as £100 or £200 a year). If you're not sure how much you pay, check your lease for the amount.

Please ensure you visit the sites directly for updated information ☺



Schools, GP Surgeries and Hospitals



GP Surgeries:

Please click on the link above to find the local surgeries in your area.

More information about [GP practices](#).



Pharmacy:

Pharmacies can give treatment advice about a range of common conditions and minor injuries. If you'd like more information around this and where your local pharmacy will be then please [click here](#).

Hospitals

[Hinchingbrooke Hospital](#) - Huntingdon

[Bedford Hospital](#) - Bedford

[Lister Hospital](#) - Stevenage

[Peterborough City Hospital](#) - Peterborough

[Addenbrookes Hospital](#) – Cambridge

When to go to the [Accident & Emergency Department](#) (A&E)

Local Schools

There are a number of schools within the local area, please use the link above to see.

You can find out more information about schools through [Ofsted](#). Ofsted is responsible for inspecting a range of educational institutions, including state schools and some independent schools.

Please note: You **have** to apply for a place, please use [this link](#) to find out about the process.



Banks in St Neots



It will be important for you to open up a UK bank account for when you arrive;

There are a number of [banks](#) within St Neots:

[Barclays](#)

[HSBC](#)

[NatWest](#)

[Lloyds](#)

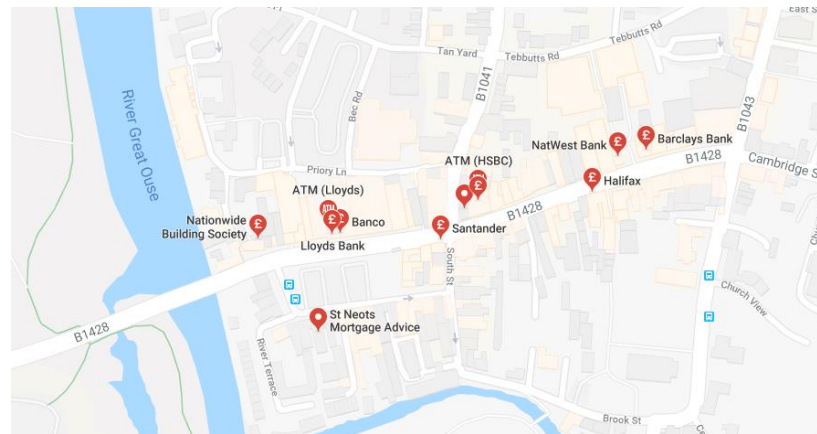
[Santander](#)

[Halifax](#)

[Nationwide Building Society](#)

[Yorkshire Building Society](#)

Please use each link to find out the address of each local bank.



Need more detailed information? Try visiting the following websites:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/banking/getting-a-bank-account/>

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/how-to-choose-the-right-bank-account>



The cost of essential items



- 2 Pints of Milk - from £0.80
- Loaf of Bread - from £0.50
- Nappies – from £0.89
- Toilet Tissue – from £1.00
- Kitchen Roll – from £1.00
- Body Wash – from £0.70
- Shampoo – from £0.50
- Cleaning Products – Varied pricing

All prices shown are based on the average at Tesco online:

<https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/>

Please visit the website shown above for more details of products and prices.

You don't have to only shop here as there are many alternative shops you can use in the area 😊

Your local supermarket will be Tesco :

Barford Rd, St Neots, PE19 2HD

St Neots Tesco Extra



Lifeplus House

Tesco Extra



Transport Links



St Neots Train Station has links into big cities such as:

- London – Approximately a 1 hour journey
- Peterborough – Approximately a 24 minute journey
- Cambridge - Approximately a 1 hour and 30 minute journey

The following link is a great way to look at train times and destinations (you can also book your train tickets here):

<https://www.thetrainline.com/>

There are also good travel links via the bus. The [X5 bus route](#) takes you through:

- [Bedford](#) - Approximately a 20 minute journey
- [Milton Keynes](#) – Approximately a 1 hour journey
- [Cambridge](#) - Approximately a 1 hour journey

If you'd like to get to local places then you can always get a taxi from one of the local companies. To get an idea of the companies and where they are, [click here](#).

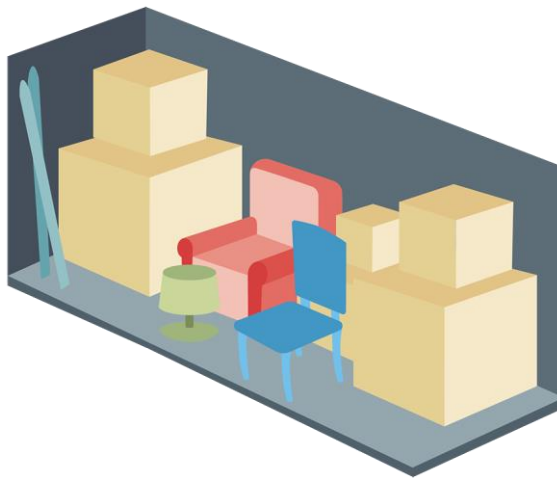


Storing personal items



If you're in need of having items stored before moving then there are a few storage companies locally you could try:

- [St Neots Selfstore](#) – This particular company has a useful [Storage Calculator](#) where you can see what size storage you would need.
- [Hunts Limited](#) – Located in Huntingdon (approximately 20 minute drive from Lifeplus)
- [Safestore](#) – Located in Bedford (approximately 16 minute drive from Lifeplus)





Overview of bringing your pet cat, dog or ferret to the UK

You can enter or return to the UK with your pet cat, dog or ferret if it:

- has been [microchipped](#)
- has a [pet passport or third-country official veterinary certificate](#)
- has been [vaccinated against rabies](#) - it will also need a blood test if you're travelling from an '[unlisted country](#)'

Dogs must also usually have a [tapeworm treatment](#).

Your pet may be [put into quarantine](#) for up to 4 months if you do not follow these rules - or refused entry if you travelled by sea. You're responsible for any fees or charges.

You must follow extra rules if the animals will be:

- old in the UK from [outside the EU](#) or [inside the EU](#)
- rehomed in the UK from [inside or outside the EU](#)

Bringing other animals

The rules are different if you're [bringing other animals into the UK](#).

Please take the time to visit the [government website](#) so that you have every bit of information needed.

Vets

There are a number of vets you can chose in the local area, [click here](#) to see where they are.

Pet Stores

Please use the following [link](#) to see where the local pet stores are.

Furnishing your new home



There are a large number of ways that you can furnish your home, some less expensive than others.

Using websites, as shown below, can be a good way of getting furniture for a lot less than if you go straight to a high street store:

- [Gumtree](#) - Gumtree.com is the UK's number one classifieds site.
- [eBay](#) - eBay is an online marketplace; a place for buyers and sellers to come together and buy or sell almost anything.
- Facebook– There are also local selling pages that you can search for on Facebook, you can find a range of items using these pages. Search for St Neots Selling Page on Facebook.
- [The British Heart Foundation](#) - This store sells a wide variety of good quality pre-owned furniture and home appliances.
- [Freecycle.org](#) – This is an entirely non-profit movement of people who are giving (and getting) items for free in their own towns

You can also use retailers such as:

- [B&M](#) - B&M one of UK's fastest growing variety retailers.
- [Ikea](#) - IKEA sells ready-to-assemble furniture, kitchen appliances and home accessories, among other useful goods.
- [Argos](#) – Argos is a British catalogue retailer.

There are many more shops you can use and depending on your needs and your budget.



Driving or Riding in the UK



After purchasing a vehicle, what do you need to do?

1. Get your vehicle insured - you can use a number of price comparison websites to get the best possible deal, such as:

[Money Super Market](#)

[Compare The Market](#)

2. Tax your vehicle – Please use the following link to help you with this:

<https://www.gov.uk/vehicle-tax>

3. Ensure the car has a valid MOT – you can check this through the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-mot-status>

If your car is due an MOT then you will need to book in at a garage. To find an approved garage then please use the following link:

<https://www.approvedgarages.co.uk/SearchGarage/>

4. Servicing and maintaining your vehicle – Please use the following link to help:

<https://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/tips-on-servicing-and-maintaining-your-car>

Important Information:

There are legal obligation of drivers and riders:

<https://www.gov.uk/legal-obligations-drivers-riders>

Unsure if you can drive on UK roads with your current licence?

<https://www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-licence>

Want to exchange a foreign driving licence for a GB one?

<https://www.gov.uk/exchange-foreign-driving-licence>

Where to purchase a car:

[Auto Trader](#) - specialises in new and second hand automotive sales, including cars sold by private sellers and trade dealers.

You can use other methods such as car dealers and other online websites.

You must always be careful when purchasing a vehicle, please visit the following site on what to check:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/buying-or-repairing-a-car/buying-a-used-car/>





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