

Oxford County Court

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The building is shared with the Crown Court

Linked courts: Oxfordshire family proceedings court (Magistrates)



office open 9.30–16.00, but it can be 10.00 if there are admin matters to deal with before court. Court sits from 10.00.

Using the Court

Arriving Security searches and detectors in operation. There is a County Court reception on the first floor, near the court/hearing rooms. Sign in with the usher. The court lists are outside the courtrooms and on the 1st-floor concourse. Lift available

Waiting The first floor waiting area is shared between the crown and county courts. Secure advocates room and toilets available on the first floor. There is an advocates' cafe but no public cafe, only vending machines on the first floor.

Preparing The court office is on the ground floor. There is a discretionary charge for photocopying/faxes, depending on the amount of paper involved. With received faxes if they are clearly marked for the attention of someone in a particular case, there is unlikely to be a charge. At least four interview rooms available.

Performing There are four judges' rooms/chambers and two courtrooms.

Listings Hearings are usually listed by estimated hearing length but multiple listing also occurs. Telephone hearings and conferences possible.

Escaping the Court

Eating

No time? The advocates cafe "hatch" in the robing room serves coffee and sandwiches etc.

More time? There are a number of cafes/sandwich shops on St Aldates, left out of the court one to two mins walk. Try Cafe Loco: www.goingloco.com

Killing time? The Head of the River pub is popular, with a pleasant view over the river. It is a 30-sec walk on turning right out of the court, on the opposite side of the road: 0871 9170007.

Shopping

High St/Cornmarket St are reached by turning left out of the court and walking up St Aldates. A number of cashpoints within two mins walk, nearest is Lloyds TSB. Wide range of high street shops on High St and Cornmarket St, plus a large indoor market.

Attractions

The Oxford colleges and the riverside are very picturesque. Boat rides and walking tours are the best ways to see the sights, such as Christ Church Cathedral.

Accommodation

The town centre has a number of chain hotels, including Malmaison, housed in an old prison: 0845 3654247.

There are numerous B&Bs along the A34 London Rd in the Headington area, a short bus ride from the city centre. Pickwick's B&B 01865 750487.

Getting to the Court

By Car From M40 J9 follow the A34 London Rd, turn left at the roundabout following signs for the A4144, which will take you into the town centre. On crossing the river, turn left at the lights (A4144). Turn left at the eventual T-junction and the court is on the left. The nearest car park is next to the Westgate shopping centre on New Street. Pay on exit. There are several park-and-rides on the city outskirts. Thornhill Park and Ride is just off the A34 on the left, not far from the M40 J9. Buses into the city centre run every 10–15 mins.

Park and ride

Buses to centre



By Train/Bus Direct trains from London Paddington (one hour) run every 30 mins. The Oxford Tube coach service runs approx every 15 mins from central and west London. It serves free breakfast on departures between 5.40 and 7.00. From the train station entrance head right towards the main road. Cross diagonally left, onto Park End St, becoming New Rd. Follow this until you reach Westgate shopping centre on the right and then bear left onto Queen St. Turn second right onto St Aldates. The court is two mins walk away, on the right. There is a taxi rank outside the station, but there are always large queues. The no 5 bus goes from the station to the court.

First Great Western

The Oxford Tube

20 min walk in total

Trolley friendly

Radio cars: 01865 242424

Understanding the Court

Days Open Mon–Fri.

Opening/Sitting Times Building open 08.00–18.00, court