

Introducing CommuteUoM – Your New Sustainable Travel Companion

We're launching our new travel app, CommuteUoM, in October. Powered by Staxy, it is designed to make sustainable and affordable travel easier for our staff and students.

Whether you're commuting to campus, heading into town, or planning a longer journey, CommuteUoM connects you with low-cost, sustainable travel options that make getting around more convenient and reduce your carbon footprint.

How CommuteUoM Works

Carpooling Made Easy & Safe

The app simplifies carpooling by helping staff and students find and share journeys, reducing both travel costs and emissions.

With safety as a top priority, features like live journey tracking, driver license verification, MOT and road tax checks, and a passenger and driver rating system ensure peace of mind.

Public Transport & Train Travel

Plan your public transport routes and access real-time schedules for local buses, trams, and trains with ease. CommuteUoM also allows users to book and manage train tickets directly, including a split-ticketing feature that finds the best fare combinations for extra savings.

Active Travel: Walk, Wheel & Cycle Together

For those who prefer walking, wheeling, or cycling, CommuteUoM connects you with others traveling the same route. Group journeys provide added safety and motivation, helping to promote active and sustainable travel while making it a fun, social experience.

Earn Rewards & Compete on Leaderboards

You can earn rewards for choosing more sustainable travel options. Enjoy incentives, challenges, and leaderboards to encourage sustainable habits and healthy competition among your peers.

Why Sustainable Travel Matters

CommuteUoM is just one of the many initiatives we've introduced as part of the University of Manchester Travel Plan, launched earlier this year. The plan aims to halve aviation emissions from business trips, reduce car commuting among staff and students, and transition our fleet to electric vehicles by 2030.

Each year, staff and student commuting at our University generates around 10,000 tonnes of CO₂ - that's the same as driving 40 million miles in a petrol car or circling the Earth 1,600 times. By making more sustainable travel choices, we can work together to cut this impact.

To help, the University has introduced a range of low-cost, sustainable transport options, including:

- Free bus travel on the 147 route between Piccadilly Station and campus
- If you're a regular staff car parking user, we are offering free tram travel trial for a month (restrictions apply). Apply through ES@manchester.ac.uk
- Cycling benefits, such as free bike hire trials (100 free minutes on Starling Bank Bikes), discounted bike locks, secure parking, shower facilities, and repair workshops.
- Free cycling courses through the Bee Network, whether you're new to cycling or looking to sharpen your skills.
- Walking, wheeling, and running groups, plus self-guided routes to help you stay active while commuting.
- A new electric vehicle salary sacrifice scheme, making EV leasing more affordable for staff.

You can find all of this information - including journey planning and booking - on the CommuteUOM app.

The app is launching **in October, stay tuned for the StaffNet article which will include all sign up and download instructions.** Join thousands of students and staff making their travel cheaper, easier, and more sustainable.