

Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

Service 35 (Castle Combe - Chippenham) – info sheet

Summary of proposed change

The current pattern of service is broadly maintained, but journeys will in addition serve Cepen Park (north) and Morrisons supermarket in Chippenham. The Saturday service will no longer run via Corsham.

Commentary on current service

Service 35 provides the main public transport service for Castle Combe, Littleton Drew, The Gibb and Grittleton, linking them to Chippenham. The service is also often used by visitors to Castle Combe village. It also runs via Yatton Keynell which is served as well by route 635 (Bristol – Marshfield – Chippenham). It currently provides four return journeys a day on Mondays to Saturdays, running every two hours between approximately 1030 and 1630. On Saturdays one journey in each direction runs via Biddestone and Corsham to provide a service into Corsham from Castle Combe, Grittleton, Yatton Keynell, Biddestone and Hartham Park.

The service carries around 8,000 passenger trips a year, mainly to / from Castle Combe and Littleton Drew. The Saturday diversion via Biddestone and Corsham is poorly used, carrying on average 2 passengers a week into Corsham and back.

Explanation of proposed changes

The current service frequency is considered to be reasonable given the level of use, and a similar service is therefore proposed, with the current two hourly service pattern broadly maintained. The poorly used Saturday diversion via Biddestone and Corsham will be withdrawn.

All journeys will in addition serve Cepen Park (north), running in a clockwise loop including Morrison's supermarket in order to give residents of Castle Combe, Grittleton, Littleton Drew and Yatton Keynell a regular link to a supermarket, and also to replace part of service 99 which it is proposed will be withdrawn.

There are no proposals at the present time to alter the school / college day buses on service 75 that run into Chippenham from Castle Combe and Yatton Keynell.

These proposals are part of a number of changes that, taken together, are intended to make the services in the area as a whole more sustainable and affordable.

Proposed timetable

The proposed timetable for service 35 is shown overleaf. The aim of the review of services is to make the bus network more sustainable in the long term, and to provide cost-effective services that meet the needs of existing users at an affordable cost to the council. We believe that the proposed changes meet these objectives, but if you have other suggestions about how this might be achieved we would be pleased to receive them.

Bus Service 35 - linking Castle Combe, Grittleton, Yatton Keynell and Chippenham

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

	NS	NS					NS
Chippenham, Bus Station	--	--	1020	1220	1420	1620	1730
Chippenham, Railway Station	--	--	1026	1226	1426	1626	1736
Bythebrook, Hathaway medical centre	--	--	1028	1228	1428	1628	1738
Cepen Park, Morrison's	--	--	1032	1232	1432	1632	--
Stainers Way, Sheepscroft Way	--	--	1033	1233	1433	1633	--
Yatton Keynell, Post Office	--	--	1040	1240	1440	1640	1743
Upper Castle Combe, The Lodge	0757	--	1043	1243	1443	1643	1744
Castle Combe, Market Cross	0754	--	1046	1246	1446	1646	R
Castle Combe, Whitegates	0750	0900	1050	1250	1450	1650	R
Littleton Drew, All Saints Church	0744	--	1055	1255	1455	1655	R
The Gibb, Salutation Inn	0748	--	1057	1257	1457	1657	R
Grittleton, Grittleton House School	--	--	1100	1300	1500	1700	R
Yatton Keynell, Clarkes Leaze	--	--	1104	1304	1504	--	--
Yatton Keynell, Bell Inn	0800	0905	1105	1305	1505	--	--
Cepen Park North, Morrison's	--	0913	1113	1313	--	--	--
Stainers Way, Sheepscroft Way	--	0914	1114	1314	--	--	--
Bythebrook, Hathaway medical centre	0810	0916	1116	1316	--	--	--
Chippenham, Railway Station	R	R	R	R	--	--	--
Chippenham, Bus Station	0833	0926	1126	1326	--	--	--

WHAT THE CODES MEAN

NS – indicates a journey that would be part of service 75 and which would not operate on Saturdays
R – indicates that the bus will only call at that point if required by passengers on the bus

Similar information sheets are available for each of the bus services affected by the North West Wiltshire review. A consultation on the proposals is under way and will close on 7 October 2013. Details of other services and of the consultation can be found on the council's website (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>) or are available from the Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN.