

Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

Service 93 (Malmesbury - Cirencester)

Summary of proposed change

A slight reduction in the frequency of service is proposed. Most journeys are diverted via Lea village and Cowbridge Crescent (instead of Milbourne) to replace other services. Milbourne will now be served by journeys on the Malmesbury town service (service 30).

Commentary on current service

Service 93 provides the main public transport service for Charlton, Hankerton, Crudwell and Oaksey in Wiltshire, and Somerford Keynes in Gloucestershire. It also provides a link between the towns of Malmesbury and Cirencester. It also runs through Milbourne, which is currently served as well by the more frequent service 31.

Service 93 currently runs approximately every two hours between 0730 and 1830 on Mondays to Saturdays.

The service carries around 35,000 passenger journeys a year. The school and college journeys are well used to both Cirencester and Malmesbury, but numbers travelling during the day are lower. Around half of passengers overall are travelling to / from Cirencester and half to / from Malmesbury. Crudwell and Oaksey are the villages generating the most passengers, with Chelworth, Charlton and Somerford Keynes following. Only 1 or 2 passenger trips a day originate in Milbourne, and the diversion via Poole Keynes is rarely used.

The service is part funded by Gloucestershire County Council.

Explanation of proposed changes

The journeys before 0900 and after 1600 are well used and no changes are proposed. A slight reduction in the frequency of service between 0900 and 1600 is proposed in order to reduce costs, and journeys will be retimed to allow more efficient use to be made of the vehicles. The diversion via Poole Keynes will be withdrawn due to lack of use. Most journeys will be diverted via Lea village and Cowbridge Crescent as a replacement for journeys on other services. Milbourne will no longer be served by the 93, but an extension of alternate journeys on the town service (service 30) will provide a replacement service into Malmesbury.

These proposals are part of a package 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 93 is shown overleaf, plus a summary of the alternative journeys into Malmesbury from Milbourne.

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.

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.

Bus Service 93 - linking Malmesbury, Lea, Crudwell, Oaksey, Somerford Keynes and Cirencester

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

	NS ♣				▲	NS□	
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0740	0920	1100	1300	1600	1800	
Malmesbury, Cowbridge Cres	--	--	1105	1305	1605	1804	
Lea, Church	--	--	1109	1309	1609	1808	
Charlton, Pikefield Crescent	--	--	1113	1313	1613	R	
Hankerton, telephone box	--	--	1117	1317	1617	R	
Murcott, The Farm	--	--	1120	1320	1620	R	
Crudwell, Post Office	0748	0928	1123	1323	1623	R	
Chelworth, village	0752	0932	1127	1327	1627	R	
Oaksey, Bendy Bow	0756	0936	1131	1331	1631	R	
Somerford Keynes, Croft House	0803	0943	K	1338	K	R	
Cirencester, Parish Church	0818	0956	1151	1351	1651	R	
	NS	▲	□				♣
Cirencester, Parish Church	--	0755	0820	1000	1200	1400	1710
Somerford Keynes, Croft House	--	--	--	1013	1213	1413	1723
Oaksey, Bendy Bow	--	K	K	1019	1219	1419	1729
Chelworth, village	0710	0809	0839	1023	1223	1423	1733
Crudwell, Post Office	0714	0814	0843	1027	1227	1427	1737
Murcott, Park Cottages	--	0817	0845	1029	1229	1429	1739
Hankerton, telephone box	0719	0820	0848	1032	1232	1432	1742
Charlton, Pikefield Crescent	0723	0824	0903	1036	1236	1436	1746
Lea, Church	▼	0829	0908	1041	1241	1441	--
Malmesbury, Cowbridge Cres	▼	0833	0912	1045	1245	1445	--
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0732	0845	0917	1050	1250	1455	1752

Buses to Milbourne

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

Service Number...	93	30	30	30	30	30	NS 30	NS 30	NS 30	NS 30
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	--	--	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700
Milbourne, Monks Park	0727	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0732	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1727

KEY:

NS - Not Saturdays

▲ - Also calls at Malmesbury School

♣ - Also calls at Cirencester College

▼ - runs via Milbourne

K - Runs direct via Kemble

R - Calls at this point if required to set down passengers

□ - Also calls at Upper and Lower Minety