

Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

Service 41 (Malmesbury - Yate) – info sheet

Summary of proposed change

The current two hourly service will be maintained for most of the day, but the section of route between Yate and Badminton would not be served until after 10.00am. South Gloucestershire Council would be asked to make alternative arrangements for children travelling to/from Chipping Sodbury school.

Commentary on current service

Service 41 provides the main public transport service for Luckington, Sherston and Easton Grey in Wiltshire, and Tormarton, Badminton and Acton Turville in South Gloucestershire. It also provides a link between the towns of Malmesbury, Chipping Sodbury and Yate.

It currently runs approximately every two hours between 0730 and 1830 on Mondays to Saturdays. South Gloucestershire Council contribute towards the cost of the service.

The service carries around 32,000 passenger journeys a year. However the current timetable requires two buses to operate and so is expensive to provide in relation to the number of passengers carried. Users travel from all of the villages along the route and also between the two towns.

Explanation of proposed changes

The cost of operating the service could be significantly reduced by removing the need for a second vehicle in the morning. This could be achieved by withdrawal of the journeys to and from Chipping Sodbury and Yate before 10.00am, which are poorly used except for a very small number of schoolchildren travelling from villages outside Wiltshire to Chipping Sodbury. South Gloucestershire Council would be asked to make alternative arrangements for these.

Proposed timetable

The proposed timetable for service 41 is shown overleaf. The bus will still call at North End Gardens in Sherston on request on certain journeys. However, as this facility is very rarely used, views are sought on whether this needs to be retained and on what journeys.

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 41 - linking Malmesbury, Sherston, Luckington, Badminton and Yate

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Mondays to Saturdays

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Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0745	1000	1200	1400	1530	1630	1800
Malmesbury, supermarket	0749	1004	1204	1404	1534	1634	1802
Malmesbury, Corn Gastons	0752	1007	1207	1407	1537	1637	1806
Easton Grey, bus shelter	0757	1012	1212	1412	1545	1642	R
Sherston, Angel House	0802	1017	1217	1417	1550	1647	R
Luckington, Primary School	0807	1022	1222	1422	1555	1652	R
Acton Turville, Limes Farm	R	1027	1227	1427	--	R	--
Badminton, Post Office	--	1030	1230	1430	--	R	--
Tormarton, Marshfield Road	--	1040	1240	1440	--	--	--
Old Sodbury, The Cross Hands	--	1045	1245	1445	--	1700	--
Chipping Sodbury, The Clock	--	1051	1251	1451	--	1706	--
Yate, Shopping Centre	--	1054	1254	1454	--	1709	--

Certain journeys would continue to call at North End Gardens in Sherston as at present

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Yate, Shopping Centre	--	--	--	1100	1300	1500	1710
Chipping Sodbury, The Clock	--	--	--	1103	1303	1503	1713
Old Sodbury, The Cross Hands	--	--	--	1109	1309	1509	1719
Tormarton, Marshfield Road	--	--	--	1114	1314	1514	R
Badminton, Post Office	--	--	0924	1124	1324	1524	R
Acton Turville, Limes Farm	--	--	0927	1127	1327	1527	R
Luckington, Primary School	0710	0830	0932	1132	1332	1532	1732
Sherston, Angel House	0714	0835	0937	1137	1337	1537	1737
Easton Grey, bus shelter	0718	0840	0942	1142	1342	1542	1742
Malmesbury, Corn Gastons	0723	0846	0947	1147	1347	1547	1747
Malmesbury, supermarket	0725	0848	0950	1150	1350	1550	1750
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0729	0852	0954	1154	1354	1554	1754

KEY: NS - Not Saturdays

▲ - Also calls at Malmesbury School passengers

R - Calls at this point if required to set down