

### Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

Service 91 (Malmesbury – Chippenham via the Dauntsey Vale) Service 91B (Malmesbury – Rodbourne – Sutton Benger) – info sheet

### Summary of proposed change

Service 91 will be completely revised to run between Chippenham and the Dauntsey Vale only, operating approx every 90 minutes on a loop from Christian Malford via Startley, Great Somerford, Little Somerford and Dauntsey.

Service 91B will be withdrawn. Upper Seagry and Startley will be included on the new service 91 route to Chippenham. Alternative methods will be sought of providing a cost effective service for the few passengers who travel from Rodbourne.

### Commentary on current service

Service 91 provides the main public transport service for the villages of Kington Langley, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford, Dauntsey and Great Somerford. It also provides Little Somerford with a service into Chippenham and additional journeys into Malmesbury supplementing service 31; and an alternative to the more direct service 92 for passengers travelling between Malmesbury and Chippenham. It currently runs hourly between approx 0730 and 1830 on Mondays to Saturdays, and is timed to provide connections at Little Somerford to and from Swindon.

Service 91B provides around 7 journeys a day (Mondays to Fridays only) from Malmesbury via Rodbourne, Startley and Seagry to Sutton Benger where it connects with service 91 to provide a link to / from Chippenham.

The services carry a total of around 47,000 single passenger journeys a year between them, including around 17,000 journeys to/from school or college. The current timetable is very expensive to provide because it requires the use of at least two buses.

The majority of passengers either travel between Chippenham and the Dauntsey Vale villages, or could use other services (92 between Chippenham and Malmesbury or 31 between Little Somerford, Cowbridge and Malmesbury). Use of the service to Malmesbury, to where the service was extended on an experimental basis five years ago, is particularly disappointing. Only around 6 return passenger trips a day are made between Dauntsey / Great Somerford and Malmesbury, and 1 or 2 trips a day between Rodbourne and Malmesbury. The connections to Swindon at Little Somerford are also poorly used, again generally with only 2 or 3 passenger trips a day.

### **Explanation of proposed changes**

The number of passengers using the two routes (particularly the 91B) does not justify the level of service that is currently provided. It is therefore proposed to completely revise the service so that it will continue to provide a regular (approximately every 90 minutes) link to Chippenham, which it is believed will continue to meet the needs of the majority of the existing passengers.

In view of the small number of passengers travelling into Malmesbury who could not use other services, it is proposed that the link to Malmesbury will be withdrawn. Other ways will be sought of providing a cost effective service into Malmesbury from Rodbourne (which has no other public transport), and from Great Somerford and Dauntsey.

#### **Proposed timetable**

The proposed timetable for service 91 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. In particular we would welcome suggestions for affordable, possibly community-based, ways of providing a service into Malmesbury from Rodbourne, Great Somerford and Dauntsey.

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 (<a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm</a>) or are available from the Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN.

# **Bus Service 91** - linking The Dauntsey Vale and Chippenham

## Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

### **Mondays to Saturdays**

Chippenham, Bus Station			1025	1155	1325		1640	1755
Chippenham, Railway Station			1027	1157	1327		1642	1757
Sheldon/Hardenhuish Schools						1515		
Malmesbury Road, Morrison's			1032	1202	1332	1520	1647	1802
Kington Langley, Hit or Miss		0908	1038	1208	1338	1526	1653	1808
Sutton Benger		0912	1042	1212	1342	1530	1657	1812
Christian Malford, Memorial		0915	1045	1215	1345	1533	1700	1815
Upper Seagry		0921		1221				
Startley		0922		1222				
Great Somerford, bus shelter	0735	0925		1225				
Dauntsey St James			1048		1348	1536	1703	1818
Dauntsey Green			1049		1349	1537	1704	1819
Little Somerford, bus shelter	0740	0930	1056	1230	1356	1544	1711	1826
Dauntsey Green	0747	0937		1237				
Dauntsey St James	0748	0938		1238				
Great Somerford, bus shelter			1101		1401	1549	1716	1831
Startley			1104		1404		1719	1834
Upper Seagry			1105		1405		1720	1835
Christian Malford, Memorial	0751	0941	1111	1241	1411		1726	
Sutton Benger	0754	0944	1114	1244	1414	1558	1729	
Kington Langley, Hit or Miss	0800	0950	1120	1250	1420		1735	
Malmesbury Road, Morrison's	0805	0955	1125	1255	1425		1740	
Sheldon/Hardenhuish Schools	0807							
Chippenham, Railway Station	R	R	R	R	R		R	
Chippenham, Bus Station	0817	1007	1137	1307	1437	1609	1752	

#### WHAT THE CODES MEAN

NS - Does not run on Saturdays
 R - Calls at this point if required by passengers on the bus

## Summary of proposed times for buses from Little Somerford to Swindon and Malmesbury on service 31

## Mondays to Saturdays

	NS											NS
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0650	0735	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
Little Somerford, bus shelter	0658	0743	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1708	1808
Swindon Bus Station	0735	0825	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1546	1646	1746	1846
	NS											NS
Swindon Bus Station	NS 0740	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	NS 1850
Swindon Bus Station Little Somerford, bus shelter		<b>0855</b> 0932	<b>0955</b> 1032	<b>1055</b> 1132	<b>1155</b> 1232	<b>1255</b> 1332	<b>1355</b> 1432	<b>1455</b> 1532	<b>1555</b> 1632	<b>1655</b> 1732	1755 R	