

Timetables and Some Fares Changing From 19th February 2018

We do apologise for the late arrival of our new timetables. We had hoped to have them posted by now but they are not quite ready. We do hope to have them posted on Monday and bulk supplies of the timetable booklet will be in buses from then if they are received in time.

Just by way of an introduction, our services 1A and 1C will remain unchanged, Monday to Saturday. New service 1B, will be just like the 1D, except that it will operate via Benham Hill on Newbury bound journeys, prior to calling at West Berkshire Community Hospital. This will be the first regular bus service into Newbury for residents from the Benham Hill/Southdown Road area for some years. Thatcham bound the 1B will be identical to the 1D. On Mondays to Fridays all journeys from both Thatcham Broadway and Newbury Bus Station will remain unchanged until 0820hrs. There will then be a bus every 30 minutes, a 1B from Newbury Bus Station at 20 minutes past each hour and a 1D 50 minutes past each hour, while from Thatcham Broadway there will be a 1D at 20 minutes past each hour and a 1B at 50 minutes past each hour until 1620hrs. After that there will be buses from Newbury Bus Station at 1700hrs (1D), 1730hrs (1B) 1800hrs (1D) and 1830hrs (1D) while from Thatcham Broadway buses will depart at 1650hrs (1B), 1730hrs (1D), 1800hrs (1B) and 1830hrs (1D). All Saturday departures will be 1Bs and the service will again be much improved with departures from Thatcham Broadway at 0800hrs, 0830hrs, 0900hrs, 0945hrs, 1015hrs then at 15 and 45 minutes past each hour until 1745hrs. From Newbury Bus Station there will be departures at 0720hrs and 0750hrs, then at 20 and 50 minutes past each hour until 1750hrs.

Our popular Spring/Super Saver fares on our Kennet Bus services 1A/1C/1D will finally come to an end, but the good news is that from 19th February fares will be as low, and in some cases lower than they were five years ago. An adult single from Newbury to Thatcham Broadway will still only be £2.40 with a day return/day ticket of £3.50 while the child/student equivalent will be just £1.20 single and £2.00 day return/day ticket. Intermediate fares will be slightly lower. We will also continue to sell our range of multi journey prepaid tickets and passes which will continue to be available from the driver and will represent outstanding value for money. Adult tickets will be £3.50 for a day ticket, £10 for a weekly ticket, £33 for a monthly ticket and £14.00 for a ten tripper while Child/Student tickets will be £2.00 for a day ticket, £5.00 for a weekly, £20 for a monthly ticket and £7.00 for a 10 tripper. As before these will be fully interchangeable for any journey taken on any service between Newbury and Thatcham operated by Newbury and District on services 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D.

Our current service 103 remains unchanged except that journeys operating via Wash Common will be numbered 103A, journeys operating via Wendan Road will be numbered 103B and there will be some additional short journeys which will be numbered 103C and which will include an additional journey from New Greenham Business Park to Newbury Bus Station at 0721hrs, calling at Bishops Green Bus Shelter at 0724hrs and at Nightingales at 0736hrs, arriving at Newbury Bus Station at 0743hrs.

New service 123 will operate approximately hourly on Mondays to Saturdays from Newbury Bus Station to Tesco Triangle via Mill Lane, Boundary Road, Hambridge Road, Newbury Racecourse Estate, Greenham Road, and The Nightingales, returning via the same route to Hambridge Road then Bone Lane, Boundary Road and Kings Road. This will partially replace sections of the 9/9A, will offer a more direct link between the Greenham Mill/Mill Lane/Boundary Road area and the

town centre, a direct link for these customers and for our Racecourse Estate customers with Newbury Retail Park and a much improved service for our Greenham Road/Nightingales customers. There will also be a new, extended service 123C to and from Newbury College on college days.

Finally our new service 124 will provide an off peak Monday to Friday cross town link service from Glendale Avenue to Speen Estate via Elizabeth Avenue, Valley Road, Bartlemy Road, Andover Road, St Johns Road, Link Road, Newbury Railway Station, Newbury Bus Station, Cheap Street, Park Way, Oxford Road, Western Avenue, Battle Close and Station Road, Speen. Buses will depart Glendale Avenue at 0920hrs, 1020hrs, 1120hrs, 1220hrs, 1320hrs and 1420hrs. They will return from Speen at 0949hrs, and hourly until 1349hrs through to Glendale Avenue with a 1449hrs departure which will terminate at Newbury (Cheap Street) at 1500hrs.

Fares on our 103 services will remain unchanged while fares on new services 123, 123C and 124 will be based on similar scales. We will continue to sell and accept all Connect Tickets and Passes on all our services. These are fully interchangeable on all services operated by all participating operators including Newbury and District, Kennconnections, and West Berkshire Council within the designated zones. They are also accepted on Reading Transport's Jet Black 1 service between Newbury Bus Station and Colthrop Lane, Thatcham only. Connect Tickets remain unchanged and are as follows:

Connect Urban, valid within the Newbury and Thatcham Urban Area

Adult Connect 7 Urban (weekly) £16.50, Adult Connect 30 Urban (monthly) £61, Adult Urban Flexi Connect (10 tripper) £16.50, Connect Day (valid for Urban and Rural zones) £6.

Child/Student Connect 7 Urban (weekly) £12, Child/Student Connect 30 Urban (monthly) £42, Child/Student Flexi Connect (10 tripper) £12, Connect Day (valid for Urban and Rural zones) £4.

Connect Rural, valid throughout the Connect Network

Adult Connect 7 Rural (weekly) £22, Adult Connect 30 Rural (monthly) £80, Adult Rural Flexi Connect (10 Tripper) £22.

Child/Student Connect 7 Rural (weekly) £14, Child/Student Connect 30 Rural (monthly) £54, Child/Student Rural Flexi Connect (10 Tripper) £14.

We hope this will be useful and that you will like our new and improved services. Thank you for your loyalty to our Company and we hope you will see our full timetables very soon.

