

## **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

### **Subsidised bus services with new contracts to commence Sunday 31 August 2025**

The following subsidised bus services are currently under review in advance of their re-procurement, with new contracts scheduled to commence on Sunday 31 August 2025:

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The following pages include background information for each of the above services, including current costs and timetables. Officers' comments on the current provision are also included.

We welcome thoughts on the existing provision and suggested amendments from representatives of the communities served by these routes: comments should be sent to [communitytransport@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:communitytransport@oxfordshire.gov.uk) and should be received no later than **Friday 25 April**.

## **Service 17**

### **Aylesbury to Bicester via Launton**

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Peak and off-peak service linking Aylesbury to Bicester via Launton. Provides roughly half the service provision between Launton and Bicester (the remainder by route 18), to provide an overall service level between Launton and Bicester of roughly hourly.

<b>Operator</b>	Red Rose Travel
<b>Days of operation</b>	Monday to Saturday
<b>Frequency</b>	Six journeys in each direction Monday to Friday, five on Saturday.
<b>Parishes served</b>	Bicester, Launton, parishes in Buckinghamshire
<b>Divisions served</b>	Bicester Town, Ploughley

#### **Alternative services**

Route 18 (Buckingham – Steeple Claydon – Marsh Gibbon – Launton – Bicester) provides an alternative service between Launton and Bicester, where the routes run in parallel on a roughly co-ordinated frequency.

There are no alternative direct bus services between Aylesbury and Bicester. Travel by train between Aylesbury and Bicester is possible, changing at Princes Risborough, journey time is comparable to the bus.

**Current subsidy per annum** £151,808

#### **Officers' comments**

- Journeys are timed to be spaced as evenly as possible between route 18 journeys where the two routes overlap.
- The service incorporates a school movement between Bicester, Launton and Waddesdon School.
- There is potential in the future for a joined-up approach with Buckinghamshire Council with services 16 and 18, which has not been possible yet due to the different contract dates.
- Thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions, although there is no guarantee these can be taken forward.

## **Current timetable**

<b>Monday to Friday</b>					sch	Nsch		
Aylesbury Bus Stn (Bay 1)	06:35	09:05	11:05	12:55	14:45	15:00	17:35	
Waddesdon, opp Anstey Close	06:53	09:23	11:23	13:13	15:03	15:18	17:53	
Waddesdon, adj School					15:15			
Kingswood Crossroads (Westbound)	07:00	09:30	11:30	13:20	15:25	15:25	18:00	
Grendon Underwood, opp The Swan PH					15:28	15:28		
Edgcott Buckingham Road (o/s 1)					15:31	15:31		
Marsh Gibbon, adj The Plough PH					15:36	15:36		
Launton, o/s The Bull Inn	07:12	09:42	11:42	13:32	15:47	15:47	18:12	
Bicester, adj Retail Park	07:17	09:47	11:47	13:37	15:52	15:52	18:17	
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	07:22	09:52	11:52	13:42	15:57	15:57	18:22	
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Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 7)	07:30	07:30	10:00	12:00	13:50	16:30	18:30	
Bicester, opp Retail Park	07:35	07:35	10:05	12:05	13:55	16:35	18:35	
Launton, opp The Bull Inn	07:40	07:40	10:10	12:10	14:00	16:40	18:40	
Kingswood Crossroads (Eastbound)			10:22	12:22	14:12	16:52	18:52	
Marsh Gibbon, opp The Plough PH	07:50	07:50						
Edgcott Buckingham Road (o/s 1)	07:55	07:55						
Grendon Underwood, o/s The Swan PH	07:58	07:58						
Kingswood Crossroads (Southbound)	08:01	08:01						
Waddesdon, adj School	08:08							
Waddesdon, adj Anstey Close	08:12	08:09	10:31	12:31	14:21	17:02	19:02	
Aylesbury Bus Stn (Bay 1)	08:45	08:26	10:48	12:48	14:38	17:19	19:19	

**Saturday**

Aylesbury Bus Stn (Bay 1)	09:05	11:05	13:05	15:05	17:35
Waddesdon, opp Anstey Close	09:23	11:23	13:23	15:23	17:53
Kingswood Crossroads (Westbound)	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	18:00
Launton, o/s The Bull Inn	09:42	11:42	13:42	15:42	18:12
Bicester, adj Retail Park	09:47	11:47	13:47	15:47	18:17
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	09:52	11:52	13:52	15:52	18:22
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 7)	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	18:30
Bicester, opp Retail Park	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	18:35
Launton, opp The Bull Inn	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:40	18:40
Kingswood Crossroads (Eastbound)	10:22	12:22	14:22	16:52	18:52
Waddesdon, adj Anstey Close	10:31	12:31	14:31	17:02	19:02
Aylesbury Bus Stn (Bay 1)	10:48	12:48	14:48	17:19	19:19

## **Service 28A**

### **Henley-on-Thames to Reading via Binfield Heath and Caversham**

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Diversion of what would otherwise be route 28 journeys operating directly between Henley-on-Thames and Reading, to divert off A4155 to serve Shiplake Row, Binfield Heath and Dunsden Green

<b>Operator</b>	Reading Buses
<b>Days of operation</b>	Monday to Saturday
<b>Frequency</b>	Four or five journeys in each direction
<b>Parishes served</b>	Shiplake, Binfield Heath, Eye & Dunsden
<b>Divisions served</b>	Sonning Common

#### **Alternative services**

There are no alternative public transport services serving Binfield Heath.

**Current subsidy per annum** £24,425

#### **Officers' comments**

- Do journeys run at the right times for travel to Reading and Henley?
- It is unlikely the level of service can be increased due to funding constraints; however thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions.

## **Current timetable**

### **Monday to Friday**

Reading Friar Street (stop FC)	06:55	07:50	09:20	14:00	18:00
Caversham, adj Westfield Road	07:04	08:01	09:30	14:10	18:15
Henley Road County Boundary (nr)	07:12	08:12	09:38	14:18	18:23
Binfield Heath, adj Heathfield Close	07:20	08:20	09:46	14:26	18:31
Lower Shiplake, opp Station Road	07:28	08:26	09:52	14:32	18:38
Henley-on-Thames Bell Street (Stop D)	07:38	08:36	10:02	14:42	18:48
Henley-on-Thames Hart Street (Stop A)	07:15	09:10	12:15	18:25	
Lower Shiplake, adj Station Road	07:26	09:22	12:26	18:36	
Binfield Heath, opp Heathfield Close	07:33	09:29	12:34	18:44	
Henley Road County Boundary (adj)	07:43	09:37	12:42	18:51	
Caversham Elizabeth House (W-bound)	07:53	09:45	12:50	18:58	
Reading Friar Street (stop FC)	08:01	09:54	12:59	19:06	

### **Saturday**

Reading Friar Street (stop FC)	08:55	11:00	13:00	18:00	
Caversham, adj Westfield Road	09:03	11:10	13:11	18:10	
Henley Road County Boundary (nr)	09:11	11:18	13:20	18:18	
Binfield Heath, adj Heathfield Close	09:18	11:25	13:27	18:27	
Lower Shiplake, opp Station Road	09:26	11:31	13:33	18:33	
Henley-on-Thames Bell Street (Stop D)	09:35	11:41	13:45	18:41	
Henley-on-Thames Hart Street (Stop A)	07:15	10:15	13:55	17:15	
Lower Shiplake, adj Station Road	07:25	10:26	14:07	17:27	
Binfield Heath, opp Heathfield Close	07:31	10:32	14:14	17:33	
Henley Road County Boundary (adj)	07:39	10:40	14:22	17:41	
Caversham Elizabeth House (W-bound)	07:46	10:49	14:31	17:48	
Reading Friar Street (stop FC)	07:53	10:59	14:40	17:56	

**Service 29**  
**Bicester to HMP Bullingdon via Ambrosden**

**Service H5**  
**Bicester to John Radcliffe Hospital via Ambrosden and Islip**

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Two routes running in parallel between Bicester Town Centre and Ambrosden via the Graven Hill development in Bicester. The routes diverge in Ambrosden, with route 29 heading on to HMP Bullingdon with a small number of journeys also serving Lower Arncott. Route H5 continues on beyond Ambrosden directly to the John Radcliffe Hospital via Islip.

<b>Operator</b>	Stagecoach
<b>Days of operation</b>	Route 29: Daily Route H5: Monday to Saturday
<b>Frequency</b>	Both routes run roughly hourly Monday to Saturday, though there are some gaps on route H5. Journeys are evenly spaced where the routes overlap to provide a roughly half-hourly service between Ambrosden and Bicester via Graven Hill. Sunday service (route 29 only) is three journeys in each direction.
<b>Parishes served</b>	Bicester, Ambrosden, Arncott, Merton, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oddington, Islip, Beckley and Stowood, Stanton St. John
<b>Divisions served</b>	Bicester Town, Otmoor, Wheatley, Barton Sandhills and Risinghurst, Headington and Quarry

**Alternative services**

Ambrosden and Arncott are served by route 107 to Bicester on Fridays.

The John Radcliffe Hospital can be reached from Bicester by using route S5 and changing to route 700 or H2 at Summertown.

**Current subsidy per annum** £356,000

**Officers' comments**

- Both routes currently operate through to/from route 26 (Kingsmere) in Bicester. Route 26 is not a Council contracted route, and the continuation of through journeys will depend on the successful tenderer.
- The cost of this contract is very high and is one of our most expensive contracts in the county, for services which were entirely commercially operated before 2022.
- Requests have been received to fill the current gap in route H5 in the evening peak (departure from John Radcliffe at about 18:13) and provide a later journey (e.g. at 21:13 from John Radcliffe). These will be funded by BSIP and will commence as soon as practical.
- The service is 50% funded by BSIP and 50% by Section 106, principally from the Graven Hill development.

- The Council are already aware of requests for the service to operate closer to Stanton St John village, but further feedback is welcome.



## **Current timetables**

### **Route H5**

#### **Monday to Friday**

John Radcliffe Hospital West Wing (Stop J9)	06:58	07:58	08:58	09:58	10:58	11:58	12:58	13:58	14:58	16:13	17:13	19:13	20:13
Headington Shops (Stop HS6)	07:02	08:02	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:17	17:17	19:17	20:17
Islip, opp St Nicholas Church	07:17	08:17	09:17	10:17	11:17	12:17	13:17	14:17	15:17	16:32	17:32	19:32	20:32
Ambrosden, Willow Road	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:45	17:45	19:45	20:45
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	07:33	08:33	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:48	17:48	19:48	20:48
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	07:40	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:55	17:55	19:55	20:55
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 4)	06:00	07:00	08:10	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:10	17:20	19:20
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	06:05	07:05	08:15	09:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15	17:25	19:25
Ambrosden, Willow Road	06:10	07:10	08:20	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:20	17:30	19:30
Islip Middle Street (W-bound)	06:22	07:22	08:32	09:32	10:32	11:32	12:32	13:32	14:32	15:32	16:32	17:42	19:42
Barton Park West End (NW-bound)	06:37	07:37	08:47	09:47	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	15:47	16:47	17:57	19:57
John Radcliffe Hospital West Wing (Stop J9)	06:43	07:43	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	18:03	20:03

#### **Saturday**

John Radcliffe Hospital West Wing (Stop J9)	06:58	07:58	08:58	09:58	10:58	11:58	12:58	13:58	14:58	16:13	17:13	19:13	20:13
Headington Shops (Stop HS6)	07:02	08:02	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:17	17:17	19:17	20:17
Islip, opp St Nicholas Church	07:17	08:17	09:17	10:17	11:17	12:17	13:17	14:17	15:17	16:32	17:32	19:32	20:32
Ambrosden, Willow Road	07:30	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:45	17:45	19:45	20:45
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	07:33	08:33	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:48	17:48	19:48	20:48
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	07:40	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:55	17:55	19:55	20:55
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 4)	06:00	07:00	08:10	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:10	17:20	19:20
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	06:05	07:05	08:15	09:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15	17:25	19:25
Ambrosden, Willow Road	06:10	07:10	08:20	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:20	17:30	19:30
Islip Middle Street (W-bound)	06:22	07:22	08:32	09:32	10:32	11:32	12:32	13:32	14:32	15:32	16:32	17:42	19:42
Barton Park West End (NW-bound)	06:37	07:37	08:47	09:47	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	15:47	16:47	17:57	19:57
John Radcliffe Hospital West Wing (Stop J9)	06:43	07:43	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	18:03	20:03

## Current timetables

### Route 29

#### Monday to Friday

Bullingdon Prison			06:55	07:55	08:55		10:55		12:55		14:55	16:00	17:05	18:05		19:05	
Upper Arnctott, adj Greenfields						09:55		11:55		13:55							
Ambrosden, Willow Road	05:45	06:25	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:05	17:10	18:10	18:40	19:10	20:15
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	05:48	06:28	07:03	08:03	09:03	10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:08	17:13	18:13	18:43	19:13	20:18
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	05:55	06:35	07:10	08:10	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:15	17:20	18:20	18:50	19:20	20:25
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 4)	05:35	06:40	07:40	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:45	17:50	18:25	18:50	20:00	
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	05:40	06:45	07:45	08:45	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:50	17:55	18:30	18:55	20:05	
Ambrosden, Willow Road	05:45	06:50	07:50	08:50	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	16:55	18:00	18:35	19:00	20:10	
Upper Arnctott, opp Greenfields					09:55		11:55		13:55								
Bullingdon Prison		06:55	07:55	08:55		10:55		12:55		14:55	15:55	17:00	18:05		19:05		

#### Saturday

Bullingdon Prison	06:55	07:55	08:55	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	13:55	14:55	16:00	17:05	18:05		19:05			
Ambrosden, Willow Road	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:05	17:10	18:10	18:40	19:10	20:15		
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	07:03	08:03	09:03	10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:08	17:13	18:13	18:43	19:13	20:18		
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	07:10	08:10	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:15	17:20	18:20	18:50	19:20	20:25		
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 4)	06:40	07:40	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:45	17:50	18:25	18:50	20:00		
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	06:45	07:45	08:45	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:50	17:55	18:30	18:55	20:05		
Ambrosden, Willow Road	06:50	07:50	08:50	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	16:55	18:00	18:35	19:00	20:10		
Bullingdon Prison	06:55	07:55	08:55	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	13:55	14:55	15:55	17:00	18:05		19:05			

#### Sunday

Bullingdon Prison		13:52	15:52														
Ambrosden, Willow Road	09:10	13:57	15:57														
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	09:13	14:00	16:00														
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stop 8)	09:20	14:07	16:07														
Bicester Pioneer Square (Stand 4)	09:00	13:30	15:30														
Graven Hill, on Anniversary Avenue	09:05	13:35	15:35														
Ambrosden, Willow Road	09:10	13:40	15:40														
Bullingdon Prison		13:45	15:45														

## **Service 40**

### **Thame to High Wycombe via Chinnor, Kingston Blount, Stokenchurch and West Wycombe**

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Peak and off-peak service between Thame and High Wycombe via Chinnor. Most journeys on this route are provided commercially (no subsidy/contract). This contract covers the last two journeys Monday to Saturday in each direction (evening journeys) and all journeys on Sundays.

**Operator** Red Rose Travel

**Days of operation** Daily

**Frequency** Contract covers two evening journeys in each direction and the Sunday service (roughly two-hourly). Commercial journeys Monday to Saturday operate roughly hourly.

**Parishes served** Thame, Sydenham, Chinnor, Crowell, Aston Rowant, Lewknor, parishes in Buckinghamshire

**Divisions served** Thame and Chinnor, Chalgrove and Watlington

#### **Alternative services**

Route 331 also operates off-peak between Chinnor and High Wycombe on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Route 275 also serves Chinnor off-peak, providing a service to Oxford via Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant on Monday to Friday.

Routes 5 and 320 also run between Chinnor and Princes Risborough, with a Monday to Friday peak hour service and a Wednesday and Friday off-peak service.

**Current subsidy per annum** £92,333

#### **Officers' comments**

- Buckinghamshire provide 50% of the funding for this contract.
- Thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions, although there is no guarantee these can be taken forward.

## **Current timetables**

### **Monday to Saturday**

High Wycombe BusStn (Bay 18)	19:10	21:10
West Wycombe, adj The Swan Inn	19:18	21:18
Stokenchurch, opp The King's Arms Hotel	19:32	21:32
Lewknor Turn M40 J6 (Stop B)	19:37	21:37
Kingston Blount, opp The Cherry Tree	19:40	21:40
Chinnor, opp Village Hall	19:45	21:45
Chinnor, opp The Red Lion	19:48	21:48
Thame, o/s Town Hall	20:02	22:02
Thame, o/s Town Hall	18:10	20:10
Chinnor, o/s The Red Lion	18:23	20:23
Chinnor, o/s Village Hall	18:26	20:26
Kingston Blount, o/s The Cherry Tree	18:30	20:30
Aston Rowant Aston Hill Bottom (SE-bound)	18:33	20:33
Stokenchurch, o/s The King's Arms Hotel	18:41	20:41
West Wycombe, opp Village Hall	18:54	20:54
High Wycombe BusStn (Bay 18)	19:04	21:04

### **Sunday**

High Wycombe BusStn (Bay 18)		10:50	12:50	14:50	17:15
West Wycombe, adj The Swan Inn		10:58	12:58	14:58	17:23
Stokenchurch, opp The King's Arms Hotel	09:11	11:11	13:11	15:11	17:36
Lewknor Turn M40 J6 (Stop B)	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:41
Kingston Blount, opp The Cherry Tree	09:19	11:19	13:19	15:19	17:44
Chinnor, opp Village Hall	09:24	11:24	13:24	15:24	17:49
Chinnor, opp The Red Lion	09:27	11:27	13:27	15:27	17:52
Thame, o/s Town Hall	09:41	11:41	13:41	15:41	18:06
Thame, o/s Town Hall	09:50	11:50	13:50	15:50	18:10
Chinnor, o/s The Red Lion	10:03	12:03	14:03	16:03	18:23
Chinnor, o/s Village Hall	10:06	12:06	14:06	16:06	18:26
Kingston Blount, o/s The Cherry Tree	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:10	18:30
Aston Rowant Aston Hill Bottom (SE-bound)	10:13	12:13	14:13	16:13	18:33
Stokenchurch, o/s The King's Arms Hotel	10:21	12:21	14:21	16:21	18:41
West Wycombe, opp Village Hall	10:34	12:34	14:34	16:34	
High Wycombe BusStn (Bay 18)	10:44	12:44	14:44	16:44	

## **Service 95**

### **Didcot to Culham Campus via Long Wittenham**

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Peak hours service operating Monday to Friday. Primarily provides a commuting service from Didcot (including Ladygrove / Willowbrook Park / Nobel Park) to Culham Science Centre. Also provides peak journeys between Clifton Hampden and Long Wittenham to Didcot.

**Operator** Thames Travel

**Days of operation** Monday to Friday

**Frequency** Five journeys each way (two in the morning and three in the afternoon / early evening). No off-peak service.

**Parishes served** Didcot, Long Wittenham, Clifton Hampden

**Divisions served** Didcot West, Didcot Ladygrove, Wallingford, Berinsfield and Garsington

#### **Alternative services**

Direct train services operate between Didcot and Culham.

Service X36 operates between Willowbrook Park/Nobel Park and Didcot every 30 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays. Service 91 operates between Ladygrove Estate and Didcot every hour on Monday to Friday.

Service D1 provides an off-peak service linking Long Wittenham with Didcot on Monday and Wednesday.

**Current subsidy per annum** £77,161

#### **Officers' comments**

- Do journeys run at suitable times for staff at Culham Science Centre?
- Service is funded by Section 106 money from Culham Science Centre.
- Officers expect that the current level of service can be maintained for 2 years with the funds currently available.
- Thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions, although there is no guarantee these can be taken forward.

## **Current timetable**

### **Monday to Friday**

Didcot Parkway Station (Stop R4)	06:50	07:50	15:40	16:55	18:10
Ladygrove Shops (opp)	06:55	07:55	15:45	17:00	18:15
Long Wittenham, o/s The Plough	07:07	08:09	16:00	17:13	18:28
Culham Science Centre Guard House	07:16	08:20	16:10	17:23	18:38
Culham Science Centre Conference Cntr	07:18	08:26	16:15	17:30	18:45
Long Wittenham, opp The Plough	07:27	08:36	16:29	17:43	18:54
Ladygrove Shops (o/s)	07:38	08:48	16:42	17:55	19:06
Didcot Parkway Station (Stop R4)	07:47	08:57	16:53	18:04	19:15

## **Service 134**

### **Goring on Thames to Wallingford via South Stoke**

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Peak and off-peak service operating Monday to Friday.

**Operator**                      Going Forward Buses

**Days of operation**      Monday to Friday

**Frequency**                Nine journeys each way

**Parishes served**        Goring-on-Thames, South Stoke, Crowmarsh, Wallingford

**Divisions served**      Goring, Benson and Cholsey, Wallingford

#### **Alternative services**

There are no alternative bus services for North and South Stoke.

Wallingford can be reached from Goring by a combination of train and bus (changing to bus at either Cholsey or Didcot Parkway).

Goring is also served by Going Forward Buses route 133 to Wallingford via Moulsoford four days per week, and Oxfordshire County Council route 145 to Reading on Tuesdays.

**Current subsidy per annum** £90,502

#### **Officers' comments**

- Prior to the pandemic this route operated without any direct financial support required, but since then financial support has been required to continue operating – this has been steadily increasing and is now at a level that requires the route to be put to competitive tender.
- School time journeys provide transport to/from Wallingford School.
- Is there demand for a Saturday service?
- Do journeys run at suitable times?
- Officers consider that the timetable benefit from standardisation, with journeys following more regularised times and with fewer variations. Do you agree?
- Is the extension to Lidl needed?
- Would a larger vehicle be beneficial, although this would not be able to serve the Cleeve or South Stoke village routes?
- Thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions, although there is no guarantee these can be taken forward.

## Current timetable

	Mondays to Fridays										
Service number	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134
Days of operation	M-F SP	NSC	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F Sch	NSC	M-F	M-F
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	07:55	07:55	09:10	10:15	11:20	12:25	13:45	14:50	14:50	15:50	17:15
Goring, Lockstile Way top	07:56	07:56	Y	Y	11:21	12:26	13:46	14:51	14:51	15:51	R
Cleeve Crossroads (B4009 stop)			09:11	10:16							
Cleeve Crossroads (Elvendon Rd)	07:57	07:57			11:22	12:27	13:47	14:52	14:52	15:52	R Q
Cleeve, Scout Hut	07:58		X	X	11:23	12:28	13:48	14:53	14:53	15:53	R Q
South Stoke, Perch & Pike	08:02	08:02	09:15	10:20	11:27	12:32	13:52	14:57	14:57	15:57	R Q
South Stoke, Freedom Cotts	08:03	08:03	09:16	10:21	11:28	12:33	13:53	14:58	14:58	15:58	17:19
North Stoke, Shelter	08:06	08:06	09:19	10:24	11:31	12:36	13:56	15:01	15:01	16:01	17:22
North Stoke, The Springs	08:07	08:07	09:20	10:25	11:32	12:37	13:57	15:02	15:02	16:02	17:23
CABI	08:09	08:09	09:22	10:27	11:34	12:39	13:59	15:04	15:04	16:04	17:25
Wallingford Hospital	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Wallingford station (LiDL)	Z	Z	R	R	R	R	R	Z	R	R	Z
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	R	08:15	09:35	10:40	11:45	12:50	14:10	15:10	15:15	16:15	17:33
Service number	134		134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	134
Days of operation	M-F		M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F SP	NSC	M-F	M-F
WALLINGFORD, Market Place	08:48		09:50	10:55	12:00	13:20	14:25	15:10	15:20	16:45	17:35
Wallingford station (LiDL)	Z		R	Q	Q	Q	Q	Z	Q	Q	Q
Wallingford Hospital	08:49		R	10:56	12:01	13:21	14:26	15:21	15:21	16:46	17:36
CABI	08:50		09:52	10:57	12:02	13:22	14:27	15:23	15:22	16:47	17:37
North Stoke, Shelter	08:53		09:55	11:00	12:05	13:25	14:30	15:26	15:25	16:50	17:40
South Stoke, Freedom Cotts	08:55		09:57	11:02	12:07	13:27	14:32	15:28	15:27	16:52	17:42
South Stoke, Perch & Pike	M		M	11:04	12:09	13:29	14:34	15:30	15:30	16:54	R Q
Cleeve, Scout Hut	09:01		10:01	11:08	12:13	13:33	14:38	15:34	15:34	16:58	R Q
Cleeve Crossroads (Elvendon Rd)	09:02		10:02	11:09	12:14	13:34	14:39	15:35	15:35	16:59	\$
Goring, Lockstile Way top	09:03		10:03	11:10	V	V	V	V	V	R	R
Goring, Village Centre*				R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
GORING, Railway Stn Forecourt	09:08		10:10	11:18	12:23	13:43	14:48	15:44	15:44	17:08	18:00

\* Via Station Road and Thames Road, passing Health Centre, Station Road entrance to Railway Station and Goring Library

### **Times in italics indicate service does not operate every day**

**M-F SP** Runs Mondays to Fridays only when Wallingford School is in session. May be delayed depending on the needs of the School. School children have priority

**M-F Sch** Runs Mondays to Fridays only when Wallingford School is in session.

**M-F** Runs Mondays to Fridays

**NSC** Runs Mondays to Fridays only when Wallingford School is not in session

**F** Fridays only

**M-F** Mondays and Wednesdays only

**M-F** Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only

**\$** Sets down only either on B4009 or Elvendon Road if Scout Hut has been requested

**M** Runs along main road (B4009), passing Glebe Cottages

**Q** Please inform the driver on your outward journey if you would like to be picked up here. Does not set down here.

**R** Sets down here only on request: does not pick up here

**V** You can reach this point by travelling via Goring station

**X** You can depart here 9-14 mins before the time at Goring stn.

**Y** You can depart here 7-12 mins before the time at Goring stn.

**Z** Does not pick up or set down here



**Service 136**  
**Cholsey to Wallingford**

**Service 139**  
**Benson to Wallingford**

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Peak and off-peak services operating Monday to Saturday. Formerly one route, since November 2023 the service has been divided into two separate routes across Wallingford.

**Operator** Thames Travel

**Days of operation** Monday to Saturday

**Frequency** Approximately hourly, with additional journeys at school and afternoon peak times.

**Parishes served** Wallingford, Crowmarsh, Benson, Ewelme, Cholsey

**Divisions served** Wallingford, Benson and Cholsey, Chalgrove and Watlington

**Alternative services**

Benson Marina is served by Thames Travel route X40 between Oxford, Wallingford and Reading. At the time the contract will commence, this service will operate every 20 minutes on Monday to Friday and every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday.

Ewelme and RAF Benson are served by Going Forward Buses service 137, with one journey on Tuesday and Friday.

**Current subsidy per annum** £93,190

**Officers' comments**

- These routes were operated as one through route (RAF Benson – Benson – Wallingford – Cholsey – Wallingford – Benson – RAF Benson). Due to longer journey times causing increasing unreliability, the bus operator split the route into the two separate routes that operate currently, also revising the Benson route to operate in a one-way loop via Benson and RAF Benson rather than the previous two-way route on this section.
- The change to two separate routes had two negative effects: the loss of through journeys between Benson and Cholsey, and the removal of the opportunity for local trips between Ewelme (Green Lane) / RAF Benson and Benson village. Although there remains a service here, it is only suitable for trips to/from Wallingford due to the one-way loop operation.
- There have been complaints about these two aspects of the revised operation and the Council has maintained dialogue with Thames Travel regarding this and the potential for resolving the issues. Most recently, Thames Travel have reported that passenger numbers have increased since the route was changed but that punctuality remains an issue and is still at unsustainable levels.

- Thames Travel report that fewer than 3% of passengers on the route when it was a through service were using it to travel across Wallingford (e.g. from Benson to Cholsey). Reinstating this link on the previous two-way basis is likely to be very difficult or impossible without substantially reducing the frequency of the whole route (e.g. to every 90 minutes), potentially having a negative impact on the majority of passengers and leading to lower passenger numbers overall.

### **Potential Options**

The Council is considering a number of options on which we welcome views.

- Option 1: Retain the current service pattern and route
- Option 2: Retain the current service pattern, but amend the route between Wallingford and RAF Benson to operate in the alternative direction on some journeys
- Option 3: Reinststate the previous through service pattern at a reduced frequency
- Option 4: Divert service 33 to operate via Benson and RAF Benson in both directions, replacing service 139 and providing through links to Didcot and Henley – however the number of journeys on Monday to Friday would decrease from 16 to 14, and the bus from Benson would no longer serve Wallingford School directly  
Increase service 136 to operate every 30 minutes



## **Service 210**

### **Milton-under-Wychwood / Shipton-under-Wychwood to Witney via Leafield and Crawley**

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Peak and off-peak service operating Monday to Friday.

<b>Operator</b>	West Oxfordshire Community Transport
<b>Days of operation</b>	Monday to Friday
<b>Frequency</b>	Five journeys each way
<b>Parishes served</b>	Milton-under-Wychwood, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Leafield, Ramsden, Crawley, Witney
<b>Divisions served</b>	Charlbury and Wychwood, Hanborough and Minster Lovell, Witney West and Bampton, Witney South and Central

#### **Alternative services**

All villages on this route are also served by various routes run by the Villager Community Bus to Chipping Norton and/or Witney. However, these routes generally only run once weekly.

This is the only bus route serving the Deer Park area of Witney, Range Road and Fernleigh.

**Current subsidy per annum** £43,344

#### **Officers' comments**

- The first journey from Witney to Milton-under-Wychwood, and last return journey, do not currently form part of the contract.
- Is there demand for a Saturday service?
- Do journeys run at optimum times?
- Thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions, although there is no guarantee these can be taken forward.

## **Current timetable**

### **Monday to Friday**

Witney, opp Network Point					17:13
Witney Sainsburys (inside)		09:10	12:00	15:15	17:18
Witney Market Square (Stop D)	07:15	09:13	12:05	15:20	17:22
Witney, o/s Library	07:17	09:15	12:07	15:22	17:24
Witney, adj Network Point	07:22				
Witney, adj Edington Square			12:12	15:24	17:29
Burford, adj War Memorial	07:41				
Crawley, o/s The Lamb		09:24	12:16	15:27	17:35
Lower End, opp Hatching Lane		09:33	12:26	15:34	17:43
Ascott-under-Wychwood, adj The Green		09:43	12:36	15:44	17:53
Shipton-under-Wychwood, o/s Post Office	07:53	09:50	12:44	15:50	17:57
Milton-under-Wychwood The Hare (NE-bound)	07:58	09:55	12:47	15:59	18:00
Milton-under-Wychwood The Hare (NE-bound)	08:00	10:00	12:50	16:00	18:00
Shipton-under-Wychwood, opp Post Office	08:04	10:05	12:55	16:05	18:04
Burford, opp War Memorial				16:17	18:15
Ascott-under-Wychwood, opp The Green	08:09	10:11	13:02		
Lower End, adj Hatching Lane	08:19	10:21	13:12		
Crawley, opp The Lamb	08:28	10:31	13:22		
Witney, opp Edington Square	08:35	10:38	13:29		
Witney Market Square (Stop A)	08:42	10:44	13:36	16:46	18:28
Witney Sainsburys (inside)	08:45	10:47	13:40		
Witney, adj Network Point	08:50				
Witney, o/s Fernleigh	09:07	11:00			

## **Service 275**

### **High Wycombe / Chinnor to Oxford via Tetworth and Wheatley**

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Peak and off-peak service operating Monday to Friday. Peak journeys (morning towards Oxford, evening from Oxford) operate to/from High Wycombe and do not serve Chinnor. Off-peak services serve Chinnor and not High Wycombe.

<b>Operator</b>	Carousel Buses
<b>Days of operation</b>	Monday to Friday
<b>Frequency</b>	Four journeys each way
<b>Parishes served</b>	Chinnor, Crowell, Aston Rowant, Lewknor, Tetworth, Great Haseley, Tiddington-with-Albury, Great Milton, Wheatley, Oxford, parishes in Buckinghamshire
<b>Divisions served</b>	(various covering the route in Oxford city centre), Headington and Quarry, Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst, Wheatley, Chalgrove and Watlington, Thame and Chinnor

#### **Alternative services**

Alternative direct train and coach services exist between Oxford and High Wycombe, some of which serve Lewknor.

Route 117 also serves Postcombe, Tetworth and Milton Common, providing a service to Thame twice weekly.

Oxford can be reached from Chinnor, Crowell, Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant on a more regular basis, seven days per week, by using route 40 to Thame and changing to a bus for Oxford.

**Current subsidy per annum £115,300**

#### **Officers' comments**

- Buckinghamshire Council provides 20% of the funding for this contract.
- The service is difficult to provide from an operational perspective, with the driving time being at the very maximum legal limit for a single driver.
- It has been proposed that the service terminates in Chinnor village centre rather than at Old Kiln Lakes, to allow for additional running time and minimise delays caused by congestion.
- How valued would a regular service between High Wycombe and Oxford – not serving Chinnor, Kingston Blount or Aston Rowant – be?

## Current timetable

High Wycombe Bus Station bay 14	0650			
West Wycombe Village Hall	0659			
Piddington King Street	0702			
Studley Green St Francis Road	0706			
Stokenchurch New Road	0710			
Stokenchurch Old Kings Hotel	0713			
Chinnor Red Kite Road		1040	1250	1610
Chinnor Village Hall		1042	1252	1613
Chinnor Estover Way		1045	1255	1616
Kingston Blount The Cherry Tree		1050	1300	1621
Aston Rowant The Lambert Arms	0718	1054	1304	1625
Postcombe Salt Lane	0720	1057	1307	1628
Tetsworth The Green	0725	1102	1312	1633
Milton Common Common Cottage	0730	1106	1316	1638
Wheatley M40 Services	0736	1112	1322	1644
Wheatley Asda	0739	1115	1325	1647
Wheatley Park Hill Roundabout	0745	1118	1328	1650
Sandhills Thornhill Park&Ride, A40	0756	1124	1334	1656
Headington Shops stop HS2	0802	1128	1338	1700
Brookes University stop B5	0806	1131	1341	1705
Oxford Carfax	0818	1139	1349	1720

Oxford Turl Street stop T2	0930	1150	1450	1730
Brookes University stop B2	0938	1158	1458	1741
Headington Shops stop HS6	0943	1203	1503	1747
Sandhills Thornhill Park&Ride, A40	0945	1205	1506	1750
Wheatley Holton Turn	0950	1210	1511	1757
Wheatley Asda	0954	1214	1516	1802
Wheatley M40 Services	0956	1216	1518	1804
Milton Common Common Cottage	1002	1222	1525	1809
Tetsworth The Green	1007	1227	1530	1814
Postcombe Salt Lane	1011	1231	1534	1818
Aston Rowant The Lambert Arms	1013	1233	1536	1820
Kingston Blount Pleck Lane	1016	1236	1540	
Chinnor Estover Way	1021	1241	1544	
Chinnor Village Hall	1024	1244	1548	
Chinnor Red Kite Road	1026	1246	1550	
Stokenchurch Old Kings Hotel				1827
Stokenchurch New Road				1829
Studley Green St Francis Road				1833
Piddington King Street				1837
West Wycombe Village Hall				1841
High Wycombe Bus Station				1850

**Service 411 / 411S****Long Hanborough, Church Hanborough and Freeland to Eynsham****Service 418 / 418S****Standlake and Stanton Harcourt to Eynsham**

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Peak and off-peak service operating Monday to Friday.

<b>Operator</b>	First & Last Mile
<b>Days of operation</b>	Monday to Friday
<b>Frequency</b>	Most parishes have around five journeys each way, plus school journeys
<b>Parishes served</b>	Hanborough, Freeland, Eynsham, Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake.
<b>Divisions served</b>	Eynsham, Hanborough and Minster Lovell

**Alternative services**

Long Hanborough and Freeland (A4095) are also served by route S7 to Witney, Woodstock and Oxford, seven days per week. Church Hanborough and Freeland (main part of village south of A4095) do not have any alternative bus services.

Standlake is served by regular bus routes 19 and X15 to Witney, Carterton and Abingdon on Monday to Saturday.

Eynsham is served by frequent bus routes E1, S1 and S2 to Botley, Oxford, Witney, Carterton and Cheltenham, and service H2 to Witney, Carterton and John Radcliffe Hospital. In May 2025 this service is being extended to Churchill Hospital and Thornhill Park & Ride.

Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Bablockhythe and Sutton are also served by route 471 twice weekly to Witney. However, the future of this route is uncertain.

**Current subsidy per annum £72,919**

**Officers' comments**

- These routes were set up by the current operator to reinstate lost links to Eynsham and reintroduce public transport services to villages that previously had no public transport.
- The operator set the routes up with the aim that they will be taken over by another operator once they are established. The demand for travel to and from Bartholomew School is likely to soon exceed the level which the existing provider are able to accommodate, and the costs have reached a level where a competitive tender is required.







## Standlake-Stanton Harcourt-Eynsham

Valid from 6 January 2025  
Mondays to Fridays, except Bank Holidays



Bablock Hythe, Ferryman		09:46	11:46	13:41		Change in Eynsham for Oxford and Witney
Northmoor, Red Lion		09:50	11:50	13:45		
Church Mill Close		09:55	11:55	13:50		
Brighthampton, Lancott Lane	07:30	10:00	12:00	13:55		Connect in Eynsham for route 411 to Hanborough Station. Some buses operate through.
Standlake, Woodlands	07:35	10:05	12:05	14:00		
Northmoor, Red Lion	-	R	R	14:05		
Bablock Hythe, Ferryman	-	R	R	14:08		
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys	07:44	10:15	12:15	14:15	17:25	
Sutton	07:47	10:18	12:18	14:18	17:29	
Eynsham Church, Witney-bound	-	10:23	12:23	14:23	17:34	
Bartholomew School	07:52					

Additional journeys run on schooldays only, see below for details.



## Eynsham-Stanton Harcourt-Standlake

Valid from 6 January 2025  
Mondays to Fridays, except Bank Holidays



Bartholomew School		08:30S				15:15	16:15		
Eynsham Church, Oxford-bound	08:25H	08:34S	09:30	11:25	13:25	-	16:20	17:15	18:15
Sutton	RH	08:38S	09:35	11:30	13:30	15:20	16:25	17:29	18:20
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys	RH	RS	09:38	11:33	13:33	15:23	15:48	16:28	17:25
Bablock Hythe, Ferryman			09:46	11:46	13:41	-	R	R	R
Northmoor, Red Lion			09:50	11:50	13:45	-	R	R	R
Church Mill Close			09:55	11:55	13:50	15:31	R		R
Brighthampton, Lancott Lane			10:00	12:00	13:55	15:36	R		R
Standlake, Woodlands			10:05	12:05	14:00	15:41	R		R

Additional journeys run on schooldays only, see below for details.  
R - by request only to the driver.  
H - School holidays only, see below for dates  
S - Schooldays only, see below for dates

### 418S Schoolday only journeys

Standlake, Woodlands			08:02	School term dates: 7 Jan - 14 Feb 24 Feb - 4 Apr 22 Apr - 23 May 2 Jun - 18 Jul 3 Sept - 24 Oct 4 Nov - 18 Dec
Church Mill Close			08:04	
Brighthampton, Lancott Lane	07:30		-	
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys	-	08:01	-	
Bartholomew School	07:45	08:09	08:20	
Bartholomew School	15:15	15:15	15:35	Some other journeys serve Bartholomew - see above for details.
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys	-	15:23	15:43	
Brighthampton, Lancott Lane	15:30	15:30	15:52	
Standlake, Martins Lane	15:32	15:32	15:54	
Standlake, Woodlands	15:35	15:35	15:57	
Church Mill Close	15:37	15:37	16:00	Phone us up: 07584 927050

## **Service 500**

### **Brackley to Banbury via Farthinghoe**

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This contract is for the Sunday and public holiday service.

**Operator** Stagecoach

**Days of operation** Sunday and public holidays (except 25, 26 December and 1 January)

**Frequency** Hourly

**Parishes served** Banbury, parishes in West Northamptonshire

**Divisions served** Banbury Grimsbury and Castle

#### **Alternative services**

There are no alternative bus services between Brackley and Banbury on Sundays.

**Current subsidy per annum** £26,945

#### **Officers' comments**

- The Monday to Saturday service is operated by Stagecoach partially under separate contracts not being retendered at this time; the remainder is operated commercially (not under contract)
- Is there demand for the service to continue beyond Brackley to Bicester on Sundays?
- Thoughts are welcome on minor timetable changes or additions, although there is no guarantee these can be taken forward.



## **Current timetable**

### **Sunday**

Banbury Bus Station (Bay 5)	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:10	17:10	18:10
Banbury, in Gateway Retail Park	07:10	08:10	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:20	17:20	18:20
Middleton Cheney, opp Rectory Lane	07:20	08:20	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:30	17:30	18:30
Farthinghoe, o/s St Michael's Church	07:28	08:28	09:28	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28	14:28	15:28	16:38	17:38	18:38
Brackley, adj Jutland Drive	07:38	08:38	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:38	16:48	17:48	18:48
Brackley, adj Market Place	07:50	08:50	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	17:00	18:00	19:00
Brackley, adj St James Road	07:53	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	17:03	18:03	19:03
Brackley, opp St James Road	07:55	08:55	09:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	13:55	14:55	15:55	17:05	18:05	19:05
Brackley, opp Market Place	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:10	18:10	19:10
Brackley, opp Jutland Drive	08:08	09:08	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08	17:18	18:18	19:18
Farthinghoe, o/s Almshouses	08:20	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:20	17:30	18:30	19:30
Middleton Cheney, opp Library	08:30	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:40	18:40	19:40
Banbury, in Gateway Retail Park	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:40	17:50	18:50	19:50
Banbury Bridge Street (Stop 5)	08:50	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	16:50	18:00	19:00	20:00