

Parish Council Clerks
For Pewsey and Devizes Community Areas

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Dear Parish Council

Connect 2 Wiltshire: Pewsey, Devizes and village bus services in transition

You will have been notified about changes to the Connect 2 Wiltshire bus services in the Pewsey Vale starting from **Monday August 17th**. This letter is to introduce ourselves as an independent Joint Task Group set up to support the bus services on behalf of the Pewsey and Devizes communities, funded by the Community Transport Development Fund.

Wiltshire Council's new timetable ensures operational continuity to meet existing passenger needs as far as practicable.

You can obtain a copy of the new timetable and a poster to advertise the new service here - <http://www.pewseycap.org.uk/pewsey-devizes-bus-service/> - and both documents are also attached to the email accompanying this letter.

However we have asked Wiltshire Council for a more user friendly timetable to be produced as soon as possible. Some immediate points of clarification for the new timetable:

- The services have been timed to meet Service 49 in Devizes, Service X5 and trains at Pewsey Station.
- The 'R' by Pewsey Station is confusing. In fact the 100/101 buses will meet the Newbury/Reading/Paddington trains as follows:
Departing Pewsey at 0719 | 0809 | 1018 | 1343
Arriving Pewsey at 1745 | 1841 | 1937 |
- The map is not easy to follow and ought to include Upavon. The catchment area for the reduced Evening Services needs to be clarified. We're on the case!

We appreciate that this transitional period is going to be tricky. To secure a more viable future, the services will need improvements to attract new passengers. In an era of austerity this is a fantastic opportunity for us to see various options tested and problems ironed out, based on everybody's comments and suggestions.

Regular updates are made on our Facebook page – which you can view even if you aren't a member of Facebook, by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/DevizesPewseyBuses>.

We will be in touch again!

Yours faithfully
The Joint Task Group

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