



CUCKMERE BUSES



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MEDIA RELEASE

Improved Services and revised timetables from the 19th April 2015

Following East Sussex County Council’s review of supported services, the volunteers at Cuckmere Community Bus are operating revised timetables on many of their routes from April 2015 as well as introducing improvements to several of their services.

ESCC are continuing to support the shopping services 42 and the 40, which link the villages of the Cuckmere Valley with Hailsham and Seaford and they will remain unchanged. However, support has been withdrawn by ESCC for two of CCB’s weekend services, the Saturday service 25 between Alfriston and Lewes and the Sunday service 126 between Seaford and Eastbourne via Alfriston. But, following additional support from the South Downs National Park, the Sunday service 126 continues to be operated by CCB with no changes for at least the next twelve months. Service 25 though, is withdrawn and has been replaced by a revised service 125 operated by Compass Bus.

Philip Ayers, Cuckmere Community Bus Managing Director, says “We are committed to operating to rural and urban communities that are not served by the commercial bus companies, but our policy is not to duplicate or compete with them. Therefore, following a major review of our operations, we have made changes to many of our services from the 19th April. Our volunteers have spent a considerable amount of time over the last few months trying to minimise the effect of the reduction in funding to our operations and we believe that the changes we have made will continue to provide a good service to our passengers.”

“On Saturday mornings we are operating service 37 from Beachlands and Westham to Hailsham (for the markets), via the Langney and Crumbles shops. Service 36 also links Polegate & Westham with the shopping centres. However, our Tuesday and Wednesday services 36 and 37 in the Beachlands and Westham areas are withdrawn as several alternative services are provided by Stagecoach.”

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“We are providing an improved and revised service 42 to Hailsham via Deanland on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, but we are no longer serving Deanland on Monday or Thursday mornings because of the alternative Compass Bus service 143.”

“We are also offering an improved Seaford Town Service 120 on Saturday mornings, operating every half hour rather than hourly, with no changes on weekdays. Our Hailsham Town Bus Service has a completely revised timetable in the afternoons giving a more even headway, but two areas of the town will no longer be served as we duplicated several commercial routes.”

“We are running an additional return journey on the Saturday 126 route between Berwick, Alfriston and Seaford, however the main 126 Monday to Saturday service has changed considerably, as journeys by the existing operator will operate only between Alfriston and Seaford and an alternative service from Lewes to Eastbourne via Alfriston will be provided.”

“We have reintroduced our service 49 to the Observatory Science Centre at Herstmonceux. This operates every Wednesday until October from Terminus Road Eastbourne, via the Seafront, Langney and Pevensey Castle, giving visitors the opportunity to spend up to 3 hours at the Centre. Several other services have revised timetables, including the 38, 44 and 195.”

Cuckmere Buses new summer timetable booklet is now available at many local outlets and on the buses and details of all of their services are also available on the website www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk

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Notes for editors:

Cuckmere Buses is the trading name for Cuckmere Community Bus and we operate timetabled bus services and private hire 7 days a week, 363 days a year. We serve the rural and urban communities of the Cuckmere Valley and beyond, where other buses do not operate. We are a registered charity, and everyone in our organisation is a trained volunteer. Our operating centre is Berwick Station and we have over 60 volunteer drivers. Our organisation was formed in 1976 and was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2006. We also achieved the high standard necessary to be awarded the Community Transport Association's prestigious Quality Mark in 2013.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help run our services and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who may like to drive one of our buses. You can talk to one of our volunteers and try driving one of our buses at the Hailsham Farmers Market every second Saturday of each month, or telephone 01323 870920 or 07802 305155 for more information. There is also a link on our website at www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk

If you require any further information about this media release, or about Cuckmere Buses, please contact Richard Goldsmith, Publicity Officer.

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