

# Bus Surgery Day, Uckfield 11<sup>th</sup> September

In partnership with Southern Railway, Wealden Bus Alliance is holding a bus surgery day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Uckfield Railway Station. It is being organised in conjunction with Bus Users UK., under the banner “Your Bus Matters”.

Open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm, there will be 2 buses on site together with representatives from bus operators serving the Uckfield area, Sussex Community Rail Partnership, District and County Councils, Uckfield Town council and Wealden passenger user group

The surgery is one of a rolling programme of surgeries that have been held over the past 12 years across the country by Bus Users UK. One of its principal aims is to provide bus passengers with an opportunity to discuss their concerns and to know that their views will be taken seriously.

The event will give members of the public the opportunity to talk directly to both bus managers and the council staff who are responsible for funding some of the bus services in this area, to raise their concerns or seek information about what’s planned for bus routes in the future.

Chairman of the Wealden Bus Alliance, Cllr Barry Marlowe said, “It is important that bus users in the Uckfield area get a chance to meet the people responsible for providing local buses. Public transport is a vital community service, and this type of event is an ideal opportunity for people to have their say. With very few rail links across the district, buses are essential for Wealden’s communities.

Young people in particular need regular reliable services to attend college or work or to go out to socialise. Bus links are also important for older people and those who do not have a car and have to rely on buses to shop, visit friends and be able to live a full and active life.”

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