

# H-Tag

HERSTMONCEUX TRANSPORT  
ACCESS GROUP



WEALDEN BUS ALLIANCE

## Shuttle Bus Service in Herstmonceux

The Herstmonceux Transport Access Group, or H-TAG for short, has been formed, along with the help of **The Wealden Bus Alliance**, to see if we can tackle the transport problems in Herstmonceux. We are aiming to find a practical, local solution to make life easier for Herstmonceux residents, young and old!

Rural transport is a national problem and public transport to and from Herstmonceux is restrictive and not always convenient. The 98 bus service operates from the village and goes to either Hastings or Eastbourne. The first bus of the day leaves at 7 a.m. for Eastbourne with the last bus arriving back in the village at 7 p.m. enroute to Hastings. It is an hourly service, is subject to cancellations and it does not operate on a Sunday. In Hailsham there is a link to an extensive local bus service that takes passengers to Eastbourne, Uckfield, Polegate, Heathfield, Tunbridge Wells and beyond.

However, the isolation of the residents, especially the elderly, and timings of the 98 bus mean that residents have to use cars to get to work, hospital visits, go shopping and access local railway stations. The alternative is to use costly taxi services. This may also mean that some people drive when perhaps they should not and residents, particularly the younger ones cannot use public transport to get to places of employment or study.

Our initial thoughts are to provide a regular shuttle bus service into Hailsham and return. This service would supplement the 98 bus service and give passengers the opportunity to catch other services for their onward journey – and get them back to Herstmonceux at more convenient times.

This is where we need your help. Before we embark on any form of community transport service we would like to gauge the level of interest and concern among our residents. On the reverse side of this is a short survey and we would appreciate if you could spend a few minutes completing it and dropping it into the Information Centre before November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Any further information or offers of help, please contact Malcolm Bradshaw on 07710 38 11 38

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Wealden Bus Alliance [www.wealdenbusalliance.co.uk](http://www.wealdenbusalliance.co.uk)

Shuttle Bus Survey (Herstmonceux to Hailsham)

Thank you for taking a couple of minutes to answer these

## 5 short questions about local bus travel.

Please tick as many options that apply to you.

1. If there was a new shuttle bus between Herstmonceux and Hailsham, would you use it for:

work       shopping    school/college       leisure  
 onward travel       health appointments

2. What times would you use a shuttle bus?

6am -8am       8am -12 noon       12- 4pm       4-8pm  
 8pm-midnight

3. When would you use a shuttle bus?

Daily       Weekly       Weekends       Occasionally       Never

4.  I live in Herstmonceux Parish

I live elsewhere, and travel to school in Herstmonceux

I live elsewhere, and travel to work in Herstmonceux

5. Please supply your postcode .....

This information will be used solely in connection to the survey and will not be shared or sold to any third party.

Please return this form to Herstmonceux Village Information Centre 2-3 The Old Forge Gardner Street Herstmonceux BN27 4LE

Or you can complete it online at:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/QFNAV/>

## Thank you