

Feedback to public consultation of the Dorset Mobile Library Service



During the summer we published the proposed new schedules for consultation with mobile library users and local Parish and Town Councils. These schedules were based on analysis of use, staff local knowledge and the agreed criteria.

We received nearly 600 responses and have looked to incorporate as many of the suggestions and comments relating to routes and stops as is logistically possible.

The practicalities of routing the mobile to cover the whole County of Dorset means that some stops will have to be at certain times of the day and this, in turn, limits the opportunities to meet all the requirements of the communities.

We have, where possible, changed the days of some stops to avoid clashing with the local bus service.

The proposals also included withdrawing the mobile library service from a number of locations due to low levels of use and finding alternative ways for these users to continue to use the library service.

With the comments received, and working together with the local staff, we will arrange to offer alternative schemes such as the Good Neighbour scheme and Home library service for those users that have indicated they would like help in continuing to use the library service.

We have also reviewed the statistics and reinstated some stops that on review now meet the criteria. The list of stops that will no longer be included in the schedules is listed overleaf.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your comments and feedback which have helped form the mobile library service. If you need help in finding the best stop for you to use please contact staff for advice.

The new schedules will be available for users from Spring 2016.

We will look to starting the new service on the 9th May 2016.

We will continue to monitor and evaluate the service.



Mobile Library Service – list of stops confirmed for withdrawal

Mobile Stops	Mobile Stops
Belchalwell – Bellease Farm	Melplash – Village Hall
Belchalwell – Letter Box (The Cross)	Milton Abbas – Catherine’s Well
Blandford St Mary – Pigeon Close	Morden – Lay-by
Bovington – Cologne Road	Nettlecombe – Square
Bobington – Holt Road	Osmington – Village Hall
Briantspuddle – War Memorial	Over Compton – Letter Box
Broadmayne – Conway Drive	Piddletrenthide – Poachers
Buckhorn Weston – Stapleton Arms	Preston – Eadon Close
Cann – Wilkins Farm Lay-by	Punknowle – Napier Close
Chalbury Common – Tower Close	Pulham – Halsey Arms
Charlton Down – Herrison House	Quarr – Crossroads
Charlton Down – Lay-by Strodes Lane	Ryall – Letter Box
Charlton Marshall – Maygrove	Salway Ash – Layby
Charlton Marshall – The Close/Post Office	Sandford – Post Office, St Helens Road
Charminster – Symonds Court	Silent Woman – Caravan Park
Coombe Keynes – Village Green	Slepe – Caravan Park
East Almer – Farm	Somerford – Gracelands Park
East Lulworth – the Green	Somerford – Southey Road Community Centre
East Stour Common – Tree Tops	Spetisbury – Crawford Bridge
Edmondsham – Pump	St Ives – Sunnyside Park
Gaunts Common – Old Post Office	Stour Provost – Village Centre
Godmanstone – Fry’s Lane	Sturminster Marshall – Zena Hairdresser
Gussage All Saints – Village Hall	Tarrant Keynston – Village Hall
Gussage St Michael – Letterbox	Three Legged Cross – “Orchard Cottage” Church Road
Holton Heath – Caravan Park	Turnworth – Telephone Box
Holwell – Fox’s Close	West Moors – Gladelands
Horton – Church	West Moors – St Leonards Farm
Ibberton – Cutler’s Close	West Parley – The Parade
Kington Magna – Bowden Cottage	Winfrith Newburgh – Langcotes
Kington Magna – Farm View	Winterborne Whitechurch – Bus Stop
Langton Herring – Square	Winterborne Zelston – T Junction
Langton Matravers – Capston Field	Winterbourne Abbas – School
Limberlost – Maylyn Road	Winterbourne Steepleton – Hamlands
Lower Ansty – Paradise Row	Woodlands – New Road
Lulworth Camp – Oval	Worth Matravers – Village Green
Mangerton – Letter Box	
Melbury Abbas – White Pits Lane	

