

Revised Bus Services for the Bellingham

These are very difficult times with councils facing continuing cuts to budgets of 25 – 40%. The Council has just completed a review of its supported bus services where over £200,000 of cuts have to be found. However the Council is also extremely aware of the access issues in our more remote rural areas. So whilst having to face that somethings will have to change, the Council has endeavoured to ensure that communities retain local buses to be able to access basic services.

The situation in the North Tyne Area has been complicated by the need to retender the Snaith routes at very short notice. This has led to some arrangements being made and then changed. Whilst frustrating this has been done to try ensure we have got the right balance between needs of the community, budget available and providers who are willing to tender for the work. Changes though possibly confusing have been done in the interests of improving the service for local communities. Experience does tell us there are likely to be a few hitches in the first few weeks but we hope all will go as smoothly as possible and bed down after a fortnight or so.

What follows are the new time tables for the North Tyne Area. The approach we have taken is to look at cutting down on un-necessary mileage and feeding routes into Bellingham as a “hub” and a local service centre. This helps support the local economy of Bellingham whilst helping to maximise the available budget. From the “hub”, services then feed into the “trunk route” running from Bellingham to Hexham. This helps increase the sustainability of all routes and means we can keep running buses to smaller outlying communities.

We do recognise this will mean a change to some long standing arrangements but it also comes with some new advantages.

680 (formerly 880)

The Bellingham to Hexham service: formerly 880 now 680 will be run by Go North East. They will be connecting morning and evening peak journeys from Bellingham with the popular and fast ‘TynedaleXpress’ service to offer a commuter through bus to Newcastle for the first time in decades.

In Bellingham, the service will be extended to serve the heritage centre. On weekdays there will be an earlier bus from Hexham to Bellingham departing at 5.45am and a later bus from Bellingham leaving at 7.03pm. By adding the Bellingham to the ‘Tynedale Links’ network, regular travellers can buy their daily, weekly and longer period buzz fares or get even greater value by buying on-line using Go North East’s key smartcard.

Also children up to age 17 can travel off peak weekdays, all day Saturday and every day during the school holidays for just 90p single with Go North east’s Get Around tickets and key smart card.

Please note times of services have been altered slightly and leave at slightly later times

From 3rd August 2015

Hexham - Bellingham via Humshaugh

Route 680

Mondays to Fridays

Hexham, Bus Station	0545	0655	0910	1110	1310	1535	1720	1810
Hexham, Railway Station	0548	0658	0913	1113	1313	1538	1723	1813
Acomb, Garage	0553	0703	0918	1118	1318	1543	1728	1818
Acomb, The Pant	0920	1120	1320	1545	1730	1820
Wall village	0555	0705	0925	1125	1325	1550	1735	1825
Humshaugh, The Crown	0600	0710	0930	1130	1330	1555	1740	1830
Wark, Church Lane	0615	0725	0945	1145	1345	1610	1755	1845
Bellingham, Parkside Place	0630	0740	1000	1200	1400	1625	1810	1900
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	0632	0742	1002	1202	1402	1627	1812	1902
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	0633	0743	1003	1203	1403	1628	1813	1903
Bellingham, Parkside Place	0635	0745	1005	1205	1405	1630	1815	1905
Wark, Church Lane	0650	0800	1020	1220	1420	1645	1830	1920
Humshaugh, The Crown	0705	0815	1035	1235	1435	1700	1845	1935
Wall village	0709	0819	1039	1239	1439	1704	1849	1939
Acomb, The Pant	0715	...	1045	1245	1445	...	1855	...
Acomb, Garage	0717	0821	1047	1247	1447	1706	1857	1941
Hexham, Railway Station	0722	0826	1052	1252	1452	1711	1902	1946
Hexham, Bus Station	0725	0829	1055	1255	1455	1714	1905	1949

Saturdays

Hexham, Bus Station	0600	0705	0910	1110	1310	1510	1720
Hexham, Railway Station	0603	0708	0913	1113	1313	1513	1723
Acomb, Garage	0608	0713	0918	1118	1318	1518	1728
Acomb, The Pant	0920	1120	1320	1520	1730
Wall village	0610	0715	0925	1125	1325	1525	1735
Humshaugh, The Crown	0615	0720	0930	1130	1330	1530	1740
Wark, Church Lane	0630	0735	0945	1145	1345	1545	1755
Bellingham, Parkside Place	0645	0750	1000	1200	1400	1600	1810
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	0647	0752	1002	1202	1402	1602	1812
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	0648	0753	1003	1203	1403	1603	1813
Bellingham, Parkside Place	0650	0755	1005	1205	1405	1605	1815
Wark, Church Lane	0705	0810	1020	1220	1420	1620	1830
Humshaugh, The Crown	0720	0825	1035	1235	1435	1635	1845
Wall village	0724	0829	1039	1239	1439	1639	1849
Acomb, The Pant	0730	0835	1045	1245	1445	...	1855
Acomb, Garage	0732	0837	1047	1247	1447	1641	1857
Hexham, Railway Station	0737	0842	1052	1252	1452	1646	1902
Hexham, Bus Station	0740	0845	1055	1255	1455	1649	1905



This service is normally operated with low-floor wheelchair- and buggy-friendly buses. For further details please see the bus operator's publicity.

For other buses between Hexham and Acomb see routes 682 and Hadrian's Wall Bus AD122.

Operated by Go North East.

This service is subsidised by Northumberland County Council.

808 Otterburn – Newcastle (Bellingham, West Woodburn on a Saturday)

This remains the same service as previously run by Snaiths, Monday to Friday but will now be run by PCL with a fully accessible, low floor wheelchair and buggy friendly bus.

On Saturdays this service runs from Bellingham- West Woodburn – Otterburn – Newcastle. This will now run every Saturday as opposed to once a fortnight, giving an additional service to local people. In Newcastle the terminus for the service is moved from Eldon Square to St Thomas Street, close to Haymarket and the RVI.

From 3rd August 2015				
Bellingham, Otterburn - Newcastle			Route 808	
	Mondays to Fridays		Saturdays	
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	...		1010	
West Woodburn	...		1020	
Otterburn, Percy Arms	0705		1035	
Eldon, Bird and Bush	...		1040	
Knowesgate	0718		1055	
Kirkwhelpington Road End	0720		1057	
Belsay, Shops	0730		1107	
Ponteland. opp Waitrose	0740		1117	
Newcastle, St Thomas Street	0803		1140	
Newcastle, St Thomas Street	1720		1655	
Ponteland, adj Waitrose	1727		1718	Δ Runs via Eldon on request to the driver.
Belsay, opp Shops	1737		1728	
Kirkwhelpington Road End	1747		1738	
Knowesgate	1752		1740	
Eldon. Bird and Bush	Δ		Δ	
Otterburn. Percy Arms	1805		1750	
West Woodburn	...		1805	
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	...		1815	



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For other buses between Otterburn and Newcastle see route 131 and National Express.

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815 Otterburn – Bellingham via West Woodburn

This service runs on a Friday and it Links to the 680 to provide 2 hours in Hexham. It will now be run by PCL with a fully accessible, low floor wheelchair and buggy friendly bus.

This service previously ran on a Thursday and Friday, the Thursday has been dropped however Otterburn does have a new service on a Monday with the 885 – (see below) so still receives two a week.

From 7th August 2015			
Otterburn - Bellingham via West Woodburn			Route 815
Showing connections with buses on route 680 to and from Hexham.			
Fridays only			
Otterburn, Percy Arms	0915	Hexham, Bus Station (680)	dp 1310
Old Town	0918	Bellingham, Heritage Centre	ar 1402
Ridsdale	0930	Bellingham, Heritage Centre	1405
East Woodburn	0933	West Woodburn	1415
West Woodburn	0940	East Woodburn	1422
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	0950	Ridsdale	1425
Bellingham, Heritage Centre (680)	dp 1003	Old Town	1437
Hexham, Bus Station	ar 1055	Otterburn, Percy Arms	1440
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Route 885 – Byrness – Bellingham via Otterburn

This feeds into Bellingham and gives 2 hours in Hexham. It provides an additional service for Otterburn so in total it still receives two journeys to Bellingham a week. It will now be run by PCL with a fully accessible, low floor wheelchair and buggy friendly bus.

This service previously was direct to Hexham but now acts as a feeder into Bellingham.

Whilst a little more convenient, people now able to access services in Bellingham such as GP and banks as well as Hexham. The service would not have continued in its previous form as too costly

From 3rd August 2015

Byrness - Bellingham via Otterburn

Route 885

Showing connections with buses on route 680 to and from Hexham.

Mondays only

Byrness	0915		Hexham, Bus Station (680)	dp	1310
Cottonshopeburnfoot	0917		Bellingham, Heritage Centre	ar	1402
Redesdale Camp, road end	0918		Bellingham, Heritage Centre		1405
Rochester	0922		Otterburn, Percy Arms		1421
Otterburn, Percy Arms	0934		Rochester		1433
Bellingham, Heritage Centre	0950		Redesdale Camp, road end		1437
Bellingham, Heritage Centre (680)	dp	1003		Cottonshopeburnfoot	1438
Hexham, Bus Station	ar	1055		Byrness	1440



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880/revised 694 - Kielder, Bellingham, Redesmouth, Barrasford, Wall, Hexham

Kielder will be provided with two services a week on Tuesday and Fridays. This will be a through route that travels down the east side of the Tyne, through Redesmouth, Birtley, Barrasford Park, Gunnerton, Barrasford, Chollerton, Wall, Acomb and Hexham. It provides two hours in Hexham and is run by Adapt.

It will be a full accessible, low floor wheelchair and buggy friendly bus. There is no need to book as with the 694 and concessionary bus passes are allowed on this service. A service will be restored for Birtley. Resident of Colwell can access the route but they will have to ring Adapt in advance to book their journey. (01434 600599)

Resident from Kielder do have the option of getting off in Bellingham and having 30 minutes for GP or bank services and can then catch the 680 Go North East Service to Hexham.

Proposed timetable, Kielder to Hexham

Tuesdays and Fridays

Kielder, Castle Drive	0900		Hexham, Bus Station	1345
Leaplish, road end	0905		Hexham, Railway Station	1348
Tower Knowe, road end	0912		Acomb, Garage	1353
Falstone, Black Cock Inn	0915		Wall, Hadrian Hotel	1356
Stannersburn, The Pheasant	0920		Barrasford	1405
Lanehead, crossroads	0925		Gunnerton	1410
Bellingham, Parkside Place	0935		Barrasford Park	1415
Redesmouth	0945		Birtley	1430
Birtley	0955		Redesmouth	1440
Barrasford Park	1010		Bellingham, Parkside Place	1450
Gunnerton	1015		Lanehead, crossroads	1500
Barrasford	1020		Stannersburn, The Pheasant	1505
Wall, Hadrian Hotel	1029		Falstone, Black Cock Inn	1510
Acomb, Garage	1032		Tower Knowe, road end	1513
Hexham, Railway Station	1037		Leaplish, road end	1520
Hexham, Bus Station	1040		Kielder, Castle Drive	1525



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