

## **Changes to service 60 from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

You may be aware that Centrebus gave notice that they would not be able to carry on providing service 60 as a commercial bus service that received a subsidy towards certain journeys.

Northamptonshire Highways therefore undertook some on-bus surveys and analysis through Spring 2017 ahead of awarding a new contract this September. This contract has now been awarded to Centrebus following a tendering process. Now that this service runs fully as a contract under the control of Northamptonshire County Council, we have been able to use the feedback from surveys and other passenger comments to make some changes that are intended to improve the service and generate more passengers.

Whilst there were some very well-used journeys on the service, it was noted that the commuter journeys into Northampton in the morning, and home again in the evening, were not as well used as we'd like them to be. Rather than remove one of the journeys or withdraw them entirely, we have decided to divert these through Links View in Northampton (between Kingsthorpe and the town centre) in the order to try and attract new users to these journeys from an area that has no commuter buses at the moment. As a result, the first journey of the day no longer serves Brixworth, as it was observed that this connection was not utilised.

It was also noted that, after the 1052 arrival in Northampton, there were low numbers of passengers using the daytime journeys. Rather than withdraw these, we have decided to divert some of them via Brixworth to give village residents the chance to visit Brixworth on Mondays to Fridays.

Similarly, on Saturdays, most journeys will serve Links View as well.

Apart from this there are some more minor changes to the service. All journeys that go to Welford will now serve Cold Ashby and in Guilsborough, buses which used to turn at the bus shelter will run through the centre of the village. In Creaton, buses will always go anti-clockwise around the village to observe The Jetty rather than stopping on a grass verge.

At other times there are some minor timetable changes, but the same number of journeys still operate in either direction.

### **Village-by-Village summary**

#### **Welford**

- The 0753 (Monday to Saturday) journey now leaves Welford at 0740 and runs via Links View in Northampton.
- The 0955 (Monday to Saturday) journey now leaves Welford at 0939.
- The 1405 (Monday to Saturday) journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1410 on Mondays to Fridays and 1430 on Saturdays, with the Saturday journey running via Links View.
- The 1755 (Monday to Saturday) journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1745 on Monday to Friday, with no change on Saturday, and runs via Links View.

#### **Naseby**

- The 0803 (Monday to Saturday) journey now leaves Naseby at 0750 and runs via Links View in Northampton.
- The 1005 (Monday to Saturday) journey now leaves Naseby at 0949.

- The 1405 (Monday to Saturday) journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1410 on Mondays to Fridays and 1430 on Saturdays, with the Saturday journey running via Links View.
- The 1755 (Monday to Saturday) journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1745 on Monday to Friday, with no change on Saturday, and runs via Links View.

### **Cold Ashby**

- A new journey to Northampton leaves Cold Ashby at 0754 Mondays to Saturdays.
- The 1009 (Saturday) journey to Northampton now leaves at 0953 but now runs Mondays to Saturdays not just Saturdays.
- A new journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1410 on Mondays to Fridays and the 1405 (Saturday journey) from Northampton now leaves at 1430.
- A new journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1745 (1755 on Saturdays).

### **Thornby**

- The 0810 (Monday to Saturday) journey now leaves Thornby at 0759 and runs via Links View in Northampton. The 1012 (Monday to Friday) and 1014 (Saturday) journey now leave Thornby at 0958.
- The 1405 (Monday to Saturday) journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1410 on Mondays to Fridays and 1430 on Saturdays, with the Saturday journey running via Links View.
- The 1755 (Monday to Saturday) journey from Northampton bus station now leaves at 1745 on Monday to Friday, with no change on Saturday, and runs via Links View.

### **Guiltsborough**

- Buses to Northampton now leave at 0650, 0805, 1004, 1118, 1253, 1535 and 1703 (Monday to Friday) and 0805, 1004, 1128, 1308, 1550 and 1713 (Saturday).
- Buses from Northampton now leave at 0740, 0858, 1045, 1210, 1410, 1615 and 1745 (Monday to Friday) and 0858, 1055, 1225, 1430, 1630 and 1755 (Saturday). Journeys which used to turn at the bus shelter will now run to the middle of the village.
- The journey to Northampton at 1118 (Monday to Friday only) now serves Brixworth, with buses back from Brixworth at 1236 and 1436 (Monday to Friday only).
- The journey from Northampton at 0858 will stay on the main road and not run through the village. This is to enable time within the schedule to run to Brixworth.
- Peak time journeys and most journeys on a Saturday now additionally serve Links View in Northampton. The morning peak journey to Northampton no longer serves Brixworth.

### **Hollowell**

- Buses to Northampton now leave at 0653, 0808, 1007, 1121, 1256, 1538 and 1706 (Monday to Friday) and 0808, 1007, 1131, 1311, 1553 and 1716 (Saturday).
- Buses from Northampton now leave at 0740, 0858, 1045, 1210, 1410, 1615 and 1745 (Monday to Friday) and 0858, 1055, 1225, 1430, 1630 and 1755 (Saturday).
- The journey from Northampton at 0858 will stay on the main road and not run through the village. This is to enable time within the schedule to run to Brixworth.
- The journey to Northampton at 1121 (Monday to Friday only) now serves Brixworth, with buses back from Brixworth at 1236 and 1436 (Monday to Friday only).
- Peak time journeys and most journeys on a Saturday now additionally serve Links View in Northampton. The morning peak journey no longer serves Brixworth.

### **Creaton**

- All buses run anti-clockwise and so serve The Jetty. Additionally, buses towards Northampton will now serve the bus layby on the main Welford Road.
- Buses to Northampton now leave at 0658, 0813, 1012, 1126, 1301, 1543 and 1711 (Monday to Friday) and 0811, 1010, 1134, 1314, 1557 and 1720 (Saturday).
- Buses from Northampton now leave at 0740, 0858, 1045, 1210, 1410, 1615 and 1745 (Monday to Friday) and 0858, 1055, 1225, 1430, 1630 and 1755 (Saturday).
- The journey to Northampton at 1126 (Monday to Friday only) now serves Brixworth, with buses back from Brixworth at 1236 and 1436 (Monday to Friday only).
- The journeys from Northampton at 0740 (Monday to Friday only) and 0858 will stay on the main road and not run through the village. This is to enable time within the schedule to run to Brixworth.
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### **Spratton**

- Buses to Northampton now leave at 0702, 0817, 1016, 1130, 1305, 1547 and 1715 (Monday to Friday) and 0817, 1016, 1140, 1320, 1603 and 1726 (Saturday).
- Buses from Northampton now leave at 0740, 0858, 1045, 1210, 1410, 1615 and 1745 (Monday to Friday) and 0858, 1055, 1225, 1430, 1630 and 1755 (Saturday).
- The journey to Northampton at 1130 (Monday to Friday only) now serves Brixworth, with buses back from Brixworth at 1236 and 1436 (Monday to Friday only).
- Peak time journeys and most journeys on a Saturday now additionally serve Links View in Northampton.
- The journeys from Northampton at 0740 (Monday to Friday only) and 0858 will stay on the main road and not run through the village. This is to enable time within the schedule to run to Brixworth.

### **Chapel Brampton**

- Buses to Northampton now leave at 0708, 0823, 1022, 1148, 1311, 1553 and 1721 (Monday to Friday) and 0823, 1022, 1146, 1326, 1609 and 1732 (Saturday).
- Buses from Northampton now leave at 0740, 0858, 1045, 1210, 1410, 1615 and 1745 (Monday to Friday) and 0858, 1055, 1225, 1430, 1630 and 1755 (Saturday).
- Peak time journeys and most journeys on a Saturday now additionally serve Links View in Northampton.

### **Links View diversion**

- The journeys which pass Kingsthorpe towards Northampton at 0713 and 0829 (Monday to Friday) and 0829, 1028 and 1154 (Saturday) and leave Northampton bus station at 1615 and 1745 (Monday to Friday) and 1225, 1430, 1630 and 1755 (Saturday) will divert via Kingsthorpe Grove, Kingsley Road, Fairway, Hazeldene Road, Fulford Drive, Brookfield Road, Randall Road and St George's Avenue to give these residents of Northampton access to a regular bus service.