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AUF 670 in the Xelabus vintage fleet. ©Robert Winkworth

In this edition, a full list of 2020 covid service changes and 2021 update.



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Welcome to 2021 and the first SOC news sheet of the year. For the start of the year, the news sheet will revert to bimonthly. The extra members-only editions have ceased for the time-being but the committee will review the situation later in the year. Normally this edition would coincide with the AGM held on the first Friday in February: however due to the pandemic, the AGM will be postponed until normal meetings resume which are currently pencilled-in for June. In the meantime, virtual meetings will continue to be released on the first Friday of each month.

In December, we had a 'free style' evening with a number of members contributing a small selection of photographs on a diverse range of topics, held together by Christmas graphics and carols. In January, Roger Watts entertained us with his annual New Year's address, and his subject was Royal Blue. This was the first occasion that a single member had taken over the entire virtual meeting and it was very well received. The February meeting, due for release on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, will feature four presentations from three members, whilst all subsequent meetings will revert to contributions welcomed from all of the membership. For the first time, topics for the forthcoming virtual meeting have been pre-planned;

- March the title is 'Rail Replacement'
- April, 'Three Axials'
- May, 'From Roe to Switch Mobility ~ Optare from beginning to end'.

It is never too soon to start getting your contributions in, what better way to get through the tedium of lockdown.

It is unfortunate that we start the new year with the implementation of stricter lockdown regulations and news of the reduction in bus services and scholar transport. Whilst the government remains vocal in its support for the industry, no doubt eventually there will be limitations imposed on the amount of fiscal support available, which will impact on the long-term viability of some routes or even their operators. The insecurity of services can be summed up by looking at the data supplied by David Etheridge throughout 2020 and, republished in this news sheet, as one consolidated document. Understanding a timetable is the greatest barrier to generating passenger traffic, and things look no better for the start of 2021 as the new report from David illustrates.

On the national coaching scene, 'Honk for Hope' has gone quiet, whilst many have turned upon their own industry body for lack of support in dealing with the crisis. Locally, Angela remains optimistic, advertising a whole range of 2021 holidays from end of February. However our biggest operator, Lucketts seem unstoppable, as the report from Group Engineering Director Mark Jorden outlines on page 14. In the past year, Lucketts has absorbed National Express work from Bluestar and now more recently Bournemouth Transport. It will be interesting to see if the consolidation of National Express services becomes a nationwide trend and, with the recent sale of the Dundee bus operation, what the future focus will be.



December 2020 Rail Replacement, Winchester. Left: Aldermaston Coach Lines FJ56 PFK, ex First Cymru Scania K340EB4.

Right: Solent Coaches (Lucketts) FN62 CDX, Volvo B9R. © Barry T.



Committee. Chairman: Roger Watts, Secretary: James Woodcock, Treasurer: David Etheridge.

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# Bob Gray - Letters of Condolence. A note from Sue Gray

To all those who sent in letters of condolence, this is just to say, a very big thank you, to you all.

Quite overwhelming and my sincere apologies to anyone that I have been unable to reach in person.

Best regards

Sue Grey

# 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Happy New Year to you all and hoping you are finding plenty to keep you busy during Lockdown-3, I have targeted cataloguing 14 boxes of slides from 2007-2009 then I will only have a big box containing eleven years of photo's to sort.

In 2020 the club had an income of £533.60 from subscriptions and donations from the 40 members.

Expenditure was £496.71 which was made up of £117.60 room hire, £201.83 news sheet production, £142.56 special Covid-19 news sheet production, £25.50 photo competition trophies and £9.22 expenses.

This gave us a small surplus for the year of £36.89.

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid your 2021 subscriptions that are held at £15.00 for paper news sheets and £12.00 for email news sheets.

Payment can be either by sending me a cheque made out to 'Solent Omnibus Club' to:

53 St Catherines Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 1LT.

Alternatively payment can be made by bank transfer to SOLENT OMNIBUS CLUB, Sort Code = 30 65 22, Account No = 80440260.

Please add a reference of your initials, first part of your postcode and whether you would be willing and able to attend meetings on Zoom, example in my case DESO18YES.

I have made a provisional booking at Portchester Community Centre for room hire for the first Friday of each month for 2021 but have indicated we would not expect to return until at least June and not before the current social distancing requirements are relaxed.

I have also agreed we will comply with revised Portchester Community Centre Covid-19 hygiene regulations that currently include wearing of face covering within the building, using hand sanitizer when we enter the building, wiping down all chairs and tables (and storing), door handles and light switches with antiseptic wipes (supplied by us) before leaving the building and removing all our rubbish from site. Also the kitchen will not be available.

Hopefully with the vaccine now being rolled out we will be able to hold a meeting before the end of 2021. In the meantime stay safe and well.

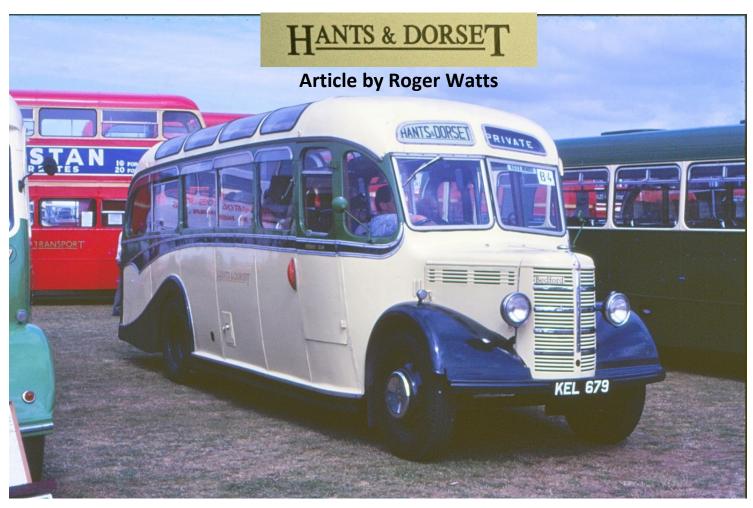
Both taken Christmas Day morning when I did a fifteen mile cycle ride before coming home to prepare lunch for one as Boris and Co said I could.

This first one is of building work on the site of Eassons Garage.



# Treasurer's Christmas Day bike ride.

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Above. Until the end of the 1950, Hants & Dorset's coach livery was cream set off by two shades of green, as shown on this Bedford OB with a Duple Vista body.

As part of the research for my book, I have been searching through Alan Lambert's collection of immediate post-war "Notices and Proceedings" (N&Ps) to establish the list of excursions that Byng's, Don and Southsea Royal Blue were licensed to operate. I come across all sorts of things to sidetrack me, but one road service licence application which really surprised me was one from Hants & Dorset Motor Services Ltd. (H&D) to continue the (pre-war) excursions and tours starting from Southampton. That H&D should apply for an excursion licence from Southampton wasn't unexpected, because the company had a large coach operation across its operating area, and in other N&Ps it made application to operate more excursions and tours from other locations including Bournemouth, the location of its head office. What was surprising to me was the size of the application – for no less than 107 destinations plus six extended tours.

'Royal Blue' had been acquired by Thomas Tilling on 1st January 1935 and split three ways between Southern National, Western National and Hants & Dorset. A pre-existing agreement between Royal Blue and H&D meant that the express services passed to the two national companies, and the tours and excursions passed to H&D. Thomas Tilling Ltd. also acquired the "Tourist" undertaking at Southampton who owned the premises at Grosvenor Square, to which the Bedford Place coach departure point was adjacent, and that operation was also split three ways, with the tours and excursions going to H&D, who continued to use the Royal Blue and Tourist names until 1939. So, in fact, the size of the application wasn't that surprising at all.

EVENING TOURS			
EXCURSION	FARE	EXCURSION	FARE
Evening Tour (1)	3/-	Portsmouth Evening Tour	3/9
Evening Forest Tour (1)	3/-	Evening Tour (3)	3/-
Evening Forest Tour (2)	3/-	Forest Tour (Evening)	3/-
Evening Forest Tour (3)	3/-	Boscombe	4/9
Evening Tour (2)	3/-	Bournemouth (Matchams? RJW)	4/6

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#### **EXTENDED TOURS**

EXCURSION	FARE
Blackpool and English Lakes Tour (5 days)	£4 7s. 6d.
North Devon Tour (3 days)	£2 12s. 6d.
South Devon Tour (3 days)	£2 12s. 6d.
Scotland (12 day)	£10 10s.
Blackpool and English Lakes (6 days)	£5 5s.
East Coast and Norfolk Broads (7 days)	£6 2s. 6d.
Torquay	£4 8s. 9d.

Right. A change in BTC policy on coach livery in 1951 dictated that coaches should be all-over light cream, relieved only by mudguards painted in fleet livery (Tilling green or Tilling red while a few fleets used black.)



# **DAY EXCURSIONS**

EXCURSION	FARE	EXCURSION	FARE
Bath and Bristol	10/6	Cheddar	12/3
Weston-super-Mare	14/6	Salisbury and Stonehenge	5/9
Ringwood and Fordingbridge	4/-	Highcliffe and Bournemouth	5/3
Weymouth	8/9	Swanage	7/6
Lulworth Cove	8/3	Lyme Regis	12/3
Beaulieu Abbey	3/6	Milford-on-Sea	4/9
Portsmouth	4/6	Lee-on-Solent	3/6
Bognor Regis	6/6	Worthing	8/9
Brighton	10/-	Eastbourne	12/3
Meon Valley	5/3	Windsor and Reading	9/3
Test Valley	4/9	Oxford and Test Valley	10/-
New Forest Tour	5/6	Aldershot	7/6
Tidworth	7/-	Salisbury Races	6/6
Newbury Races	6/6	Ascot Races	10/-
Goodwood Races	9/3	Epsom Races	12/3
London (Crystal Palace)	9/3	London (Wembley)	8/3
Hampton Court	10/6	London (Hendon)	12/3
Burnham Beeches	10/-	Salisbury and Fordingbridge	4/9
Salisbury and Bournemouth	7/-	Savernake Forest and Marlborough	7/6
Cheddar and Wookey Hole	12/3	Minehead	15/9
Wookey Hole, Glastonbury and Yeovil	13/6	Bridport and West Bay	10/6
Sandbanks	5/3	Portsmouth and Meon Valley	5/9
Stratford-on-Avon	15/9	Bath Races	10/6
Cheltenham and Gloucester	15/9	Stratford-on-Avon and Leamington Spa	15/9
Tunbridge Wells	15/9	Hastings	17/-
Henley-on-Thames and Windsor	10/6	London (Zoological Gardens)	10/6
London (Dirt Track Speedways)	8/3	Bournemouth	5/3
Sandbanks	5/3	Fordingbridge and Downton (1)	4/-
Fordingbridge and Downton (2)	4/-	Highcliffe	5/3
Hindhead and Guildford	7/6	Heaven's Gate	8/9
Sidmouth	14/6	Windsor	9/3
Bath and Cheddar (Circular)	13/6	Blandford, Shaftesbury and Salisbury	8/9
Hayling Island	5/3	Test Valley	4/9
Whipsnade Zoo	14/6	Studland Bay	6/6
Barton-on-Sea	4/-	Weymouth	8/9
Swanage	7/6	Isle of Wight	29/3
Windsor and Reading (incl. lunch and tea)	20/6	Brockenhurst and Beaulieu Abbey (incl. tea)	11/-
Milford-on-Sea (incl. tea)	11/9	Salisbury and Stonehenge (incl. tea and tolls)	15/3
Ringwood and Fordingbridge (incl. tea)	12/3	Bournemouth (incl. lunch)	21/9
Romsey, Stockbridge and Winchester	9/6	Rufus Stone and New Forest	6/6
Horndean (Circular)	5/3	Forest Tour (Afternoon tour)	3/6
Forest Tour (commencing 2.30p.m.)	3/6		

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Although there were exceptions, in the application above the maximum number of vehicles to be used on a tour was ten, with the proviso that the maximum number of vehicles to be used on the above group of excursions and tours on any one day was 26. The maximum on the evening tours combined, on any one day was to be 20. Those figures relate to excursions and tours starting from Southampton only, and do not include Bournemouth etc.

Unusually, the excursions were to be allowed to operate "Throughout the year", with the exception of the extended tours which were mostly from Easter to 30th September. The excursions to the race courses were to be allowed on "race days only", while the excursions to Aldershot and Tidworth were to be during the "Period of Tattoo, including rehearsals". The evening tour to Bournemouth was for: "Occasions of Dog Racing, Speedway Race Meetings, Ice Hockey, Boxing matches, etc." and I wondered whether this included "Matchams" near Bournemouth.

The Isle of Wight day tour had its route described as "Royal Pier for the Isle of Wight" so the passengers probably travelled from there as foot passengers and were met at Cowes by a coach supplied by Southern Vectis Omnibus Company Ltd. It would appear that the island tour finished at Ryde for the return crossing, because the return route was shown as "Portsmouth, A333, A334 and A3024". A garage at Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight was inherited with the Elliott Brothers' "Royal Blue" operation in 1935 and vehicles were permanently stationed there for the (Bournemouth-based) Isle of Wight excursions, but I presume that had gone by the time of this 1948 application.

The first post-war coaches for Hants & Dorset were five Bristol L6G/Beadle C28F touring coaches, TC811-5 (GRU 855-9), which arrived in July 1947, six months before the application shown above. There was then a gap of over a year before the next coaches, TC822-31 (HRU and JEL registered), Bristol L6B/Dutfield, started to arrive in October 1948, with a range of seating capacities: C28F; C30F and C31F. Delivery was spread over the next six months.

It will be noted that even as long ago as 1948, H&D were selling inclusive tours, with things such as lunches, teas and tolls included in the price of the day trip.

As a postscript to this article, I would like to add that when I first joined SOC back in 1969, the Southampton coaching manager was SOC member, Mr. Nigel Wheeler.



Southdown Daimler TCD 372J at Brighton 1970s "hang-on-luv, if you wait 30 years we might have low floor bus for you" Phil Savin

# "Damp at Detling"

# Adrian Willats was at the South East Bus Festival & Heritage Transport Show....



Following my being suddenly (and very annoyingly!) unwell on the morning of last year's event, I was determined to make it there in 2019!! A good journey from this area was marred only by the "coning off" of one lane of the motorway slip road at the junction needed to access the Kent Showground, but after a bit of queuing we were safely in and parked. Needless to say, no workmen or signs of work were observed...). Alas, the dry and sometimes bright weather en route had vanished as we arrived, with a misty kind of "wet air" descending on the site. As many of the cars and other smaller vehicles are displayed outside, not to mention the purveyors of jams, fudges, garden stuff and "artisan" bread, this was not looking good for them - indeed, many of the cars probably did leave earlier than they might do on a brighter day. Despite this, however, I still had a good day. Several bargain books were acquired, together with a couple of slides and over sixty prints - the bulk of which were on a very welcome "50 for £1" offer! The on and off wet weather did mean that I only took one bus ride around part of the site, on a modern vehicle and as much to save a wet walk as for the bus itself!), but I made up for that at Brooklands the next day. Thanks to Nigel Appleford for driving to and from Detling, and Robert Martin for joining us for a "damp but delightful" day out!



Maidstone & District 1001, (CC201 EKJ), a 1986 Mercedes 608D/Rootes, now with fleetnames etc applied to the plain green seen in 2017; London Transport BS4, (GHV 504N), a 1975 Bristol LHS6L/ECW and proof that the eccentric British "bus nutter" (and families thereof) will still ride on open-top buses even on a wet day!

# **David Lindsell Andover Diary**





A couple of old Amport and Disrtrict Bus pictures have come my way. Both are Bedford Ob's. The first is seen in West Street, Andover. On the right EOR 465 OWB with Duple B32F body new to A&D in 1944.



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i:61 - Bus of Hope is co-led by Glenn Prince and Abby Prince

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added. "We see the negative side of this yearning for a place to belong in young people getting caught up in anti-social behaviour and county lines activity. "However, we have been able to witness change through the work of the bus giving positive role

models: young people gaining con-fidence, overcoming hopelessness and more than a few overcoming suicidal thoughts and believing in a better future. "This is our motivation to keep going. We see a need in our town with many young people not being reached, we want to go to them and make an impact that redirects their life to become ambassadors of their community, raising community

community, raising community spirits and having a hope for a great

future.

future." But with the need for a new bus not coming cheap, the couple de-cided to set up a fundraising page to help with the covering the costs. "We have been grateful to a few boad business' supporting us with our biggest and most long term support coming from Stannah and Stagecoach Bus," he added. "It's this support that helps us with the operational costs of run-ning a bus, however with the un-

expectedness of being unable to repair our current bus we need to raise funds for the capital invest-ment of a replacement. "The equipment will be trans-ferred from our old bus and we will be able to get back out into the com-munity ASAP. We've been humbled that even young people have con-tributed to the GoFundMe page." To find the fundraising page, search 'i.61 replacement bus' on the GoFundMe website.



Ex Hants and Dorset 677 (KEL405) a Bristol LL6B with ECW B39R body is seen on display at Cosham on the 28 April1996 during the Southdown/Portsmouth Running Day.



Ex Hants and Dorset 1622 (RLJ341H) a Bristol RELL6G with ECW B45D body is seen at the Southsea Spectaculer on Southsea Common on the 11 June 1995.



I have been scanning again.

This picture shows preserved Surrey Motors (PPF492)a 1951 AEC Regal III with Harrington C37F body seen in Broad Street, Old Portsmouth on the occasion of the last Broad Street Garage Open Day Parade on the 9 March 2003.

ANDOVER. Latest Bus Service changes

Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st December

Reduced Saturday timetables based on timetables previous operated in April. There was an early finish around 2000 on Thursday 31st Dec.

Service 1: 30min frequency rather than 15min Service 3: 60min frequency rather than 30min Service 4: 60min frequency rather than 30min Service 5: Normal weekday service (no service Saturday 2nd Jan) Service 6: 60min frequency rather than 30min Service 7: 1 trip per day from Andover rather than 4.3 trips per day from Penwood to Newbury rather than 4. Actv 8: Hourly service between Andover and Salisbury. Andover-Tidworth short journeys will not run. Service 9: 4 trips per day rather than 6 Service 10: Normal service. Service 11: Normal service. Service 12: 4 trips per day rather than 5 Service 13: 2hourly frequency rather than hourly Service 15: Normal service. Service 17 : 2 trips per day. Service 66/67: Normal service Services C3, C4, C5, C6, C8: Normal service (Cango) Service 76: 60min frequency Andover – Whitchurch – Basingstoke Servce 85: Will not run. Service 87: Normal service Service P20: 2hourly frequency rather than hourly

Friday 1st Jan (New Year's Day) No service. Saturday 2nd Jan, Saturday timetables based on timetables previous operated in April.

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This picture features preserved Leathers Coaches of Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire (GWV101) a 1950 Bedford OB with Duple C29F body. The occasion was the Bournemouth to Bath commercial Vehicle Run on the 5 September 1993. The location is the large Salisbury car park.

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Sunday 3rd Jan.

The normal Sunday service will be running. Further updates will be provided in due course to confirm service levels from Monday 4th January 2021.

As the availability of drivers improves, they will review services and look to reinstate journeys where possible.



A scene taken in the Cattle Market Car Park in Winchester on the 2 January 1995. (MBU534L) a 1972 AEC Reliance with a Plaxton coach body formerly with Austins of Dorking and other owners. Was owned by Classic Buses Ltd, 297, Copnor Road, Portsmouth.



London Transport country area T792 (HLX462) crosses the junction of the B4009. This was an official photographic spot as can be seen by a bunch of lads all taking the same shot.



Aldershot & District colours shown to their best on 178 (HOU904), Strachan bodied Dennis Lancet J10 having just stormed up the hill from the A40/B4009 junction and about to enter Postcombe.



From the modern era, Chalfont coaches VDL Futura WF68FEJ



Todmorden 18 (HWY36) Leyland bodied Leyland PD2/1 with Bevan's AEC Regal in the background.



City of Oxford 304 (304KFC), Dennis Loline II/East Lancs which is a member of the Oxford Bus Museum. The committee that chose that livery should feel proud of themselves!



I'll take a bet that there's not a member of the SOC hasn't travelled on a coach such as this. A Bedford SB3/Duple Vega bodywork that's preserved in the livery of Premier Watford.



PNM757M Plaxton bodied Bedford YRQ in the colours of Great Ouse Valley Coaches.



Coach Point supplied A17CPX (R762NFW) a Kassbohrer-Setra S250 Special.



In the safe keeping of The Leicester Heritage Trust, Leicester Corporation 301 (GJF301N) a 1975 MCW Metropolitan made a splash of colour on a rapidly dulling day.



Another coach, another Premier. Premier Travel of Cambridge one used this AEC Reliance HLP10C with Harrington bodywork. I don't remember the base blue of the livery being so vivid...but memory can play tricks.



London Transport country area RML2440. I admit I get fed up with Routemasters taking over a rally but this bus was the exception. Signage and adverts have been applied in the last few years and it's exactly how I remember they were when new, a real credit to its owner.





## Airlynx

WC11 KET, (MF11 LUE, WEZ 60, ONU 77, 3 WSM) Neoplan Starliner that spent its time with Airlynx transporting the Hampshire cricket team, hence the registration, now with Blowfield, Forest Hill.

# Bluestar



8/1/2021, Bluestar was forced to seek police assistance after its number 18 vehicles were targeted by "several youths, who were armed with stones." The incident took place in Millbrook on Thursday between 5:30-6:30pm. Bluestar General Manager, Richard Tyldsley called the behaviour "utterly disgraceful." He said: "Four of our buses, all of which were carrying keyworkers, were attacked yesterday - causing damage and delays to our services. (Daily Echo)

#### 10/1/21

Bluestar was forced to cancel a service on Sunday after it was targeted near to the Saints Pub on Kendal Avenue in Millbrook.

# Coliseum

The depot in West End, Southampton closed during the summer of 2020. Work transferred to Lucketts at Fareham and Solent at Hurn Airport.

# Hants & Dorset

For sale CRU301L Bristol VR £5000



## Jet Connect

Operator

News

PH1094020, New operating centre: LODGE FARM, FONTLEY ROAD, TITCHFIELD, FAREHAM, PO15 6QX New authorisation will be 5 vehicles. Decrease at existing operating centre 1 BOTTINGS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BOTTINGS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, CURDRIDGE, CURDRIDGE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2DY, new authorisation at this operating centre will be 1 vehicle.

# **Portsmouth City Council**

More work to repair to the surface of a £9.2m transport hub will start next week.

Portsmouth City Council has revealed its contractor Colas will fill potholes at the Hard Interchange, in Portsea, from November 30.

The repairs will be carried out over the course of five nights to minimise the impact on bus services.

Councillor Lynne Stagg, the city council's traffic and transport boss, said "We're sorry for the inconvenience caused to local residents and businesses while temporary repairs continue and we are very grateful for everyone's patience and understanding."

The work comes as part of a series of jobs undertaken at the harbour-side site since it opened in May 2017.

On previous occasions the surface of The Hard has been reduced to 'sludge' in wet weather as it appeared to be sinking.

Portsmouth council is in talks with the companies who dealt with the design to come up with a permanent solution. Cllr Stagg added: "Our goal is to replace the surface completely and alleviate all the current problems, so that the Interchange can withstand wear and tear for many years to come, but we need to complete discussions with the designer and contractor that have been delayed due to the pandemic.

"The ongoing costs for temporary repairs are part of the current discussions."

# Solent Blueline (Musterphantom)

For sale in San Diego, Alabama £21,210 H728DDL Leyland Olympian.



#### Southdown

For sale FCD307D 1966 Leyland Titan PD3 £15, 000



#### Southampton Transport

For sale. KOW 901F AEC Regent been dry stored for last 3 years.





I purchased this bus 3 years ago with all the intentions of restoring her to her former glory But i really do not have the time anymore, lve spent 12 months rebuilding another and it might well be the last one i do, These vehicles take so much time effort and money to bring up to scratch so if your enthusiastic and want a challenge the finished result could be very rewarding, The bodywork looks worse than it is, There is very little rot as the last owners cut it out and replaced it with new steel frame work and panels, Its more of a put it all back together job and cut and fit new body panels, It is mainly complete although there is probably the odd piece here and there missing, She runs very well starts first time (With batterys fitted) and drives Shes fitted with the large AEC engine and semi Automatic gearbox more than likely the same running gear as the routemaster, Originally new to Southampton in 1968, If you have any questions please call or send a message, would like to see it go to a good home however iam realistic, Please No bus spotters with no intentions other than collecting information or photos i really dont have the time, Delivery can be arranged at cost, Located in Wrexham North Wales, £7500 ono make me an offer. Barkers Motors LTD, Holt Road, Llan y pwll, Wrexham, LL13 9SD.

# Southampton Park & Ride

Residents would be able to use the service from the Bargain Farm site in Nursling to the city centre on weekends while NHS staff would use it during the week.

A health campus and a 1,000-space car park are set to be built at the site as part of a scheme run by University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust. The proposed route for the park and ride service would be along the M271 from J1, then via the A33 Redbridge Road-Millbrook Road West – Mountbatten Way to Southampton Central Station (southside) and terminate on Portland Terrace-Albion Place. Work on the multistory car park is expected to start later this winter. The public would also be able to use the service when major events are held in the city while NHS staff would use it Monday to Friday from 6am to 10pm.

As part of the plans, there would also be a number of other roadworks.

The main access to the site would be from Adanac Drive while buses will use a bus only access link road from the bus interchange to the new Lidl store entrance. (*Echo*)

# Stagecoach South

Following the withdrawal of Optare Solo 47536 at Aldershot, Dart SLF 35117 has been transferred from Portsmouth as a replacements. Enviro 200s 36438, 36837 and 36838 have transferred from the main fleet to the Reserve Fleet at Guildford.

Enviro 400 19079 has transferred from Andover to Winchester.

Chichester-allocated Trident 18502 has suffered rear end fire damage and is currently in the Strategic Reserve Fleet here pending assessment.

# Wheelers

Removed operating centre: St Modwen Business Park, Unit 7, Cambell Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, Eastleigh, SO50 5AD Removed operating centre: Strong Room Self Storage, Unit 4, Lederle Lane, Gosport, PO13 0FE

Removed operating centre: B M GRADDIDGE, CHENEYS FARM, ROMSEY ROAD, OWER, ROMSEY, SO51 6AF.

Buses reports Volvo/Alexander Strider M412 UNW is now preserved.

# Xelabus

YR10 AZA now with Hulleys.

X11 operating between Lordshill Centre and Southampton City Centre, Pound Tree

Road effective from 04 January 2021, to amend timetable. Cancellations of Existing Services:

PH1098723/87 Operating between Bitterne Sainsburys and Bitterne Sainsburys service

number Hoppa effective from 30 December 2020. PH1098723/75 Operating between Southampton Pound Tree Road and Shirley Precinct

service number X12 effective from 31 December 2020. PH1098723 Operating between Bishops Waltham,

Cricklemede and Itchen College, Middle

Road service number 191 effective from 31 August 2020.



**Mark Jordan** 

Fleet Changes within the Lucketts Group are listed below. (Please note the fleet numbering system has been amended to a revised format and any prefixes have been removed) This is in preparation for the inclusion of all the other NETS fleets to be included in the numbering system over the coming months.

11 Caetano Levante 3 taken in following the demise of Mike de Courcey Travel in Coventry. Registration numbers are:-

- 55-15-55 BV69 KRK, currently on loan to Clarkes. 55-16-55 – BV69 KRN, currently on loan to Clarkes. 55-17-55 – BV69 KRO, currently on loan to Clarkes. 55-18-55 – BV69 KRU, currently on loan to Clarkes. 55-19-55 – BV69 KRX – Fareham Depot. 55-20-55 – BV69 KRZ – Fareham Depot. 55-21-55 – BV69 KTF– Fareham Depot. 55-22-55 – BV69 KTG – Operated by Solent Coaches.
- 55-23-55 BV69 KTJ Operated by Solent Coaches.
- 55-24-55 BV69 KTK Operated by Solent Coaches.
- 55-25-55 BV69 KTL– Fareham Depot.

There are also five more Caetano Levante 3 due in from Bournemouth Transport in near future, following the takeover of the 035 diagram on 21/12/2020 and these will be based at Solent Coaches.

2 x Mercedes Sprinters with EVM Grand Tourer body, both in VIP livery and based at Fareham Depot:-19-12-19 RX70 RYB, 19-13-19 RX70 RYC.

For sale with dealer, YN56 NTG and A20 HLC. (Ed)

National Express has seen "a 185% increase" in bookings through its package coach holidays division for spring and summer 2021 compared to pre-coronavirus COVID-19 figures for 2020.

The division, which includes Lucketts Travel and Woods Tours – part of Woods Coaches – believes that the uplift has come because of confidence among 'grey pound' spenders in the vaccine rollout process. Bookings are currently being taken for departures from May onwards. 98% of the National Express package coach holidays customer base is aged over 65. (*Bus & Coach Week*)



# **First Hampshire News**

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PH0006159, decrease at existing operating centre: EMPRESS ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON, SO14 0JW. New authorisation at this operating centre will be 117 vehicles. New operating centre: AMAZON WORLD ZOO PARK, WATERY LANE, NEWCHURCH, SANDOWN, PO36 0LX. New authorisation at this operating centre will be 10 vehicles.

The Sandown depot is due to the island line getting replaced, new class 484 trains will be introduced. The line is closed for 3 months so buses from Bristol are located there:-Fleet No. 33934, 33935, 33940, 36807, 36808 and 36815.

Allocations: 44509 Slough to Weymouth. 65006 Weymouth to Hoeford. 33699 Hoeford to Weymouth. 47587 & 47593 Hoeford to Hilsea

69386-389 in new Slough 4 route branding . 69391 in new Slough route 7 branding.



14/1/21 about 13.20 pm the road was closed for couple of hours.

Also about 2 weeks ago one of the star buses suffered a rear end shunt on Stakes Hill Road Waterlooville causing a large amount of damage. John Williams

# Covid19's effect on the Solent Bus Network. David Etheridge

Although we are now in Lockdown-3 bus services mostly continue to operate close to the timetables being operated in early March 2019 before the first Lockdown. This is due to the Dft continuing to pay CBSSGR to cover the shortfall in revenue operators are experiencing during the Covid-19 outbreak. I understand before Lockdown-3 operators were expected to operate 95% of the early March 2019 service level to be eligible, but I have heard this has been relaxed to a 70% requirement during Lockdown-3. So far only Stagecoach and Xelabus have made any substantial service reductions during Lockdown-3 with GSC and First continuing to operate their full services. Although schools are officially closed during Lockdown-3 it appears more pupils are attending than during the previous Lockdowns as during this Lockdown pupils without laptops or with poor wifi connection are allowed to attend along with children of essential works, it is reported at some schools up to 50% of pupils are attending so some school buses continue to operate although most of the relief buses/coaches added for social distancing have been suspended.

The plan to amend the special service registration requirements being operated by the Traffic Commissioners Office from a 72 hour notice period simultaneously to the Local Authority and Traffic Commissioners Office with free registration of 'temporary variations' to 7 days to the LA followed by 28 days' notice to the TCO (35 day total) from 4th January with the £60 registration fee reinstated was implemented. But a special Emergency Procedure was put in place with changes allowed with 72 hours' notice if the changes are due to changes in the Covid-19 guidelines or are directly attributable to a change in circumstance due to Covid-19 and applications include the explicit consent from the local authority for the service to be varied at short notice.

Bus use which was at around 49% of 2019 usage at the end of the second Lockdown climbed back to around 55% during December but fell to around 40% the week before Christmas when the schools were on half term. Usage dropped further as Lockdown-3 was introduced and was down to around 25% by the 10th January. Usage in London at the 10th January was slightly higher at around 30%.

Rail and Tube usage which was at around 22% at the end of the second Lockdown climbed back to just over 30% in the run up to Christmas but had fallen back to around 16% by the 10th January.

Traffic levels that were at around 76% at the end of the second Lockdown rose to around 87% in the run up to Christmas but had fallen to around 60% by 10th January during Lockdown 3, but this is well above the 40% during the first Lockdown. HGV traffic which had been running at over 100% of 2019 totals since September had fallen to around 90% by 10th January.

Cycling which was a hit during the first Lockdown with usage up to around 150% of 2019 totals is not proving as popular during Lockdown 3 with usage at only around 60% of 2019 totals.

By monitoring web sites, Traveline and other information that came my way here is a list of changes to all Solent area bus services between the 7th December 2020 and 18th January 2021.

First Bus Portsmouth / Fareham – No Changes.	8 Southampton – Calshot: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.
<b>First Bus Southampton.</b> <b>11 Southampton – Weston</b> : 17/1 extended from City Centre to Rail Station and frequency reduced Mon to Fri from every 8min to every 10min and service end 45min earlier Sat and Sun.	<ul> <li>16 Southampton – Townhill Park: 04/01 Mon to Fri peaks increased from every 15 min to every 10min &amp; half hour later start on Sundays.</li> <li>17 Weston – Adanac Park: 03/01 minor timing changes and additional peak short journeys between City Centre and General Hospital. 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.</li> </ul>
Go South Coast Bluestar. 1 Southampton – Winchester: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant. 2 Southampton – Fair Oak: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant. 3 Southampton – Eastleigh: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.	<b>Go South Coast Unilink.</b> U1 NOC – Southampton Airport: 10/1 vacation timetable to continue until further notice. U2 Mayflower Halls – Bencroft: 10/1 vacation timetable to continue until further notice.
<b>4 Southampton – Romsey</b> : 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.	Go South Coast Salisbury Reds – No changes.
<ul> <li>5 Romsey – Boyatt Wood: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.</li> <li>6 Southampton – Lymington: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.</li> <li>7 Sholing – Lordswood: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.</li> </ul>	Go South Coast morebus. 119 Lymington – New Milton: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant. X1/X2 Lymington – Bournemouth: 18/1 to school holiday timetable variant.

# National Express.

**030 Fareham** – Victoria: 23/12 to 27/12 4 or 6 journeys daily. 28/12 reduced to 1 or 2 journeys daily. 11/1 service suspended.

**032** Southampton – Victoria: 23/12 to 27/12 4 or 6 journeys daily. 28/12 reduced to 1 or 2 journeys daily. 11/1 service suspended.

**035 Poole – Victoria**: 23/12 to 27/12 increased to 12 journeys daily. 28/12 reduced to 2 or 3 journeys daily. 11/1 service suspended.

**204 Poole – Heathrow**: 23/12 to 27/12 4 journeys. 28/12 reduced to 3 journeys. 11/1 service suspended.

# Stagecoach Havant & Chichester.

**20 Havant – The Hard**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 30min to hourly.

21 Havant – The Hard: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 30 min to Havant and 15min to Anchorage Park to hourly to Havant with an hour earlier finish. 10/1 Suns reduced to hourly with short journeys to Anchorage Park suspended 23 Leigh Park – Southsea: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 12min to every 30min with 90min earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from every10min to every 15min and service end 30mins earlier, Sat reduced from every 12mins to every 15mins with service end 30min earlier, Sun reduced from every 15min to every 30min with service end 90min earlier. 30/31 Havant – Hayling Island: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 15min to hourly. 10/1Mon to Sat reduced from every 15min to every 30min, Sun reduced from every 30min to hourly with 30min earlier service finish.

**37 Havant – Petersfield**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 90min to two hourly. From Mon 18/1 route reverts to using College Road, Purbrook at end of road works.

**39 Havant – Wecock Farm**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 20min to hourly. From Mon 18/1 route reverts to using College Road, Purbrook at end of road works.

**700** Portsmouth – Bognor Regis: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 30min to hourly and only to Chichester. 10/1 Sun reduced from every 30min to hourly.

# Stagecoach Winchester.

**1 Stanmore – Winnall**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 20min to 30 min with an hour earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri service end one hour earlier, Sat reduced from every 20min to every 30min with hour earlier finish.

**3 Winchester – Harestock**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 20min to 30min with two hour earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from every 15min to every 20min with service end two hours earlier, Sat reduced from every 20min to every 30min and service end two hours earlier.

**4 Highcliffe – Teg Down**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from hourly to four journeys. 10/1 Mon to Fri service end two hours earlier, Sat reduced from hourly to four journeys.

**5 Winchester – Badger Farm**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 20min to 30min with an hour earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from every 10min to every 20min and service end one hour earlier, Sat reduced from every 20min to every 30min with service end one hour earlier, Sun reduced from every 20min to every 30min. 7 Winchester – Sparsholt: Sat 9/1 only reduced from five journeys to three. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from hourly to five journeys, Sat reduced from five journeys to three.
16 Winchester – Stockbridge: Sat 9/1only remains at three journeys but retimed. 10/1 reduced from three journeys Mon to Sat to three journeys Wed and Sat and retimed.
46 Winchester – North Baddesley: 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced

from four journeys to two. 63 Owslebury – Winchester: 10/1 reduced from 3 journeys to one and retimed.

**64 Winchester – Alton**: 03/01 retimed with up to three minutes extra running time due to new speed restriction on A31 for Brexit lorry park. Sat 9/1 only reduced from ever 30min to hourly with an hour earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri one hour earlier finish, Sat reduced from every 30min to hourly with one hour earlier finish.

**66 Winchester – Romsey**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from every 30min to hourly with two hour earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri one hour earlier finish, Sat reduced from every 30min to hourly with service finish two hours earlier.

67 Winchester – Petersfield: Sat 9/1 only reduced from four journeys to three. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from five/seven journeys to three, Sat reduced from four journeys to three.
69 Winchester – Fareham: Sat 9/1 only reduced from hourly to two hourly. 10/1 Sat reduced from hourly to two hourly.
85 Winchester – Andover: 29/12 service suspended. 04/1 service reinstated with five journeys Mon to Fri and 4 on Saturdays. 10/1 journeys retimed.

**86 Winchester – Whitchurch**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from seven journeys to four. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from hourly to two hourly with 30min earlier finish, Sat reduced from two hourly to four journeys.

**95/96 Winchester – East Stratton**: 10/1 days of operation changed from Mon & Thu to Tue & Fri and retimed.

**E1/E2 Winchester – Eastleigh**: Sat 9/1 only reduced from seven journeys to six. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from nine journeys to six, Sat reduced from seven journeys to six. **Spring Winchester – Springvale**: Sat 9/1 only reduce from every 30min to hourly with 90min earlier finish. 10/1 Mon to Fri reduced from every 20min to every 30min with 90min earlier service end, Sat reduced from 30min to hourly 90 min earlier service end.

**Winchester Park and Ride**: 27/12 reverted to normal timetable from pre-Christmas enhanced service.

# Xelabus.

X4 Eastleigh – Hedge End: 06/1Sunday service suspended. 11/1 Saturday service to operate Mon to Sat.

X6/X7 Eastleigh – Hiltingbury: 04/1 special two hourly timetable Mon to Fri. 06/1 Sunday service suspended. X8 Eastleigh – Boyatt Wood: 06/1 Sunday Service

suspended. **X9 Eastleigh – Bishops Waltham**: 04/1 Saturday service Mon to Sat.

**X10 Bishops Waltham – Southampton**: 04/1 Saturday service Mon to Sat.

**X11 Southampton – Lordswood**: 04/1 new Mon to Fri timetable introduced.

**X12 Southampton – Shirley**: 04/1 service rerouted to serve Millbrook Tesco.

# During 2020 David Etheridge maintained a monthly analysis of covid service changes. This is a consolidated list from those reports.

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**250 Liphook Local Service:** Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

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**C41 New Alresford – Basingstoke:** 08/04 reduced to one journey each way Wed & Fri.

206 Alton – Bentley: Normal service still operating as at 19/4.
208 Alton – Medstead: Normal service still operating as at 19/4.
240 Ropley – New Alresford: (until 22/04) – Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

# First Bus Portsmouth / Fareham.

**1 Southsea – The Hard:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 12/04 reduced to every 20 min Daily until 20.10. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 10 mins & service finish 135 mins later at 23.04. 28/6 minor timing changes with Sat / Sun service finish ten minutes later at 20.56. 18/7 Sat frequency increased to every 12 mins with service start half hour earlier at 05.39. 20/09 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins and service end 37 mins later.

2 The Hard – Paulsgrove: 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/04 every 20 min Daily until 22.00. 26/4 am peak increased to 15min frequency and retiming of late evening journeys. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins with service start 15 mins earlier and finish 90 mins later at 23.39. Sat & Sun service start 45 mins later at 05.45. 03/09 school days 2A journeys reinstated. 27/9 Sat frequency increased to every 15 mins and service end two hours later at 23.59. 08/11 two extra journeys Mon to Fri 07.52 & 08.24 from Commercial road to QA Hospital. 3 Fareham – Portsmouth: 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 12/04 reduced to every 20 min Daily until 22.30. 26/4 last bus ex Fareham hour earlier at 20.30 but later buses between Southsea and QA Hospital. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 10 mins. Sat & Sun service end 90 mins earlier at 22.26. 18/07 Sat frequency increased to every 12 mins and Sunday service end 90 mins earlier at 22.26. 20/09 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins. 08/11 two extra journeys Mon to Fri 15.05 & 16.50 Hilsea to Commercial Road & Sunday service end brought back from 23.59 to 22.26.

**X4 Portsmouth – Southampton:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 12/04 hourly Daily 20.09 finish. 26/4 first bus Fareham to Southampton 30mins earlier but last bus from the Hard an hour earlier at 18.02. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 30 mins.

**X5 Gosport – Southampton:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 12/04 hourly service Daily 20.09 finish. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 30 mins and service start 30 mins later at 06.36.

**6 Portsmouth – Southsea:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. Service cancelled from 30/8.

**7 Portsmouth – Wecock Farm:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/04 reduced to every 20 min Daily until 22.05. 19/04 reduced to every 25 min Daily until 22.06. 03/5 rerouted via QA Hospital and reduced to every 30min. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 15 mins & service end an hour later at 22.55. 05/07 Mon to Fri between 09.15 and 17.00 extra short journeys between Portsmouth and QA hospital introduced giving 7/8 minute frequency over this section of route. 26/7 M-F short journeys Portsmouth – QA hospital Introduced between the

15min service to Wecock to give a 7to8min frequency on this Section, Sat and Sun frequency increased from 30min to 20min and 90min later service finish. 01/9 7A and 7C school journeys reinstated. 20/9 last pm 7C journey withdrawn. 27/9 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 12 mins and service end one hour later at 23.55.

**7A Southsea - Oaklands School**: 15/6 reintroduced with two journeys each way Mon to Fri. 05/07 reduced to one journey in each direction. 04/10 minor retiming.

**8 Southsea – Clanfield:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/04 reduced to every 20 mins Daily until 22.39. 19/04 reduced to every 30 mins Daily until 22.39. 26/4 rerouted via QA Hospital with 30min service to Horndean and Hourly to Clanfield. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 20 mins with service end 40 mins later at 23.19. 19/7 Sat and Sun frequency to Clanfield increased from hourly to every 30 mins with every journey continuing to Clanfield instead of every other journey turning at Horndean. 26/7 M-F frequency increased from 20min to 15min with half hour later service finish, and Sat & Sun frequency from 30min to 20min and hour later service finish. 04/10 service retimed Mon to Sun for reliability with 30 minute later service finish on Saturdays and 30 minutes earlier on Sundays.

**9, 9A Fareham – Gosport:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 12/04 reduced to every 30 min (hourly each service) Daily until 19.34. 19/4 retimed still every 30 min (hourly each service) Daily until 19.34. 26/4 reduced to hourly (2 hourly each route) and last bus from Gosport 30 mins earlier at 18.27. 03/5 increased to every 45min (90min each route). 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 20 mins with service start 45 mins earlier at 06.00 and finish 30 mins later at 19.48. Sat & Sun frequency reduced to hourly. 01/9 Sat/Sun frequency decreased to hourly.

**10 Fareham – Gosport:** 23/3 Service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon to Sat 3 journeys. 30/5 Service suspended.

**11 Fareham – Alverstoke:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon to Sat Gosport to Alverstoke only four journeys. 31/5 section of route from Fareham to Gosport reintroduced with three round trips over whole route with lunch break at Gosport Bus Station. 01/9 Pre Covid-19 timetable re-introduced Monday to Friday, still reduced timetable Saturday.

**12 Tipnor – Fratton:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 19/04 reinstated Mon to Sat four journeys hourly 09.00 to 12.49. 31/5 increase from four journeys to seven with pm service added. 01/9 Last journey M-F changed to sch holidays only. **13, 14 Portsmouth – Baffins:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/04 two hourly Daily. 31/5 Mon to Fri increased from four journeys to hourly with service start 145 mins earlier at 07.03 and finish 90 mins later at 19.04. 05/07 extra journey added 06.59 Copnor Bridge to Portsmouth College. 03/09 school days journeys to Portsmouth College reinstated. 08/11 Mon to Fri frequency increased from hourly to every 20 mins & Sat / Sun from two hourly to hourly with service start Sat / Sun 45 mins earlier.

**15 Portsmouth – Eastney:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 19/04 reinstated Mon to Sat four journeys hourly 14.00 to 17.58. 30/5 Service suspended. Service renumbered 25 30/8 – see details below.

16 Portsmouth – Eastney: Service cancelled from 30/8.
17, 18 Paulsgrove – Ocean Park: 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat.
29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/04 hourly Daily until 20.46. 19/04 service 18 only hourly Paulsgrove to Southsea Daily until 20.49.
31/5 service 17 remains suspended. Service 18 Mon to Fri increased to every 30 mins. 26/7 service 18 minor timing changes

with no change to frequency or spread. 27/9 Mon to Fri service 18 increased to every 20 mins – service 17 remains suspended. **20 Fareham – Wickham:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon to Sat Fareham to Knowle only four journeys and rerouted due to new Network Rail weight limit on Funtley Bridge. 31/5 Mon to Sat increased from three / four journeys to five with service finish an hour later at 16.50, but still only as far as Knowle village. 9/8 M-F 07.30 Knowle to Fareham and 17.45 Fareham to Knowle journeys added.

**21 Fareham – Hill Head:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon – Sat three journeys. 31/5 Mon to Sat increased from two/three journeys to seven with service start 40 mins earlier at 08.25 and finish 90 mins later at 17.23.

**22 Farlington – Highbury:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/04 every 70 mins Mon to Sat with lunch break until 17.50. 27/9 reverts to pre Covid-19 timetable with Sunday service reinstated.

**25 Portsmouth – Hayling Ferry**: 30/8 New service replacing 6, 15 and 16 every 45min Mon to Sat and 90min Sundays. 08/11 rerouted to serve Old Portsmouth with retiming but no change to overall frequency or spread.

**27 Emsworth – Rowlands Castle:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon – Fri 09.00 to 17.55 with lunch break.

**28, 28A Fareham – Whiteley:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 19/04 reinstated Mon to Fri with four journeys all service 28A.

**D1, D2 Waterlooville – Hambledon:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service Suspended. 05/04 reinstated hourly Mon to Sat with lunch break until 17.27. 12/04 08.35 Waterlooville to Denmead journey added. 04/10 reverts to pre Covid 19 timetable Mon to Fri, reduced service Saturday remains.

**E1, E2 Fareham – Gosport:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily.12/04 reduced to every 15 mins (half hourly each service) Daily until 21.38. 19/4 retimed Still every 15 minutes (half hourly each service) Daily until 21.42. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins & service finish an hour later at 22.50. 28/6 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 6 minutes and Saturdays to every 8 minutes. 20/9 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 5 mins and service end 20mins later. 08/11 Mon to Fri start of 6 minute frequency brought forward from 07.54 to 06.36.

**F1 Fareham – Highlands:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon to Sat four journeys. 31/5 Mon to Sat increased from four journeys to eleven with service start one hour earlier at 08.00.

**F2 Fareham – Highlands:** 29/3 service suspended. 12/04 reinstated Mon to Sat 3 journeys. 31/5 Mon to sat increased from three to four journeys with slightly longer service spread.

**F3 Fareham – Portchester:** 29/3 Service suspended. 27/9 service reinstated to pre Covid-19 timetable.

# First Bus Southampton.

**1 Southampton – Calmore:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every 30 mins Daily - until 18.55. 31/5 frequency remains every 30 mins Mon to Sun but service start Mon to Fri two hours earlier at 05.53 and finish 75 mins later at 20.11. 28/06 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 20 minutes. 19/07 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 15 mins and service end 15 mins later at 20.23, Sat frequency increased to every 20 mins with service start 90 mins earlier at 06.16 and finish 15 mins later at 19.34, Sunday service start 75 mins earlier at 06.25 and finish half hour later at 19.49. 18/10 Mon to Fri frequency reduced to every 20 mins and service finish twenty five minutes earlier.

2 Southampton – Millbrook: 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every 20 mins Daily until 22.17. 17/5 increased to every 10mins. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins and service end 45 mins later at 22.58. 21/6 Mon to Fri frequency decreased to every 10 mins with 45 mins earlier service end at 22.17, Sat & Sun frequency increased to every 15 mins. 2/8 M-F frequency increased to 8min and service retimed for reliability. 06/9 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 6mins. 18/10 Mon to Fri frequency decreased to every 8 mins. 08/11 Sunday service start retimed from 05.30 to 06.20. 3 Lordshill - Thornhill: 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every 20 mins Daily until 22.03. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins and service finish one hour later at 23.07. 21/6 Sat & Sun frequency increased to every 15 mins. 05/07 Mon to Fri earlier start for 8 minute service and service finish forty minutes later at 23.47. 12/07 Sat frequency increased to every 12 mins with ninety minute later service finish at 23.33. 06/9 Saturday frequency increased to every 10mins and service end thirty mins later at 00.03. 18/10 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 7 mins and Sunday service end ninety minutes later at 23.33. 01/11 Sunday service start retimed from 04.49 to 06.09.

**6 Southampton – Hamble:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every hour Daily until 20.58. 27/4 relief added to 06.10 Southampton to Hamble and 06.45 Hamble to Southampton Monday to Friday to allow social distancing. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 30 mins with service start 40 mins earlier at 05.30 and finish 75 mins later at 22.15, Sat and Sun service start 25 mins earlier at 05.45.

**7 Southampton – Townhill Park:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every 30 mins Daily until 21.55. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 10 mins and service finish 40 mins later at 22.35, Sat and Sun frequency increased to every 20 mins. 05/07 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 minutes and service start one hour earlier at 04.35 and finish half hour later at 23.05. 12/07 Sat frequency increased to every 10 minutes with service start half hour earlier at 05.39 and finish an hour later at 22.56, Sun service start half hour earlier at 05.39. 19/07 additional journey 06.02 Mon to Fri Portswood to Hop Inn. 26/7 daytime M-F rerouting via the Avenue due to closure of Bevious Valley for roadworks. 18/10 retimed for reliability and service end Mon to Sat thirty minutes earlier.

**8 Southampton – Hedge End:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every hour Daily until 19.30. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 30 mins with service start 165 mins earlier at 06.15 and finish 45 mins later at 20.12. 21/6 Saturday service start two hours earlier at 06.47.

**9 Southampton – Sholing:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every 75mins Mon to Sat with lunch break until 16.57. 05/07 Mon to Fri increased from 8 journeys with lunch break to 15 journeys with lunch break. 12/07 Sat service increased to match Mon to Fri service. 21/9 schooldays three journeys diverted via Cranbury Road to avoid congestion outside Ludlow School. 01/11 retimed for reliability, no change to frequency or spread.

**11 Souhampton – Weston:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 Sunday service Daily. 05/4 every 20 Mins Daily until 22.14. 17/5 increased to every 10mins. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins and service end 45 mins later at 22.52. 21/6 Mon to Fri service frequency reduced to every 10 mins and service end 45 mins earlier at 22.14, Sat & Sun frequency increased to every 15 mins. 08/11 Mon to Fri service finish retimed from 22.52 to 22.14 & Sun service start retimed from 04.59 to 05.59.

**13 Southampton – Harefield:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon – Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 05/4 reinstated, every hour Mon to Sat

with lunch break until 17.04. 05/07Mon to Fri increased from 8 journeys with lunch break to 15 journeys with 30/60 min frequency. 12/07 Sat service increased to match Mon to Fri service. 13/07 Mon to Sat 07.43 & 08.13 journeys from Harefield back started at Bitterne. 16/8 M-Sat roughly half hourly service with gaps for lunch breaks to clock face hourly service with one hour earlier start M-F and four hour later service finish M-Sat. 14/9 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 30mins.

**M1 Southampton – Marwell Zoo:** (from 04/04) = 04/04 service suspended. 14/9 service officially withdrawn for 2020 season.

# Go South Coast Bluestar.

**1 Southampton – Winchester:** 22/3 reduced to every 30 minutes. 30/3 reduced to hourly off peak. 05/04 reduced to two hourly Sundays. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 15 mins, Sundays hourly. 26/7 service reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable which involved the Sun service being increased from hourly to every 30mins.

2 Southampton – Fair Oak: 22/3 reduced to every 30 minutes.
30/3 reduced to hourly off peak. 05/04 Reduced to two hourly
Sundays. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 15 mins,
Sat every 30 mins, Sun hourly. 26/7 service reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable which involved the Sun service being increased from hourly to every 30min. 30/8 earlier first bus Mon-Fri 04.56
Eastleigh to Southampton and 05.30 Southampton to Fair Oak.
3 Southampton – Eastleigh: 22/3 reduced to hourly. 1/6 minor timing changes for school times no change to frequency or spread.
4 Southampton – Romsey: 22/3 reduced to hourly. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 30 mins, Sun roughly hourly.
5 Romsey – Boyatt Wood: 30/3 reduced to two hourly Romsey – Eastleigh and every thirty mins Eastleigh to Boyatt Wood. 30/8 Romsey to Eastleigh section increased to hourly.

**6 Southampton – Lymington:** 05/04 reduced to two hourly Mon to Sat, Sundays suspended. 1/6 Mon to Sat registered School Holiday service introduced but Sun service remains suspended. 19/7 Sunday service reintroduced to registered timetable. 30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 timetable.

7 Sholing – Lordswood: 22/3 reduced to hourly. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 30 mins and Sun hourly.
8 Southampton – Calshot: 22/3 reduced to two hourly to Hythe only Mon to Sun. 31/5 route between Hythe and Calshot reinstated and Mon to Sat frequency increased to hourly and service finish two hours later at 19.47. 26/7 service reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable which involved a three hour later service finish Mon to Sat and minor retiming.

**9 Southampton – Langley/Fawley:** 22/3 reduced to every 30 minutes Fawley journeys extended to Calshot. 30/3 reduced to hourly (two hourly each route) Daily. 05/04 reduced to two hourly Sundays. 31/5 Mon to Sat Calshot extension withdrawn and frequency increased to every 30 mins, Sun increased to hourly with service start one hour earlier at 07.00. 05/07 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 20 mins, Suns to Pre Covid-19 timetable. 26/7 service reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable which only involved minor retiming.

**11/12 Southampton – Calmore/West Totton:** 22/3 reduced to every 30 minutes each route. 30/3 reduced to hourly each route. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 10 mins, Sat service start 30 mins later at 06.24.

**16 Southampton – Townhill Park:** 22/3 reduced to every 30 minutes. 30/3 reduced to hourly. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 20 mins, Sat service start 30 mins later at 06.24. 05/07 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 15 mins, Suns to Pre Covid-19 timetable. 26/7 service retimed with quicker peak journeys due to new bus lanes.

17 Weston – Adanac Park: 22/3 reduced to every 15 minutes. 30/3 reduced to every 20 minutes. 05/04 reduced to every 30 mins Sundays. 17/04 additional early morning Weston to Adanac Park journey added. 11/5 increased to every 15mins. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 10 mins, Sun every 20 mins. 14/6 Sun frequency increased to every 15 mins. 28/6 minor timing changes. 26/7 service reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable which only involved minor timing changes. 30/8 the Tue to Fri short journey Southampton to Guernsey Close to terminate at Lordshill Centre. 18 Hightown – Millbrook: 22/3 reduced to every 10 minutes. 30/3 reduced to every 20 minutes. 05/04 reduced to every 30 minutes Sundays. 11/5 increased to every 15 mins. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 8 mins, Sat every 10 mins, Sun every 20 mins. 14/6 Sun frequency increased to every 15 mins. 26/7 service retimed with quicker peak journeys due to new bus lanes. 19 Southampton – Thornhill: 22/3 service suspended. 35 Romsey – Braishfield: Normal service still operating as at 19/4. **36 Romsey – Lockerley:** Normal service still operating as at 19/4. 39 Romsey - Nomansland: Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

H1/H2 Hythe Locals: Normal service still operating as at 19/4. T3/T4 Totton – Cadnam: Normal service still operating as at 19/4. New Forest Tour: 18/07 Tour started for 2020 season, to run until 31/08.

# Go South Coast Unilink.

U1 NOC – Southampton Airport: 15/3 vacation timetable. 26/3 reduced to every 15 minutes. 05/04 reduced to every 30 mins Daily Southampton Rail Station to Airport only. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 15 mins, Sat service start 15 mins earlier at 05.40 but Sun 15 mins later at 06.10. = 12/07 Mon to Sat evening service improved and running times increased back to pre Covid-19 times. 27/9 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable but with 00.30 Southampton Airport to City Centre journey removed. U2 Mayflower Halls – Bencroft: 15/3 vacation timetable. 26/3 reduced to every 30 minutes. 05/04 reduced to hourly Daily until 20.08. 27/9 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. U6 Southampton – Aldermoor: 15/3 vacation timetable. 26/3 reduced to every 30 minutes. 31/5 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 20 mins. 27/9 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable.

**U9 Townhill Park – General Hospital:** 05/04 reduced to one journey each way. 27/9 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. **Quay Connect Southampton Rail Station – Town Quay:** 18/04 service suspended.

# Go South Coast Salisbury Reds.

**X7/X7R Salisbury to Southampton:** 06/4 slight service reduction, early journey withdrawn. 15/6 Schooldays Salisbury Grammar School journeys reinstated. 19/7 Summer only stop at Paultons Park reintroduced, no change to timetable. 30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 timetable. 01/11 winter timetable introduced – not serving Paultons Park.

# Go South Coast morebus.

**38 Ringwood – Ferndown:** 05/04 reduced to every 70 mins with later start and earlier finish. 06/9 revised timetable with all journeys via Heatherlands.

112 Lymington – Hythe: Normal service still operating as at 19/4.
119 Lymington – New Milton: 25/3 School holiday service introduced.

**125 Ringwood – Christchurch:** Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

**191 New Milton – Barton on Sea:** Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

**193 New Milton – Chatsworth Park:** Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

X1/X2 Lymington – Bournemouth: 05/04 reduced to hourly (two hourly each route) with four X1's Sundays. 14/6 terminal in Bournemouth moved from Gervis Place to Westover Road. 22/6 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 30 mins (hourly each service).

**X3 Salisbury – Ringwood – Bournemouth:** 25/3 Mon to Sat reduced to hourly. 05/04 Sundays reduced to two hourly. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 30 mins. 14/6 terminal in Bournemouth moved from Gervis Place to Westover Road. 19/7 Sunday service increased from two hourly to hourly with service finish three hours later at 22.19. 06/9 reverts to pre Covid-19 timetable.

X6 Poole – Ringwood – Bournemouth: 25/3 first Ringwood to Bournemouth and last Bournemouth to Ringwood withdrawn. 05/04 reduced to two hourly Mon – Sat Ringwood to Poole (Ringwood to Bournemouth and Sunday service suspended). 31/5 Mon to Sat Poole to Ringwood frequency increased to hourly, Ringwood to Bournemouth section remains suspended. : 06/9 reverts to pre Covid-19 frequency with Ringwood to Bournemouth section and Sunday service reinstated.

**Ringo 1&2 Ringwood Locals:** 05/04 reduced to every 30 mins with lunch break. 06/9 reverts to pre Covid-19 timetable although service end still at 14.15.

**Cango Lymington** - **New Milton:** Normal service still operating as at 19/4.

# Lucketts Coaches.

Whiteley Connect The Hard – Whiteley: 27/3 reduced to one journey each direction. 04/04 service suspended. National Express 035 transferred from Yellow Buses.

# Megabus.

## by 20th October.

M34 Portsmouth – Southampton – Oxford – Birmingham – Leeds: one journey daily (note that the return journey starts in Newcastle and also serves Manchester Airport). Bluestar National Express services acquired.

# **Meon Valley Community Minibus**

5/11 services suspended for second lockdown.

# National Express.

**030 Southsea – Victoria:** 28/3 service suspended. 1/7 reinstated Fareham – Portsmouth – Victoria with four return journeys Mon to Sun. 26/7 service retimed with quicker peak journeys due to new bus lanes. 19/10 Fri to Mon eight journeys, Tue to Thu 6 journeys. 9/11 reduced to one journey Tu/W/Th and two journeys F/Sa/Su/M. 03/12 increased Tue/Wed/Thu from one journey to three and Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon from two journeys to four at end of Covid-19 lockdown.

**032 Southampton – Victoria:** 28/3 service suspended. 1/7 reinstated with four return journeys Mon to Sun. 24/7 increased from four journeys to six journeys daily. 5/8 increased from four journeys to eight journeys daily with one journey back started at Salisbury. 19/10 Fri to Mon eight journeys, Tue to Thu six journeys. 9/11 reduced to one journey Tu/W/Th and two journeys F/Sa/Su/M. 03/12 increased Tue/Wed/Thu from one journey to four and Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon from two journeys to six at end of Covid-19 lockdown.

**035 Weymouth – Victoria:** 28/3 service suspended. 1/7 reinstated between Poole and Victoria with five return journeys Mon to Sun. 24/7 increased from four journeys to six journeys daily. 5/8

increased from four journeys to eight journeys daily with one journey back started at Salisbury. 19/10 Fri to Mon 15 journeys, Tue to Thu 11journeys (eight journeys daily serving Ringwood). 9/11 reduced to two journeys Tu/W/Th and three journeys F/Sa/Su/M. 03/12 increased Tue/Wed/Thu from two journeys to six and Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon from three journeys to ten at end of Covid-19 lockdown.

**103 Bournemouth – Bristol – Birmingham:** 5/8 new service with one journey daily.

203 Portsmouth – Heathrow: 28/3 service suspended.

**204 Poole – Heathrow Airport:** 5/8 new service with 4 journeys daily. 19/10 four journeys Mon to Sun. 9/11 reduced to three journeys Daily. 03/12 increased Daily from three journeys to four journeys at end of Covid-19 lockdown

206 Poole – Gatwick: 28/3 service suspended.

**539 Edinburgh – Bournemouth:** 28/3 service suspended. **806 Poole – Heathrow – Victoria** (emergency service): 28/3 introduced with four journeys. 06/04 service cancelled.

**810 Portsmouth/Southampton – Heathrow – Victoria** (emergency service): 28/3 introduced with four journeys starting Portsmouth and one Southampton. 01/04 reduced to two journeys starting Portsmouth and one Southampton. 06/04 service cancelled.

# Stagecoach Havant & Chichester.

**20 Havant – The Hard:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to hourly. 31/5 frequency Mon – Sat increased to every 30 mins, service end Mon to Sat one hour earlier at 20.20.

**21 Havant – The Hard:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to hourly. 31/5 frequency Mon – Sat increased to every 30 mins, service start Sat's 50mins later at 06.01, service end Mon – Sat one hour later at 23.41. 28/6 Sunday service to pre Covid-19, hourly Havant and 20 mins to Anchorage Park.

**23 Leigh Park – Southsea:** 30/3 reduced to every 30 mins Daily. 26/4 late Sunday journeys withdrawn to bring service in line with Monday to Saturday timetable. 31/5 frequency Mon – Sat increased to every 15 mins, service start Sat's one hour later at 06.17, service finish Mon to Sat 90 mins later at 23.59. 28/6 Mon to Fri frequency increased to every 10 mins, Sunday frequency to every 20 mins. 30/8 to pre Covid-19 timetable with Sat frequency increased to every 12mins and Sunday to every 15mins also later finish all evenings.

**25 Portsmouth – Pagham:** 30/3 one journey each way Monday to Sunday.

**30/31 Havant – Hayling Island:** 30/3 reduced to hourly Daily (two hourly each route). 31/5 frequency Mon – Sat increased to every 30 mins, service start Sat's 15 mins later at 05.50. Monday to Saturday increased to every 15mins, Sunday to every 30mins sch days extension to Oaklands School reinstated.

**37 Havant – Petersfield:** 30/3 reduced to two hourly Mon to Sat. 31/5 frequency Mon to Fri increased to hourly, Sat every 90 mins, Mon to Fri service start 20 mins earlier at 05.55 and Sat's an hour later at 07.17. 30/8 pre Covid-19 timetable with school journeys. **38 Petersfield – Alton:** 30/3 reduced to three journeys each way Mon to Fri. 31/5 M–F 08.15 Greatham to Petersfield journey retimed to 09.05. 30/8 pre Covid-19 timetable with school journeys.

**39 Havant – Wecock Farm:** 30/3 reduced to hourly Daily. 31/5 frequency Mon – Sat increased to every 20 mins, Sat service start 40 mins later at 06.17, Mon – Sat service end 20 mins later at 21.57.

**54 Chichester – Petersfield:** 30/3 reduced to run normal timetable Mon and Wed only. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. 01/11 15.50 ex Chichester retimed to 16.00. **91/92/93 Midhurst – Petersfield:** 30/3 reduced to run normal timetable Mon and Wed only. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. 25/9 additional Friday only 14.00 service 91 journey from Midhurst to Petersfield added. 01/11 17.40 ex Midhurst retimed to 17.50 and 17.10 and 18.10 ex Petersfield retimed to 17.20 and 18.20 to give better rail connections.

**700 Portsmouth – Bognor Regis:** 30/3 reduced to hourly Daily Portsmouth to Chichester. 31/5 Chichester to Feltham section reintroduced, frequency increased to every 30mins Mon to Sat, Sat service start 25 mins later at 05.55. 30/8 Sunday frequency increased to 30mins. 15/11 service extended Mon to Sat from Flansham Park Southdowns to Flansham Park Health Centre at Bognor Regis end.

**Hoverbus:** 30/3 reduced to hourly Daily with earlier finish. 18/4 reduced to seven journeys. 31/5 frequency increased to every 30 mins Mon to Sun. 20/6 Sat and Sun service finish two hours later at 20.42. 27/9 Mon to Sat service to end one hour earlier for Hovercraft winter schedule.

#### Stagecoach Winchester.

**1 Stanmore – Winnall:** 30/3Mon to Sat reduced to every 30mins with 20.30 finish. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 20 mins, Sat service start 75 mins later at 07.14. 28/6 Mon to Sat service finish one hour later at 22.05. 30/8 later bus Fridays and Saturdays. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 22/11 Mon to Fri early evening service reduced.

**3 Winchester – Harestock:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to every 30 mins with 21.10 finish. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 20 mins, Sat service start 90 mins later at 07.10. 28/6 Mon to Sat service finish two hours later at 23.33. 30/8 Monday to Friday frequency increased to 15mins, later bus Friday and Saturday, school days journey from Winnall reintroduced. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 22/11 Mon to Fri early evening service reduced.

**4 Highcliffe – Teg Down:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to four journeys in each direction. 31/5 Mon to Sat increased from 4 journeys to hourly with service start 80 mins earlier at 08.30 but finish at 16.37 (15.42 Sat) instead of 18.14. 28/6 Minor changes to Mon to Fri timings. 30/8 one hour earlier start Monday to Friday and two hour later finish Monday to Saturday.

**5 Winchester – Badger Farm:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to every 30 mins with 21.35 finish. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 20 mins, Sat service start 45 mins later at 06.30. 28/6 Mon to Sat service finish one hour later at 23.07. 30/8 Monday to Friday frequency increased to 10mins and later bus Friday and Saturday. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 22/11 Mon to Fri early evening service reduced.

6A Winchester – Abbots Barton: 30/3 reduced to two journeys Tue and Fri. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. 30/8 service suspended due to road closure, see 95 for partial replacement. 7 Winchester – Sparsholt: 30/3 reduced to three journeys Wednesdays only. 31/5 increased from four journeys Wed and Sat to five journeys Mon to Sat. 28/6 Minor changes to Mon to Sat timings. 30/8 Monday to Friday frequency increased to hourly with extras school days. 01/11 08.30& 16.40 ex Winchester now 607 closed school journeys.

**16 Winchester – Stockbridge:** 30/3 reduced to three journeys Wednesdays only. 28/6 reverted to pre covid-19 timetable. 22/11 Mon to Fri 14.15 ex Winchester retimed to 14.05 and extended from Littleton to Crawley.

**46/461 Winchester – North Baddesley:** 30/3 reduced to two journeys Mon to Sat. 31/5 Saturday service withdrawn. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable school holiday version. 30/8 extra school days journeys added.

**63 Owslebury – Winchester:** 30/3 reduced to in and out Tue and Fri. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. 30/8 days of operation changed from Monday & Thursday to Tuesday & Friday and minor timing changes.

**64 Winchester – Alton:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to hourly with 21.20 finish. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 30 mins, Sat service start 50 mins later at 07.10. 28/6 Mon to Sat service finish one hour later at 23.00. 30/8 college days extension to Peter Symonds reinstated. 20/9 schooldays pm X64 journey Alton to Alresford added. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 01/11 22.20 M-Sat ex Winchester extended from Alresford to Alton and Peter Symonds College days two 64S closed school reliefs added.

**64X Alresford – Alton**: 04/10 pm journey rerouted to start from Alton College instead of Railway Station.

**66 Winchester – Romsey:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to hourly with 20.30 finish. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to every 30 mins, Mon to Fri service start 35 mins earlier at 05.55. 28/6 Mon to Fri service finish one hour later at 22.45 and Sat 100 minutes later at 23.30. 30/8 later bus Friday and Saturday. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 22/11 Mon to Fri early evening service reduced.

**67 Winchester – Petersfield:** 30/3 reduced to three journeys Mon to Sat. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable school holiday version. 30/8 Pre Covid-19 service reinstated but with the limited day journeys operating Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday instead of Monday/Wednesday/Friday.

**68 Winchester – Salisbury**: School days only 10.07 ex Salisbury retimed to 10.27 and 14.40 ex Winchester retimed to 13.40. **69 Winchester – Fareham:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to two Hourly, Sundays normal timetable to Bishops Waltham only. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to hourly, Sat service start an hour later at 07.29. 28/6 Minor changes to Mon to Sat timings. 30/8 minor retiming Monday to Friday. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 01/11 14.53 ex Winchester school journey renumbered as 691 closed school journey.

**85 Winchester – Andover:** 30/3 service suspended. 31/5 reinstated with five journeys Mon to Fri & four Sat. 30/8 extra college journeys added. 20/9 extra pm College journey added. 01/11 most journeys Mon to Sat retimed, 09.15 ex Andover renumbered to 853 closed school journey .

**86 Winchester – Whitchurch:** 30/3 reduced to four journeys Mon to Sat. 31/5 Mon to Sat increased from four journeys to seven giving a two hourly service. 30/8 Monday to Friday increased to hourly, first journey Saturday retimed to run fifteen minutes later. **95/96 Winchester – East Stratton:** 30/3 reduced to in and out Tue and Fri. 31/5 Tue and Fri service retimed with journeys at 11.10 and 14.10 (ex 09.30 and 12.30). 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. 30/8 Days of operation changed from Tuesday & Friday to Monday and Thursday, minor retiming and diverted to serve Abbots Barton.

**240 Alresford Local** (from 23/4): 23/4 Mon and Thu to normal timetable.

**E1/E2 Winchester – Eastleigh:** 30/3 reduced to two hourly (only one E2) Mon to Sat. 31/5 Sat times revised with hour later start and hour earlier finish but with same number of journeys. 28/6 reverted to pre Covid-19 timetable. 30/8 last two journeys from Winchester given five minutes extra running time.

**Spring Winchester – Springvale:** 30/3 Mon to Sat reduced to hourly with 21.00 finish. 31/5 Mon to Sat frequency increased to 30 mins, Mon to Fri service start 20 min earlier start at 05.40, Sat service start 70 min later start at 07.10. 28/6 Mon to Sat service finish 100 minutes later at 23.07. 30/8 later bus Friday and Saturday. 02/10 late Friday and Saturday journeys suspended. 22/11 Mon to Fri evening peak enhancement removed. Winchester Park and Ride: 30/3 reduced to every fifteen minutes Mon to Sat. 1/6 reverted to registered timetable. : 03/12 Christmas enhancement (until 24/12) including Barfield being served at end of roadworks. Mon to Fri increased from every 12 mins to every 10 mins, Sat increased from every 12 mins to every 7mins with 40 min later finish, Sun service added to Barfield & St Catherines every 5mins from 09.00 to 18.06

Services 1, 4, 5, 46, 63, 66, E1, E2 and P&R were diverted via Stockbridge Road and Chilbolton Avenue between the 4th and 17th May as Sussex Street and Romsey Road were closed for gas main replacement, this meant buses were unable to stop outside the Hospital and were using temporary stops at the end of Chilbolton Avenue.

# Wheeldrive.

**71 Petersfield – Warren Corner:** Normal service still being operated as at 19/4.

**94 Buriton – Petersfield:** 27/3 stop at Broadway Park suspended at site owners request.

#### Wheelers.

**W1 Southampton – Chilworth Science Park** (until 17/4): 30/3 service suspended.

#### Xelabus.

**X4 Eastleigh – Hedge End:** 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 8/6 Reinstated with Saturday service Mon to Sat. 30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 frequency with Sunday service reinstated.

X6/X7 Eastleigh – Hiltingbury: 25/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat (to Fryern Hill only). 29/3 service suspended. 22/6 Reinstated with special two hourly timetable Mon to Fri and Sat timetable Sats.
30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 frequency with Sunday service reinstated and the X6 rerouted from Velmore to Eastleigh via Barton Peveril College. 09/11 Mon to Fri special two hourly service plus school journeys introduced (normal Sat & Sun service).
X8 Eastleigh – Boyatt Wood: 25/3 service suspended.
X9 Eastleigh – Bishops Waltham: 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 22/6 Reinstated with Saturday service Mon to Sat. 30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 frequency with service extended from Eastleigh Bus Station to Barton Peveril college when college open. 09/11 Mon to Fri to Sat service with school journeys and extension to Eastleigh colleges added (normal service Sat).

X10 Bishops Waltham – Southampton: 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 service suspended. 22/6 Reinstated with Saturday service Mon to Sat. 30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 frequency. 09/11 Mon to Fri to Sat service with school journeys (normal service Sat).
X11 Southampton – Lordswood: 23/3 Saturday service Mon to Sat. 29/3 service Suspended. Reinstated from 6/7 with Saturday service Mon to Sat. 30/8 reverts to pre Covid-19 frequency.

**X12 Southampton – Shirley:** 23/3 service suspended. Reinstated from 6/7 with normal Tue and Thu timetable.

**X15 Eastleigh – Hamble:** 25/3 service suspended. Reinstated from 6/7 with normal Mon to Fri timetable. 30/8 minor retiming and service extended from Eastleigh Bus Station to Barton Peveril College when college open.

**X17 Eastleigh – Petersfield:** 23/3 service suspended. Reinstated from 6/7 to normal Wed timetable.

X21 Southampton – Chilworth Science Park (from 20/4): 20/4 service suspended. 6/7 service to start to registered timetable.
09/11 lunch time short journeys to Airport Parkway suspended.
Bitterne Hoppa: 23/3 service suspended. Reinstated from 6/7 to normal Mon, Wed, Fri timetable.



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Hants & Sussex AML 570H, AEC Merlin/MCW B25D, new in 1970 as London Transport MBS570.

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"Buses & Model Railways" Part 22 - Adrian Willats visited "The Great Electric Train Show" at Milton Keynes. An impressive exhibition at a nice spacious venue. Plenty of layouts and thus plenty of model buses to photograph!



The realistically "weathered" Bournemouth bus was at one end of a large and impressive layout representing the old Bournemouth West railway station.











Bluestar HF20 CFN (*above*) HF20 CFO (*below*), Alexander Dennis E40D MMC, H39/32F. © David Etheridge

