

# Consultation on proposals to revise Ribble Valley Subsidised Bus Services

Lancashire County Council subsidise the majority of bus services operating in the Ribble Valley.

Whilst the regular bus services from key Lancashire towns into Ribble Valley are run by bus operators on a commercial basis, the local town services in Clitheroe and the rural bus links across the Ribble Valley are all subsidised by Lancashire County Council.

To improve the future viability of the network, a full review of the subsidised routes has taken place with an emphasis on reshaping the network to ensure current resources are better utilised. A number of outstanding service requests have been taken into consideration in offering a more sustainable network of routes within existing funding levels.

Incorporated within the Ribble Valley bus service review are a small number of proposed revisions to subsidised bus services in neighbouring Hyndburn, Pendle and Preston, as well as Blackburn with Darwen.

Lancashire County Council would welcome your comments on these proposals to revise the routes and timetables which are designed to improve accessibility, reliability and overall sustainability of the subsidised bus service network within existing resources.

The proposed implementation date for any service revisions would be 29 April 2012.

## CURRENT POSITION

### Commercial Services

#### **Service 1 Longridge – Grimsargh – Preston**

Service 1 is a wholly commercial service run by Stagecoach North West between Longridge and Preston.

The Monday to Saturday daytime frequency is at least every 10 minutes with a half hourly daily evening and Sunday daytime service. Additionally, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights there is an hourly service between 0100 and 0600.

#### **Service 26/27 Clitheroe – Whalley – Padiham – Burnley (Mainline)**

The Mainline Service is mainly a commercial service operated by Transdev Burnley and Pendle between Clitheroe and Burnley, with onward journeys to Nelson and Colne.

The Monday to Saturday daytime frequency is every half hour, with alternate journeys operating via Sabden between Whalley and Padiham. There is an hourly daily evening and Sunday service alternating two hourly direct or via Sabden. Lancashire County Council subsidise the daily evening service.

#### **Service 225 Clitheroe – Whalley – Blackburn**

Service 225 is mainly a commercial service operated by Transdev Lancashire United between Clitheroe and Blackburn, with onward journeys to Darwen and Bolton.

The Monday to Saturday daytime frequency is every half hour between Clitheroe and Blackburn. There is an hourly Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday daytime service. Lancashire County Council part subsidise the Monday to Saturday evening service and certain Sunday journeys.

#### **Service 231 Clitheroe – Whalley – Great Harwood – Accrington**

Service 231 is mainly a commercial service operated by M & M Coaches between Clitheroe and Accrington.

The Monday to Saturday daytime frequency is approximately two hourly between Clitheroe and Accrington. In conjunction with Lancashire County Council's subsidised Service 241 (see later in report for details), the Monday to Saturday daytime frequency is at least hourly between Clitheroe and Accrington.

Lancashire County Council subsidise the Saturday daytime service, which is operated by Transdev Lancashire United.

## Fully Subsidised Services

### **Service 3/3A Longridge – Ribchester – Blackburn**

Service 3 currently operates between Longridge and Blackburn via Ribchester, Salesbury, Wilpshire (Service 3A additionally serves Durham Road between 0930 & 1530) and Pleckgate.

The service runs every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime and evening basis between Longridge and Blackburn.

### **Service 4/4A Chipping – Longridge – Whittingham – Preston**

Service 4 currently operates between Chipping and Preston via Longridge, Whittingham, Goosnargh, Broughton, Woodplumpton, Fulwood and Royal Preston Hospital.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Chipping and Preston, increasing to two buses per hour between Fulwood and Preston in conjunction with Service 4A between Fulwood Janice Drive and Preston City Centre.

### **Service 5 Longridge – Ribchester – Clitheroe**

Service 5 currently operates between Longridge and Clitheroe via Ribchester, Hurst Green, Great Mitton and Whalley.

The service runs every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Longridge and Clitheroe.

### **Service 10 Clitheroe – Dunsop Bridge – Newton – Slaidburn – Settle**

Service 10 currently operates between Clitheroe and Settle (in conjunction with Service 11 below) via Bashall Eaves, Cow Ark, Whitewell, Dunsop Bridge, Newton, Slaidburn, Tosside, Wigglesworth and Rathmell.

This service generally runs every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Clitheroe and Settle, with additional journeys at peak times between Clitheroe and Slaidburn.

This service is part funded by North Yorkshire County Council.

### **Service 11 Settle – Horton-in-Ribblesdale**

Service 11 currently operates between Settle and Horton-in-Ribblesdale (in conjunction with Service 10 above) via Langcliffe and Stainforth.

This service generally runs every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Settle and Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

This service is part funded by North Yorkshire County Council.

**Service 13 Mellor Brook – Mellor – Blackburn**

Service 13 currently operates between Mellor Brook and Blackburn via Mellor, Ramsgreave and Pleckgate.

This service runs mainly hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Mellor Brook and Blackburn.

**Service 71 Clitheroe – Barley – Nelson (Pendle Witch Hopper)**

Service 71 currently operates between Clitheroe and Nelson via Chatburn, Downham, Barley, Newchurch, Spenbrook, Roughlee, Blacko and Barrowford.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

**Service 241 Clitheroe – Accrington – Royal Blackburn Hospital**

Service 241 currently operates between Clitheroe and Royal Blackburn Hospital via Whalley, Great Harwood, Rishton, Accrington and Oswaldtwistle.

This service runs approximately two hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis. In conjunction with M & M Coaches' commercial subsidised Service 231, the Monday to Saturday daytime frequency is at least hourly between Clitheroe and Accrington.

**Service 280/X80 Skipton – Clitheroe – Whalley – Preston**

Service 280/X80 currently operates between Skipton and Preston via Barnoldswick (Service 280), Gisburn, Chatburn, Clitheroe, Whalley, Mellor Brook and Samlesbury. This is Lancashire County Council's core subsidised service through the Ribble Valley.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis, alternating two hourly via Barnoldswick (Service 280) or direct via A59 (Service X80) between Skipton and Preston. There is also a two hourly Sunday daytime Service X80.

**Service C1 Clitheroe Town Service (Low Moor & Peel Park)**

Service C1 currently operates a circular town service between Clitheroe, Low Moor and Peel Park.

This service runs from Clitheroe twice an hour to Low Moor and hourly to Peel Park on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

**Service C2 Low Moor – Clitheroe – Chatburn – Sawley – Grindleton**

Service C2 currently operates a service between Low Moor, Clitheroe and Grindleton via Chatburn and Sawley.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis, with an hourly Sunday daytime service between Low Moor and Clitheroe only.

**Service C4            Clitheroe – Peel Park**

Service C4 currently operates a circular town service between Clitheroe and Peel Park.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

**Service C5/C15      Clitheroe – Waddington – West Bradford – Clitheroe**

Service C5/C15 currently operates a circular service from Clitheroe via Waddington and West Bradford and back to Clitheroe. Service C5 runs clockwise and Service C15 runs anti-clockwise.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis, with an hourly Sunday daytime Service C5.

**Service C25            Clitheroe – Whalley – Brockhall – Blackburn**

Service C25 currently operates between Clitheroe and Blackburn via Low Moor, Great Mitton, Whalley, Brockhall Village, Dinckley, Salesbury and Wilpshire.

This service runs every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Clitheroe and Blackburn.

**Hyndburn Area**

**Service 2            Rishton – Dill Hall – Accrington**

Service 2 currently operates between Rishton Eachill Gardens and Accrington via Clayton-le-Moors, Dill Hall and Accrington Asda.

This service runs hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

**Service 9/19            Accrington – Barnfield – Laneside – Accrington**

Service 9/19 currently operates circular between Accrington and Accrington via Barnfield and Laneside. Service 9 runs clockwise and Service 19 runs anti-clockwise.

This services run hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

## **PROPOSED SERVICE REVISIONS**

The proposed revisions to these services are split into separate packages as follows:

### **PACKAGE 1 – Longridge to Preston**

#### **Service 4/4A      Longridge – Whittingham – Preston**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable. Service 4 will no longer operate between Chipping and Longridge, which has been added to the revisions to Services 5 & 35 (see further in report for details). Instead it will loop around Longridge Town centre and Beacon Fell Caravan Park, which is currently served by Services 3 & 5.

There are approximately 1,500 annual passenger trips made between Chipping and Preston across Longridge. This equates to around 30 passenger trips per week and 5 per day across 12 journeys. Connection opportunities in Longridge will be available from the revised Services 5 & 35, already used by some through passengers, with Stagecoach's frequent Service 1.

Service 4 will continue to operate between Longridge and Preston via Whittingham, Goosnargh, Broughton, Woodplumpton, Fulwood and Royal Preston Hospital. Service 4A will continue to operate between Fulwood Janice Drive and Preston City Centre.

The service will run hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Longridge and Preston, improving to an even half-hourly service in conjunction with Service 4A between Fulwood and Preston City Centre.

## **PACKAGE 2 – Ribble Valley West Services**

### **Service 5                    Chipping – Longridge – Ribchester – Clitheroe**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable by extending the service to/from Chipping. Service 5 will continue to operate between Longridge and Clitheroe via Ribchester, Hurst Green, Great Mitton and Whalley.

The service will run every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Longridge and Clitheroe.

### **Service 14/14A        Chatburn – Clitheroe – Accrington – Royal Blackburn Hospital**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable, renumbering from Service 241. Service 14/14A will operate between Clitheroe and Royal Blackburn Hospital via Whalley, Great Harwood, Rishton, Accrington and Oswaldtwistle. Certain journeys will operate beyond Clitheroe to Chatburn via Pimlico, maintaining a service for this area.

It is proposed to revise the route between Rishton and Accrington, serving Eachill Gardens in Rishton (Service 14A journeys during the day) replacing the withdrawn Service 2 from this area.

It is further proposed to revise the route between Rishton and Accrington to operate direct from Clayton Park via Dunkenhalgh Way and Asda creating new travelling opportunities, omitting Clayton-le-Moors. There are alternative services available for most affected passenger trips, however approximately 1,000 annual passenger trips are made between Clayton-le-Moors across Accrington to Royal Blackburn Hospital.

This equates to around 20 passenger trips per week and less than 4 per day across 7 journeys. Connection opportunities in Accrington are available from the frequent bus services through Clayton-le-Moors.

This service will be increased in frequency to run every hour (extended two-hourly through to Chatburn) in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

### **Service 15                    Mellor Brook – Mellor – Blackburn**

The proposal for this service is to revise the timetable, renumbering from Service 13. Service 15 will continue to operate between Mellor Brook and Blackburn via Mellor, Ramsgreave and Pleckgate.

The service will be increased in frequency to run every hour in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Mellor Brook and Blackburn.

### **Service 25                    Clitheroe – Whalley – Brockhall – Blackburn**

The proposal for this service is to revise the timetable, renumbering from Service C25. Service 25 will operate between Clitheroe and Blackburn via Low Moor, Great Mitton, Whalley, Brockhall Village, Dinckley, Salesbury and Wilpshire.

This service will continue to run every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime between Clitheroe and Blackburn.

### **Service 35                    Chipping – Longridge – Ribchester – Blackburn**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable, renumbering from Service 3/3A and extending the service through to Chipping. Service 35 will operate between Chipping and Blackburn via Longridge, Ribchester, Salesbury, Wilpshire (additionally serving Durham Road between 0930 & 1530) and Pleckgate.

The service will continue to run every two hours in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime and evening basis between Chipping, Longridge and Blackburn.

#### Coordinated timetables

Currently services over common sections of route are disjointed, resulting in a lack of coordination. With these proposed route and timetable revisions, the following coordinated frequencies will be available.

Service 5 (Chipping – Clitheroe) and Service 35 (Chipping – Blackburn) will combine to provide an even hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Chipping, Longridge and Ribchester.

Service 5 (Chipping – Clitheroe) and Service 25 (Clitheroe – Blackburn) will combine to provide an even hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Whalley and Clitheroe.

Service 15 (Mellor – Blackburn), Service 25 (Clitheroe – Blackburn) and Service 35 (Chipping – Blackburn) will combine to provide an even half-hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Pleckgate and Blackburn.

Service 25 (Clitheroe – Blackburn) and Service 35 (Chipping – Blackburn) will combine to provide an even hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Salesbury and Blackburn.

#### Connecting timetables

With coordinated timetables there will be better interchange opportunities at Longridge and Clitheroe.

In Longridge, Services 5 & 35 will have improved connections with Stagecoach's frequent Service 1 through to Preston.

In Clitheroe, Services 5 & 25 will have improved connections with Train Services and other local bus services.



## **PACKAGE 3 – Ribble Valley East & Clitheroe Local Services**

### **Service 2                    Low Moor – Clitheroe – Chatburn – Sawley – Grindleton**

The proposal for this service is to revise the timetable, renumbering from Service C2. Service 2 will operate between Low Moor, Clitheroe and Grindleton via Chatburn and Sawley.

This service will run half-hourly, between Low Moor and Clitheroe (partially replacing Service C1), and continue hourly through to Grindleton in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis. There will also be an hourly Sunday daytime service between Low Moor and Clitheroe only. A new Sunday service for Grindleton will be provided by Service 7B (see below for details).

### **Service 4                    Clitheroe – Peel Park Circular**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable, combining part of Service C1 and the whole of Service C4. Service 4 will continue to operate a circular town service between Clitheroe and Peel Park.

This circular service will continue to run hourly on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

### **Service 7/7A/7B        Clitheroe – Waddington – Chatburn – Barley/Rimington – Nelson**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable, renumbering from Service 71. It is proposed to revise the route between Clitheroe and Chatburn via Waddington and West Bradford, to replace services C5 & C15, and also between Downham and Blacko on certain journeys to operate alternately via Barley or Rimington.

Service 7 will operate between Clitheroe and Nelson via Waddington, West Bradford, Chatburn, Downham, Barley, Newchurch, Spenbrook, Roughlee, Blacko and Barrowford.

Service 7A will operate between Clitheroe and Nelson via Waddington, West Bradford, Chatburn, Downham, Rimington, Howgill, Todber, Blacko and Barrowford.

The service will run hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis, with most journeys running as Service 7 and three journeys per day in each direction as Service 7A.

There will also be an hourly Sunday daytime circular service between Clitheroe, Chatburn, Grindleton, West Bradford and Waddington, numbered Service 7B.

Pimlico will be served by extended journeys of new Service 14/14A between Chatburn, Clitheroe, Accrington and Royal Blackburn Hospital.

### Coordinated and connecting timetables

These proposed route and timetable revisions, routes from Clitheroe to Low Moor, Chatburn will have coordinated frequencies, and also enable surrounding villages to have improved connections at Clitheroe Interchange with train services and other local bus services.

**The following subsidised bus services will be withdrawn and replaced as detailed:**

**Service C1                    Clitheroe Town Service (Low Moor & Peel Park)**

Service C1 will be withdrawn and replaced by new Services 2 & 4 (See above for details).

**Service C2                    Low Moor – Clitheroe – Chatburn – Sawley – Grindleton**

Service C2 will be withdrawn and replaced by new Service 2 (See above for details).

**Service C4                    Clitheroe – Peel Park**

Service C4 will be withdrawn and replaced by new Service 4 (See above for details).

**Services C5/C15            Clitheroe – Waddington – West Bradford – Clitheroe**

Services C5/C15 will be withdrawn and replaced by new Services 7/7A/7B (See above for details).

The section of West Bradford Road between Pimlico and West Bradford will no longer be served. The new Services 7/7A/7B will also result in the direct link between Waddington, West Bradford and Clitheroe Hospital being no longer available. There are approximately 600 annual passenger trips are made on this section. This equates to on average around 12 passenger trips per week and 2 per day across 15 journeys.

**There are no proposed changes to the following subsidised bus services:**

**Service 10                    Clitheroe – Dunsop Bridge – Newton – Slaidburn – Settle**

**Service 11                    Settle – Horton-in-Ribblesdale**

**Service 280/X80            Skipton – Clitheroe – Whalley – Preston**

## **PACKAGE 4 – Hyndburn Area**

### **Service 2                    Accrington – Dill Hall Circular**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable. Service 2 will operate between Accrington and Dill Hall via Asda. Customers from Rishton Eachill Gardens will continue to be served by the revised Service 14 (see below for details).

This circular service will run hourly on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

### **Service 9                    Accrington – Laneside Circular**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable. Service 9 will operate between Accrington and Laneside. Customers from Barnfield will continue to be served by the revised Service 19 (see below for details). The section of route on Alice Street will continue to be served by Pilkington Bus' commercial Service 3/3A between Accrington and Huncoat.

This circular service will run hourly on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

### **Service 19                    Accrington – Barnfield Circular**

The proposal for this service is to revise the route and timetable. Service 19 will operate between Accrington and Barnfield. Customers from Laneside will continue to be served by the revised Service 9 (see above for details). The section of route on Alice Street will continue to be served by Pilkington Bus' commercial Service 3/3A between Accrington and Huncoat.

This circular service will run hourly on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis.

**Comments**

Which local bus service(s) do you currently use? \_\_\_\_\_

How regular do you use these services?

- |                   |                          |               |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Daily (4+ days)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Monthly       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Weekly (1-3 days) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Less Frequent | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Have you any comments to make on the current bus services?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Please use additional sheet if necessary.

**New Proposals**

Have you any comments to make on the new bus service proposals:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Please use additional sheet if necessary.

## Monitoring Information

To help us monitor the accessibility and effectiveness of our services, please complete the monitoring information below.

### **Why are we asking for this information?**

To make things better – the information we collect helps us to improve our services. It shows us if some people are not making the most of our services, and where we need to make changes to them.

### **What happens to the information?**

Some people worry about giving information in case it should fall into the wrong hands. There are strict laws (Data Protection Act 1998) to make sure that we protect the information we collect and to deal with it responsibly. Service managers use the information to help them make sure their services are meeting the needs of all our residents.

### **Aren't some of the questions a bit personal?**

It may seem that we are being nosy, but we ask everyone the same thing. We understand that you might be protective of your personal information, but if we don't know who is using our services, it is harder for us to deliver them appropriately.

Are you?	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<hr/>					
Age group?					
Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	25 to 39	<input type="checkbox"/>	50 to 59	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 to 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	40 to 49	<input type="checkbox"/>	60 and over	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>					
Are you a Deaf person or do you have a disability?					
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
(The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities).					
<hr/>					
Which best describes your ethnic background?					
<input type="checkbox"/>	White				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian/Asian British				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ethnic group, write specify _____				
Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.					

# Passenger information



[www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

**0871 200 22 33**

Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras

## Open Days for Proposed Changes to Subsidised Bus Services in Ribble Valley

Lancashire County Council subsidises the majority of local bus services operating in the Ribble Valley.

To improve future viability of the services, a full review of these subsidised routes has taken place with an emphasis on reshaping the network to improve accessibility, reliability and overall sustainability of the subsidised bus service network within existing resources.

Lancashire County Council is consulting on these proposals, including three drop in sessions as detailed below:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
Clitheroe Library - between 0930 and 1500

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
Longridge Library - between 0930 and 1500

LCC Bus Service Officers will be available allowing the opportunity for existing and potential new customers to make comments prior to any final decisions being made.

Full details are also available on Lancashire County Council's Bus Services homepage at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)