

TRANSPORT

We asked you what would encourage you to use Public Transport more often? You said:

A more reliable service
A more frequent service
A cheaper service
Safer bus stops
Convenient routes & times
Improve facilities for disabled people
Bus services in rural areas
Better service information

A more reliable service

To get a more reliable service there needs to be more investment in new buses. The council in partnership with Stage Coach have invested £850,000 in 10 new buses, for use along Route 66 Leamington-Whitnash-Warwick.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Safer bus stops

We are improving the image of the bus stop in the county i.e. better lighting, Castle Curbs, protection from the elements and good quality large print timetables. All bus stops will be revamped by 2006 as indicated in the Local Transport Plan.



DID YOU KNOW...?

A cheaper service

In February 2002 a flat fare of 60p was introduced in Kenilworth Town. On 1st June 2002 in partnership with the districts/boroughs and bus operators we introduced a £10 payments scheme for concessionary fare holders. This scheme allows these passengers to cross the district boundaries without paying extra. So far, 1,200 people have taken up this offer.

DID YOU KNOW...?

A more frequent service

We have been improving the frequency of many bus routes throughout the County e.g. Anley-Arley-Nuncaton services has been changed from an hourly service to every half hour. Stafford Town centre was every 30 mins, now every 20 mins. Keresley service was 7 times a day, now every half hour.

Convenient Routes & Times

In the last 12 months we have set up user groups throughout the County i.e. 1 in Rugby, 2 in Stratford, 1 in North Warwickshire, 1 in Warwick. We wrote to Parish Councils to ask them to nominate representative for the group. This again is a partnership between the County Council and the Districts/Borough Councils. The groups meet 4-6 times a year to discuss bus routes and timetables. As a result of this, a rural evening service was introduced in Rugby in April 2002. If you want to be involved with these groups please contact Richard Tuck, Transport Operations on 01926 412644, or e-mail richardtuck@warwickshire.gov.uk

Better service information

Information is now being produced in large print and with a simple routing system i.e. like the London Underground. All bus timetables are now on the Warwickshire County Council Internet site www.warwickshire.gov.uk click on transport and then public transport information.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Improved facilities for disabled people

In April 2001 the 5th Flexibus was introduced in North Warwickshire to service the rural communities. The Flexibus has features such as an electric lift, accommodation for wheelchairs, on-board care assistant. There is also the facility to book 24 hours in advance, and if you live not too far off the beaten track you could be picked up from your house. The Flexibus service has also recently won the George Marshall Trophy Award for its services to aiding visually impaired people.

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Road Safety

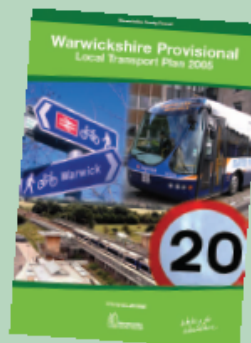
We found that your awareness of the road safety motorcycle campaign was very low – this has led us to taking a different approach in promoting road safety campaigns. Now the Road Safety Unit undertakes promotional work independently and with the Safety Camera Partnership. To replace a traditional leaflet campaign, postcards have been distributed through a network of dispensers in public places, and advertising in cinemas has been introduced.

Local Transport Plan

The data collected from the transport section of Citizens' Panel Wave 14, April 2004, has been used to inform the strategy development for the next Local Transport Plan (LTP). In fact the data has been essential in formulating the policies in response to public needs regarding public transport, specifically bus, rail and cycling policy for the County. So what you have told us has made a real impact on an important document.

The survey has been referred to within the LTP document itself as evidence of the needs and views held of residents.

For more information on the LTP, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/transport



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