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bus service changes to the Ribble Valley Network

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of changes from
24 June 2012 in the
Ribble Valley and
surrounding areas.

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Ribble Valley Subsidised Bus Service Review

Lancashire County Council financially support 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 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 number of revisions to subsidised bus services in neighbouring Hyndburn, Pendle and Preston, as well as Blackburn with Darwen.

Lancashire County Council consulted widely on the proposals and received feedback from local County and Borough representatives, Parish Councils together with current bus users and local residents before finalising the revisions to the subsidised bus service network.

Therefore from **24 June 2012** Lancashire County Council will introduce the following revisions to routes and timetables to improve accessibility, reliability and overall sustainability of services. To be able to better explain the revisions, these services are split into six separate groups as follows:

GROUP 1

Local Hyndburn Services

Service 2 **Leaflet 42** **Accrington – Dill Hall Circular**

The route and timetable will be revised, amending the service to operate between Accrington and Dill Hall via Asda. Customers from Rishton Eachill Gardens will continue to be served by the revised Service 14/14A; please refer to service Group 3 for further details.

Service 9 **Leaflet 42** **Accrington – Laneside Circular**

The route and timetable will be revised, amending the service to 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.

Service 19 **Leaflet 42** **Accrington – Barnfield Circular**

The route and timetable will be revised, amending the service to operate between Accrington and Barnfield via Avenue Parade. 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.

These circular services will each run hourly on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis and to improve accessibility, a low floor easy access bus will now be used on these services.

M & M Coaches Ltd will operate this group of services on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

GROUP 2

Preston to Longridge Service

Service 4/4A Leaflet 234 Preston – Fulwood – Whittingham – Longridge

The route and timetable will be revised, amending the service to operate between Longridge and Preston, no longer serving Chipping.

The section between Chipping and Longridge has been added to the revisions to Services 5 & 35 (please refer to service Group 3 for further details). Instead of serving Chipping the service 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 operating direct between Longridge and Preston.

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

The route and timetable of Service 4A will be revised between Fulwood and Preston to operate between Preston and Fulwood Conway Drive outbound then return to Preston via Wychnor, Lightfoot Lane and normal Service 4 route past Royal Preston Hospital. Whilst this will mean a slight increase in journey time inbound from Conway Drive to Preston City Centre, Wychnor and Lightfoot Lane will have an increase in service frequency from hourly to half-hourly, during Monday to Saturday daytime.

Services 4 & 4A will both run hourly in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis, combining to provide a half-hourly

service between Fulwood Wychnor and Preston City Centre.

The two-hourly Service 4 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings between Longridge and Preston will continue to operate but with revised times.

Stagecoach in Lancashire will operate this group of services on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

GROUP 3

Ribble Valley Services – Longridge, Chipping, Mellor, Blackburn & Accrington areas

Service 5/5A Leaflet 103 Chipping – Longridge – Ribchester – Clitheroe

The route and timetable will be revised, with the service continuing 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 between Longridge and Clitheroe. There are additional direct journeys between Longridge and Clitheroe, numbered 5A.

Furthermore a two hourly evening service on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings on a six month trial basis will be introduced on this route; please refer to service Group 5 for further details.

Service 14/14A Leaflet 105 Chatburn – Clitheroe – Accrington – Royal Blackburn Hospital

The route and timetable will be revised, renumbering from Service 241. Service 14/14A will operate between Clitheroe and Royal Blackburn Hospital via Whalley, Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton-le-Moors (Service 14A), Accrington and Oswaldtwistle. Certain journeys will operate beyond Clitheroe to Chatburn via Pimlico, maintaining a service for this area.

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The route between Rishton and Accrington will be revised, serving Eachill Gardens in Rishton (Service 14 journeys during the day) replacing the withdrawn Service 2 from this area.

Also the daytime route (Service 14) will be revised between Rishton and Accrington to operate direct from Clayton Park via Dunkenhalth Way and Asda creating new travelling opportunities, omitting Clayton-le-Moors.

The morning and afternoon peak time journeys will continue to serve Clayton-le-Moors (Service 14A) to ensure students and workers who currently use the service to and from this area will be unaffected.

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

Service 15 **Leaflet 107** **Mellor Brook – Mellor – Blackburn**

The route and timetable will be revised, 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 to run every hour in each direction on a Monday to Saturday daytime basis between Mellor Brook and Blackburn, with a morning and afternoon journey continuing through to Blackburn St. Wilfrids CEHS.

Service 25 **Leaflet 103** **Clitheroe – Whalley – Brockhall – Blackburn**

The route and timetable will be revised, 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 **Leaflet 103** **Chipping – Longridge – Ribchester – Blackburn**

The route and timetable will be revised, 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.

Co-ordinated timetables

These revisions aim to address those sections of routes where a more co-ordinated approach can be achieved and will allow the following co-ordinated frequencies to be introduced:-

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 the co-ordinated 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.

Holmeswood Coaches Ltd will operate this group of services on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

GROUP 4

Clitheroe Local Services and Pendle Witch Hopper

Service 2 Leaflet 101 Low Moor – Clitheroe – Chatburn – Sawley – Grindleton

The route and timetable will be revised, 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. Certain Peak journeys on new Service 7B (see below for details) will additionally serve Grindleton to maintain an half-hourly link with Clitheroe at these times.

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).

Furthermore a two hourly evening service on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings on a six month trial basis will be introduced in the Low Moor area on Service 5A and in the Chatburn & Grindleton areas on Service 7B; please refer to service Group 5 for further details.

Service 4 Leaflet 101 Clitheroe – Peel Park Circular

The route and timetable will be revised, 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 Leaflet 101 Clitheroe – Waddington – Chatburn – Barley/Rimington – Nelson

The route and timetable will be revised, renumbering from Service 71. The route between Clitheroe and Chatburn will be revised to operate via Waddington and West Bradford, to replace services C5 & C15, and journeys between Downham and Blacko will operate alternately via Barley or Rimington during the middle of the day.

Service 7 will operate between Clitheroe and Nelson via Waddington, West Bradford, Chatburn, Downham, Barley, Newchurch, Spenbrook, Roughlee, Blacko and Barrowford. Certain Peak journeys will run as Service 7B and additionally serve Grindleton.

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/four 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.

Furthermore a two hourly evening service on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings on a six month trial basis will be introduced on this route; please refer to service Group 5 for further details.

The service will operate on summer Thursdays only from the last Thursday in May until the last Thursday in October.

Holmeswood Coaches Ltd will operate this service on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

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 service Group 4 for details).

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

Service C2 will be withdrawn and replaced by new Service 2 (See service Group 4 for details).

**Service C4
Clitheroe – Peel Park**

Service C4 will be withdrawn and replaced by new Service 4 (See service Group 4 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 service Group 4 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 extremely low passenger trips made on this section,

approximately 600 annually. This equates to on average around 12 passenger trips per week and 2 per day across the current 15 journeys. Connections will be available at Clitheroe Interchange for these journeys to continue to be made.

**Service 280/X80 Leaflet 109
Skipton – Clitheroe –
Whalley – Preston**

From 24 June 2012 Transdev Lancashire United, on behalf of Lancashire County Council, will revise the timetable, adjusting a number of journeys to improve overall service reliability.

There will be NO changes to the following other subsidised bus services operating within the Ribbles Valley:

**Services 7S/72
Nelson – Clitheroe – Padiham –
Burnley – Nelson
(Summer Sunday Pendle
Witch Hopper)**

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

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

**Service 231
Clitheroe – Whalley –
Great Harwood – Accrington
(Saturdays)**



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Clitheroe Interchange Railway View Road	Preston Bus Station	
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