

Press Release: For Immediate Release

Following recent negotiations with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), two new community bus trials have been announced in the Ploughley Division. The first will run every Monday (commencing 25th June) from Souldern to Bicester, via Fritwell, Fewcott, Ardley, Bucknell & Chesterton. The second will run every Thursday (starting 28th June) from Mixbury to Bicester via Finmere, Newton Purcell, Fringford, Hethe, Hardwick & Stoke Lyne.

Cllr Ian Corkin commented *“Public transport in rural areas remains a challenge and I was more than happy to work with both OCC and the local community to set up this trial”*

The service utilises Oxfordshire County Council’s fleet of specially adapted “Comet” buses. The trial will last for 20 weeks and will be free to all users during that time. It is anticipated that passengers will get approximately 2 hours in Bicester.

Ian continued “I hope the service will be well used and will open the door to other opportunities, but in the meantime I would advise everyone to make use of this free facility”

Notes:

- Wheelchairs can be accommodated with 24hours notice to the service administrators (01295 257 930)
- Ian Corkin is an Oxfordshire County Councillor for Ploughley Ward and also serves on Cherwell District Council for Fringford & Heyfords Ward
- The free trial is being funded from OCC’s Community Transport budget to assess demand.
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