



CommMiniBus | KETTERING CATCHER

# ComMunity Bus Update

October 2021



## New Bus Strategy - What Is It?

The government published 'Bus Back Better', the long-term national bus strategy for England outside London, on 15 March 2021

The Government said it is "determined that great bus services should be available to everyone, everywhere." and will provide a £3-billion funding for LTAs.

The Strategy aims to increase bus usage across the country by achieving "a fully integrated service with simple, multi-modal tickets, more bus priority measures, the same high-quality information for all passengers in more places, and better turn-up-and-go frequencies that keep running into the evenings and at weekends."

It explains that "there can be no return to a situation where services are planned on a purely commercial basis". LTAs are expected to be engaged and support Bus service. Our Council has opted to enter an "Enhanced Partnership" which requires a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIPs) to be published by the end of this month (October 2021).

When preparing the BSIP, LTAs are expected to be "working closely with their local bus operators and local communities" to set out a "vision" for delivering the step-change in bus services that is required by the Strategy.

From the guidance published by DfT, it is said that LTAs should create a forum for discussion and "should work closely and in a spirit of co-operation with bus operators, **community transport bodies** and other relevant organisations.

"The LTA is not wholly responsible for drafting its content. BSIP content is developed jointly through discussion and negotiation, primarily between the LTA and its bus operators."

The Council has run an online survey for three weeks from September and I have responded to it on behalf of **CommMiniBus** and our users. As usual, we are not involved in any discussion, operator engagement activities held by the Highways Department.

There's just one more week to go before we enter November. Let's wait and see how well the Council has done their job, how great our BSIP will be and what sort of vision will be set, especially those related to rural bus service and demand responsive transport.

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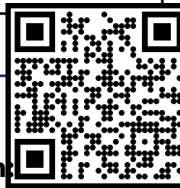
# Service Information

## 1. KETTERING CATCHER 78D

**Every FRIDAY (except public holidays)- First pick-up normally starts at 09:30**

TO Weston Favell		TO Mawsley (via Kettering)	
TIME	Stop	TIME	Stop
<b>D</b>	<b>Villages</b>	12:30	Shopping Centre (Stop C)
9:52	Broughton - Red Lion PH	<b>D</b>	<b>Overstone Ley / Villages</b>
9:56	Lake Avenue	12:58	Horse Market (Stop 9)
<b>R</b>	Kettering Station Entrance	13:00	Newland Centre (Stop 5)
9:59	Horse Market (Stop 9)	<b>D/R</b>	<b>Kettering General Hospital</b>
10:00	Newland Centre (Stop 5)	<b>D/R</b>	<b>Kettering Station Entrance</b>
<b>R</b>	Kettering General Hospital	<b>R</b>	Lake Avenue
<b>D</b>	<b>Villages / Overstone Ley</b>	<b>R</b>	Broughton - Red Lion PH
10:30	Shopping Centre (Stop C)	<b>D</b>	<b>Villages</b>
		<b>D</b>	<b>Mawsley</b>

R = Request only for alighting  
D = On-Demand section, pre-booked only



Booking form

- 1 To book a seat, text us at **07888 011 891** or email **bookings@cmbus.org** from **9am to 1pm Monday to Friday** or use the online form:
- 2 Receive a confirmation text on Thursday with a confirmed timetable
- 3 Make your way to the bus stop in accordance with the timetable.

## 2. CMB Trips

Serving ALL villages on **Wednesdays**

**Note:** The bus will call at Kettering (Horse Market) or other stops en-route if requested.

Date	Destination	Booking opens
03/11/2021	Corby (Town Centre / Asda)	25 October
10/11/2021	Market Harborough*	25 October
17/11/2021	Rugby* (Town Centre)	1 November
24/11/2021	Rushden Lakes (Waitrose / M&S)	8 November

\***Bus pass holders:** Trips to Market Harborough and Rugby are subject to fare.



To reserve a seat, email us at **bookings@cmbus.org**, or call / text us at **07888 011 891**.



Seats are limited and bookings will be closed one week before travel day. **First come, first served.**



Our bus would pick you up **after 9.30 am** and will return from the destination **after lunch.**



Trips are paid service. There is a **£1 booking fee + Fare** (if applicable).

## We need your help!

More trips mean more work to be done! To ensure the continuity of our services, we're looking for **volunteers:**

- **Volunteer Ambassadors**  
(Can be home based)
- **Volunteer Drivers (D1 license)**

If you can offer a few hours per week to help, please call / text us. Training will be provided.

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