



Introducing the New Commuter Bus Service for not only Mawsley Pupils

We are thrilled to announce the launch of service 80P, a dedicated transportation solution designed to meet the needs of our community. This service aims to provide convenient, safe, and affordable transportation for students attending Northampton School for Boys starting in the upcoming school year as well as the general public. We invite all eligible passengers to take advantage of this new initiative.

Benefits of the new service:

Convenience: The service offers hassle-free transportation directly to Northampton School for Boys, eliminating the need for multiple transfers or long commutes.

Affordability: We understand the financial challenges families face today. That's why we have worked diligently to ensure that the service is accessible and affordable for all, with competitive fares.

Reliability: Count on the Mawsley School Bus Service to provide punctual and reliable transportation, allowing students to arrive at school promptly and ensuring peace of mind for parents.

Safety: Our buses are operated by qualified drivers who have undergone DBS checks. We also follow strict safety protocols and maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene on all our buses.

The new route will serve:

Mawsley, Overstone Gate, Weston Favell Centre, Billing Road (School for Boys & NGH) and Northampton. Single fare for this service will be capped at £2 until the end of October 2023.

Your Support Matters:

The new service is a community-driven initiative. We greatly appreciate the support we have received thus far and would like to extend our gratitude to all the parents and community members who have made this service possible. We invite you to continue supporting the service by spreading the word among other eligible passengers who may benefit from this convenient transportation solution.



Information of the new route will be available at bus stops and our website.



We are excited to embark on this journey together, ensuring that our students have access to a reliable and comfortable school bus service. By choosing to travelling with us, you are investing in the educational success and well-being of our children, as well as wider employment opportunities when the new local centre Overstone Gate has been built.

For more information about the new service, please visit cmbus.org/80p or refer to our Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you in the future!

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Exciting Changes Coming to Our Bus Services

Are you ready for enhanced transportation options and exciting new adventures on our buses? We are thrilled to announce some exciting changes to our services, which are designed to better meet passenger demand and preferences, ensuring your access to reliable and enjoyable transportation options.

1. Service 78

From September 2023, Service 78 will be revised to run between Walgrave Primary School and Kettering. The new route avoids the 'Quiet Lane' in Walgrave to enable deployment of vehicles with low-floor design.

The bus will depart from Walgrave at 09:30 am every Friday and returns from Kettering at 12:25 pm. The bus will operate a hail-and-ride service in Walgrave. Passengers can board the bus at designated bus stops or anywhere en-route.

Meanwhile, passengers at Scaldwell can continue to access our pre-booked service for Mawsley Zone on Wednesdays.

2. Haddon Hopper

Starting from August 2023, the Haddon Hopper service will change to reflect passenger demand:

1. Trips to Daventry will now take place every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Whether it's for shopping, appointments, or leisure activities, you'll have more opportunities to visit Daventry at your convenience.
2. The trip to Rugby will now occur every 4th Thursday, giving you a chance to visit the town centre, or to access the shops at Eliot's Field and Junction One shopping centres.
3. Additional trips to other destinations, such as local garden centres, will also be run when there is a 5th week in the month. This means more opportunities to discover new places and indulge in recreational activities right on your doorstep.

Mark your calendars and get ready to embark on new adventures with the Haddon Hopper!

3. Trial Recreational Trips in North Northants- Unleash the Explorer Within You!

Last time, we've written about our launch of trial recreational trips for North Northants from August 2023. These monthly excursions are designed to bring joy, fun, and a sense of adventure to our residents.

We've already sent out information packs to most Parish Councils in the former East Northants Council area. If you're part of a village group and would like to receive an information pack or book a trip, simply email info@cmbus.org. We welcome your participation and encourage you to spread the word to your fellow residents.

Have a destination in mind that you'd like to explore? Reach out to your parish council or contact us directly to share your ideas or request more information. We're always open to suggestions and excited to tailor our services to meet the unique needs and interests of our community.

Furthermore, we invite enthusiastic individuals to join us as volunteer drivers or coordinators to help run and organise these recreational trips. Your involvement can make a significant difference in expanding public transport options in villages that are not currently served by regular bus services.

By taking part in these trial recreational trips and providing valuable feedback, you can help us to explore the possibilities of increasing public transport offerings in more areas, ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to accessible and enjoyable transportation.

So, let's embark on this journey together! Join us in discovering new places, forging connections, and embracing the joy of community transportation. Together, we can create a vibrant and connected North Northants that we can all be proud of.

For more information or to book your trip, visit our website at cmbus.org or email info@cmbus.org. Get ready to unlock new horizons and experience the convenience and joy of our enhanced pre-booked bus services.

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Meet our passengers from Cold Ashby



The Shopper Hopper has just had its first birthday in May. The service covers villages around Brixworth, many of which are not served by any public transport service. We've spoken to Ted, one of the passengers from Cold Ashby, who has been using the service since the launch.

1. How long have you been using the bus and where do you usually go?

We have been using the Shopper Hopper since May 2022. We have visited Overstone Aldi and Weston Favell Shopping Centre, Rushden Lakes, Morrisons, Paddington Garden Centre, and other destinations.

2. What differences have the bus service made to you?

Our village doesn't have a shop, pub or a bus service. The Shopper Hopper is the only means for us to travel for shopping, banking, socialising and visiting the library.

3. What do you enjoy most about the trips?

The travel is free with a bus pass. On the bus, we meet other people and we can visit places we wouldn't normally go to.

4. Do you have any other thoughts or opinions?

Think there should be designated pick-up points as it can be a long journey going all round the houses. Two hours is long enough stop on Wednesday trips but if others want longer would agree with the majority.

Last but not least, big thanks to Ka and thanks to the support from volunteers Anna and Geoff.

Our response:

Thanks so much for supporting the service. It's our pleasure to support rural communities by enabling residents to travel in a low carbon way without using the car. As we continue to grow our service portfolio, there will be forthcoming changes so we can enable more passengers to benefit from our group travel service.

While we encourage passengers to gather at major bus stops for pick-up, we're happy to offer extra drop-off points which are closer to home as shoppings could be sometimes heavy. Our coordinator will review the current arrangements and speak to passengers to know more about their needs.

Service Information (Bus passes accepted for off-peak travel)

I. Timetabled bus routes

Service No.	Route (Information: cmbus.org/nnlocal)	Service Days	Remarks
78	Walgrave - Kettering (serves Scaldwell until August 2023)	Fridays	
78B	Kettering Circular (via Thorpe Malsor, Loddington, Broughton & Pytchley)	Fridays	
78c	Kettering South - Pytchley (via Thorpe Malsor, Loddington & Broughton)	Fridays	Return trip of 78B
78D	Kettering - Weston Favell Centre (via villages on demand)	Fridays	Pre-book if travel from a village
80P	Mawsley - Northampton (via Overstone Gate & Weston Favell Centre)	M-F, from Sep 2023	School days only

II. Pre-booked public bus service (Service Q/K)

Brixworth Zone - SHOPPER HOPPER (Every Monday)

A: Aldi, Overstone (1 hour) + Brixworth (45 minutes)

B: Weston Favell Centre (1.5 hours) + Brixworth (30 minutes)

Booking opens for next month's trips in the **3rd week***.

SHOPPER HOPPER (Monday)
A - Aldi, Overstone 7/8, 21/8, 4/9, 18/9
B - Weston Favell Centre 14/8, 28/8 BH, 11/9, 25/9

Other Trips (Wednesday, pick-up from 11am)	
W 09/08/2023	Poddington Garden Centre
W 23/08/2023	Rushden Lakes Shopping Centre (Costa)
W 13/09/2023	Daventry Town Centre
W 27/09/2023	Rushden Lakes Shopping Centre (Costa)

Haddon Zone - HADDON HOPPER

A: Daventry (VIA LONG BUCKBY STATION) | Every 1st to 3rd Tuesday

A: Rugby (TOWN CENTRE / ELLIOTT'S FIELD) | Every 4th Thursday

C: Trip to various destinations | Every 5th week

Destination	August	September
A - Daventry (Tuesday)	1, 8, 15	5, 12, 19
B - Rugby (Thursday)	24	28
C - Trip to Poddington Garden Ctr.	30 (WED)	-

To book a seat:

1. Fill in a form on the bus
2. Call / text 07888011891
3. Use the online form on cmbus.org/bookings
4. Email bookings@cmbus.org

Mawsley Zone - Trips (Every Wednesday)

W 02/08/2023	Corby Town Centre / Asda	
W 09/08/2023	Wellingborough Town / Morrisons	VIA: Orlingbury & Harrowden
W 16/08/2023	Weston Favell Shopping Centre	
W 23/08/2023	Rushden Lakes Shopping Centre (Costa)	VIA: Orlingbury & Harrowden
W 30/08/2023	Poddington Garden Centre	
W 06/09/2023	Corby Town Centre / Asda	
W 13/09/2023	Daventry Town Centre	VIA: Orlingbury & Harrowden
W 20/09/2023	Weston Favell Shopping Centre	
W 27/09/2023	Rushden Lakes Shopping Centre (Costa)	VIA: Orlingbury & Harrowden

* The online booking form is available from the Monday in the 3rd week of every month but actual booking starts on the day of the actual bus service. For example, bookings for Mawsley Zone starts on Wed 17/5/2023 (for June).

* Passengers filling in a physical booking form on the bus are deemed to be the first ones to book. Remaining seats are allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Priority is given to passengers with low cancellation records.**

* These services are **pre-booked only**. The bus will call at any bus stop en-route if requested.

* Bus pass accepted and a mileage based fare applies to other passengers (Capped at £2 until October 2023).