

New Bus Service for Hillington

The following information has been received from Mr Richard Pengelly, General Manager, West Norfolk Community Transport.

- West Norfolk Community Transport has assumed all responsibility for setting up and operating the initial project initiated by Village Link Action Group in 2013.
- The new service will commence around mid-2016 linking Hillington and Tapping House with King's Lynn Bus Station and six villages in North West Norfolk including Docking and the Medical Practice in Dicking. It will be branded 'Go Bus'.
- All Parish Councils along the route, Norfolk County Council and key organisations such as CITB support the service.
- The service will be the second scheduled bus service operated by West Norfolk Community Transport – the first began on April 4th 2016.
- The draft timetable will provide seven return services a day (Monday to Friday) through Hillington via Tapping House and the Ffolkes Arms terminating at King's Lynn Bus Station. In the other direction, the bus will link Hillington to Docking via the Bircham area including CITB. On Saturdays, five return services will be provided.

Key features of the service are:

- The Go Bus will run to a fixed timetable so there is no need to book.
- It will be a 16-seater vehicle and will provide low-level bus entry.
- Fares will be paid on board via ticket machines by the door. It is hoped that contactless card payment equipment will be installed later in 2016.
- The Go Bus will operate a published fare structure including reduced fares for the 5-15 and 16-19 age ranges.
- Age-related Concessionary Bus Passes will be accepted subject to normal carrier conditions.

Particular points relating to Hillington are:

The transit time between the A148 junction with Station Road and Tapping House will take no more than 90 seconds in each direction which amounts to a total of approximately 20 minutes each 24 hours for the seven daily services on the Monday to Friday timetable.

The Go Bus service will reduce levels of car traffic travelling to and from Tapping House.

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