



Access for All

A free Consultation Seminar on the Future of
Community Transport
for Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch



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This free Consultation Seminar is about how community transport should be provided in South East Dorset. You will hear about the current situation and proposals for change. You will then be able to discuss what happens next with partners from around Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch and make your contribution to where, when and how community transport should run in the future.

Community transport has a broad scope, including dial-a-ride and dial-a-bus, voluntary car schemes, wheels to work, shopmobility, community minibuses, supported shopper buses, travel training, bus buddies – indeed anything organised at a community level to combat poor access and mobility disadvantage amongst individuals and groups.

Who should attend this Seminar?

All those who use, need or run community transport services should attend. This includes existing operators, voluntary and community organisations, social care and healthcare providers, transport commissioners and local authorities. The conference is also for members of Local Strategic Partnerships or anyone else who wants to utilise community transport to deliver better services or who wants to encourage and facilitate the creation of a sustainable community transport network across South East Dorset.



Taking a fresh approach to community transport

Bournemouth Borough Council, the Borough of Poole and Christchurch Borough Council with Dorset County Council have commissioned the TAS Partnership Ltd. as specialist transport consultants to undertake a thorough review of community transport in the South East Dorset area.

This Conference is part of a process taking a fresh approach to the delivery of community transport in the area and gives local people the opportunity to discuss their ideas, offer feedback and ask questions about future options and proposals.

During the Seminar, delegates will:

- Hear the consultants' findings about current local Community Transport provision
- Learn about successful Community Transport innovation elsewhere in the UK
- Hear about the transport and access challenges faced by local passengers
- Consider Community Transport options within the Local Transport Plan and Accessibility Strategy
- Reveal local commitments, desires and opportunities for community-based transport solutions.

This event provides an opportunity for stakeholders to:

- Help set the priorities for Community Transport development in the area
- Influence the short-term actions that need to be taken to progress Community Transport expansion and extension
- Shape the medium and longer-term strategy which will determine the way in which Community Transport should serve the area in the years ahead
- Discuss how to make Community Transport sustainable over the long-term
- Meet colleagues, stakeholders, policy-makers and operators for informal discussion.

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Programme

- 09:00 Registration & Coffee**
- 09:30 Welcome & Introduction**
Tony Williams, Executive Director, Environment and Economic Services, Bournemouth Borough Council
- 09:35 What is community transport & how much do we need?**
John Taylor, Director, TAS Partnership Ltd.
- 09:55 CT in Bournemouth, Poole & Christchurch today**
John Atkins, transport consultant, TAS Partnership Ltd.
- 10:15 Questions and Comments**
- 10:30 Examples of community transport elsewhere in the UK**
Case Study 1
• Theresa Coyne, Manager, Tendring Community Transport
- 10:50 Questions and Comments**
- 11:00 Coffee**
- 11:20 Case Studies 2, 3 & 4**
• Debbie Roome, Community Transport Co-ordinator, New Forest VSC
• Helen Reed, Community Transport Manager, NORDCAT
• Deborah Oddy, CT and Health Sector Consultant
Questions and Comments
- 12:30 Lunch and Exhibition**
- 13:30 Interview: service standards - what do passengers want?**
Members of Disability Wessex, Help & Care Forum and other service users, interviewed by Richard Armitage, Richard Armitage Transport Consultancy Ltd.
- 14:10 Taking a strategic approach: the S E Dorset Accessibility Strategy**
Adrian Hale, Bournemouth Borough Council, and John McVey, Borough of Poole
Questions and Comments
- 14:45 Tea**
- 15:00 Taking a strategic approach: the South East Dorset Community Transport Strategy**
John Taylor
Fit for purpose: delivering community transport
Richard Armitage
Questions and Comments
- 15:40 Concluding Remarks**
Next steps
- 16:00 Conference ends and delegates depart**
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Directions to The Fitness First Stadium at Dean Court

www.gettingabout.info

To find your transport options and directions to this seminar.

The venue postcode is BH7 7AF.

By Bus

National Express Coaches

Stop at the Bournemouth Travel Interchange opposite Bournemouth Train Station.

From Bournemouth Train Station

Exit the station and go to the Travel Interchange opposite. Take the Yellow Buses Route 2 towards Bournemouth Hospital. Leave the bus at Littledown Avenue. The Fitness First Stadium is a short walk from the bus stop.

From Bournemouth Town Centre (Gervis Place)

Take the Yellow Buses Route 2 (see above), or the Wilts & Dorset X3 towards Salisbury, getting off near the Queen's Park Hotel on the corner of Ashley Road and Holdenhurst Road (see map opposite). The Fitness First Stadium is a short walk from the bus stop.

By Train

The nearest station is Pokesdown. Turn left out of the station, go over the bridge and take the next left onto Clarence Park Road. Walk through King's Park to the stadium (20 mins).

Note: Pokesdown Station is not fully accessible. The nearest accessible station is Bournemouth.

By Car

From the North

A34 to the M3 to the M27 to the A31 to the A338*.

From the South East Coast

A27 to the M27 to the A31 to the A338*

*From the A338

From the A31 at the Ashley Heath Roundabout take the A338 South to Bournemouth. Go past 'Welcome to Bournemouth' and carry on straight over the flyover. Take the next slip road off to the left (signposted Football Ground) to King's Park. At the mini roundabout go straight across into King's Park.

From the South West Coast

A35 to the A338

On the A338 take the slip road to the Springbourne Roundabout signposted King's Park. Take the 3rd exit of the roundabout, at the Fire Station, stay in the left hand lane and turn left onto Holdenhurst Road. Stay to the left and go straight through at the traffic lights (the Queen's Park Pub should be on your right). Go around the small roundabout and into King's Park.

There is a Council pay & display car park in King's Park.



Getting About is an initiative to improve accessibility in the S.E. Dorset area.

This seminar is being organised by Richard Armitage Transport Consultancy Ltd. and TAS Partnership Ltd. on behalf of the Borough of Poole, Bournemouth Borough Council, Christchurch Borough Council and Dorset County Council.

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Please book places at the Conference for these delegates:

Delegate 1 Job Title
Tel e-mail

Delegate 2 Job Title
Tel e-mail

Delegate 3 Job Title
Tel e-mail

There is no charge to attend this event.

If you have any special dietary or other personal requirements, such as assistance with transport to the event, please tick this box and we will contact you.

To discuss any aspect of this event, please contact Jen Taylor (see below for details).

Book your place

Delegates need to secure their place at the Seminar by booking beforehand.

How you can book:

WEB: Visit www.ratransport.co.uk/news9.html to make an on-line booking.

EMAIL: jen@ratransport.co.uk for the attention of Jen Taylor, Administrator, RATC.

FAX: Fax your completed booking form to 0161 367 9242.

PHONE: Call 0161 368 6603.

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