

FOCUS On Westham

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REPRIEVE FOR NUMBER 3 BUS

We are delighted to announce that Cllr David Harris has managed to get a reprieve for the Number 3 bus. We have three months to try and convince First Bus that there is a viable NEW route. We have supported a young lady who put together a huge petition to save this bus and would like to thank her for all her hard work and thank the residents who supported her petition.

The number 3 is losing money: on an ordinary day at the end of April, in the whole day, it took a total of £59.50 in fares, with 26 paying customers and 63 bus pass customers.

David arranged a meeting with First Bus to consider how a viable service could be configured and to consider taking it through Southill which will make it an option for a further 2000 residents. First Bus have agreed that the following can be tried:

- The bus will turn right instead of left at the top of Hereford Road and get to town via the football ground, into Southill before going back to the Abbotsbury Road/ Newstead crossroads and then into town.
- The limited times are because it uses a school bus which makes it more viable. Residents in Cobham Drive should gather in Radipole Lane on the football ground side of their exit, so do not have to cross the road, and stick out their hands as if it is a request stop. Residents on the way to Fiveways can either catch the 8 or 83 in Chickerell Road or go to Cobham Drive.
- Some people with passes have also said that they are prepared to pay a little towards the fare if this helps save it. The easiest way to do this is not to use the pass on every fourth trip and just pay the normal fare. The Lib Dems will continue to lobby Government to pay the full amount for concessionary fares; we need more buses not less and bus passes are making bus routes unviable.
- A small change is that the new bus will go to the King's statue on the seafront rather than Commercial Road which makes it easier to get to Dorchester or Portland as it will link up with the 10 and 1 here.

The bus company will keep in touch with your councillors and give us warning if we are not meeting targets, but if we can really use it they will be willing to see about improving it, with possibly a bus for those working in town before and after the school run, and we could also see if there is demand for a Saturday service. We have to show that we really do want it.



USE IT OR LOSE IT

Photo courtesy of the Dorset Echo

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LIBERAL DEMOCRATS : LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

GET FIT ON THE MARSH

For the younger residents we now have the skate park and parcour. The official opening was in April. Cllr Ryan Hope regularly brings his children to play there and says 'Its good to see so many people using it. This is such a brilliant facility, although in Westham; young and not so young residents from across the town are using it'



Your local Lib Dems are working hard to get many types of recreation onto the Marsh. Weymouth Town Council has an agreement with the Cougars for their ongoing use; thank you to who volunteer to make that such a success.

We are also working with Dorset Council who have given a grant to enable the **Park Yoga** to run for a second year. This will be free sessions on Sunday morning close to the swimming pool and is a collaboration between Weymouth Town Council and a local community group.

We're hoping to put on other fitness sessions through the summer so watch the facebook page for more information.



UPDATE ON RYAN HOPE

The Lib Dems are pleased to announce that Cllr Ryan Hope is now the new Group Leader. Ryan is one of the younger members of the council but someone who has huge experience. Ryan is also the Chair of the Services Committee, a role he has had for the last year.

WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL BENCHES

Weymouth Town Council have recently taken over all the benches on public land in the town. We have done this as the Town Council can run the far more effectively than Dorset Council. Ryan has put through a policy on benches in the town so please let us know if you would like more benches and where you would like them. We have an outstanding request for benches on the Marsh; Ryan has requested that we have some more, which Parks are now working on but if you would like one on a street or would like a bench to remember loved one please get in touch with any of us.



DON'T FORGET TO USE THE 5 BUS: USE IT OR LOSE IT

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Please get in touch if you have a point or issue you would like to discuss.

And we always welcome residents who want to help us by putting a few of these leaflets out in your street. This will give us more time to help you

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