

TRANSPORT NEWS December 2024

The Maiden Newton Ring and Ride service (01305 228965) is run by Dorset Council's passenger services, to Dorchester on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus leaves Maiden Newton Old School at 10.00, returning from Trinity Street at 12.30. The service will not operate after Thursday 19 December until Thursday 2 January. Ring before 15.00 on Mondays and Wednesdays to book for yourself and any children or visitors. Book for 2 January on Friday 20 December. Fares £2.50 single, £5 return Children half price. These buses can still start at Cattistock Square at 9.45 if this is requested when booking.

Dorset Community Transport is the Dorset part of the ECT Charity. They provide 3 bus services in this area. To use any of these services you must first register with the Charity (**01258 287987**) and then use the same number to book your seat and arrange your pick up point, before 1430 on the day before you want to travel. Each adult return fare is £8 on all 3 services. Children may accompany adults but seats must be booked for them. **DCT now accepts the national pensioner concessionary bus passes.**

Every Wednesday to Dorchester The bus, from Broadwindsor to Dorchester, passes through Maiden Newton. The pick up point is in Dorchester Road at the corner of Church Road. The return service leaves Trinity Street at 13.00. or earlier if arranged. Ring by 14.30 on Tuesdays to book your seat, confirm your pick up point and check the time of the bus. **Special bus on Tuesday 24 Dec. Ring by Thursday 19 for this bus. Normal service resumes on 8 January.**

Thursdays to Yeovil on 12th. The bus leaves the Dorchester Road stop at 09.28 by the Garage and the War Memorial at 09.30. The drop off point is close to M&S and the return service leaves from the same place at 12.00. Book by 14.30 on Wednesdays. **Service restarts on 9 January.**

Every Friday to Bridport The bus leaves the War Memorial at 09.15 and the return service leaves Bridport about 12.00. Book by 14.30 on Thursdays and confirm your pick up point. There will be no bus on December 27th. **Service restarts on 3 January.**

On the third Friday of each month we also have a service to Dorchester provided by the Dorchester Disabled Club. Pick up is from the passenger's own home about 9.30 and the return is from outside the Dorchester Library at 12.30. Fare £5 return. The December bus is on 20th. Please contact Di Minty on 07833995274 to book and for more details.

All the 3 service providers can supply buses with wheel chair facilities if requested at time of booking

Country Cars.

Please call mobile number: 07833 074423 in order to request and book transport for essential, medically related needs to; e.g. GP surgery, hospital appointments, dentists, opticians, or to attend COVID and flu vaccinations.

This drivers' service is purely to support the elderly and vulnerable in getting to these appointments. Please give at least 24 hours notice.

Drivers are also needed for Country Cars!

The volunteers who take anyone registered at Maiden Newton surgery to medical/dental appointments, need more helpers. If you drive and have maybe an hour per week please consider joining us. The advantage is that lifts can be given only if you have time. The more drivers we have, the fewer trips each one makes. We "earn" 50p per mile and the gratitude of the immobile or those patients whose appointments cannot be reached by train or bus.

In the first instance contact Marlene D'Allen on 07564 244602.

Trains

The time table changes on **Sunday 15 December**

There will be no train services on **December 25 and 26.**

Maiden Newton to Dorchester and Weymouth

Monday to Friday until Friday 13 December

0757 0958 1157 1356 1556 1756 1914 2015 2244

From Monday 16 December

0757 0959 1158 1356 1556 1756 1914 2015 2244

Saturdays until 14 December

0757 1000 1157 1357 1557 1800 1912 1956 2240

Saturdays from 21 December

0757 0958 1157 1357 1557 1800 1912 1956 2240

Sundays until 8 December

1012 1127 1532 1941 2245

Sundays from 15 December

1006 1104 1523 1941 2245

From Dorchester West to and from Maiden Newton to Yeovil, Westbury, Bath and Bristol

Monday to Friday until Friday 13 December

From Dorchester West 0651 0746 0944 1143 1342 1544 1742 2027 2141 Not Friday

From Maiden Newton 0704 0759 0959 1158 1357 1557 1757 2040 2154 Not Friday

Monday to Friday From Monday 16 December

From Dorchester West 0651 0748 0946 1143 1342 1544 1742 2027 2141 Not Friday

From Maiden Newton 0704 0759 1000 1158 1357 1557 1757 2040 2154 Not Friday

Saturdays until 14 December

From Dorchester West 0651 0746 0944 1144 1344 1544 1748 2053

From Maiden Newton 0704 0759 1001 1159 1358 1558 1801 2106

Saturdays from 21 December

From Dorchester West 0651 0746 0944 1144 1344 1544 1748 2053

From Maiden Newton 0704 0759 1000 1159 1358 1557 1801 2106

Sundays until 7 December

From Dorchester West 1112 1428 1621 1806 2024

From Maiden Newton 1125 1441 1634 1819 2037

Sundays from 15 December

From Dorchester West 1051 1418 1618 1806 2024

From Maiden Newton 1105 1431 1631 1819 2037

Westbury Station will be shut from 27 December and there will be buses to and from Frome to Trowbridge.

Please check your train times on line at www.gwr.com/Check

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