



Bus News

As a member of North Bristol SusCom, your employer is working with lots of other companies in North Bristol to improve sustainable transport in the area.

We believe a reliable, cost effective, integrated transport system is what is needed to keep Bristol moving. Ongoing investment in rail, bus, cycling and walking routes is vital.

There have been a number of recent investments in bus services that should benefit North Bristol and we want to make sure you know about them.

There is still a way to go, but we think some of the improvements outlined here may make taking the bus more cost effective and efficient for some of you.



Wessex Red Services

Wessex Red bus services have recently been expanded and some services have been extended. These services provide a high quality, frequent and cost effective bus service for everyone.

Day rider and pay as you go tickets are available. A monthly pass costs £42. You are now able to use the Wessex Red smartcard to pay for individual bus tickets, just as if you were using cash. More information is available on www.wessexred.co.uk.



X18 Try it for FREE in May

The X18 is a new commuter bus service from Kingswood to Aztec West. If you haven't tried the X18 yet, why not give it a go during May – completely free?

The operators are giving away hundreds of **FREE** 10 journey voucher books that you can choose to use at any time to suit you, throughout May.

To apply for your tickets, send an email with 'X18 10 Journey ticket' in the subject line to bristol.reception@firstgroup.com. In the email, include your name, the address to which you'd like them to send the vouchers, and the business you work for.



Web links for the app are:

iOS: <http://bit.ly/11liOV6>

Google Play: <http://bit.ly/11ZKmCB>

Try out this new Bus Checker App

'TravelWest Bus Checker', an app that works all around the sub region to show you WHEN the buses are coming - and WHERE they're going - is now available on i-phone and android. There are 7000 free downloads available and the developers are keen for user feedback.

Key Features:

- Get live or scheduled bus times for every TravelWest area stop.
- Browse detailed and comprehensive bus route maps.
- Real-time information for a huge number of buses.
- Stop Alerts - wakes you up when you get to your bus stop!
- Save, rename and order your favourite bus stops.
- Search full local database of road names, postcodes and towns.
- Tap on bus numbers to filter the list.



Corporate Travel Club

For example:

Bristol Zone 2 ticket – is reduced to £47.50; saving £12.50 on the standard monthly fare. So if you do an average of 21 days travel per month this would work out at just over £2 per day. You can travel the whole of the new X18 service with a Zone 2 ticket.

Bristol Zones 1 & 2 ticket – is reduced to £62.00; saving £6.00 per month.

Corporate Travel Club

If you regularly travel on First Bus, find out if your employer is a member of First's Corporate Travel Club. If they are, you could save money on your monthly bus tickets.

Employers: All you need to do is complete a simple registration form signing your business up to the scheme and make your employees aware. Contact Sue Arrowsmith (sue.arrowsmith@firstgroup.com) for the relevant forms.

Employees: Once your company is signed up all you have to do is phone the Corporate Travel Club hotline to sign up and order your monthly tickets. Your employer will give you the details.



Useful Links

Travel West Journey Planner - <http://www.travelwest.info>

Travel News from the BBC -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/travelnews/bristol>

Real Time Bus Information –

Mobile - www.traveline.info/mobile.html

Web - www.travelinesw.com