

Loxhore Parish Council
County Councillors report
November 2024

New Buses 310 and 309 routes

Good news for our area, Stagecoach South West have invested over £1.5 million in 12 brand new single deck buses for its North Devon fleet.

The new Optare 'Solo' buses have replaced older vehicles and operate on various routes out of Barnstaple including the newly awarded Lynton, Lynmouth and Woolacombe services.

The 309 / 310 services to Lynton and Lynmouth will offer additional connections including earlier and later journey options. Service 310 will operate hourly from 0600 to 2045, while Service 309 will provides two daily trips via Shirwell.

Feedback from residents has been completely positive, even this morning I had a message from a resident saying 'we've entered the 21st century with these buses!'

Concessionary Bus Passes

If anyone want s to apply for a concessionary bus pass if you are over the statutory retirement age in addition bus passes are also available to people with certain disabilities. If you are applying for a bus pass based on disability (and you are not eligible for a pass based on your age) the link is; [Apply for a bus pass - Travel Devon](#)

To complete a paper application, you can [download a bus pass application form here](#). To have the form posted to you please call [01392 383688](tel:01392383688) or [01271 383688](tel:01271383688) or email at nationalbuspass@devon.gov.uk.

Unfortunately, in the budget the bus fare cap was raised from £2 to £3 in December, this is very disappointing as I admit I was expecting £2.50. rural residents like ourselves are disproportionately affected by the rise as it is a cap and many urban areas the fare would be below £3 anyway.

To plan your journey the interactive bus map is very helpful;

Devons interactive bus map: <https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/interactive-bus-map/>

BARNSTAPLE - LYNTON & LYNMOUTH Via Shirwell

Stagecoach 309

BARNSTAPLE - LYNTON & LYNMOUTH Via Bratton Fleming

Stagecoach 310

Monday to Saturday (Except Public Holidays)

	310	310	310	310	310	309	310	310	310	309	310	310	310
STICKLEPATH, High Wall for Petroc	NS												1645
BARNSTAPLE, Rail Station	-	0625	-	0800	0845	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1650
BARNSTAPLE, Bus Station Stand K	0600	0630	0705	0810	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1700
BARNSTAPLE, Bicton Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1354	-	-	-
BARNSTAPLE, Crookmans Close	0607	0637	0712	0817	0857	-	1057	1157	1257	-	1457	1557	1707
BRATTON FLEMING, Lower Bratton Fleming	0620	0650	0725	0830	0910	-	1110	1210	1310	-	1510	1610	1720
NORTH DEVON HOSPITAL	-	-	-	-	-	0958	-	-	-	1402	-	-	-
SHIRWELL	-	-	-	-	-	1004	-	-	-	1408	-	-	-
ARLINGTON COURT, Turn	-	-	-	-	-	1012	-	-	-	1416	-	-	-
KENTISBURY FORD, Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	1015	-	-	-	1419	-	-	-
EASTERCLOSE, Cross	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1422	-	-	-
BLACKMOOR GATE	0630	0700	0735	0840	0920	1021	1120	1220	1320	1426	1520	1620	1730
PARRACOMBE, Fox & Goose	0636	0706	0741	0846	0926	1027	1126	1226	1326	1432	1526	1626	1736
MARTINHOE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	0641	0711	0746	0851	0931	1032	1131	1231	1331	1437	1531	1631	1741
BARBROOK, opp Shelter	0646	0716	0751	0856	0936	1037	1136	1236	1336	1442	1536	1636	1746
LYNTON, Castle Hill Car Park	0654	-	0759	0904	0944	1045	1144	1244	1344	1450	1544	1644	1754
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park	-	0724	0805	-	0950	1051	1150	1250	1350	1456	1550	1650	1800

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BARNSTAPLE, Rail Station	1740	1850
BARNSTAPLE, Bus Station Stand K	1750	1855
BARNSTAPLE, Crookmans Close	1757	1902
BRATTON FLEMING, Lower Bratton Fleming	1810	1915
BLACKMOOR GATE	1820	1925
PARRACOMBE, Fox & Goose	1826	1931
MARTINHOE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	1831	1936
BARBROOK, opp Shelter	1836	1941
LYNTON, Castle Hill Car Park	1844	1949
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park	1850	-

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LYNTON & LYNMOUTH - BARNSTAPLE Via Bratton Fleming

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LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park	NS												
LYNTON, Castle Hill Car Park	0655	0735	0820	0910	1020	1120	1215	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820
BARBROOK, Shelter	0703	0743	0828	0918	1028	1128	1223	1328	1428	1528	1628	1728	1828
MARTINHOE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	0708	0748	0833	0923	1033	1133	1228	1333	1433	1533	1633	1733	1833
PARRACOMBE, Fox & Goose	0713	0753	0838	0928	1038	1138	1233	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
BLACKMOOR GATE	0719	0759	0844	0934	1044	1144	1239	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844
EASTERCLOSE, Cross	-	-	-	0939	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KENTISBURY FORD, Shelter	-	-	-	0942	-	-	1242	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARLINGTON COURT, Turn	-	-	-	0945	-	-	1245	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHIRWELL	-	-	-	0954	-	-	1254	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH DEVON HOSPITAL	-	-	-	1000	-	-	1305	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRATTON FLEMING, Lower Bratton Fleming	0730	0810	0855	-	1055	1155	-	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	1855
BARNSTAPLE, Crookmans Close	0740	0820	0905	-	1105	1205	-	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805	1905
BARNSTAPLE, Bicton Street	-	-	-	1006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BARNSTAPLE, Bus Station	0750	0832	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915
BARNSTAPLE, Rail Station	0755	0837	0922	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1622	1722	1822	1922
STICKLEPATH, High Wall for Petroc	-	0839	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park	1855	-
LYNTON, Castle Hill Car Park	1900	1950
BARBROOK, Shelter	1908	1958
MARTINHOE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	1913	2003
PARRACOMBE, Fox & Goose	1918	2008
BLACKMOOR GATE	1924	2014
BRATTON FLEMING, Lower Bratton Fleming	1935	2025
BARNSTAPLE, Crookmans Close	1945	2035
BARNSTAPLE, Bus Station	1955	2045

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Link for service updates from Stagecoach SW; [North Devon Bus Service Updates - Are North Devon Buses Running Today? | Stagecoach](#)

Highway Repairs

A3123 between BerryDown and Lynton Cross the new drainage scheme is now installed at Stapleton Farm.

More repairs will be coming in the area, we can expect to see a lot of patching and resurfacing as well as more drainage works in the coming months. Hopefully this winter will not be as wet as winter 23-24.

Across Devon since April, more than 18,000 square metres of road have been patched in over 350 locations across the county. These repairs have targeted sections of road which are deteriorating, patching extensive areas before potholes or safety defects form.

Dragon patchers have been used on double-shifts to complete more than 5,250 patches, covering over 33,000 square metres.

A new carbon saving road repair material, called Elastomac which is what was used on the A399, has been used to repair around 7,000 square metres of Devon's roads following successful trials on small to medium size patches.

Elastomac is a surfacing material which is partly made of recycled road planings and recycled tyres. It reduces waste and carbon emissions while also being quicker to cure than traditional material used in pothole repairs, reducing traffic disruption. *This is the system booked to be used on the A 399.*

Around £2 million of the funding is being invested in drainage improvements, while over 10km of double white lines have also been refreshed along with road markings at 175 roundabouts and 197 zebra crossings.

This year's wet spring accounted for levels of potholes recorded between April and July being 54% higher than the same time last year.

To tackle potholes, we also invested an extra £2 million in highway revenue funding this year, on top of the £10 million capital funding. This has helped contribute to the repair of more than 47,500 potholes across the county so far this year.

The £12 million injection from Devon County Council is in addition to the £59.486 million of funding Devon has received from the Department for Transport (DfT) for its highway maintenance programme this year.

The annual major resurfacing programme for the A-road network in the county is also currently underway.

Household support funding available until the end of March 2025

To help households that are struggling with the costs of energy, food, water and other essentials.

Devon County Council will receive a share of the Household Support Fund, as we have each year since 2021. This allocation, like previous ones, is a little over £5 million.

The council are now agreeing how we will distribute the funding, working closely with Devon's eight District, City and Borough councils and voluntary and community partners.

Citizens Advice Devon will be one of the recipients to receive Household Support Funding, so that they can continue to support people who are struggling to meet their energy needs. Support comes in the shape of fuel voucher payments, and longer-term relief of fuel poverty through initiatives that help homes become more energy-efficient, and that help people stay warm at home – heated throw, body warmer or rechargeable hot water bottle, for example.

This latest round of Household Support Fund allows DCC to continue to provide Free School Meal holiday vouchers to families whose children are eligible for benefit-related free school meals during term time.

The next Local Transport Plan is currently out for consultation

The full draft document of the plan is available to view on the Have Your Say webpage. The deadline for feedback to the online questionnaire is 11:59pm on Saturday 30 November.

The plan's vision is for well-integrated and accessible transport to facilitate sustainable growth, support net zero carbon targets by 2050 at the latest, improve travel choice and benefit people's health and wellbeing.

A number of priorities are proposed across all areas of Devon and Torbay, including enhancement of bus services and supporting transition to lower emission and zero emission buses, providing bus priority on key routes, improving the integration of rail and bus services, establishing a comprehensive network of electric vehicle charging facilities, and expanding pedestrian and cycle networks. All of the proposals are subject to securing funding from a range of sources including Local Transport Plan, Government grants and developer contributions .

It is really helpful to hear what residents think about transport and how we get around and in and out of the County, if you have some time please take a look.

Orange Netting update!

I will report back this evening.

The DCC website is very useful for reporting highway problems and the reports go straight to the contractor. [Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

Alternatively, the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Winter road updates; <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/safe-travel/winter-travel/>

Travel Devon website; [home - Travel Devon](#)

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