

More bus service improvements on their way

Communities consistently say they want bus journeys to be faster, more frequent, more reliable and better co-ordinated, including evenings and weekends.

North Somerset Council is working hard to make this happen through the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), with improvements being made to routes and services across North Somerset to help make it easier for you to hop on board.

Find out more at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/bsip

Service changes this spring

Commercial bus operators, with support from North Somerset Council, review the network every April and September to update services depending on usage levels and community need, and to ensure they'll be commercially viable in the long-term.

Changes this April included:

X5 – re-routed to serve Claverham and Cleeve following requests by local people at North Somerset Council's first Bus Forum in December. The villages now have access to Weston-super-Mare and Portishead.

X10 – now run by operator Transpora Bus and has expanded services to link communities with Southmead Hospital. Residents in North Somerset can now access work, shops, or medical care in Bristol thanks to journeys running between 7am and 7.05pm and costing a maximum of £2 each way until December.

Find the latest timetable information at www.travelwest.info

WESTlink

The on-demand bus network was updated this spring to make the service better for users and more sustainable.

WESTlink aims to support residents within designated travel zones to make bus journeys that can't be made using other forms of public transport.

It also connects people to main bus or train services for onward travel.

Book WESTlink on the day of travel or a day in advance. See updated travel zones at

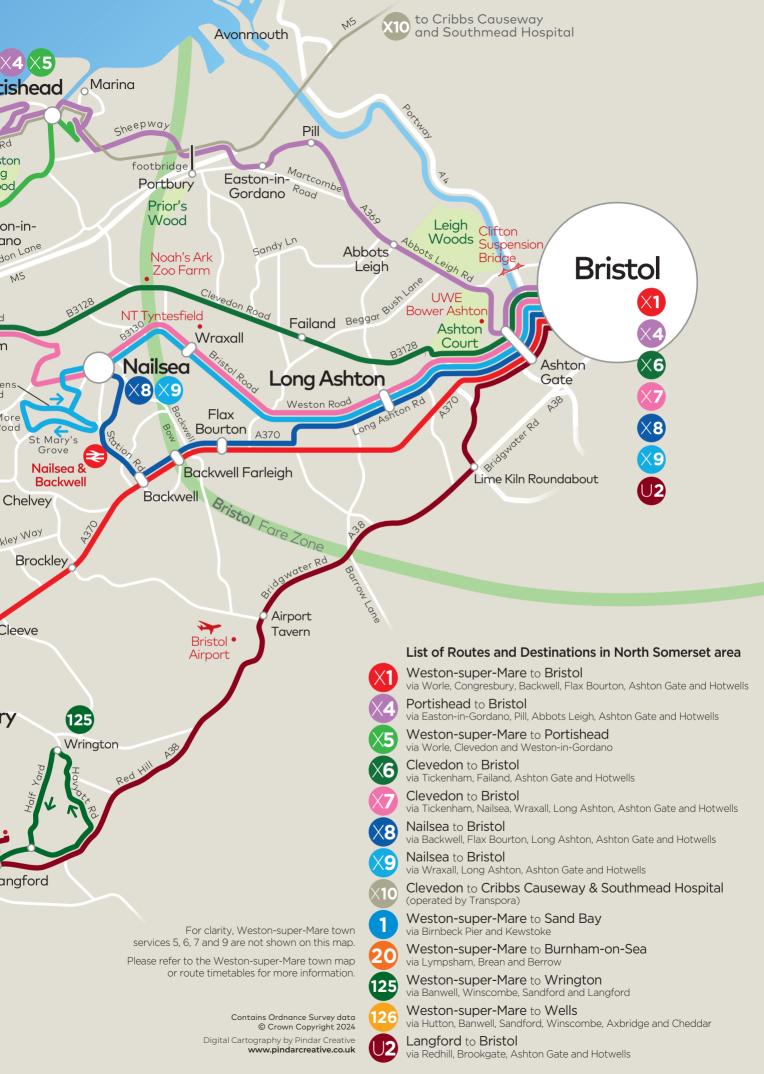
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Hop on the bus to help the environment – and your pocket

Now is the perfect time to hop on the bus for your work commute, socialising or to explore our beautiful area.

Single bus fares are capped at £2 for adults and £1 for children until December so make the most of the bus network, save money on fuel, and prevent wear and tear on your vehicle.

Travelling by bus is good for your pocket and much better for the environment than using a car.

Alongside working in partnership to deliver the Bus Service Improvement Plan, North Somerset Council and the West of England Combined Authority want to encourage everyone to 'walk or wheel' where possible, helping to reduce carbon emissions.

Improving the bus network

North Somerset Council is working hard to create a bus network that works for residents, is attractive and financially sustainable.

It wants to avoid a return to the bus problems of 2022 that saw significant cuts to local services.

The council has been developing, designing and delivering a large programme of schemes along key bus routes within tight government timescales.

Delivering this scale of infrastructure is challenging. The council has heard concerns from communities about the disruption they've experienced.

That's why the council is asking the Department for Transport (DfT) for an extension to the BSIP programme, so proposals for the remaining schemes can be reviewed and further works planned over a longer period of time to reduce disruption as much as possible.

The only scheme being delivered in the coming months is at Wood Hill, part of the Congresbury congestion scheme.

No more BSIP bus priority works will begin before November this year.

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