



"The little green minibuss"

## East Dorset Service Update Winter 2022/23

### New Weekly *PlusBus* Service to Ringwood

#### **"Ringwood A" Service:** *New Trial Service commencing 7 December 2022*

- This service runs to and from Ringwood via Verwood **every Wednesday**.
- Starting from Martin/Damerham **approx. 9.15am** via villages including Sandleheath, Alderholt, Cranborne, Edmondsham and Woodlands.
- **Return journey departs 12.30pm.**

#### **What is *PlusBus* and can I use it?**

Our *PlusBus* service provides transport for people who are unable to easily access public transport: young or old and including those with mobility difficulties. To use *PlusBus*, simply register your details with us initially and then pre-book your seat whenever you wish to join the bus. Where possible, we can offer a "door-to-door" service and may also be able to accommodate passengers travelling in wheelchairs.

#### **How do I book?**

Call us on **01258 287 987** (between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays) or email us at [dorset@ectcharity.co.uk](mailto:dorset@ectcharity.co.uk). Once registered, trips can be booked up to one month in advance but no later than 2.30pm the previous working day.

#### **How much does it cost?**

For most *PlusBus* services, we currently offer a fixed return fare of £7, and we do accept the National Bus Pass. Simply present your valid bus pass to the driver each time you travel! Please note that pass holders will still need to register with us (for free) and pre-book each journey in the usual way.

#### **How is *PlusBus* funded?**

We do not receive any direct subsidy for our *PlusBus* service – we provide it as part of our charitable objectives for public benefit to help improve transport opportunities to individuals within the community.

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*For details of our other services in your area,  
please see over*

## **PlusBus services to and from Salisbury**

### **“Salisbury A” Service**

- This service runs to and from Salisbury **every Tuesday**.
- Starting from Edmondsham area **approx. 9.30am** via villages including Cranborne, Alderholt, Damerham and Martin.
- Serving city centre and Bourne Retail Park.

## **PlusBus services to and from Blandford**

### **“Blandford A” Service:**

- This service runs to and from Blandford **every Thursday**.
- Starting from Alderholt area **approx. 9.30am** via villages including Cranborne, Wimborne St Giles, Gussage All Saints, Gussage St Michael, Long Crichel, Moor Crichel, Manswood, Witchampton, the Tarrants, and Ashley Wood.
- Serving town centre and Tesco (and M&S on request)

## **PlusBus services to and from Wimborne**

### **“Wimborne A” Service**

- This service runs to and from Wimborne **every Friday**.
- Starting from Alderholt area **approx. 9.30am** via villages including Cranborne, Wimborne St Giles, Witchampton, Hinton Martell, Gaunts Common, Holt and Furzehill.
- Serving town centre.

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## **Local Bus Service 97**

### **Fordingbridge to Verwood via Alderholt and Cranborne**

- This timetabled service runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (exc. Public Holidays).
- Hail-and-Ride service available to the general public. No booking required.
- Single Cash Fares: Adult £3. Child (under 19) £1. Child (under 7 accompanied) No Charge
- Includes all marked bus stops (and designated stopping places) in the villages of Woodlands, Edmondsham, Cranborne, Cripplestyle and Alderholt.
- Serving Fordingbridge town centre.  
(Providing non-guaranteed connections with the *More X3* Service Salisbury to Bournemouth)
- Serving Verwood Town Centre, and both *Lidl* and *Morrisons* supermarkets.
- Service supported by the Parish Councils of Alderholt, Cranborne-and-Edmondsham and Knowlton.

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Full details of all our Community Transport Services can be found at  
[www.ectcharity.co.uk](http://www.ectcharity.co.uk) Click on the Dorset link.

 **General Enquiries: 01258 287 980**

 or email [dorset@ectcharity.co.uk](mailto:dorset@ectcharity.co.uk)

**PlusBus Bookings: 01258 287 987** (9.30am to 2.30pm Mon-Fri)