

# Dorset County Council January 2107 Report

## **Buses consultation**

The concessionary travel scheme currently provides the national statutory minimum provision of free travel between 0930 and 2300 on Monday to Friday and at all times on weekends and public holidays. The scheme currently also allows free concessionary travel before 0930 on services where the next bus is not until after 1030. Free all day travel is available for blind and partially sighted pass holders. Dorset Travel proposes the removal of free travel before 0930 on routes that have no other services until after 1030.

Dorset County Council is consulting a wide range of people about the proposals above. They want to hear your views and want to know how these changes could affect you. The results of this consultation will help them to decide the next steps. You can have your say by completing a survey which is available at the link below:

[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation)

The consultation runs for six weeks from 1 December until 13 January. The results of the consultation, the Cabinet decision and any implementation information will be published on the web-page above. Any changes to the concessionary pass scheme will be implemented in the Spring of 2017.

I urge you to object to this, this objection has been supported by all the Parishes in my ward. It will save a small amount whilst inconveniencing many people. I also suspect that Bus companies may change their timetables to disadvantage some bus users as this will make them more revenue!

## **Ironman 'Call to account'**

We held a meeting in December to review the recent Ironman event. The organisers appeared to finally accept that the provision of marshals and the organisation of road closures left much to be desired. We will be producing a hard hitting report with recommendations for the organisers to do it properly next time! These will be published in the next report.

## **Highways Issues**

If you encounter a pot hole or some other issue the quickest way to report Highways issues is to go on-line. This is a simple process which gives you a reference number and reports progress along the way. Link for reporting highway issues - <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/contact-dorset-highways>

## **Surgery**

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. If you cannot make one of these please email me and I will arrange to come round to see you. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Dorset County Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and can not get to the surgery my email address is [peterwharf@hotmail.com](mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com).

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