

SCC Passenger Transport and Vertas

Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport and Vertas want to engage on trialling transport solutions, making use of their eight-seater vehicles to offer improved opportunities for travel on market days to Bury St Edmunds and / or Sudbury. Operating times would make use of vehicles between school runs, 09.00 & 15.00, although vehicles can be available Mon-Friday, including school holidays.

It was confirmed that the Vertas services would be not be detrimental to the services / timetables already in use. The current services running through Bridge Street and Alpheton are the 375 on Wednesday mornings, The Felix service to Sudbury on Thursday mornings and the daily 750 service, Sudbury – Bury St Edmunds and return.

The Parish Council has been asked to consult with parishioners to identify whether there is sufficient interest in additional public transport link services to Bury St Edmunds an Sudbury.

Responses to the survey should be received in January ready for a meeting with Vertas towards the end of January.

The Parish Council would appreciate comments, favourable or not, to these proposals. Make your views known the the Parish Clerk or a Councillor using the contact details on the Alpheton website here <http://alpheton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council>

Although the initial pilot was based on link services to Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury on market days, requests from some parishes expanded the remit to possible link services to West Suffolk Hospital and Bury St Edmunds Railway Station for onward journeys to Cambridge and Ipswich.

Would residents like additional services available other than the current bus services provided?

- On Market days ie Wednesdays to Bury St Edmunds or Thursday to Sudbury service
- Other days in the week ie for Saturday shopping
 - Travel to and from West Suffolk Hospital
 - Travel to and from Bury St Edmunds Railway Station

The number of additional services able to run will depend on amount of interest in the proposals and take-up.

Points to consider:

- Fares would be in line with current bus fares.
- Concessionary passes would not be accepted
- This would be a pre-booked transport solution, via telephone, initially.
- Cashless /card readers to be used for payment of fares

Thank you.