

A Kent County Council Rural Transport Initiative

58

Timetable

Addington - Trottiscliffe - Wrotham Heath - Ryarsh -
Birling - Leybourne - West Malling - East Malling -
Larkfield - Ditton - Maidstone Hospital.

Mondays to Saturdays

Timetable includes the 558 that operates on school days

WEST MALLING



Valid from 15th July 2019

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Background

During 2018, Kent County Council conducted a Countywide consultation process regarding the future of rural transport in Kent. The 'Big Conversation' was conducted to help us understand how we get better value out of the subsidy that we use to provide bus services and understand if our residents and bus users were open to using different forms of transport.

As part of this process, Kent County Council allocated funding to provide a series of year-long Pilot routes. In the summer of 2019, we are launching 6 new routes in Dover, Maidstone, West Malling, Sevenoaks and Tenterden. We hope that the new routes prove popular and are sustainable. If they are we can look to use them as the basis on which to provide rural transport in the future.

What is a Feeder Bus?

The Feeder Bus is a new Kent County Council Rural Transport Initiative. For some rural communities it is possible to provide feeder services, using smaller buses, which would connect the rural communities with other regular bus services for onward journeys into Town Centres. The feeder service is timetabled with an interchange point, in this instance the bus stops located on the A20 London Road, opposite and adjacent to the South Aylesford Retail Park (Homebase), near the junction

with Hall Road, where reliable connections can be made with commercial bus services. In converting the current service 58 to a feeder bus service we are able to increase the frequency for the villages served and offer additional journey opportunities. Like a normal bus service, a feeder bus will charge individual fares, accept bus passes and serve all marked stops along the line of route at the request of passengers, as well as offering a 'hail and ride' service in more rural areas. Through ticketing agreements have been agreed with operators so passengers can still buy a ticket from where they board all the way into Maidstone.

Where will the 58 Feeder Bus operate?

The 58 Feeder Bus will continue to serve the same villages as the current 58 bus (Addington, Trottscliffe, Ryarsh, Birling, Leybourne, West Malling, East Malling) but will terminate at Maidstone Hospital, rather than continuing to Maidstone Town Centre. School Journeys (bus 558) are not affected and will operate all the way to Maidstone as currently. Arriva buses 71, 71A and 72 provide regular direct connections to Maidstone Town Centre from the A20 London Road. In addition, passengers can also choose to travel to Maidstone Hospital where connections to Maidstone Town Centre can be made with Arriva buses 3 and 8.



Where do I transfer between buses?

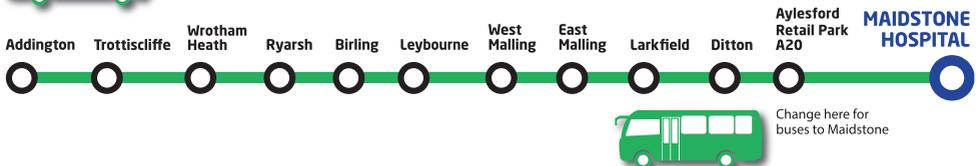
Passengers can choose to change buses at any stop served by a different bus service that operates to their end destination. It is suggested that passengers change buses at the South Aylesford Retail Park (Homebase), on the A20, due to the presence of shelters and real time information. However, passengers may change buses at any stop on the route of the 71/72 that they choose.

Are the connections guaranteed and what if buses run late?

Drivers on the Feeder service will try to wait until they know that a connecting bus has arrived, however this might not be possible sometimes and therefore a connection cannot be guaranteed. Interchange points have been chosen in areas where the connecting service has a high frequency and there is a suitable shelter for passengers to wait. That way if passengers miss one bus they shouldn't have too long to wait for the next one. Passengers can also help, in particular on the way home, by catching a bus (i.e 71/72) that leaves plenty of time between the timed arrival at the interchange point and the departure of the feeder service.

Will I have to pay twice?

No. A lot of people will be travelling using their bus pass and these are accepted on all services. For passengers paying a fare it has been agreed with operators that they will accept each other's tickets and that the operator of the feeder service can still sell tickets all the way to the Maidstone Town Centre. In this instance therefore, passengers can still buy a ticket to Maidstone on the 58 service and Arriva will accept this on the buses to and from Maidstone. There will be no change to the current fare structure on the 58 service operated by Nu-Venture.



Addington - Birling - West Malling - East Malling - Maidstone Hospital 58

Saturdays				
Addington, opp The Green	0834	1024	1224	1524
Trottscliffe, adj The George	0838	1028	1228	1528
Wrotham Heath, adj The Vineyard	0843	1033	1233	1533
Addington, opp Jungle Café	0847	1037	1237	1537
Ryarsh, opp Duke of Wellington	0852	1042	1242	1542
Birling, opp Nevill Bull	0855	1045	1245	1545
Leybourne, adj Baywell	0900	1050	1250	1550
West Malling, High Street opp Tesco	0907	1057	1257	1557
East Malling, adj Winterfield Lane	0910	1100	1300	1600
East Malling, opp The Rising Sun	0914	1104	1304	1604
East Malling, adj King and Queen	0915	1105	1305	1605
Larkfield, opp Wealden Hall	0920	1110	1310	1610
Ditton, Ditton Corner (E-bound)	0923	1113	1313	1613
Aylesford, opp Retail Park (opp Homebase). <i>Change here for buses to Maidstone</i>	0925	1115	1315	1615
<i>Buses to Maidstone from opp Retail Park, Arriva 71*</i>	0931	1131	1331	1631
<i>Buses to Maidstone from opp Retail Park, Arriva 71A*</i>	0946	1116	1316	1616
Aylesford, Hermitage Lane opp McDonalds	0927	1117	1317	1617
Barming Rail Station	0928	1118	1318	1618
Maidstone Hospital	0931	1121	1321	1621

Code:

Y - Departure is from opposite stops - travel via Addington (normal fares apply)

SDO - Bus will operate on Kent School days only

SHOL - Bus will operate on Kent School Holidays only

* - Please check Arriva timetables for connecting buses as these times may be subject to change

No Sunday service

No service on Bank Holidays

A Saturday service operates on working days between Christmas and New Year

Maidstone Hospital - East Malling - West Malling - Birling - Addington 58
Saturdays

Maidstone Hospital	0934	1134	1434	1625
Barming Rail Station	0936	1136	1436	1627
<i>Buses from Maidstone arriving at Aylesford, adj Retail Park Arriva 71*</i>	<i>0918</i>	<i>1118</i>	<i>1418</i>	<i>1618</i>
<i>Buses from Maidstone arriving at Aylesford, adj Retail Park Arriva 71A*</i>	<i>0933</i>	<i>1133</i>	<i>1433</i>	<i>1603</i>
Aylesford, adj Retail Park (Homebase) Change here when travelling on buses from Maidstone	0941	1141	1441	1631
Ditton, Ditton Corner (W-bound)	0944	1144	1444	1634
Larkfield, adj Wealden Hall	0946	1146	1446	1636
East Malling, opp King and Queen	0952	1152	1452	1642
West Malling, High Street opp Tesco	1000	1200	1500	1650
Leybourne, adj The Old Rectory	1005	1205	1505	S
Birling, adj Nevill Bull	1011	1211	1511	S
Ryarsh, adj Duke of Wellington	1014	1214	1514	S
Addington, opp Jungle Café	1019	1219	1519	S
Addington, opp The Green	1024	1224	1524	S
Trottiscliffe, adj The George	1028	1228	1528	S
Wrotham Heath, adj The Vineyard	1033	1233	1533	S

Code:

S - Bus continues beyond West Malling High Street to set down only,
at the request of passengers boarding at or before West Malling High Street

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Z - Arrival time (bus operates via Addington)

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The 58 Service

is being provided in partnership by
Kent County Council and
Nu-Venture.

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