

TRANSPORT NEWS SEPTEMBER 2021

Dorset Schools reopen on Thursday 2 September

BUSES

The Maiden Newton Ring and Ride service (01305 228965), run by Dorset Council's passenger services, to Dorchester on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus leaves Maiden Newton Old School at 1000, returning from Trinity Street at 1300. Ring before 15.00 on Monday or Wednesday to book. These buses will start from **Cattistock Square** by request at booking. Fares £2.50 single £5 return.

Dorset Community Transport (01258 287980), a private company, also offer 2 services from Maiden Newton each week and a third twice a month. To use any of these services you must be registered with the Company and then book your seat, and arrange your pickup point, before 1430 on the day before you want to travel. Each adult return fare is £6 on all 3 services. **DCT now accepts the national concessionary bus passes.**

Every Wednesday to Dorchester The bus, from Broadwindsor to Dorchester, passes through Maiden Newton about 10.00. The return service leaves Trinity Street at 13.20. Ring by 14.30 on Tuesdays to book your seat and confirm your pickup point.

Thursdays 9 and 23 to Yeovil The bus leaves the Dorchester Road stop at 09.30, the War Memorial at 09.32 and Cattistock at 9.39. Pickups can be arranged at Frome St Quintin or Evershot and Hollywell. The drop off point is close to M&S and the return service leaves from the same place at 12.30. Book by 14.30 on Wednesday and confirm your pickup point.

Every Friday to Bridport The bus leaves the War Memorial at 09.15 and the return service leaves Bridport about 12.30. Book by 14.30 on Thursdays and confirm your pick up point.

USE YOUR BUSES IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM NOW LOCK DOWN HAS FINISHED.

TRAINS - GWR are presently maintaining the full advertised service but there may have to be cancellations due to COVID-19 staff absences. Please check before you plan to travel.

From Maiden Newton to Dorchester and Weymouth

Monday to Friday

0757 1037 1138 1336 1643 1837 1943 2242

Saturdays

0753 1032 1135 1335 1635 1843 1935 2242

Sundays

1017 1130 1525 1937 2243

From Maiden Newton to Yeovil, Westbury, Bath and Bristol

Monday to Friday

0551 0707 0915 1140 1338 1527 1748 2041

Saturdays

0704 0912 1136 1336 1636(4th,11th) 1519 (from18th) 1754 2046

Sundays

0830 1129 1433 1635 1819 2034

Engineering Work at Bristol Temple Meads is due to finish on Saturday 4 September and services should return to normal.

At Maiden Newton Station- Thank you to Gaynor, Giles and Barbara for their work in keeping the station pots and beds so colourful. We met a representative of Network Rail and two from GWR at the Station on 15 July

to discuss increasing the seating on platform 2. The metal seat in front of the running in board is being replaced with a GWR heritage wooden one and the existing metal one will be moved into the waiting room to join the one already there to provide more shelter in bad weather.

Country Cars

Rachael Clark (01300 320065) continues to take the bookings requesting help with transport to the surgery, hospital appointments, dentists or opticians or attend COVID Vaccinations at Bridport.

If you are interested in becoming a Country Car Driver, please contact Sally Falkingham for more details and application forms on 01300 320969.

Sally Falkingham Maiden Newton & Frome Valley Parish Councils Transport Representative.