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Network West Midlands

Network West Midlands is the name that connects all public transport in the West Midlands metropolitan area (Birmingham, Coventry, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton).

Centro, the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority is responsible for developing and promoting public transport in the region.

Centro works closely with the West Midlands metropolitan district councils and the private companies who operate bus, train and Metro services. Centro also provides subsidy to the operator for all or some journeys on routes 8A, 19, 23, 24, 25, 33, 35, 56A, 63A, 74, 75, 76, 78, 88 and 342.

All partners in Network West Midlands are working together to provide better passenger information and to invest in improved facilities and services.

Exhibitions

The partners will be holding exhibitions to tell people about the changes to services. These are detailed below:

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| Fri 16 | 10:00 – 15:00 | Network West Midlands Exhibition Bus at Park Road, end of Bloxwich High Street |
| Sat 17 | 10:00 – 15:00 | Community Hall, Streetly Youth Club and Sports Hall, Foley Road East |
| Thur 22 | 13:00 – 18:00 | Network West Midlands Exhibition Bus at Tesco car park, off Silver Street, Brownhills. |
| Sat 24 | 10:00 – 15:00 | Network West Midlands Exhibition Marquee in front of The Crossing adjacent to Walsall Bus Station. |

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www.networkwestmidlands.com/busreview

to view timetables.

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Bus changes in and around North Walsall

The logo for Network West Midlands, featuring a white lowercase 'n' inside a blue circle, with the text 'network west midlands' below it.

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Bus changes in North Walsall

There will be major changes to some bus services in North Walsall on Sunday 25th April 2010. These changes will reflect modern journeys that people want to make.

Partners Arriva Midlands, Centro, Midland, Midland Rider, National Express West Midlands and Walsall MBC are working together to deliver a better bus network.

We recently undertook consultation and market research in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Streetly and Walsall to ask local people and local representatives about their views on the current network and would like to thank everyone who took part to help shape the revised network.

The consultation showed that people agreed with our aims to simplify the many bus routes and bus numbers to make using the bus network easier and to provide easier/better access links and improved co-ordination between services, interchanges and rail stations to key destinations such as the Manor Hospital and New Cross Hospital.

The network will begin from start of service on Sunday 25th April, and in the run up to that date you will see some numbers and timetables changing at bus stops and shelters in key centres, and on roads across North Walsall.



Listed below are bus routes and changes that will occur.

Route	Operator	Changes
51	Central Buses	Renumbered 78 for Queslett to Sutton via Streetly. Renumbered to 88 for Erdington to Streetly. Changes to timetable.
1 2	Arriva	Walsall to Cannock via Bloxwich Road and Walsall Road. Replaces the 351 from Stafford Road (junction of Turnberry Road) to Cannock.
5	Midland	Replaces 351 Walsall to Turnberry Road.
6/7/7A	NXWM	366, 367 and 368 renumbered to 6, 7 and 7A. New later evening buses from Walsall to Sutton on 6. Services 6, 7 and 7A are co-ordinated to provide a 10 minute day time frequency
8	NXWM	Walsall to Pelsall via Rushall. 8, 33 (Arriva) and 908 combine to give a bus every 10 mins or more between Walsall and Pelsall.
8A	Diamond	Current 361 renumbered to 8A with change to route to give Field Road and The Pinfold a new evening and Sunday service.
10/10A	NXWM	Replaces 394, 394A/B and 395 between Walsall and Brownhills and Burntwood. Pelsall to Brownhills served by 33 (Arriva)
19	Midland	Current 319/319A changes to 19. Simplified route and improved Mon - Sat daytime frequency every 20 mins. Operated by Midland.
22	Central Connect	Current 322 renumbered 22.
23	White Wings/ Central Connect	No change.
24	Diamond	Current 380 renumbered to 24.

25	Midland	Current 347 and 360 combined to hourly 25 service with new link for Forest Estate and a new Sat service between Aldridge and High Heath. Gives new link between Aldridge and Bloxwich. Changes to timetable and route.
29	NXWM	New high frequency service every 7 to 8 mins daytime and every 30 mins evenings and Sundays between Walsall and Blakenhall replacing 329 and 373. Buses extend to Bloxwich every 15 mins Mon-Sat daytime.
32	Arriva	No change.
33	Arriva	No change.
35	Midland	Walsall to Druids Heath via Barns Lane every 30 mins Mon – Sat daytime.
X51	NXWM	No change.
56	Diamond	Extra am journey. Route changed to serve Birmingham Road. Current X56 renumbered 56.
56A	Diamond	No change.
X56	Diamond	Renumbered to 56
61	Arriva	No change.
63A	Arriva	No change.
74	Central Buses	Current 374 renumbered to 74.
75	Midland	Current 375 route renumbered to 75.
76	Midland	Current service 376 renumbered to 76.
77	NXWM	Current 377 renumbered 77. Reduced to 30 min frequency but combined with 935 gives 15 min frequency between Streetly and Walsall.
78	Central Buses	Slight change to route S1 for Queslett to Sutton via Streetly. Changes to timetable.
88	Central Buses	Slight change to route S1 for Erdington to Streetly via Kingstanding. Changes to timetable.
158	Diamond	One am journey withdrawn. Aldridge to B'ham covered by extra journey on 56.

301	NXWM/ Diamond	Minor changes to timetable.
302	NXWM	New direct Mon – Sat evening and Sunday day time services to Lower Farm every 20 mins and Sunday evenings every 30 mins.
316	NXWM	Service withdrawn – alternative services in North Walsall available.
319/319A	Midland	Renumbered 19. Change to timetable.
322	Central	Renumbered 22. No change.
326	Diamond	No change.
329/ 329A	NXWM	Renumbered 29 with improved frequency and new evening and Sunday services.
342	Diamond	No change.
344/346 348	NXWM	Services replaced by new high frequency services on 8/908. High Heath has an improved service to Bloxwich and Walsall every 20 mins. New links to New Cross Hospital and Wolverhampton on 908.
346	Thandi	No change.
347	Midland	Service replaced by 25 with changes.
351	Midland/ NXWM	Walsall to Turnberry Road replaced by 5. 1 and 2 replaces 351 route from Stafford Road (junction of Turnberry Road) to Cannock.
355	NXWM	Replaced by 997 providing an increased frequency and evening services.
355A	NXWM	Part replaced by 997 from Aldridge to Walsall. Druids Heath is covered by 35.
356	NXWM	Currently peak journeys only - replaced in part by 997.
360	Midland	Service replaced by 25 with changes.
361	Diamond	Replaced by service 8A. Lower Farm served by 302.
366/367 368	NXWM	366, 367 and 368 renumbered to 6, 7 and 7A. New later evening buses from Walsall to Sutton on 6. Services 6, 7 and 7A are co-ordinated to provide a 10 minute day time frequency.
369	NXWM	No change.

370	NXWM	No change.
370A	NXWM	No change.
373	NXWM	Service replaced by 29 between Walsall and Blakenhall every 30 mins. Lower Farm has improved direct service on 302 and 8A serves Field Rd.
374	NXWM	Renumbered to 74.
375	Midland	Renumbered 75.
376	Midland	Renumbered to 76.
377	NXWM	Renumbered to 77 with changes.
377B	NXWM	Early journeys replaced by 77 service.
380	Diamond	Renumbered 24.
394	NXWM	Replaced by 10 and 10A with buses every 10 mins between Walsall and Brownhills.
394A		10 covers Burntwood via Lichfield Rd then current 395. Improved frequencies. 10A covers Brownhills West every 20 mins.
394B		
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560	Diamond	No change.
560	Arriva	No change to 4th April 2010 timetable.
560	NXWM	Replaced by new 908 service.
568	NXWM	Evenings and Sundays only. Replaced by new 908 service. Evenings and Sundays between Ashmore Park and Wolverhampton covered by additional journeys on 528.
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908	NXWM	Walsall to Wolverhampton via High Heath, Pelsall and Bloxwich. 344, 348, 560, 568 and 570 routes combined to give new direct links to New Cross Hospital. Improved daytime Mon-Sat frequency every 20 mins.
934	NXWM	934 replaces existing 934, 934A/B. Off peak increased to every 15 mins to/ from Queslett (Asda) all day. Frampton Way and Doe Bank Lane now linked to Kingstanding and B'ham by new 997A every 20 mins.
935	NXWM	Combined 992, 993, 994 and part 377 to simplify route. Improved peak service every 15 mins. New 2027 journey from B'ham to Streetly. Faster off peak journey times by 5-10 mins.

991	Midland Rider	No change.
992	NXWM	Peak hour journeys to B'ham replaced by new simplified 935 route.
993	NXWM	Replaced by simplified 935 route.
994	NXWM	Peak hour journeys from B'ham replaced by simplified 935 route.
997	NXWM	Route changed between Walsall and Aldridge via Daw End. New direct link to B'ham for Daw End.
997A	NXWM	Route change Birmingham to Kingstanding via Pheasey. 997 and 997A combined provide an improved daytime frequency every 10 mins between B'ham and Pheasey, with improved evening frequency every 30mins.
997B	NXWM	One journey – withdrawn.

All operators and changes are correct at time of going to print. Centro cannot be held responsible for any errors that may occur.

Improved Links

The new network will see links improved between communities and district centres in North Walsall such as Aldridge and Bloxwich, Aldridge and Pelsall and Walsall and Lower Farm. There will also be better evening and Sunday services.

We have also looked at improving interchanging between services at Walsall Bus Station and your stand location may change. Please look at information boards for details.

Improvements as part of the revised network

We are agreeing a series of improvements to the bus network over the next three years. These will include newer buses, new infrastructure such as bus stops and shelters and more Real Time Information to buses and stops in Walsall.