

CHENIES BUS SERVICES – UPDATE

Chenies Parish Council, with the support of our MP Cheryl Gillan and our County Councillor Noel Brown, has been working to try to persuade Carousel Buses to reconsider their decision to re-route the 336 bus service along the A404 thus by-passing Chenies village. Unfortunately we have had no success.

The public transport team at Bucks County Council are sympathetic, but as the 336 is a commercial service and not subsidised Carousel cannot be forced to operate the service through the village. Various reasons have been given by them for withdrawing the service, including parked cars causing obstructions and low passenger demand, and it is clear that they are not prepared to restore it.

In view of this BCC has negotiated that the 71 bus service from Amersham via Little Chalfont will be extended to serve Chenies village on a trial basis from 1st March 2010. The bus will pass through the village on a loop three times a day, and is timetabled primarily to be a 'shoppers' bus'. It is hoped that this will be of use to some of those who relied on the 336 service, but there is a clear underlying message that we must "use it or lose it", and that if passenger numbers are too low at the end of the trial period (3 months) this service will also be withdrawn.

For those who continue to use the 336 service, the Parish Council has requested a second bus stop on the A404 near Claypits Cottages, and it is hoped that something can be done to improve pedestrian access to the A404 at the other end of the village.

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