PHOENIX
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

A proposal, not yet a service. No Phoenix bus runs yet. The route and times below are a draft, and we are gathering support, volunteers and funding.

Draft timetable

Proposed, not running. Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays. All times are approximate and would depend on road conditions. Concessionary bus passes would be accepted.

Outbound — Paddock Wood to Maidstone

STOP	TRIP 1	TRIP 2	TRIP 3	TRIP 4
Paddock Wood (Station)	**06:40**	**10:10**	**13:40**	**18:10**
Nettlestead Green (Hop Pole)	**06:48**	**10:18**	**13:48**	**18:18**
Wateringbury (The Wateringbury)	06:55	10:25	13:55	18:25
Teston	07:02	10:32	14:02	18:32
Barming	07:10	10:40	14:10	18:40
Maidstone Hospital	**07:15**	**10:45**	**14:15**	**18:45**
Maidstone West Station	07:18	10:48	14:18	18:48
Maidstone King Street	07:20	10:50	14:20	18:50
Maidstone East Station	**07:25**	**10:55**	**14:25**	**18:55**

Return — Maidstone to Paddock Wood

STOP	TRIP 1	TRIP 2	TRIP 3	TRIP 4	LATE BUS PROPOSED
Maidstone King Street	–	–	–	–	**22:10**
Maidstone East Station	**07:40**	**11:10**	**14:40**	**19:10**	**22:15**
Maidstone King Street	07:42	11:12	14:42	19:12	–
Maidstone West Station	07:45	11:15	14:45	19:15	22:20
Maidstone Hospital	**07:48**	**11:18**	**14:48**	**19:18**	**22:23**
Barming	07:53	11:23	14:53	19:23	22:28
Teston	08:00	11:30	15:00	19:30	22:35
Wateringbury (The Wateringbury)	08:08	11:38	15:08	19:38	22:43
Nettlestead Green (Hop Pole)	**08:15**	**11:45**	**15:15**	**19:45**	**22:50**
Paddock Wood (Station)	**08:22**	**11:52**	**15:22**	**19:52**	**22:57**

One route. One number. Every day.

It fits on a phone screen: no route codes, no conditional diversions, no school-day variations. A round trip from Paddock Wood takes under two hours, so one bus can run all four. Yalding, Laddingford, East Peckham and other villages connect by feeder minibus.

The late bus PROPOSED

Trip 5 is a proposed **late bus leaving Maidstone King Street at 22:10**, a two-minute walk from the bingo hall in Lower Stone Street, then Maidstone East at 22:15 and every stop on the way back, reaching Paddock Wood at about 22:57, where the late feeders meet it. It would mean a way home after an evening in Maidstone — bingo, a late shift, hospital visiting, a meal or a film, a train into Maidstone East — seven days a week, at the same time every night.

There is no matching late bus *into* Maidstone: the bus would run there empty after trip 4. Would you use the late bus? Register your interest and tick “the late bus home” — it helps

decide whether it goes ahead.

From the villages

Small village feeder minibuses would meet this bus at Paddock Wood and the Hop Pole: arriving 10 minutes before it leaves, and leaving 10 minutes after it gets back. They run when you book a seat, up to an hour before.

Have a suggestion about a stop or a time? Tell us.

Phoenix Community Transport — a proposed not-for-profit community bus from Paddock Wood, Nettlestead and Wateringbury to Maidstone, with minibus feeders from the villages around.

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