

Subsidised bus services with new contracts to commence Sunday 31 August 2025

The following subsidised bus services are currently under review in advance of their re-procurement, with new contracts scheduled to commence on Sunday 31 August 2025:

We welcome thoughts on the existing provision and suggested amendments from representatives of the communities served by these routes: comments should be sent to communitytransport@oxfordshire.gov.uk and should be received no later than **Friday 25 April**.

Service 40

Thame to High Wycombe via Chinnor, Kingston Blount, Stokenchurch and West Wycombe

Peak and off-peak service between Thame and High Wycombe via Chinnor. Most journeys on this route are provided commercially (no subsidy/contract). This contract covers the last two journeys Monday to Saturday in each direction (evening journeys) and all journeys on Sundays.

Current subsidy £92,333
(50% covered by Bucks CC)

Service 275

High Wycombe / Chinnor to Oxford via Tetsworth and Wheatley

Peak and off-peak service operating Monday to Friday. Peak journeys (morning towards Oxford, evening from Oxford) operate to/from High Wycombe and do not serve Chinnor. Off-peak services serve Chinnor and not High Wycombe.

Current subsidy £115,300

- Buckinghamshire Council provides 20% of the funding for this contract.
- The service is difficult to provide from an operational perspective, with the driving time being at the very maximum legal limit for a single driver.
- It has been proposed that the service terminates in Chinnor village centre rather than at Old Kiln Lakes, to allow for additional running time and minimise delays caused by congestion.
- How valued would a regular service between High Wycombe and Oxford – not serving Chinnor, Kingston Blount or Aston Rowant – be?