



North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

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Buses

Pembrokeshire Bus Service Changes – 25th July 2020

1. Travelling on Public Transport

- Only travel if your journey is essential and you have NO alternative.
- Avoid travelling at peak times: 7am – 9:30am and 3pm to 6pm.
- You should NOT travel if you are:
 - experiencing any coronavirus symptoms.
 - self-isolating with coronavirus symptoms or sharing a household with somebody with symptoms.
 - clinically extremely vulnerable.
 - shielding because of your age or a medical condition.
- The advised Social Distancing rules should be adhered to at all times.
- Face coverings are mandatory on public transport and MUST be worn at all times.
- Wherever possible, AVOID touching any surfaces at bus shelters and within the bus.
- Passengers are advised to wash their hands before and after each journey.
- Please use contactless payment or correct cash change only.

If You Sneeze or Cough During Your Journey - Please Catch It, Bin It, Kill It!

2. Coastal Bus Services due to Covid-19

- To travel to or along Pembrokeshire's coast by bus, please check the Council's website for the latest timetable information (www.pembrokeshire.gov/bus-routes-and-timetables).
- Some bus services are operating on a 'pre-book basis' to ensure room for social distancing. Services have been reduced, as due to insufficient revenue from fares, operating costs are not covered.
- The majority of the bus services are still operating fixed timetables but because of revenue shortfalls, they are also running less often than they did pre-Covid.
- Customers are encouraged to follow the safety instructions provided at bus stops and on the buses.

Community Transport

- Country Cars is still operating for essential medical journeys. Contact Simon on the new phone number: 07585997091. (Same email: pembshub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk).
- Other services are starting to make detailed plans for when they are able to resume. As most passengers are elderly and/or vulnerable, this will be later than many other public transport services.
- The Bus Buddies project is developing a "garden to gate and beyond" support package to help people who may have lost their confidence to travel again.
- With the resumption of driving lessons from 27th July, minibus driver (MiDAS) assessments are now also able to start again.

Cycling and Walking – Active Travel

Cycling and walking in Pembrokeshire is to receive a boost thanks to a £1.2 million Active Travel grant from the Welsh Government. Active travel means walking and cycling (including the use of mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs) for everyday journeys, such as going to work or the shops, or to access services. The grant will be used to develop new traffic-free paths, improve existing routes and create better connections between networks.

- The grant includes an Active Travel core allocation of £260,000 that will go towards improving existing routes in Haverfordwest, Narberth, Tenby, Milford Haven, Fishguard and Goodwick, Neyland and St Dogmaels, and plugging gaps in the networks.
- Funding will also be used to audit the County's active travel areas (Fishguard and Goodwick, Narberth, Johnston, Neyland, Pembroke Dock and St Dogmaels) with the aim of improving the connections within and between the communities.

For more information view: www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/fitness-and-well-being/active-travel and www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/pembrokeshire-and16312m-active-travel-grant-welcomed.

Ferries & Fishguard Harbour

Sunday Rail-Ferry Connections.

- New December Sunday morning trains from Cardiff to Swansea allowing onward connection to Fishguard and the lunchtime ferry departure to Rosslare have been welcomed.
- It is now hoped that the last evening train out of Fishguard could be deferred somewhat and also extended beyond Swansea to Cardiff, as the evening sailing from Rosslare doesn't always make the present Fishguard train departure time.
- A later service between Swansea and Cardiff should also attract patrons returning from a night out, particularly at weekends. These comments have been referred to Transport for Wales for consideration.

Trains

Transport for Wales - Changes to Train Times

1. Covid-19.

Service overview of weekday service level provision by line of route

- Check your journey plans for travel from 6th July onwards as our current amended timetables are changing with more services in peak times, extra capacity and changes to train times to support social distancing.
- The updated timetable to be available on our [journey planner](#) and [our rail app](#) from 6th July.
- Remember our services are still only for key workers and essential journeys.
- Most routes will see a reduction in services after 2000hrs and changes to service times.

Visit <https://tfwrail.wales/covid-19/changes-train-times> for full information.

South and West Wales

- Reduced service levels Carmarthen - Fishguard Harbour (three trains a day).
- Without notice, these service levels have been reduced to two trains a day - Mondays to Saturdays. The matter has been reported to Transport for Wales.

2. December 2020 Timetable

- Additional Sunday morning service from Cardiff to Swansea, leaving Cardiff Central at 08:04 arriving in Swansea at 09:01.
- The service will run three Sundays out of four, with one Sunday out of four running at the slightly later time of 08:27 from Cardiff Central.
- The service will call at Bridgend, Port Talbot and Neath and Swansea.
- The new service will allow passengers to travel to Swansea and the West at this earlier time all year round.
- It will also connect through to Fishguard at around 10:43 which will enable a connection to the lunchtime ferry, supporting weekend events in the city and wider tourism opportunities.

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