

Changes to services in Wealden District: April 2026 update

Service number	Route	Changes to current service	Service provided by	Date of change
1 (Schooldays)	Groombridge- Langton Green-Rusthall- Tunbridge Wells- St John's Skinners School- Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School- Southborough-Tonbridge- Hillview School	No change.	Run by Hams Travel with funding from Kent County Council and ESCC	
1,1A	Shinewater-Langney- Seaside-town centre- Old Town/ District General Hospital- Hamlands	<p>Revised timetable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Monday to Friday journeys at 05:20 and 05:38 from Alexandra Arms to Gildredge Road. • New Monday to Saturday service 1 journey at 18:45 from Malvern Close to Shinewater (departing Cornfield Road at 19:20). • The Monday to Saturday 20:10 journey from Cornfield Road to Tesco roundabout is removed (a new 20:40 journey will be provided instead). • The Monday to Saturday 22:10 journey from Langney Shopping Centre to Gildredge Road is removed. • New Saturday journeys from Winston Crescent to Shinewater at 06:00, 06:20, 06:40 and 07:00. • New Sunday journey at 22:10 from Cornfield Road to Tesco roundabout. The Sunday journey at 22:30 from Cornfield Road to Shinewater will be removed. <p>Other timetable changes of up to 10 minutes.</p>	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach.	12 April 2026

1B	Hailsham, Anglesey Avenue-Hailsham-Stone Cross-Langney-Seaside-Eastbourne town centre	<p>Revised Monday to Saturday timetable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 06:45 from Hailsham High Street to Eastbourne is unchanged. • Departures from Hailsham Anglesey Avenue to Eastbourne at 07:23, 08:36, 09:40, 10:45 and hourly until 15:45. Then 16:49, 17:54, 18:48, 19:25. The evening departures will be at 20:32, 21:27, 22:27 and will start from Roebuck Park 7 minutes earlier. • The 06:25 from Langney shopping centre to Hailsham Tesco is unchanged. • Departures from Eastbourne Cornfield Road to Hailsham Anglesey Avenue at 06:40, 07:40, 08:45, 09:55 and hourly until 17:55, then 18:40. The following journeys from Cornfield Road at 19:30, 20:30 and 21:30 will continue beyond Anglesey Avenue to Roebuck Park. <p>The Sunday service is unchanged.</p>	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach. The evening and Sunday service is funded by Development Contributions.	12 April 2026
5B	Eastbourne Town Centre-Bridgemere-Sovereign Harbour-Pevensey Bay	The Monday to Saturday evening journey which extends to Pevensey Bay (departing Eastbourne Cornfield Road at 22:45) will no longer operate. Please see service 99, below, for alternative evening journeys.	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach.	12 April 2026
6,6A	Langney Shopping Centre-Westham-Stone Cross-Dittons Wood-Polegate-Wannock-Willingdon-District General Hospital-Carew Road-Eastbourne town centre	<p>Revised timetable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturday departures from Langney will generally run 10 minutes earlier. The 15:40 schooldays only journey will run 10 minutes later. The 17:10 will also run 10 minutes later. The 18:13 and 20:13 journeys from Langney are withdrawn. • Monday to Saturday departures towards Langney will generally run 10 minutes earlier with the Monday to Friday journey at 09:42 from Polegate extended to start from Gildredge Road at 08:56, thus providing an earlier journey on this section of route. The 16:06 from Gildredge Road will run 10 minutes later and the 17:13 3 minutes later. The 19:13 and 21:13 journeys from Gildredge Road are withdrawn. <p>There are no changes to the Sunday service.</p> <p>The evening service changes are due to reduced bus support grant from UK Government to East Sussex County Council not being</p>	Run by Stagecoach with funding from ESCC and the help of bus support grant from UK Government. The Sunday service is funded from Development Contributions.	12 April 2026

		sufficient to support the continuation of all services.		
8	Eastbourne town centre- Lewes Road- District General Hospital grounds- Sainsbury's Cross Levels Way-Winkney Farm- Langney-Pennine Way- Stone Cross-Westham- Pevensey-Beachlands	Minor timing changes	Run by Stagecoach with funding from ESCC, with the help of bus support grant from UK Government. The evening service is funded from Development Contributions.	12 April 2026
12, 12A, 12X, N12	Brighton-Saltdean- Peacehaven-Newhaven- Seaford-Eastbourne	No change at the current time. Improvements are being planned with an expected introduction date in June 2026 (subject to change). These will be announced when details are confirmed.	Commercial service provided by Brighton & Hove Buses.	June 2026 (subject to change)
13X	Brighton-Saltdean- Peacehaven-Newhaven- Seaford-Beachy Head- Eastbourne	Improved Sunday and public holiday service, running approximately every 30 minutes between Eastbourne Pier and Brighton Station.	Commercial service provided by Brighton & Hove Buses.	19 April 2026
24 (Tuesday and Thursday)	Eastbourne- District General Hospital- Polegate-Wilmington- Drusillas Zoo-Alfriston	Improved service with revised days of operation. This service will run on Wednesdays and Fridays, instead of Tuesdays and Thursdays. Buses will depart from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Alfriston at 09:55, 11:50, 15:50 and 17:00. Buses will depart Willows Coach Park to Eastbourne at 13:30, 15:10 and 16:20.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses with funding from ESCC and the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	31 March 2026
25 (Saturday)	Lewes-Glynde-Firle- Charleston Farmhouse- Selmeston-Alfriston- Wilmington-Polegate- Wannock-Willingdon village-District General Hospital-Eastbourne	Service 25 will additionally run on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide a partial replacement for service 125 (see below). In Lewes the route of service 25 is revised to also include Charleston in Lewes, in Southover Road. On Sundays (but not bank holidays) there will be two new return journeys numbered 25X. These will run between Berwick and Lewes directly along the A27 and the Culfail Tunnel in Lewes. They will depart Berwick Station 08:50 and 13:50, and Lewes School Hill at 13:15 and 17:15. All of these journeys except the 08:50 will also serve Charleston in Firle. Cuckmere Buses is a community transport operator reliant on volunteer drivers.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	26 April 2026

		<p>To help run their extra services, Cuckmere Buses would be very happy to hear from volunteers prepared to learn to drive a 16 seat minibus. Drivers will need the D1 category on their licences but training and assessment are offered before taking to the road. If anyone is interested please contact Cuckmere Buses on 01323 870920 or email volunteer@cuckmerebuses.org.uk Further details on the website - https://cuckmerebuses.org.uk/volunteering.htm</p>		
26 (Sundays and Bank Holidays)	Seaford-Alfriston-Drusillas Zoo-Wilmington-Polegate-Wannock-Willingdon village-District General Hospital-Eastbourne	Usual seasonal timetable adjustments (16:50 from Seaford to run to Eastbourne, and 18:00 from Eastbourne to Alfriston) reinstated for Summer period until 25 October.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	29 March 2026
28	Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Willingdon-Hailsham-Battle Road-Golden Cross-Laughton-Ringmer-Lewes-Universities-Brighton	No change.	Commercial service provided by Brighton & Hove Buses. The route between Eastbourne and Ringmer is funded by Development Contributions.	
29, 29A,29B, 29X	Tunbridge Wells-Crowborough-Uckfield-Lewes-Universities-Brighton (29,29X) (a 29B return journey runs via Ringmer for King's Academy) Heathfield-Framfield-Uckfield-Isfield-Lewes-Universities-Brighton (29A)	No change.	29 and 29X are commercial services provided by Brighton & Hove Bus Company. The evening 29 service between Uckfield and Tunbridge Wells is funded by ESCC along with a contribution from Kent County Council and the help of bus support grant from UK Government. The whole of the 29A	

			service between Lewes and Heathfield is funded by ESCC, with the help of Development Contributions and bus support grant from UK Government.	
31, 31A, 31B	Cuckfield-Haywards Heath-Princess Royal Hospital-Newick- Maresfield-Uckfield	No change.	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC and West Sussex County Council.	
36 (Saturday)	Berwick Station-Polegate- Westham-Langney- Beachlands	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	
37 (Saturday)	Beachlands-Langney- Westham- Hailsham	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	
39 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays)	Eastbourne Towner- East Dean- Seven Sisters Country Park-Litlington-Alfriston- Charleston in Firle- Charleston in Lewes	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses with funding from a consortium of local arts organisations led by Charleston.	
40 (Tuesdays and Fridays)	Berwick-Wilmington- Litlington- Charleston Manor-Exceat- Seaford	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses with funding from ESCC and the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
41 (Tuesday & Thursday)	Eastbourne-Wannock- Jevington-Friston- East Dean-Eastbourne	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	
42 (Wednesday)	Berwick-Chalvington- Horsebridge-Hailsham- Selmeston-Alfriston- Arlington-Milton Hide-	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses with funding from ESCC and the help of bus support grant from UK	

	Hailsham		Government.	
43 (Monday)	Berwick-Chalvington-Selmeston-Upper Dicker-Hailsham-Polegate-Stone Cross-Langney-Eastbourne	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	
44,44A,44B (Tuesday & Thursday)	Berwick-Wilmington-Polegate-Stone Cross-Langney-Eastbourne	No change	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC	
47 (Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Seasonal Service)	Berwick-Alfriston-Seafood-Litlington-Wilmington-Berwick (circular service)	Seasonal reintroduction of the service	Service run by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	28 March 2026
48 (Tuesday and Thursday)	Eastbourne-Polegate-Hailsham-Deanland Wood Park	Improved service and revised days of operation. This service will run on Wednesdays and Fridays, instead of Tuesdays and Thursdays. Buses will depart from Deanland Wood to Hailsham and Eastbourne at 09:00 and 11:00. Buses will depart from Hailsham Tesco to Deanland Wood at 10:45, 12:45, 14:29, and from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Deanland Wood at 14:00.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses with funding from ESCC and the help of bus service support grant from UK Government.	31 March 2026
49 (Wednesday Seasonal Service)	Eastbourne-Langney-Westham-Pevensey-Wartling-Science Centre, Herstmonceux Castle	Service resumes from 1 April 2026.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	1 April 2026
51	Eastbourne-District General Hospital-Willingdon-Polegate-Hailsham-Horam-Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Tunbridge Wells	Some changes on Mondays to Saturdays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Eastbourne the 16:25 journey will run up to 15 minutes later, and the 17:45 journey 5 minutes later. The 20:15, 21:15 and 22:15 journeys will additionally serve Dittons Wood between Polegate High Street and Hailsham. From Tunbridge Wells the 18:45 journey will depart at 18:50 and run up to 7 minutes later. The 20:40, 21:35 and 22:45 journeys from Heathfield to Eastbourne will depart 2 minutes earlier. Between Hailsham and Polegate High Street these three journeys will also additionally serve Dittons Wood, departing 	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach. The evening service improvement introduced in July 2023, as well as a number of Sunday journeys between Tunbridge Wells, Heathfield and Hailsham, are funded by Development	12 April 2026

		Shepham Lane at 21:13, 22:08 and 23:18.	Contributions.	
52	Eastbourne-District General Hospital- Willingdon-Farmlands Way-Polegate-Dittons Wood-Hailsham- Roebuck Park	<p>Revised route and timetable.</p> <p>Monday to Saturday daytime journeys will be extended beyond Eastbourne town centre to Bridgemere and Sovereign Harbour South. Timings from Roebuck Park will vary by up to 10 minutes compared to the current timetable. There will be more Monday to Friday early morning journeys from Eastbourne to Polegate and Hailsham, including a first journey into Hailsham 90 minutes earlier.</p> <p>Monday to Saturday evening journeys will be withdrawn, this being due to the reduced level of bus support grant from UK Government not being sufficient to support the continuation of all services. Service 51 offers an evening service for Farmlands Way and 51 will be changed to additionally serve Dittons Wood between Polegate and Hailsham (see above). Service 1B Monday to Saturday evening journeys will be changed to additionally serve Roebuck Park and Bulrush Lane.</p> <p>On Sundays, service 52 will continue to run daytime and evenings between Roebuck Park and Eastbourne town centre.</p>	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach.	12 April 2026
53	Eastbourne-District General Hospital- Willingdon- Polegate- Hailsham-Herstmonceux- Ninfield-Sidley-Bexhill Hospital-Bexhill	<p>Revised Monday to Saturday timetable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Monday to Friday a new journey at 06:50 from Hailsham Tesco to Bexhill. This provides an alternative on Mondays to Fridays for users of the 98 journey at 07:15 from Ninfield as far as Bexhill as this is withdrawn (see below). Departures from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Bexhill at 06:30, 08:40, 09:50 and hourly until 14:50. Then 16:10, 17:20 and 18:25. On Monday to Friday a new journey at 06:40 from Bexhill Devonshire Road to Eastbourne. Then at 07:45, 08:14, 09:20 and hourly until 15:20. Then 16:30, 17:45 and 18:50. On Saturday from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Bexhill at 06:38, 08:40, 09:50 and hourly until 14:50. Then 16:10, 17:20 and 18:25. On Saturday from Bexhill Devonshire Road to Eastbourne at 	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach. The Sunday service is funded by ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	12 April 2026

		<p>07:04, 08:14, 09:20 and hourly until 15:20, then 16:30, 17:45 and 18:50.</p> <p>The evening service, introduced in July 2023, will be withdrawn. This is due to relatively low passenger numbers and the reduced bus support grant from UK Government to ESCC not being sufficient to support the continuation of all services.</p> <p>The Sunday service, also introduced in July 2023, will continue.</p>		
54	<p>Eastbourne-District General Hospital- Willingdon-Polegate- Hailsham-Golden Cross- East Hoathly-Uckfield- Manor Park</p>	<p>Service 54 is to be replaced between Uckfield Bus Station and Eastbourne by new route 500 (see below), which will offer a much improved service. Journeys will continue to be available for Uckfield College pupils.</p> <p>The relatively poorly used journeys serving Manor Park will be replaced by four daytime journeys on new service 245 (see below). Service 245 will run on Mondays to Fridays only.</p>	<p>Commercial service provided by Brighton & Hove Buses. ESCC funds the daytime Uckfield Manor Park service. The evening and Sunday service is funded by Development Contributions.</p>	9 May 2026
57, 58 (Schooldays)	<p>Asda-Beachlands- Pevensey Bay-Westham- Stone Cross-Dittons Wood-Polegate- Willingdon School</p>	<p>Additional time is allowed for the afternoon journeys on both services, particularly beyond Polegate, with stops served up to 5 minutes later than previously scheduled.</p>	<p>Service 57 is a Stagecoach commercial service. The 58 is run by Stagecoach with funding from ESCC with the help of bus service support grant from UK Government.</p>	12 April 2026
84	<p>Crawley-Three Bridges- Turners Hill-Sharpthorne- Grinstead Lane- East Grinstead</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>Commercial services provided by Metrobus.</p>	
95	<p>Little Common (school journeys)-Bexhill-Battle- Conquest Hospital</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>Run by Stagecoach with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.</p>	
98	<p>Ninfield (one journey)- Sidley-Bexhill-Pebsham- Hastings.</p>	<p>The early morning journey from Ninfield (07:15 on Mondays to Fridays and 07:19 on Saturdays) is withdrawn. An alternative journey is available as far as Bexhill on Mondays to Fridays on service 53 (see above)</p>	<p>Commercial service provided by Stagecoach.</p>	12 April 2026

99	Eastbourne-Pevensey-Bexhill-Hastings	<p>Revised timetable with an improved Monday to Saturday service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Mondays to Fridays, the timetable comprises new journeys to Hastings Station, at 05:00 and 05:30 from Asda Crumbles and 05:38, 06:05, 06:30, 07:00, 07:20, 07:50, 08:10 from Cornfield Road, Eastbourne with an additional journey from ASDA at 07:47. Then a daytime service approximately every 20 minutes from Cornfield Road to Hastings Station between 08:40 and 18:15. On Saturdays, the early journeys are 05:00, 05:30, 06:30, 07:20 and 07:47 from ASDA and 05:50, 06:50, 07:20, 07:50, 08:10 from Cornfield Road with the regular daytime 20 minute service starting from Cornfield Road from 08:40 to 18:15. Evening journeys from Cornfield Road to Hastings Station at 18:45, 19:15, 20:15, 21:25 and 22:25. The last three evening journeys will be numbered 99E, additionally serving Sovereign Harbour South, in place of service 5B. Departure times of journeys from Hastings Station to Eastbourne on Mondays to Saturdays are unchanged until 13:30. Buses will depart Hastings at 10, 30 and 50 minutes past the hour through to 15:50 which is an improvement on Mondays to Fridays between these times as current frequency drops to half-hourly. Journeys then run at new times of 16:15, 16:40, 17:05, 17:25, 17:50 and 18:10. Evening journeys from Hastings Station to Eastbourne at 18:30, 18:50, 19:10, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30, 21:30 and 22:40. The 18:30, 19:30, 20:30 and 21:30 journeys will additionally serve Sovereign Harbour South, in place of service 5B (see above). <p>There are also improvements to the Sunday morning service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journeys at 07:15, 08:15 and 09:15 from Eastbourne Crumbles Asda to Hastings Station. Journeys at 07:35, 08:35 and 09:20 from Cornfield Road to Hastings Station. Then the current daytime 30 minute service between Cornfield Rd and Hastings Station until 17:50, with the last journeys at 18:40 and 19:40. Journeys from Hastings Station to Eastbourne at 08:20 and every 30 minutes until 18:20. Then 18:45, 19:10 and 19:50. <p>No 99 journeys will run between Hastings Station and Silverhill.</p>	Commercial service provided by Stagecoach. The new evening journeys are partly funded by a development contribution.	12 April 2026
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121 (Schooldays)	Uckfield-Maresfield- Newick-Chailey School- Cooksbridge- Lewes	No change.	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
125	Lewes-Ringmer-Glynde- Firle-Alfriston- Wilmington-Polegate- Wannock- District General Hospital- Selmeston Road- Eastbourne	<p>Most journeys on this service will be withdrawn due to relatively low level of use and the funding pressures on ESCC due to reduction in bus service grant support from UK Government.</p> <p>Journeys to be retained are: 07:55 from Alfriston to Lewes; 15:49 from King’s Academy, Ringmer, to Alfriston and 16:07 from Alfriston to Lewes. These journeys will run on schooldays only.</p> <p>Cuckmere Buses will be providing a partial replacement during the main part of the day by increasing the days of operation of their service 25 (see above) to also run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Currently service 25 runs on Saturdays only. In addition, service 24 which runs between Alfriston, Polegate and Eastbourne (see above) will be changed to run on Wednesdays and Fridays rather than Tuesdays and Thursdays).</p> <p>In combination with current service 26 (see above), there will continue to be Alfriston-Eastbourne links daily except Mondays. Flexibus will also offer an alternative for travel between Lewes and Alfriston and communities in between on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and between Alfriston and Polegate on Mondays.</p>	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	12 April 2026
126	Seaford-Alfriston- Drusillas Zoo- Berwick Station	No change.	Cuckmere Buses journeys run without funding from ESCC. Compass Travel journeys are funded by ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
150 (Schooldays)	Withyham-Hartfield- Upper Hartfield- Forest Row-	No change.	Run by The Big Lemon with funding from ESCC with the help of bus	

	Chelwood Gate-Danehill- Chailey School		support grant from UK Government.	
195 (Wednesday)	Waldron-Heathfield- Bodle Street Green- Herstmonceux-Eastbourne	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	
196 (Wednesday)	Rushlake Green- Cowbeech-Herstmonceux- Eastbourne	No change.	Provided by Cuckmere Buses without funding from ESCC.	
224 (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)	Wadhurst-Town Row- Rotherfield-Crowborough and Crowborough local service	No change.	Run by North Wealden Community Transport with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government. The Monday service is funded by a development contribution.	
225 (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)	Crowborough-Rotherfield- Heathfield-Rushlake Green-Brightling- Netherfield-Battle (Saturday: Heathfield - Rushlake Green only)	No change.	Tuesday and Thursday service run by North Wealden Community Transport and Saturday service run by Compass Travel. The service is funded by ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
226 (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)	Crowborough-Rotherfield- Mayfield local service	No change.	Run by North Wealden Community Transport. Funded by ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government, Rotherfield Parish	

			Council, and Mayfield & Five Ashes Parish Council	
227 (Schooldays)	Five Ashes-Argos Hill- Rotherfield- Crowborough	No change.	Run by Compass Travel, with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government	
228	Crowborough and Jarvis Brook town service (school journeys serve Tunbridge Wells and Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School)	No change.	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government, and Kent County Council for the section of route between Crowborough and Tunbridge Wells. Funding from ESCC for the local Crowborough route.	
231	Heathfield-Burwash- Etchingham (plus Hurst Green- Uckfield schooldays only journeys)	No change.	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC and the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
245	Uckfield Bus Station- Manor Park	New service 245 will provide a replacement to the Monday to Friday 54 service between Uckfield Bus Station and Manor Park. Journeys will depart from Uckfield Bus Station at 10:15, 11:15, 12:15 and 14:00. There will be no service on Saturdays.	Run by Community Transport for the Lewes Area with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	9 May 2026
246	Uckfield-Chelwood Gate-	Service withdrawn due to very low level of use and the funding	Run by Community	9 May 2026

(Tuesday & Thursday	Sheffield Park-Fletching-Uckfield	pressures on ESCC due to reduction in bus service grant support from UK Government. Flexibus would offer alternative provision, subject to availability at the time of booking.	Transport for the Lewes Area with funding from ESCC.	
248	Uckfield-Buxted-Hadlow Down	Service withdrawn. Journeys between Buxted Gordon Road and Uckfield will continue to provided through revised route 249, which now on Mondays to Fridays (see below). There is very low use of service 248 in Hadlow Down, so this area will not be served by the revised 249. Flexibus will offer alternative provision, subject to availability at the time of booking.	Run by Community Transport for the Lewes Area with funding from ESCC. The improvements were funded by UK Government until March 2026, following ESCC's bid for Bus Service Improvement Plan funding.	9 May 2026
249 (Mon, Wed & Fri)	Fairwarp-High Hurstwood-Uckfield	Revised route and timetable. The service is being improved so to run Mondays to Fridays (currently Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and additionally serve Buxted High Street and Gordon Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first journey will still depart from Fairwarp (Forresters Arms) at 09:35, serving High Hurstwood at 09:45. Departures from Buxted (Gordon Road) will be at 09:53 and 10:53 (plus at 12:49 via Fairwarp). Departures from Uckfield Bus Station to Buxted will be at 10:35, 12:35 and 14:20. The 12:35 journey will continue to High Hurstwood and Fairwarp. 	Run by Community Transport for the Lewes Area with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	9 May 2026
251 (schooldays)	Heathfield-Mayfield-Rotherfield-Town Row-Tunbridge Wells-Boys Grammar School	No change.	Run by Stagecoach with funding ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government, along with funding from Kent County Council.	
256	Tunbridge Wells-Bells Yew Green-Lamberhurst-Wadhurst	No change.	Run by Autocar with funding ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government,	

			along with funding from Kent County Council.	
258 (Schooldays)	Kilndown-Horsmonden-Lamberhurst-Cousley Wood-Wadhurst Uplands Academy	No change.	Run by Hams Travel with funding from Kent County Council and a contribution from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
261	Uckfield-Maresfield-Nutley-Wych Cross-Forest Row-Ashurstwood-East Grinstead	Service withdrawn. Significant improvements will be provided through new replacement service 500 (see below), which will be provided by Brighton & Hove Buses/Metrobus.	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	8 May 2026
266,267,268 269 (Schooldays)	Boreham Street-Windmill Hill-Herstmonceux-Magham Down/Hailsham-Hellingly-Horam-Heathfield Community College	No change.	Run by The Big Lemon with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
270	Brighton-Hassocks-Burgess Hill-Haywards Heath-Danehill-Chelwood Gate-Wych Cross-Forest Row-East Grinstead	No change.	Commercial service provided by Metrobus. The evening service improvements, introduced in 2023, are funded by ESCC, West Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council with the help of bus support grant from Government.	
286 (Schooldays)	Coleman's Hatch-Hartfield-Withyham-	No change	Run by Arriva with funding from Kent County	

	Groombridge-Langton Green-Speldhurst- Southborough- Tunbridge Wells		Council.	
291	Crawley-East Grinstead- Forest Row-Hartfield- Withyham-Groombridge- Tunbridge Wells	No change.	Commercial service provided by Metrobus. The 2023 evening service improvements, introduced in 2023, are funded by ESCC, West Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council with the help of bus support grant from Government.	
318 (Schooldays)	Whitesmith-Chiddingly- Muddles Green-East Hoathly-Halland- Shortgate- Ringmer King's Academy	No change.	Run by Compass Travel with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government.	
320 (Schooldays)	Ninfield- Claverham College	No change.	Run by Stagecoach with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from Government.	
354	Ticehurst-Wadhurst rail link	Service withdrawn due to very low level of use and the funding pressures on ESCC due to reduction in bus service grant support from UK Government. Service 1066 provides a similarly-timed alternative to the morning 354 journey and to one of the evening journeys.	Run by Autocar with funding from ESCC.	12 April 2026
356 (College Days)	Little Common-Hooe- Claverham College	No change.	Run by Rambler Coaches with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK	

			Government.	
500	Eastbourne-District General Hospital- Willingdon-Polegate- Hailsham-Golden Cross- East Hoathly-Uckfield- Nutley-Forest Row- East Grinstead- Manor Royal Business Park-Gatwick Airport	<p>This new service will be a significantly improved replacement to current service 54 (apart from the section of route around Uckfield Manor Park). In Polegate the 500 will run via Eastbourne Road and the A27, instead of Polegate High Street and Hailsham Road.</p> <p>The 500 route will extend beyond Uckfield to Gatwick Airport via Nutley, Forest Row, East Grinstead and Manor Royal Business Park in Crawley. This section will be in place of current service 261 between Uckfield and East Grinstead, again on a much improved basis.</p> <p>The service will offer new public transport opportunities for air travellers as well as access for work opportunities in the Gatwick and Crawley areas. Gatwick Airport is also a significant regional transport hub for rail, coach and bus services.</p> <p>The 500 will be a 24 hour service, 7 days a week. Approximate frequency being hourly Monday to Saturday daytime. Then around every 2 hours in the evening, overnight and on Sundays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday departure times from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) will be Midnight, 02:00, 03:51, 05:58, 06:58, 08:06, 09:15, 10:15, 11:35, 12:35, 13:35, 14:33, 15:43, 17:15, 18:15, 20:00 and 22:00. A bus to Gatwick Airport will also start from Hailsham Tesco at 05:25. Saturday departure times from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) will be Midnight, 02:00, 03:51, 06:27, 07:19, 08:15, 09:15, 10:15, 11:35, 12:35, 13:35, 14:35, 15:45, 17:00, 18:15, 20:00 and 22:00. A bus to Gatwick Airport will also start from Hailsham Tesco at 05:54. Sunday departure times from Eastbourne Gildredge Road to Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) will be Midnight, 02:00, 03:51, 06:05, 08:17, 10:25, 12:25, 14:25, 16:25, 	Commercial service provided by Brighton & Hove Buses/Metrobus, in in partnership with Gatwick Airport, West Sussex County Council and East Sussex County Council. All partners will be providing funding, in the case of the two Councils with the help of Development Contributions.	9 May 2026

		<p>18:15, 20:00 and 22:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday to Friday departure times Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) to Eastbourne will be 00:10, 02:00, 04:00, 05:50, 06:31, 07:21, 08:41, 09:55, 10:55, 11:55, 13:10, 14:35, 15:25, 16:25, 17:25, 18:35, 19:55, 21:55. Saturday departure times Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) to Eastbourne will be 00:10, 02:00, 04:00, 06:00, 06:56, 07:46, 08:55, 09:55, 10:55, 11:55, 13:10, 14:25, 15:25, 16:25, 17:25, 18:35, 19:55, 21:55. Sunday departure times Gatwick Airport (South Terminal) to Eastbourne will be 00:10, 02:00, 04:00, 06:00, 08:00, 09:55, 11:55, 13:55, 15:55, 17:55, 19:55, 21:55. <p>Journeys will be suitably timed for Uckfield College pupils, though the 500 will instead serve the stops in Uckfield London Road/High Street and not the one in Downsvie Crescent. On Monday to Friday there will be a 500 from Nutley (School Lane) at 08:18. A bus will be timed to depart from Uckfield bus station towards Nutley at 15:48. There will be a 500 from East Hoathly (Rectory Close) to Uckfield at 08:01, with a return from Uckfield High Street at approximately 15:37.</p>		
1066	Hastings-Battle-Whatlington or Mountfield-Robertsbridge-Hurst Green-Hawkhurst-Flimwell-Ticehurst-Wadhurst-Frant-Tunbridge Wells	<p>There are changes to the Monday to Saturday timetable. This is due to the very high level of funding subsidy required to maintain this service (following competitive tendering) and the reduced level of bus support grant from UK Government. On Mondays to Saturdays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the main part of the day the frequency of the service will be reduced to approximately every 85 minutes. There will no change to the first journey from Tunbridge Wells which on schooldays will continue to operate via Bayhall Road and Hawkenbury and, on Mondays to Fridays, run via Hawkhurst Moor into Hawkhurst. After that, departures from Tunbridge Wells, Royal Victoria Place, will be at 08:50, 10:10, 11:35, 13:00, 14:35, 16:10 and 17:15 (Mondays to Fridays) or 17:20 (Saturdays). The 16:10 journey will continue to run from Bennett Memorial School 	Service run by Stagecoach with funding from ESCC with the help of bus support grant from UK Government and a contribution from Kent County Council. The Sunday service, introduced in July 2023, is also funded from Development Contributions.	12 April 2026

		<p>on schooldays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The evening journeys at 19:03 and 20:43 will be retained and will run 2 minutes later on Mondays to Fridays and earlier on Saturdays at 18:50 and 20:20.• There will be some changes to the first bus from Hawkhurst to Hastings on Mondays to Saturdays. On Mondays to Fridays, this will depart at 06:53 and run 12 minutes earlier. It will continue to extend beyond Hastings Station to Bexhill College on schooldays, arriving at 08:25. On Saturdays, the journey will have an unchanged departure time of 07:05 but journey time will be reduced and it will serve points from Robertsbridge onward up to 4 minutes earlier and then earlier still through St Leonards and Hastings, to arrive at Hastings Station 9 minutes earlier at 08:03. The next journey from Hawkhurst on Mondays to Fridays will depart earlier (07:54 on schooldays and 08:14 on non-schooldays) and serve stops up to 7 minutes earlier. On schooldays it will still serve Claverham Community College (5 minutes earlier). On Saturdays, the journey will be unchanged, departing Hawkhurst at 08:27. Following on from those journeys, services will leave Hawkhurst for Hastings at 09:40, 11:00, 12:25, 13:50, 15:25, 17:10, 18:07. The 15:25 journey serves Claverham Community College at 15:58 on schooldays. Similarly to now, all southbound journeys from Hawkhurst from 09:40 on Mondays to Fridays and from 08:27 on Saturdays are through journeys from Tunbridge Wells.• The early morning journey from Battle to Hastings at 06:30 will run 5 minutes earlier on Mondays to Fridays but will be unchanged on Saturdays.• From Hastings to Hawkhurst on Mondays to Fridays, the 06:58 and 07:40 (schooldays) departures will run 5 minutes earlier than before with the latter continuing to serve Claverham Community College and running between Hastings town centre and Silverhill via the seafront and London Road. The non-schooldays journey at 08:36 will run significantly earlier at 08:06. After that, journeys will depart at 09:35, 11:00, 12:20, 13:40, 15:05, 16:50, 18:20		
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		<p>and 19:05. All journeys except the revised 06:53 and 18:20 departures from Hastings continue beyond Hawkhurst to Tunbridge Wells.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Hastings to Hawkhurst on Saturdays, there will be a new earlier journey at 06:55, then 08:10. From 09:35 at the same times as Mondays to Fridays. All journeys continue beyond Hawkhurst to Tunbridge Wells. • The journey that starts at Hurst Green at 06:30 for Hawkhurst and Tunbridge Wells is unchanged. • From Hawkhurst to Tunbridge Wells on Mondays to Fridays, the early morning service is unchanged with journeys departing 06:40 and 07:24, the latter continuing to Bennett Memorial School on schooldays. After that, departures are at 09:12, 10:41, 12:06, 13:26, 14:52, 16:15, 18:02 and 19:58. On Saturdays, departures are at 06:40, 07:44, 09:16 then 10:41 and the same as on Mondays to Fridays except for an earlier last journey at 19:29. <p>The Sunday service remains unchanged.</p>		
H1, H3, H4 (Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat)	Hailsham town services	No change.	These services are operated by Cuckmere Buses with funding from Hailsham Town Council.	
U1-U5 (Schooldays)	Uplands Academy services from John's Cross, Hurst Green, Hawkhurst, Flimwell, Ticehurst, Burwash and Etchingham	No change.	Services provided by Hams Travel. All are run commercially apart from services U4 and U5, which are funded by ESCC with the help of bus support grant from Government.	
Eastbourne Sightseeing (Seasonal service)	Eastbourne Pier-seafront-Beachy Head-Birling Gap-East Dean-town centre-Eastbourne Pier	<p>The new 2026 dates of operation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 February to 22 March - Saturdays and Sundays only. Hourly from 10:00 to 16:00. • 28 March to 26 June - Every day. Half-hourly from 10:00 to 17:30. • 27 June to 27 September - Every day. Half-hourly from 	Commercial service provided by Brighton & Hove Buses.	28 February, 28 March, 27 June, 28 September & 25 October 2026

		<p>10:00 to 18:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28 September to 24 October - Every day. Half-hourly from 10:00 to 17:30• 25 October to 1 November - Every day. Half-hourly from 10:00 to 16:30. <p>The bus stops at Saffrons Park and Eastbourne railway station will no longer be served by the Sightseeing Service. It will serve the following new stops between Beachy Head Warren Hill Car Park and Cornfield Road, in this order: Meads St John's Road, Meads Road and Gildredge Road stop G1.</p>		
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