Pulhams service improvements in West Oxfordshire - September 2024

Dear all (OCC members, parish councils and PTRs)

I am writing to inform you of changes being made to Pulhams services in West Oxfordshire with effect from Sunday 1st September 2024.

• Pulhams service 15/15A will be replaced by Oxford Bus Company service X15, operating on a broadly hourly frequency on Mondays to Saturdays. Beyond Abingdon, the service continues to Oxford via Dunmore Road and Hinksey Hill, replacing some service X1 journeys on this route.

This allows direct journeys to Oxford from Ducklington, Standlake and Millets Farm, and more than doubles the current service level between Witney, Southmoor and Abingdon.

- Pulhams service 19 will be increased to operate hourly on Mondays to Saturdays, providing improved service levels to Alvescot, Black Bourton, Clanfield, Bampton and Aston. On schooldays, one journey in each direction will serve Henry Box School.
- The service between Standlake, Ducklington and Witney will therefore be up to every 30 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays between the two services X15 and 19.
- Pulhams service X9 will now operate additionally on Sundays and public holidays, with five return journeys available between Witney and Chipping Norton via Hailey, Finstock, Charlbury and Chadlington.

Further details on the changes, including timetables and route maps, are available here: Service Changes from 1st September 2024 - Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel.

These services continue to be part of the national bus fare cap scheme, with single journeys capped at a maximum of £2.00 until 31 December 2024. MyBus countywide day and weekly tickets are also available, further details here: Find out about MyBus Oxfordshire tickets.

The improvements are possible due to proactive work by the bus operator, supplemented with a modest increase in Section 106 developer funding from Oxfordshire County Council. Services X15 and 19 are on a two-year contract, and service X9 is on a three-year contract, so we hope you will publicise these enhancements locally to ensure they can be made sustainable in the longer term.

I am now on leave until 2nd September – any queries in the meantime can be directed to my colleague Ed Webster (copied).

Thanks and kind regards Dave

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