

## **Preston Area Bus Service Changes – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009. Affecting services provided by Stagecoach in Lancashire and Stagecoach in Preston**

From Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009, Stagecoach will be making a number of changes and improvements to services in the Preston city area, following our takeover of Preston Bus earlier this year. High-frequency Citi services will now be provided to most areas of Preston, with buses co-ordinated to provide improved spacing of departures and with many services gaining later departures. Easy access buses will now be used at all times on services 14, 31 and 44 rather than the step-entry minibuses sometimes currently used.

### **Citi 1 Preston – Longridge**

The Monday to Thursday and Sunday evening frequency will be increased to every 30 minutes all evening, to match the Friday and Saturday frequency. There will also be minor changes to the afternoon school time journeys from Longridge to improve reliability.



### **Citi 3 Preston – Penwortham**

The Stagecoach Citi and former Preston Bus services will be merged to operate as a single service. The Monday to Friday daytime frequency will be increased to run up to every 5 minutes. The Friday and Saturday night buses will now start and finish at Lancaster Road, before serving the Fishergate Centre stop.



### **Citi 8 Preston – Moor Nook**

This service will have a revised timetable. Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes evenings and all day on Sundays. Buses will combine with Citi 9 to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes to and from Moor Nook and every 15 minutes in the evenings and on Sundays.



### **Citi 9 Preston – Moor Nook**

This service will have a revised timetable. Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes evenings and all day on Sundays. Buses will combine with Citi 16 to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes to and from Hesketh's Arms along New Hall Lane, and every 15 minutes in the evenings and on Sundays. Additionally buses will combine with Citi 8 to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes to and from Moor Nook and every 15 minutes in the evenings and on Sundays. Buses will now run later into the evening.



### **Citi 11 Preston – Gamull Lane**

The Stagecoach Citi and former Preston Bus services will be merged to operate as a single service. Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes in the evenings and all day on Sundays. Buses will combine with Citi 1 and Citi 8 to provide a bus every few minutes along Ribblesdale Avenue, Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 15 minutes in the evenings and on Sundays.



### **Citi 16 Preston – Farrington Park**

This service will have a revised timetable. Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes evenings and all day on Sundays. Buses will combine with Citi 9 to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes to and from Hesketh's Arms along New Hall Lane, and every 15 minutes in the evenings and on Sundays. Buses will now run later into the evening.





### **Citi 19 & Citi 19A Preston – Royal Preston Hospital via Deepdale**

The Stagecoach Citi 19 service will continue to run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes in the evenings. Citi 19 will now operate via the Royal Preston Hospital main entrance when running into town. Most Citi 19 buses from the bus station will continue to return to town as a Citi 22, thus providing a circular service.

The former Preston Bus service will have a revised timetable and be **re-numbered Citi 19A**. Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes evenings and all day on Sundays. Due to the difficulties of negotiating Sharoe Green estate in the evenings and Sundays (with extra parked cars), we will no longer serve this loop during these times. Buses will instead operate direct to the Hospital main entrance, from Sharoe Green Lane.

Citi 19 and Citi 19A buses will combine to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes to and from the Royal Preston Hospital via Deepdale and every 15 minutes in the evenings. New later buses will run at 2345 and 0015 from the Royal Preston Hospital to the city centre providing later buses for these parts of town.



### **Citi 22 Preston – Royal Preston Hospital via Plungington Road**

The Stagecoach Citi and former Preston Bus services will be merged to operate as a single service. Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 30 minutes in the evenings. Most Citi 22 buses from the bus station will continue to return to town as a Citi 19, thus providing a circular service. Buses will combine with Citi 23 to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime to and from the Royal Preston Hospital via Plungington Road and every 15 minutes in the evenings. New later buses will run at 2330 and midnight from the bus station to Royal Preston Hospital and back to the city centre as Citi 19 via Deepdale, providing later buses for these parts of town.



### **Citi 23 Preston – Sherwood (ASDA)**

This service will have an extensively revised timetable, with more buses introduced! Buses will run every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and every 15 minutes Sunday daytimes. Evening buses will run every 30 minutes, seven days per week. Buses will combine with Citi 22 to provide a bus every 5 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes to and from the Royal Preston Hospital via Plungington Road and every 15 minutes in the evenings. We have given this service more time to complete its journeys to try and improve reliability at busy times of day. Earlier buses run on Sunday mornings to allow RPH staff to get to the site for the first shift change.

### **24, 25 Preston – Lea**

These services will be withdrawn and replaced as follows:

- Between Preston bus station and Lea, Blackpool Road, by the revised Fylde Coastliner 68, which will operate every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes and hourly in the evenings. On Sunday daytimes, buses will operate every 30 minutes.
- On Hawthorne Crescent and Aldfield Avenue estates, new service 87 will operate every 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday daytimes, linking Lea to Ashton Lane Ends and Preston city centre.
- Service 89 will continue to operate around Aldfield Avenue estate during peak times. It will additionally serve Hawthorne Crescent to replace service 24.

### **29 Preston – Frenchwood**

Two additional Monday to Saturday return journeys will operate from Preston Bus Station at 1800 and 1900 hours, under contract to Lancashire County Council.

### **Citi 33 Preston – Tanterton**

This service will be withdrawn. Alternative facilities between Preston and Tanterton are provided by Citi 35, which will remain unchanged. Alternative facilities for the Inkerman Street and Brook Street areas will be provided by Citi 31 and Citi 44, which will also continue unchanged.

### **61 Preston – Blackpool**

This service will have a new Friday and Saturday midnight departure from Preston bus station via Ashton Lane Ends to Lea, Aldfield Avenue/Dodney Drive. This replaces an equivalent departure on Fylde Coastliner 68, which no longer operates via Lane Ends.

### **Fylde Coastliner 68 Preston – Blackpool**

This service will have an extensively revised timetable, with more buses introduced! A new route will be followed between Preston and Lea, replacing most of services 24 and 25. The new route is as follows:

From Preston bus station via the existing route to Fylde Road, then via Water Lane, Tulketh Road, Blackpool Road (back via Peddars Lane and Egerton Road), and then via the current route to Blackpool.

Buses will operate to an increased frequency of every 15 minutes Monday to Saturday daytimes with evening and Sunday buses keeping the same frequencies as now. The midnight bus from Preston to Lea will be replaced by an equivalent departure on service 61.



### **81 Preston – Ashton – Cadley – Janice Drive**

This service will now operate via Ringway, Friargate and Fylde Road between Preston Bus Station and Ashton Lane Ends. This will provide a consistent route for services 80, 81 & 82 between Preston and Mill Lane. There will be no changes to the timetable.

### **87 Preston – Ashton Lane Ends – Larches - Lea**

This new service will be introduced, operating every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday, between the hours of approximately 0930 and 1500. Additionally earlier and later buses will run on Saturday, as at these times service 89 does not run. Buses will operate from Preston bus station, then serving Fishergate (Station), Bow Lane, Ashton Street, Tulketh Brow, Ashton Lane Ends, Blackpool Road, Larches Estate, Hawthorne Crescent estate and then terminating at Lea, Aldfield Avenue. This will restore the much requested link from Lea and Larches estates to Ashton Lane Ends.

### **89 Preston – Larches - Lea**

This service will additionally serve the Hawthorne Crescent area of Lea. There will be no other changes to the timetable.

Please note that there will be **NO CHANGES** to the timetables of the following former Preston Bus services:

**Park & Ride (services 1 & 2), 7, 14, 31, 35, 44, Orbit 88A, Orbit 88C, and Football specials.**

### **Other news**

Don't forget that our X8 Chorley – Preston – Central Lakes service will be re-introduced for the summer 2009 period from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2009! The X61 Blackpool – Preston – Manchester will also have an improved service to/from Blackpool from 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Fylde Villager services 75, 76, 80/82 will be provided by other bus operators with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Full details are available from [www.transportforlancashire.com](http://www.transportforlancashire.com) or Traveline.

Further information on the service changes can be obtained from:

- [www.stagecoachbus.com/northwest](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/northwest)
- or call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

Timetables and our new map guide will be available in March.