

# **BUS USERS' MANIFESTO**

## **SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN TO KEEP BUSES RUNNING IN WEST DORSET**

Thousands of bus passengers who rely on rural service have been let down by a failure of deregulation. They include the poorest fifth of all households who cannot afford cars and yet who end up taking more taxi journeys each year than any other income group. We are calling on Dorset County Council to accept responsibility as a transport authority to keep bus services running in Dorset.

The Bus Action Group is a group of local people who are fed up with continual attacks on our bus services. Year on year, valuable services which keep communities connected disappear. Our Bus Users' Manifesto calls on Dorset County Council to live up to its responsibility for public transport and keep buses running on key routes.

### We demand

- 1 Public Transport access to major towns in order to access work, school and public services.
- 2 Public Transport that connects to rail and coach routes to the UK transport infrastructure to enable access to services and employment
- 3 Adequate transport that gives access to post-16 education, reflecting the individual student's needs – including FE colleges.
- 4 Access to those living in villages or hamlets without shops, post offices, GP surgeries, schools or other facilities, to appropriate public transport to enable them to reach those facilities.
- 5 Access to outpatient treatment in larger urban centres
- 6 For the unemployed, access to public transport to enable them to sign on with JobCentrePlus or take part in Work Programme activities.
- 7 For businesses, access to appropriately-trained employees who are able to reach their place of work and to customers who can access their services.
- 8 Access to leisure and sporting opportunities for residents of rural Dorset to facilitate a healthy and happy life

**Dorset residents want a sustainable transport plan that develops public transport links capable of replacing journeys by car to significant destinations as well as the above**

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### **Bus Action Group (West Dorset)**

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