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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **New Year brings new bus services.**

There will be changes to some bus services around Pevensey and Westham in January, when the Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership is wound up and its services transferred to Cuckmere Buses.

The Rover 6 ran for the last time in mid December, but is replaced from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 by **new service 36** which operates on Tuesdays only (Pevensey – Westham – (Hankham – Stone Cross) – Langney – Pevensey Bay – Beachlands).

**New service 37** which operates on Wednesdays only, serves Hailsham. (Hailsham – (Hankham) - Stone Cross – Westham – Pevensey – Pevensey Bay – Beachlands). Some journeys on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will run via Hankham, where no other services are provided.

**The 46 service** (Beachlands – Pevensey Bay – Langney – Westham – Pevensey – Stone Cross) will continue to run on Saturdays to a similar timetable.

Details of these services and timetable leaflets are available from local council offices, businesses in the area and on the buses, as well as from our website: [www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk](http://www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk).

Both organisations are run entirely by trained volunteers using 16 seat low floor minibuses. Cuckmere Buses take over the existing volunteer drivers, who will continue to run the services geared to the demands of local residents from a base at Sharnfold Farm. Managing Director, Philip Ayers said 'I am delighted that we are able to provide these additional services retaining the existing volunteer drivers. Our forte is running services to a timetable, so there will be no need for intending passengers to pre-book as they have in the past. Hail the bus at stops in the built up areas or anywhere it is safe for the bus to stop in rural locations. The drivers know where their passengers wish to board, and we have tried to plan the routes to meet their demands. If we need to serve other roads, then we encourage passengers to tell us, or their driver, so that we can plan to change the timetables where necessary. We are very grateful to the Westham & Pevensey Local Transport Partnership for their help in ensuring that we continue to provide the best possible service in the area following on their decision to wind up their operation because of the increasing age of their Trustees.'

The plans have been discussed at meetings with Pevensey Bay and with Westham Parish Councils and follow-up meetings to receive their feed-back are planned in the New Year.

New volunteers are always welcome. If you are over 25 years of age, able to offer your services and would like more information on volunteer training opportunities, contact Philip Ayers on 01323 870920 or John on 07802 305155, or via our website [www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk](http://www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk).

#### **Note for editors:**

- Cuckmere Buses, the trading name for Cuckmere Community Bus (CCB), is an independent charity run entirely by trained volunteers. It was launched in 1976 to supplement existing bus services and provide bus links for village residents to their nearest towns throughout the Cuckmere Valley area.

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- Based in Berwick, East Sussex, Cuckmere Buses now have around 60 volunteer drivers and 10 additional volunteers who run its fleet of eight minibuses, seven of which are low-floor, providing an important link with shops, doctors' surgeries and social facilities for those who do not live on a main bus route.
- Cuckmere Community Bus was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK, for outstanding work undertaken in their local communities.

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