

## Action Plan – Public Transport Issues

What needs to be done?	Why is it an issue?	What has the community achieved and what further action is being contemplated?
<p>Review with ESCC and transport operators whether more frequent/ additional services could be made available</p> <p><i>A need was identified in the Youth survey to explore whether expansion of the services is feasible, especially at weekends</i></p> <p><b>MEDIUM PRIORITY</b> LONG/ ONGOING TIMESCALE (within 5 years/ continuous)</p>	<p>170 respondents wanted more frequent buses; 159 wanted more frequent trains; 110 wanted more links to other villages; and extra weekend services was a theme of the Youth survey</p>	<p>In a united effort, the VAP Public Transport Team, the Parish Council, the District Councillor and the local MP continue to lobby for improved train services through Plumpton, especially for more stopping services during the middle of the day. Several meetings have been held with executives from Southern Railways.</p> <p>The VAP Public Transport Team, together with the District Councillor, lobbied for bus passes to be useable before 9.30am. With effect from Spring 2009, bus passes have been permitted for use from 9.00am.</p> <p>The VAP Public Transport Team has worked with ESCC and local bus operators and is now able to publicise shortened bus timetables that are specific to journeys to and from Plumpton. These are available at the train station, in the shop, published in the Parish Magazine and are available on the VAP website.</p> <p>Simplified train timetables, specific to journeys to and from Plumpton, are available at the train station, in the shop, published in the Parish Magazine and are available on the VAP website.</p> <p>The Station Partnership Scheme was launched during the course of Spring 2010 bringing the facility into the heart of the community with a library, planters and hanging baskets, extra seating; with plans for wild-flower planting, a cycle shelter and other initiatives to follow.</p>
<p>Review whether better links to hospitals and doctors can be introduced</p> <p><b>HIGH PRIORITY</b> QUICK TIMESCALE (within 6 months)</p>	<p>A significant number of respondents (including a high proportion of those aged 65 or over) had concerns about transport to hospitals and doctors' surgeries</p>	<p>The VAP Public Transport Team has agreed with the Policing &amp; Community Safety Team that the latter will look at solutions to the provision of better links to hospitals and doctors. The Public Transport Team is fully supportive of the Policing &amp; Community Safety Team's approach which resulted in the launch of the Plumpton Voluntary Driving Scheme in September 2009.</p>
<p><i>A recommendation from the Youth survey was to speak to Chailey School with a view to improving the punctuality of the school coach</i></p> <p><b>HIGH PRIORITY</b> QUICK TIMESCALE (within 6 months)</p>	<p>A number of respondents to the Youth survey found the punctuality of the service to be average or below</p>	<p>The School Coach operator has changed. The Youth Forum was consulted which reported that the users of the service were now satisfied with the service provider's punctuality. No further action is now intended – but the situation will be watched.</p>