

Service Changes



Location: Alnwick, Ashington, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Blyth, Cramlington, Morpeth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, North Shields, Seahouses, Seaton Delaval, Whitley Bay

There will be changes to some services in Northumberland and Tyne & Wear from Sunday 5th January 2020 to improve punctuality, speed up journeys and respond to customers' requests.

All of the changes are described in detail below. Simply click on the links to download new timetables for each service. Printed leaflets are available on buses and from the Ashington, Blyth, Morpeth and Newcastle Haymarket bus stations.

Service 1: Blyth – Cowpen – Bebside – Bedlington Station – Ashington – Lynemouth – Ellington – Widdrington

Last September we withdrew some northbound journeys from Ashington bus station to improve punctuality. This has been very successful, so all northbound buses (travelling from Blyth to Wansbeck Hospital, Cresswell and Widdrington) will now omit Ashington bus station and serve the stop on Woodhorn Road opposite Sports Direct. As a result, there will be minor alterations to the timetable.

In addition, buses will use Bay 6 instead of Bay 5 in Blyth bus station to reduce delays caused by congestion in this area.

Service 46: Newcastle – Regent Centre – Brunton Park – Featherstone Grove

This service will have a revised timetable to improve punctuality and better match capacity with demand. Buses will continue to run up to every 15 minutes on Monday to Saturday daytimes, but they will be less frequent in the early morning and late afternoon to reflect lower usage during these periods.

Monday to Saturday evening journeys will extend from Polwarth Drive to Featherstone Grove following requests from local residents. As a result, the times will change by up to five minutes. However, there will be no alterations to Sunday journeys, which will continue to run between Newcastle and Polwarth Drive only.

Service 57/57A: Ashington – Bedlington – Cramlington – Seaton Delaval – Monkseaton – Whitley Bay – North Shields

All journeys on service 57A will run via Northumberland Business Park, providing new links to employment in this area and reducing delays caused by traffic congestion at Moor Farm roundabout. As a result, there will be minor alterations to the timetable between Cramlington, High Pit and Annitsford.

There will be no changes to service 57, which will continue to operate as now.

MAX X7: Newcastle – South Gosforth – Quorum – Burradon – Seghill – Seaton Delaval – New Hartley – South Beach – Blyth

This service will be withdrawn from Amersham Road in Blyth to improve punctuality and speed up journeys to/from Newcastle. As a result, buses will run to a revised timetable between Blyth town centre and South Beach. Alternative journeys are available to/from Amersham Road on service X9, running up to every 30 minutes on Monday to Saturday daytimes (hourly in the evening, on Sundays and on Public Holidays).

Following feedback from customers, we are also cutting the price of some one-way tickets to improve value for money and match other services between Blyth and Newcastle. Here are our new prices for some of the most popular journeys:

- Blyth to Newcastle – £4.00 for adults and £1.70 for children (down from £4.80 and £2.30)
- Blyth to Quorum Business Park – £4.00 for adults and £1.70 for children (down from £4.80 and £2.30)
- Seaton Delaval to Newcastle – £4.00 for adults and £1.70 for children (down from £4.60 and £2.10)
- Seghill to Newcastle – £3.70 for adults and £1.70 for children (down from £4.20 and £2.10)

There will be no changes to multi-journey ticket prices, including the Quorum/Killingworth Routesaver that offers unlimited travel between Newcastle, South Gosforth, Quorum and Whitehouse Farm for only £3.60 for one day and £10 for a week.

MAX X9: Newcastle – Regent Centre – Cramlington – South Newsham – South Beach – Blyth

This service will have a revised timetable to improve punctuality and better match capacity with demand. Most Monday to Saturday buses will run up to ten minutes earlier or later and journey times will be extended by 2-3 minutes.

Following customers' requests, there will be an earlier bus from Blyth to Newcastle on Sundays and Public Holidays. This will leave Blyth bus station at 0824 and arrive in Newcastle at 0918. As a result, the existing journey at 0952 from Cramlington to Blyth will start from Newcastle at 0925.

There will also be some alterations to stand allocation in the Blyth and Newcastle Haymarket bus stations to reduce delays caused by congestion. Buses will use Bay 5 instead of Bay 6 in Blyth bus station and Stand V instead of Stand T in the Newcastle Haymarket bus station.

MAX X18: Newcastle – Regent Centre – Morpeth – Amble – Alnwick – Seahouses – Belford – Berwick-upon-Tweed

This service will be withdrawn from the centre of Beadnell village to reduce delays caused by traffic congestion and inconsiderate parking. Buses travelling towards both Alnwick and Berwick-upon-Tweed will serve a new stop on Harbour Road near the junction with the B1340. As a result, there will be minor alterations to the timetable between Embleton, Beadnell and Seahouses.

Service X30: Newcastle – Regent Centre – Newsham – Blyth – Cowpen – Bebside

This service continues to grow in popularity, so we are improving it to run every 30 minutes at Monday to Friday commuter times.

The morning journeys will leave Bebside Asda at 0608, 0638 and 0708, serve Blyth bus station at 0624, 0654 and 0724 then arrive in Newcastle at 0705, 0740 and 0815. The afternoon journeys will leave Newcastle at 1633, 1703 and 1733, serve Blyth bus station at 1721, 1751 and 1821 then arrive at Bebside Asda at 1734, 1804 and 1834.

Buses travelling from Newcastle to Bebside will use Bay 6 instead of Bay 5 in Blyth bus station. Buses travelling to Newcastle will continue to use Bay 1.