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| **Travel the West Sussex countryside with “Book-a-Bus” for only £1 per trip in August**  |
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| £1 Book-a-Bus Fare PR With the weather warming up and sights to discover in the county, why not leave the car at home and hop on board “Book-a-Bus” for only £1 per trip this August?“Book-a-Bus” is an on-demand bus service for areas in West Sussex with limited access to public transport. This flexible service is part of West Sussex County Council’s [Bus Service Improvement Plan](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/policies-and-reports/roads-and-travel-policy-and-reports/bus-service-improvement-plan/#what-we-are-delivering), which is funded by Department for Transport, that aims to make bus travel more attractive and offer a more environmentally-friendly way to travel.The bus service operates in four areas in the county:* The [99 Flex](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travel-and-public-transport/bus-and-coach-travel/bus-passes-and-discounts/bus-it/99-bus-and-99-flex/) lets you travel south of Petworth including Chichester, South Ambersham, Bignor and Fittleworth.
* The [98 Flex](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travel-and-public-transport/bus-and-coach-travel/bus-passes-and-discounts/bus-it/98-north-petworth/) operates north of Petworth including Midhurst, Wisborough Green, Upperton, and Durfold Wood.
* The [97 Flex](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travel-and-public-transport/bus-and-coach-travel/bus-passes-and-discounts/bus-it/97-flex-barnham/) serves the Barnham area, including Slindon, Arundel, Oving and Shripney
* The [96 Flex](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travel-and-public-transport/bus-and-coach-travel/bus-passes-and-discounts/bus-it/96-flex-north-west-chichester/) runs in north west Chichester, including Lavant, Fernhurst, West Marden and Singleton.

You can travel within these areas to reach local towns, other bus and rail connections, and visitor attractions.Councillor Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “West Sussex has so many beautiful places to visit. From walking trails in the South Downs, museums, and delightful shops - there’s always somewhere to explore. “I am pleased that ‘Book-a-Bus’ is able to provide a way for residents and tourists to travel to these places with the flexibility it offers on pick-up and drop-off locations.“Providing improved transport services like this is a key part of our council priority of having a sustainable and prosperous economy and helping people and communities to fulfil their potential.“With £1 bus fares this August, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the special discount and try the service if they haven’t already.” Local Transport Minister Simon Lightwood said:“Buses are an affordable and sustainable travel option and it’s fantastic to see that local people in West Sussex can make the most of the on-demand ‘Book-a-Bus’ service to get around more easily and for less this Summer.“Our Better Buses Bill will help West Sussex County Council continue transforming its local bus network by giving local passengers the modern, clean and efficient bus services they can truly rely on.”To *book a bus,* first check which service best suits your journey by visiting [www.westsussex.gov.uk/book-a-bus](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/book-a-bus). Anyone can use the service anytime between 7am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday. Passengers travelling in groups can request up to five seats per booking, subject to availability.**ENDS** **For further information please contact the news desk on 0330 222 8090 or email** **pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk****. For urgent out-of-hours enquiries please call 07767 098415.** Facebook  Twitter |

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