

Bus 479 Reduced Frequency

Service 479 Epsom-Ashtead-Leatherhead-Fetcham-Bookham-Effingham-Horsley-Merrow-Guildford

I'm writing to make you aware of forthcoming changes to Buses Excetera service 479 on 30th July 2018.

This service is operated by Buses Excetera on a wholly commercial basis on Monday to Saturday, without any subsidy from the County Council. The Sunday service operates under contract to SCC and is not due to change.

With effect from 30th July the section of route between Bookham Station and Guildford will be reduced to operate hourly (currently operated every half hour) on Monday to Saturday. The section of route between Epsom and Bookham Station will continue to receive a half hourly service.

Buses Excetera have supplied the timetable, please see attached, and are satisfied that the revised timetable will accommodate their passengers, although the times of their journeys will be different. There is no actual change to the route of 479, just the frequency.

This decision has been made by Buses Excetera to strengthen the overall financial positioning of this service. Although the operator has reported passengers numbers have stayed fairly static their operational costs have significantly increased and they are currently operating this service at a loss, which requires immediate action.

Journeys to St Andrew's, Therfield and Howard of Effingham Schools have all been retained.

New timetables will be at bus stops in late July, prior to the change being introduced and information will be on the County Councils website. Buses Excetera will advertise this change on their website and within the buses operating on service 479.