

IT'S YOUR SHOUT!

- Night TaxiBuzz has been the first casualty of bus reviews. What's next?
- The cuts are about efficiency savings not wholesale cutting of front line services. Fact sheet overleaf.
- You can write as a service user or supporter of public transport to any of the following:

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WHAAAT!! NO MORE NIGHT TAXIBUZZ? OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN

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Night TaxiBuzz represents one third of all Connect2Wiltshire runs in the Devizes area on weekdays. It operates from 6.15 pm to 10.15pm.

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Night TaxiBuzz can be booked up to 20 minutes before you travel to or from All Cannings, Allington, Alton Barnes, Alton Priors, Beechingstoke, Bishops Cannings, Coate, Etchilhampton, Hilcott, Honey Street, Horton, Lydeaway, Marden, Patney, Stanton St Bernard, Stert, Urchfont, Wedhampton, Woodborough, Wilsford and Pewsey station. C2W is wheel chair accessible. Adult fares start from £1.20.

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The Night TaxiBuzz is reducing parking at Pewsey Station, improving people's quality of life, helps people get to college, youth clubs, and return from work or a late night shift.

Over 4,000 trips were made in Night TaxiBuzz last year AND it is growing week on week.

Wiltshire wants to save £187,000 from public transport this year.

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Night TaxiBuzz costs £50,000. So this cut represents nearly 30% of Wiltshire's target cuts for the whole of the county.

Devizes Taxis are prepared to reduce the contract price by half. This is a hefty saving of £25,000 RIGHT NOW. BUT Wiltshire Council STILL wants to cut the Night TaxiBuzz.

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The cost per passenger is £3.70 NOT the £10 claimed by Wiltshire Council. Included in the £3.70 is the expensive remote Call Centre which the TaxiBuzz doesn't use.

Wiltshire commissioned Kennet Passengers to review C2W services in the Devizes area.

The report shows how savings can be made WITHOUT wholesale removal of front line services. BUT the cuts were announced before the ink was dry.

Wiltshire Council are interested in these findings, have found £10,000 for Pewsey and Devizes for transport for young people but STILL want to cut the Night TaxiBuzz.

SO HOW WILL YOU MANAGE AFTER THE CUTS ON 28th MAY?

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- If you can't drive how will you travel? Can you afford a taxi fare?
- If you travel in to work or college on the C2W how will you return?
- If you go to a club, bingo or see friends how will you travel? Or will you just not make the journey?
- Is it risky to ask for a lift from a friend at the pub?
- Do you need a wheel chair accessible vehicle? Do you have special needs?
- How will you get back from the trains arriving at Pewsey at 18:41, 19:44, 20:47 and 21:38?

☺ **IT'S YOUR SHOUT!** Gather at **BUS ISLAND, DEVIZES**, on **Monday, 26th APRIL at 6PM.**

☺ **WHAT DO WE WANT?** Fairness. We want the service to **continue for 6 MONTHS** to give us time to consider better options than a wholesale cut **AND bring better value to Wiltshire.**

☺ **BRING AN UMBRELLA!** And outdoor gear! Torch! Trolley!

☺ **SPREAD THE WORD!** Bring supporters... lots.



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