



# Press Release

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## Enhancements to Auchterarder Town Bus Service

Since its launch on 05 August 2019 the Auchterarder Town Bus Service has proved to be increasingly popular with local residents; who are using the bus for a whole range of journey purposes.

The Town Bus Service, which includes Services 49 and 49A, is operated by Docherty's Midland Coaches on behalf of Auchterarder Community Bus Group (ACBuG).

Andrew Warrington, Chair, Auchterarder Community Bus Group (ACBuG) commented that "Overall we have been very happy with the way the two routes have operated, and they have proven to be reliable and popular with users."

Andrew noted that "ACBuG has been keen to take on board feedback from both users and local residents. As a result improvements are being made to the timetables of both services commencing from Monday, 20 January 2020".

The changes are:

- Service 49:
- Feus added to the route after Benton Road; Hunter Street to be served one-way
  - Extra weekday journey from Co-op at 0910, arriving at St Margaret's at 0914
  - Extra weekday loop serving Southlands Road and Kincardine Road, providing an earlier arrival time at St Margaret's at 0929
- Service 49A:
- Castleton Park and New School Lane (for Parkdale) added to the route and timetable

Ross Brodie, ACBuG Trustee, highlighted "New timetable leaflets have been printed and are available on the Town Bus Service, from the Library and Health Centre, as well a number of local shops."

Ross was keen to remind anyone who had not used the service so far, that "In the residential areas and on roads with limited bus stops, the Town Bus operates on a 'hail and ride' basis (where safe to do so). Bus users should clearly signal to the driver that they want the bus to stop."

## Notes for Editors

**Service 49** operates five days a week (not Wednesday or Sunday) and links the main housing areas to the south of the High Street/Townhead, together with two new housing developments north of Hunter Street, to the Town Centre and St Margaret's Health Centre/Hospital.

**Service 49A** operates on Wednesday only, and links Grand Eagles and residential areas to the west, including Strathearn House, to the Town Centre and St Margaret's Health Centre/Hospital.

Both Services 49 and 49A operate hourly during the day.

The bus is low floor and wheelchair accessible, thus making it really convenient to use.

A low flat fare of £1.20 single applies throughout the town. The elderly and people with disabilities, who have a National Entitlement Card, travel free of charge.

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