

West Down Parish Council

County Councillors Report

January 2023

£2 Bus fare until end of March

Bus passengers in Devon can take advantage of a cap on single bus fares as part of the Department for Transport's new fares initiative, through the Government's Help for Households campaign.

Bus users will pay no more than £2 for a single journey when boarding the bus anytime in January, February and March.

With people up and down the country facing the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis, many can save money whilst choosing a more sustainable method of transport. A recent report by Stagecoach found that motorists replacing some journeys by bus and active travel could save consumers up to £6,000 a year. In addition, the report found that having the right measures in place to encourage people to make the switch, including cheaper fares, could help remove one billion miles of car journeys each week and cut CO2 by nearly 400,000 tonnes per week.

Why not try out the bus, for £\$ return a day out in Barnstaple would be bargain, or catch the bus to the railway station in Barnstaple and have a day out, it is a lovey trip to Okehampton

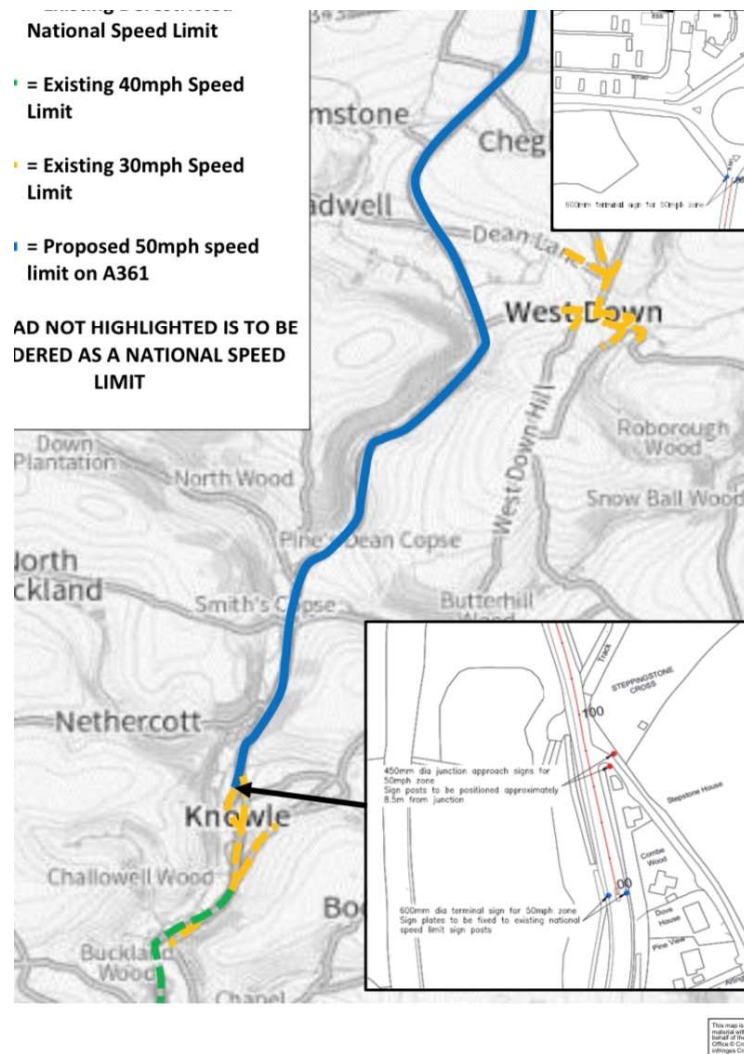
For more information on the £2 singles fares scheme, terms and conditions and exclusions, visit the [Travel Devon website](#).

Tarka trail Update

A brief summary regarding progress on the Tarka Trail between Willingcott and Knowle.

- Works to construct a 0.6km section of the route between Willingcott Holiday Village and Buttercombe Lane are expected to start on 27th February
- It is expected that the works will take approximately 9 weeks to complete.
- Once complete, the section of path will not be opened to the public until the path can be extended further to the south
- Land negotiation and detailed design for the next sections are progressing well and the County Council are pursuing opportunities to fund and deliver this next section of the route as quickly as possible, put another way....I'm on the case big time!!

Proposed 50mph speed limit Knowle to Mullacott Cross. (advert current)



Devon County Council (A361, Knowle) (50mph Speed Limit) Order

Devon County Council propose to make this under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce 50MPH Speed Limit along a specified length of the A361 Draft order, plan and statement of reasons may be seen at <https://devon.cc/tro> from 26th January 2023.

Free bookable computer use is available during the opening hours of Devon Libraries.

Documents are also available to view during normal office hours at the address below.

Objections and other comments specifying the proposal and the grounds on which they are made must be in writing to the address below or via <https://devon.cc/tro> to arrive by 16th February 2023.

Receipt of submissions may not be acknowledged but those received will be considered. If you make a submission, please be aware that your comments will be anonymised prior to being sent to Highway & Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) members for consideration or being published on the Council's website.

Your data may be shared within Devon County Council and with our partner agencies. Your personal details will be kept confidential in line with the Privacy Notice at <https://devon.cc/troprivacy> and will only be shared in accordance with the terms of this Privacy Notice or to comply with the Council's legal obligations. 26th January 2023 Reference LAB/DEV001-192 | Website Reference 6015 Director of Legal & Democratic Services, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter EX2 4QD Statement of Reasons

The speed limit change is being proposed on safety grounds to help tackle a series of speed related injury collisions along this route. The restrictions are proposed for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).

Reminder of how to report a Highway issue;

[Report a problem - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-transport)

[0345 155 1004](tel:03451551004)

Live chat is available on the Highways website Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4.30 pm (4 pm on Fridays). To report a problem with road maintenance, traffic management and parking, streetlights and signs and public rights of way

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