

Tickets and Fares

A range of period tickets are available on bus routes which are financially supported by West Berkshire Council, and on some commercial routes, under the 'Connect' brand.

As well as cash payment on the bus, **Newbury & District** and their parent company **Reading Buses, West Berkshire Council Transport Services** and **Thames Travel** (part of **Oxford Bus Company**) accept contactless card and mobile payments.

The free, **Newbury & District app** allows you to get tickets on your smartphone, plan your journey and track Newbury & District (includes the Jet Black 1) local buses. Visit <https://www.reading-buses.co.uk/newbury-district> for further information.

The free **Oxford Bus app** allows you to get tickets on your smartphone, plan your journey and get service updates for route 143 and X34 service. Visit <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/app> for further information.

Connect Ticket Types

The following period tickets are sold under the Connect ticket range

Ticket Type	Connect Urban		Connect Rural		Suitable for
	Adult fare	Child fare	Adult Fare	Child Fare	
Single tickets	Capped at £2.00	Capped at £2.00	Capped at £2.00	Capped at £2.00	Any one-way journey on one route. The fare depends on where you board and alight. Fare cap currently in place for many services until 31 October 2023. (applicable services listed below)
Return tickets	Capped at £4.00	Capped at £4.00	Capped at £4.00	Capped at £4.00	Any return journey on one route that same day. The fare depends on where you board and alight. Fare cap currently in place for many services until 31 October 2023. (applicable services listed below)
Connect Day	£6.00	£4.00	£6.00	£4.00	Unlimited use for one day on valid routes.
Connect Group Day	£10.00		£16.50		Unlimited use for one day for up to 4 people (adults and/or children), on valid routes.
FlexiConnect	£16.50	£12.00	£22.00	£14.00	Up to ten single journeys, on valid routes.
Connect 7-day	£16.50	£12.00	£22.00	£14.00	Unlimited use for 7 consecutive days, on valid routes.
Connect 30-day	£61.00	£42.00	£80.00	£54.00	Unlimited use for 30 consecutive days, on valid routes.

Child fares apply for **5-to-16 year olds** (inclusive) and young people aged through 18 (up to 19th birthday) who are in full-time education, if they produce valid identification, such as a CitizenCard (www.citizencard.com) or valid student ID.

Where and on which bus routes are the tickets valid?

This table identifies local bus routes on which these tickets are sold and/or accepted.

They are not currently sold or accepted on any other services, although we are working with operators to extend validity.

Service	Operator	Where	Connect tickets valid between	
			Urban	Rural (and Connect Day)
Jet Black 1	Reading Buses	Newbury to Reading Town Centre	Newbury to Colthrop Turn (east of Thatcham)	Newbury to Colthrop Turn (east of Thatcham)

			(Flexi and Group Day accepted but not sold on bus)	(Flexi and Group Day accepted but not sold on bus)
1a/1c/1d	Newbury & District	Newbury to Thatcham	Entire routes	Entire routes
1e	Newbury & District	Newbury to Thatcham	Entire route	Entire route
2, 2a, 2c	Newbury & District	Newbury to Wash Common/Pigeons Farm	Entire routes	Entire routes
3, 3a, 3c, 3x	Newbury & District	Newbury to Hungerford	Entire routes	Entire routes
4, 4a, 4b, 4c	Newbury & District	Newbury to Lambourn	Newbury to Stockcross	Entire routes
5, 5a, 5c	WBC Connect	Newbury to Downlands Villages	Newbury to Donnington (Castle Inn)	Entire routes
6	Newbury & District	Newbury to East/West Ilsley	Newbury to Shaw (Cemetery)	Entire routes
6c	Newbury & District	Newbury to East/West Ilsley	Newbury to Donnington (Castle Inn)	Entire routes
8	Newbury & District	Newbury to Tesco Retail Park via Greenham	Entire route	Entire route
9, 9b, 9c	Newbury & District	Newbury to Newbury Racecourse	Entire route	Entire route
X34	Thames Travel	Newbury to Harwell Campus and Didcot	Newbury to Vodafone HQ roundabout	Newbury to Harwell Campus
41	WBC Connect	Thatcham to Chapel Row/Theale	Not applicable	Entire route
44	WBC Connect	Thatcham to Beenham/Calcot	Not applicable	Entire route
47	WBC Connect	Lambourn to Swindon	Not applicable	Lambourn to Upper Lambourn (accepted but not sold)
103, 103a, 103b	Newbury & District	Newbury to Greenham Business Park	Newbury to A339 Bishops Green turn	Entire routes
H1	WBC Connect	Hungerford Town Centre service	Not applicable	Entire route (accepted but not sold)

Bus Passes

English National Concessionary Travel Scheme concessionary Bus Passes issued by West Berkshire Council and by other local authorities to eligible people are valid for free travel on local bus routes (with the exception of football/rugby bus routes) after 09:30 (9:30 a.m.) on weekdays, all day at weekends and on Public Holidays.

For more details about the concessionary Bus Passes, please visit

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/concessionaryfares>

An "early bird" concessionary fare ticket can currently be purchased before 9.30am on weekdays when showing a valid bus pass on many bus services in West Berkshire.

If boarding in the urban Newbury and Thatcham zone, it will **cost £1.50**; if boarding in the rural zone, it will **cost £2.00**.

Details of validity and zones are as follows:

Newbury/Thatcham urban boundary

Services	Operator	Outer boundary point
1a, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2, 8, 9, 103	Newbury & District	Entire routes

Jet Black 1	Reading Buses	Colthrop Turn (only valid on journeys between Newbury and Colthrop Turn)
3, 3a	Newbury & District	Sunderland Gardens
3c, 3x	Newbury & District	Speen
4	Newbury & District	Stockcross
5	Newbury & District	Woodspeen
6	Newbury & District	Shaw (Cemetery)
6a	Newbury & District	Donnington (Castle Public House)
7/7a, The LINK	Stagecoach South	Whole route within West Berkshire (only for journeys within West Berkshire)
X34	Thames Travel	Vodafone roundabout (only for journeys within West Berkshire)
41	WBC Connect	Cold Ash
44	WBC Connect	Thatcham Station

Rural boundary

Services	Operator	Outer boundary point
Lime 2/2a	Reading Buses	Not valid
143	Thames Travel	Whole route within West Berkshire
3, 3c, 3x, 4, 6, 6a	Newbury & District	Remainder of route within West Berkshire.
5, 41, 44 & 47	WBC Connect	Remainder of route within West Berkshire
X34	Thames Travel	To Harwell Campus (only valid on journeys between Newbury and Harwell Campus)

The early bird concessionary fare ticket is not available on the following bus routes

Services	Operator	Reason
2, 46a, X46	Stagecoach West	Services do not operate significantly within West Berkshire.
20, X22	Swindon Buses	Services do not operate significantly within West Berkshire.
133	Going Forward Buses	Services do not operate significantly within West Berkshire.
5a, 5c, H1	WBC Connect	Services do not operate before 9.30am
145	Going Forward Buses	Service does not operate before 9.30am
75	Carebus Volunteer Group	Service does not operate before 9.30am
154	Horseman Coaches	Service does not operate before 9.30am
15, 16, 25, 33, Jet Black 1 (east of Colthrop Turn)	Reading Buses	To be considered at a later stage

National £2 Single Fare Cap

A national single fare cap is currently in place until 31 October 2023. Journeys will be capped at £2 for single fare and £4 for a return.

The fare cap will be applied on the following routes across the district

Route	Operator	Destination
Jet Black 1	Reading Buses	Newbury to Reading Town Centre
1a, 1c, 1d, 1e	Newbury & District	Newbury to Thatcham
2	Newbury & District	Newbury to Wash Common/Pigeons Farm
2 (Stagecoach)	Stagecoach South	Basingstoke to Tadley/Baughurst
Lime 2 and 2a	Reading Buses	Mortimer to Reading Town Centre
3	Newbury & District	Newbury to Hungerford

4	Newbury & District	Newbury to Lambourn
5, 5a, 5c	WBC Connect	Newbury to Downlands Villages
6 & 6a	Newbury & District	Newbury to The IIsleys
7	Stagecoach South	Newbury to Andover
7a	Stagecoach South	Newbury to Burghclere via Penwood, Woolton Hill & Ball Hill
8	Newbury & District	Newbury to Greenham/Tesco
9	Newbury & District	Newbury to Racecourse Development
15	Reading Buses	Reading Town Centre to IKEA
16	Reading Buses	Reading Town Centre to Purley On Thames
20, X22	Swindon's Bus Company	Hungerford to Marlborough
26	Reading Buses	Reading Town Centre to Calcot
33	Reading Buses	Reading Town Centre to Turnham's Farm
X34	Thames Travel	Newbury to Harwell Campus/Didcot
41	WBC Connect	Thatcham to Theale
44	WBC Connect	Thatcham to Beenham/Calcot via Tadley
46, 46a, 48	Stagecoach West	Hungerford to Swindon
47	WBC Connect	Lambourn to Swindon
103	Newbury & District	Newbury to Greenham Business Park
143	Thames Travel	Reading Town Centre to Pangbourne, Upper Basildon and Goring
The LINK	Stagecoach South	Newbury to Basingstoke

On the 4 October 2023 the UK government announced the £2 Single Fare cap scheme will now continue until 31 December 2024.

Information on continued participation in the scheme should be available shortly.