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Bus User and Stakeholder (BUS) Group

September 2026

Welcome

Cllr. Derek Beer – Chair of the Dorset BUS Group

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Agenda

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2. Progress to date
3. Your Bus Journey
4. Next steps
5. Q&A

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1. Introduction

Izaaz Munshi – BSIP Officer

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BSIP Priorities

- Better network coverage and scale
- Better integration between modes
- Better and clearer information
- Better journey time reliability
- Better value and integrated fares
- Better vehicle standards and lower emissions

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first bus

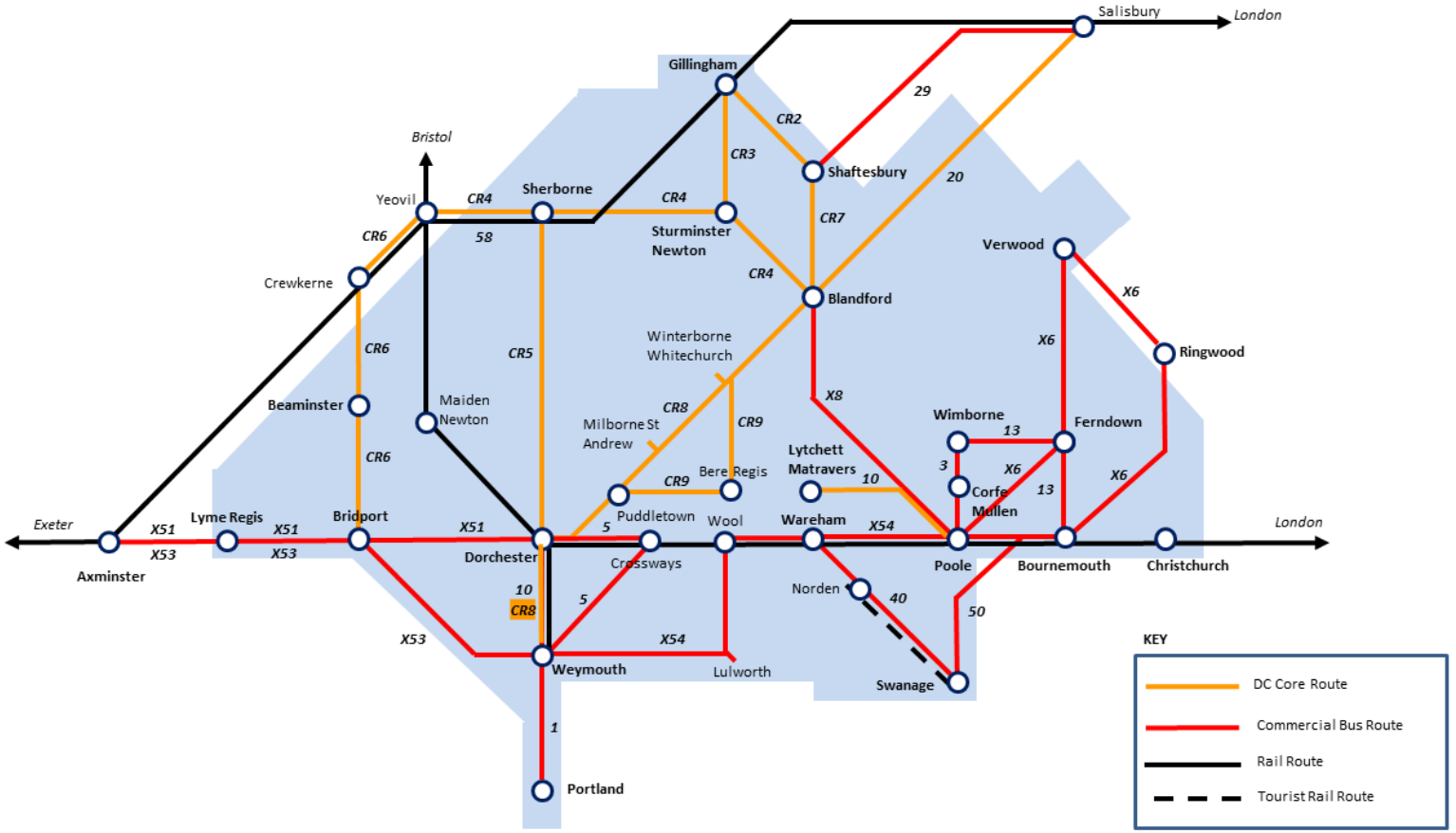
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Making journeys possible

Current Bus Network



Apr 2024

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2. Progress to Date

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Bus Grant Funding 2026/27

- Announced on 5thth December 2025
- Allocated by DfT ‘needs’ based formula

	Revenue funding	Capital funding	Combined
2026/27	£2,443,121	£1,711,407	£4,154,528
2027/28	£2,261,496	£1,745,808	£4,007,304
2028/29	£2,261,496	£1,780,208	£4,041,704
2029/30	Not Applicable	£1,814,608	£1,814,608

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Bus Shelter & RTI roll out

- 8 shelters rolled out for King Statues refurbishment to same unit
- Bus shelter expected for P&R for New Years
- 9 RTI units rolled out, 130 RTI units to be rolled out
- Expansion of RTI considered for rural locations
- Stakeholder engagement – Our senior pubic transport officer have been meeting with town and parish councils for Bus Shelter & RTI roll out



Top Left: 28 Market Pl, Blandford

Right: Stour Park, Blandford

Bottom: Weymouth P&R





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Community Transport Grant

- **Applications must be submitted by 20 October 2026!**
- You can apply for either:
  - a capital grant of up to £5,000 (20% match funding required)
  - a revenue grant of up to £2,500
  - a larger revenue grant of up to £20,000 (20% match funding required)
    – over £20,000 may be excepted in exceptional circumstance

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3. Your Bus Journey

Owen Clark – Strategic & Policy Manager

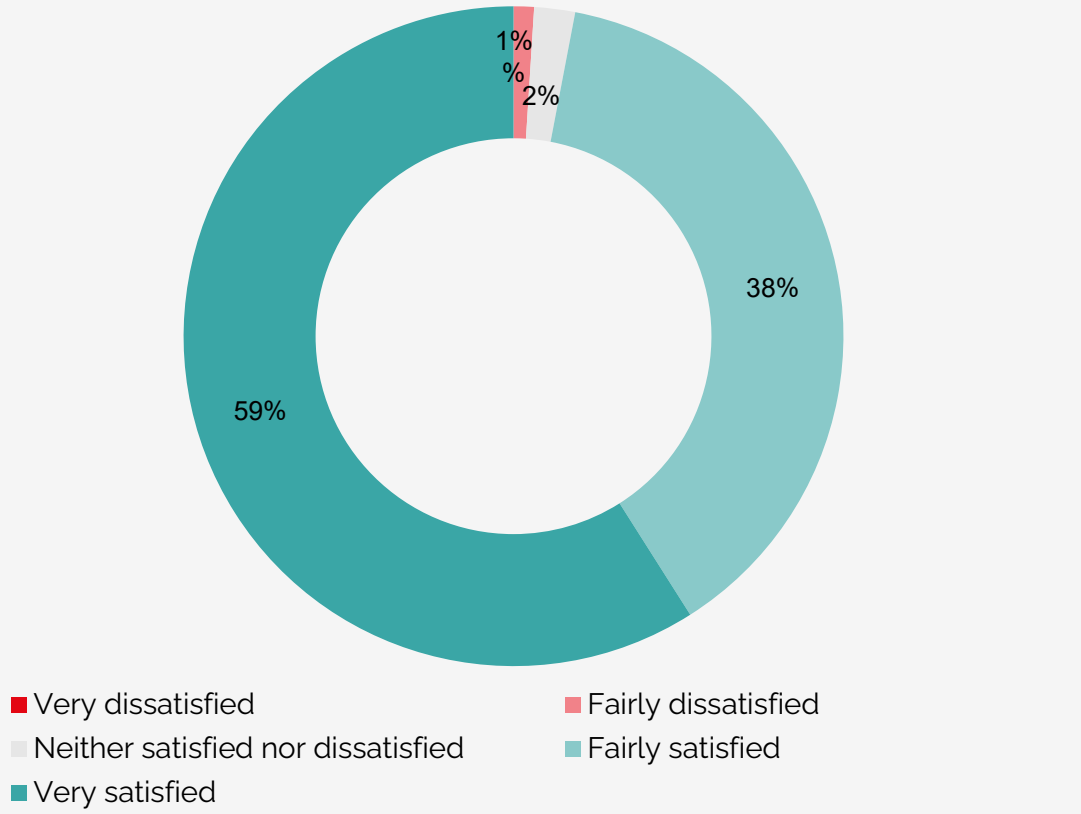
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Quarter 1 Survey Results

Independent survey run by Transport Focus providing insights on:

- Overall passenger satisfaction
- Reliability and punctuality
- Information before and during travel
- Ease of boarding and accessibility
- Value for money

Q9: Overall, taking everything into account from the start to the end, how satisfied were you with your bus journey?



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4. Next Steps

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Key Activities

- Submit delivery programme to DfT by 31st October 2026
- Complete delivery of all 25/26 schemes by March 2027
- Network Accessibility Plan by April 2027
- EP & BSIP review by April 2027
- Next bus group meeting March/April 2027

5. Q&A

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