

Bus Service Changes for March 2026

Lancaster Services

Service 5 Carnforth – Morecambe – Heysham – Overton

From **23 March 2026** Stagecoach will revise the timetable, adjusting times to improve overall service reliability.

Service 555 Lancaster – Carnforth – Kendal – Bowness-on-Windermere – Keswick

Service 755 Morecambe – Carnforth – Kendal – Bowness-on-Windermere

From **23 March 2026** Stagecoach will revise the timetables, adjusting and enhancing the services for the summer season.

Service 567 Kendal – Kirkby Lonsdale – Ingleton

From **23 March 2026** Stagecoach will revise the timetable, extending most journeys to operate beyond Kirkby Lonsdale through to Ingleton.

Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Services

Service 9/9H Cleveleys – Thornton – Poulton – Victoria Hospital – Blackpool

From **29 March 2025** Transporabus Ltd will withdraw this service. Alternative services are available across all the routes.

Service 24 Thornton – Bispham – Blackpool

From **29 March 2025** Transporabus Ltd will revise the route and timetable, withdrawing from the Fleetwood-Larkholme-Cleveleys section of the route following the ending of the contract agreement with Lancashire County Council. This section will be replaced with the extension of Blackpool Transport's Service 5 in partnership with Lancashire County Council (see below for details).

The timetable will be revised to operate between Cleveleys and Blackpool, in partnership with Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council.

Blackpool Transport Service Revisions

From **29 March 2026**, Blackpool Transport will introduce the following revisions to their bus service network:

Resort Rider Service 1 Fleetwood – Cleveleys – Blackpool

The route and timetable will be revised, adjusting the route between Fleetwood and Cleveleys to run direct along Broadway and in Fleetwood run in a loop using Station Road to Affinity, then Dock Street, Albert Street to Lord Street before returning to Blackpool. Larkholme will continue to be served by the extension to Service 5, in partnership with Lancashire County Council.

Victoria Line Service 5 Fleetwood – Cleveleys – Poulton – Victoria Hospital – Blackpool – South Shore

The route and timetable will be revised, extending the service from Cleveleys to Fleetwood via Larkholme, on behalf of Lancashire County Council, replacing Transporabus Service 24 on this section of the route.

Victoria Line Service 5A Staining – Victoria Hospital – Blackpool – South Shore

Victoria Line Service 5B Blackpool Zoo – Victoria Hospital – Blackpool – South Shore

The routes and timetables will be revised, adjusting the routes to run via St Annes Road instead of Lytham Road to provide a new direct link to Victoria Hospital. Both Services 5A and 5B will still operate hourly during the Monday to Saturday daytime, this will double the daytime frequency on the St Annes Road corridor to 4 buses per hour alongside new Service 7.

At the South end of these routes, Services 5A and 5B will run in a loop around: Highfield Road, Midgeland Road, Progress Way, Common Edge Road, Vickers Way – this is the new link road between Common Edge Road and the Enterprise Zone, Amy Johnson Way past Morrisons to Halfway House.

Service 5A runs anticlockwise around this loop, Service 5B runs Clockwise.

Aimed to deliver a much-improved service to the Enterprise Zone, replacing Service 18, with quicker journey times to Blackpool Town Centre and North Station.

From Central Drive, Services 5, 5A and 5B will still offer a combined 15-minute service to Blackpool Town Centre and Victoria Hospital. Service 5A will continue to run to Staining and Service 5B to the Zoo.

On Sundays, one journey per hour on Service 5 will serve Midgeland Road and run to Staining.

Victoria Line Service 5C Knott End – Poulton – Victoria Hospital – Blackpool

The timetable will be revised, coordinating the service to interwork with new Service 10.

Cross Town Service 6 Mereside - Blackpool – Grange Park

The route and timetable will be revised, removing the section of route to Peel Park, which will be served by the revised Service 18.

Cleveleys Connection Service 7 Cleveleys – Blackpool – St.Annes – Lytham

The route and timetable will be revised, extending the service through Lytham, replacing Service 11A. The service will run up to every 30 minutes during the daytime and hourly in the evenings, 7 days a week. In Blackpool Town Centre, this service will use stop MA03 on Market Street towards Lytham and the usual 7 stop CO1 on Corporation Street towards Cleveleys.

Cleveleys Connection Service 8 Cleveleys – Blackpool – St.Annes – Lytham

The service will be renumbered from Service 7A. The timetable will be revised, adjusting peak timings to improve overall service reliability. In partnership with Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council, utilising HM Government Bus Grant funding, the Saturday daytime frequency will be enhanced to every 20 minutes. Evening and Sundays remains at every 30 minutes.

Lytham Lines Service 10 Blackpool – St.Annes – Lytham

The service will be renumbered from Service 11B. The route and timetable will be revised, adjusting timings to improve overall service reliability. Within Blackpool Town Centre, the service will terminate on Corporation Street, continuing cross town, interworking with Service 5C.

Lytham Lines Service 11 Blackpool – St.Annes – Lytham

The timetable will be revised, adjusting timings to improve overall service reliability.

Service 11A Blackpool – St.Annes – Lytham

The service will be replaced by the extended Service 7.

Service 12 Blackpool – Whitegate Drive – Victoria Hospital – Bispham – Poulton

Following a review, the service will be withdrawn, due to low passenger numbers. However, the section between Victoria Hospital, Bispham and Poulton, where most customers use the service, will be maintained as an extension to Service 18. The school trips on the Service 12 are also replaced by trips on the extended 18.

Wyre Line Service 14 Fleetwood –Blackpool

The timetable will be revised, adjusting peak timings to improve overall service reliability.

Local Link Service 18 Blackpool – South Shore – Mereside – Victoria Hospital – Bispham – Poulton

The route and timetable will be revised, extending the service beyond Victoria Hospital to Bispham and Poulton to replace the withdrawal of Service 12.

Other route changes are:

- The service will also run direct along Whitegate Drive (instead of West Park Drive)
- The Enterprise Zone loop is now served by changes to services 5A and 5B.
- Buses will divert to serve Peel Park on Mondays to Fridays.
- Buses use Whinney Hays Road (behind the multi-story car park) between East Park Drive and Victoria Hospital Main Entrance.

Preston, South Ribble and Chorley Services

Service 16 Preston – Farringdon Park

Service 19/19A Lea/Larches – Portway P&R – Preston – Deepdale – Royal Preston Hospital

Service 35 Preston – Tanterton

From **30 March 2026** Preston Bus will revise these timetables, adjusting timings to improve overall service reliability.

Service 23 Bamber Bridge – Preston – Royal Preston Hospital – Fulwood Asda

From **30 March 2026** Preston Bus will revise the route and timetable, extending the service south to additionally serve Walton-le-Dale and Bamber Bridge. The new extension to Bamber Bridge will operate on alternate journeys, with journeys operating up to every 20 minutes daily daytime.

Service 124 Preston – Bamber Bridge – Gregson Lane – Hoghton – Brindle – Chorley

From **29 March 2026** Lancashire County Council, utilising Bus Grant funding from HM Government, will introduce this new service. Following service requests, this will create new direct public transport links between Preston and Chorley via Hoghton and Brindle.

This new service will operate between Preston and Chorley via Bamber Bridge, Gregson Lane, Hoghton, Brindle, Whittle-le-Woods and Chorley Hospital.

The service will initially operate every two hours during Monday to Saturday daytime. Vision Bus Ltd will operate this service on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Service X8 Chorley – Preston – Lancaster – Windermere – Keswick

From **28 March 2026** Stagecoach will reintroduce this service for the Summer 2026 season. The route will be adjusted to additionally serve Lancaster Bus Station in both directions.

West Lancs Services

Services 5 & 6 Ormskirk Town Services

From **29 March 2026**, Vision Bus Ltd will take over the operation of these services from Charlton Minicoaches on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

There will be no changes to the routes or timetables, just a change of service provider.

Trainlink Service 319 Skelmersdale – Headbolt Lane Station – Kirkby

From **30 March 2026** Lancashire County Council will revise the service to remove the limited stops in Kirkby and to now observe all bus stops along the route. There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

Preston Bus Ltd will continue to operate this service on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Ribble Valley, Burnley & Pendle Services

Service 2/2A Burnley – General Hospital – Nelson

From **29 March 2026**, Transdev will revise the route and timetable, withdrawing from the Nelson-Higherford-Colne section of the route following the ending of the contract agreement with Lancashire County Council. This section will be replaced with the introduction of Lancashire County Council's new Service 68 (see below for details).

The timetable will be revised to operate between Burnley and Nelson.

Services M1/M2/M3/M4/M5/M6 The Mainline

From **29 March 2026**, Transdev will revise the timetable, adjusting times to improve overall service reliability.

Service 60/60A Burnley – Lower Manor - General Hospital – Nelson – Marsden Park – Colne

From **29 March 2026**, Lancashire County Council will revise the route and timetable, extending Sunday service journeys between Colne and Nelson to operate the whole route through to Burnley. The route will also be revised in the Birtwistle Avenue area of Colne to operate direct along Birtwistle Avenue and omitting Burrell Avenue, Glenroy Avenue, Talbot Street and Ruskin Avenue. These narrow, residential roads have become extremely difficult to serve for the modern low floor accessible buses used on the route, which is impacting overall service reliability. Customers can continue to access the services at bus stops on the adjacent roads: Langroyd Road, Birtwistle Avenue or Harrison Drive.

Vision Bus Ltd will continue to operate this service on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Service 62 Burnley – Rose Hill Circular

Service 63 Burnley – Clifton Farm Circular

From **29 March 2026**, Lancashire County Council will revise the timetable, adjusting the times of the Sunday service journeys by up to 10 minutes.

Vision Bus Ltd will continue to operate these services on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Service 65 Burnley – Padiham – Fence – Nelson

Services 66/66S/67 Nelson – Barley – Chatburn – Waddington – Clitheroe

Service 69 Carr Hall – Nelson – General Hospital

From **29 March 2026**, Vision Bus Ltd will take over the operation of these services from Preston Bus Ltd on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

There will be no changes to the routes or timetables, just a change of service provider.

Service 68 Nelson – Higherford – Alkincoats – Colne

From **29 March 2026**, Lancashire County Council will introduce this new service to replace the withdrawn section of Transdev's Service 2 following the ending of the contract agreement.

The timetable will continue to operate generally every hour daily daytime with extended Monday to Saturday evening journeys. Times have been coordinated with Service 60 for through connections for journeys to/from Burnley. Passengers can also use the new AnyBus East Lancashire ticket to connect onto Transdev services at Colne and Nelson.

Vision Bus Ltd will operate this service on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Service 280 Preston – Whalley – Clitheroe – Barnoldswick – Skipton

From **30 March 2025** Stagecoach, in partnership with Lancashire County Council, will revise the timetable, adjusting Monday to Friday times by up to 10 minutes to improve overall service reliability.

Rosendale Services

Service 7 Rawtenstall – Bacup – Todmorden

From **29 March 2026**, Transdev, on behalf of Lancashire County Council, will revise the timetable, adjusting peak times to improve overall service reliability.

Service 8 Bacup – Burnley

From **29 March 2026**, Transdev will revise the route and timetable, adjusting times to improve overall service reliability. The Sunday route will be adjusted to additionally serve the Pennine Road loop in Bacup, on behalf of Lancashire County Council.