

# Uppingham Hopper Report

## 1. The Bus



Launched on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 with first passenger being Cllr Christine Edwards, a long time campaigner for the service

13 seats + wheelchair capability

Bus regularly cleaned by the Rotary Club of Uppingham

Stored overnight courtesy of Arnold Wills Ltd

Fuel account provided by Central Garage

## 2. The Initial Five Drivers



Dennis Broughton



Nick Cooper



Richard Holman



Richard West



Ron Simpson

All drivers have MIDAS accreditation and current DBS certification. Each driver works two half days per week on a five week rotating shift pattern. Drivers complete end of shift reports which are collated by Uppingham First.

Three male and two female residents have offered to be back up drivers and are currently awaiting approval

## 3. The Timetable (1.1.2016 onward)

|  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Uppingham Surgery - Car Park            | 09.00 | 10.00 | 11.00 | 12.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| 2. The Beeches - Bottom of Elizabeth Way   | 09.03 | 10.03 | 11.03 | 12.03 | 13.03 | 14.03 | 15.03 | 16.03 |
| 3. The Beeches - Notice Board              | 09.04 | 10.04 | 11.04 | 12.04 | 13.04 | 14.04 | 15.04 | 16.04 |
| 4. Ayston Road - N Entrance Wheatley Ave   | 09.05 | 10.05 | 11.05 | 12.05 | 13.05 | 14.05 | 15.05 | 16.05 |
| 5. High Street - Martins Newsagents        | 09.10 | 10.10 | 11.10 | 12.10 | 13.10 | 14.10 | 15.10 | 16.10 |
| 6. Station Road - Cemetery Gate            | 09.12 | 10.12 | 11.12 | 12.12 | 13.12 | 14.12 | 15.12 | 16.12 |
| 7. Tod's Piece Bus Stop                    | 09.14 | 10.14 | 11.14 | 12.14 | 13.14 | 14.14 | 15.14 | 16.14 |
| 8. Top of Hornbeam Lane                    | 09.16 | 10.16 | 11.16 | 12.16 | 13.16 | 14.16 | 15.16 | 16.16 |
| 9. Seaton Road - Entrance to Ash Close     | 09.17 | 10.17 | 11.17 | 12.17 | 13.17 | 14.17 | 15.17 | 16.17 |
| 10. Seaton Road - Entrance to Cedar Close  | 09.18 | 10.18 | 11.18 | 12.18 | 13.18 | 14.18 | 15.18 | 16.18 |
| 11. Welland Vale Garden Centre - Car Park  | 09.20 | 10.20 | 11.20 | 12.20 | 13.20 | 14.20 | 15.20 | 16.20 |
| 12. Uppingham Surgery - Ayston Road        | 09.23 | 10.23 | 11.23 | 12.23 | 13.23 | 14.23 | 15.23 | 16.23 |
| 13. Uppingham Surgery - Car Park           | 09.25 | 10.25 | 11.25 | 12.25 | 13.25 | 14.25 | 15.25 | 16.25 |
| 14. Ayston Road - N Entrance Wheatley Ave  | 09.27 | 10.27 | 11.27 | 12.27 | 13.27 | 14.27 | 15.27 | 16.27 |
| 15. North Street East - Outside Co-op      | 09.30 | 10.30 | 11.30 | 12.30 | 13.30 | 14.30 | 15.30 | 16.30 |
| 16. Stockerston Crescent - End of footpath | 09.33 | 10.33 | 11.33 | 12.33 | 13.33 | 14.33 | 15.33 | 16.33 |
| 17. Stockerston Rd - Jct with Newtown Rd   | 09.34 | 10.34 | 11.34 | 12.34 | 13.34 | 14.34 | 15.34 | 16.34 |
| 18. Stockerston Road - Aberdeen House      | 09.36 | 10.36 | 11.36 | 12.36 | 13.36 | 14.36 | 15.36 | 16.36 |
| 19. High Street West - Barclays Bank       | 09.39 | 10.39 | 11.39 | 12.39 | 13.39 | 14.39 | 15.39 | 16.39 |
| 20. Shepherds Way - Top of Cul-de-sac      | 09.42 | 10.42 | 11.42 | 12.42 | 13.42 | 14.42 | 15.42 | 16.42 |
| 21. Leicester Road - Cricket Club          | 09.43 | 10.43 | 11.43 | 12.43 | 13.43 | 14.43 | 15.43 | 16.43 |
| 22. Leicester Road - Sports Centre         | 09.44 | 10.44 | 11.44 | 12.44 | 13.44 | 14.44 | 15.44 | 16.44 |
| 23. Uppingham C of E School                | 09.45 | 10.45 | 11.45 | 12.45 | 13.45 | 14.45 | 15.45 | 16.45 |
| 24. Dolphin Court                          | 09.47 | 10.47 | 11.47 | 12.47 | 13.47 | 14.47 | 15.47 | 16.47 |
| 25. Branston Road - Opposite Samuel Close  | 09.50 | 10.50 | 11.50 | 12.50 | 13.50 | 14.50 | 15.50 | 16.50 |
| 26. Firs Avenue - Top end                  | 09.52 | 10.52 | 11.52 | 12.52 | 13.52 | 14.52 | 15.52 | 16.52 |
| 27. Firs Avenue - End of Branston Road     | 09.54 | 10.54 | 11.54 | 12.54 | 13.54 | 14.54 | 15.54 | 16.54 |

Uppingham Hopper Timetable - 1.1.2016 - Times/route may be adjusted in the light of experience. Any changes will be notified to residents in advance - Help Lines 01572 495050 and 07710 328469

### Notes on Updated Timetable

1. Introduces 5 minute driver break on the hour at Uppingham Surgery
2. Creates new town centre stop in High Street West for Newtown Road and Stockerston Crescent passengers so they do not have to go round the houses to get to town
3. Creates new town centre boarding point opposite Barclay's Bank for Leicester Road, Cricket Club and Shepherds Way passengers
4. Provides new stop No 14 for passengers returning to The Beeches
5. Provides new bus interchange for Stamford and RF1 buses at stop No.12
6. Retains 2/3 minute stop in High Street at Martins Paper Shop.

#### 4. Start- up Costs

1. Ten year old bus bought and loaned for 6 months by RCC
2. Training of 4 drivers (other already MIDAS trained) funded and delivered by RCC
3. DBS for 4 drivers (others have recent certificate) funded and delivered by RCC
4. Operating Permit – funded by Uppingham First

#### 5. Budget and Operating Costs (Max £4k) 50% RCC retrospective payment 50% UTC paid in advance

23.10.2015 50% recharge of Hopper Bus Operating Costs to 25.10.15 (Exc. invoiced fuel)

| ITEM  | NETT                       | VAT   | GROSS        |                 |
|---|----------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------|
| First diesel for timetable runs and trials (29.09.2015)                                       | 50.83                      | 10.17                                       | 61.00        |                 |
| Initial diesel and batteries for vehicle emergency torches (missing)                          | 25.74                      | 5.15  | 30.89        |                 |
| Initial Identity Cards  | 59.99                      | 12.00                                       | 71.99        |                 |
| Hopper Bus sign   | 15.83                      | 3.17  | 19.00        |                 |
| Insurance - for 6 month trial (inc. IPT @ 6%)   | 621.68                     | 0.00  | 621.68       |                 |
| Keys -6 (only one poor quality key came with vehicle)   |                            |   |              |                 |
| Made and programmed by Timpson's  | 247.50                     | 49.50                                       | 297.00       |                 |
| Timetable printing (Distributed free by volunteers from<br>The Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum) | 90.83                      | 18.17                                       | 109.00       |                 |
|   | <b>Sub Totals</b>          | 1112.40                                     | 98.16        | 1210.56         |
|   | <b>50% Recharge to RCC</b> | <b>556.20</b>                               | <b>49.08</b> | <b>605.28</b>   |
|   | <b>23.10.2015</b>          | <b>Invoice No 1 Total to be paid by RCC</b> |              | <b>£ 605.28</b> |
|   |                            | (Credited to UF Bank account 13.11.2015)    |              |                 |

**Total expended up until 11.12.2015 excluding invoiced fuel and breakdown repairs funded by RCC £1210.56**

#### 6. Record of Operating Costs: Fuel (50% paid by RCC) – Invoiced monthly and paid online

**Up to 31.10.2015 - £346.74**

**1.11.2015 – 30.11.2015 - £346.53    1.12.2015 – 31.12.2015 - £398.75    1.1.2016 – 31.1.2016 - £402.45**

**9.12.2015 – Additional cash fuel payment of £45.96 made by UF to cover additional journeys**

**21.12.2015 – Hopper Brochure/Timetable printed and distributed (2000 copies) - £121.00 (to be recharged in February)**

**21.1.2016 – Puncture Repair, wheel balance and correct inflation of front tyres following Inspection - £25 (to be recharged in February)**

**Feb 2016 - Additional identity cards and Jackets to be ordered**

**Total expended up until 7.2.2016 excluding invoiced fuel and breakdown repairs funded by RCC £1402.52**

# Passenger Numbers Report (ongoing)

| <b>Week</b>  | <b>Number of Passenger Journeys in Week</b> | <b>Total Passenger Journeys</b> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Week 1</b>  | 126   | 126                             |
| <b>Week 2</b>  | 157   | 283                             |
| <b>Week 3</b> (2.5 days - Friday with back up bus)   | 77  | 360                             |
| <b>Week 4</b>  | 150   | 510                             |
| <b>Week 5</b> (four days only)                       | 128   | 638                             |
| <b>Week 6</b>  | 156   | 794                             |
| <b>Week 7</b> (2 days only - faulty fuel pump)       | 44  | 838                             |
| <b>Week 8</b> (four days only – faulty fuel pump)    | 113   | 951                             |
| <b>Week 9</b>  | 159   | 1110                            |
| <b>Week 9</b> - Christmas in Uppingham (5pm -9pm) *  | 12  | 1122                            |
| <b>Week 9</b> - Small Business Saturday (9am -4pm) * | 16  | 1138                            |
| <b>Week 10</b> - Age UK Christmas Party (2 hours) *  | 20  | 1158                            |
| <b>Week 10</b>                                       | 155   | 1313                            |
| <b>Week 11</b>                                       | 145   | 1458                            |
| <b>Week 12</b> (4 days up to Xmas Eve)               | 76  | 1534                            |
| <b>Week 13</b> (First of 2016)                       | 134   | 1668                            |
| <b>Week 14</b>                                       | 157   | 1825                            |
| <b>Week 15</b> (3.5 days)                            | 85  | 1905                            |
| <b>Week 16</b> (4.5 days)                            | 124   | 2029                            |
| <b>Week 17</b> (3 days)                              | 74  | 2103                            |
| <b>Week 18</b>                                       | 142   | 2245                            |
| <b>Week 19</b> (four days)                           | 162   | 2307                            |
| <b>Week 20</b> (3 days)                              | 91  | <b>2398</b>                     |

**Notes:**

**Bus Mileage at Beginning of Week 1 – 92,120km**

**Bus Mileage at end of Week 17 – 100,200km**

**Seven regular drivers now operational with one to train! Two reserves available for occasional back-up/emergencies**

1. **Week 20** – Three days only. Driver No 7 now fully operational. DBS Clearance for SH received. Credit card timetable forwarded to printers.

2. **Week 19** – Tuesday - Fuel still leaking from engine for first two minutes after start up. Bus booked in for further repair on Saturday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 2016. On Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm brakes failed owing to sudden loss of brake fluid. Bus recovered to RCC contract garage by breakdown crew from Melton. Concern expressed about quality of workmanship on vehicle. Bus still off road on 23.32.16! RCC asked to advise return date asap due to repeated enquiries from public. DBS Clearance for Jim Gray now received. Despite only running for four days week has highest number of passenger journeys yet!

3. **Week 18** - Bus leaking diesel from engine. Taken to garage Saturday 12.2.16 - Bus in for RCC inspection on Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016

4. **Week 17** - Bus in for repair two days with faulty step.

DBS clearance waited for Steve Harvey and Jim Gray.



5. **Week 17** - Phil Why now Driver A on rota!



Ron Simpson and Keith Hargreaves now relieving other drivers in turn

6. **Week 17** - Steve Harvey training to commence in Week 18. Week 16 lost property owner now identified.

7. **Week 16** - Driver team meeting held at 5.15pm on Friday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 in The Falcon Hotel. Two new drivers introduced to team. Joint discussion held on future of project and possible extension of volunteering roles. Lost property (handbag) handed in to police via Town Clerk

8. **Week 16** – Bus taken out of service at 12.30pm on Friday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 following breakdown of electric step. Possible leaking fuel tank also reported to RCC and garage.

9. **Week 15** - 1.5 days lost waiting for bus repair. DOT guideline inspection carried out. Bus returned with brakes sorted and new /remould tyres, presumably authorised by RCC.

10. **Week 15** - Bus taken out of service 4.30pm on 21.1.15 to repair front left tyre puncture, balance and correctly inflate two front tyres to 70 psi. Fault on inner wall of replacement tyre noted and reported to RCC.

11. **Week 15** - Driver Phil Whay commissioned and supported on first half day shift by RS.

12. **Week 14** - Bus taken out of service and returned to garage for brake part replacement and tyre inspection 2.30pm Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

13. **Week 14** - DBS clearance waited from RCC on two additional drivers. Sally Killips is chasing up! Query about missing D1 Cat on volunteer JG licence taken up.

14. Hopper still being promoted on Radio Rutland, Twitter, Facebook and on websites [www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk) and [www.uppinghamhopper.uk](http://www.uppinghamhopper.uk)

**Ron Simpson - Uppingham First – 26.2.2016**

**Note. Identity Card costs to be added at end of month!**