## We save shopping bus service and ondemand service

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Two further local bus services are under threat as their current operator are to cease trading, but have a new operator thanks to us.

Derbyshire Community Transport (DCT) ran a number of services for us, including the shopper bus service in Chesterfield, Bolsover, North East Derbyshire, Erewash and Amber Valley, and the trial Travel Derbyshire On Demand bookable bus service (which operates across Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire).

Unfortunately DCT signalled their intention to close down by the end of October, leaving these services without an operator.

New contracts for both the Derbyshire Connect shopper bus service and Travel Derbyshire on Demand are being awarded to Community Transport for Nottingham (CT4N). It is planned that the new services will start on Monday 4 November, leaving a gap in service of just 1 day, as the DCT services will end on Thursday 31 October.

The services will run exactly as they are now. CT4N, are taking on some of the vehicles used by DCT. The contact for enquiries is, email <u>hello@ct4n.co.uk</u> or telephone: <u>0115 9691801</u>.

The current booking app used on the Travel Derbyshire on Demand service will remain the same.

Our Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport, Councillor Charlotte Cupit, said:

"I am pleased that we have been able to find a new operator to take on these 2 services, following on from last week's announcement that we had saved the local 147 and 148 services too. We know these services are a lifeline for many communities in the county, so we've been working hard to secure their continuation. We know the On Demand bookable service is proving really popular with local communities it serves too, so we're pleased to be able to continue the trial of it.

"We were very sorry to hear the news that DCT were winding up but we have now found operators to take on all the services they ran on our behalf. Many thanks to our public transport team at the council for their work on this and as they continue to make the transfer of these services as streamlined as possible."

Find more information on the Derbyshire Connect shopper service .

Find information on Travel Derbyshire On Demand .