

Lothian make changes to routes in West Lothian

Further improvements were announced to bus services to and from West Lothian today. Lothiancountry are making some changes from 31 March 2019.

The company says that there will be new jobs created showing their commitment to the area.

Details of all the new services are at the bottom of this article.

Nigel Serafini, Commercial Director, Lothiancountry said: “As a socially responsible operator, we know that providing lifeline connections for residents and commuters is vital. Since starting operations in the area, we have seen customer growth of over 100% which is a real testament to our dedicated workforce who deliver a fantastic customer experience every day. We are excited to be able to further enhance our operations in the West Lothian area, with the introduction of a new service and improvements to our network, giving our customers more choice and better connectivity across West Lothian and Edinburgh.”



Lothiancountry

Lothiancountry began operations in West Lothian in August 2018, and operate a fare structure based on a simple and customer friendly zonal system. Along with great value single fares the company offer three Dayticket options for customers.

- The countryWEST Day Ticket provides customers with unlimited travel across West Lothian for £5 per day.
- The lothianWEST Day Ticket will allow unlimited access and unrivalled value across all Lothian Country services and Lothian city services for just £7.50 per day.
- The NETWORK Day Ticket, which will allow Lothian Country customers access to all Lothian day services, Airlink and East Coast Buses services at just £9 for a whole day.

For regular customers and users, discounted m-ticket bundles are available to purchase for Lothiancountry services via the Lothian app saving on standard fares.

A bespoke fleet of vehicles in Lothiancountry's distinctive green and cream livery fitted with USB charging points and Wi-

Fi are used on these services, offering customers high levels of comfort and quality for their journeys.

Full service change details:

Service X18 – Revised Route & Timetable

Route is revised and will no longer serve Wester Inch, instead serving Bathgate, Edinburgh Road and the Town Centre. The route will be extended from Armadale Station to Whitburn West End with improved Saturday & Sunday early morning timetable. Some journeys re-timed on all days of the week to better cater for workers travelling to and from the Tesco distribution centre. The bus stop at Western Corner will no longer be served in either direction.

Service X27/X28 – Revised Route & Timetable

Service X27 will be re-routed to serve Dedridge West, providing direct links from this part of Livingston to Edinburgh and Deans/Bathgate. Within Bathgate, the route is altered to terminate at the Morrison's store instead of South Bridge Street. A revised timetable will be introduced with earlier journeys on Mondays to Fridays and Sunday mornings, including journeys timed specifically for shift workers at the Tesco distribution centre. Earlier morning journeys will now operate from Bathgate on all days of the week. The stopping pattern within the City will be altered with additional stops introduced at Chesser Avenue and Balgreen Road. Additionally, all stops between Sighthill and Saughton Mains/Parkhead Terrace will now be served.

Service 275 – Revised Timetable

Revised timetable introduced on all days of the week. Additional early morning journey introduced from Livingston to Edinburgh Park.

Service 280 – Revised Route & Timetable

Revised route, with buses additionally serving Ladywell East and Burnbank. The Monday to Saturday daytime frequency will be increased to every 20-minutes and some journeys will be specifically re-timed for shift workers at the Tesco distribution centre.

Service 281 – NEW Service

New service linking Deans North with Carmondean, Knightsridge, Ladywell, St John's Hospital, Craigshill, Livingston Centre, Bellsquarry, Polbeth, West Calder, Addiewell and Loganlea. Buses will operate up to every 30-minutes on Mondays to Saturdays, and hourly on Sundays. This service will provide new direct links on the Lothian Country network from parts of Livingston to Morrison's/The Range and West Calder/Addiewell.

Service 287 – Revised Route & Timetable

Revised route, with buses now serving Ladywell East and Burnbank. Additionally, the route in Howden will be altered to serve Braid House. This service will now use Stop 'E' at Livingston Bus Terminal, as per the 275 to Whitburn. A revised timetable introduced.

Service N28 – Revised Route & Timetable

A new journey from Leith Street to Deans North at 00:25 will be introduced on all days of the week. On Monday to Saturday mornings a new journey from Deans North to Longstone will be introduced at 03:30 for early morning workers. On Saturday mornings the 04:30 journey from Deans North to Sighthill will no longer operate, and on Sunday mornings, the 03:30 & 04:30 Deans North to Sighthill journeys will no longer operate.

Service 109 – Withdrawn

This service will no longer operate, and is partly replaced by early morning journeys on Services N28 & X28.

Full details can be found on www.lothiancountry.co.uk