

Future pilot for the 13 bus service

Following a recent consultation run by Kent County Council (KCC) a 12 month pilot has been approved for the 13 service to become a feeder bus.

Instead of providing a direct service into Maidstone the bus will stop at Morrisons on Sutton Road where you will be able to catch the number 82 into Maidstone Town Centre. This means the bus can run more often.

	Current service	Feeder service
Stopping Points	Hollingbourne - Otham - Leeds – Langley	
Destination	Maidstone Town Centre	Morrisons, Sutton Road
Frequency	6 return journeys	10 return journeys (hourly)
Connections	Not Required	Arriva 82 to Maidstone Town Centre every 10 minutes Arriva 12 to Headcorn and Tenterden every 30 mins

Concessionary travel passes will still be accepted and if you buy a ticket on board you will be able to use on both buses without paying any extra.

The service will continue to be operated by Nu-Venture Monday to Friday and school journeys will **not** be affected.

The changes are due to take place in June. After a year KCC will decide if the changes will be permanently or if the 13 service should go back to the current timetable.

Finalised timetables are due be available in May.

Future pilot for the 59 bus service

Following a recent consultation Kent County Council (KCC) and Arriva have agreed to pilot running the 59 service as a feeder bus for a 12 months. KCC funds the service on a Saturday, and Arriva runs the service Monday – Friday.

Instead of running directly into Maidstone via the A229, the bus will stop at Morrisons on Sutton Road (A274) where you will be able to catch the number 82 into Maidstone Town Centre. This means the bus can run twice as often.

	Current service	Proposed service
Stopping Points	Grafty Green, Ulcombe, Kingswood, Chart Sutton, Boughton Monchelsea	
Destination	Maidstone Town Centre	Morrisons, Sutton Road
Number of Journeys	3 return journeys	6 return journeys
Connections	Not Required	Arriva 82: Maidstone Town Centre every 10 minutes Arriva 12: Headcorn and Tenterden every 30 mins

Concessionary travel passes will still be accepted and if you buy a ticket on board you will be able to use it on both buses without paying any extra.

The service will continue to be operated by Arriva and school journeys will **not** be affected.

The changes are due to take place in June. After a year KCC and Arriva will decide whether they should be made permanent.

Finalised timetables are due to be available in May.