

Talking Bus Stops- access to Real Time Bus Information for Blind and Partially Sighted Residents.

There are over 250 of the popular real time information screens now installed at the busiest bus shelters across Bournemouth and Poole. In addition to the visual display, the signs are also able to give a clear audible announcement of when the next buses are due to assist passengers with visual impairments.

As many of the bus stops are in residential areas it would not be appropriate for the audible announcements to be operating continuously. Instead they are triggered on demand by a key fob (see below) which is available from your local council. These are designed to a National standard in conjunction with the RNIB.



Turning the fob on

Always hold the fob with the key ring clip towards you and the buttons facing upwards.

Press both buttons down at the same time. Two audible beeps will sound to indicate the fob has been switched on. The blue LED will flash twice.

The shelter display will then announce your current location when you enter the bus stop.



Left hand button

Point the fob in the direction of the bus shelter display and press down the left hand button. The fob will beep and the LED will again flash to confirm.

The shelter display will then clearly announce all of the bus routes that serve this stop and their final destinations. This is useful to find out if you are waiting at the right stop for the direction you are travelling.



Right hand button

Point the fob in the direction of the bus shelter display and press down the right hand button. The fob will beep and the LED will again flash to confirm.

The shelter display will then clearly announce the next three bus departures from the stop.

The information is in the same format as that shown on the electronic displays.

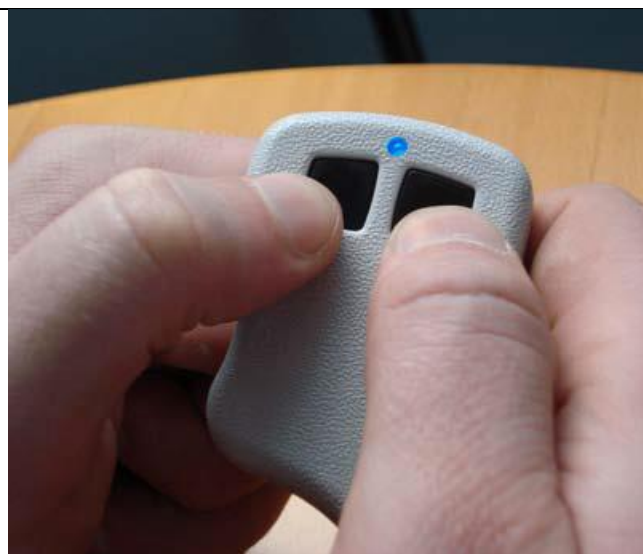


Real Time – departure announced in minutes eg 2 minutes

The system has identified a bus and will use satellite tracking to accurately countdown the arrival time. When due is announced be prepared to signal to the driver of the bus to stop.

Scheduled time – departure announced in 24 hour clock eg 15:35

This is based on the printed timetable and should be taken as a guide.



Turning the fob off

Please wait at least 10 seconds after pressing either button before turning the fob off. Then press both buttons down. An audible beep and the LED will flash to confirm the fob has been turned off.

This will conserve battery life. The fob uses a single CR2032 battery which can be replaced by undoing the two screws and sliding out the battery.

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