



No. 31 Bus

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 90/13

11 NOVEMBER 2013

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval for the proposed extension of the current route of the No. 31 Bus to provide a direct transport link for St Lawrence residents during the six-month closure of the Undercliff.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The closure of a 400-metre section of the Undercliff from 1 November to 30 April 2014 has resulted in the re-routing of all traffic, including the No. 6 Bus, through Whitwell: the Island Roads' map of the effect is attached.
 - b) In response to the serious impact that will have on St Lawrence residents dependent on the No. 6 Bus for connection to other areas of the town, the Town Council has been involved in discussions with partners focused on securing an alternative service.
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2) NEW ROUTE

- a) Agreement has been reached with the support of the Isle of Wight Council on an extension of the current route from Ventnor Botanic Gardens to Spindlers' Road in the centre of St Lawrence
 - b) The route's current operator, Minibus Plus, have agreed to take on the new route at an additional cost of £5 a day and they have applied for the amended route to the traffic Commissioners.
 - c) The additional cost, depending on start date, will be of the order of £500 in the current financial year.
 - d) As soon as that approval is received, the new service will start on the basis of a new time table developed by Stuart George and Jim Morgan.
 - e) A copy of the revised time table is attached to this report.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to fund the additional daily cost and the cost of the route's re-registration.

No 31 Bus

Mon-Fri (not bank hols)

A to Bonchurch Village and Beach
 (Bonchurch/Madeira Rd is "hail and ride")

B to Ventnor Esplanade

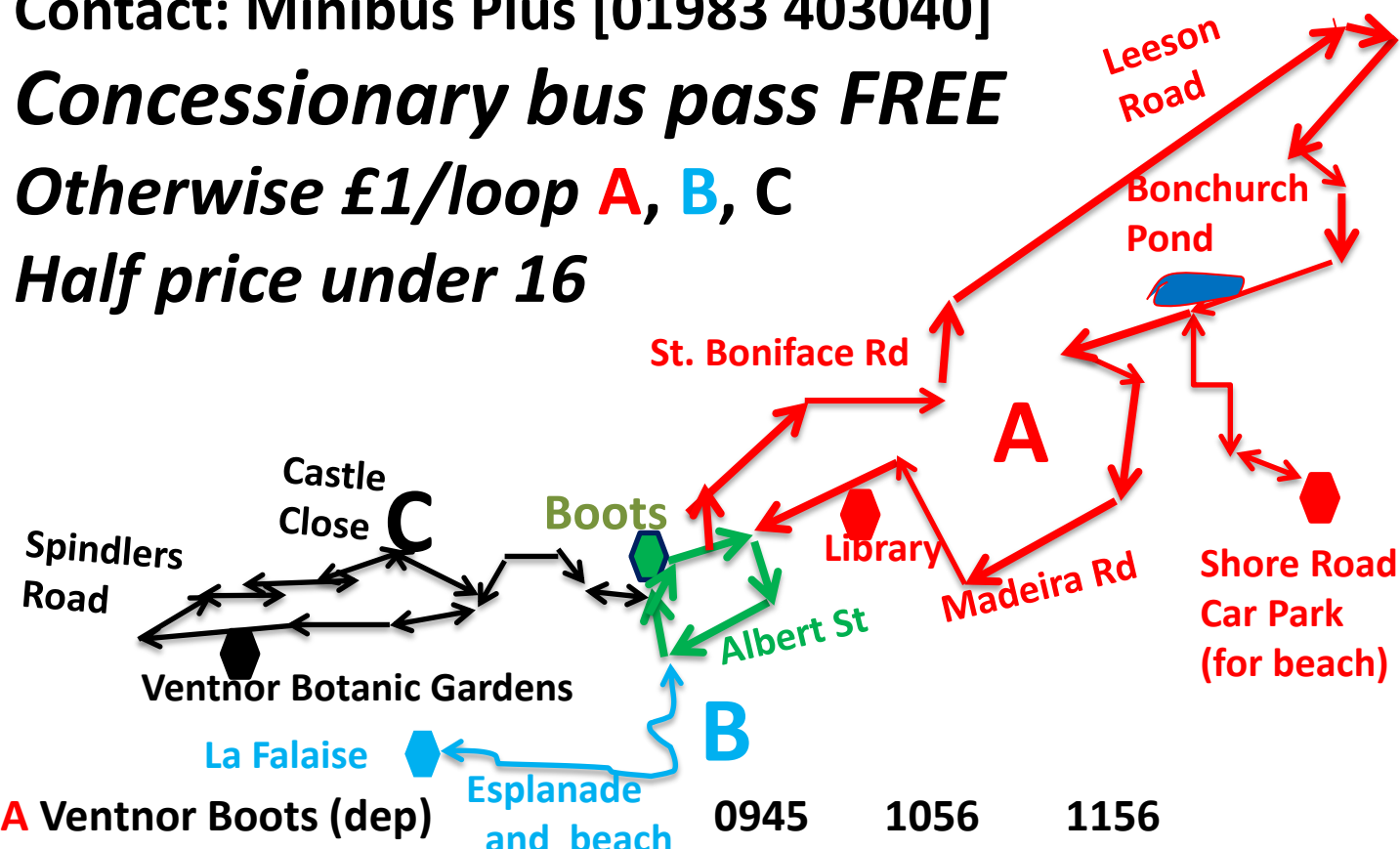
C to Spindlers Road

Contact: Minibus Plus [01983 403040]

Concessionary bus pass FREE

Otherwise £1/loop A, B, C

Half price under 16



A Ventnor Boots (dep)	0945	1056	1156
A Bonchurch Shute (top)	0949	1100	1200
A Shore Road Car Park	0956	1107	1207
A Madeira Road (Ventnor Towers)	1001	1112	1212
B Ventnor Boots (dep)	1007	1118	1218
B Ventnor Esplanade / La Falaise	1012	1123	1223
C Ventnor Boots (dep)	1018	1129	1229
C Ventnor Botanic Gardens	1025	1136	1236
C Spindlers Rd, St Lawrence	1030	1141	1241
C Castle Close	1035	1146	1246
V. Boots (T=terminates)	1045-T	1153-T	1253-T

Undercliff Drive, St Lawrence

Road Closure & Diversion Route Plan

KEY

-  Road Closure Extents
-  Vehicle Diversion Route to Niton / Ventnor
-  Vehicle Diversion Route to Niton Undercliff / St Lawrence



Working in partnership

Island Roads

