

# Phase One Services



Phase one of Fastway, the new 'smart' bus service for Crawley, Horley and Gatwick, operates between Bewbush Neighbourhood Centre, Crawley and Gatwick Airport's North Terminal.

Fastway services operate seven days a week, up to 20 hours a day (from 4 am until Midnight) with buses every ten minutes in each direction in peak periods. Adult fares on all buses operated by Metrobus in Crawley, including Fastway are 70p for a short hop or £1.10 for a longer journey.

For further details about Fastway services, contact Metrobus on Tel: 01293 449191 or visit the website at [www.fastway.info](http://www.fastway.info)



# Phase Two Construction

### Construction Underway

Construction of phase two of Fastway began in June 2003, with roundabouts on Southgate Avenue at the junctions with Station Way and Haslett Avenue East being replaced with traffic lights. Work will shortly begin on the A23 to provide a southbound guideway down the centre of London Road on the approach to Tushmore roundabout and improvements to the junction at London Road and Manor Royal.

### Public Exhibition

A Fastway liaison meeting and public exhibition will take place between 2-8 pm on 23 September in the Petworth Suite, Holiday Inn, Langley Green, Crawley. You are invited to come along to view the plans for the construction of phase two of Fastway currently in progress and to ask any questions you might have.

## For further information about Fastway...

To contact the Fastway Customer Support Team you can visit the Fastway site office next to Broadfield Stadium or call the freephone Fastway helpline:

# 0800 3898 146



# “HOP ONTO FASTWAY” Phase One Service Launched!



Local residents, business representatives and the media attended the official launch of phase one of Fastway, the £32 million high-tech guided bus scheme for Crawley, Horley and Gatwick on 1 September. Phase one runs between Bewbush, Crawley and North Terminal, Gatwick Airport. (See back page for map and timetable.)

Celebrations in Crawley town centre marked the event, with street entertainers and jazz band entertaining the crowds before the arrival of the official launch vehicle. Transport Minister Tony McNulty MP provided government endorsement of the project and Olympic medal-winning modern pentathlete Kate Allenby (below), declared the service launched before accompanying the official Fastway vehicle on a promotional tour around the region. Crawley Mayor Cllr Brian Quinn was in attendance.

Lieutenant Colonel Tex Pemberton, Chairman of the Fastway Steering Group, West Sussex County Council,

who welcomed guests on behalf of the Fastway Partners, said: "We are thrilled to see the smart new Fastway vehicles in action for the first time. Fastway is a beacon for the intelligent, integrated transport so essential for the region's future development. I urge everyone to leave their cars at home and hop onto Fastway to get around town or up to the airport,

whether it is to school, work or to the shops.

Cllr Doug Murdoch, Crawley Borough Council, added: "This is a great day for Crawley. Now local businesses and, most importantly, local people can really begin to enjoy the benefits of a state of the art public transport system."



"Fastway Youth Champions from Hazelwick School cut the Fastway cake with Fastway Celebrity, Kate Allenby and Tony McNulty MP. Pictured from left to right Crawley Councillor Doug Murdoch, Simran Villkhu, Tony McNulty MP, Craig Hill, Kate Allenby, Kirsty Davenport and Lt.Col. Tex Pemberton, West Sussex County Council.



# Launch Day Highlights



Above, Fastway Partners and official guests hop aboard the launch vehicle at Broadfield Stadium. Pictured from left to right: Fastway Youth Champions Craig Hill and Kirsty Davenport; Cllr David Dewdney, West Sussex CC; Fastway Youth Champion Simran Villkhu; Christopher Heaps, South Eastern & Metropolitan Traffic Area; Kay Hammond, Executive Member, Surrey CC; Tony McNulty, MP, Under-secretary of state for Transport; Sue Quinn, Mayoress of Crawley; Cllr Chris Redmayne, Leader, Crawley BC; Cllr Brian Quinn, Mayor of Crawley; Lt Col Tex Pemberton, Chairman of the Fastway Steering Group, West Sussex CC; Mike Clasper, Chief Executive, BAA; Cllr Doug Murdoch, Crawley BC; Helen Clack, Executive Member, Surrey CC; Roger Cato, Managing Director, BAA Gatwick; Steve Smith, Airport Policy Manager, British Airways; Cllr Bernard Kendall, Reigate & Banstead BC; Alan Eatwell, Managing Director, Metrobus and Cllr John Meech, Reigate & Banstead BC.



Above and below, street entertainers, face painters, chalk artists and a jazz band added a touch of colour and led the official launch vehicle into the High Street on launch day, celebrating the start of phase one services.



Left, Christine Cheshire, Chairman of the Crawley Town Access Group (TAG) tests out the Fastway ramp. Members of TAG were consulted over the choice of vehicle for the Fastway fleet and with the design and specification of the bus interior.

Right, Lt. Col. Tex Pemberton, West Sussex County Council and Roger Cato, Managing Director of BAA Gatwick ask one of the first passengers on Fastway what they think about the new service.



# Fastway Arrives at Gatwick

Fastway is the first of its kind to serve a major international airport and it supports BAA Gatwick's strategy to reduce car use in the local area and to encourage the greater use of public transport for journeys to and from the airport.

The airport's £4 million investment into the £32 million Fastway project has been one of the legal obligations outlined within its Transport Plan as part of its Sustainable Development Strategy.

Roger Cato, Managing Director of BAA Gatwick said: "Today is an important milestone in the delivery of BAA Gatwick's Transport Strategy. Fastway is the smart new major public transport initiative in the Gatwick area. It has been designed with the needs of airport staff and local employers in mind, with its extensive hours of operation, its frequency and reliability for an affordable fare. I am confident Fastway offers a real alternative to the car particularly for journeys to and from work."



Above, the Fastway Partners discuss the features of the new interchange at Gatwick South Terminal. From left to right, Cllr Doug Murdoch, Crawley BC; Mike Clasper, Chief Executive, BAA Gatwick; Roger Cato, MD, BAA Gatwick; Lt. Col. Tex Pemberton, West Sussex CC.



Right, the new Fastway interchange and covered walkway at Gatwick South Terminal which features real time passenger information, which counts down to the arrival of the next bus.

## Transport Conference

BAA Gatwick will promote the Fastway project at Interchange, the UK's only integrated transport & Infrastructure event, at the QEII Conference Centre London 26-27 November.

Delegates will be given the opportunity to tour the Fastway route around Crawley and Gatwick and to see how the latest technology monitors Fastway vehicles from the control centre in Surrey.

For further details contact Katherine Searle, In-house Communications Tel: 01732 45 45 51



# Horley Residents Preview Fastway

Horley residents were introduced to Fastway as part of a promotional tour around the region on launch day. Cllrs from Horley Town Council, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Surrey County Council (pictured, left) greeted the bus in Victoria Road, Horley.

Kay Hammond, Executive Member, Surrey CC said: "With the first phase of Fastway now up and running, we are on the way to having a fast and efficient transport service linking Horley, Gatwick and Crawley. Today's launch provides a preview of this premium service that will be available to the people of Horley in just a few years time. I'm delighted to see this milestone reached."

Olympic modern pentathlete Kate Allenby (right) challenges Fastway to a race!

