

The 56 Bus route is under threat



Following the announcement by Arriva that the 56 bus is being withdrawn on 22nd April, **Cllr Simon Galton** is campaigning to retain a bus service in the Station Road/ Lane area.

A public meeting has been organised by Scraftoft and Thurnby & Bushby parish councils on 6th April at Fernvale School. See overleaf for details of the meeting.

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Huge concern at decision to withdraw local bus service

**ACT NOW
Save the 56
bus service!**

Local residents in Thurnby and Scraftoft are voicing their concern at the decision by Arriva to withdraw the 56 bus from 22nd April. The 56 serves large areas of Thurnby and Scraftoft, north of the A47.

The route is a commercial service which receives no public subsidy. Under current Government policy bus operators are free to decide which routes to run and can set the fares and timetable. The County Council has powers to subsidise unprofitable bus routes but this is becoming more difficult due to funding cuts. The Council say they are “exploring potential options to cater for local essential needs.”

Arriva says part of the 56 route is no longer commercially viable and this is why they are making changes. A new 55 route will serve Scraftoft village and the David Wilson estate but this will operate via Scraftoft Lane and Thurnby Lodge, leaving Station Road/ Lane without a bus service.

Many local residents have contacted **Cllr Simon Galton** to express concern that they could be left without a bus service. Simon said, “People use this bus to get to work, college, hospital appointments and shopping. The area is experiencing housing growth and developers have made great play of the fact that it benefits from ‘good public

transport links.’ We are not in a deep rural area – Thurnby and Scraftoft are only 4 miles from the City centre and residents need a local bus service.”

A petition signed by over 500 people is being presented to Leicestershire County Council. **A public meeting is taking place at 6.30pm on 6th April at Fernvale School, Somerby Road, Thurnby.** Representatives from the Council and the bus operators have been invited to attend. Please come along and show your support for retaining a local bus service.

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