Parish Transport Rep Report

For us in Kirtlington, public transport is simply **the 24 bus**.
In fact, the most significant thing to report is that **our rural village has a bus!**
What's more, it's a bus for 6 days of the week! Although it's only roughly 2-hourly and doesn't run a night service and only runs one route, ***we do have a bus!***
Perhaps one has to know about other villages across rural England, to be grateful for what we do have. However, that saying "Use it or lose it!" remains very true.

I speak very highly of the Transport officers at Oxfordshire County Council, for their helpfulness in many ways, and for their hard work planning for and achieving funding for our county's buses. The **24** bus needs and gets some funding from central government via the County Council.

These County Council officers have also considered County Council 'franchising' of some bus provision, but I recall them deciding against this in the past, and now all such decisions are postponed until the new council rearrangements are in place.

As far as I have been able to check from public sources of information the current free tickets on Park & Ride buses for those who have parked at a P&R site is still due to end on the 31st of May, but remember to keep checking if this gets extended again.

I did read, however, that in Oxford more people are travelling by bus, leaving their cars behind, during the City's temporary congestion charges. Also, the MyBus tickets have sold well.

So, while glad we have a bus, please would you also ***just think if your*** journey could be on the bus, especially if you can use the middle of day buses, or else, passenger-less, there remains a risk. Finally, **let's all thank the bus-using commuters who fill the buses at some times of day!**