

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Community Committee</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7 pm</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Congleton Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Cllr Kay Wesley, Communities Chair and Cathy Dean, Communities Manager</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>8.1 Equal Access Progress</b>		
<b>Background</b>	<p>The Equal Access Advisory Group continues to provide input to CTC on progressing its Equal Access Action Plan, and as part of this, has advised other organisations, including CEC, on some accessibility matters in recent months.</p> <p>This paper provides an update on progress. Councillors can see the full <a href="#">Equal Access Action Plan here</a>.</p>		
<b>Information</b>	<p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>Following this Community Committee’s input to the Cheshire East Transport Plan Strategy, Cheshire East Officers requested a meeting with the Equal Access Group to gain a better understanding of the accessibility issues within the Plan.</p> <p>Equal Access Group Chair Dr Deborah Lawson and the Community Chair met with Cheshire East Officers on behalf of the group to go into more detail about the Group’s feedback and insights. The officers found the session very useful and took extensive notes for the next iteration of the plan. They have asked if the Equal Access Group will be available to provide input at future stages of the Transport Plan development.</p> <p>The Group continues to support Congleton Sustainable Travel’s efforts to remove barriers such as A-frames that block access to people using mobility scooters.</p> <p><b>Beartown Bus Timetable</b></p> <p>CEC asked the EAG for feedback on the new bus timetable for Beartown buses 90,91,92, 93A/C. The Group gave extensive feedback on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colour contrast and improved backgrounds</li> <li>• Clarity and size of text.</li> <li>• Colour palette and layout, to avoid overstimulation of people with certain neurological needs.</li> <li>• Imagery – e.g. to show that diverse people, including old, young, male, female, wheelchair users, can use the bus.</li> <li>• Content - for example, informing visually-impaired people how to get the bus to stop if they can’t see it, letting readers know about wheelchair and pushchair access, and how to get different timetable formats.</li> </ul> <p>The group was delighted that the leaflet designers had incorporated all the comments and agreed to review CEC document standards to ensure these things are considered in the future. You can see the ‘before and after’ leaflets in the Appendices.</p> <p><i>Appendix 1 – Beartown Bus Timetable (Before)</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 2 – Beartown Bus Timetable (After - Accessible)</i></p>		

	<p><b>Events</b> The EAG continues to provide input to event organisers as they develop their accessibility plans. Congleton Live has asked for specific input for the Jazz &amp; Blues Festival in August and has been invited to the next Equal Access Group meeting.</p> <p><b>Shops and Town Centre</b> The Disability Welcome Scheme continues, with several shops due to get their Silver Award. Councillors are encouraged to take some leaflets and talk to local shops about joining the scheme, as this means they will get listed in our Accessibility Guide to Congleton.</p> <p><b>Astbury Mere</b> Dr Lawson met with the team at Astbury Mere and developed an Accessibility Guide for them, which has been very well-received by the public. She also provided input on a number of accessibility queries and plans the Trust was developing. <i>Guide attached as Appendix 3.</i></p> <p><b>Disability Confident Training</b> The Chair and Communities Manager attended a four-week Disability Confident Training Course, as this Committee resolved in 2023 (<b>CO20/2324</b> ‘Investigate becoming a disability Confident Employer’). Next step is to sign up as a Disability Confident Committed Employer, which is free of charge and requires removing barriers to accessibility in our day-to-day work and recruitment and development of staff, as well as further training for both staff and councillors. For more information, visit: <a href="#">Disability Confident: guidance for levels 1, 2 and 3</a></p> <p><b>Toilets</b> We have asked Stockport Council for information about their Community Toilet Scheme with a view to bringing something similar to Congleton, at least until we have our public toilets fully available.</p> <p><b>Recognition for Dr Deborah Lawson</b> Congratulations to the Chair of the EAG, Dr Deborah Lawson, who was recently named as one of the Top 100 Women Driving Meaningful Change in the world, by Shelist. Many thanks to her for giving her time freely to the Congleton Equal Access Advisory Group.</p> <p><b>Feedback</b> Recent email from a Congleton resident: <i>“I’m pleased the council is doing this work. It makes a difference. Really good about a Congleton disability guide. “I’d like to see more in the Chronicle on disability and the group’s work. Because its great. It reassures people that you are a really good council. I think you’re a better council than others for accessibility. CTC is very, very good. I’ll be spreading the word.”</i></p>
<p><b>Next Steps</b></p>	<p>The Group would like to invite Councillors to take part in a ‘wheelchair day’ in which we give them specific places to go around town to experience what being in a wheelchair is like, and ask for the Community Committee’s support for this activity. Councillors should bear in mind that this will not replicate lived experience, and that it’s not a substitute for engagement with disabled residents, but might help build awareness and understanding.</p>
<p><b>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</b></p>	<p>None – all activity in current budgets. Becoming a Disability Confident Employer is free of charge.</p>

<b>EQUALITY CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>The Equal Access Advisory Group advises Congleton Town Council on making our services, events, assets and communications accessible for people with specific needs. CTC continues to get positive feedback from residents about this work, both in terms of the direct impact and the message it sends that Congleton is for everyone.</p>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>Work on transport – both public transport and removing barriers – may encourage people with disabilities to rely less on private cars and reduce their carbon footprint.</p>
<b>Decision Required</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillors note the report.</li> <li>2. Agree that CTC should sign up as a Disability Confident (Committed) Employer</li> <li>3. Councillors volunteer for ‘wheelchair day’ later in 2026.</li> <li>4. Councillors add the Disability Confident – Committed logo to email signatures.</li> </ol>

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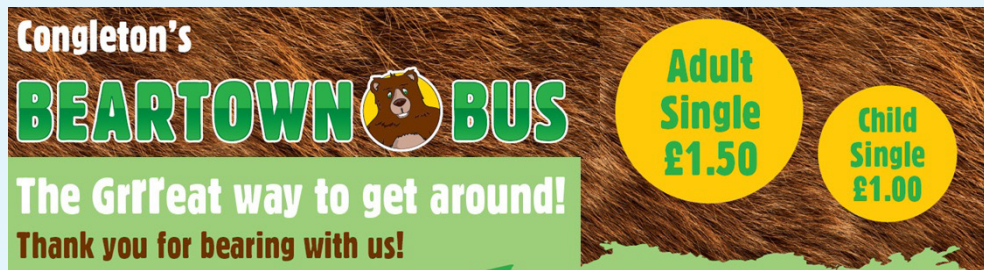
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## Route Descriptions

### Service 90

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station), Market Street, High Street, Lawton Street, Bromley Road, Borough Road, Coronation Road, Fern Crescent, Burns Road, Wollston Road, Edinburgh Road, Festival Hill, Bromley Road, Park Lane, Mountbatten Way, Market Street, Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).

### Service 91

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station), Market Street, High Street, Albert Place, Canal Street, Canal Road, Leek Road, Boundary Lane, Biddulph Road, Cross Lane, Leek Road, Canal Road. Astbury Lane Ends, Lenthall Avenue, Linksway, Falmouth Road, Lambert's Lane, Canal Road, Canal Street, Albert Place, High Street, Market Street, Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).

### Service 92

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station), Market Street, High Street, Lawton Street, Mountbatten Way, Moor Street, Brook Street, Buxton Road, St. Johns Road, Wharfedale Road, Harvey Road. Returns Harvey Road, St. Johns Road, Havannah Lane, St. Johns Road, Buxton Road, Brook Street, Moor Street, Mountbatten Way, Market Street, Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).

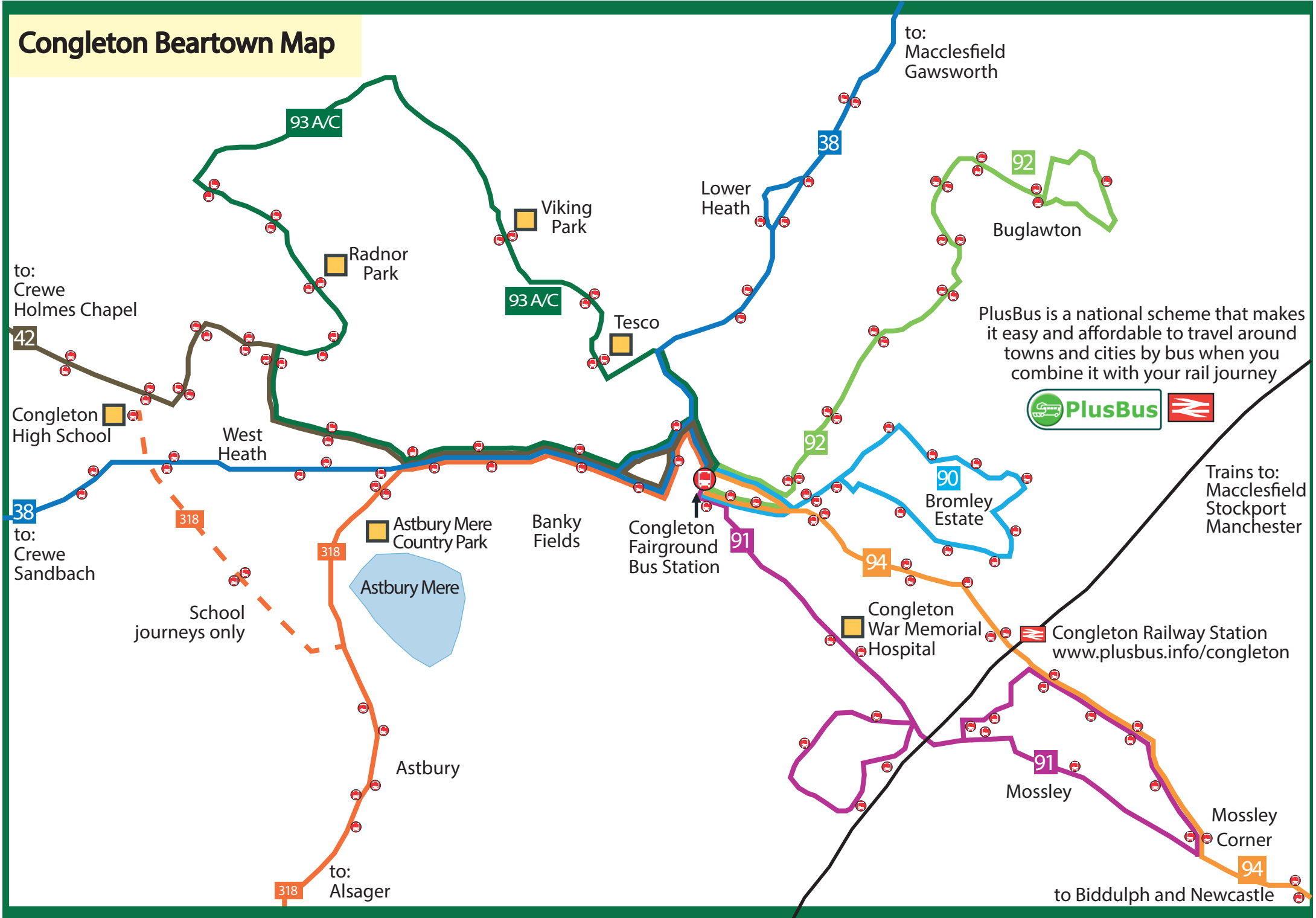
### Service 93A

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station), Market Street, Mountbatten Way, Rood Hill, Clayton Bypass, Barn Road, Wolstenholme Elmy Way, Back Lane, Longdown Road, Cumberland Road, Holmes Chapel Road, West Road, West Street, Antrobus Street, Mill Street, Mountbatten Way, Market Street, Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).

### Service 93C

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station), Market Street, Mountbatten Way, Mill Street, West Street, West Road, Holmes Chapel Road, Cumberland Road, Longdown Road, Back Lane, Wolstenholme Elmy Way, Barn Road, Clayton Bypass, Rood Hill, Mountbatten Way, Market Street, Congleton Fairground.

# Congleton Beartown Map



**Congleton Bus Station** 0805 0835 0905 0935 1005 1035 1105 1135 1205 1235 1305 1335 1405 1435 1505  
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**Mossley Corner** 0800 0830 0900 0930 1000 1030 1100 1130 1200 1230 1300 1330 1400 1430 1500 1530  
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**Falmouth Road** 0804 0834 0904 0934 1004 1034 1104 1134 1204 1234 1304 1334 1404 1434 1504 1534

**Congleton Bus Station** 1553 1623 1653 1723 1753  
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<b>Buglawton, Harvey Road</b>	0823	0853	0923	0953	1023	1053	1123	1153	1223	1253	1323	1353	1423	1453	1523
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	1545	1615	1645	1715	1745										
Buglawton, Morrisons	1552	1622	1652	1722	1752										
<b>Buglawton, Harvey Road</b>	1553	1623	1653	1723	1753										

**92****Buglawton - Congleton****Mondays to Saturdays excluding Bank Holidays**

<b>Buglawton, Harvey Road</b>	0823	0853	0923	0953	1023	1053	1123	1153	1223	1253	1323	1353	1423	1453	1523
Buglawton, Morrisons	0825	0855	0925	0955	1025	1055	1125	1155	1225	1255	1325	1355	1425	1455	1525
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0833	0903	0933	1003	1033	1103	1133	1203	1233	1303	1333	1403	1433	1503	1533
<b>Buglawton, Harvey Road</b>	1553	1623	1653	1723	1753										
Buglawton, Morrisons	1555	1625	1655	1725	1755										
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	1603	1633	1703	1733	1803										

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Service Number	93A	93C	93A	93C	93A	93C	93A	93C	93A	93C	93A	93C	93A	93C	93A
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<b>Barn Road, Viking Park</b>	0815	0853	0915	0953	1015	1053	1115	1153	1245	1323	1415	1453	1515	1553	1615
West Heath, Shopping Centre	0822	-	0922	-	1022	-	1122	-	1252	-	1422	-	1522	-	1622
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0828	0858	0928	0958	1028	1058	1128	1158	1258	1328	1428	1458	1528	1558	1628
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<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	1640	1710	1740												
West Heath, Shopping Centre	1646	-	1746												
<b>Barn Road, Viking Park</b>	1653	1715	1753												
West Heath, Shopping Centre	-	1722	-												
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	1658	1728	1758												

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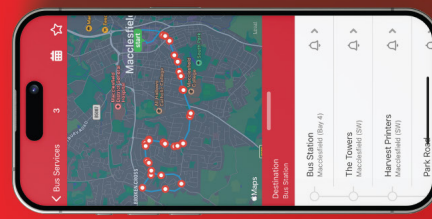
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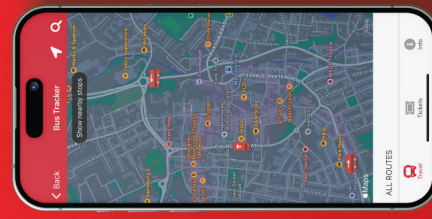
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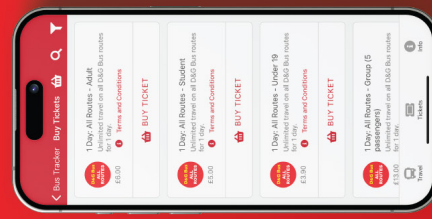
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### Service 91 Congleton - Mossley Circular

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station) • Market Street • High Street • Albert Place • Canal Street • Canal Rd for War Memorial Hospital • Leek Rd • Boundary Lane • Biddulph Rd • Cross Lane • Leek Rd • Canal Rd • Astbury Lane Ends • Lenthall Avenue • Linksway • Falmouth Rd • Lambert's Lane • Canal Rd for War Memorial Hospital • Canal Street • Albert Place • High Street • Market Street • Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).

### Service 92 Congleton - Buglawton Circular

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### Service 93A Congleton - Barn Road - West Heath Circular

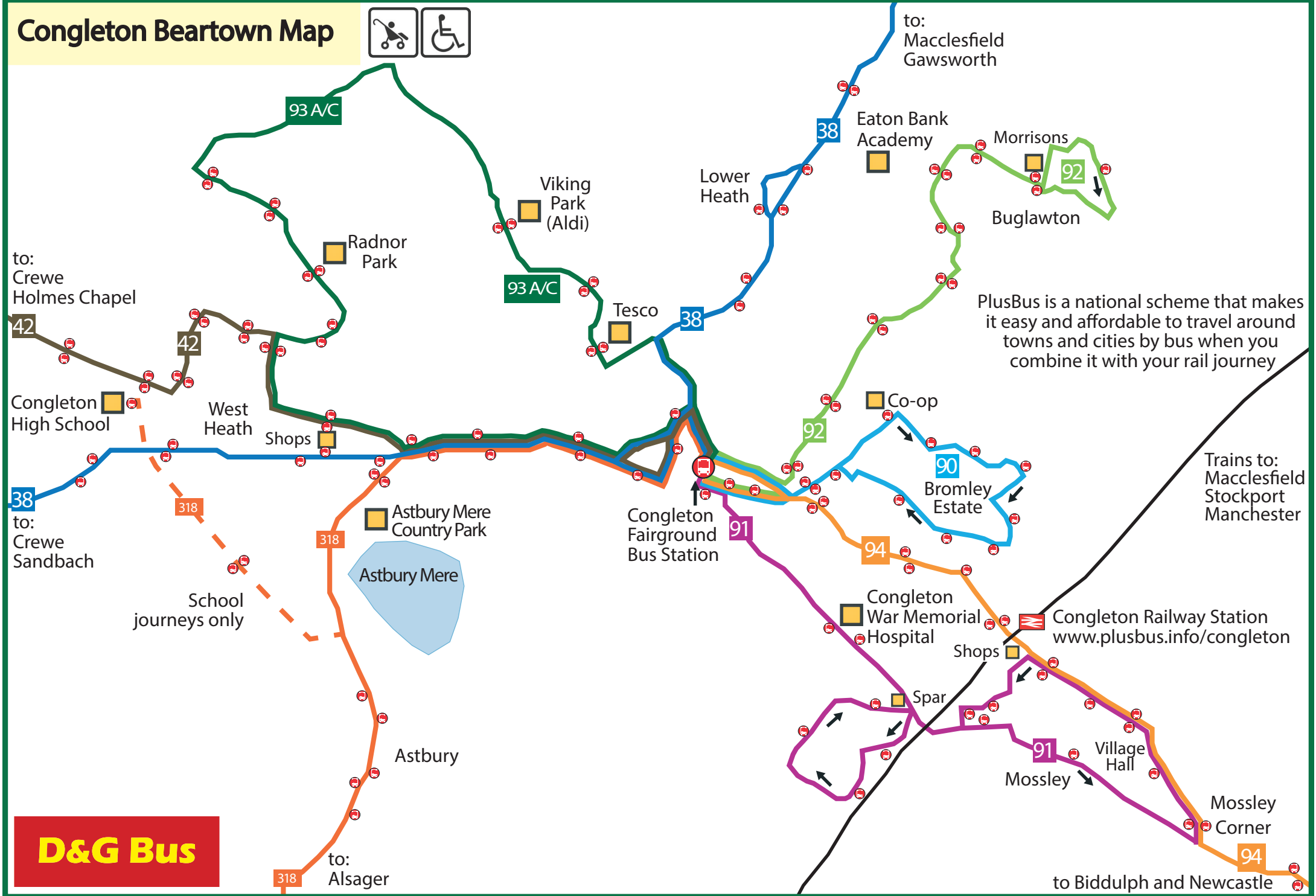
Congleton Fairground (Bus Station) • Market Street • Mountbatten Way • Rood Hill • Clayton Bypass • Barn Rd for Tesco / Viking Park (Aldi) • Wolstenholme Elmy Way • Back Lane • Longdown Rd • Cumberland Rd • Holmes Chapel Rd • West Rd • West Street • Antrobus Street • Mill Street • Mountbatten Way • Market St • Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).

### Service 93C Congleton - West Heath - Barn Road Circular

Congleton Fairground (Bus Station) • Market St • Mountbatten Way • Mill St • West St • West Rd • Holmes Chapel Road • Cumberland Rd • Longdown Rd • Back Lane • Wolstenholme Elmy Way • Barn Rd for Tesco / Viking Park (Aldi) • Clayton Bypass • Rood Hill • Mountbatten Way • Market Street • Congleton Fairground (Bus Station).



# Congleton Beartown Map



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## 90 Congleton - Bromley Circular

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<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0805 0835 0905 0935	then at	05 35	1605 1635 1705 1735
Bromley Estate, Co-op	0809 0839 0909 0939	these	09 39	until 1609 1639 1709 1739
Bromley Estate, Fern Crescent	0812 0842 0912 0942	minutes past	12 42	1612 1642 1712 1742
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0820 0850 0920 0950	each hour	20 50	1620 1650 1720 1750

## 91 Congleton - Mossley Circular

**Mondays to Saturdays** excluding Bank Holidays

<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0753 0823 0853	then at	23 53	1553 1623 1653 1723 1753
Mossley, Back Cross Lane	0758 0828 0858	these	28 58	1558 1628 1658 1728 1758
<b>Mossley Corner</b>	0800 0830 0900	minutes	30 00	until 1600 1630 1700 1730 1800
Cross Lane	0803 0833 0903	past	33 03	1603 1633 1703 1733 1803
Falmouth Road	0804 0834 0904	each	34 04	1604 1634 1704 1734 1804
<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0813 0843 0913	hour	43 13	1613 1643 1713 1743 1813

## 92 Congleton - Buglawton Circular

**Mondays to Saturdays** excluding Bank Holidays

<b>Congleton Bus Station</b>	0815 0845 0915 0945	then at	15 45	1615 1645 1715 1745
Buglawton, Morrisons	0822 0852 0922 0952	these minutes	22 52	until 1622 1652 1722 1752
<b>Buglawton, Harvey Road</b>	0823 0853 0923 0953	past each	23 53	1623 1653 1723 1753
Buglawton, Morrisons	0823 0855 0925 0955	hour	25 55	1625 1655 1725 1755

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Barn Road, Viking Park	0815	0915	1015	1115	1245	1415	1515	1615	1715
West Heath, Shopping Centre	0822	0922	1022	1122	1252	1422	1522	1622	1722
Congleton Bus Station	0828	0928	1028	1128	1258	1428	1528	1628	1728

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Congleton - West Heath - Barn Road Mondays to Saturdays excluding Bank Holidays

Congleton Bus Station	0840	0940	1040	1140	1310	1440	1540	1640	1740
West Heath, Shopping Centre	0846	0946	1046	1146	1316	1446	1546	1646	1746
Barn Road, Viking Park	0853	0953	1053	1153	1323	1453	1553	1653	1753
Congleton Bus Station	0858	0958	1058	1158	1328	1458	1558	1658	1758

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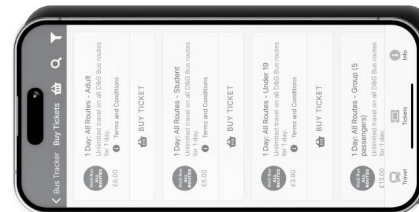
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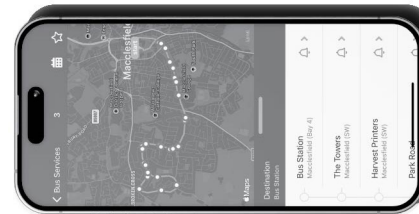
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# Accessibility at Astbury Mere Country Park

Sandy Lane, Congleton, CW12 4FP



We want all visitors to enjoy Astbury Mere. The following information is designed to help you plan your visit. Please note that Astbury Mere is a country park, so while many accessible features are provided, paths and surfaces are part of a natural setting and may be uneven or bumpy in places.

Written by Dr Deborah Lawson

## Getting here & parking

- The main car park entrance from Sandy Lane has a shallow kerb and a speed hump.
  - The car park surface is a mixture of hardstanding and gravel.
  - There are two designated Blue Badge spaces, exempt from parking charges.
  - Blue Badge holders may also park in any space within the car park free of charge, provided their badge is clearly displayed.
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## Entrances

- **Main entrance (Sandy Lane off Newcastle Road):**
  - Pedestrian access is via a kissing gate (manoeuvring space approx. 159 cm x 106 cm).
  - This may be difficult for some wheelchair and mobility-scooter users to use independently, and some larger wheelchairs or mobility scooters may not fit.
  - There are some uneven sections of the path between the kissing gate and the toilets, caused by tree roots pushing up through the hardstanding. These do not run the full width of the path, so they can be avoided.



- **Other entry points include:**

- Alternative step-free access is available from Ennerdale Drive, where there is an open gate. The path gradient here is steep, and there is no parking at this entrance (see left photo).
- There are steps from Wagg's Road/Banky Fields and from Astbury Street (not accessible).
- The Water Sports Centre entrance on Newcastle Road slopes down to the Mere, providing access for Water Sports Centre customers and nearby homes. Parking here is not for general visitors, and there is no wheelchair-accessible path along the access road itself.



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## From the car park to the Mere

- After passing through bollards, there are two staggered timber barriers to pass through (gaps approx. 112 cm and 100 cm).



- From the car park, there is a smooth gradient down to the Mere circuit via a hardstanding path.
  - There are seven benches at the Mere entrance, with hardstanding in front of them and a hardstanding wheelchair space next to each bench.
  - In the orchard (reachable by a path 150 cm wide), there are a further four benches (two benches are on the path, and two are on grass up a slight gradient). All have hardstanding in front of them and a space for a wheelchair to the side.
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## Paths & routes

- The circular route around the Mere is approx. **1 mile (1.6 km)**.



- Surfaces are firm (hardstanding and fine gravel).
- In windy weather, some dust may blow across the path.
- Paths are wide enough for a wheelchair and a companion or assistance dog, and for others to pass.

- There is a forest area off the main circuit. However, this is not wheelchair accessible due to rough, uneven terrain and tree stumps.
- After the Water Sports Centre (if passing the building on your left), the outer edge of the main path slopes slightly towards the Mere. This can be avoided by keeping towards the left of the path.
- General waste bins and dog waste bins are positioned along the route, at an accessible height. Dog waste bins have heavy lids with pull handles.



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## **Water Sports Centre area (halfway point around the route)**

- As you approach the Water Sports Centre, there is some larger gravel on the floor and uneven terrain (though the uneven terrain can mostly be avoided).
- There is a two-metre-wide hardstanding bypass around a closed gate (see the photo on the left on the next page).



- Dropped kerbs here have been improved with tarmac, but there is still a slight ridge going up and down them.
- To continue the route, visitors need to cross a raised speed hump in the road (see right photo below).



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## Seating & rest stops

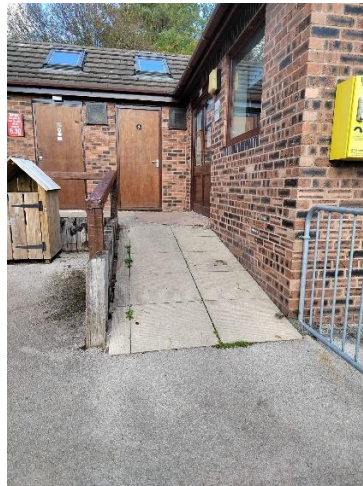
- There are benches positioned around the Astbury Mere site. Along the circular route, there are 13 benches, positioned approximately every 100 metres.
- About half have hardstanding and a wheelchair space beside them.
- All benches have backs and armrests.

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## Toilets

- One accessible toilet (RADAR key) alongside male and female facilities.

- Doorway approx. 80 cm wide.
- Internal space approx. 155 cm x 190 cm, but the sink, WC and nappy bin reduce the usable space.
- Left-hand transfer when seated on the WC.
- Grab rails by the WC: one drop-down, one wall-mounted.
- Ramp access (with a single handrail) to the accessible toilet (the gradient may feel a little steep for some users).
- Points to note: the sink is slightly high if using a wheelchair; the turning space may be tight for larger wheelchairs.



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## Café

- The café has a ramped entrance and two small thresholds that may be difficult for some wheelchair users.
- Two wheelchair-accessible outdoor tables are provided for customers.



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## Dogs

- Dogs must be kept on a lead around the Mere.
- There is a large, grassed area at the top of the site where dogs can run off-lead.



- Dog waste bins are coloured red and black and placed along the route, at an accessible height. They have a heavy lid and pull handle.

## Other facilities

- There are two defibrillators available on site. One at the Visitor Centre and one at the Water Sports Centre.
  - The Visitor Centre can be rented out and is wheelchair accessible via the same ramp (with a single handrail) as the accessible toilet; the gradient may feel a little steep for some users.
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## Summary:

Astbury Mere is a scenic country park, offering a one-mile circular route, regular rest stops, accessible parking and a RADAR-key accessible toilet. As it is a natural site, some paths may be uneven or sloping in places; however, overall, it provides an enjoyable and welcoming place to explore.

