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## SPORT IN UCKFIELD

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Uckfield is fortunate to have a wide range of sports to offer all ages, which are perfect as we build into the spring and summer of 2024.

At Uckfield Leisure Centre, there is a very good swimming pool where improvement can be achieved with lessons on hand. The Leisure Centre also offers badminton, squash and general fitness facilities. Uckfield Runners use the centre for the start of some training events and offer regular sessions for all grades of runner. They also take part in many competitions.



### Plenty to explore

In football, AFC Uckfield Town's first team play in the Southern Combination Premier Division, a league with Step 5 status. Their home ground is The Oaks, which is well worth a visit.

Football is also available in the town through Ridgewood FC, while youth clubs Uckfield Grasshoppers and Maresfield Dynamo do excellent work to support the next generation of sporting stars.

Uckfield Rugby Club, meanwhile, reside at Hempstead Playing Fields. Their first



team compete in the Counties 2 Sussex league. They also have second XV, ladies and under-18s teams.

### Looking forward to summer

Uckfield Anderida are the town's local cricket club and play in Division 9 East of the Sussex Cricket League, with home matches at Victoria Pleasure Ground Playing Fields. In the nearby area, Buxted Park, Isfield, and Blackboys also have strong cricket clubs where many a pleasant match can be enjoyed. Other local participation sports are offered by Uckfield Table Tennis Club at Ridgewood Village Hall, Uckfield Chess Club at Luxford Centre, Uckfield Bowls Club and Urban Tennis.

Of course, plenty of other sports take place locally with a huge range of clubs to support the passions of residents.

*Get involved, there are many ways!*

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## ASHDOWNLINK BUS SERVICE RETURNS

Wealdlink's Saturday community bus service returned on January 27, 2024 to take walkers from Uckfield and surrounding villages to the heart of the Ashdown Forest.

The 262 Ashdownlink service will link Uckfield and Hartfield, passing through Fairwarp, Maresfield, Five Ash Down and Buxted on its way to the heart of the Ashdown Forest.

The service follows a route revealing stunning views across the heathland and will stop on demand to enable passengers to alight at a number of Pooh Bear locations including Pooh Bridge, the Enchanted Place, Gills Lap, Hundred Acre Wood and the Pooh Shop.

### Hop on, hop off

This service will make four return journeys every Saturday between Uckfield and Hartfield following a set timetable. The service will allow visitors and walkers to alight at a chosen location, take a healthy walk, a leisurely stroll or just soak up the view, and board another bus either at the same point or somewhere else along the route.



In common with most rural bus services, where there are no defined stops, passengers can flag down the bus for a pick-up wherever it is safe to do so after enjoying a great walk on the Forest.



Visitors from East Grinstead or Tunbridge Wells can use the Metro Bus 291 service to connect with the Ashdownlink in Hartfield. Visitors from further afield can join the bus when it stops at either Buxted Railway Station or Uckfield Bus Station.

In Uckfield, the service also connects with the Brighton & Hove Buses 29 service for Tunbridge Wells to Brighton and the Compass Travel 261 service for East Grinstead to Uckfield.

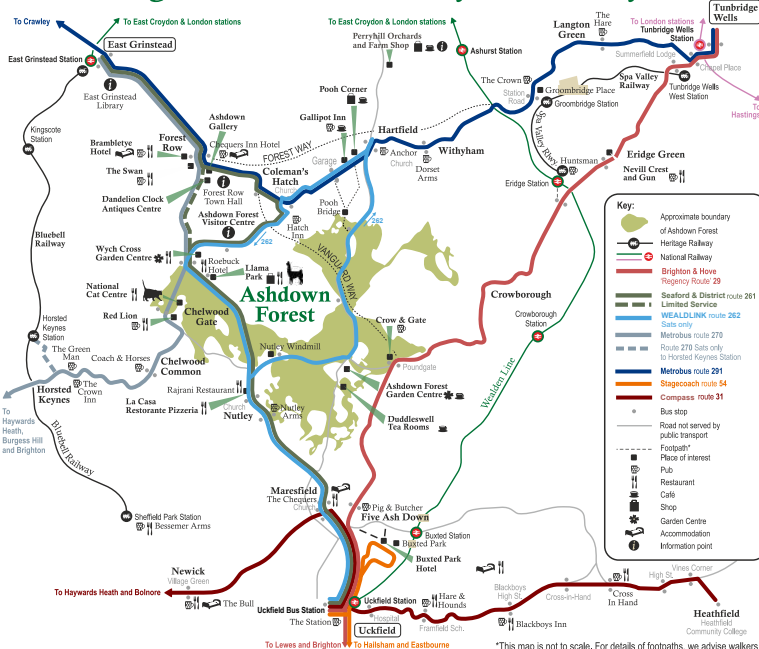
### Protecting the ecosystem

The Ashdownlink route is operated by Wealdlink Community Transport and is supported by Uckfield Town Council, Maresfield Parish Council, Hartfield Parish Council and the Community Rail Partnership. It is a way to enjoy the Ashdown Forest which is more environmentally friendly than using cars, helping to reduce vehicle exhaust emissions which threaten the Forest's nitrogen-deficient ecosystem.

For more information, contact Wealdlink on 01892 771332 or view their website <https://www.wealdlink.co.uk/>.

The route of the 262 service and its local connecting buses, as well as the service timetable, are attached overleaf.

# Visiting Ashdown Forest by rail and by bus



## 262 Ashdownlink: Uckfield-Buxted-Five Ash Down-Maresfield-Fairwarp-Hartfield

Saturdays only				
<b>Uckfield Bus Station Dep***</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>12:45</b>	<b>14:15</b>
Uckfield, Ringles Cross	09:20	10:50	12:50	14:20
Gordon Road, Buxted	09:27	10:57	12:57	14:27
Buxted Stores near Railway Station**	09:31	11:01	13:01	14:31
Five Ash Down, Pig & Butcher	09:39	11:09	13:09	14:39
Maresfield Newsagents	09:45	11:15	13:15	14:45
Fairwarp Bus Shelter, B2026	09:50	11:20	13:20	14:50
Ashdown Forest, Gills Lap Car Park	09:55	11:25	13:25	14:55
Chuck Hatch Road (for Pooh Bridge)	09:58	11:28	13:28	14:58
<b>Hartfield, Haywaggon*</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>13:30</b>	<b>15:00</b>

## 262 Ashdownlink: Hartfield-Fairwarp-Maresfield-Five Ash Down-Buxted-Uckfield

Saturdays only				
<b>Hartfield, Haywaggon*</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>13:30</b>
Chuck Hatch Road (for Pooh Bridge)	08:33	10:03	11:33	13:33
Ashdown Forest, Gills Lap Car Park	08:35	10:05	11:35	13:35
Fairwarp Bus Shelter, B2026	08:40	10:10	11:40	13:40
Maresfield Newsagents	08:45	10:15	11:45	13:45
Five Ash Down, Pig & Butcher	08:53	10:23	11:53	13:53
Buxted Stores near Railway Station**	08:56	10:26	11:56	13:56
Gordon Road, Buxted	09:00	10:30	12:00	14:00
Uckfield, Ringles Cross	09:05	10:35	12:05	14:05
<b>Uckfield Bus Station Arr***</b>	<b>09:10</b>	<b>10:40</b>	<b>12:10</b>	<b>14:10</b>

\*Connection with 291 hourly Bus service Tunbridge Wells/East Grinstead/Crawley

\*\*Trains to and from London Bridge

\*\*\*Connection with bus services 29 Tunbridge Wells/Crowborough/Uckfield/Lewes/Brighton and 261 East Grinstead/Nutley/Uckfield



# THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This meeting will be held in the Weald Hall of the Civic Centre Uckfield on  
**WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024**  
 at **7.00pm**

**All residents of Uckfield are invited along to ask questions of the Town Mayor and the Chairs of the Council Committees**

**If you have any questions, please let the Town Clerk know in advance**

at  
 Uckfield Town Council,  
 Civic Centre Uckfield, TN22 1AE

or  
 Email: [townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be viewed on the Town Council website at [https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/agendas-and-](https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes/)

[minutes/](#). Meetings are held in person either in the Weald Hall or Council Chamber at The Civic Centre and all

start at 7pm. All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at: [admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

MON 5 FEB	- GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 19 FEB	- PLANS
MON 26 FEB	- FULL COUNCIL
WED 28 FEB	- FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE
MON 4 MAR	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 11 MAR	- PLANS

### COMING NEXT MONTH

- Walking in Uckfield
- The Hub and The Source works
- Annual Town Meeting
- Annual Priorities for 2024/25

