Talking Bus Stops - Real Time Bus Information

Borough of Poole

This is a picture of a real time information screen at bus shelters across Bournemouth and Poole.

There are 250 screens which show when the next buses are due. They can also announce when the next buses are due.

The speaking announcements only happen if you use a key fob which you can get from the Borough of Poole.

Turning the key fob on

- Hold the fob with the key ring clip towards you and the buttons facing up.

- Press both buttons at the same time.
    - If you hear two loud beeps the fob is on.
    - The blue light will flash two times.

- The screen display will then announce where you are when you go into the bus stop.

Left hand button

- Point the fob towards the screen display and press the left hand button.
    - The fob will beep.
    - The blue light will flash.

- The screen display will then announce all the bus routes from the bus stop where you are and the place it will stop.

- This will help you to find out if you are waiting at the right bus stop for where you want to go.

Right hand button

- Point the fob towards the screen display and press the right hand button.

    - The fob will beep.

    - The blue light will flash.

- The screen display will then announce the next three buses leaving from the bus stop where you are. The times will be announced using the 24 hour clock example: 13.00 hours.

- The information is spoken in the same way as it is shown on the screen display.

- Be prepared to show the bus driver that you want them to stop.

Jargon Buster

Real Time - leaving time spoken in minutes example: 2 minutes.

Announce - this is when a message is spoken through a speaker.

Make sure you turn the key fob off

- Wait for at least 10 seconds after pressing any button before turning the fob off.

- Press both buttons at the same time.

    - If you hear a beep the fob is off.

    - The blue light will flash.

- Turning the fob off saves the battery life.

- The fob has a single CR2032 battery. This can be changed by undoing two screws on the back of the fob and sliding out the battery.

- You can buy these batteries in shops.

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The key fob has been designed in partnership with the Royal National Institute of Blind People.