

TOWN COUNCIL TO THE RESCUE!

Newbury Town Council has made arrangements for bus drivers using from the newly opened bus interchange to make use of the public toilets at The Wharf.

Working with Healthmatic, the contractors who maintain the toilets, a swipe card system has been provided to allow the drivers free access to the toilets. The installation costs and the running costs will be covered by Reading Buses and Newbury & District Bus companies.

Mr. David Rouse, Operations Manager for Reading Buses, thanked the Town Council for making the facility available saying: "This will be a very convenient facility for our drivers and we would like to thank the Town Council and Healthmatic for making this possible".

Cllr Adrian Edwards, Leader of the Council, said: "This council recognises the importance of the local bus services to our residents, which is why we took on managing the toilets in 2016. I'm pleased that through our partnership with Healthmatic and the bus companies we've been able to provide these essential facilities, at no cost to ratepayers."

Drivers and passengers will also be able to top-up their refillable bottles, following the installation of a drinking water tap in The Wharf last year. The Council hopes to reduce the use of single-use plastics across the town.

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Photo attached: L-R: Mike Richards from Newbury & District, David Rouse, Operations Manager, for Reading Buses, Hugh Peacocke, CEO, Newbury Town Council and Joao Nunes from Reading Buses (Newbury Depot).

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