
Go Cornwall Bus Update

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Go Cornwall Bus has announced plans to ensure continued bus connectivity across Cornwall, following confirmation that First South West will end all local bus operations in the county after 14 February 2026.

“We understand how concerning this news will be for residents who rely on these routes every day,” said Richard Stevens, Managing Director of Go Cornwall Bus. “Our message today is simple and clear: no community will be left unserved.”

From 15 February 2026, First South West will no longer operate the following routes in Cornwall: M6, T1, T2, U1, U2, U4, 1, 1A, 17, 17A, 24, 27, 29 and 87.

Richard continued: “We want people to know that any area currently served by these routes will continue to have access to bus services. While the network will not be replicated like-for-like, we will ensure alternative or amended services are in place. Our priority is to keep Cornwall connected.”

Go Cornwall Bus is already working closely with Cornwall Council to design a revised network that maintains strong accessibility for communities, major employment sites, education, health and key destinations across the county.

Go-Ahead, the parent company of Go Cornwall Bus, brings extensive experience delivering continuity when other operators withdraw. In Bournemouth and Poole, Morebus ensured seamless coverage following the collapse of Yellow Buses. In Southampton, Bluestar stepped in when First Bus withdrew from the city. Most recently,

Carousel Buses confirmed it would maintain coverage across High Wycombe when Arriva proposed closing its depots.

“This track record means our teams are well prepared to manage these transitions swiftly and responsibly,” Richard added. “Cornwall is our home, and we are committed to

protecting the bus services that so many people rely on. The shape of the network may evolve, but the lifeline connections for our communities will remain.”

Further information on the future network will be provided once detailed planning is complete and discussions with Cornwall Council have concluded.