



# Bus times

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## St Helens - Garswood/Ashton Garswood - Ashton circular



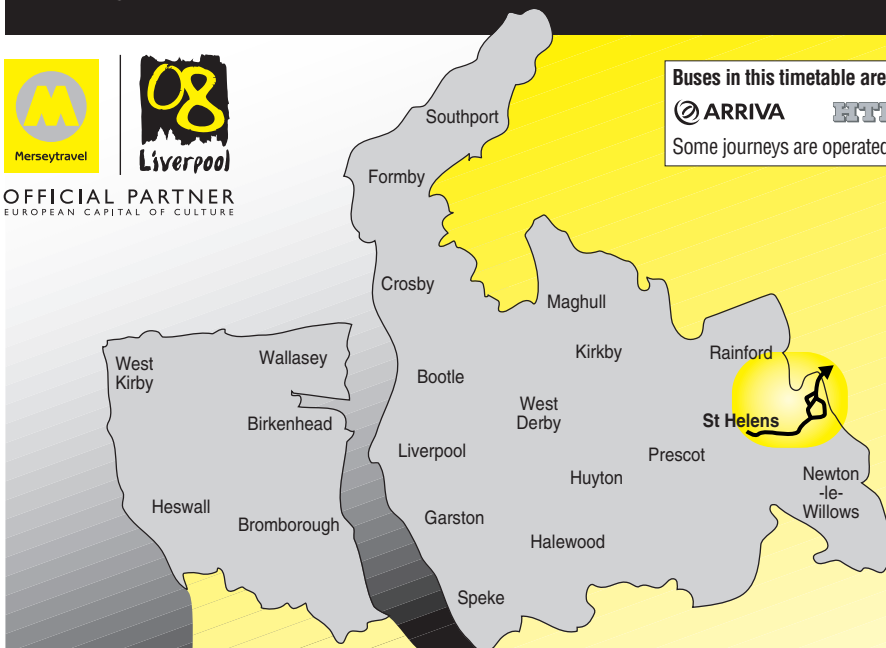
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## Welcome to your new bus timetable

We (Merseytravel) have produced this new bus timetable as your bus service has recently changed. We **do not** run bus services - they are run by private bus companies. However, we pay towards essential bus services which the bus companies do not run. In timetables, these services are called **Merseytravel Bus Services** and are shown by the symbol



## How to use this timetable

The timetable is split into routes and days of the week (see **1** below). Please make sure you are looking at the timetable for the right direction you want to travel in. The travel direction is shown across the top of the page.

On the left side of the page there is a list of the main bus stops for the service (see **2** below).

To the left of these stops is a list of numbered boxes (see **3** below) which will help you find the bus stop on the route map (the map is shown on a separate page within the booklet). There is also a description in writing of the route the bus takes.

The time the bus leaves each stop is shown in a column running down the right-hand side of the page (see **4** below). Each column of times is a separate bus journey. Read the column from top to bottom.


First, look for the bus stop nearest where you want to get the bus from. Then, look at the times shown on the same line to find the time nearest when you want to get the bus. Read down the list of times until you get to the time opposite a place near to where you want to get off the bus. The time is your arrival time.

We can't show times for every bus stop, or the timetable would be too big to print in a booklet. Please remember to look for any codes at the top of the page or alongside each column which may change your journey (see **5** below). You can find an explanation of these codes in the 'Codes' box at the bottom of the timetable.

You can find all the bus-stop codes we use in this booklet at the bottom of this page.

In some timetable booklets, we show some of the bus stops in italics (see **6** below). This means we have given a rough time for that stop because the bus company has not given us an exact time.

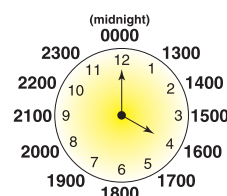
Here is an example of a timetable.

<b>1 Mondays to Fridays</b>		 <b>5</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Liscard</b> Wallasey Road <b>2</b>	0751	0801
<b>2</b>	Church Road, Brighton Street	0757	0807
<b>3</b>	Poulton Road, Wheatland Lane	0800	0810
<b>4</b>	<i>Poulton Road, Gorsey Lane</i> <b>6</b>	0804	0814
<b>5</b>	<b>Weatherhead School</b>	0807	0817



## The 24-hour clock

In this timetable booklet, we show bus times in the 24-hour clock. For example, 9.42am is shown as '0942' and 3.28pm is shown as '1528'. This clock shows how afternoon and evening times appear in the 24-hour clock.



## Codes used in this timetable

 Bus station

 Nearby Merseyrail station



## Customer service and lost property

If you have any comments or suggestions about the bus services in this timetable, or have left something on a bus, you should contact the bus company which runs the service. The following bus companies run services in this timetable:

**Arriva North West**  
**73 Ormskirk Road, Aintree, Liverpool, L9 5AE**

**Phone: 0844 800 44 11**

If you have any comments or suggestions about Merseytravel bus services or have left something in a bus station we run, please contact us at:

**Merseytravel**  
**24 Hatton Garden, Liverpool L3 2AN**

**Phone: 0151 227 5181**



## Public holidays

Bus services may change during public holidays. Please check with **Traveline** on **0871 200 22 33** for details of the bus services running on these days.



## Where to get more information and help

### Travel centres

We have seven travel centres throughout Merseyside. You can visit one to get information about all public transport services. To find out opening times, phone us on **0151 330 1066** or log on to **www.merseytravel.gov.uk**



### Free weekly newspapers

Every week, you can find a 'Merseytravel news update' advert in your local free newspaper. This tells you about any changes to your bus services.



### Teletext on itv1

If your television has Teletext, you can find a simple version of the 'Merseytravel news update' for the week to come on page 164 of Teletext on itv1.



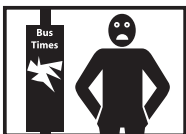
### Our website

Our website ([www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk)) contains lots of information about public transport in Merseyside. You can visit our website at **www.merseytravel.gov.uk**



## Smoking on buses

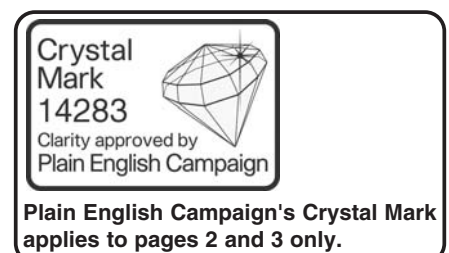
It is against the law to smoke on buses, in bus stations and in some bus shelters.



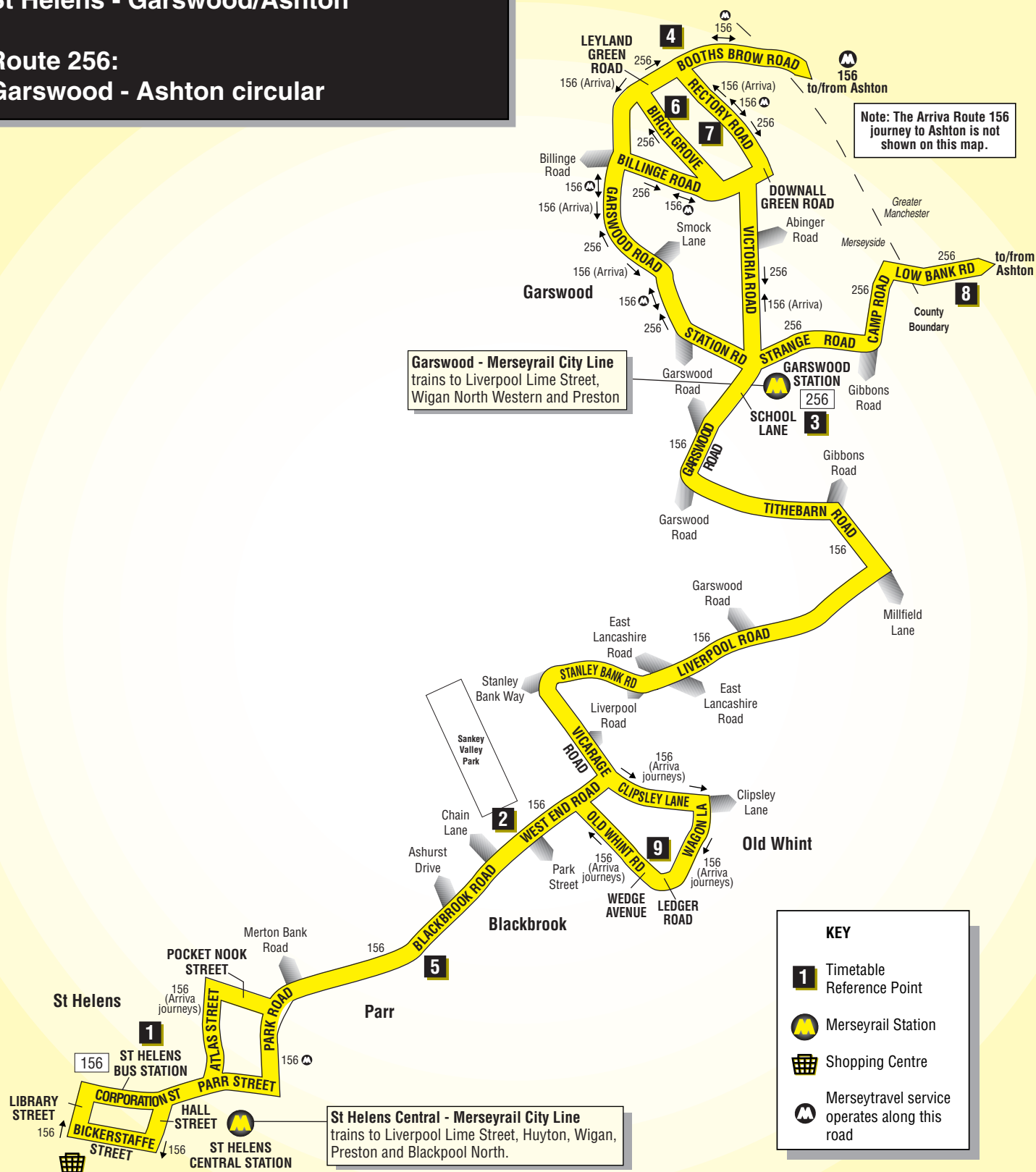
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We have done our best to make sure that all the information in this booklet is correct, but we and the bus companies whose services we show in this booklet, are not liable for any mistakes.





## Route 256: Garswood - Ashton circular



Mondays to Saturdays		NS	●	NS				
1	St Helens Bus Station 	-	0745	-	0930		<b>30</b>	1730
2	Sankey Valley	-	0753	-	0938		<b>38</b>	1738
9	Old Whint Wedge Avenue	-		-	0943		<b>43</b>	1743
3	Garswood station 	-	0805	-	0952	then at	<b>52</b>	1752
4	Downall Green Booths Brow Road	-	0811	-	↓	these	↓	↓
--	Ashton Library	-	0822	-	↓	minutes	↓	until ↓
7	Rectory Road	0722	-	0857	0957	past	<b>57</b>	1757
3	Garswood station 	0727	-	0902	1002	each	<b>02</b>	1802
9	Old Whint Wedge Avenue	0736	-	0911	1011	hour	<b>11</b>	1811
2	Sankey Valley	0741	-	0916	1016		<b>16</b>	1816
1	St Helens Bus Station 	0750	-	0925	1025		<b>25</b>	1825

**Codes used on this page:**

-  - Operates via Haydock Industrial Estate. See route description for route details.
-  - On schooldays, continues to and finishes at Byrchall High School, arriving at 0826
- NS** - Does not operate on Saturdays

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## Mondays to Saturdays

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1	St Helens Bus Station		-		1811	then at	11		2311
5	Blackbrook	The Ship Inn	-	then	1820	these	20		2320
3	Garswood	station		0707	no	1827	minutes	27	2327
4	Downall Green	Booths Brow Road	0711	service	1831	past	31	until	2331
--	Bryn Cross		0716	until	1835	each	35		2335
--	Ashton Library		0720		1839	hour	39		2339

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## Mondays to Saturdays

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--	Ashton Library		0810		1835	then at	35		2235	2335
--	Bryn Cross		0813	then	1839	these	39		2239	2339
4	Downall Green	Booths Brow Road	0758	0818	no	1843	minutes	43	2243	2343
3	Garswood	station		0803	0822	service	1847	past	47	2247
5	Blackbrook	The Ship Inn	0812	0833	until	1854	each	54	2254	-
1	St Helens Bus Station		0821	0842		1903	hour	03	2303	-

### Codes used on this page:

M - Merseytravel Bus Service operated by HTL Buses (morning journeys) and Arriva (evenings)

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## Sundays and bank holidays

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1	St Helens Bus Station		1011	then at	11		2311
5	Blackbrook	The Ship Inn	1020	these	20		2320
3	Garswood	Merseyrail station		1027	minutes	27	2327
4	Downall Green	Booths Brow Road	1031	past	31	until	2331
--	Bryn Cross		1035	each	35		2335
--	Ashton Library		1039	hour	39		2339

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## Sundays and bank holidays

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--	Ashton Library		1135	then at	35		2235	2335
--	Bryn Cross		1139	these	39		2239	2339
4	Downall Green	Booths Brow Road	1143	minutes	43	until	2243	2343
3	Garswood	Merseyrail station		1147	past	47	2247	2347
5	Blackbrook	The Ship Inn	1154	each	54		2254	-
1	St Helens Bus Station		1203	hour	03		2303	-

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## Mondays to Saturdays

		M	M	M		M	M		M
3	<b>Garswood</b> Merseyrail station ➡	-	0919	0949		19	49		1749
--	Simms Lane End	-	0922	0952		22	52		1752
6	Birch Grove	-	0925	0955		25	55		1755
7	Rectory Road	-	0927	0957	then at	27	57		1757
3	<b>Garswood</b> Merseyrail station ➡	-	0931	1001	these	31	01		1801
8	Low Bank Road	-	0934	1004	minutes	34	04	until	1804
--	Old Road	-	0935	1005	past	35	05		1805
--	<b>Ashton Library</b>	0912	0942	1012	each	42	12		1812
--	Old Road	0915	0945	1015	hour	45	15		1815
8	Low Bank Road	0916	0946	1016		46	16		1816
3	<b>Garswood</b> Merseyrail station ➡	0918	0948	1018		48	18		1818

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Sundays - No Service



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## Route descriptions

**Route 156 (Arriva Monday to Saturday daytime): from** ST HELENS BUS STATION via Corporation Street, Parr Street, Atlas Street, Pocket Nook Street, Park Road, Blackbrook Road, West End Road, Clipsley Lane, Wagon Lane, Ledger Road, Wedge Avenue, Old Whint Road, West End Road, Vicarage Road, Stanley Bank Way, Liverpool Road, Tithebarn Road, Garswood Road, School Lane, Victoria Road, Downall Green Road, Rectory Road, Leyland Green Road, Garswood Road, Station Road, School Lane, Garswood Road, Tithebarn Road, Liverpool Road, Stanley Bank Way, Vicarage Road, Clipsley Lane, Wagon Lane, Ledger Road, Wedge Avenue, Old Whint Road, West End Road, Blackbrook Road, Park Road, Pocket Nook Street, Atlas Street, Parr Street, Corporation Street, Hall Street, Bickerstaffe Street, Hardshaw Street, Corporation Street to ST HELENS BUS STATION.

**0745 journey from St Helens Bus Station from** ST HELENS BUS STATION via Corporation Street, Parr Street, Park Road, Blackbrook Road, West End Road, Clipsley Lane, Piele Road, Millfield Lane, Tithebarn Road, Garswood Road, School Lane, Station Road, Garswood Road, Billinge Road, Downall Green Road, Rectory Road, Booths Brow Road, Downall Green Road, Wigan Road to ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD LIBRARY. Schoolday only journey operates as above 0745 journey to Wigan Road then via Gerard Street and Warrington Road to ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH/BYRCHALL HIGH SCHOOL.

**Route 156 (0758 journey from Booth's Brow Road and evening and Sunday Merseytravel journeys): from** ST HELENS BUS STATION via Corporation Street, Parr Street, Park Road, Blackbrook Road, West End Road, Vicarage Road, Stanley Bank Road, Liverpool Road, Tithebarn Road, Garswood Road, School Lane, Garswood Merseyrail station, Station Road, Garswood Road, Billinge Road, Rectory Road, Booths Brow Road, Downall Green Road, Wigan Road to ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD LIBRARY.

**Return** via the reverse of the above route to Corporation Street then via Hall Street, Bickerstaffe Street, Victoria Square, Corporation Street to ST HELENS BUS STATION.

**Route 256: from** GARSWOOD MERSEYRAIL STATION via Strange Road, Station Road, Garswood Road, Billinge Road, Birch Grove, Leyland Green Road, Rectory Road, Downall Green Road, Victoria Road, Strange Road, Camp Road, Low Bank Road, Old Road, Bryn Street, Gerard Street, Wigan Road, Old Road, Low Bank Road, Camp Road, Strange Road to GARSWOOD MERSEYRAIL STATION.