

IMBERBUS

Event Guide

for the classic bus service across Salisbury Plain
to the lost village of Imber on

Saturday 20 August 2022



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INTRODUCING IMBERBUS

In 2009, a group of bus industry professionals achieved a long standing ambition to run a bus service from Warminster in Wiltshire, to the abandoned village of Imber on Salisbury Plain. It proved to be so popular that it has now become an annual event, with most journeys continuing across Salisbury Plain to parts of Wiltshire rarely seen by public transport users. Each year the profits from operating the service are donated to The Friends of St. Giles's Church, Imber, to the Royal British Legion, and to other charities nominated by those who help run the service.

Today we are expecting to run about 30 old and new London buses, with some with mobility access, to provide a frequent service from Warminster station to Imber and then half-hourly to Gore Cross; thence to New Zealand Farm Camp, to Brazen Bottom and the Lavingtons, or to Tilshead and Chitterne. This year buses will NOT serve Chitterne during the mid-afternoon, as there is a large wedding in the church there. See timetable.

The service is designed so that buses meet at Gore Cross Bus Station, to allow passengers to interchange, and thus it should be possible to travel the entire network in four hours or so.

Possible rail strike

If there are no trains at Warminster, there are scheduled bus services to and from Warminster, Tilshead and Market Lavington, details at www.traveline.info There will also be coach excursions from Bristol, Bath and Dorchester, and special services from London and elsewhere, with additional car parking at Warminster station and at the top of Sack Hill. Cars will NOT be allowed into the military training area. Please do NOT park at Gore Cross, Market Lavington, Tilshead or Chitterne. All details at www.imberbus.org

Imberbus Car-Free Day

This year access to Imber is again by bus only; the Army has generously allowed Imberbus access for buses and bus passengers only, on a day when the Salisbury Plain Training Area is closed to other people and vehicles.

What can I do when I get to Imber?

St. Giles's church is the principal attraction. The church occupies the site of an earlier building dating from the mid-12th century. The nave was re-built towards the end of the 13th century and was followed, circa 1400, by the addition of the north and south aisles, the tower and north porch. At this time the nave roof was re-constructed. The chancel was re-built in 1849 at which time the north-east vestry was built. As the village was evacuated in 1943, it is conserved by the Churches Conservation Trust and looked after by the Friends of St. Giles's, who will have it open for Imberbus passengers to see the churchyard and interior, the new exhibition on the history of Imber, and who will also be

serving light refreshments. There may also be a display and vehicle from the London Transport Museum and a display by the Army. Please visit these.

The church, the path to it, and the road through Imber are all available for public use. Everywhere else, including all the other buildings, fields and other land and the derelict tanks is **STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS**. Trespass is prohibited, is dangerous, and the areas will be patrolled by police, the military and by land wardens. Failure to heed this advice may make future access to Imber impossible. Please follow all the directions set out on Pages 15 and 16 from the Defence Infrastructure Organization.

Where will I be able to get something to eat or drink?

Light refreshments will be available inside Imber Church, and at Chitterne and Tilshead village halls (and at Tilshead village hall there will be a sales stand for transport books and souvenirs); also at Caspers Café at Warminster station which will be open throughout the day. You might also want to sample one of the restaurants and country pubs along the route. Our buses pass near to other hostelrys at Market Lavington, West Lavington and Chitterne which may be open for part of the day. The Museum at Market Lavington will be serving cream teas from 10.30am to 5pm; there will be a bus stop in Market Lavington adjacent to the path to the Museum.

What other facilities are available at Imber?

None! As Imber is normally closed to the public there are no shops, no permanent toilets and there is no mobile phone reception or Wifi. We therefore strongly recommend that you prepare for this before you board the bus (the nearest public toilets will be at Warminster station and alongside Warminster Central car park).

How much does it cost to travel on Imberbus?

To enable visitors to explore our services in an affordable way, we will again be offering an all-day ticket at a cost of £10 per adult, with up to three children allowed to accompany each adult for the bargain fare of just £1 each. However, ordinary bus fares will also be available and so anyone who just wishes to travel from Warminster to visit Imber and return, will be able to pay £5 outward to Imber and return free. Please see Page 4 for full details.

Imberbus operates as an ordinary local bus service, so there is no need to pre-book or pay in advance — just turn up and pay the conductor on the bus in cash (payment in £5 or £10 notes or £1 and £2 coins is appreciated). To speed things up, we will also sell day tickets outside Warminster Station during the morning, where payment by contactless card will be accepted. We regret that we are unable to accept concessionary bus passes.

If you would like further information about our event, please visit our website at www.imberbus.org This includes a Frequently Asked Questions page. You can also view the Imberbus video.

FARES

WARMINSTER-IMBER-GORE CROSS and TILSHEAD and CHITTERNE,
BRAZEN BOTTOM and THE LAVINGTONS and
NEW ZEALAND FARM CAMP, or CHITTERNE direct

Imberbus Day Tickets:

Adult **£10**

Child under 16 **£1**

TICKET CODES

A = £1

B = £5

C = £10

ORD = Adult

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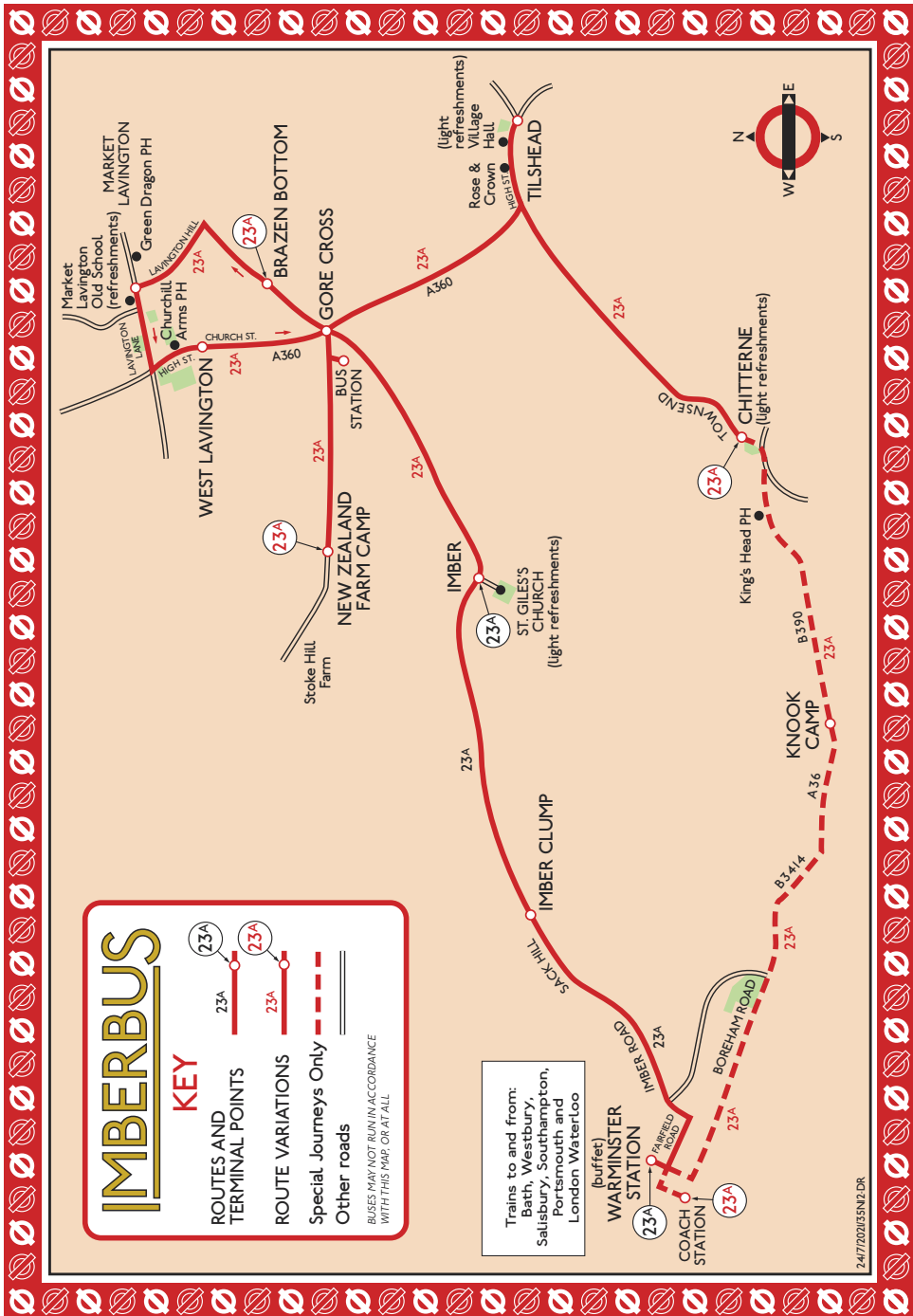
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3	£10	£5	GORE CROSS	3
4	£10	£5	£5	TILSHEAD, CHITTERNE, BRAZEN BOTTOM, MARKET LAVINGTON, NEW ZEALAND FARM CAMP 4

NOTE

£5 fares charged in the eastbound direction only

National Concessionary Passes are not available.

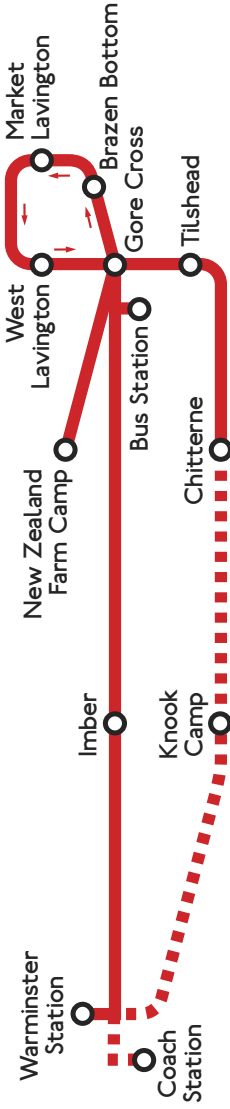
In 2021, Imberbus donated nearly £13,600 to the Friends of St. Giles's Church, Imber, and to the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal and to other charities related to those who help Imberbus. This year, the surplus will again be donated to those charities. If you would like to give more, please do.



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20 August 2022
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Warminster · Imber · Gore Cross · Tilshead · Chitterne 23A
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Eastbound Journeys

Saturday 20th August 2022

Warminster, Rail Station	0945	0945	0945	1000	1015	1015	1015	1030	1045	1045	1045	1100	1115	1115	1115	1130
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New Zealand Farm Camp	1038	1108	1138	1208
Brazen Bottom	1034	1104	1134	1204
Lavington Vadette	1040	1110	1140	1210
Market Lavington, Church Road	1045	1115	1145	1215
West Lavington, Cross Roads	1048	1118	1148	1218
Tilshead, Rose & Crown	1038	1108	1138	1208
Chitterne, Church	1049	1119	1149	1219

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New Zealand Farm Camp	1238	1308	1338	1408
Brazen Bottom	1234	1304	1334	1404
Lavington Vadette	1240	1310	1340	1410
Market Lavington, Church Road	1245	1315	1345	1415

West Lavington, Cross Roads	.....	1248	.....	.....	1318	.....	.....	1348	.....	.....	1418	.....
Tilshed, Rose & Crown	1238	1308	1338	1408
Chitterne, Church	1249	1319	1349	1419

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All buses are scheduled to arrive at Gore Cross approximately 5 minutes before the departure time shown to enable passengers to transfer to other buses.

Please note that in the afternoon there will be no buses from Chitterne during the mid-afternoon - please check timetable carefully.

Please see next page for details of morning journey from Warminster direct to Chitterne.

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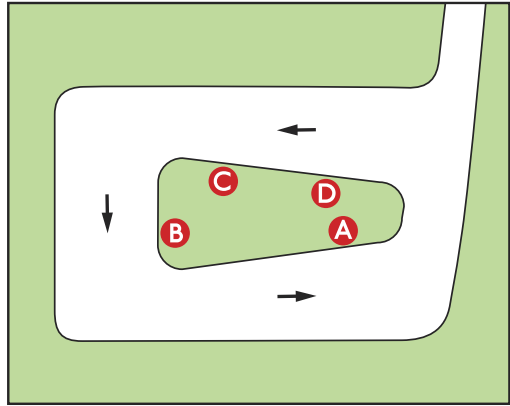
Where to Board Your Bus at GORE CROSS BUS STATION

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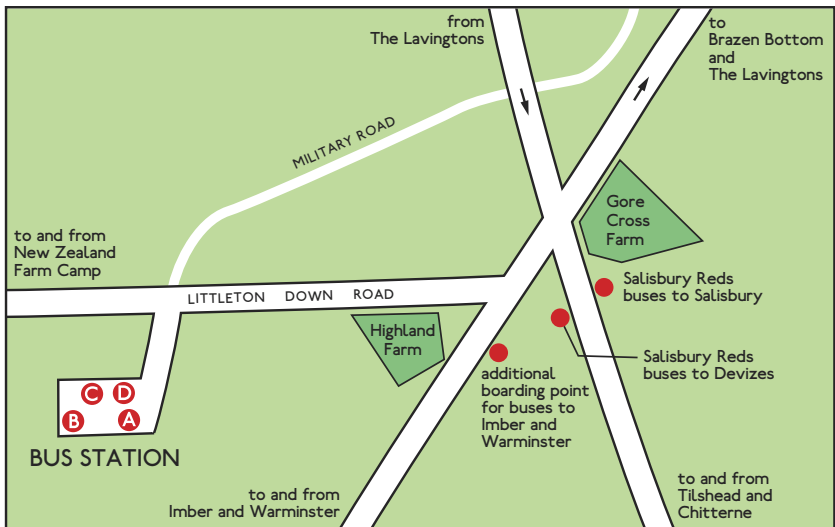
- Brazen Bottom
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- Copehill Down Road
- Imber
- Imber Clump
- Lavington Vedette
- Market Lavington
- New Zealand Farm Camp
- Sack Hill
- Tilshead
- Warminster Station
- West Lavington

BUS STOP

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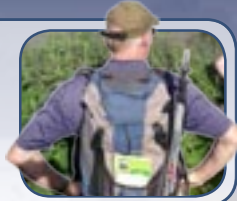
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The Ministry of Defence (MOD) welcomes you to Imber.

Please read this leaflet carefully. It will help you make the most of your visit.

Stick to public rights of way

The MOD wants to ensure that visitors to Imber have an enjoyable experience when visiting this historical village. Salisbury Plain is first and foremost a military training area and for your own safety and enjoyment we ask that you stick to public rights of way and designated areas and comply with local flags and signs.



Please don't enter buildings marked 'unsafe'

There are dangerous buildings all around Imber. These buildings are military training features and are unsafe for members of the public. They are always off limits unless notices tell you otherwise. Please do not go inside these buildings.



Disused tank hulks are targets...not playgrounds

You'll see these "hard targets" dotted around Imber. They are not for climbing or playing on; under no circumstance should they be approached. They have been used as targets for many years and are covered by exposed, dangerous metal and small spaces exist where little people could get trapped! They will also be contaminated by munitions or pyrotechnics, which may go off if tampered with.



Don't stray from the path

Imber Range has been used for military training for many years. There is always the possibility that unexploded ordnance may contaminate an area. It is important that you remain in those areas designated for public access where the risk has been managed.



Please remember:

- Landmarks, military staff and volunteers are on site for your safety
- Please respect and adhere to all information and direction when visiting the Plain
- Children should be supervised at all times
- Please take your litter home with you
- If you are visiting with your dog please clean up after it and ensure that it is kept in sight and under close control at all times

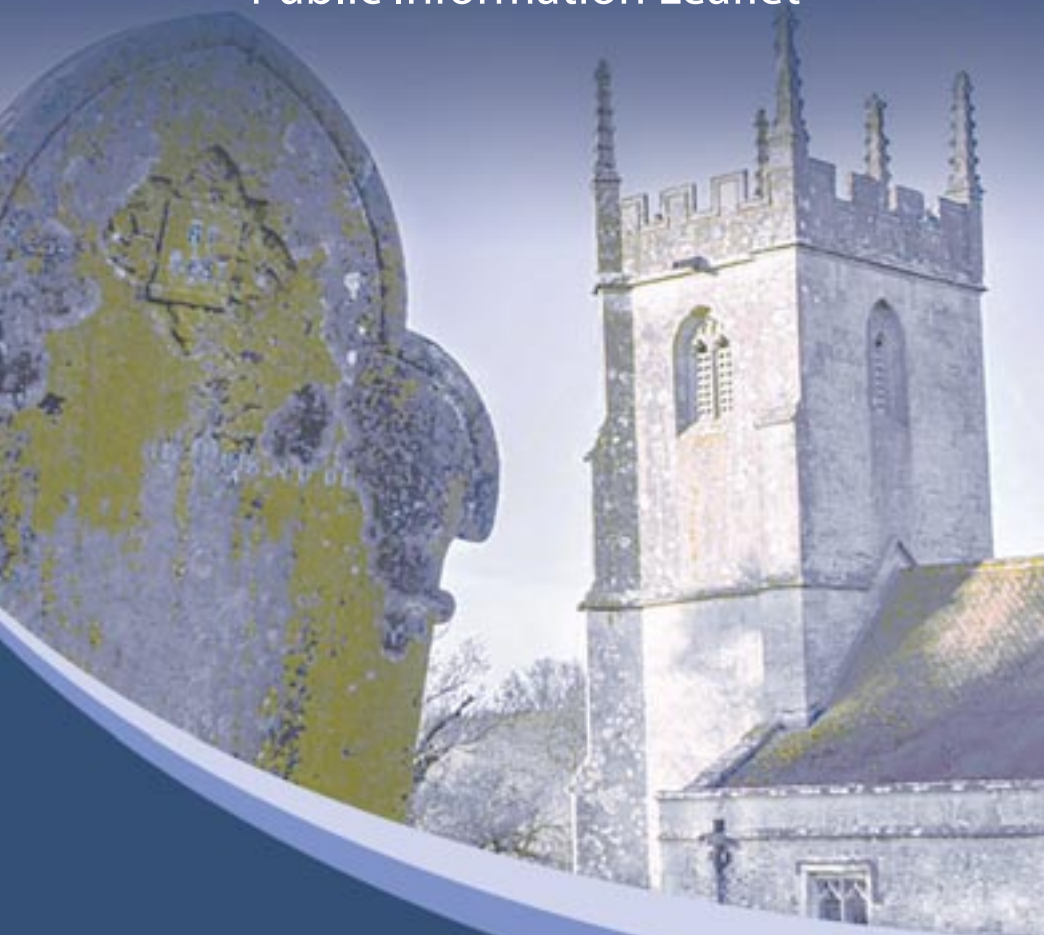


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