

Village Business

The Witney Jitney

You cannot fault the location of the Wychwoods. Draw a circle ten miles out and you cover such lovely places as Burford, Kingham, Chipping Norton, Woodstock and Witney. Move out a further ten miles or so



leaving your car in a long stay car park, then the shuttle is a much more attractive proposition. Approximately ten per cent of the Shuttle's business is for Wychwood addresses. The

and you embrace Oxford, Cheltenham, Banbury, Stratford. But what if you want to break out of this circle to start your holiday? Then it can be a pain to get to Heathrow, Gatwick or even St Pancras. Fortunately one of our regular advertisers, the Witney Shuttle, has come up with an efficient and cost effective solution.

service is now being extended to Stow. Winter tyres are fitted to all their vehicles and it is a proud boast that they have never missed a flight. They check weather conditions before setting out as well as congestion reports and have an unrivalled knowledge of alternative routes to the major airports. The shuttle fleet currently consists of two seven-seat minibuses.

The Shuttle Bus

Nick and Cathy Holt-Kentwell started a chauffeuring business in 2004 in Witney following careers in banking overseas. Influenced by the economic downturn in 2007, they developed the concept of a shuttle similar to shuttle bus and limo services in the US such as the Hampden Jitney to New York. They have since developed it further to reflect local needs and conditions. Today their shuttle service comprises a timetabled minibus transport to all terminals at Heathrow and Gatwick nine times daily. They will pick you up from your home at times to tie in with their timetable. They have divided the surrounding region into three zones with the Wychwoods in Zone 3. The charge for a return journey from the Wychwoods to Heathrow with collection and delivery at your home is £138 for two people. If you are in the habit of travelling to London the night before your departure and then

Full Chauffeur Service

Parallel to the shuttle service, they also offer chauffeuring using two Mercedes E Class cars each less than two years old. It is even possible to have the shuttle service one way and then use the chauffeur service on the return leg. Naturally the chauffeuring service is more expensive – around £100 more to Heathrow for example. When three Shipton couples recently used the chauffeuring service to get to St Pancras in time for the Eurostar 8am train, this worked out at £60 per person return. The difference between the two services is that the shuttle is linked to a timetable while the chauffeuring service will wait if your arrival is delayed. I have used both services on three occasions and shall be doing so again. It takes a lot of the stress out of the first and last stages of a trip.

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