KNIGHTWOOD/VALLEY PARK BUS CAMPAIGNERS

Background **information provided by the campaigners**

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The campaign was launched in Spring 2024 with a community and public petition to save and improve our dwindling bus services. And to put the community of Knightwood firmly on the map. (We had been overlooked and excluded repeatedly over the decades for essential and socially necessary services.)

Susan Dorsett also helped with liaison and the setting up of the Hampshire Bus Action Group (HAMBAG). She has continued to work on campaigning for both Hampshire and national 24/7 disabled bus pass validity.

In May 2025, following much publicity she made a deputation at the AGM before a full Hampshire County Council and handed in our paper and online petitions.

This, combined with our publicity campaign and the support of the local media, acted as a spring board for many of the other groups that have since formed, such as the Colden Common group for example.

We are continuing our work, which is entirely voluntary, but a full-time commitment for me as lead and an active member within our local communities. Our campaign now covers a much greater area of Hampshire, supporting communities from Southampton and Chandlers Ford, through the villages to Winchester.