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## Local Link Longford Westmeath is pleased to announce and evening service on Route 865 Granard to Longford (via Ballinalee).

This announcement comes after the National Transport Authority gave the green light to pilot an evening and night time service in rural areas across 19 counties. The pilot project gets underway in June and continues until the end of 2018.

The new Granard to Longford timetable will commence on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> including 3 daily return services Monday to Thursday and 6 daily return services Friday and Saturday with connection to rail services in Longford Train Station. Children under 5 years and holders of the free travel pass, travel for free with weekly return tickets and single tickets available for Child, Student and Adult.

The vehicle used on this service is a low floored vehicle and is fully accessible and is operated by Donnelly's Pioneer Bus Service on behalf of Local Link.



### 865 ~ Granard – Longford - Granard

	Mon-Fri	Sat Only	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Fri-Sat	Fri-Sat	Fri-Sat
Granard	07:40	09:00	13:30	17:00	18:45	20:45	21:55
Brown's Cross	07:45	09:05	13:35	17:05	18:50	20:50	22:00
Willisbrook	07:47	09:07	13:37	17:07	18:52	20:52	22:02
Ballinalee	07:55	09:15	13:45	17:15	19:00	21:00	22:10

Esker Cross	08:00	09:20	13:50	17:20	19:05	21:05	22:15
Killetter Cross	08:05	09:25	13:55	17:25	19:10	21:10	22:20
Longford (Train Station)	08:10 <sup>1</sup>	09:30 <sup>2</sup>	14:00 <sup>3</sup>	17:30 <sup>4</sup>	19:15 <sup>5</sup>	-	-
Longford (Court House)	08:13	09:33	14:03	17:33	19:18	21:15	22:25

	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Fri-Sat	Fri-Sat	Fri-Sat
Longford (AIB Bank)	09:30	16:25	18:10	20:10	21:20	23:00
Longford (Train Station)	09:35 <sup>6</sup>	16:30 <sup>7</sup>	18:15 <sup>8</sup>	20:15 <sup>9</sup>	21:25	-
Killetter Cross	09:40	16:35	18:20	20:20	21:30	23:05
Esker Cross	09:45	16:40	18:25	20:25	21:35	23:10
Ballinalee	09:50	16:45	18:30	20:30	21:40	23:15
Willisbrook	09:58	16:53	18:38	20:38	21:48	23:23
Brown's Cross	10:00	16:55	18:40	20:40	21:50	23:25
Granard	10:05	17:00	18:45	20:45	21:55	23:30

### Iarnród Éireann / Irish Rail Connections

<sup>1</sup> 08:20 service to Dublin

<sup>2</sup> 09:47 service to Sligo & 10:17 service to Dublin

<sup>3</sup> 14:19 service to Dublin & 14:52 service to Sligo

<sup>4</sup> 17:54 service to Sligo

<sup>5</sup> 19:31 service to Dublin

<sup>6</sup> 08:20 service from Sligo

<sup>7</sup> 16:19 service from Sligo

<sup>8</sup> 17:54 service from Dublin

<sup>9</sup> 19:31 Service from Sligo & 19:58 service from Dublin (Mon – Fri Only)

<sup>10</sup> 20:59 service from Dublin

In the Local Link Longford Westmeath region there are 70 services comprising of Fixed Routes like the 865, Demand Responsive routes, Community Car and Once off trips. In 2017 there was over 96,000 passenger journeys on services operated in the Longford Westmeath region

Local Link Longford Westmeath your local bus service. For comment or clarification please contact Damien O'Neill, Local Link Longford Westmeath on 044 9340801 or 087 6087500.

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### **Notes for Editor**

Local Link provides door-to-door and scheduled bus services in towns, villages and rural areas. The mission statement of the Rural Transport Programme is 'to provide a quality nationwide community based public transport system in rural Ireland which responds to local needs'. Seventeen Transport Co-ordination Units (brand name Local Link), manage the delivery of rural transport services nationally on behalf of the National Transport Authority.