

Classic Coaches withdraws Blues supporters buses

A BUS company which ran subsidised travel to Wycombe Wanderers home games has dramatically withdrawn the service.

High Wycombe based Classic Coaches which runs seven matchday coaches for Blues fans from Penn, Prestwood, Flackwell Heath, Monks Risborough, Micklefield, Maidenhead and Aylesbury to get to games, cancelled the service on Monday.

Wanderers have now been forced to put on an emergency service for the coming games against Bournemouth, on December 26, and Chesterfield, on January 3.

The future of the service, run in conjunction with Wycombe District Council, which is used by hundreds

of fans is now uncertain for the rest of the season.

But the Football Special buses, which run from High Wycombe railway station to the Adams Park ground on match days are not affected.

Wycombe Wanderers marketing director Mark Austin apologised to fans and urged them to check with the club which bus firms had agreed to offer the emergency cover service before starting their journey to Adams Park.

Mr Austin said: "At present an alternative operator has yet to come to an arrangement with Wycombe District Council for the rest of the season."

Classic Coaches declined to comment on the reason behind the withdrawal of the service.

Blues fans stranded as bus company scraps routes

WYCOMBE Wanderers fans risk being left stranded before home games after the regular bus operator scrapped seven routes from its schedule.

David Crowther, the owner of Classic Coaches, in Cryers Hill, said his company could no longer afford to keep the service going after Blues supporters failed to show up at the bus stops as The Wanderers slipped down the table.

Mr Crowther said he was forced to call an end to more than three years of service to the Blues last week and said: "We have never made any money out of this and we told Wycombe Wanderers that

we couldn't go on doing something that doesn't make us any profit.

"The best we have ever done is break even."

Mr Crowther said if the Blues had managed to stay in the top six in Division Two his company might have been able to keep running fans to the home matches, but after the team slipped down the table the number of fans boarding his buses fell sharply.

He said: "I am a supporter of Wycombe Wanderers and it is a sad day for all of us."

Seven different bus routes have been scrapped, including buses going from Prestwood, Penn,

Flackwell Heath, Micklefield Road, Monks Risborough, Maidenhead, and Aylesbury.

Mark Austin, the director of sales and marketing at Wycombe Wanderers, assured fans that it would be business as usual for the match on Boxing Day against Bournemouth and the game against Chesterfield on January 3.

Fans, however, have been advised to check that a bus will be running for the game against Scunthorpe United on January 15.

Mr Austin said: "We have all been landed in it by the bus operators decision to pull out. They have provided an excellent service."