

PULHAMS NO.19 BUS

**Wednesday, 11 November - bus stop returns to the Market Square
from temporary stop outside Horse Shoes**

The planter has been temporarily moved near the Market Square entrance as a suggested trial by Oxfordshire County Council.

The new bus service provider was unable to manoeuvre the bus at the entrance as residents regularly parked too close to this entrance for the bus turning circle. This meant that the large covered bus stop with seating was no longer in use in the Market Square and the bus had to stop near The Horseshoes where the pavement is narrow and there is nowhere to sit.

Bampton Parish Council worked hard with OCC to get the route change for this new provider back to using New Road and we continue to work with OCC and the bus company to get the best possible accessibility for bus users in Bampton. We pressed both the bus company and OCC to use the Market Square bus stop again. Various options were considered. Yellow lining was one option, but not only would this require another traffic order at a cost of around £2000, it is clear that some residents take absolutely no notice of them near the Town Hall and park on both the yellow lines and the pavement.

OCC came up with this low cost option of using a planter as a trial. It has proved to be successful and the bus will now stop at the Market Square bus stop. The half barrel planter will be replaced with a permanent full barrel planter, which will be more visible to car drivers and which can be planted with larger plants for even more visibility.