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Welcome to another season of the Moorsbus Network. Thanks to lots of hard work by our dedicated volunteers—from the design of our website and timetable booklet, to negotiating with bus operators.

From finding the funding to run the services, to stuffing envelopes and publicising Moorsbus. All this is undertaken in a voluntary capacity.

We also thank most sincerely those who have given financial support towards Moorsbus in 2019. That includes individual passengers who

made contributions either through their bank, through our *localgiving* website or who bought Donate Tickets.

Many organisations have given grants and donations—town and parish councils, the Land of Iron project, the Prince’s Countryside Fund and the North Yorkshire Moors Association amongst them.

Make the most of Moorsbus and enjoy all the opportunities it gives: great walks, spectacular views, exciting places to visit. Make new friends or just relax as the bus re-connects you with the North York Moors.

Moorsbus is a network of local bus services designed and operated by a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, run entirely by volunteers. **Moorsbuzz** helps you keep up-to-date with things to do from the bus and new developments.

Our new kid on the block

This year the Sunday services from Norton / Malton to Rosedale and Dalby Forest (M6 & M7) are being operated by First York. We welcome them along with our regular operators of Arriva, Reliance and York Pullman. We know their drivers will be maintaining the Moorsbus qualities—last year you gave Moorsbus drivers a 99.2% satisfaction level!

So make our new drivers welcome—and in the unlikely event of them needing some friendly advice, don’t shy away. They may be happy to know where one of our more obscure stops is, or your recommended café.

MOORS ROVER

You can buy or use a Moors Rover ticket on associated services of Arriva, Reliance and East Yorkshire: check page 3 of the new timetable for details. This means that you can get to lots of additional places, or get to the Moorsbus Network from home or a railway station.

ROSEDALE & DALBY FOREST BUS TIMES

The Sunday M6 and M7 times were changed after the timetable was printed. Correct information is on the insert on page 13. The website also shows the new times. Sorry for any confusion—we hold our hands up!

THE SEATED MAN? HE JUST GOT UP AND WALKED



Sean Henry's 3-metre sculpture has left his peaceful vantage point overlooking Westerdale after a couple of years. Those who didn't manage to catch a glimpse of him shouldn't despair: he has a new resting place in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The statue drew visitors from far and wide after he arrived on the moors, and was not without controversy. There are other sculptures to visit on the moors—including natural ones such as The Bridestones which you can get to from the Dalby Forest bus, or visit our many moorland crosses.

BANGERS & CASH

You may have seen the new 10-part TV series taking you behind the scenes of a family-run historic car auction business (*Thursdays at 8pm on Yesterday*). Catch up with the real vehicles and real family in Thornton-le-Dale, home to the Mathewsons and their Motor Museum. Catch the **M7** or the **128** to Thornton le Dale — the museum is on the main street.



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Available in Blue or Graphite. Only £11.50 (or £14.50 delivered).
www.moorsbus.org
01751477216

Don't forget your DONATE TICKET



You'll know that the fares we charge, plus the low reimbursement rate for accepting concessionary passes, means we have to raise about £50,000 a year to operate Moorsbus. That's why we invented the 'Donate Ticket' - it's an easy way you can support the Community Interest Company on the bus. £1, £3 or £5 will help run Moorsbus in 2020.

Scarborough Locals

is part of the new branding for the 128 service between Helmsley and Scarborough now that the East Yorkshire bus group has been taken over by Go-Ahead. Moorsbus passengers will know that their Moors Rover tickets are valid (or can be bought) on the 128 between Helmsley and Thornton le Dale. The new livery was launched on 30 April and Moorsbus was there to further develop our close working relationship with the new company, including better timetabling, better ticketing and environmental improvements.



What's on in May & June

Thornton le Dale village exhibition
4th May (Old Grammar School)

Northallerton May Fair High Street,
5th May

Sutton Bank Visitor Centre:
Rhythm & Brews 6th May, Beer & music

Hutton-le-Hole Car Boot Sales:
19th May, 30th June,

Lastingham Flower Festival, St Mary's
Church 28th June – end of August

Hutton le Hole: Friends of Moorsbus
Guided Walk, 12th May 12.05

Botton Village Folk Festival
24 - 27th May 01947 811508

Helmsley: Duncombe Park Country
Fair 27th May

Wass Open Gardens, 2nd June 12 - 5

Helmsley Open Gardens 8th June

Coxwold Open Gardens, 9th June 1-5

Rosedale Walking Weekend
22nd - 23rd June, 01751 417505

Coxwold Village Market
29th June (& last Saturday every month)

Botton Summer Fair,
Danby Dale, 6th June 10 – 3pm

Dalby Forest: Friends of Moorsbus
Guided Walk Sat 27th July,
M7 Pickering 12.10

Advance notice:

(details in next Moorsbuzz)
Friends of Moorsbus Guided Walk,
18th August Friends of Moorsbus
AGM, Danby National Park Centre
22nd Sept 1.30 – 3pm,
Friends of Moorsbus York passengers'
meeting: Oct/Nov.

The Land of Iron project

is working to nurture the natural environment that's reclaimed the industrial landscape, and is celebrating it through **Rosedale Wildlife Week**. From Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 June a wealth of nature-based guided walks, talks, and field trips with local experts will explore and document the valuable wildlife to be found in the dale.

Highlights include:

- 'Go Wild on the Village Green' on the Sunday and Saturday
- Two family activity days to discover the bugs and beasties all around us
- 'Fabulous Flora', a day learning to recognise the plants and animals of Rosedale's historic churchyard

Details: www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/visiting/whats-on/rosedale-wildlife-week or call into an information centre.

2019 VILLAGE SHOWS YOU CAN GET TO BY MOORSBUS

Saturday 17 August Rosedale Show,
Rosedale Abbey (M6)

Saturday 31 August Bilsdale Show,
Chop Gate (M4)

Saturday 14 September Castleton
Show (M3)

Sunday 15 September Guisborough
Forest Festival (M4)

Saturday 21 September Stokesley
Show (M4)

Tour de Yorkshire 2 to 5 May

Although the route of this year's cycle event won't affect Moorsbus directly, it will impact on Scarborough Local's 128 service to Helmsley as it contends with road closures (and additional passengers) from East Ayton to Scarborough on Saturday 4th May.

SPONSOR A BUS?

At last year's Friends of Moorsbus AGM we asked if anyone would sponsor a bus—just for one day. And sure enough, one of our members generously paid £400 to ensure that one bus was fully supported. **Wow!**

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Over the 38 years that Moorsbus has been operating, thousands of photographs have been taken of our buses, our drivers and the scenery through which they travel. But we only ever see a handful of them. We'd love to see more, especially any taken in the early days of Moorsbus, so we can compile a record of the development of this unique and much-loved service. And we'd like to share the images with you.

If you're into social media you can use **#scenicmoorsbus**, or if you aren't that type (or have non digital images), just give us a call or drop us a line. **friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com**
4 Foundry Cottages, Wrelton, Pickering YO18 8PF (Tel: 01751 477216)

And finally... can you give out a few timetables to friends or colleagues? Or put them in a guest house, a pub or a café? Get in touch if you need loads, or just pick up a handful from the info box on the bus. **Thank you!**

Volunteering with Moorsbus

Quite a few Moorsbus passengers are already involved as volunteers for distributing timetables and posters, so first we need to thank them.

Here are some tasks that we always need more help with and that aren't too difficult:

- a) Handing out Moorsbuzz and survey forms on buses (with care on moving buses!);*
- b) Delivering small handfuls of timetables, or a poster, to cafes, pubs, B&Bs, community centres and churches at the start of the season in any community that's convenient to you. Keeping a list, reporting back to avoid duplication, and then checking maybe every month or so whether they need a top-up;*
- c) Keeping an eye out for on-line links to or from our website, to increase our impact;*
- d) Noting local newsletters where we could be promoted and local events where we could have a stall, or maybe where we can talk to Radio or TV presenters.*

If you want to get a bit more involved, there are opportunities for:

- e) arranging small fundraising events;*
- f) baking for cake stalls, making jam;*
- g) being trained up for admin tasks or funds searching;*
- h) 'Meet and greet' and passenger info;*
- i) assisting with book-keeping and membership;*
- j) 'Moor Rewards' - building relationships with more cafes, shops, pubs and attractions;*
- k) arranging small walking groups or other outings using Moorsbus;*
- l) taking photos or making videos (permission essential from passengers in view);*
- k) any other tasks that come up.*

Together we can achieve more frequent services, additional routes or additional days. We want happy helpers—not to put anyone under pressure. Also, we need feedback about how we could better support volunteers.

Ignore all the above if you are already up to the eye-balls with other responsibilities.

But if you do have a bit of spare time, we'd love to talk to you.

Please contact Helen on 07960 160130 or friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com