

## 4. Thirsk: home of James Herriot and much more

### SUNDAY

**11:31 depart Helmsley Market Place** (outside the co-op) **on Moorsbus M5 towards Thirsk**

*The journey to Thirsk follows the edge of the Howardian Hills and climbs Beacon Hill where there are panoramic views over much of Ryedale. The bus then goes through Ampleforth village and Wass before arriving at the spectacular Byland Abbey, once one of the most prestigious Cistercian monasteries in the country. A few minutes later finds the bus in the village of Coxwold, home to the writer Lawrence Sterne who lived at Shandy Hall (on the right hand side as the bus leaves the village towards Thirsk). You'll also see the church with its unusual octagonal tower.*

**12:09 arrive Thirsk Market Place**

*Thirsk has a great range of shops, cafes, pubs and everything else you might need.*

*The 15th century church of St Mary is well worth seeing. Also in Kirkgate you'll find 'The World of James Herriot' – the original home and surgery where the world's most famous vet lived, worked and wrote all those books based on his experience as the young vet.*

*Thirsk Tourist Information Centre opens on Sundays from 10:00 to 13:00.*

**15:44 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5 to Helmsley**

*The return journey once again takes you through Coxwold and past Byland Abbey: what you missed first time around, look out for this time!*

**16:22 arrive Helmsley Market Place**



## About Moorsbus

Moorsbus is a network of friendly, wheelchair-accessible, public bus services to and through the North York Moors. It is designed and operated by a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, run entirely by volunteers and led by its passengers.

Using modern, low-emission vehicles with professional drivers from local bus operators, we help both locals and visitors get around the area without needing a car.

We're helping society, the local economy and our environment - now and for future generations.

### Tell us what you think

Every year we undertake a survey of our passengers to find out what's right and what's wrong with the service and how we can do things better.

You'll find a survey form to fill in on every bus - it's in the MoorInfo box where you'll also find timetables, details of attractions, and our monthly newsletter 'Moorsbuzz'.

### Donate tickets

Many passengers (including those who benefit from 'free' travel through a concessionary pass) like to make an on-bus donation. Our special Donate Tickets can be bought from the driver and contribute to Moorsbus services for the future.

Just tell the driver you'd like to buy a Donate Ticket when you pay your normal fare, or when you show your pass. They're £2, £5 or £10.

Although they aren't valid for travel, they'll create more journeys next year because 100% of the money raised from Donate Tickets goes straight to Moorsbus.

### Finally...

We look forward to seeing you on a Moorsbus soon. You'll find a warm welcome awaits you.

# 4 great days out

**FROM HELMSLEY**

# with Moorsbus

**Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays  
from 29 June to 27 October 2024**

### Maximum fare for a single journey £2

*(where the service number changes, or you change bus, a new fare has to be paid).*

*£1 single journey for children & young people (5 to 18).*

English National Concessionary Passes accepted.

Contactless payment usually available.

All-day Moors Rover tickets are £10 (£2.50 child; £15 family). Single fares start at £1.

In towns, Moorsbuses use existing bus stops. In country areas, give a clear signal to the driver to get on, and tell the driver in advance where you'd like to get off.

**Full timetables are available  
on the bus, on the website, or in local shops,  
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**www.moorsbus.org**

# 1. Simply Bilsdale, Stokesley & Great Ayton

## SATURDAYS

**10:57 catch Moorsbus M4 in Helmsley Market Square (by the monument) to Great Ayton**

*Your journey is simple - and stunning! After climbing out of Helmsley, the bus travels down to the small village of Rievaulx and passes the magnificent ruins of Rievaulx Abbey. This Cistercian abbey was once one of the largest in Britain with over 650 monks and lay-brothers.*

*The route then continues through Bilsdale, passing historic Spout House next to the Sun Inn (on the right) and then the village of Chop Gate. From here it climbs to the watershed and crosses the Cleveland Way National Trail. It's then down to Great Broughton and Stokesley (you could stop here instead of in Great Ayton if you preferred), before going on to Great Ayton.*

**11:57 arrive in Great Ayton**

*Great Ayton is a great place to explore and has a good range of cafes, restaurants, pubs and shops.*

*The village was the childhood home of Captain James Cook whose story is told at the James Cook Schoolroom Museum on High Street. The Museum is housed in the charity school where, between 1736 and 1740, Cook received his early education.*

*A granite obelisk marks the original site of the Cook family cottage in Great Ayton. The cottage is now to be found in Melbourne, Australia, having been dismantled and moved there in 1934. The obelisk is made of granite from Point Hicks, the first Australian land sighted by Cook.*

*On High Green is a statue depicting Cook at the age of 16 looking towards Staithes where, according to tradition, he first felt the lure of the sea.*

**14:43 depart Great Ayton (High Green) on Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley**

**15:42 arrive in Helmsley Market Square**

# 2. Explore Hutton le Hole & Danby National Park Centre

## SUNDAYS

**11:30 catch the East Yorkshire 128 bus in Helmsley Market Square (by the monument)**

**11:50 get off in Kirkbymoorside Market Place (outside the antiques shop)**

**12:00 Moorsbus M3 arrives at the same bus stop, catch this bus to Hutton le Hole**

**12:08 arrive at Hutton le Hole (opposite the Folk Museum)**

*Spend two and a half hours in delightful Hutton le Hole with its craft and souvenir shops, tea rooms, pub and toilets.*

*The award-winning Ryedale Folk Museum is an open-air museum with over 20 preserved buildings set in a 6 acre site. Come inside the Iron Age roundhouse, or the medieval manor house, and discover the fascinating story of life in the North York Moors. There's also an art gallery in the museum.*

**14:38 leave Hutton le Hole (opposite the Folk Museum) on Moorsbus M3 to Danby Lodge**

*The journey is an exhilarating ride high over the North York Moors with distant views of the sea and closer by, the renowned Lion Inn and Ralph Cross.*

**15:10 arrive outside the National Park Centre**

*Danby Lodge National Park Centre will keep you entertained with its 'Inspired by...' art gallery, exhibitions and shop. There's a café and toilets.*

*Outside is a children's adventure play area and the Crow Wood trail. Free admission.*

**16:43 leave Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M6 (catch the bus from outside the main gates) back to Kirkbymoorside**

**17:25 arrive Kirkbymoorside Market Place**

*Toilets, cafes*

**18:01 depart Kirkbymoorside (outside the Lemon Tree Café) on East Yorkshire 128 to Helmsley**

**18:21 arrive Helmsley Market Place**

# 3. Circular tour, stopping at Danby & Stokesley

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**12:00 Moorsbus M3 arrives at the same bus stop, catch this bus to Danby**

*The journey is an exhilarating ride, going through the beautiful village of Hutton le Hole, and then climbing high over the North York Moors with distant views of the sea and closer by, the renowned Blakey Lion Inn and Ralph Cross.*

**12:40 arrive at Danby Lodge National Park Centre**

*Enjoy the 'Inspired by...' art gallery, other exhibitions and the shop. There's a café, picnic areas, the Crow Wood trail, play areas and toilets. Free admission.*

**14:15 catch Moorsbus M3 outside the gates to Danby Lodge to Guisborough**

*The bus climbs back onto the moors, arriving in Guisborough at 14:41. Stay on this bus (which becomes M4) as it goes on through Great Ayton to Stokesley where you can have an hour long break. (If you want to get back to Helmsley earlier, just stay on this bus all the way back.)*

**15:06 arrive in Stokesley High Street**

*The market town dates back beyond the Domesday Book and has over 80 listed buildings as well as a 17th century packhorse bridge over the River Leven. The high street is full of small shops, cafes, pubs and toilets making it a great place to enjoy a break.*

**16:09 leave Stokesley (from the same bus stop) on Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley**

*The bus heads down beautiful Bilsdale, through the village of Chop Gate and then past Rievaulx Abbey.*

**16:57 arrive Helmsley Market Place**