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MOORSBUZZ

Keeping you up-to-date with the Moorsbus Network

Glad to be back!

After far too long, we hope you're as pleased as we are to see Moorsbus serving communities, visitors and the environment once again.

Especial thanks to our bus operator partners - Arriva North East, East Yorkshire, Reliance and York Pullman - who have worked alongside us to develop this year's timetables which offer even more opportunities to travel to, through and from the North York Moors.

Once again, our team of volunteers have created the services from limited resources— negotiating contracts, designing the website and timetable booklet, delivering timetables to libraries and other outlets from York to Darlington (and beyond), writing Days Out leaflets, etc.

We're always keen to get more help—even if it's just putting a timetable in your local pub or corner shop. If you want to play a part, please contact us via email, phone or letter.

Where we're going in 2021

Most of the routes are the same as in previous years due to the limited bus-suitable road network to link key destinations. Many years ago Moorsbus used some smaller roads but a combination of factors, including the size of other vehicles on the road, means that they are no longer possible—we tested these routes and found they just were not feasible.

The buses we use now are also fully compliant with regulations and ensure wheelchair-friendly, low-floor access. Each bus has a seating capacity able to cope with the demands from groups of walkers and parties of locals wanting to get around the area.

We've found that smaller vehicles are not the best option for rural services when demand can be volatile and weather dependent. Passenger confidence can only be met by ensuring that there is enough seating for everyone who needs to make the journey home. Allowing the extra space also helps people feel more confident in these Covid-times. And if we do have larger groups, our buses can provide standing room whereas smaller vehicles are not permitted to carry any standees.

DONATE TICKET

Remember, when you buy a **Donate Ticket** on the bus, Moorsbus can plan for moor days, moor routes, or moor services next year.

You can buy them as a £2, £5 or £10 donation. In 2019 they generated over £1000, can we improve on that in 2021?



First day of 2021 services M6 and M8 at the Ropery in Pickering

walk & ride

You might have seen this new logo for Walk & Ride in our timetable and on some of our other publications. We hope you'll be seeing a lot more of it, not only from Moorsbus, but from other bus and train companies, walking organisations and other bodies.

We're wanting to make it easier for people to enjoy much better walking. **Walk & Ride** is rambling transformed. You'll see so much more by replacing the out or return leg of the walk with a short bus or train ride.

Lots of suggestions are on our website, and you could even try and persuade your local rambling group or bus operator to join us in the adventure that is **Walk & Ride**.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Thank you to all passengers who have followed the guidance for reducing the risk of Covid on public transport.

As regulations change, we hope that passengers respect each other and continue to wear face covering when possible, as well as keeping bus windows open.

BUS DIVERSION

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST Guisborough diversion during Market Place road closure.

Buses will travel via New Road / Rectory Lane with buses picking up on New Road.

EVENTS

24 July to 30 August: **'Wood Life'** - a major exhibition by 8 artists working in a variety of media. Inspired by... Gallery, Moors Centre, Danby

1 August: **Anglo Saxon Day** at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre (Oh, and by the way, that's **Yorkshire Day**)

Our first day of Moorsbus was featured in a great article on the BusAndTrainUser blog ('Moorsbus is back') by astute and independent travel writer Roger French. It's well worth following his travels throughout the UK.

BACKPACKS

Our lightweight backpacks are great for getting your shopping home or for cosseting your flask and sarnies on a nice day in Rosedale.



Available in Blue or Graphite. Only £11.50 (or £14.50 delivered). (We could even arrange to meet you on a Moorsbus and hand one over!)

Drop us a line or give us a ring if you'd like to know more.

www.moorsbus.org Telephone 01751477216
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Great Days Out Leaflets

- We've now got over a dozen Days Out leaflets on the website for downloading or printing off. If you can't manage it, we'll print one for you if you send us a stamped addressed envelope (and tell us which leaflet you'd like).
- Otherwise, your library should be able to help.
- Leaflets include Thornton le Dale; Pickering; York, Thirsk, Stokesley & Great Ayton.

Moorsbus likes a jam

Each year we need to raise some £50,000 to get Moorsbus on the road. Amongst our fundraising ventures we make jams and cordials which are sold by some friendly shops, and at special events.



FRIENDS OF MOORSBUS & MoorRewards

Passengers can show support by joining **Friends of Moorsbus**, and get a Membership Card, by paying just £5 per year: visit www.moorsbus.org

We've sent Friends of Moorsbus membership cards to everyone who sent us a donation to help us re-start Moorsbus this year. If you haven't received yours, please get in touch.

'Friends' get special offers or discounts at cafes, shops and pubs on our routes. Participating businesses display the MoorRewards 'M' sticker in their window or on their counter.