



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

North Yorkshire Moors Association

Since the Moorsbus Community Interest Company saved the Moorsbus network in 2014, we've had great support from the North Yorkshire Moors Association. As 'Friends of the North York Moors', the association is an independent charity that works to safeguard the landscapes, biodiversity and cultural heritage of the Moors and surrounding areas. So we really complement each other.

Find out more at www.nyma.org.uk

ESCAPE TO THE MOORS

Sunday 21 July
Come and see the brand new and fully immersive visitor experience at The Moors Centre in Danby.

The exhibition will provide a fascinating insight into the history and habitats of the North York Moors; exploring how these iconic landscapes were formed and the connections between the plants and animals that thrive there, including a look into our Land of Iron project. And loads of other activities too, especially on 21 July!



LOW EMISSION MOORSBUSES

You'll have noticed that we're using the latest buses on most of our routes.

They're called 'Euro 6' models and they emit fewer emissions than their predecessors. But did you know that—based on real, live tests—Euro 6 heavy duty engines, (those in new buses) are in fact cleaner and more environmentally friendly than those in small personal diesel vehicles including the latest Euro 6 car—despite having 10 times the capacity.



What does the Moorsbus triangle mean?



21 years ago the green triangle was a key way of helping people recognise a Moorsbus, no matter what the colour of the bus.

But we now see it as a reminder that Moorsbus has three main objectives.

SOCIETY. Moorsbus helps both locals and visitors, ensuring they can get out and about even if they don't have access to a car. It helps combat loneliness, and improves health, whilst at the same time reducing the negative impact of private cars.

ECONOMY. Moorsbus helps the local economy by enabling more people to get to local shops and services. Many of these facilities are in remote areas so we help smaller businesses who really appreciate your spending.

ENVIRONMENT. Reducing climate change is something we all can help with. That's why we hope you'll buy food and drink which comes from the area as well as other locally made items. Recycle and reuse wherever possible.

"We have a responsibility to look after our planet. It is our only home." (The Dalai Lama)

COME ON BOARD!



Friends of Moorsbus is a not-for-profit members' organisation. We're all volunteers dedicated to improving public transport to, from and around the North York Moors. Membership is only £5 a year and will give you a say in how, where and when the Moorsbus network runs. You will also have access to the growing MoorRewards special offer scheme.

Why not come on board? Please fill in the form below:

If you can email your information and supply an email address, it saves us time and postage. friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:

Address:

Postcode:..... Tel:.....

Your e-mail.....

ADOPT-A-BUS

Last year we asked if anyone would pay for a bus for one day. And as you may know, an anonymous donor very generously gave us a cheque for the £400 it costs on average to hire a bus and driver for a day.

So maybe... just maybe someone reading this (as an individual, from an organisation or a company) could find a way to help us get started on the 2020 services. Just let us know.

Any special ways in which you would like to help?

Membership Fee £5 + Bus Fund Donation £..... Total £.....

Cheques to "Friends of Moorsbus." Stamps are welcome too. Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope – thank you!

Send this form to:

**Friends of Moorsbus,
4 Foundry Cottages, Wrelton, YO18 8PF.**

We will never share your details with anyone else, and will only send you Moorsbus info

What's on in July

Lastingham Flower Festival, St Mary's Church until end of August

6 & 7 July Duncombe Park Steam Rally, Helmsley

7 July Dalby Forest Explorer Day: Displays, demos and hands-on experiences

7 July Botton Summer Fair, Danby Dale, 10 – 3pm

Hutton-le-Hole Carboot Sales - 7, 21, 28 July

13 & 27 July Hidden Horizons: Dalby Forest Family Explorer Club. Booking essential.

20 July Kirkbymoorside Heritage Day

21 July, special Land of Iron event at Danby Moors Centre 11am-4pm

27 July The Moors Centre's resident gallery willow weaver Anthea Firth will be back creating a Large Goose.

27 July Coxwold village market

27 July Friends of Moorsbus walk in Dalby Forest, catch the M7 from Pickering at 12.10

21 July If you're a member of the North Yorkshire Moors Association, or are going to join, they've arranged a linear walk. Meet Sutton Bank Visitor Centre at 11.15, having arrived by M4 Moorsbus from Guisborough, Stokesley or Helmsley (with connections from Darlington, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Saltburn). The 7-mile walk is along the Cleveland Way - mainly gently downhill - back to Helmsley, followed by tea in the Walled Garden. The walk is led by Wendy Smith (wpsmith7a@gmail.com).

Advance notice:

Friends of Moorsbus AGM, Danby National Park Centre 22nd Sept 1.30 – 3pm.

Friends of Moorsbus York meeting (details later).

Come along to either of these meetings so we can all share our views and plan for 2020.

If you've enjoyed your visit have you thought of doing a TripAdvisor review?

Search for 'Moorsbus' on the TripAdvisor UK site and say what you liked (and anything you didn't).

It's really easy and will help others get the most out of the area.



Moorsbus Backpacks

Available in Blue or Graphite. Only £11.50 (or £14.50 delivered).
www.moorsbus.org
01751 477216

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)

Moving Moorsbus up a gear

As Moorsbuzz readers will know, the challenge of keeping Moorsbus services on the road is always with us. Only 25% of the cost is met by fares and passes – the rest comes from grants and fundraising. This is always a challenge, and it gets no easier.

With the help of North Yorkshire County Council we have appointed a social business support consultancy, The Ideas Mine, to help us to become sustainable – and they want your help.

'Over the next few months we'll be looking at a whole range of important questions,' said John Sargent, Director of The Ideas Mine. 'Our brief is to be as creative as possible and we need the help of people who know Moorsbus and the North York Moors to do that,' he added.

'We want to think out of the box,' said Bill Breakell, Moorsbus co-founder and co-director. 'Is the CIC governance model right? Perhaps we should be a charity. Should we stay as we are, or merge with another organisation? How can we increase our income without losing our character? These are all important questions and we would like your help in answering them.'

We are creating a steering group to work alongside The Ideas Mine. It will meet three or four times over the lifetime of the study and will have a vital role in keeping the study on track.

If you are interested in joining this steering group, call us on 01751 477216 or email us at friendsofmoorbus@outlook.com

INSPIRED BY... Gallery

at the Moors Centre Danby

Until 29 July 'The Lost Words'. Displaying 'spells' by writer Robert Macfarlane and watercolour illustrations by artist Jackie Morris.

'Our Land, Our Sea' runs from 3 August to 2 September. This innovative exhibition by fractal artist Vienna Forrester breaks new ground, linking her art onto Moorsbus. Watch out for the M8, M6 and M3 art gallery on wheels in August.

Volunteering with Moorsbus

Quite a few Moorsbus passengers are already involved as volunteers, 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:

▲ *Handing out Moorsbuzz and survey forms on buses (with care on moving buses!);*

▲ *Delivering small handfuls of timetables, or a poster, to cafes, pubs, B&Bs, community centres and churches in any community that's convenient to you. Then checking maybe every month to see if they need a top-up;*

▲ *Keeping an eye out for on-line links to or from our website, to increase our impact;*

▲ *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 lots of other opportunities: just get in touch.

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're 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

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