

Take Five

No, we're not talking five-a-day fruit or veg.

Nor Dave Brubeck's classic 1959 tune (if you can remember that far back).

We're asking you to pick up 5 of our Moorsbus timetables, and then, when you get home, give them to friends (or strangers): at the shop, in the pub, at work, in the café.

We want you to spread the word, please, and get more people enjoying Moorsbus. That way we'll safeguard our buses for the future.

So please take five.

(But if you'd rather take ten, you're very welcome).

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MOORSBUZZ

Keeping you up-to-date with the Moorsbus Network

One of our long term supporters is the North Yorkshire Moors Association. As 'Friends of the North York Moors', NYMA is a charity working to safeguard the landscapes, biodiversity and cultural heritage of the Moors and surrounding areas. We'll be writing more about NYMA in the next Moorsbuzz, but in the meantime — thank you NYMA for your help over the years.

www.nyma.org.uk

Donate tickets: a correction

In the last edition of Moorsbuzz we thanked you for supporting us by buying our innovative 'Donate Tickets.' We said that in 2019 they raised over a thousand pounds.

Well, we were wrong.

In checking the books it appears that you donated over £2200. So thank you.

(But it means that we have a higher target to beat this year!)

GO ANYWHERE TICKET

Just to clarify, if you are an East Yorkshire passenger and buy one of their 'Go Anywhere' tickets (for instance, on the 128 or Moors Explorer ME1), they are also accepted on Moorsbus.

'Moors Rover' tickets are issued and accepted on the East Yorkshire 128 between Helmsley and Thornton le Dale, as well as the Moors Explorer between Norton (Malton) and Danby.

Sharing the views we enjoy

Each year, our passengers take thousands of pictures of their days out: landscapes, flowers, fellow travellers, villages, and even buses!

If you're happy to share some with us, it helps us create a library of photographs we can use in our timetables and on our website. We wouldn't use them in any other way, but we really would like to extend our horizons. You could email them to us at friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com

We would also welcome pictures from our history. Remember, Moorsbus started over 40 years ago, but we have hardly any photos of those early days. Have you got any old pictures of our Moorsbus heritage?

Main picture: Moorsbus M12 ready to leave Sutton Bank 'interchange' for Danby on 22nd July 2002.

Inset: Moorsbus M4 in August 2021

The bus shelter was built in 1997 as part of a government-funded transport plan for the North York Moors encouraging visitors to leave the car behind and 'Park & Ride.'



Things to do

Inspired by... Gallery (Danby Moors Centre)

Until 30 August: WOOD LIFE major summer exhibition of contemporary works in watercolours, sculpture, prints and textiles.

Ryedale Folk Museum gallery (Hutton le Hole)

Until 5 September: KANE CUNNINGHAM. The Scarborough-based painter presents a series of new large scale watercolours, exploring landscapes of the north and his reflections on a year like no other.

Follow the cameras...

If you're travelling on one of our routes between Thornton le Dale and Helmsley, you may see film crews in action as several 'fly-on-the-wall' series are filmed here.

Thornton le Dale is home to 'Bangers & Cash', based at the Mathewson's classic and vintage car museum.

'The Yorkshire Steam Railway' is filmed mainly in **Pickering** on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

Kirkbymoorside is the focus of 'The Yorkshire Auction House' with auctioneer Angus Ashworth.

THANKS TO FORESTRY ENGLAND

for improving access by creating a new bus stop with 'bus boarder' at Dalby Forest Visitor Centre on Moorsbus route M7.

With the easy-access bus boarder at Sutton Bank (see picture on front page), that only needs the Moors Centre at Danby to be upgraded and then nobody will be excluded from any of the North York Moors visitor centres.

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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HELPING US RAISE THE GAME

We've been asked how can passengers make donations to Moorsbus in a more tax efficient way.

You can donate via our *Local Giving* page and Gift Aid can be included. Local Giving is a scheme run by the Cooperative Society in the UK.

<https://localgiving.org/charity/moorsbus-community-interest-company/>

There are other ways to support us. You could even Give a Car! Thanks to the North Yorkshire Moors Association's 'Project Moorsbus' there's a way of helping through donating your old car if you no longer need it. Check our website for details

www.moorsbus.org

And the quickest way of giving a little is to buy a 'Donate Ticket' on the bus today. And when everyone gives 'a little,' it adds up to a lot!

FRIENDS OF MOORSBUS

Only £5 per year. It's a great way of supporting Moorsbus and gives you a special voice in how Moorsbus develops. Check it out online at www.moorsbus.org — or fill out the application form in next month's Moorsbuzz.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

A great big THANK YOU from your fellow passengers - and our drivers - for following our guidance for reducing the risk of Covid on public transport.

Continue to wear face covering when possible.

Keep bus windows open.

GEMS OF THE M5

One of the quieter routes is between Helmsley and Thirsk.

You could visit **Ampleforth Abbey** - very much a living and breathing institution, or English Heritage's **Byland Abbey**, now in ruins but a fine site to explore (with the adjacent Abbey Inn happy to serve you.)

Coxwold church is a fascinating building with an octagonal tower. Nearby **Shandy Hall** dates back to 1430 but was 'modernised' in the 1760s by the author Laurence Sterne who wrote 'Tristram Shandy' and 'Sentimental Journey' whilst living here. Check opening hours for the gardens and the house (Tel: 01347 868465).

Thirsk has the outstanding '**World of James Herriot**' (Kirkgate, Thirsk) where the world-famous vet lived, worked and wrote his books. See the car he drove, step into the TV set, and enjoy many more fascinating features. And M5 takes you past the farms he served.

Have you remembered to TAKE 5?