

# MOORSBUZZ



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## WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IN 2024. WITH YOUR HELP.

We'd love to be able to promise lots of extra routes and services, but let's be honest, we can only do what the budget allows.

We're also very aware that you've told us that *continuity* and *confidence* are really important to passengers.

If we were to stick to a very similar timetable as this year, but operate over a longer period of 4 months, we would need to raise around £50,000.

### To run Moorsbus for 4 months in 2024 (Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays):

Cost of hiring buses £77,000  
Marketing £6,000  
Admin, banking, office £1,000  
**Total expenditure £84,000**

Expected fare revenue £24,000  
Expected donations from Friends of Moorsbus and others £10,000  
**Funds to find £50,000**

We're finding it harder and harder to raise that amount of money, despite some very generous donations from passengers (including those who buy our *Donate Ticket*), as well as parish councils and others.

As we've said before, we don't get a penny from any of the bigger councils such as North Yorkshire Council, Redcar & Cleveland, or the other Teesside authorities. Nor do we get any financial support from the National Park Authority (despite Moorsbus providing the only public transport access to the Park's two visitor centres). Trying to raise money takes a lot of time and effort and we would really love some help in finding the funds to ensure we can operate a reliable service for locals and visitors, keeping fares to a low level to ensure that everyone can benefit—including the environment.

If you could spare some time, please get in touch with us through [friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com), phone us on 01751 477216 or drop us a line at the address on the back of this sheet.

Maybe you can help lobby for more support, or have ideas of where we can find the funds we need to provide a better Moorsbus service for you in 2024.



## Today's action?

The greatest help you can give at the moment is to help publicise Moorsbus. Let your friends and neighbours know (and even bring them along with you). If you can get some timetables or *Days Out* leaflets into your local shops, cafes or other social centres that would be great. And if you can spare just a few hours, we're always keen to find more volunteers.

## GREAT AYTON BACK TO NORMAL

The M4 service through Great Ayton is now following the original route along the High Street as work to stabilise the river bank has been completed. We'll be using the original stops at High Green as listed in the timetable.



## DALBY FOREST

Moorsbus M7 goes to Low Dalby Visitor Centre every Saturday and Sunday from Pickering via Thornton le Dale.

For those who haven't explored it yet, it's home to over 8,500 acres of breathtaking views, endless walking and cycle trails, *Gruffalo* orienteering course, *Zog* trail and all sorts of other activities.

2 cafes, picnic sites, shop, toilets, 2 play areas.

**It's free when you travel by Moorsbus.**

## LET'S TALK

We're always keen to listen to your comments (and sometimes explain what we can and can't do).

You can email us, or come along to the Friends of Moorsbus AGM on 20th August. And we'll always have time to chat on the bus or at a bus stop if you have things you want to tell us.

The Moorsbus survey form is also a good way of ensuring your comments are seen by everyone at Moorsbus.

# WHAT'S ON

- Stokesley Farmers Market:  
5 August
- Thirsk Farmers Market:  
6 August
- Chaloner Street Market, Guisborough  
6 August
- Guisborough Town Market  
Every Saturday
- Sutton Bank Day of medieval activities:  
6 August
- Guided walk: Battle of Byland / Sutton Bank  
6 August at 11:00 & 14:00 book via the National Park website or for further information 01439 772738.
- Tea on the Topping  
6 August (1030 to 1500)  
Enjoy a cuppa and a cake with the National Trust on Roseberry Topping
- Stokesley Makers' Market:  
19 August
- Pickering Model Railway Exhibition  
19 August (10:00 to 17:00)  
20 August (10:00 to 15:30)  
In Pickering Memorial Hall
- Rosedale Show  
19 August

## Friends of Moorsbus AGM

- 20 August 13:00 to 15:00  
Everyone very welcome to share their views about Moorsbus in the future King's Head, High Market Place, Kirkbymoorside
- Bilsdale Show  
26 August
- Farndale Show  
28 August (a bit of a walk down from M3 at Blakey Bank (near the Lion Inn), and a bit of a walk back, but you'll be rewarded for the effort!)
- Danby Lodge Inspired by... gallery:  
Exhibition: The Lost Spells: Listening to a Landscape of Voices throughout August

### Some different places to visit:

- Rievaulx Terrace & Temples  
(every Saturday & Sunday 10:00 to 17:00)  
National Trust
- Gisborough Priory  
(every Saturday & Sunday 10:00 to 16:00)
- Guisborough Museum  
Every Saturday (10:00 to 16:00)
- Shandy Hall (Coxwold)  
Every Saturday & Sunday (gardens 11:00 to 16:30; Hall tours at 11:30 & 14:30 bookable on 01347 868465)

## ANDRAK'S CORNER



In the 1950s - prior to Moorsbus - the daffodils of Farndale were hugely popular with visitors arriving by bus from all over Yorkshire and the North East. Here a Leyland Tiger PS1 coach (Registration DPY383) awaits its passengers near Low Mill, along with fifty or sixty other buses and coaches. The 33-seat coach was owned by Dunning's of Great Ayton.

By coincidence, an identical Leyland Tiger PS1 (DPY335) operated Moorsbus services in Farndale and elsewhere in the moors from 2003. It was driven with loving care by Granville Smith of John Smith & Sons from Thirsk, who had bought the bus new in March 1947 and then, after many years on the road, restored it to full operational standards. Sadly John Smith's ceased trading in 2019.

Moorsbus ran a frequent Farndale Daffodil Shuttle service for many years, starting in 1996, mainly using a fleet of four minibuses.



## Thirsk Hall Sculpture Garden

Thirsk Hall Sculpture Garden is situated within 20 acres of garden and parkland belonging to Thirsk Hall, a historic grade II\* listed Town House located close to Thirsk town centre.

It offers monumental sculpture for sale in a stunning heritage setting. In addition to the outdoor sculptures there are also two indoor gallery spaces within the garden,

The Orangery and Gallery One, which opened in 2022, have displayed stunning works including by Jeff Lowe, David Hockney and Gordon House.

Adult admission £7 (£6 for Friends of Moorsbus).

Open Saturdays 11:00 to 17:00.

Thirsk Hall is adjacent to Thirsk parish church (itself well worth a visit), and just along Kirkgate from the World of James Herriot. [www.thirskhall.com](http://www.thirskhall.com)

## NYMA - Friends of the North York Moors

A longstanding supporter of Moorsbus is the North Yorkshire Moors Association (NYMA). It's one of the organisations that helps keep the National Park beautiful and accessible to all.

Founded in 1985, NYMA is a charity run by volunteers who put their energy into safeguarding the natural and cultural history of the Moors and helping as many people as possible to enjoy it.

As a membership organisation, NYMA runs monthly walks and other events and produces a quarterly magazine for its members. 'Voice of the Moors' is crammed full of articles and photos on the wildlife, history, economy, and personalities of the National Park. It's a great read (and the latest issue has a feature on the history of Moorsbus!)

For more information, see [www.nyma.org.uk](http://www.nyma.org.uk)

## BACKPACKS

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

Available in Blue or Graphite.

Only £11.50 (or £14.50 delivered).

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

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We'll have some on sale at the Friends of Moorsbus AGM on 20th August

## FRIENDS OF MOORSBUS

**Join us:** for £5 for a year (or more).

It's a great way to support Moorsbus and gives you a special voice in how Moorsbus develops. We're online at [www.moorsbus.org](http://www.moorsbus.org) : or fill out the application form:

Name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

It helps save us money if we can contact you by e-mail. Your e-mail address:

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Note: we'll never pass your details to anyone else.

Please send the form (with cheque) to Friends of Moorsbus, 4 Foundry Cottages, Wrelton, Pickering YO18 8PF

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