

M3 & M6 TIMETABLE CHANGE: hopefully 16 August

North Yorkshire Council have told us that the roadworks which have stopped the M6 using its normal route for 3 years will not now be completed on time.

The road will not open until at least mid August. The first day of the M6 'B' timetable is now **expected to be Saturday 16th August**. Until then please continue to use timetable 'A'.

We can only offer our apologies for the inconvenience and disappointment that this will cause to so many of our passengers (as well as the local community in Rosedale). We share your frustration. Watch notices on buses and the web.



TAKING A SWIPE

If you use an English Concessionary Pass for 'free travel' please remember to re-swipe it every time you get on the bus AND every time the bus changes its service such as in Pickering or Helmsley or when it restarts from its destination.

Moorsbus gets a very low rate for each journey by a pass

holder. This comes from central government (i.e. your taxes) via the local 'Travel Concession Authority' (usually the local council).

It's a complicated process and is *intended* to ensure that bus operators are 'no better off, no worse off' as a result of accepting passes. As we carry so many older people it's important that we can claim for each journey.

So please swipe!

GATEWAY TO THE MOORS MUSIC FESTIVAL

There's a new music festival in Kirkbymoorside, accessible by Moorsbus M3, M6 and 128 on **2 & 3 August**. Events will take place in venues all over town, including the Memorial Hall, the Moorside Room, All Saints Church and pubs and cafes, with a wide range of genres so that there will be something for everyone.

Some events will be ticketed and some free or for donations, to be accessible to all. The Town Brass Band will play outside the Spar around Saturday mid-day, and we hope there will also be 'Buskers on the Buttercross' to liven up the town.

Details at: www.kirkbymoorsidetown.co.uk



45 YEARS OF MOORS-RIDING

At 10:30 on Sunday 24th August 1980 a red and cream United bus left Loftus depot on the inaugural run of the 'Moorsrider' service over the moors to Hutton le Hole and Pickering.

Master-minded by John Austin, it started something that the following year became known as **Moorsbus** and has carried thousands of people to the North York Moors ever since.

Join us in celebrating the anniversary by catching one of our buses on **Sunday 24th August 2024.**



My Moorsbus Story

Last month's Moorsbuzz featured 'Share Your Moorsbus Joy' from our volunteer Holly Hou (pictured on the left with her friend Maureen).

We're always keen to hear from passengers - there's even a section on our website devoted to your stories of travelling on Moorsbus.

Write to us (address overleaf), or email us (address below). And if you want to read about your fellow travellers, their stories are at:

www.moorsbus.org/my-moorsbus-story



The QR code that makes our services better

Scan the code on your smartphone to fill in the online survey form. Tell us what's right and what's wrong with your Moorsbus journey today.

Your comments are vital in driving Moorsbus forward, and also help in our fundraising.

So please fill in a survey, either online or pick up a paper copy from the MoorInfo box on the bus.



WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

2 & 3 August: Kirkbymoorside Music Festival. Lots of singers and bands at various venues throughout the town - many events free (M3 / M6 / 128)

2 & 3 August: 11.00 Kirkbymoorside Town History Walk. Meet at the Buttercross, Crown Square (M3 / M6 / 128)

16 August: Rosedale Show (M6)

16 & 17 August: Pickering Country Fair, Galtres Showground, Pickering (M1 / M3 / M6)

16 & 17 August: Pickering Model Railway Exhibition, Memorial Hall (M1 / M3 / M6)

17 August: 11.30am and 1.30pm, 45 minute sets by Back Chat Brass playing pop, funk and hip-hop in the Boar Garden, Castle Howard (M8)

24 August: A red letter day as it's our Moorsrider birthday - 45 years old!

24 August: Family Fun Day, Yorkshire Lavender (M8)

25 August: Meet the craft makers market, Sutton Bank Visitor Centre (M4)

30 August: Little Piggie Farmers Market, Pickering (M1 / M3 / M6 / 128)

Throughout August: 'Colours and Emotions' (print and stained glass): Inspired by gallery, Danby (M3 / M6)

Throughout August: 'Making a Meal of it' exhibition at Ryedale Folk Museum (M3 / M6)

Throughout August: 'You, Me and Who we'll be'. Children's summer art exhibition at Nunnington Hall (M8)

Every Sunday in August: Cream Teas (village hall, Hovingham) (M8)

ANORAKS'

CORNER



It's that first Moorsrider / Moorsbus again! (Pic from Bob Rackley).

United number 6151 was one of 10 Bristol buses delivered to the company in July and August 1972. As well as being the first 'Moorsrider', it ran on the 128 route between Scarborough and Helmsley in the 1970s from its depot in Scarborough. Apparently it was in service for only 11 years as it was scrapped in 1983.

The body (a Panorama Elite III) had been built by Plaxton's in Scarborough so it spent most of its life near the seaside town.

Plaxton's was originally a joinery business in Scarborough, established in 1907 and which branched out into building car bodies and then, from the late 1920s, coaches.

It is now part of the Alexander Dennis group and if you're a regular Moorsbus rider you'll see the Alexander Dennis brand on many of the buses we use. Who said bus-spotting wasn't cool?

You asked?

We answer some of the questions you've raised through the survey forms, via social media, or simply by asking us...

▲ Fantastic service, opens up more opportunities for walks on the moors. We love it. However, restricted to the 11:52 depart and 4.30 return to Castleton. Would prefer an early morning (8-9am) and later (7-8pm) services for longer trips. (YO21)

This year, the lack of bus operators from Teesside has made things very difficult. Giving you a start at 8 - 9 am would mean a start from Stockton at 7 - 8am, or 6.30 to 7.30 from Darlington which is where we've usually started our M3 bus. And your later return of 7 - 8pm, would mean a return to Darlington at 8.30 to 9.30pm. Not only would that be a very early start (and finish) for any passengers from Darlington or Stockton, but we've also got to work within very strict regulations regarding the length of working day for drivers, as well as rest breaks and actual driving time. What's great for someone may be a real problem for someone else.

▲ I'd like to make a donation and need your bank details. (YO32)

That's really good of you, thanks. There are 6 ways to donate on the website moorsbus.org/ donate) including with Gift Aid or there are the on-bus 'Donate Tickets' to buy from the driver. They're just £2, £5 or £10 but you can buy as many as you like!

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Moorsbus make sustainability happy.*

Moorsbus Community Interest Company is a not-for-profit organisation.
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JUST A MO!

Mo Penson has been our Moorsbus contact and part time publicist in the Thirsk area for a number of years. She has lots of timetables which she takes to the Thirsk Tourist information centre, the Thirsk library, to the motor homes' site on the racecourse when there aren't any race-dates - and to as many caravan sites as possible in the area.

"When I call into the caravan sites I always try to speak to the site warden and explain how useful it would be if he/ she would be kind enough to pass a timetable to each of the residents or visitors so that they knew how to see and visit the various areas by bus rather than use their cars - and at a very low cost.

"I tell them (and everyone I meet elsewhere - I always carry some

timetables with me!)- about the North York Moors journey to the Visitor Centre in Danby, especially the journey during the time the heather is looking its best, and obviously the many delightful places they see - and can visit - on that journey. And that people can get off at various points and walk for a distance and tie it in with catching a bus back, etc.

"Also from where and at what time they can get the bus - and plug the fact that (if they live in or near to Thirsk) they can park their car in the Market Place for free on Sundays and Bank Holidays and catch the bus from there (at about 10.30 am) at the bus stop in the Market Place."

But Mo is looking to hand the baton on to someone else. Are you that person? Please get in touch with us (or Mo) if you can help with this fulfilling and really helpful role. We're waiting!