

MOORSBUZZ



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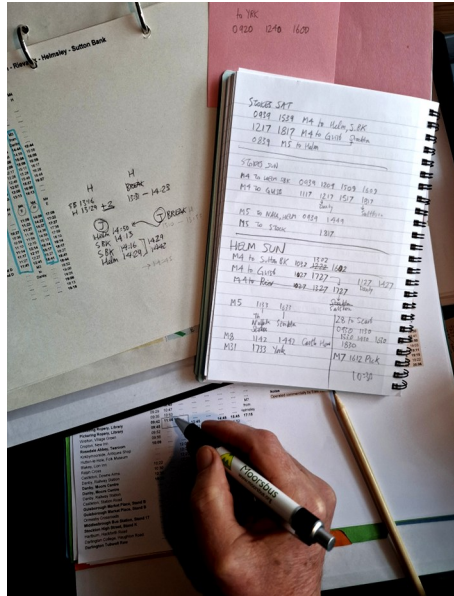
Welcome to another year of Moorsbus. Thanks to your feedback, we've developed an improved timetable - and for a month longer. It's never easy to match everyone's wishes, and we've still not achieved the magic of having a bus waiting at your front door to get you to your destination of choice, just at the right time for your morning coffee / walk / museum visit / or whatever.



We started planning the 2026 timetables whilst Moorsbuses were still running last autumn. It took a lot of effort. In fact we went through eleven versions of the timetable to get where we are.

Despite the promises of artificial intelligence, Moorsbus takes a more traditional approach which starts with talking to passengers and drivers, then discussing the overall plan and potential improvements, whilst all the time trying to work within a realistic budget and the wishes of our funders.

We don't look for the commercial options (if that was the case, we wouldn't run Moorsbus!), but there's always a balance to be sought. That's why it took eleven attempts to get where we are.



We're a long way short of where we want to be, but we'll keep working at it and with your help, we'll make access in this area greener, fairer and better.

Thanks

This year we've got more volunteers than ever distributing timetables within their communities.

It's an effective way of getting printed timetables (which, we are told, many of you prefer) into the hands of friends, neighbours and others who may find a trip on Moorsbus is just what they want.

Can you join them and get more timetables into local shops, cafes, pubs or wherever people congregate?

We've supplies on every bus (in the MoorInfo box). If you need a larger quantity, we can work out how to get them to you.

It's another way we can all work together to make Moorsbus better for everyone.

Thanks again, especially if you already help, or if you can have a go.

WHAT'S NEW

You may have discovered the 2026 changes by looking at the timetable, but here's a run-down on the main changes.

M1 now operates the same timetable from Hull, Beverley, Driffild and Malton on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays using a double decker on each day. This also means that the **M3** from Pickering to Danby is served by the double decker giving unparalleled views of the moors from the top deck.

New Saturday services include the **M4** from Stockton, Middlesbrough and Guisborough (then through Bilsdale to Helmsley and Sutton Bank). And the **M5** connects Stokesley to Northallerton, Thirsk and Helmsley on a Saturday. The final 'new' Saturday service (**M8**) gives access to Castle Howard and the Howardian Hills on both days.

Saltburn and Redcar once again have Sunday (and Bank Holiday) access to the moors (**M4**) and the **M5** brings Sunday access back for the Stockton, Stokesley, Northallerton, Thirsk and Helmsley route.

We've extended our York routes (**M6** and **M31**) to include the suburbs of Acomb and Holgate.

And finally, the complications caused by roadworks in Rosedale have gone: the **M6** now operates a decent timetable between York, Pickering and Danby on all Moorsbus days.



What's on IN APRIL

3 April Big Birthday Bash celebrating 50 years of the National Park's Visitor Centre (Sutton Bank 10:00 to 16:00)

4 April 10:00 to 12:00 **Moorsbus Coffee Morning** 10 - 12 at The Coach House, Rosedale Abbey, hosted by Rosedale Parish Council

5-12 April 10:00 to 17:00 Easter Egg Hunt (Ampleforth Abbey)

Until 12 April Nunnington Hall Easter egg hunt

Until 12 April Easter at North Yorkshire Moors Railway (Pickering station)

Until 19 April Easter Family Trail, Castle Howard

Until 5 May 50th Anniversary Children's Trail, Sutton Bank & Danby Lodge National Park Centres

Until 10 May North Yorkshire Open Studios Spring Showcase. Over 200 artists display their work at the *Inspired by Gallery* at Danby Lodge.

Until 10 May 'Wild & Woven' exhibition at Nunnington Hall

Until 29 November 'Making a Meal of It', Ryedale Folk Museum

And if you know of upcoming events which you think other passengers would be interested in, please let us know. You can email us at friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com



▲ MoorRewards

Friends of Moorsbus benefit from our MoorRewards scheme including:

Pickering Book Tree 43a Market Place, Pickering
We'll give a 10% discount to Friends of Moorsbus members. Open most days (closed Wednesdays & Sundays). We plant a tree for every 50 books bought from our bookshop.

National Park shops at Danby Lodge & Sutton Bank Visitor Centres.
10% off items (20% off if you spend more than £10). *(Not applicable to items from the Inspired by gallery, or art shop.)*

Moorside Coffee House, Kirkbymoorside *(Just round the corner from the bus stop)* Fresh coffee, teas and cold drinks, plus light bites and cakes.
Offer - Free hot drink with a slice of cake
Open - Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday, Sat 8am - 5pm, Sundays 9am - 3pm

[See the website for all participating shops, cafes, pubs, etc.](#)

WHAT D'WE WANT?

A new **Local Transport Plan** for York & North Yorkshire is being developed which will set the transport context for the next 30 years or so. Moorsbus is pleading that the plan is ambitious and seizes the opportunity to create a transport system fit for the future.

It's a once in a lifetime chance to ensure that we and future generations have a greener, fairer and better way of getting around.

At a practical level we'd like to see bus stops and shelters made for passengers. We'd like to see joined-up timetables, with hourly clockface departures. We'd like to see joint ticketing as the norm. And we'd like to see long-term investment.

Overall we need to see less emphasis on cars and more emphasis on public transport (bus and rail) as well as active travel such as walking and cycling. Electric or autonomous vehicles aren't the answer, and we can't just go on sacrificing more of the planet to wider and faster roads and car parks.

We'll let you know how we get on.

Moorsbus could go into decline if we can't find some **new volunteers**.

There are many opportunities to help: sometimes just a few hours, or longer if you can. There's an A to Z of volunteer roles on the website (moorsbus.org/volunteers).

For instance we need **Proof Readers** to make sure our timetables are right (and understandable).

And we need a **MoorRewards Manager** to develop the scheme which gives Friends of Moorsbus discounts and other offers at shops, cafes and attractions in the area. It also promotes these local businesses.

But we need help to make the scheme more successful. We're really keen to find someone with a little time to spare to develop and manage this really worthwhile scheme.

It's a voluntary role, but brings huge satisfaction.

Just get in touch to find out more.

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Exploring with Moorsbus



Another pic from the archives shows mountaineer and explorer Sir Chris Bonington catching a Moorsbus near Helmsley Castle back in the early 1990s. This minibus, with its nice Moorsbus logo, was from Botterills who provided services along with East Yorkshire, Scarborough & District, Tees and United.

Re-swipe your pass or ticket

You may wonder why you are asked to re-swipe a ticket or pass when the bus you're on is changing its route number, such as from M5 to M8. The answer is that we need to keep accurate records of passengers at all stages of the journey. That's so we can show how many passengers have used the service (funding bodies need to know).

But it's also the way that Moorsbus is reimbursed for 'free' travel by passengers with passes. Although the amount per passenger isn't huge (usually less than £2), it all helps towards making the service viable.

So, for instance if your M3 bus becomes an M7, please swipe your pass or ticket. It's the only way we can show who's using the bus.

If you don't swipe, someone may swipe away support for Moorsbus!



Passenger Robert Sharpe of Hull took this photo of the M3 near the Lion Inn in 2025. We'd love to see more of your photos, please.



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