



On Sunday 24th May Moorsbus celebrates 45 years since it first carried passengers to the North York Moors.

In the spirit of 'passengers in the driving seat' we're inviting everyone to join in and make our anniversary special.

Maybe you'll want to wear a party hat, or share a piece of cake. An extra-special smile for the driver and your fellow

passengers? You've perhaps got a birthday card for the bus, or just want to share your enjoyment with everyone you meet.

Do you remember Holly, the Chinese academic who volunteered with us last year? She concluded that **Bus makes sustainability happen. Moorsbus makes sustainability happy.**

As Holly said, let's spread the fun.

That's a lot of cups of coffee

Thanks to the Rosedale Abbey Coffee Morning in April we raised over £300 for Moorsbus. Arranged by Rosedale Parish Council, and generously hosted by the Coach House Inn, it was supported by lots of passengers.

The Coach House Inn has a regular Saturday Coffee Morning in aid of good causes. The next one is on 2nd May (10:00 to 11:00) and will raise funds for Mountain Rescue.

If **you** can arrange a Moorsbus Coffee Morning (or can persuade someone else to organise one), please do so. Every penny raised makes Moorsbus better.



Moorsbus website

Our website has steadily grown over the years and is now an important part of Moorsbus. It includes all the things you'd expect, like timetables and fares, plus lots of other information such as maps, places to visit, local weather, walks in the area, including our very own **walk&ride** series. It also explains a bit about our history, and what we'd like to see happen in the future.

It's created and looked after by Jamie McBain of Pennine Websites who deserves our thanks and praise for looking after us all those years, being able to respond at a moments notice, and coming up with lots of creative things such as the online Moorsbus survey, the QR codes for timetables and donations, as well as the picture gallery, and 'Your Moorsbus Story'.

So thanks Jamie. And if **you** need a great website, you could contact Jamie at penninewebsites.com

WE NEED YOU!

Thanks for those volunteers who are helping Moorsbus but we could do with more.

Can you manage our MoorRewards scheme, or look after our Days Out campaign? Could you **adopt-a-route** to keep an eye on new opportunities to publicise your route and grow passenger numbers?

We also need to add new Board Members to develop the Community Interest Company.

Contact us at the address below. We really need you!

Bring your children - and your grandchildren. They may abandon their screens (for a while) and look out for sheep, pub names, rivers and castles as they travel with us. We've got great fares for young people starting at just £1 for a single journey.

Remember that for some trips where you're using several buses or several routes, a **Moors Rover** ticket may offer the best value. £10 for an adult, £3 for a young person or £15 for a family.

Moors Rovers allow travel all day long on all Moorsbus services plus 8 other routes operated by Arriva, East Yorkshire and York & Country.

See the Moorsbus timetable booklet for full details.

What's on IN MAY

Until 10 May: Mouseman Trail, Ampleforth Abbey (M5, M31)

Until 10 May: North Yorks Open Studios Spring Showcase at Inspired by gallery, Danby (M3, M6)

Until 10 May: Wild & Woven at Nunnington Hall (M8)

3 May: Beadlam Tractor Run & Kirkbymoorside 10k run (M3 /128)

4 May: May Day celebrations, Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton le Hole (M3)

4 May: Duncombe Park Country Fair, Helmsley (M4/M5/M8/M31/28/31X)

4 May: 50th Anniversary Garden Party Danby Lodge 11:00 – 15:00 (M3, M6)

16 May - 5 July: British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition at Nunnington Hall (M8)

16 May to 14 June: 'Grubs Up!' exhibition at Inspired by gallery, Danby (M3, M6)

23, 24 & 25 May: Pickering Vintage Rally (Galtres Pickering Showground) M1, M6

24 May: Moorsbus 45th Birthday!

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

Friends of Moorsbus enjoy benefits at lots of places in and around the moors. Membership costs just £5 and not only will you be helping Moorsbus, but you'll also find lots of bargains at pubs, cafes, museums, shops, and accommodation through the MoorRewards scheme.

You can join online, or write to us.

You'll also be able to help steer Moorsbus, including at our Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 23 August 2026**. Make a note of the date and come along.

CONCESSIONARY PASS: COMPANION CARD

Moorsbus accepts English National Concessionary Passes, both those issued for an older person and for those with a disability.

A **concessionary companion card** allows a disabled person to take a companion for free on local buses. The companion card is a discretionary service and is issued by the local council. It's intended for those who genuinely cannot travel unaccompanied.

It's discretionary, so it varies between councils but is usually only valid within the council area in which it was issued.

There are some reciprocal agreements (for instance, between North Yorkshire, the City of York, East Riding of Yorkshire, and Kingston Upon Hull), but in this case the Companion Card is only valid on a journey which crosses the boundary. So, for instance a Hull companion pass can be used on the journey from Hull to Pickering, but not between Pickering and Danby.

There are no cross-boundary agreements with the Teesside and County Durham authorities.

Complicated? Yes, and we think it should be standardised across the whole of England.

But until that happens we can only accept Companion Cards in the area where the card was issued.

Howardian Hills

Moorsbus M8 takes you through the stunning Howardian Hills National Landscape, calling at Nunnington Hall, Hovingham, Castle Howard and Yorkshire Lavender in Terrington.



Happy Birthday Moorsbus 45 years old



The Moorsbus on its first day of service - 24th May 1981 (picture from Ross Hamilton) It ran from the United depot in Loftus, over the moors to Hutton le Hole and Pickering before continuing to Flamingoland.

LOOKING AFTER YOU

A great big **thank you** to all our drivers, past and present. They - and their managers and the backroom staff - do a great job for us.

As you'll know, Moorsbus routes include some pretty steep hills, narrow roads and other hazards including sheep, cows and ducks on the road, or fog and rain. They have to contend with parked cars which block the road and emergency road closures. And sometimes things do go wrong with the bus. But somehow they just keep smiling.

They often go the extra mile (literally) to look after passengers, so it's not surprising that the Moorsbus survey forms received so far show a 100% satisfaction rating for drivers.

Looking after you - that's what they do, so a great big thank you to every one of them.

▲ MoorRewards

See the website for all offers.

The Lodge luxury self-catering cabin for 2, Burniston: 10% off

Gift Shop on the Square, Helmsley: 15% off purchases over £10

Abbey Tea Rooms, Rosedale Abbey: 10% off

And there are lots of other great deals!



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