



Our omnibus

Omnibus means **'for all'** and that's what Moorsbus aims to do: provide a bus service for all.

Of course, it's not quite as easy as that. There are limits to how many buses are available in our area, how many drivers there are, which roads can cope with large vehicles, and - very importantly - where the money would come from to run more services.

We think that public transport should be massively and urgently improved for a whole host of reasons: to make it fair for those who can't drive because they're too young, or too old, have health issues, have never learnt to drive, can't afford a car, or simply think that driving a car isn't good for the planet.

Buses help the environment (improved air quality, reduced noise, lower pollution, fewer accidents, less congestion and less clutter). It's argued that public transport is a human right.

Some see electric vehicles are the answer, but just think, if everyone drove an electric car (or autonomous vehicle) where would all that electricity come from? And how many more car parks would be needed together with more and bigger roads, even in the National Park. Not to mention the road signs!



Middlesbrough Edible Forest Group finds out about Moorsbus from our volunteer Holly (left)

Our surveys help us understand what you do and what you want: you've told us where you want to go, and when.

And as you'd imagine from an 'omnibus', there are differing views. For some the friendliness and companionship to be found on Moorsbus is key. But there are also those for whom the peace, tranquillity and solitude to be found on the moors is their ideal.

Your comments also show the different things you do: some walk for 7 hours, others not at all. Maybe you've visited castles, abbeys and stately homes, or simply travelled on several buses all day long just to enjoy the scenery. That's what an omnibus is all about.

So please continue to complete our survey forms (we've had over 200 so far) and also tell the *Campaign for National Parks* about what you like and don't like about bus services in National Parks through their 'Where are the Sunday buses' campaign.

WHERE ARE THE SUNDAY BUSES?

The Campaign for National Parks is asking you to share your experience of Sunday bus services by taking their 'Green routes to National Parks' survey.

<https://www.cnp.org.uk/support/campaigns/where-are-the-sunday-buses/>



YOU ASKED...

As you'll know, we look at every survey form and every comment you write. Below are some of the questions you've raised in the survey forms we've received so far in 2026.

"Why don't you advertise more?"

For a number of years we've been asked why we don't advertise more, in local newspapers or through other means.

We agree that publicity is vital - if people don't know about Moorsbus, they're not going to use it.

But your local newspaper in Beverley, is different to that in Redcar, or Darlington, or Malton. As we have so many different places to target it would become hugely expensive.

Social media is another channel we'd love to develop further, but we own up to having neither the skills nor the time to do so. Can anyone help to raise our profile on social media? Maybe you could like, share and follow our Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/moorsbus>)

In the meantime, simply tell your friends and neighbours about Moorsbus, give them a timetable and bring them along!



"Can we have more routes?"

There are two main reasons why we find it hard to introduce new routes and destinations.

Firstly, the road network restricts where our buses can go - width, bridges, hills all bring limitations. And providing smaller buses such as minibuses isn't viable, nor could they carry any standing passengers if the bus got full with, for instance, a walking group.

Secondly, the funds are just not available. We have to raise about £100,000 every year to run Moorsbus and we know that we are already stretched with the routes we operate.

We'd like to see more frequent services, on more days of the week, all year round, to more places.

But Moorsbus can't do that alone. We hope that our local, regional and national politicians will be able to create a better climate for public transport and make the step change for better integrated buses and trains.

Fingers crossed!

What's on IN JUNE

Until Sun 14th June - Grubs Up exhibition at Inspired by... Gallery, Danby (M3 & M6 routes)

Until Sun 5th July - British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition at Nunnington Hall (M8)

Until Sun 12th July - Simon Palmer, Yorkshire Landscapes exhibition. Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton le Hole (M3)

Sat 6th June - Coffee Morning 10 - 11 am (for Rosedale Reading Rooms) Coach House, Rosedale (M6) coachhouseinn.co.uk/events

Sat 6th / Sun 7th June - North Yorkshire Open Studios: many, many stunning artists with studios and exhibitions at lots of locations on Moorsbus routes (including Ampleforth, Great Ayton, Great Broughton, Hovingham, Hutton le Hole, Kirkbymoorside, Northallerton, Rosedale Abbey, Stokesley, Terrington) nyos.org.uk

Sun 7th June - Kirkbymoorside in Bloom Open Gardens (M3, M6, M7, 28)

Sat 13th June - Nature Day 10 am - 3 pm (stalls, music and activities) Kirkbymoorside Memorial Hall (31X, 28 & M3)

Sat 13th / Sun 14th June - North Yorkshire Open Studios (see list above) nyos.org.uk

Sat 13th / Sun 14th June - Re-enactors at Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton le Hole (M3)

Sun 14th June - Classic Car Show, Castle Howard (M8)

Sat 20th June - Right to Roam exhibition at Inspired by... gallery, Danby (M3, M6)

Sat 27th / Sun 28th June - British Falconry Fair at the National Centre for Birds of Prey, Helmsley (M4, M5, M31, 28, 31X)



Don't forget to explore Ryedale Folk Museum's 6 acre site with over 20 historic buildings. (Bus M3)

East Yorkshire buses have introduced a new Sunday bus to **Castle Howard** from York and Malton (X81).

Moors Rover tickets are issued and accepted on it.

This complements our own M8 between Helmsley and Castle Howard, which also serves Nunnington, Hovingham and Terrington.

Remember the other joint tickets we've got with East Yorkshire, Arriva and York & Country. They make it even easier to explore the area and get to your destination.

See page 5 of our timetable booklet for details.

WITH GREAT SKILL

When you're on a Moorsbus you're in safe hands: drivers show immense skill and resourcefulness. Narrow bridges, steep hills, sharp corners, wandering sheep... we certainly know how to throw difficult driving at our drivers.

And over the last month, we've had the added problems of inappropriate and dangerous parking. Below is the East Yorkshire M3 successfully negotiating parked cars at Danby Lodge, with some cars actually parked on the bus boarders which are there for disabled passengers.

Drivers continue to impress us. Thank you!



Donate tickets

If you'd like to support Moorsbus there are lots of ways to help us (see the website).

But the easiest way is simply to ask the driver for a **Donate Ticket**. They're £2, £5 or £10 and every penny goes straight to Moorsbus to help grow your services.

Anoraks' corner



Sitting proudly at Danby Lodge almost 20 years ago, the 23-seat Leven Valley Optare Solo Midibus ran on a number of Moorsbus routes for several years. Built near Leeds in March 2007, it was based in Great Ayton and after 10 years great service the bus then went south to Torbay, before ending up in Wales where it is still in service around Aberystwyth. Under the watchful eye of Paul Thompson, Leven Valley Coaches epitomised the Moorsbus tradition with reliable modern vehicles and personable drivers.

Rievaulx Terrace & Temples

Following transfer of management from the National Trust to English Heritage, Rievaulx Terrace and Temples are currently closed for visitors.

English Heritage plans to re-open the stunning attraction in July when Moorsbus will once again link the Terrace & Temples to Rievaulx Abbey with its amazing architecture, museum, tea room, shop and toilets.

We'll keep you informed about re-opening.



B PART OF BUS

Join Friends of Moorsbus and ensure Moorsbus moves forward by sharing your views. Help at our events or organise one yourself. Moorsbus is your bus.

Roll up, roll up

We've got a roll-up banner explaining what Moorsbus does, including pictures and a network map. If you've got an event or location where you could advertise us, please email or give us a ring.

A rural bus franchise?

York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority has been awarded £564,000 by the government to deliver a pilot programme for rural bus franchising. If the pilot shows franchising would work in York and North Yorkshire, it could see the Authority taking total responsibility for routes, fares and service standards, thus creating an integrated and more reliable bus network, making it easier to travel and much more sustainable.

Moorsbus is providing evidence of how our network operates, and the shortcomings and frustrations we all share.



↑ Timetables
Donations ↓

