



BRING THE KIDS... & THE GRANDKIDS FOR FREE!

During August, children aged 15 and under travel free on any Moorsbus (and on lots of other buses too).

We're supporting the government-sponsored scheme to give youngsters a chance to get into the great outdoors and to enjoy the many attractions you'll find around here.

Together with the £3 maximum fare for any single journey, we hope this goes some way to keeping fares low and supporting the idea that National Parks should be for all.

And **next year** adult journeys will be even cheaper as we've agreed to support the **£2 maximum fare** scheme.

We should add that these schemes don't come easy for our small Moorsbus team. The bureaucracy for such schemes (and



the National Concessionary Pass) is daunting and we receive a very low reimbursement rate for each ticket sold.

Sometimes we find that it is just too difficult to qualify for any cashback, but we agree that keeping fares low is really important, even though it's hard work for us.

What happened to our bus stops?



You may have noticed that around here we don't always have the highest quality bus stops. In bigger towns and cities, things are often different, but why should rural areas have a raw deal?

The need for a bus shelter is probably greater when buses are less frequent and you need to wait longer for a connection. Many places in our towns and villages don't have 'bus boarders' (the raised kerb) to help those less agile to climb on a bus (*Moorsbus even paid for the Danby Lodge bus boarders ourselves*). And why is timetable information not co-ordinated and kept up-to-date by the transport authority? It's another bit of our campaigning to make travel here a better experience for everyone.

YOU ASKED...

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

"I'd love it to be 7 days a week" HU5

"It would be great if there were more frequent buses on a Sunday as we've been hanging around waiting after finishing our walk." YO26

Well, both these questions are ones which get to the crux of the matter. We believe that buses should be much more frequent and for a much longer season. But Moorsbus needs additional funding to be able to expand its services - whether that be more buses during the day, or for a much longer season. We spend a lot of our time fundraising and trying to persuade various authorities that we need long-term support. We'll keep working at it on your behalf.

"Can next year's timetables show when a connection is guaranteed?" TS6

We'll try and show where connections can be made with confidence, and we'll also see if the times can be tweaked to give a bit more breathing space when you need to change buses. But it's the usual compromise, and the physical problems of roads getting busier.

Keep your questions coming in - ask us on the bus, on the web, or fill in a survey form.

We're listening.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

We really do need assistance to keep Moorsbus running and improve it.

We need to expand the team by recruiting more volunteers to be Board Members who can make the decisions on our future. It's not onerous and can be very rewarding knowing that Moorsbus is appreciated by many and is helping society and the environment. Get in touch if you can help.

We're really grateful to those volunteers who help in many ways, such as by distributing timetables, by fundraising or helping oversee a smooth operation. But the moor the merrier!

What's on IN August

Sat 1st to Sun 2nd Aug - Kirkbymoorside Music Festival. Many free events from musicians, dancers, singers, brass band, history walks, art exhibition. www.kirkbymoorsidetown.co.uk/kirkbymoorside-music-festival-2026 (M3, M7, 28)

Sat 1st Aug - Coffee Morning 10 - 11 am (in aid of Ryedale Special Families) Coach House, Rosedale coachhouseinn.co.uk/events (M6)

Sat 1st Aug - Producer Craft Fair. Danby Lodge (M3, M6)

Sat 1st Aug - 13th Sept - Sprints in the Wild. Inspired by Gallery, Danby Lodge (M3, M6)

Sun 2nd Aug - Yorkshire Day celebrations (40 stalls, family entertainment, etc) Guisborough (M3, M4)

Until 5 Sept - Sculpture in the Garden at Helmsley Walled Garden (M4, M5, M7, M8, M31, 28)

Until 6 Sept - 'Fixing Fairytales' exhibition, Nunnington Hall (M8)

Until 31 Aug - 'Finding the Dramatic' Art Exhibition at Ryedale Folk Museum (M3)

Sat 7th - 14th Aug - 10am - 5pm - Brigantia Art Exhibition - Ampleforth Abbey (M5, M31, 31X)

Sat 15th Aug - Rosedale Show (M6)

Sun 16th Aug - North Yorkshire Grand Prix cycle races. Ampleforth. (M5, M31)

Sat 22nd - Sun 30 August - 'Within the Garden Walls'. Art exhibition at Helmsley Walled Garden (M4, M5, M7, M8, M31, 28)

Sat 22nd - Sun 23 August - 'Pickering Country Fair at Galtres Showground (M1, M6)

Sat 29th Aug - Bilsdale Show (M4)

Sat 29th Aug - Apple picking in the orchard. Ampleforth Abbey (M5, 31X)

Mon 31 Aug - Summer Garden Celebration Helmsley Walled Garden (M4, M5, M7, M8, M31, 28)

Mon 31st Aug - Farndale Show. It's a walk down to Church Houses in Farndale from Blakey Ridge. But well worth the effort! (M3)

BATTLING TO FIND ROADSPACE

You'll see from the *What's On* column that there's plenty happening along the Moorsbus Network. But sometimes there's a conflict for roadspace. When events are scheduled to close roads, we're not always told in advance. And even when we know in advance, sometimes there's a major problem for our routes.

We're sorry that this impacts on your journeys, including bus stops being closed, buses delayed.



(Above: View from the upper deck of M3 as it tries to negotiate badly parked cars at Danby Lodge)

This month Guisborough celebrates Yorkshire Day so the main street (Westgate) will be closed and we'll have to use New Road and Rectory Lane instead (as Arriva will be doing for their services). But you'll still be able to enjoy the stalls and events with a short walk from the revised bus stops. On Sunday 16th August Ampleforth will be even more of a headache than usual for our drivers when the Grand Prix cycle races use the surrounding road network.

But September seems to be stacking up big problems for us all - drivers and passengers.

The Tour of Britain starts its 4th stage from Helmsley on Saturday 5th September. This entails major road closures and parking restrictions in Helmsley and all along the M5 / 31X route to Coxwold and Easingwold. This will impact our M4, M5, M7 services as well as the 28 and 31X. And expect traffic hold-ups too.

We'd like to think that the bus network could help alleviate congestion and parking problems by carrying more visitors to these events. But it appears that organisers assume that people will arrive by car and bus users can like it or lump it. As you know, we think otherwise. Bus and rail users need priority - and we'll keep arguing for that to be recognised.

Anoraks' corner



A Moorsbus poses near Ralph Cross during a publicity shoot in May 1992. Leyland Tiger 206KFM was originally owned by Crosville Motor Services before heading from Wales to Tees & District.

On the day of the photo-shoot the assembled all-Leyland line-up was: two other Leyland Tigers (Yorkshire Coastliner and United Automobile Services), together with an East Yorkshire double deck Leyland Olympian. In 2026 descendants of those companies still operate on the Moorsbus network. A stunning photo showing all 5 buses in convoy over Blakey Ridge featured in *The Guardian* on Saturday 23rd May 1992 under the headline 'Beauty spot ban for cars if buses fail to ease jams.'

The 1992 network featured four main routes: **700** (Stockton - Danby - Malton); **701** (Darlington - Thirsk - Helmsley - Pickering - Danby); **740** (Whitby - Danby - Pickering - Malton); and **802** (Hull - Beverley - Driffield - Malton - Pickering - Helmsley - Danby).

B PART OF US

Please come along to this year's Passenger Meeting on **Sunday 23rd August** at the King's Head in Kirkbymoorside from 14:00 to 15:30 (the timing enables everyone to get here by Moorsbus - the King's Head is just a couple of minute's walk from the main bus stops in Kirkbymoorside).

It's a great chance to have your say and share your ideas with the Moorsbus team.

If you can't make it, please join the Friends of Moorsbus and ensure Moorsbus moves forward by sharing your views. You could also help at our events or organise one yourself. Moorsbus is **YOUR** bus.

The Moorsbus hat



Buy now on the website for just £8 plus £3 p&p. Or we can arrange for you to collect your's on the bus.

We think being **FAIR** is what the nation deserves from its buses and we're campaigning hard.

Frequent: at least hourly, even in rural areas
Accessible: for less able, less well-off, young & old
Integrated: good connections and joint tickets
Reliable: services you can rely on, every day
You deserve better!

DONATE TICKETS

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

FOR TIMETABLES:



FOR DONATIONS:

