

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who has helped us this year.

The list is far too long to include here, but a special thank you to Jamie McBain of Pennine websites who has created our website and developed it over the years. He's so busy with the website that he's made fewer trips on Moorsbus than he'd like. But thank you Jamie: we'll keep a seat for you.

Another person in the background is Chris Curtis whose expertise has helped create a brilliant timetable, and helped guide us through the maze of regulations and opportunities.

Thanks to our splendid team of drivers who've kept smiling whilst finding their way around road closures and diversions. Thanks also to all those volunteers who've taken timetables round to local outlets, helped sell our jams and preserves to raise funds, or helped in so many other ways.

And a great big thank you to every passenger who has ridden with us this year. Thanks for your support: **B part of US!**



Thanks from the future generations who'll benefit from a better environment



LOOKING FORWARD

We've already had lots of feedback (including through our survey forms) on what you'd like from Moorsbus in 2024.

As you'll already know, it all depends on us working together to raise about £50,000 by the end of the year (yes, we've already written to Santa Claus, but were asking others as well, including you).

The overall view is that this year's timetables have provided many new opportunities and connections, although for every ten satisfied passengers, we've made it harder for one. We simply have to look at the overall picture — a better connection at one place may break connections in lots of other places, so we have to find the compromise that suits the

majority. We're really sorry if that is not you, and we'll still work to see what further improvements we can make.

This year's timetable has come about as a result of hours of work to ensure that we don't duplicate existing services by other operators, that the services are legal with regard to routes, drivers' hours and rest breaks, and to ensure connections which make it possible to get to and from many places in and around the North York Moors.

We review every service and (assuming we can raise the money) in 2024 we hope to operate a similar timetable to 2023, but over a longer season and with a few minor improvements to timing.

We're also mindful that many of you

have told us we need better marketing and we'd agree. But our resources are limited both in cash and people, plus, the area we cover stretches from County Durham to Humberside, from the coast to the A1. One great help would be if more passengers were able to help promote Moorsbus to friends and through local shops, clubs, churches or pubs. We don't expect everyone can deliver timetables door-to-door, but if everyone helped a little bit, we'd get the message out over the Moorsbus area. Just let us know if you can help next year. *Thanks for being part of us!*

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OUR £ CAMPAIGN FOR 2024

We're launching our bid to raise £50,000 by the end of this year so we can operate Moorsbus over a longer season in 2024.

As you'll know, at the moment we haven't had any financial help from North Yorkshire Council, the National Park Authority, or the Teesside authorities but we hope that will change as they see what an essential service we deliver.

In the meantime, to launch our bid *Action for Yorkshire Transport* have generously donated almost £1000.

If you know of other organisations who can help us achieve our goal, please let us know, or better still, ask them directly to support us.

The Moorsbus website lists different ways you can donate, or you can support us (with Gift Aid) through the Local Giving organisation: <https://localgiving.org/charity/moorsbus-community-interest-company/>

We know many passengers benefit from improvements to health, wellbeing, companionship and exercise. Every £ we raise will increase those benefits.



Thanks to Wendy Smith who sent us this picture of walkers heading towards Sutton Bank on Moorsbus M4 on 19 August.

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YOU CAN DO IT!

The *A to Z of volunteering with Moorsbus* on our website lists 26 ways of helping—from one-off support to taking one of our schemes and running it. Here are just three from the list:

Archives volunteers

Taking photos, keeping press cuttings, recording stories: useful for our development and when we talk to funders.

Leaflet box monitors

Looking after and stocking up the leaflet boxes on each bus.

Moor Rewards administrator / helpers

Inviting more cafes, shops, pubs, visitor attractions to join the scheme; visiting existing ones to find out how it is working for them. Helping liaise with tourism businesses and local websites to improve their bus information and to work on joint promotions.

SURVEY FORMS

The forms which you've filled in during the season are most useful and help us understand what you would like from the Moorsbus Network. In addition they give us information to help our funders understand who uses Moorsbus, and why. Every comment is read by each of the Moorsbus directors.

If you've got a completed form tucked in the bottom of your handbag, or maybe in your anorak pocket, please send it in. They really are a most helpful way for us to understand how we can better work together.

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We'd like to keep in touch with all our passengers and other supporters.

If you're not already on our emailing list please get in touch—we won't pass details on to anyone else, and we won't bombard you with frequent messages.

And if you still like the postman to deliver your mail, we can include you in our postal mailing list (*a few stamps always help*).

FRIENDS OF MOORSBUS

Join us: for £5 for a year (or more). It's a great way to support Moorsbus and gives you a special voice in how Moorsbus develops. We're online at www.moorsbus.org : or fill out the application form:

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Address.....

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Postcode.....

It helps save us money if we can contact you by e-mail. Your e-mail address:

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Note: we'll never pass your details to anyone else.

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