

# Local Access Forum

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## Item 15, Moorsbus and Paths for Everyone

### 1. Moorsbus

Greener travel options often include more than one mode for a journey, eg walk to the bus, cycle to the train, walk and ride in the National Park. Therefore, any opportunities for developing the way that different modes can work together, and for making the public more aware of the options, should be part of a sustainable travel development plan for travel to and around the National Park. There are wide-reaching opportunities for carbon saving, more equitable access, reducing air pollution, reducing wear and tear on the road infrastructure, and active travel for better physical and mental health. My hope is that the LAF will support and encourage the National Park Authority to include these opportunities in the next Management Plan, which they are now starting work on. Ticking boxes is not enough for people, for park or for planet; we have seen some progress since the last NPA Management Plan came along, but there is so much more to do, if the National Park really wants to play our part in modal shift targets for North Yorkshire. We need a strong, multi-modal plan for a big shift to greener travel, and more equitable access; a plan which is designed and implemented with all key partners on an ongoing basis. This can work to help the Park with its other targets too; there are surely many ideas within the staff and volunteer teams, for how greener and more equitable travel can support what they do.

Thanks to the York and North Yorkshire Mayor, David Skaith and to North Yorkshire Council, Moorsbus CIC have been able to extend the season to 6 months this year, running from 3 May to 27 October, with 5 vehicles on Sundays/bank hols, and 3 vehicles on Saturdays, also connecting with commercial services at the edge of the Park. We have also had support from Howardian Hills National Landscape and from Hull City Council and East Riding Council, so we have an M8 service to the Howardian Hills and a double decker service from Hull to Danby National Park Centre every Saturday and Sunday. When Moorsbus CIC was first formed, in 2014, we had a different passenger base, and many of the older folks are now into their 90's or passed away. This is one reason why promotion is so important, we must constantly reach out to new visitors, new Park residents and businesses and all the other organisations who touch the Park. In this spirit, we have started a joint project with Helmsley Scouts and hope to report on progress at the December LAF. Moorsbus will also be giving the National Park and Howardian Hills a big mention at the Department for Transport's Rural Bus conference in Chester on 8 June, with staff from the Y&NY team.

### 2. Ryedale Environment Group's Paths for Everyone team

Connecting to the public transport network and to the Rights of Way network, to enable multimodal travel, the Market Town Circular route will connect Pickering, Malton & Norton Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley with a safe route for walking and wheeling, including being able to still achieve longer distances, later in life, by e-bike. The team includes staff from NYC Rights of Way, Highways and Economic Development. NYC Highways did an inception study in 2024, which produced various route options all around the 50-mile route, which includes the nearly complete Malton -Pickering route. Recently we have been working

towards sections of the route near Slingsby, Harome, Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside and Pickering, working on design studies, funding and landowner agreements.

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