

The B10 Club

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B10 becomes B1, B10 and B11 – and Bowland Transit Rides again!

Thanks no doubt to the flurry of letters and e-mails from **The B10 Club** members, plus some intensive behind-the-scenes work by the Dales & Bowland CIC, officers of Forest of Bowland AONB and Lancashire County Council, the Bowland Transit bus service is safe – for the time being.

From March 31st 2008 the service has been reborn as an hourly circular service from Clitheroe to Slaidburn, Mondays to Saturdays, with the B10 operating clockwise via Dunsop Bridge and the Hodder Valley, returning via Waddington Fell, and the B11 anticlockwise, in reverse. This service is now operated by Tyrer Bus. The Settle service now operates approximately two hourly between Settle and Slaidburn via Rathmell, Wigglesworth and Tosside, meeting the B10 or B11 in Slaidburn, and operated by Little Red Bus of Bentham.

The Bowland Transit B10 and B11 services also interwork with services to and from Nelson via the Pendleside Villages – the Pendle Witch Hopper services P70 and P71. The Thursday bus from Clitheroe to Garstang, the B12, is also operating again in 2008, starting on 1st May.

A new Bowland Transit timetable leaflet, covering routes B1, B10 and B11, is enclosed with this newsletter. Further copies can be obtained from Clitheroe Interchange, Settle tourist information centre and other local outlets.

The B10/11 and P70/71 routes are safe for at least three years. But the B1, now partly funded by North Yorkshire County Council, only has funding until October, after which time the service could change, perhaps drastically. The future of the service depends very much on levels of use and it is therefore vital that everyone who cares about this important service which links the Yorkshire Dales and the Forest of Bowland uses the service and encourages others to do so. So please spread the word and encourage everyone who possibly can to travel.

The B10 Club – First Members Meeting: Saturday April 12th, Slaidburn Village Hall

Up until now **The B10 Club** has largely been an informal group of friends who have met regularly on Wednesday and Saturdays for short and sometimes longer walks using the B10 bus. Administrative and other costs have been borne by the Dales & Bowland CIC as part of its work to promote green travel in the Forest of Bowland, whilst volunteers such as Duncan Ward and Steve Byrne have organised and led many of the walks. However we think that the time has now come to formalise arrangements with a small committee to arrange and promote walks and events, and to act as advocates for the Bowland Transit network. We need to get together to take decisions on the kind of programme we'd like to have, and on such issues as subscriptions and donations to cover costs, such as postage and photocopying. Without your help, **The B10 Club** simply won't continue.

Please join us on Saturday 12th April in Slaidburn Village Hall for our first members' meeting. You can catch the 1100 B1 bus from Settle or the 1120 B11 bus from Clitheroe to be there in good time for the meeting. It will start at 12 noon and end around 2pm, leaving time for a short afternoon walk. Bring a packed lunch with you (it is hoped it may be possible to provide tea). If you can't make it, but would like to help, please let us know at address below.

Concessionary Fares Extended

Holders of OAP bus passes from anywhere in England are now entitled to free off-peak bus travel throughout the country, including the Bowland Transit and all connecting bus services. To take advantage of this great new facility, a new style concessionary pass is needed – for details contact your local authority.

We look forward to seeing you on 12th April, and also to some fine Spring days on Bowland Transit!

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