

DalesBus News

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Summer's Not Over!

The summer season on the **Sunday DalesBus network** continues all the way through until the end of British Summer Time in late October on most routes, but don't forget that Nidderdale area DalesBus services 821, 822 and 825 finish on Sunday 15th September – so make the most of these services while you can.

Nidderdale DalesBus 821 runs from Keighley (0930), Shipley (0955) and Otley (1020 & 1350) to the Washburn Valley, Pateley Bridge and Scar House Reservoir in Upper Nidderdale.

DalesBus 822 runs from Selby (0850), York (0930) and Ripon (1030) to Fountains Abbey, Pateley Bridge (connecting with Nidderdale DalesBus 821 to Upper Nidderdale) and Grassington (continuing as DalesBus 875 to Hawes).

Eastern DalesBus 825 runs from Selby (0855), Wetherby (0950) and Harrogate (1020 & 1330) to Brimham Rocks, Fountains Abbey, Kirkby Malzeard, Hackfall and Masham.

Thanks to support from Harrogate Spring Water, the Sunday service on **route 24** between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge will continue all winter, providing a daily service into Nidderdale.



The double-decker journeys on **DalesBus 875** from Grassington (dep. 1155) to Hawes (returning at 1435) also finish on Sunday 15th September. Don't miss the chance to enjoy the spectacular views on the journey through Upper Wharfedale and over into Bishopdale and Wensleydale, with the opportunity to visit Aysgarth Falls, Wensleydale Creamery or the Dales Countryside Museum.

Summer **DalesBus 74** from Wakefield (0840), Bradford (0925), Shipley (0940) and Ilkley (1015, 1215 & 1535) to Bolton Abbey, Burnsall and Grassington continues every Saturday until 19th October.

Flooding in Swaledale

DalesBus services are now running normally throughout the Dales, following some disruption in the Swaledale area following flash flooding in early August.

Arkengarthdale and Swaledale are very much open for business. Pubs, ice cream shops, cafes and bakeries are open, and would welcome your custom. However, some public rights of way in the area were damaged by the flood waters and are still closed to the public. For the latest information please check the **National Park website**.

Fountains Abbey Free Shuttle Bus

A trial free bus service will run between Ripon Bus Station and Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal every day from 19th August until 22nd September 2019, as follows:

From Ripon Bus Station at 1000, 1100, 1200, 1400 & 1500

From Fountains Abbey at 1030, 1130, 1230, 1430, 1530 & 1610

The service will be operated by VAMOOZ in partnership with the National Trust.

Roy Phillips, Operations Manager at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal, commented: "We're delighted to be able to offer this service for the people of Ripon and the many thousands of visitors coming to the city this summer.

We are trialling this service over five weeks and if successful we may consider an extended service in 2020. It's free for everyone, and we're looking forward to welcoming even more people to Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal this summer."



All other **bus services to Fountains Abbey** continue unchanged, including DalesBus services 822 and 825 which run on Sundays and Bank Holidays until 15th September.

The free shuttle bus will enable visitors to Fountains Abbey on DalesBus services 822 and 825 to also visit Ripon city centre on the same day.

Rail Engineering Works Sundays 1st & 8th September 2019

Engineering works will take place on railway lines near Leeds on Sundays 1st and 8th September 2019, with revised timetables operating on the Leeds - Skipton - Settle - Carlisle, Leeds - Skipton - Lancaster - Morecambe, Leeds - Ilkley and Leeds - Harrogate - York lines.

Buses will replace trains on both Sundays until mid-morning between Leeds and Shipley/Ilkley, and all day between Leeds and Horsforth.

Note in particular that:

- the 0830 train from Leeds to Lancaster will start instead from Shipley at 0843, with a connecting bus from Leeds at 0759.
- the 0859 train from Leeds to Carlisle will start instead from Shipley at 0913, with a connecting bus from Leeds at 0826.

For full details of the revised timetables please visit the **Improvement Works** page on the Northern website.

X84: Leeds - Otley - Ilkley - Skipton

From Sunday 1st September 2019 the eastbound carriageway of the Headrow in Leeds will be closed for construction works as part of the Connecting Leeds project.

As a result service X84 between Leeds, Otley, Ilkley and Skipton will start and terminate at Albion Street bus stop J3, and will not run to or from Leeds City Bus Station.

There will also be amendments to many other bus routes in Leeds city centre.

For further information visit the **Metro website**.

Dales Freedom Rover and Dales Privilege Rover tickets will still be valid on service X84 on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

UCI 2019 World Road Championships

The cycling World Road Championships are taking place in Yorkshire this year, and will be based in Harrogate from 22nd to 29th September.

This major event will cause some disruption to bus services, particularly in the Harrogate area.

The Men's Elite Road Race will be held on Sunday 29th September, going from Leeds City Centre via the Yorkshire Dales to Harrogate. This will cause some disruption to DalesBus services. Details aren't yet finalised but it is currently expected that services 830, 856 and 857 will be affected as the race travels through Wensleydale and Swaledale during the late morning, but other services will run normally.

Please check dalesbus.org/news for the latest updates before travelling.

Dales & Bowland CIC Annual Report

The Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company (D&BCIC), which manages much of the Sunday DalesBus network, has recently published its **annual report** for 2018-19.

D&BCIC provided a network of 15 Sunday and Bank Holiday DalesBus services to and within the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale/ Forest of Bowland Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty throughout Summer 2018. Five services operated on Sundays during the winter months.

D&BCIC is a social enterprise whose single member is a charity, the Yorkshire Dales Society, which is also known as Friends of the Dales. D&BCIC has its own independent board of directors who are all unpaid volunteers working in partnership with commercial bus operators, community transport operators, user groups, local attractions and other businesses and local authorities.

33,391 journeys were made on DalesBus services managed by D&BCIC during 2018-19. The 19% increase from 28,117 journeys in 2017-18 was driven by the reintroduction of a Summer Sunday service linking Otley with Nidderdale, the first full season of Winter Sunday service 24 in Nidderdale and the takeover of the Summer Saturday service between Ilkley and Grassington from North Yorkshire County Council once again.



DalesBus delivers many economic, social and environmental benefits, but D&BCIC needs to secure additional longer-term funding in order to secure the future of the network.

The overall cost of providing and marketing the network in 2018-19 was around £163,700, with fares income of approx. £64,000, leaving a net cost funding requirement of £99,700.

D&BCIC, together with our partner organisations the Friends of the Dales and the Friends of DalesBus, will shortly be starting fundraising activities for the 2020-21 financial year. We would be delighted to hear (via feedback@dalesandbowland.com) from any individuals, organisations or companies who might be interested in providing financial support, sponsorship or assistance with fundraising.

In the meantime, we'd like to thank everyone who has helped support the DalesBus network in 2019-20.