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A pledge to provide the **best possible bus services**in West Yorkshire

The Passenger Charter

This charter sets out what you (our passenger) can expect when using local bus services that operate across West Yorkshire. You deserve a high-quality, safe and enjoyable experience no matter the bus service you are on. We (West Yorkshire Combined Authority and local bus operators) pledge to meet the commitments set out in this charter to the best of our ability. A full list of participating bus operators is provided at the end of this charter.

The charter also covers elements of service provision that are the responsibility of West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the local transport authority. The Combined Authority works to co-ordinate and improve public transport and financially supports some of the bus services operating in West Yorkshire.

This charter can be made available in other formats. If you would like this information in another format or language, please contact us online by clicking through to our website:

wymetro.com/contact-us

The West Yorkshire Bus Network

Our bus network is brought to you by **Metro** – the transport network of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority – in partnership with local operators.

The Core Bus Network is made up of routes where services run every 15 minutes or under – 65% of homes in the region are currently within 400m of a bus stop on this high frequency network. The Connecting and Community Networks are areas where services run less frequently but you can still expect them to follow regular patterns and be reliable. We are also working together to improve the punctuality, reliability and journey times across all services.

We are committed to decarbonising our bus network and ensuring it's a sustainable choice for your travel needs. The bus network is part of a wider sustainable transport offer across our region.





Our pledge to you

What you can expect from bus services in West Yorkshire:

Services and Information

- Simple, convenient and reliable travel by bus.
 You are our number one priority, and we will
 do all we can to ensure you are satisfied with
 your experience of bus travel.
- A network of regular bus services designed to be sustainable and connect you to places around the region.
- A range of value for money tickets offered by individual operators and through MCard (valid on any bus in West Yorkshire), with a choice of payment methods including mobile, contactless and cash – and if you ask, we promise to advise you on the best value fare for your journey.
- We will provide fare information at m-card.co.uk or from each bus operator.
- Bus service information available at wymetro.com or from each bus operator.

- A place to wait for the bus that is in a suitable location with shelter at many stops.
 Got an issue with a bus stop or shelter?
 Visit wymetro.com/contact-us/ to let us know.
- Up-to-date information at every bus stop and real time information at selected bus stops. Each stop should have a timetable and/or link to the 'yournextbus' page on the wymetro.com website.

Reliability

- A reliable and punctual bus service buses should run no more than one minute early or five minutes late.
- Real time information will be available at selected bus stops and can be accessed at all stops via a QR code, bus operators' apps and wymetro.com. Live vehicle tracking and occupancy information is also available.
- In exceptional circumstances when buses can't operate as advertised, we will keep you informed and let you know about planned changes ahead of time. We will post disruption information on wymetro.com and on Twitter @MetroTravelNews.

On the Bus and in Bus Stations

- CCTV on most buses and in all of our manned bus stations for your safety and security
- Provide at least one designated priority wheelchair space on each bus
- Offer clean, safe, fully accessible and welcoming bus services and bus stations
- Smart, friendly and helpful staff
- A pleasant and comfortable bus journey experience

Supporting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Bus travel is for everyone. We aim to meet people's different needs and ensure the network takes people where they need to go, when they need to go. Here are our key commitments to ensure an inclusive offer for everyone:

- Our staff will provide accessibility support at every stage of your journey.
- Everyone is welcome on board our buses.
 We will not tolerate discrimination, harassment or anti-social behaviour. We encourage passengers to report their experiences of safety via wymetro.com or the MCard mobile App.

Our Customer Guarantees

- Journey satisfaction guarantee If you are not happy with your bus journey, you can claim a free travel voucher directly from the bus operators listed at this web address: wymetro.com
- Last journey promise If your last bus doesn't arrive within 20 minutes of the scheduled time, you can call a taxi, save the receipt and claim the cost back from either First, Arriva or Transdev.
- DaySaver You need never pay more for a day's bus travel anywhere in West Yorkshire than our MCard DaySaver fare.





Young Person's Fare Deal – All under 19s
are entitled to discounted "My" MCard tickets
for use on all buses across the region as we
want to instil bus travel as a good habit for
life and ensure young people have access to
opportunities across the region.

Complaints and Comments

- You can make a complaint or send us suggestions and comments about bus services and ways that they can be improved by contacting your operator (contact details can be found on pages 6 and 7).
- Operators will aim to resolve passenger complaints directly but if you're not happy with their final response, you can contact Bus Users UK who will try to help you get a satisfactory outcome. You can contact them at Bus Users UK.

Or

- You can make your complaint to the Combined Authority using the Complaints Policy online portal westyorks-ca.gov.uk/contact-us/complaints
- If your journey has not met your expectations, please let the operator know

 they actively welcome comments and suggestions, as well as complaints.

- We will always fully investigate your complaint and provide an acknowledgement within three working days. If required, we will provide a follow-up response normally within 15 working days (for some complaints relating to bus stop/shelters, our response time is normally within 28 days).
- If you are unable to contact us using the online portal, please contact MetroLine via telephone on 0113 245 7676.

The Small Print

This charter does not affect your statutory rights. Passengers are carried by each bus operator in accordance with its own conditions of carriage, available from the operators' websites. **Details listed at the end of this charter on page 6**.

Keeping You Informed

This charter will be reviewed annually on the month stated at the top of this document. Any queries with regard to this charter can be made to wymetro.com/contact-us/

Key Performance Indicators of the West Yorkshire Enhanced Partnership will be published every six months at westyorks-ca.gov.uk

Bus operators

Website and and contact details in alphabetical order

A Lyles and Son

Website alyles-coaches.co.uk
Contact A. Lyles online
Phone 01924 464771

Arriva Yorkshire

Website arrivabus.co.uk
Contact Arriva Customer Service

Phone 0344 800 44 11

The Burnley Bus Company (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/burnley/ Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk Phone 07825 216914

Connexionsbuses

Website connexionsbuses.com
Email craig@connexionsbuses.com
Phone 01423 339600

Coastliner (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/coastliner/ Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk Phone 07825 216914

Dales Bus

Website dalesbus.org
Contact dalesbus.org/contact

DK Travel

Email dktravel1963@gmail.com Phone 07933 561678

Falcon Travel

Website falcontravelwakefield.co.uk Email falconltd@talktalk.net Phone 01924 252239

First West Yorkshire

Website firstbus.co.uk firstbus.co.uk/help-and-support Phone 0345 646 0707

Flyer (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/flyer Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk Phone 07825 216914

Globe Holidays

Website globeholidays.co.uk Email sales@globeholidays.co.uk Phone 01226 299900

The Harrogate Bus Company (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/harrogate/ Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk Phone 07825 216914

J & B Travel

Website jandbtravel.co.uk
Contact J & B Travel online
Phone 0113 2586870

Jacksons of Silsden

Website jacksonsfuneralservices.co.uk Email ops@jacksonsofsilsden.com Phone 01535 652376

The Keighley Bus Company (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/keighley
Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk
Phone 07825 216914

North Yorkshire County Council

Email northyorks.gov.uk

Contact North Yorkshire County Council
Customer Portal

Phone 01609 780780

Reliance Motor Services

Website reliancebuses.co.uk
Contact Reliance online

Ross Travel

Website rosstravelgroup.co.uk Email info@rosstravelgroup.co.uk Phone 01977 791 73

Rosso (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/rosso/ Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk Phone 07825 216914

South Pennine Community Transport

Website southpenninect.co.uk Email buses@southpenninect.co.uk Phone 07593 852259

Squarepeg

Website squarepegbuses.co.uk Email sales@squarepegbuses.co.uk

Stagecoach Yorkshire

Website stagecoachbus.com Stagecoach feedback form Phone 0345 241 8000

Station Coaches

Website stationcoaches.co.uk Email stationcoaches@hotmail.co.uk Phone 01924 477 230

Stevenson's Travel

Phone 01977 645060

Stott's Coaches

Website stottscoaches.co.uk
Email enquiries@stottscoaches.co.uk
Phone 01484 460463

Streamline

Phone 01484 454040

Stringers

Website stringerscoaches.co.uk Email enquiries@stringerscoaches.co.uk Phone 01977 600205

Team Pennine (Transdev)

Website transdevbus.co.uk/teampennine/ Email customer.services@transdevbus.co.uk Phone 07825 216914

Tetley's

Website tetleyscoaches.co.uk Email sales@tetleyscoaches.co.uk Phone 0113 2762276

TLC Travel

Website tlctravelltd.co.uk
Email enquiries@tlctravelltd.co.uk
Phone 01274 727811

TM Travel

Website tmtravel.co.uk Email info@tmtravel.co.uk Phone 0114 263 3890

Watersons Bus and Coach

Website watersoncoach.co.uk
Contact R & S Waterson
Phone 01977 610773

York Pullman

Website yorkpullmanbus.co.uk Email sales@yorkpullmanbus.co.uk Phone 01904 622992

Yorkshire Buses

Email Office@yorkshiretravelgroup.co.uk

This charter was agreed and signed up to by the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance which includes the Combined Authority and local bus operators. As of March 2022, the Bus Alliance entered into an Enhanced Partnership which set clear targets and standards so all parties can work together to achieve more local control of services and increase bus patronage.

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