

# Bus Consultation Response

Buckden Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015



## ➔ Current situation

- ❑ The current Pride of the Dales service isn't working and therefore isn't used;
- ❑ School buses are quite often empty;
- ❑ Scheduling is wrong;
- ❑ The bus contract spending for this area had been reduced from £300,000 last year to £200,000 this year
- ❑ The Upper Wharfedale service remained one of the highest costs;
- ❑ "NYCC will not fund a high cost service at the expense of cutting lower cost services" *Richard Owens (Assistant Director Integrated Passenger Transport NYCC)*;
- ❑ There are more significant cuts coming to NYCC, YDNPA & CDC;
- ❑ NYCC are proposing a community transport system;

## ➔ Consultation

- ❑ At the 'consultation' meeting in Kettlewell we heard about the proposed changes and had the opportunity to express our views and ask questions.



## ➡ Skipton - Grassington

- ❑ *“Following discussions with the current operator it is anticipated that a 2 hourly or better service will be operated on a commercial basis between Grassington and Skipton, full details of the timetable are not yet available”.*

## ➡ Cray/Buckden - Grassington

- ❑ *“A demand responsive Community Transport Service will be provided on at least three days each week between Buckden and Grassington to provide connections at Grassington with the proposed commercial service to/from Skipton”*

### Notes:

- ❑ *“Demand Responsive”* means “Dial-a-bus”
- ❑ *“Community Transport Service”* means largely staffed by volunteers
- ❑ NYCC thinking is that the service would be run by Grassington hub
  - But no concrete proposals exist



# Objectives

## ➡ Objectives of an Upper Wharfedale transport system:

- ☐ Reduce social exclusion & isolation – especially the elderly & young people
- ☐ Improve the independence & quality of life of residents
- ☐ Support a sustainable local economy
  - increasing opportunities for tourism & business
  - enabling access to and from employment
- ☐ Reduce carbon footprint

## ➡ By.....

- ☐ Implementing a coherent schedule
- ☐ Giving access to essential services
  - Health care
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Recreation/leisure
  - Rail & Bus transport links
- ☐ Working more closely with businesses & agencies particularly associated with tourism
- ☐ Working with other agencies & community organisations
  - Sports clubs, leisure centers
  - Festival's, gala's
  - Local activities & clubs (book, art, whist, National Trust volunteer's e.t.c.)



## Objectives of meeting

### ➡ Objectives of this meeting:

- ☐ To agree (or not) to the objectives above
- ☐ To discuss the response from the Parish Council to the Bus Consultation, and to ensure it reflects the views of parishioners
- ☐ To understand from parishioners what they want out of a bus service
- ☐ To agree tactics

## ➡ Three options:

1. Accept the NYCC proposal;
  - Demand responsive service; 3 times a week; probably run by Grassington Hub
2. Fight to keep the existing service, albeit with some timetable changes;
3. Develop our own up Dale volunteer service

## ➡ Proposed approach - pursue Options 2 & 3 in parallel

- Objecting to the proposed changes
- Investigating the feasibility / viability of a local service
- Working with the other communities of the upper dale

# The questions for the meeting

## ➡ Two part questionnaire:

- ☐ Part 1 - To inform the response to the consultation
- ☐ Part 2 - To inform the development of a proposal for an alternative service



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Don't forget to respond to the consultation - link on the village website

[www.buckden.org](http://www.buckden.org)







Back up material

## 72, 72R, 72S ▶ Monday to Saturday

### Skipton ▶ Buckden

Service number:	72	72	72	72	72	72	72R	72	72	72R	72	72S	72	72R	72	72
See notes:	SD		SD	SH	SH	SD			SD			SD	SH			
Grassington, Ntl Park Centre	d. 0700	0845	–	–	0935	0935	1115	–	1235	1445	1435	1620	1615	–	1800	–
Hebden	–	–	–	–	0940	0940	–	–	1240	–	1440	–	–	–	1805	–
Threshfield	0702	0847	–	–	–	–	1117	–	–	1447	–	1622	1617	–	–	–
Kilnsey	0710	0855	–	–	–	–	1125	–	–	1455	–	1630	1625	–	–	–
Kettlewell	0720	0905	–	–	–	–	1135	–	–	1505	–	1640	1635	–	–	–
Starbotton	0725	0910	–	–	–	–	1140	–	–	1510	–	1645	1640	–	–	–
Buckden	0730	0915	–	–	–	–	1145	–	–	1515	–	1650	1645	–	–	–

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Buckden	–	0730	–	–	–	0930	–	1200	–	–	–	–	1530	1700	–	–
Starbotton	–	0735	–	–	–	0935	–	1205	–	–	–	–	1535	1705	–	–
Kettlewell	–	0740	–	–	–	0940	–	1210	–	–	–	–	1540	1710	–	–
Kilnsey	–	0750	–	–	–	0950	–	1220	–	–	–	–	1550	1720	–	–
Threshfield	–	0757	–	–	–	0957	–	1227	–	–	–	–	1557	1727	–	–
Grassington, Ntl Park Centre	a. –	0800	–	–	–	1000	–	1230	–	–	–	–	1600	1730	–	–

# Part 1 - Questions

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
It is essential that there is a scheduled bus service up the dale to Buckden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A demand responsive service will not work in this part of the dale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The current schedule could be improved / rationalised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What changes would you propose to the current timetable to improve utilisation					



## Part 2 - Questions

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Grassington Hub could not run an effective service for the up-dale communities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would be more likely to volunteer for a local (i.e. Buckden / Kettlewell service) than one run from Grassington hub?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would be more likely to make use of a local (i.e. Buckden / Kettlewell) service than one run from Grassington hub?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would prepared to volunteer to drive for a scheduled service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would be prepared to volunteer to drive for a demand responsive service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you would be prepared to drive for a demand responsive service, would you be prepared to use your own vehicle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1/2 day per week	1/2 day per fortnight	1/2 day per month	When I'm available	
If you would be prepared to volunteer to drive, how frequently would you be prepared to do it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	