



ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER

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A Big Thank You

This will be the last e-newsletter for 2013 so on behalf of EVRDC management and Board, I would like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard to help Northern to promote this railway line, keeping the stations in good order for the benefit of our passengers and local communities.



We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

[Find out more about volunteering >>](#)

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National Rail Enquiries
0871 200 49 50
- Esk Valley live arrival and departure times for all stations**
[Visit mobile-friendly webpage](#)
- Traveline**
0871 200 22 33
Daily 7am to 9pm
- North Yorkshire Public Transport Information**
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Santa Trains in December



Join Santa Claus and his helpers on Saturdays **7th and 14th December** and enjoy some festive fun on the **12.41 from Whitby and the 14.16 from Middlesbrough**. Santa will be travelling on board with some free goodies for the children and seasonal refreshment for the adults. No booking is necessary.

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Travel with a friend and enjoy a leisurely shopping trip at Middlesbrough. Duo tickets are available from Whitby to Middlesbrough for **two travelling together for £10.80**. The standard day return fare is £7.20. Children travel half price. Or just take a rest from the Christmas preparations and stop off at one of the villages for a walk in the National Park. There are several examples to be found on our website. On the 7th there is the **Hayshed Experience Christmas Fair** from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Fowl Green Farm, Comondale. There will be Christmas stalls, hot food, carol singing, home produce, Santa's Grotto and lots more. For more details please contact: 01287 669294.

You can also check out more ideas for [Days Out Shopping](#) posted by our passengers on the [Esk Valley Outings](#) website. You are welcome to add your own outing with details for others to try. Dogs and bikes go free on the train.

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New Winter Timetables Available

The new Northern



timetable has been posted on our website. **It is valid from 8 December until March.** Don't forget to check the Live Departures box on the right hand side of our Homepage for up-to-the-minute travel



information before setting out during times of inclement weather throughout the winter weeks. It is an invaluable source of travel information and is unique to a rural line such as the Esk Valley.

The **Customer Information Screens** at ten of our stations also provide real time information on the movement of the trains.



You can also collect a timetable from Whitby station information point on the platform or online from www.northernrail.org.
[View timetables >>](#)

Travel over Christmas the New Year



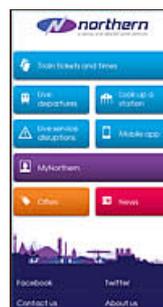
Whitby to Middlesbrough: Trains do not run on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. No buses will be running on these days either.

During times of disruption the latest timetable also clearly explains where bus replacement pick-up points are located.

On the Go – Stay in the Know

Smart phone users are now able to access up-to-date information on our trains whilst on the move, thanks to the launch of Northern's new mobile friendly website: m.northernrail.org

Available on all smart phone and tablet devices, this mobile website displays the most relevant content from the full website whilst on the go.



[View Northern's site for mobiles >>](#)

Moorsbus Update

The Moorsbus Service has now finished. If you would like to send a letter to the North York Moors



National Park expressing your views, please write to; Andy Wilson, Chief Executive, North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, York, YO62 5BP and explain why this bus service through the National Park is so important to our communities.

Friends of the Moorsbus has now been set up to campaign for a service on Sundays and Bank Holidays in the first instance. Their contact details are: friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com Tel: 01751 432447/477216.

[View the Friends of Moorsbus webpages to find out more>>](#)

Good Neighbours Ring and Ride Service

Christmas is traditionally a time for travelling to see friends and family. If you live in Whitby or within a four mile radius, are over 60 or registered disabled you will be eligible for this service. If you do not fit into these categories but have a genuine transport need, call GNCT and see if they can help. Please ring a week before to allow for transport arrangements to be made. Telephone between 9.00am and 1.00 pm weekdays to book a seat or for further details.



A fully accessible vehicle that accomodates a wheelchair and a travelling companion is available for parties of up to six plus driver and a wheelchair user. The service operates around Whitby and the surrounding villages up to a maximum of an approximate 4 mile radius. Minibuses and cars are also available.

If you however are able to volunteer as a driver and help your local community, there are a range of volunteering opportunities. Volunteers are reimbursed for expenses incurred. **Contact details:** Telephone 01947 602982, Email:info@gnctwhitby.org
[Find out more at the Good Neighbours Ring and Ride website >>](#)

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