

Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company

Annual Report 2022-3



Nidderdale DalesBus 821 at Scar House Reservoir

DalesBus Services

Designed to take visitors into the Yorkshire Dales from surrounding urban areas, and also to provide a service for local inhabitants.

Managed by a voluntary not for profit community interest company (D&BCIC) – a subsidiary of Friends of the Dales.

We raise money, plan and market services and contract with bus operators to run the services.

DalesBus Services in 2022-23

Summer:

- 2 Saturday services
(much demanded Skipton-Harrogate and Ilkley-Grassington services)
- 12 Sunday & Bank Holiday services

Winter:

- 1 Saturday service
- 4 Sunday services

See ***www.dalesbus.org***

2022-3 Results

No of passengers	41731
Cost	£187,000
Fares revenue	£ 93,000
Net Funding Needed	£ 94,000

So £2.2 per passenger versus £5 benefits

Problems

- Funding fragmented and short term
- NYC refusal to finance 'leisure' services or any Sunday or evening services
- Heavy dependence on a small number of volunteers
- Rising costs and shortages of drivers

Prospects

- Positive statement about public transport from YDNPA
- New local authority NYC
- Expectation of an Elected Mayor in 2024
- New local transport plan with public transport 'at its heart'
- Agreement that FOTD and DBCIC will work together to campaign for improved public transport in the Dales and surrounding area