

# Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company

## Annual Report 2023-4



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 2023-24

## Summer:

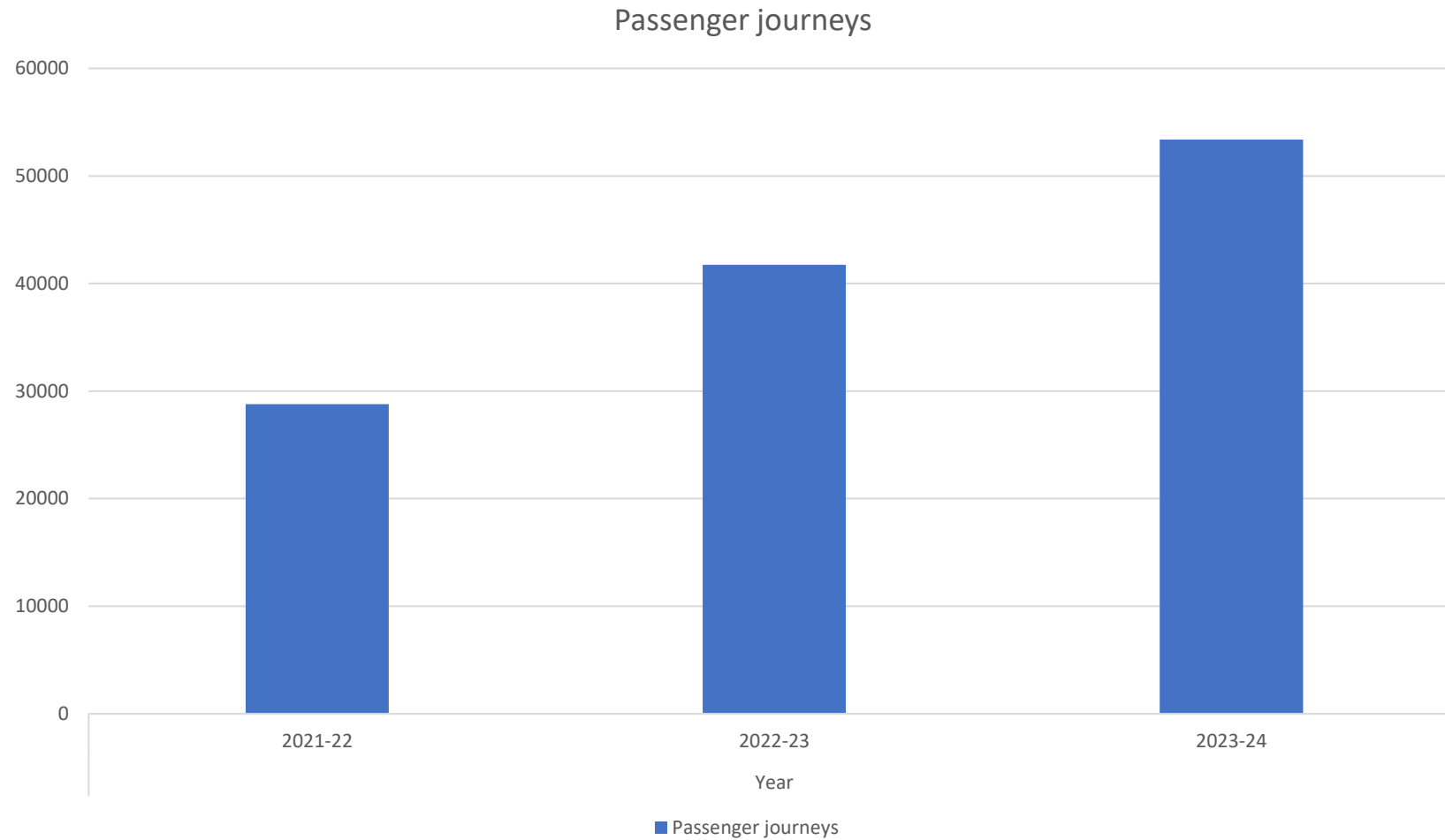
- 2 Saturday services
- 14 Sunday & Bank Holiday services into and around the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale National Landscape

## Winter:

- 2 Saturday services
- 5 Sunday services, including the first Winter Sunday bus service to Malham for many years

See ***[www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)***

# Growth in passenger journeys



## Living Access: short-term progress, long-term challenge

- Following campaigning activity with Friends of the Dales, D&BCIC received the offer of a substantial contribution via North Yorkshire Council, which will help support the continuation and development of the DalesBus network during 2024-25
- With rising costs, driver shortages and heavy dependency on a small number of volunteers, long-term funding commitments are still very much needed.
- We are keen to work with stakeholders to secure and develop public transport provision in the area, promote sustainable tourism, and recognise the importance of Sunday bus services for the mental, physical, social and economic wellbeing of residents.