

# Ryedale Community Transport

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Dear Ms Bolland

## Helping to solve public transport problems in the Kirkbymoorside area

Access to bus services in the Kirkbymoorside area is a problem for many local people - and it's a problem which is likely to get worse, as local authorities face increasing pressure on budgets to support conventional public transport.

Being unable to travel to the right place, at the right time, causes great difficulties for those in surrounding villages without their own transport: from younger people needing to reach work or college, to older people wanting to get to town shops, medical appointments, or simply to meet friends or relatives. In some cases, lack of access to employment, health or social facilities can even force villagers to leave friends and neighbours behind and move to a town, living among strangers.

As a charity with 27 years' experience of stepping in where conventional public transport stops, Ryedale Community Transport can help in many ways. For younger people, our 'Wheels 2 Work' scheme provides low-cost moped loans, while older residents can pre-book door-to-door transport in volunteer-driven cars, or join regular minibus trips to regional shopping centres.

We also operate bus services under contract to North Yorkshire County Council, which for several local communities are the only regular public transport link into town, including our Wednesday and Saturday services linking various villages with both Kirkbymoorside and Malton.

Our website, <http://www.ryedalect.org>, has details of all the services that we currently provide.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to talk to members of Kirkby Moorside Town Council to find out how we can best serve *your* area, by providing transport where it's needed, and supporting self-help by recruiting local people to join our team of volunteer drivers.

Please would you let me know when we could arrange a convenient time and place to speak to your Council?

Yours sincerely,



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