

Upper Wharfedale Bus - Newsletter - January 2016

Following our successful bid to run the Buckden to Grassington service from April 2016, Upper Wharfedale Bus have this week signed a contract to run the service for the next four years.

A great deal of work has already taken place, and significant progress has been made in the last month, including:

- Upper Wharfedale Bus incorporated as a Community Interest Company at Companies House
- New website launched
- Bank account set up
- Applied for and obtained initial grant funding to cover start-up costs
- Applied for Section 19 and 22 permits to operate the service
- Started recruitment of paid drivers and administrator under way, with a number of applications received
- First two volunteer drivers successfully completed Midas training.



In addition, we have been allocated the bus we will use to provide the service: a Mercedes Sprinter xLWB 16 seat minibus, registration number EJ65CXW. The vehicle is equipped with automatic transmission, wheelchair lift and reversing and nearside cameras.



Over the next two and half months there is a great deal still to do. In the next month we plan to finish the recruitment process and train the next batch of drivers. We will also finalise the timetable. In early March we will take delivery of the bus and you will see the bus on driver familiarisation runs up and down the dale.

This is an important project for the Upper Wharfedale community, and we look forward to your continued support and commitment over the coming months.

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