

Derbyshire County Council and Partners Bus Passenger Charter



The Derbyshire Bus Passenger Charter sets out what you can expect from your local bus services and who to contact if the service falls short of these standards.

The Charter was agreed at the Enhanced Partnership (EP) Board on 7th June 2022 and includes those bus services funded by the Council and all “qualifying local services” across the Enhanced Partnership Scheme (EPS) area.

You can find out more about the EPS and see the area the Charter covers at <https://travelderbyshire.co.uk/about/> or by writing to the Council at derbyshire-bsip@derbyshire.gov.uk. Large print versions/braille/alternative languages can also be made available upon request.

Our Plans

We will continue to invest in buses over the coming years with Derbyshire’s strategic plans set out in the most recent Bus Service Improvement Plan, available here: <https://travelderbyshire.co.uk/bsip/>

What you can expect when using local bus services in Derbyshire through the duration of the EP:

On your journey:

- Bus drivers will be welcoming
- Buses will be clean inside
- You will be kept safe at all points of your journey by bus. We have CCTV on buses
- Bus stops, Hubs and Bus stations will be kept clean and welcoming

Ticketing and Timetables:

- Up to date timetable information available online
- Value for money fares and tickets, with easily understood discounts for selected groups
- Charged the right fare and offered the best ticket for your stated journey plans

Reliability:

- Buses to turn up and be accessible
- Buses to be broadly on time and if delayed, this should be for a reason out of our control
- Delays will be kept to a minimum and we will hurry delayed buses through traffic lights

Accessibility:

- If you need help on your journey, drivers and staff will do their best to assist you and remove barriers to travel
- Buses will have room on board. It is especially important that passengers dependent on wheelchairs can board the first bus
- If a wheelchair user can’t board because the space on the bus is taken, and the next bus isn’t due within 20 minutes, the driver will call the depot immediately to arrange an accessible taxi for the trip, covering the same distance as the bus

Incremental steps will be taken to further reduce harmful emissions from buses, for example, the arrival of 57 zero emission electric buses at Stagecoach’s Chesterfield depot this year.

Feedback

We welcome your feedback, praise is great, but where we have got things wrong, we would like the opportunity to put things right and use the learning to improve things for others. Feedback should be made using the contact details provided on the next page.

Compensation

We aim to get things right every time. We know this is not always possible, we also understand that delays are annoying. We value your feedback so we can learn and take steps to putting things right in future.

Our greatest concern is to not leave you stranded. Therefore the bus operator running the last bus of the day will reimburse you cost of a taxi ride home in the event that the last bus home failed to run or departed early, where this was the result of operator failures, except where events are entirely outside the operators’ control.

The charter does not affect your legal rights as a passenger of bus and coach transport. A quick guide to these rights is available here:

<https://bit.ly/bususersguide>.

We will review this Charter at regular intervals and report on how we are performing

Reporting an Issue

By complaining to the Derbyshire EP partners, we will jointly listen to your problems and collectively act and learn

To make a complaint about a particular service or journey please contact the relevant operator directly:



Operator Contact Details

Arriva Midlands:

0344 800 44 11 / [Contact Form](#) / @arrivamidlandsE

Ashbourne Community Transport:

01335 300670 / enquiries@ashbournect.org.uk

Centrebus:

0116 410 5050 / help@centrebus.co.uk / [Contact Form](#)

CT4N:

0115 986 3355 / enquiries@ct4n.co.uk / [Contact Form](#)

D&G:

01782 332337 / info@dgbus.co.uk

Diamond Bus East Midlands:

01283 500228 / dbem-comments@diamondbuses.com / [Contact Form](#)

First South Yorkshire:

0345 646 0707 / [Feedback Form](#)

High Peak:

0116 410 5050 / help@centrebus.co.uk / [Contact Form](#)

Hulleys of Baslow:

01246 582246 / office@hulleys-of-baslow.co.uk

Kinchbus:

01509 815637 / talk@kinchbus.co.uk / @Kinchbus

Littles Travel:

0115 932 8581 / info@littlestravel.co.uk

Notts and Derby:

01332 204568 / ndtraffic@nottsderby.co.uk

Stagecoach:

0345 241 8000 / [Feedback Form](#) / [Complaint Form](#) / @stagecoachyrks

TM Travel:

0114 263 3890 / info@tmtravel.co.uk

trentbarton:

01773 712 265 / talk@trentbarton.co.uk / @trentbartonland

Vectare (Central Connect):

0115 777 3035 / contact@central-connect.co.uk / [Contact Form](#)

For any further feedback, or if you are unhappy with an operators response, please contact public.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk. We will respond to your feedback within five working days of receipt and if we cannot, we will contact you and explain why and when you can expect a reply.

If you are not happy with our response, you can escalate your complaint to Bus Users UK by telephone (0300 111 0002) or email (complaints@bususers.org).



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