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Derbyshire Connect

The really easy way for everyone to get around the wider Ashbourne and Wirksworth area by bus.

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Derbyshire Connect is a brand new bus service for everyone – making it easier for you to get around.

It can be used by any kind of passenger. Young and old, schoolchildren and shoppers, daytrippers for leisure and for group outings to clubs. If you want to visit friends or get to a medical appointment then Derbyshire Connect is for you.

The bus is fully accessible and able to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Plus there is room for bikes.

It is the first service of its kind in Derbyshire offering greater flexibility than a conventional bus service.

You have to book in advance. The earliest you can book is seven days before you want to travel or up to two hours beforehand.

But you can travel anywhere you want within the wider Ashbourne and Wirksworth zone (see map for travel area) instead of having to follow a fixed route. And you can travel at a time of your choice.

And if you want to travel further afield we can drop you off or pick you up at a convenient point that links to connecting conventional bus services.

Derbyshire Connect runs weekdays from 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 6pm.

See back page for more booking information



Travel to or from any of these places:

Ford

Dovedale

Grindon

Hartington

Heathcote

Hognaston

Hulme End

Idridgehay

Kniveton

Ible

Ilam Kirk Ireton

Hopedale

Hopton

Aldwark Alsop en le Dale Alstonefield Ashbourne Atlow Ballidon Blore Biggin Bolehill Bradbourne Brassington Butterton Carsington **Carsington Water** Calton Cowers Lane Cross o' th' hands

Longcliffe Fenny Bentley Mapleton Middleton Milldale Onecote Parwich Pikehall Thorpe Tissington Hulland Ward Turnditch Hulland Village Waterfall Waterhouses Wetton Winkhill Wirksworth

Connecting services

- Swift from Ashbourne to Derby and Uttoxeter 108 – from Ashbourne to Leek
- **6.1** from Wirksworth to Derby, Matlock and Bakewell
- **110/111** from Ashbourne to Matlock via Carsington
- 113 from Ashbourne to Belper via Hulland Ward
- 114 from Ashbourne to Derby via Kedleston
- 442 from Hartington to Buxton





The stepping stones at Dovedale

Ashbourne

What is Derbyshire Connect?

Derbyshire Connect is a brand new type of bus service for everyone. It must be booked in advance but is more flexible than a conventional bus. There is no fixed timetable, so pick up times, routes and destinations can be planned to suit the needs of where passengers have stated they want to travel to and from on booking.

Who is the service for?

Derbyshire Connect is for everyone. Any kind of passenger, of any age, can use the service for any type of journey. It is fully accessible and able to carry passengers in wheelchairs plus it has room for bikes.

Which area do you cover?

Derbyshire Connect will initially run in the wider Ashbourne and Wirksworth area for up to a year. Check out the map and list of places served inside this leaflet to see where you can get to. You can also travel just over the border into neighbouring Staffordshire. Similar services in other parts of the county could be rolled out in 2018.

Why do I have to book?

Derbyshire Connect is a bookable rather than turn up and go service. This is so that everyone's pick up and drop of points can be considered and routes and timings planned. See the back of this leaflet for more details of how to book.

Can the bus be used by people with buggies?

Derbyshire Connect will have space for buggies and pushchairs. Please mention this when booking.

Can I take my dog on the bus?

Derbyshire Connect can carry well-behaved dogs.





Scenic views around

Derbyshire Connect is fully accessible and able to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Please mention this when booking. Bikes can also be carried, so you don't have to make a round trip.

To book your journey call **01335 342951**, 8am-5pm Monday to Friday, (calls charged at normal rates).

Bookings can be made between seven days and up to two hours before the time of travel. If you want to travel on Saturday you need to book by 4pm Friday.

Or email your booking: bookings@derbyshireconnect.org.uk Please give 48 hours notice.

When making your booking tell us where you want to travel from and to, what time you want to travel and if you require a return journey.

Derbyshire Connect will run:

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday There is no Sunday or bank holiday service.

Fares

£2 Adult single £3.80 Adult return £1.20 Child single (up to 16th birthday) £2.40 Child return (up to 16th birthday) b_line2 cardholders get 25% off adult fares Gold Card holders travel free after 9.30am weekdays and free anytime on Saturdays.

Group bookings can be made. Fares will be charged at the appropriate individual rate. For more information call the booking line.

Derbyshire Wayfarer tickets are also accepted.



