





# Bus Action Group meeting

Greystoke Village Hall  
7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

*We were a group that SUCCESSFULLY campaigned to connect our community with public transport....now we need to use it!*



# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Aims of the meeting
- The ITV Border news clip
- New timetable and Q&A
- From BAG to BUG
- Agreement of next steps and close



# Aims of the meeting

- To show off our ITV sequel (*autographs available on demand...*)
- To run through the new timetable and answer any questions people have about it
- To start planning a launch date
- To change the meeting focus from an action group to a user group

ITV Border – Filmed on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Penrith Bus Station               | 07:10 | 09:00 | 11:00 | 12:35 | 14:35 | 15:00 | 16:05 | 17:10 |
| Penrith Railway Station (opp)     | 07:15 | 09:05 | 11:05 | 12:40 | 14:40 | 15:05 | 16:10 | 17:15 |
| <b>X5 from Keswick arrives</b>    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Penrith Bus Station               | *     | *     | *     | *     | 15:15 | 16:15 | 17:20 |       |
| Penrith Bus Station               | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     | 15:20 | 16:25 | 17:30 |
| Motherby                          | v     | v     | v     | 12:54 | 14:54 | 15:23 | 16:28 | 17:33 |
| Greystoke Cross                   | v     | v     | v     | 12:57 | 14:57 | 15:26 | 16:31 | 17:36 |
| Newbiggin                         | 07:27 | 09:17 | 11:17 | 13:02 | 15:02 | 15:31 | 16:36 | 17:41 |
| Greystoke Cross                   | 07:32 | 09:22 | 11:22 | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     |
| Motherby                          | 07:35 | 09:25 | 11:25 | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     |
| Penrith Bus Station (R)           | v     | 09:30 | 11:30 | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     |
| <b>X5 to Keswick departs</b>      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Stanton (R)                       | 07:45 | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     | v     |
| <b>X5 to Keswick departs</b>      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Penrith Railway Station           | 07:55 | 09:45 | 11:45 | 13:14 | 15:14 | 15:43 | 16:48 | 17:53 |
| Penrith Bus Station               | 08:00 | 09:50 | 11:50 | 13:19 | 15:19 | 15:48 | 16:53 | 17:58 |
| <b>Penrith Bus Station</b>        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Penrith Bus Station               | *     | 09:50 | *     | 13:25 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Eamont Bridge                     | *     | 10:04 | *     | 13:39 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Clifton, Church                   | *     | 10:09 | *     | 13:44 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Lowther Estate Office             | *     | v     | *     | v     | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Hackthorpe Castle Inn Hotel       | *     | 10:14 | *     | 13:48 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Thrimby Bridge                    | *     | 10:16 | *     | 13:50 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Shap Market Square                | *     | 10:26 | *     | 14:00 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| <b>Shap Market Square</b>         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Shap Market Square                | *     | 10:26 | *     | 14:00 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Thrimby Bridge                    | *     | 10:35 | *     | 14:09 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Hackthorpe Castle Hotel           | *     | 10:36 | *     | 14:10 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Lowther Estate Office             | *     | v     | *     | v     | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Clifton George and Dragon         | *     | 10:40 | *     | 14:14 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Eamont Bridge                     | *     | 10:45 | *     | 14:19 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| Penrith Bus Station               | *     | 10:58 | *     | 14:30 | *     | *     | *     | *     |
| <b>Wetheriggs, Junior School</b>  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Wetheriggs, Junior School         | *     | *     | *     | *     | 15:36 | *     | *     | *     |
| Castletown, York Street           | *     | *     | *     | *     | 15:45 | *     | *     | *     |
| Penrith, Rusholme                 | *     | *     | *     | *     | 15:53 | *     | *     | *     |
| Bus Station                       | *     | *     | *     | *     | 15:58 | *     | *     | *     |
| <b>Rail Station (for schools)</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Rail Station (for schools)        | *     | *     | *     | *     | 16:10 | *     | *     | *     |
| Bus Station                       | 08:00 | *     | *     | *     | v     | *     | *     | *     |
| Salkeld Road                      | 08:03 | *     | *     | *     | 16:20 | *     | *     | *     |
| Beacon Edge                       | 08:05 | *     | *     | *     | 16:22 | *     | *     | *     |
| Brent Road                        | 08:07 | *     | *     | *     | 16:24 | *     | *     | *     |
| Brentfield Way                    | 08:08 | *     | *     | *     | 16:25 | *     | *     | *     |
| Primrose Drive                    | 08:13 | *     | *     | *     | 16:30 | *     | *     | *     |
| Ash Road                          | 08:16 | *     | *     | *     | 16:33 | *     | *     | *     |
| Oak Road                          | 08:18 | *     | *     | *     | 16:35 | *     | *     | *     |
| Patigill                          | 08:20 | *     | *     | *     | 16:37 | *     | *     | *     |
| Health Centre                     | 08:25 | *     | *     | *     | 16:42 | *     | *     | *     |
| Rail Station (for schools)        | 08:30 | *     | *     | *     | v     | *     | *     | *     |
| Bus Station                       | 08:40 | *     | *     | *     | 16:47 | *     | *     | *     |

R : On Request to drop passengers for the X45 - otherwise runs direct to Penrith Rail Station



# New timetable and Q&A

Mark Hodgkiss, Scheduled Bus Service Officer, Westmorland and Furness Council



# From BAG to BUG

A quarterly meeting that helps us keep on track of bus usage.

Each meeting will review the journeys taken from the previous 3 months, and come up with ideas to increase the uptake in the coming quarter.

The website will rebrand a bit, and will be a great way of harvesting good ideas and hearing and replying to gripes but word of mouth is powerful stuff

# Some stellar ideas



- ★ Could the castle or pub or possibly pool cafe give a reduced price coffee on production of a Greystoke-Penrith bus ticket?
- ★ Give local businesses ie Quirky workshops and local B&Bs the new bus timetable
- ★ Ask coffee shops in Penrith if they would give 50p off a coffee, / same with leisure centre
- ★ See if there is a warm spot with wifi near Penrith bus station for people waiting
- ★ Guitar playing or musician on bus certain days of the week
- ★ Could we hold other meetings on the bus eg WI / Parish council / MP surgery / housing group?
- ★ If we hit the target number of journeys each month, can we have cakes on a bus to celebrate
- ★ Can we display posters on the back of the bus advertising the swimming pool and castle and pub
- ★ Check Alhambra and see if they do matinees that fit with bus times
- ★ Might the school be persuaded to do bus trips.
- ★ Chatty Wednesday (or other day) bus journeys





# Next steps.....Could you be a BUGGY?

How would you like to be involved...?

- ? Receive a quarterly email update
- ? Add your good ideas / gripes to the transport page
- ? Talk about the bus at social / community groups
- ? Come to the quarterly meeting
- ? 'host' a bus journey
- ? Be on a small and informal whatsapp group for peer support/random rants
- ? Inform visitors to the village about the bus (B&B, pool, pub, castle, quirky)
- ? Be a point of contact on behalf of a village i.e. Penruddock, Newbiggin Motherby and look after their noticeboard?