

ELVET STRIDERS

Transport Manager's report for 2014/15 and 2015/16 to date

My apologies for not being able to give this report in person this evening but should members need to clarify any issues, just email me on email@westwoodhouse.uk.com

Bus patronage by Striders', your guests and other clubs has continued to grow for the 6th year in succession from an all-time low of 64 seats in 2009 (since the late 1980's when buses were first put on), to 327 seats in the club year 2014 /15 - an impressive increase. Most importantly, the number of races for which a bus has been provided grew from 3 to 9.

Financially - Since 2013, buses have received a club subsidy of £100 pa. Fares are set at a level to encourage bus travel over car usage, meaning some buses make losses which are covered by subsidy and trips making a profit. The aim is to run annual finances at breakeven. **I would appreciate members' views as to whether they feel that club subsidies for buses are appropriate.** I have provided the Secretary and Chairman with a copies of this year's finances should you wish to see them.

Turnover for 2014/15 was £2,326 (9 trips) and for 2015/16 is anticipated to be about £2,200 (8 trips).

Moving forward - hopefully the demand for bus seats will continue to grow, enabling fares to reduce in real terms and buses to be provided for additional events. Do contact me if you have any transport requirements for groups of over 25 and I will do my best to accommodate.

Plea - the workload for myself and the treasurer increases with bus popularity so do please help by paying fares before the day and putting a useful reference on the payment transaction.

Finally - thanks to all those who have taken seats this year and by so doing made bus provision viable and help save the planet. Also, many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to look after bus matters on the day - especially those that have offered to repeat the experience!

As ever, feedback and suggestions for adding to or improving the service are always welcome.

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