

# Travelling Light

Monthly news and updates



May 2023

## Hello!

This month is National Walking Month, and 15-19 May was Walk to School Week. We've been focussing on walking in our communications alongside Commonplace, an online platform to help us create a travel and transport system Hope Valley deserves! If you haven't already, please head to [Hope Valley Travelling Light - Commonplace](#) to have your say.

## Travelling Light Team

The team (all part time except Marianne) now comprises Trish Maunder, Community Projects Officer, Megan Carroll, Communications Officer and Jon Benson as Administrator/Organiser. Jon joined the small Travelling Light staff team last week, to provide vital administration and coordination to help the project develop to the next stage. Jon brings a range of skills to the team with a background in community campaigns, trade unions, marketing, communications and more. When you get in touch, Jon will often be your first point of contact with us - help us give a warm welcome and hello to Jon and let us know how you'd like to chip in with volunteering in our campaigns!

Meet the team - You can learn more about the staff team [here](#).

## Next Travel & Transport Meeting -

- We will not be holding our regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday in June as both Roger Clarke and Marianne Quick will be away.
- As an alternative we are looking to hold an **in person discussion** on the Travelling Light draft Bus Strategy on:
- **Wednesday 14 June 2pm-4pm (Venue to be confirmed)**

✉ All welcome, please let [travelgroup@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:travelgroup@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk) know if you will be attending.

## Inclusive Active Travel - Walking Wheeling & Cycling

- 20's Plenty updates: Thanks to those of you who have signed up to get involved in campaigning for lower speed limits in our villages. We will be in contact shortly about what campaign materials you might need. Please contact Jon if you would like to be involved in this element of Travelling Light's work: [Jonbenson@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:Jonbenson@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk)
- We've enjoyed celebrating National Walking Month on our social media channels. If you haven't yet followed us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, do head over and [check it out](#) using the icons in this link: [travellinglighthvca | Twitter, Instagram, Facebook](#)
- We are also looking to help to coordinate a pilot active travel signage from one of the Hope Valley Train Stations, alongside Walk Derbyshire, the CRP and Sustrans. Let us know your views as to which station we should focus our pilot on and if you would like to help.

## Integrated Public Transport

- New seasonal bus service to start Sat 26 May - [Hulleys of Baslow](#) "Breezer". This seasonal service will run every weekend until early September, with 7 day a week operations during school holidays. The Breezer will run hourly from Baslow to Longshaw to Castleton, with guaranteed connections onto the existing 170 service from Chesterfield at Baslow.

- We're really pleased to see that CrossCountry Trains, East Midlands Railway, Derbyshire County Council and Hulleys of Baslow are working together to make several bus routes in the Peak District better integrated with train travel. For example the 170 (as above) now departs from Chesterfield Station and runs later into the evening, with extra stops in the evening at Matlock.
- On 16 May Marianne attended the bi-annual Partnership meeting of High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership. It was a great chance to hear updates from the Hope Valley Station Friends groups and network with local authorities and representatives from Train Operating Companies including Northern and Cross Country. Find out more about HPHV CRP on their website: [peakdistrictbytrain.org](https://peakdistrictbytrain.org)

### Reduced Fossil Fuel Dependency

- We are partnering with Midlands Connect/Cenex on the Moving Together Digital Hub project which will provide an interactive platform to roll out community car, lift and EV charging sharing across the Hope Valley. The digital hub is in development and we hope to set out more details as to how you can get involved very soon.

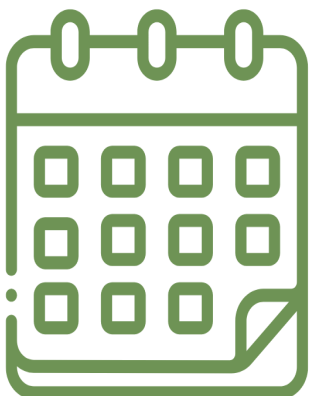
### Innovation and Spreading Change

- Community Conversation Launch - we publicly launched our platform on Commonplace on Monday 24 April. Thanks to everyone who has used the site so far. Commonplace is an online, interactive engagement platform which will help residents and visitors to Hope Valley join us on our journey as we create a fully functioning travel and transport system for Hope Valley, together. If you haven't already, please visit <https://hopevalleytravellinglight.commonplace.is> to get started.
- Throughout the spring onwards we'll be out and about in Hope Valley villages starting Community Conversations - if you'd like to help in some small (or big!) way in your village, please [complete this form](#).



- Great Big Green Week - we're delighted to have worked with filmmaker Jess James and five local businesses to showcase the steps they are taking to becoming more sustainable. We aim to use the films in June to help promote sustainable tourism for [Great Big Green Week](#), 10-18 June.

- Youth project - The youth engagement project with King Edward's School in Sheffield and Students Organising for Sustainability (SOS-UK) is about to get underway, supporting 4 groups of 5 students, from years 7-9 (ages 11-14), to become Travelling Light Youth Champions. The programme started on 26 April. The group will be travelling by train courtesy of Northern Rail on Thursday 8 June and recording elements of their experiences as part of developing their own campaign.



## Events



### Inclusivity and Accessibility Workshop

The training opportunity planned for Monday 22 May about how to make our approach to sustainable travel and transport as Inclusive and Accessible as possible was postponed due to low numbers. We will look to rearrange in the near future.

## In person discussion on the Travelling Light draft Bus Strategy

Wednesday 14 June 2pm-4pm (Venue TBC).

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### Summer events

We want to attend as many village events over the summer as possible

The aim is to spread the word about how people can join conversations about travel and transport in their village and get as many people signing up to Commonplace as possible.

You can help by setting up the stall, being on the stall for an hour, or even just by promising to come and say hi. Every bit of support helps.

Email

[travelgroup@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:travelgroup@hopevalleyclimateaction.org.uk) to let us know which event you can attend.

Grindleford Carnival	Saturday 17 June
Hope Wakes Carnival	Saturday 1 July
Hathersage Village Gala	Saturday 8 July
Bamford Carnival	Sunday 9 July
Bradwell Carnival	Saturday 5 August
Froggatt Show?	Saturday 26 August
Hope Show	Monday 28 August
Eyam Village Show	Saturday 2 September



Look out for the **Calls to Action** section of the bulletin - a roundup of simple ways you can take action this month to help build our movement.

This month's **Calls to Action** are:

- Complete [Commonplace](#) and then ask three other people to do the same
- [Sign Up](#) to help the Travelling Light team at one of the forthcoming summer events such as Hope Show and Bradwell Carnival
- Write to your local Councillor about 20's Plenty and any concerns you have about road safety for pedestrians and cyclists in your area. Remember to be constructive, specific and clear in your ask of what action you would like to happen next, including your contribution. [WriteToThem](#) is a useful online tool for finding your Councillor and [Transport for All](#) have an

example of a letter you could write (note, you should write the letter in your own words and be as specific and local as possible).



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