

Connection Bus

Thank you Alan,

Please pencil us in and we will get back to you with something more concrete following the next MAYD committee meeting.

Kind regards,

John

Hi John,

Thanks for getting back to me so promptly.

The norm is for a village to book us for at least a terms worth of weekly sessions but usually a year. This is at a set venue, day and time. We then invoice at the end of each half-term for the sessions that were actually run during the previous period. I understand your interest in moving the provision around to different villages and would be happy to discuss further how this might work. What I will say is that attendance tends to be less when it is not a regular weekly session in the same venue.

All venues would need to be checked for access and suitability.

We are hopeful that barring any serious issues we would be in a position to start sessions after the Easter holidays (week beginning 17 April). It would have to be a set day and time every week in order for us to work around our other bookings.

We don't usually have a contract with villages but instead confirmation by email. However we can prepare one if required.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need to know.

Kind regards

Alan

Dear Alan,

A belated Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for your very welcome message and good news that the second youth bus will be reinstated.

I confirm we are very much still interested in supplementing our present youth provision through the Connections Bus option. We will need to budget for this and also agree the approach through the Youth Joint Committee (MAYD) but it is a virtual certainty that this will be supported at some level.

To help me with this process please can you give me some idea of the likely start date and how you normally program the bus visits - you have suggested the weekdays it could visit - but is it booked and paid for on a by-week basis or (say) annually or by term? Also are the visit timings negotiable i.e. the time of arrival and leaving? Is there a formal contract with your organisation?

I represent three villages (with a possible fourth) who would be interested in the bus. I assume it would not be problem for the bus to vary its destination so that the services (and excitement) can be 'shared around'?

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

John

Hi John

Hope you are well.

We have just heard this week, that we have the funding to get our second youth bus back on the road. We hope to get this started in the new year with mechanics, then bodywork and then internals. We will also be attempting to recruit new youth workers and drivers. Barring any serious issues along the way, we would expect to be in a position to offer youth bus sessions after the Easter break (from 15 April).

With no increase in our charges over the last 3 years, the need to use a portion of our reserves to adapt services and the rising cost of fuel (amongst other things), the trustees have had to make the difficult decision to apply an increase from April 2023. This increase is approximately 8% and has been kept below the Inflation Rate which is currently 10.7%

This means based on a booking of at least one school term, the cost for weekly 2 hour youth bus sessions will be £324 per session. This includes use of one of our double decker youth buses and it's facilities along with 3 youth workers.

It is likely that availability will be either Tuesday or Friday evenings. However we are waiting on confirmation from our existing villages for the new financial year (due back by 20 January) so this may change.

Please let me know if this is still of interest to the parish councillors and I will keep you updated with the progress.

Many Thanks

Alan