

The Sheffield Rambler



Safe Crossing Places

An opportunity has arisen for us to ask for "safe crossing places" to be installed over busy or dangerous roads.



If you think there is a need for a safe crossing place, say at the junction of two opposite paths, e.g. in Ecclesall Woods over Abbey Lane, or over Hathersage Road at Whirlow Park entrance, please let Terry Howard know as soon as possible. Such crossing places can be installed while "Amey" is carrying out work on the roads in question.

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Prioritising work on Rights of Way

We have also been asked to make suggestions to the Sheffield Ramblers' Rights of Way team to prioritise paths we believe are in a poor state. One such route is the Sheffield Country Walk at Sugworth Bank. Please send any suggestions you have, as soon as possible, to David Woodhead, our Footpaths Officer.

[\(rightsofway@sheffieldramblers.org\)](mailto:rightsofway@sheffieldramblers.org)



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Countryside and Rights of Way Act

This year sees the 10th anniversary of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act in the Peak District:

“The Right to Roam”.

A celebration will be taking place on September 27th at :

the Moorland Discovery Centre,
the Longshaw Estate
Fox House.



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Groups in the South Yorkshire and North East Derbyshire Areas are invited to arrange walks which should arrive at the Discovery Centre between 12.00 and 12.30. People can take lunch in the centre and listen to some recollections of the access campaign before continuing their walks after 14.00.

Tea and coffee making facilities will be available.

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First Aid Training



As you are all well aware (and me for sure!) accidents can happen when you're out walking miles from medical facilities. Some of you might feel it would be useful to have some first aid training so that you would have an idea of what to do in such an emergency.

If you are interested in such training, you could have a look at the High Peak First Aid Training website. The training centre is in Hope and it offers a variety of courses varying from 8 hours in length to 40, depending on how far you want to take the training. There are also First Aid Kits for sale.

For further information you can consult their website at:

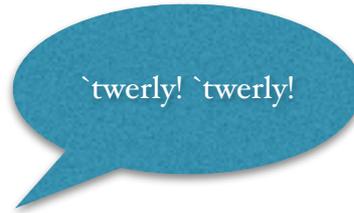
<http://www.highpeakfirstaid.co.uk>.

You can also email info@highpeakfirstaid or telephone 01433 621484.



Editor

Bus Passes: the Latest



Most of you will have heard by now that SYPTE (South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive) has had a rethink on the use of bus passes in the face of some very robust opposition (particularly after the bit of a barney caused by them bloomin' Barnsley baby boomers) but just to clarify matters, here is the situation regarding the use of bus passes as of June 8th this year:

disabled pass holders and their carers can travel for free at any time on weekends and Bank Holidays as well as before 09.30 and after 23.00 on Monday to Friday, just as they did before the recent reduction in hours of validity were introduced on March 31st;

disabled pass holders and their carers can travel for free at all times on trains within South Yorkshire and on trains from a South Yorkshire station into West Yorkshire;

Elderly English National Concessionary Travel Scheme pass holders (i.e. those ancient folk amongst us who have a Senior Citizen Bus Pass) can travel for half price on a single journey or off-peak day return on local train services within South Yorkshire between the hours of 09.30 and 23.00 on Monday to Friday and at any time on weekends and Bank Holidays.

These changes are obviously to be welcomed (and thanks is due to all those who protested) but it is still quite difficult to understand why the 11pm curfew remains in place. In his letter to the SYPTE requesting that the changes noted above should be implemented on the grounds that other Metropolitan authorities give train travel concessions, John Brightmore, our Public Transport Representative, also pointed out that South Yorkshire is the only Metropolitan authority that does not allow use of senior citizen bus passes after 11pm. This point was not addressed at all in their reply to him. Perhaps we need another mass trespass; all bus pass holders out until midnight on July 1st!

Editor

The next page shows a table with some sample fares on the Penistone Line:

THE PENISTONE LINE FARES

SHEFFIELD/ MEADOWHALL return to	DENBY DALE	SHEPLEY	BROCKHOLES
Full fare	£6.10	£7.00	£7.70
With railcard	£4.05	£4.60	£5.10
Bus pass to Denby Dale	£3.05	Then get return ticket from Denby Dale	Then get return ticket from Denby Dale
DENBY DALE return to		£2.20	£2.60
With railcard		£1.45	£1.70
CHAPLETOWN return to	£5.30	£7.00	£7.50
With railcard	£3.50	£4.60	£4.95
Bus pass to Denby Dale	£2.65	Then get return ticket from Denby Dale (as above)	Then get return ticket from Denby Dale (as above)

Next Year's Walks

The walks entry system will take walks for next year from 13th July 2014 to 30th September 2014 when it will close so we can prepare the programme.

Some dates will be unavailable:- March 22nd, May 3rd, June 9th and September 27th for coach rambles and December 2nd, 8th, and 13th for the Christmas meals (all 2015).

Please note that the system will allow 2 walks per day in order to allow extra walks to be added for this year (2014), but please do not put in two on the same day for next year, at least until we have a walk for each day. The system will tell you if there is already a walk on your chosen day.

There will also be a facility to look for free dates - but Dave will tell us all more about that as the calendar starts filling up!

Terry is keen for us to be trying new areas especially if we can find more transport options - I don't know whether we can oblige?!

We look forward to seeing the calendar fill up.

The Rambles Committee