



PRESS RELEASE

The Importance of Audible and Visual Announcements on Buses

Monday March 18

10:30 am in Piccadilly – Photo Opportunity

The York Bus Forum and York Older People's Assembly are holding a short event to celebrate the introduction of audible and visual announcements on Arriva Routes 415 and 25/26.

Whilst the Government passed a law in 2017 requiring "all Bus Operators to provide information which is audible and visually displayed" some 2 years later a commencement date has still not been announced. Bus operators are encouraged to implement the requirement on a voluntary basis.

Arriva are to be congratulated on doing just that. Regrettably that is not the case with other major operators in York.

At the event members of "MySight" York who are blind or partially sighted will be present to highlight the benefits of the enhanced service.

Bob Towner, of York Older People's Assembly, said "These announcements are essential for people with sight or hearing difficulties, as well as helping visitors to the city who are not familiar with our bus routes. All residents of York will reap the benefits particularly at night, when as darkness falls, bus stops are not easily seen".

Graham Collett, Chair of York Bus Forum, said "We welcome the introduction of these announcements on Arriva services. This follows their introduction on Transdev's Coastliner routes. We hope that similarly equipped vehicles will follow on other local services and on the new park and ride buses,

York Bus Forum meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August, at West Offices. More details at www.yorkbusforum.org or contact John Bibby on 01904-330334 Graham Collett on 07581-131141 or Email: yorkbusforumchair@gmail.com

Note to Editors

York Bus Forum is a voluntary group set up initially to lobby against cuts in evening and Sunday services. It was successful (with others) in retaining most evening

services and now works with community transport groups, local bus operators and Councils to improve bus services in and around York.

York Older People's Assembly seeks to campaign on issue of relevance particularly to older people including the abolition of "A" boards in the City Centre, the retention of the ticket office at York Station and opposition to the proposals to abolish free TV licences for those over 75.