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PRESS RELEASE

Cuckmere Buses Increases Passenger Numbers

Following guidance from the Department of Transport, Cuckmere Buses is removing limits on the number of passengers it can carry on its buses from Monday 17 May. Philip Ayers, Managing Director, says "Passenger demand has increased since we returned to pre-covid timetables for all our services on 12 April, so we are pleased to be able to increase the numbers we can now carry". John Bunce, Operations Director, added "Enhanced cleaning of the buses will continue, this includes regular anti-viral protection spray and sanitising high-risk touch areas between trips. Hand sanitiser is provided for passenger use and face coverings will still be needed, unless exempt." Cuckmere Buses Private Hire service is also returning from 17 May. Full details of timetables etc are available on the company website cuckmerebuses.org.uk

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Note for editors:

- Cuckmere Buses, the trading name for Cuckmere Community Bus (CCB), is an independent charity run entirely by trained volunteers. It was launched in 1976 to supplement existing bus services and provide bus links for village residents to their nearest towns throughout the Cuckmere Valley area
- based in Berwick, East Sussex, CCB have around 45 volunteer drivers and 10 additional volunteers who run its fleet of eight low-floor mini buses, providing an important link with shops, doctors' surgeries and social facilities for those who do not live on a main bus route, as well as operating leisure services through the South Downs National Park
- timetabled bus services are operated 7 days a week, 363 days a year, including New Year's Day and Bank Holidays, but not Christmas Day and Boxing Day. They also operate Private Hire and Special Event services
- CCB is a busy voluntary organisation and always needs new volunteers. They attend the Hailsham Farmers Market every second Saturday morning of each month, where potential drivers can try driving a bus and talk to an existing volunteer (suspended during the pandemic)
- in a 'normal' year, the company undertakes around 85,000 passenger journeys and the buses travel some 125,000 miles
- CCB has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups, which is awarded for outstanding work undertaken in their local communities
- CCB has also been awarded the Community Transport Association's prestigious Quality Mark confirming that they are operating within the relevant legislation and best practice within the voluntary sector

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