
TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY IN LOWER WENSLEYDALE



Rail Transport

There are excellent rail connections between the North & South of England giving good, regular and fast rail links. The East Coast Main Line service operates from Edinburgh, Newcastle, Darlington and York to London. The First Trans Pennine service operates from Northallerton and Darlington only 20 minutes from Bedale and 40 minutes from Leyburn, both with adequate car parking facilities, providing an efficient service to

York, Leeds, Darlington, Middlesbrough and Manchester.

With the exception of public bus services for local commuters the Lower Wensleydale area is very well served by road, rail, air and sea making it readily accessible and an ideal place to do business

Average journey times from Northallerton to various destinations are;

Darlington	11 minutes
York	19 minutes
Middlesborough	32 minutes
Newcastle	46 minutes
Leeds	55 minutes
Manchester	146 minutes
London	148 minutes
Edinburgh	157 minutes

Road Transport

Lower Wensleydale is well served by the A1M to the East, the A66 to the North and the M1 to the West giving access to all parts of the UK. The A1 South of Northallerton has recently been upgraded to 3 lanes, whilst the A1 North is currently undergoing a similar upgrade to the North providing a much faster route on the East side of the UK between the North and the South.

A bypass is under construction around the well know traffic congested area in Bedale, making the town more accessible for both local and visiting traffic, as well as providing better accessibility to surrounding areas. Additional car parking is planned.

The Wensleydale area is of course classified as rural, however good A and B roads are important to transport links for all our businesses. We also benefit from well maintained roads with additional efforts made during the winter months to keep access roads open.

Traffic levels in the area are classed as low giving rise to pleasant and unimpeded journeys across the area.



Air Transport Links

The area is extremely well served with airports at Leeds Bradford, Manchester, Newcastle, Durham Tees Valley, Humberside and Doncaster Sheffield providing both national and international passenger, cargo and freight forwarding services. All airports are easily accessed from Lower Wensleydale.

Bus Transport Links

Public bus services in the Lower Wensleydale area are less than adequate, but typical for a rural area. Links are available between Northallerton, Beadle and Leyburn. It is wise to plan bus journeys carefully and in advance. There are fantastic and reliable bus transport provisions for schools and colleges enabling our young people access from rural areas.

Sea Transport Links

The deep water port facility at Teeside provides logistic options, including import and export services as well as roll on roll off to a number of locations. The larger deep water port of Hull, Immingham and Grimsby all provide international freight and passenger services along with essential freight forwarding services.

Taxi and Private Hire Transport Links

Bedale and Leyburn are well served with taxi and private hire facilities. Pre-booking is recommended within rural areas although some companies are able to provide on call services.

Additional Services

If you require any further information on transport and accessibility within the area, please contact the Lower Wensleydale Business Network who will be pleased to assist.