

# *The 106 Partnership*

## Communities in support of our local buses

Dear Resident

December 2020

I'm pleased to be contacting you with some good news about the 106 bus service which runs between Penrith and Kendal. As you know this service normally runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday but due to Covid we had to scale the service down to just Tuesday and Friday which we expect to continue for some time yet. Sadly we have also lost the use of the college run-back service from Kendal which has made the service usage to Kendal rather ineffective.

### **New Service**

During the summer we were contacted by Stagecoach Cumbria to say that they would no longer be running the college bus service which has made our contract unviable for them to operate. We immediately contacted alternative suppliers to see if they would be able to operate the route. We also saw this as an opportunity to improve the route for our passengers as we were freed from the confines of the college bus timetable.

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that from the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Cumbria Classic Coaches will be operating the 106 bus route on a much improved timetable which will include a return service from Kendal and two return journeys from Penrith. The length of the lay-over time will alternate between Penrith and Kendal on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please find enclosed a copy of our new timetable for your reference.

You will notice that the new timetable gives far greater options for residents to travel along the route as there will be a second (early evening) run back from Penrith. This second journey will allow younger people to join after school activities and return later than the school transport allows. It will also allow onward journey to Keswick or Carlisle. We have specifically timed the return to meet with other services which will return to Penrith in time to catch the later 106 bus home from Penrith. The service will also allow a circular day-trip around the lakes with a number of different route options.

For example you could catch the 106 bus to Penrith, arriving at the train station at 10.25. You could then get the 10.32 train to Carlisle, arriving at 10.47. To return you could get the 16.49 from Carlisle, arriving at Penrith at 17.02 in time to catch the 17.20 bus home.

Or you could choose to catch the 106 bus to Penrith bus station and then get the X5 to Keswick, leaving Penrith at 11.15 and arriving in Keswick at 12.01. You could then have 4 hours in Keswick before returning to Penrith on the X5, departing Keswick at 16.20, arriving at Penrith bus station at 17.07 in time to catch the 17.15 106 bus home.

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Alternatively you could chose a day trip with an onwards journey from Keswick to Kendal on the 555 departing Keswick at 13.10, and arriving in Kendal at 15.02 in time to catch the 15.30 on the 106 to return home.

You will also notice that there is a different lay-over time in Kendal and Penrith on Tuesday and Friday. This is to allow residents to enjoy longer in Penrith on Tuesdays and longer in Kendal on Fridays, providing a balance of options. Both days will allow the full day with onwards travel from Penrith and the arrival of the first bus and departure of the last bus is not changed by the alternating lay-over time.

### **Friends of the 106**

Depending on usage, we expect that the 106 bus will cost around £12,000 in subsidies to keep running this year. This is the difference between the cost of running the route and the revenue it collects from fares. Many people recognise the value of the bus to their communities but don't always have a need to use it. Friends of the 106 is a great way for people to support the bus even if they don't use it or if they are entitled to use it free of charge with their bus pass. Please find enclosed a membership for for the Friends of the 106, and do consider joining if you are able to give a donation of £15 or more for the year.

### **Smile Amazon**

We have signed up to Smile Amazon which means that every time you buy something via the Smile Amazon website [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and click 106 Bus Partnership – Amazon will make a small donation towards keeping the bus on the road. So please, if you are a regular user of Amazon, buy through the Smile website. Our treasurer Chris Battersby has trialed the site and so far we have 7p in our pot – every little helps, and remember, there is no extra cost to you the buyer.

Please do all you can to support this new service, ideally by using the bus. Even if you use a bus pass the 106 Bus Partnership receives 58% of the full ticket price towards the cost of the journey. Using the bus on a regular basis is the best way to reduce the gap in our funding. Residents who are not entitled to a bus pass but are in receipt of benefits will be eligible for a reduction on the ticket price subject to proof of eligibility.

Thank you for your continued support

John Owen

(Chairman, 106 Bus Partnership)

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# TUESDAYS 2021

## TIMETABLE: ROUTE 106

Tebay - Penrith - Kendal - Penrith - Tebay

	<b>K2P</b>	<b>P2K</b>	<b>K2P</b>	<b>P2K</b>
Layover	-	1.5 hours	-	-
Kendal Bus Station	-	14.05	15.30	-
Kendal, Stricklandgate	-	14.01	-	-
Kendal, Morrisons	-	13.55	15.35	-
Grayrigg	-	13.44	15.45	-
Tebay, Barnaby Rudge	09.30	13.30	16.00	18.15
Tebay, Cross Keys	09.31	13.29	16.01	18.14
Tebay, Mount Pleasant	09.32	13.28	16.02	18.13
Old Tebay	09.34	13.26	16.04	18.11
Orton	09.40	13.20	16.10	18.06
Shap Wells	09.44	13.16	16.14	18.02
Shap Village Hall	09.55	13.10	16.25	17.54
Thrimby Bridge	10.04	13.00	16.34	17.44
Hackthorpe, Castle Inn	10.05	12.58	16.35	17.43
Lowther	10.09	12.54	16.39	17.39
Clifton, George & Dragon	10.14	12.49	16.44	17.34
Eamont Bridge	10.19	12.44	16.49	17.29
Penrith Hospital	10.21	12.42	16.51	17.27
Sainsburys	10.23	12.40	16.53	17.25
Penrith, Train Station	10.25	12.35	16.55	17.20
Penrith, Bus Station	10.30	12.30	17.00	17.15
Layover	2 hours		15 mins	

# FRIDAYS 2021

## TIMETABLE: ROUTE 106

Tebay - Penrith - Kendal - Penrith - Tebay

	K2P	P2K	K2P	P2K
Layover	-	2 hours	-	-
Kendal Bus Station	-	13.35	15.30	-
Kendal, Stricklandgate	-	13.31	-	-
Kendal, Morrisons	-	13.25	15.35	-
Grayrigg	-	13.14	15.45	-
Tebay, Barnaby Rudge	09.30	13.00	16.00	18.15
Tebay, Cross Keys	09.31	12.59	16.01	18.14
Tebay, Mount Pleasant	09.32	12.58	16.02	18.13
Old Tebay	09.34	12.56	16.04	18.11
Orton	09.40	12.50	16.10	18.06
Shap Wells	09.44	12.46	16.14	18.02
Shap Village Hall	09.55	12.40	16.25	17.54
Thrimby Bridge	10.04	12.30	16.34	17.44
Hackthorpe, Castle Inn	10.05	12.28	16.35	17.43
Lowther	10.09	12.24	16.39	17.39
Clifton, George & Dragon	10.14	12.19	16.44	17.34
Eamont Bridge	10.19	12.14	16.49	17.29
Penrith Hospital	10.21	12.12	16.51	17.27
Sainsburys	10.23	12.10	16.53	17.25
Penrith, Train Station	10.25	12.05	16.55	17.20
Penrith, Bus Station	10.30	12.00	17.00	17.15
Layover	1.5 hours	-	15 mins	-

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### Friends of the 106 Bus - Membership Form 2021

The 106 bus service runs two days per week between the towns of Kendal and Penrith in Cumbria. The service is run by a commercial company but is commissioned by the 106 Bus Partnership which is a voluntary lead organisation. The Partnership commissions the service on a set rate per day and any fares collected on the bus are offset against the daily cost. As with many rural routes, there is often a shortfall between the cost of running the service and the fares collected. This is met by subsidising the route with grants and donations. The 106 route currently requires around £12,000 per year in subsidy.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Subscription - £15 / year. Additional donation \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to '**106 Partnership**' and post to the treasurer - *Chris Battersby, Aysgarth, Eamont Bridge, Penrith. CA10 2BH*. Alternatively please contact Chris on [aysgartharcher@gmail.com](mailto:aysgartharcher@gmail.com) or telephone 01768 866670 to pay by BACS or set up a yearly standing order.

Your subscription and donation will help to keep the bus running over the next 12 months. The 106 Bus Partnership will send you regular updates about the service by way of a news letter every 4 months.

# Thank you for your support

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