

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN

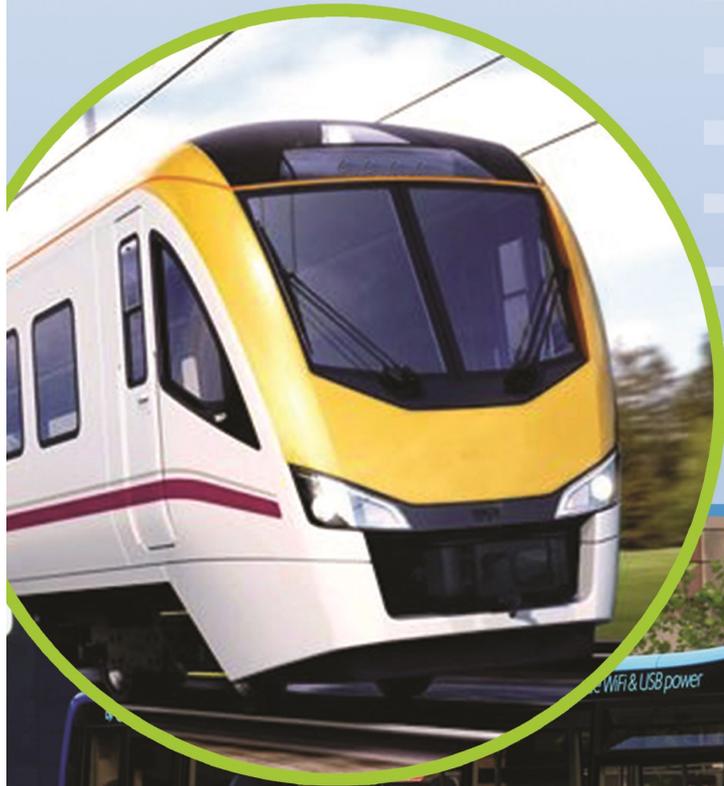
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# TRANSPORT OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES



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## **TRANSPORT OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES**

### **Blackburn Railway Station**

The railway station has entrances via The Boulevard/Cathedral Quarter and the Vue Cinema car park on Lower Audley. Bikes are available for hire at the station to assist with your onward journey.

### **Darwen Railway Station**

The entrance is on Atlas Road, a very short walk from the town hall, market and library.

In our borough there are also stations at Pleasington, Cherry Tree, Mill Hill and a requested stop in Entwistle. Ramsgreave and Wilpshire station is also on our doorstep.

### **Bus Stations**

**Blackburn's indoor bus station** is situated outside the market and mall entrances on Ainsworth Street. This is manned from the first bus in the morning until the last bus at night and help and assistance available during those times.

There are toilets, magazine and refreshment kiosks and seating is available.

Bus tickets can be purchased from the information desk and time tables are available. Bus tickets can also be purchased from the visitor centre in the market or via the app. Transdev Go if you have a smart phone. You will have to set up an account and then you can order and purchase your bus ticket and activate it on the day you wish to travel as you board the bus. Transdev Go will help you plan your journey, get tickets sent to your phone, live bus departures, live travel news and hundreds of time tables in your pocket.

The bus station is a learning disability and dementia friendly environment.

**Darwen bus station** is situated outside the town hall and market on Parliament Street. This is an outdoor facility with bus shelters.

### **Buses - Service Areas**

**Transdev** is the largest bus operator in the borough, whose bus services are branded as Lancashire United, Mainline, Burnley Connect, Red Express, The Witch Way, Hotline, Valleyline, Blackburn Bus Company and Rossobus. They cover the areas of Blackburn, Darwen, Clitheroe, Preston, Padiham, Burnley, Accrington, Chorley, Haslingden, Rawtenstall, Edenfield, Bury and Bolton.

Nelson, Colne, Bacup and Keighley can be accessed from Blackburn via the Burnley interchange.

Haslingden, Ramsbottom, Prestwich and Manchester can be accessed via the Accrington interchange.

**Pilkington Bus** operates from Accrington.

**Preston Bus** will run from Blackburn to Clitheroe via St. Mary's College, Lammack, Mellor, Mellor Brook, Langho, Brockhall and Whalley.

**Stagecoach** runs to Preston via Billinge, Windmill Mellor Brook and Samlesbury, plus one early bus from Rishton via Gt. Harwood, Accrington and Oswaldtwistle. (Sundays and evenings Blackburn, Feniscowles, Abbey Village, Chorley)

**Blackburn Private Hire** will operate the Sunny Bower, Lammack Circular and Highercroft circular including RBH.

**Travel Assist** covers several local areas within Darwen daily. Darwen to Bromley Cross via Blacksnape and Edgworth (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday only). Darwen to Bury via Edgworth and Tottington (Wednesday, Friday & Saturday only)

### **Royal Blackburn Hospital**

The Highercroft Circular, with Blackburn Private Hire no. 12A and C, includes RBH.

Lancashire United's Valleyline, no. 22 is the Clitheroe to Shadsworth service via RBH with a significant stop in Blackburn bus station.

It is also served by Rosso Bus no. 481 from Bury via Rawtenstall and Haslingden and Belthorn.

Patients travelling to Burnley General Hospital can catch the Shuttle bus from RBH to BGH.

### **Darwen Coach Services and Moving People have ceased all their services**

Up-to-date timetables available in Blackburn bus station, Blackburn library, Visitor Centre, Royal Blackburn Hospital, Darwen town hall.

**As Community Transport in BwD ceased some time ago, the following alternatives can be accessed:-**

### **Blackburn and Darwen Dial A Ride Tel: 01254 200333/200088**

Individual and group bookings are available for the over 55s. 18 buses with wheelchair accessibility are in operation from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week. (Sundays and outside hours by special arrangement) Fares are a flat rate of £5 per return journey within Blackburn with Darwen borough and a mileage rate outside the borough. Door to door service and bookings must be made at least 1 day in advance.

[www.dialaride.info](http://www.dialaride.info) or email [enquiries@dialaride.info](mailto:enquiries@dialaride.info)

### **Lancashire County Council Integrated Transport Service Tel: 01282831858**

Lancashire County Council Travelcare provides community transport services throughout Pennine Lancashire (excluding BwD) offering a Dial A Ride service which is bookable transport for those without access to regular public transport. Group bookings and trips are also available. Fares are from £2 per trip. They operate off-peak from 10.30am to 2.30pm and all vehicles are equipped with low steps and are wheelchair accessible.

### **Little Green Bus Tel: 01200 444484**

Operates a Dial A Ride service around the Ribble Valley, mainly for trips into Clitheroe from surrounding areas. Groups and day trips also available.

[www.lancashirecommunitytransport.org.uk](http://www.lancashirecommunitytransport.org.uk)

### **NHS Patient Transport Tel: 0800 0323240**

The North West Patient Transport Service provides crucial transportation for patients attending hospital and other clinical destinations. It is for customers who are unable to make their own way due to medical or clinical needs.

### **Travel Assist Tel: 01254 773765**

Darwen based operator must be booked at least 1 day in advance. Group bookings are also taken. They travel both in and outside the borough and have extensive experience in transporting older and disabled customers with staff who are qualified in both driving and caring. Fares start at £1.50 per trip, capped at £4 within BwD. Journeys outside BwD will be charged by time and mileage. Door to door service, it operates throughout the day from 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday – Friday. (Sundays to church by special arrangement) They work with North West Ambulance throughout Lancashire and South Lakes.

### **Royal Voluntary Service delivered by local volunteers Tel: 01200 442513**

You can join the scheme if you are over 50 and unable to access public or private transport for your journey. Cost is 60p per mile (whole journey incurred by the volunteer from their house to yours and destination and return) Minimum charge £4.00. An application form will have to be completed and journeys pre-booked 3 days in advance. Invoices will be sent monthly for the journeys taken the previous month. You do not have to pay the driver.

Could you consider being a volunteer driver? More drivers mean more cars are available.

**Council Advice** through B-Direct Tel: 01254 588190

### **Vulnerable Adult Travel Card**

Apply for a free card if you feel you are vulnerable, maybe you have learning disabilities, have had a stroke, are visually impaired or nervous of travelling etc., and it will let bus drivers, train guards and taxi drivers know that you may need more time to say where you want to go; to understand what they are saying; to get your money out; to get and off the vehicle or to get to a safe seat.

For an application form please contact The Connect Project, details below.



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For individual journeys, please ask for a bespoke personal travel plan. Contact the number below or visit our website [www.connectingeastlancashire.org.uk](http://www.connectingeastlancashire.org.uk) and click on the free journey planner.

Alternatively visit [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)



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