

# ELVET STRIDERS' AGM 18.10.17

## Transport Manager's report for 2016/17

This will be my last Transport AGM report and my apologies for not being able to give it in person. Should any members need to clarify any issues, do please email me.

By circulating this in advance hopefully time can be saved at the meeting.

**Bus patronage** by Striders, guests and others has continued to grow from 311 seats in 2015/16 to 435 seats this year – an impressive increase. This represents over 31,000 passenger miles or 1.25 times around the earth! For this club year, usage is anticipated to be down on 2016 /17 due to bus cancellations resulting from lack of numbers where races have clashed.

**Financially.** Since 2013, buses have received a club subsidy of £100 pa. Fares are set at a level to encourage bus travel over car usage meaning that some buses make losses which are covered by subsidy and those making a profit. The aim is to run annual finances at breakeven with any profit / loss being rolled over to the next year.

The accounts for 2016/17 are attached which show turnover at £2,967.60 for 9 races (10 buses) and a loss of £35.60.

**Moving forward.** The recent decision to move onto an online booking and paying system has been a great success. This was essential to make the work involved for the Transport Manager and Treasurer time sustainable. My thanks to our Chairman, Jonathan and Treasurer, Anita for setting up this facility so quickly.

Hopefully the demand for bus seats will continue to grow, enabling fares to reduce in real terms and buses to be provided for more events. If anyone has a transport requirement for groups of 25+, just contact the Transport Manager at [transport@elvet-striders.uk](mailto:transport@elvet-striders.uk), who will do their best to accommodate you.

**Finally – thanks** to all those who have taken up seats and by so doing made bus provision viable and help save the planet. Also, many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to look after bus matters on the day – especially those that have offered to repeat the experience!

May I wish Mark all the very best as he steers this important club service to ever greater heights and thanks everyone, past and present, for the pleasure I have had communicating with you all while doing this work. That will unfortunately be lost with the new system!

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