



Seaford Town Council 2019/20 Grant Report

Cuckmere Buses is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee.

The company has been operating for over 40 years and currently runs a fleet of eight 16-seater mini-buses from its depot in Berwick. It serves communities not served by the big-bus companies, taking people to their nearest towns or town centres for shopping, appointments, or for pleasure. Cuckmere Buses provides transport links to many villages including Alfriston, East & West Dean, Firle, Glynde, Herstmonceux, Jevington, Pevensey, Selmeston, Westham, Waldron, Wartling, and Willingdon; and it also operates Town Bus services in Hailsham & Seaford.



The company offers private hire facilities and provides special annual services for Nature Valley International Tennis in Eastbourne, and the Charleston festivals.

It runs over 25 time-tabled services each week. The company does not compete with the commercial organisations, and it is run entirely by fully trained volunteers; it has no employees.

Cuckmere Buses operates like an ordinary bus company (but with smaller vehicles!)

The company's cash movement from trading in any year is the net of:-

Cash Receipts from:-

- i) ticket sales
- ii) concessionary support (ESCC & B&H)
- iii) private hire /specials
- iv) grants and donations

Cash Expenditure on:-

- i) servicing and maintenance
- ii) fuel
- iii) insurance and licencing
- iv) other operating costs

The difference between the two large numbers (cash in and cash out) is relatively small and is factored into determining the bus replacement programme either by building up a cash reserve over several years or taking out loans as other loans come to an end.

In 2019 the passengers carried by Cuckmere Buses and the miles run were:-

Passenger journeys	Miles run
81,632	126,260
(of which 26,974 - 33% <i>came from Seaford Town Service</i>)	(of which 25,800 - 20% <i>were run on the Seaford Town Service</i>)

The Seaford Town Service (route 120) provides links from the areas around Claremont Road, Hawth Hill, Bishopstone, Marine Drive, Clementine Avenue and Beacon Road via and Station Approach to/from Morrisons. The service provides 13 circular routes 5 days per week (M-F) and eight circulars on Saturdays. In addition, the Sunday service 126 links Eastbourne to Seaford via Alfriston.

To help meet regular annual costs, it is the ongoing support from local authorities and passengers which ensures the wheels on the buses keep turning. The support received from Seaford Town Council is very much appreciated, and this donation is recorded, with others, in the company's Annual Report filed with the Charity Commission. Thank you

(Note: Covid19 occurred after the period covered by this report so no reference is made on the impact of the virus at this time).