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## Guest view

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# New bid to boost public transport

**R**ural Lincolnshire suffers from poor public transport. To some extent the problem is lack of awareness of what is available.

For example between 10am and 3pm there is a bus every half hour from Scotter to Scunthorpe. Buses to Messingham, Scotter and Kirton in Lindsey stop at the North Lincs Museum, just three minutes walk away from Scunthorpe railway station where TransPennine Express trains operate to Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Doncaster, Sheffield, Stockport and Manchester, including Manchester Airport.

North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership has teamed up with Stagecoach East Midlands to produce a Kirton in Lindsey and Scotter travel guide. It contains timetables for buses 94, 100 and 103 plus train times for TransPennine Express and the Saturday only Brigg line service at Kirton in Lindsey station. From here trains go to Brigg, Grimsby and Cleethorpes in one direction and Gainsborough, Retford, Worksop and Sheffield in the other direction.

The Kirton in Lindsey and Scotter Travel Guide, funded by West Lindsey District Council and the Association of Community Rail Partnerships, is an experiment in encouraging

the use of public transport in a corner of rural Lincolnshire. The guide will be distributed in the area over the next couple of weeks by our volunteers.

Starting on December 10, Lea Road station will have hourly trains to Lincoln and Sheffield on Sundays. At present there are just five trains on Sundays starting mid afternoon. The improved service forms part of Northern Railway's Franchise commitment. Advance tickets go on sale from train companies web sites 12 weeks before your travel date. Next summer Lincoln to Sheffield trains will run on to Meadowhall, Barnsley, Wakefield and Leeds with new trains.



Find out the bus and train times for your area in the new guide which should be available to view within the next two weeks.

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