

# Public Transport



Travel by Public Transport helps to reduce congestion, and improve the environment. Over 700 buses serve Team Valley each day from all over the North East and it is only 10 short minutes away from Gateshead Interchange, the most accessible central point in the whole of Tyne and Wear to reach by public transport. Offering employees and students current information and discounted public transport travel tickets could convince them to change the way they currently travel to work.

## **teamvalleylinks.com Community Interest Company (CIC) Travel Centre**

Located in the Axis Building at Maingate the Travel Centre offers a wide range of sustainable travel information including timetables for all public transport serving Team Valley. It is staffed from 11.00am to 1.00pm each Tuesday to assist Travel Centre visitors with a personalised journey planning service and answer sustainable travel queries. Workers or students unable to visit the Travel Centre are able to email travel queries to the Travel Plan Team via [info@teamvalleylinks.com](mailto:info@teamvalleylinks.com)

## **Travel to Team Valley by Bus**

Produced in partnership with Go North East, the biggest bus operator in the North of England, teamvalleylinks.com CIC offer the Team Valley Travel Guide - the definitive guide for getting to and from Team Valley by bus. The guide can be downloaded from the teamvalleylinks.com website in a pdf format, or paper copies can be distributed to employers on request.

## **Travel to Team Valley by Metro**

The nearest Metro Station to Team Valley is Gateshead Interchange. From there travellers can get to Team Valley by bus. To plan a journey to Team Valley by Metro, prospective travellers can use the electronic journey planning services: Transport Direct or Traveline hosted on the [teamvalleylinks.com](http://teamvalleylinks.com) CIC website.

## **Travel to Team Valley by Train**

The nearest mainline rail station to Team Valley is Newcastle Central. From there Team Valley can be easily reached by Metro and/or bus. The journey planning services on the [teamvalleylinks.com](http://teamvalleylinks.com) CIC website will establish the options available. There is also a direct bus from Team Valley to the MetroCentre railway station and a direct bus from Chester le Street railway station to the MetroCentre which may be useful for those travelling from the south.

## **Travel to Team Valley by Taxi**

Taxi travel can save travel time and the cost can be evenly spread amongst passengers. A taxi can be pre-booked, allowing for travel arrangements to be organised well in advance. They create no car parking issues and can save precious minutes when trying to meet appointment times. The use of a taxi may reduce the need to bring a car to the Team Valley.



## As an employer, you could introduce a number of measures to promote the use of public transport:

- Displaying public transport timetables on a notice board in a staff / student room or other public area can encourage staff and students to consider travelling by bus
- Employers can make bulk purchase discounts on public transport season tickets, and pass these on to their staff
- Run schemes providing discounted public transport season tickets to staff, which can be provided in partnership with Nexus and Go North East
- Help your staff to purchase season tickets by providing an interest free season ticket loan
- Provide incentives for those travelling by public transport. For instance, entry to a prize draw could be gained by providing a bus or Metro ticket
- Host a public transport surgery with the Travel Plan Team. You could work with bus companies and neighbours to secure improvements to the bus services and facilities
- Encourage visits to the [teamvalleylinks.com](http://teamvalleylinks.com) CIC website discussion forum - **Get Involved** - so staff and students can discuss using public transport, to from and on Team Valley with others.

## Enhancing Staff Benefits and Saving Costs With Public Transport

There are many travel tickets available to help reduce the cost of staff and students travel and there are many ways employers can arrange Corporate discounts with transport providers. The [teamvalleylinks.com](http://teamvalleylinks.com) CIC website offers employers contact with Go North East; Network One; Nexus and Traveline or the Travel Plan Team can arrange meetings for employers with transport ticketing providers to establish the most appropriate type of ticketing schemes to suit specific corporate travel needs.

## Smart Cards for Public Transport

Smart technology, pre-pay public transport cards are set to overtake traditional public transport ticketing, with the introduction of the Go North East Key Card and the Nexus Tyne and Wear Pop Card. Their introduction will offer commuters better value and an opportunity to pay for public transport travel more flexibly.

## 'NextBuses' Service

'NextBuses' is a new service from Traveline. It is designed to work on mobile phones with an internet function and offers the subscriber the next bus time anywhere in Scotland, England and Wales, straight to a mobile. A link to this service can be found on the [teamvalleylinks.com](http://teamvalleylinks.com) CIC website.

If you would like more information or details surrounding Public Transport initiatives, please contact [info@teamvalleylinks.com](mailto:info@teamvalleylinks.com)