

Moor Rover extension announced as part of World Car Free Day.

As part of the World Car Free Day on the 22 September (www.worldcarfree.net) organisers of the Moor Rover bus scheme, providing tailored transport around Exmoor National Park, have announced the schemes extension into October, supported by Exmoor National Park.

“Initially the scheme was to run from July to September but given the success of the scheme to date we’ve decided to extend the service into October” Said Brian Worrall of community transport group AtWest who provide the service. “We’ve received some really positive responses to this new service this year and are actively seeking options for next year as well.”

The scheme was supported with a grant from the Exmoor National Park Sustainable Development Fund. Dan James, the Authority’s Sustainable Economy Officer added “It’s been great to offer a car free alternative to those wishing to get around Exmoor and to be able to offer so many more opportunities such as linear walks, downhill cycling, access for all, and luggage transfers for those doing long distant walks.”

“We are particularly excited that the scheme has been extended for a further month as there is so much to do on the Moor in October from woodland to walks taking in the autumn colours to the many varied events happening across Exmoor including the food festival (www.exmoorfoodfestival.co.uk) , Somerset Art Weeks events (www.somersetartworks.org.uk) and the first ever Dartmoor and Exmoor Low Carbon Festival (www.lowcarbonfestival.co.uk) the Moor Rover is the ideal way to access these events where no normal public transport options exist.”

The scheme will now continue to carry people, wheelchairs, bikes, dogs and luggage 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm during October for just £5 per person (discounts available for groups of 5 or more), and only £2 for children to travel with an adult.

To book a journey users need to call AtWest on **01643 709701** giving 24hr notice and agreeing a pick up and drop off point within the area. Further details are available at www.atwest.org.uk

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