



## The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership Community Rail Partnership

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#### **Easier to use Off-Peak Tyne Valley Line Day Returns**

From Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Off-Peak Day Returns on the Tyne Valley line between Hexham and Newcastle (inclusive) will no longer be subject to the evening peak restriction. This restriction currently prohibits use of Off-Peak Day Returns on all Northern trains leaving Newcastle, Dunston, Metrocentre and Blaydon between 1601 and 1759. Off-Peak tickets will now be valid on all trains in each direction which depart after 0900 Monday to Friday and at all times during weekends and Bank Holidays.

Fiona Forsythe, Partnership Officer for the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership said “We welcome the lifting of these evening peak restrictions. It will make travelling a lot simpler for passengers who want to go to and from Newcastle from stations in the Tyne Valley, as they no longer need to worry about choosing a fare after 9 am. It will also be easier for the on-train staff, who will no longer have to explain the time restrictions whenever they issue a ticket.”

As fares wholly within Tyne & Wear are unaffected by the current evening restriction, this change will benefit passengers travelling from Hexham, Corbridge, Riding Mill, Stocksfield, Prudhoe and Wylam. All other fares and ticketing restrictions along the line are unchanged.

#### ***TVCRP 2018 Calendar Photo Competition***

Showcasing the wonderful sights and scenery along the Tyne Valley line, TVCRP will produce a calendar for 2018.

We will release details of our photo competition soon and will be seeking entries for each station between Dunston and Wetheral with prizes for the winning images. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (TVCRP) and make sure you don't miss the call for entries!

For more information about the Tyne Valley line, visit the Community Rail Partnership's website at [www.tvcrp.org.uk](http://www.tvcrp.org.uk)

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## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership is a not for profit limited company and part of The Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP).

The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership was designated by The Department of Transport as a Community Rail line in 2014.

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