

A good start

A new public transport service for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale got off to an encouraging start this week.

The service, backed by North Yorkshire County Council, is provided by Langthwaite grocer Mr John Stubbs, who drives his car into Richmond on Mondays, Wednesdays Thursdays and Friday, to arrive at 11 a.m. and leave at 1 p.m. On the way he picks up passengers at their homes after they have made a request. The fare is comparable to a bus fare.

"It's early days but I am not disappointed with the response so far.

On my first day I had three passengers. I have not been inundated with requests yet but I think that is because people don't know about it. Those who do think it's a great idea. I am sure it will take off," said Mr Stubbs.

He is pictured here with his first customer, Mrs Kristine Alderson and her daughter Emily. — Photo: DST.