

# On The Buses...

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**A new and purpose built facility which it's hoped will make life easier for passengers in a North East Derbyshire town has, this week, opened it's doors.**



(L-R): Cllr Peter Riggott, NEDDC's Member Champion for the regeneration of Clay Cross; Cllr Gerry Morley from Clay Cross Parish Council; Dave Thornton, Senior Project Manager at GMI; Cllr Chris Jackson, Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and Cllr Graham Baxter MBE, Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council.

A new five-shelter bus station on **Market Street, Clay Cross**, completes the next phase of the multi million pound regeneration scheme and developers say the layout will ease congestion and passenger safety.

Visitors and shoppers to the town will also benefit from new toilet facilities - a replacement for the old Market Street amenities.

It was officially handed over to **North East Derbyshire District Council** by **GMI Property Company**, the developers leading the £22m **New Bridge Street** regeneration scheme.

**Cllr Peter Riggott, North East Derbyshire District Council's Member champion for the Clay Cross regeneration scheme**, hailed the new facilities as a boost to the town, saying, "This new bus station is a major improvement for the town, and another achievement in the wider regeneration of Clay Cross.

"It replaces an existing cluster of bus stops on Market Street, and will ease traffic congestion while creating a much safer, more pleasant environment for passengers to access local bus services."

**Cllr Chris Jackson, Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**, added: "The opening of the bus station is great news for Clay Cross and all those who use buses in the town."

Representatives from Derbyshire County Council, which funds some local bus services, **Stagecoach**, one of five bus operators which will be using the station and **Clay Cross Parish Council**, which has taken on maintenance of the bus shelters and toilets at the site, joined the official launch on Monday.

The New Bridge Street regeneration scheme, which also includes a new town centre car park, is part of the wider regeneration of the town under the Clay Cross Regeneration Framework - a 'masterplan' produced by NE Derbyshire District Council to encourage and manage long-term development.