

In March 2021 the Parish Council launched a survey to gauge attitudes of residents and business owners to parking issues in the village; attitudes/opinions on public transport; and to gauge current (and future) ownership of electric vehicles and associated issues with charging vehicles. See the key outcomes, below.

Key Messages from the Parking Survey

There was a 45% response rate to the 907 blue survey questionnaires delivered and analysis of these responses suggests that:

Parking in general

- Over 90% of residents believe that visitors cause parking problems and should pay to park in Hathersage and see parking on road verges and pavements as a problem.
- 80% of residents agree that Hathersage needs visitors but residents find it difficult to park outside their homes and believe that more parking spaces are needed within and / or close to the village.
- 70% of residents expressed interest in residents parking permits - but only 32% if these must be paid for, and even fewer if there were no guarantee as to where their space would be.

Electric Vehicles

- 81% of residents support the provision of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging facilities for residents and visitors.
- 8% of residents already have an Electric or Hybrid Car and 25% plan to acquire one within the next two years.
- 60% of residents have space at home to charge at least one Electric or Hybrid Car.

Public Transport

- 26% of residents place some reliance on buses and 18% on trains (these low levels will in part reflect the Covid restrictions).

Cycling

- 28% of residents cycle regularly and a third of these have electric bicycles.

Summary of actions for Hathersage Parish Council

Following on from the Parking Survey of residents, Hathersage Parish Council will engage with:

- Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding increasing the capacity of Oddfellows car park and installing EV charging points.
- Derbyshire County Council regarding options for introducing parking charges for visitors; a potential residents parking scheme; and additional parking capacity.
- Peak District National Park where necessary in respect of additional parking capacity.

Hathersage Parish Council will also continue to seek additional parking capacity capable of implementation within our own authority.

The Parish Council will continue to consult with residents and keep them updated on progress.
