



Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 29

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Parishes Day 12 October 'Visitor & Events Management'

If you haven't returned your booking form for the annual Parishes Day meeting, please send it to the Democratic Services team as soon as possible. If you have not received a form please contact us so we can send that to you.

The day will include presentations from Katherine Clarke from the National Trust and Jen Lowthrop, Chair of the Charity Foundation. There will be a choice of workshops and we will be contacting delegates to express a preference on which of those they wish to attend.

Lunch will be provided, and the afternoon session will include updates on the National Park's Outreach team involvement with events management, and a presentation on visitor management including sustainable transport from the Policy and Communities team.

Manifold and Hope Shows

The Planning teams have been out and about this summer at two very popular shows to talk to local people and visitors about the direction for the National Park in the future, as well as giving general development guidance. From the Manifold Showground to the Hope Valley, people have enjoyed the traditional agricultural shows.

This year as part of our Local Plan review we took an early opportunity to seek views on issues such as recreation, climate change, sustainable communities, and transport. It is always fascinating listening to visitors and residents views on living in and visiting the area and all their comments help us to plan for a National Park that works for everyone. The agricultural shows are just one way in which we meet local people and visitors and we will be doing a lot more engagement over the next two years.

Hope Valley Explorer



The Peak District National Park Authority, in partnership with Stagecoach, piloted a seasonal visitor bus tour this summer. The Hope Valley Explorer bus, calling at Edale, Hope and Bamford rail stations, gave people the opportunity to access the Winnats Pass, Edale, Castleton, Bamford and the Fairholmes visitor centre without the use of a car. The highly scenic route was complemented by an on-board audio commentary giving a fascinating account of the local history and cultural heritage. During July and August some 2,600 people tried the hop on hop off Hope Valley Explorer. Passenger feedback showed we were 'on the right track' with particular praise for the commentary and for new opportunities to enjoy the hills. Following a review of this year's performance we'll be back with a new improved Hope Valley Explorer in 2020! We hope you can give it a try.

Communities Small Grants

We would like to remind parish councils and community groups that we can offer small grants for community projects. This year's focus has been on environmental projects following the successful Pledge-Protect-Connect event in Great Hucklow. However, we will consider projects that offer a wide community benefits and protect the special qualities of the National Park.

If parishes and community groups have a project that is due to complete before the end of March 2020 and require some funding please check the criteria at <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/living-and-working/your-community/communities-small-grant-scheme>

We have been lucky enough to access further funding from the National Parks Partnership (a collective body across all the UK National Parks). We will be using this funding to continue our small grants offer into 2020/21.

If you are interested in applying for a Communities Small Grant, please contact Adele Metcalfe at adele.metcalfe@peakdistrict.gov.uk

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