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Public Transport and Car Parks

Public Transport

The COVID 19 emergency continues to affect local and national public transport. Until further notice most bus and rail services in the area will continue to operate to a reduced timetable.

Is your journey necessary? Government advice is for people to only travel by public transport if they can't use an alternative like walking or cycling.

Public transport passengers are required to wear face coverings from Monday 15th June. If you would like further information on how to wear a face covering and how to make your own if required, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

- If you need to travel locally by bus a great online source of information covering most bus services across the Peak District is [Derbyshire bus times](#)
- For bus services operating out of Sheffield serving the Bradfield area see <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/>
- For bus services from Holme see <https://www.wymetro.com/>

For bus information by phone please call the Traveline telephone information on 0871 200 22 33 any time between 7am and 10pm, any day. Calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

For rail services please see the relevant rail operator's website or National Rail Enquiries <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Parishes have expressed their desire for more reliable, regular and affordable services that can connect people to jobs, services and leisure. The Authority is working closely with Derbyshire County Council and other local transport bodies to gather data and coordinate actions and strategic planning for a low carbon and more integrated transport network for the Peak District. This includes demand responsive buses, enabling the expansion of our Hope Valley Explorer bus, rolling out Electric Vehicle Charge points, and expanding the opportunities for cycling. Feedback from Parishes can make a real difference and can be moved swiftly through our communications channels.

Car Parks

Our information to visitors includes the following message: Thinking of travelling out in the Peak District by car? Before setting off check out our car park status page at <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/places-to-visit/car-park-status>

Did you know? Our annual car park permit is just **£40**, and allows parking in any one of 18 Peak District National Park Authority Pay & Display car parks (plus of course, our 27 other free car parks). So if you use one of the car parks for a full day just twice a month, this could represent a saving of almost £75 a year (normal day rate £4.75). For further details see <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/planning-your-visit/parking>

Visitor management and engagement

Our rangers continue to patrol regularly every day across the National Park with an emphasis on our car parks and the busiest visitor locations looked after by both ourselves and our partners. This week we have been able to bolster this capacity with the addition of four more members of the ranger team who are normally involved in our learning and discovery work, and around 30 volunteers focused on litter collection and patrols. 'Fire Watch' has also been operating for the last three weeks with volunteers making observations for fires in the open countryside, and speaking with members of the public having BBQs. Alongside our patrols, we continue to operate the Peak District 'car park alerts' system online, providing updates as we receive them to allow visitors to understand how busy some of the most popular car parks are and then move on to less crowded areas.

As a perfect counterbalance to the challenges of Covid-19, our teams have this summer witnessed a carpet of wildflowers appearing in fields on our Stanage North Lees estate – courtesy of hard work undertaken last year. So-called 'green hay' – collected from other areas such as our trail-side verges and packed with native seeds, made its way to our Stanage North Lees estate courtesy of our Cut-and-Collect machine. This technique allows us to not only maintain the conditions needed for wildflowers to thrive, but also feed new areas with species from right on our doorstep.

Our digital communications will continue to focus on many of the key issues raised by communities, including litter and inappropriate parking. We are also piloting 'geo-targeted' social media campaigns to new urban audiences, taking our #PeakDistrictProud content direct to them alongside those who already 'follow' us on our channels.

Finally, supporters of the Peak District National Park Foundation will be hitting the road for the summer solstice as trustee Alex Waddington takes on an epic dawn-til-dusk cycle ride this weekend on a sponsored litter pick. Many volunteers have already offered to meet Alex on his 'Spin and Bin' route to collect bags of litter as he makes his way through the 16-hour challenge. If you'd like to know more about the event visit www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk or if your community would like to get involved contact Sarah@peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk

Opportunity to join Parishes teleconference

In recent discussions with the Peak Park Parishes Forum we have been exploring ways we can improve the level of engagement we have with the parishes through this difficult period. One way has been to issue more regular bulletins and include more corporate messages about our decisions and actions. We would now like to expand this further by giving parishes the opportunity to join us in potentially a series of teleconferences. Through these we can go through the various issues in each bulletin and provide parishes the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarity on our approach as well as giving feedback or suggestions for new actions as we move forward.

We will have senior officers available to present and field questions and hopefully also representation by Authority members. Please email any questions or topics you would like to cover

We plan to hold the first of these on the 6 July at 3pm. If you would like to join please let us know by the 30 June by emailing policy@peakdistrict.gov.uk A confirmation email will be sent to you with details of how to join the discussion.

Residential annexes SPD – Consultation has begun

In the May bulletin we advised that we would be gathering opinions on a proposed Supplementary Planning Document on the topic of residential annexes.

This information is now live on our website and the informal consultation period runs from 22 June to 5pm on the 17 August 2020. Further information about this consultation and a link to the draft document can be found here: <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/residential-annexes>

Any enquiries on this, and all consultation responses, should be directed to the Policy team at policy@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Development Management

We would like to express our thanks to parish councils for adapting the way of working with the Development Management team during the Covid 19 crisis. The Government has required us to adapt to how we deliver the service, to ensure that planning process continues and decisions are made in a timely manner. The consultation on planning applications has had to evolve as we have not been able to send hard copies of plans to parishes for consultation. Thank you for supporting the changes we have made.

If you are experiencing any issues with the consultation process or struggling to submit comments by the deadlines set out in consultation documents please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any queries about this bulletin please contact the Planning Liaison officer
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