

TRANSPORT & ACCESSIBILITY - ASSETS, ISSUES & VISION

SNAPSHOT

- 21.3% KS residents without car
- 173 short stay parking spaces
- 77 long stay parking spaces
- 5 disabled parking spaces
- 13 Mon-Fri bus services
- 9 Mon-Sat bus services
- 4 Plusbus services
- 1 coach park at Auction Mart when not in use for Auctions

TOWN AND VILLAGES SURVEYS

- + Valued for access to other areas
 - + HGV ban
 - + free parking
 - + Plusbus service
 - + public transport services
- Access via South Road – parked cars
 - Rowgate parking
 - Too little parking
 - Inconvenient, infrequent bus & train services
 - Dangerous mini roundabouts
 - Poor town–railway links – footpath, bus services,
 - Volume & speed of through traffic
 - Hospital access
 - Lack of bypass/disregard HGV ban
 - Lack of bus stop seating/shelters

KSGS SURVEY

- Provide more bus/Plusbus connections between villages and town

WORKSHOP

- + Valued for HGV ban
 - + good road access to N,S,E,W,
 - + transport services
 - + Plusbus service
 - + free parking
- Poor Bank Holiday, weekend & Sunday services
 - Need late night train/bus services
 - Maintain HGV ban
 - Remove mini roundabouts
 - Lobby for A66 improvements
 - Provide off-road parking for South Road
 - Provide footpaths/cycle paths from villages into KS
 - Retain & extend Plusbus service
 - Provide secure bike racks in town
 - Promote & publicise disabled access

VISION

A range of co-ordinated public transport services that meet the varied day-to-day needs of all town and village residents. Public transport services, parking facilities and information that meet the demands of visitors to the area. A network of well-maintained, signed and publicised footpaths and cycle ways. A better environment within the town through improved traffic management.

Strategic objectives:

- Present a substantiated case to the appropriate authorities for improvements in the facilities, co-ordination of transport services, traffic management, parking and information dissemination taking into account the resident and visitor perspectives.
- Promote and publicise walks and cycle routes within the area through facilities, website, tourist publications and event marketing.
- Engender support from the responsible bodies for improvements in the maintenance and signing of footpaths and cycle ways through continued dialogue.

T1 EASE OF TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE LOCAL AREA WORKSHEET

- HGV ban has improved connections to A66 & M6
- Ravenstonedale most disadvantaged in terms of access to main towns & cities using public transport.
- Difficult access to station from town by walkers; field footpath from town to station very wet, discouraging walking
- Station regarded as a huge asset
- No evening public transport except 1 bus from Penrith Monday to Saturday
- New Plusbus extensions should improve services for R'dale, Newbiggin & Sandford, however, services to these villages still very limited
- 5 buses only from KS to connect with 14 trains; 7 buses to KS from 14 trains – 12 out of possible 28 connecting services
- Last trains: 1849 to Leeds & 1938 to Carlisle, no late returns – prevents access to theatres, entertainments, hospital, training
- Threat to Plusbus continuation if no volunteers found to help manage the service from August 2002; threat to continuation of service if no funding found by October 2003

T2 EASE OF ACCESS TO SERVICES WORKSHEET

- Village connections via Plusbus valued but threat to continuation of service – funding & volunteers
- Only Plusbus can take wheelchairs
- New limited service planned to R'dale/Newbiggin & Sandford
- Timetable information easy to obtain in town, excellent booklet produced by CCC
- No late trains from Leeds or Carlisle
- No Sunday, Bank Holiday bus services except 1 bus to Appleby with no return bus
- No evening service to Kendal
- Inconvenient bus connections to train services, particularly Oxenholme
- Incomplete information at station, for visitors in particular

T3 EASE OF MOVEMENT AROUND THE TOWN WORKSHEET

- Mini Roundabouts are traffic hot spots
- No documented traffic accidents in KS in past year
- 4 disabled car parking spaces in town
- 173 short term car parking spaces
- 77 long term car parking spaces (total of 254 car parking spaces)
- Free car parking regarded as an asset
- Coaching parking available at Auction Mart when no livestock sales
- Extent of coach usage not known
- Limited 2 hour parking in Summer frees up spaces on a regular basis
- Limit needs reinforcing or changing (3 hours)
- Parking on Saturday during peak Summer months more difficult because of cars stopping to use toilets on NE–Blackpool run
- 80% of public buildings have wheelchair access
- No wheelchair access at banks, cash machines, post office, C&CC
- Lack of synchronisation of traffic lights and pedestrian crossing disrupts traffic flow
- No cycle paths available in town
- No public toilet signs at Fletcher Hill end of Market Street
- Poor signing to station
- Poor footway to station