

Peak Forest Parish Statement (draft)



Peak Forest Parish area was part of the Royal Forest of the Peak, a hunting area during the medieval period. Peak Forest settlement used to be known as 'the Gretna Green of Derbyshire'. The original church in the village was built towards the end of the Civil War by Christiana, Dowager Countess of Devonshire in 1657. Because the church stood on royal forest land it was a 'Peculiar' free from episcopal jurisdiction. This enabled couples to be married here without banns at any hour of the day or night. This attracted hundreds of eloping lovers to Peak Forest during the first half of the eighteenth century. Only their names are recorded in the special 'Foreign Marriages' registers. This practice was brought to an end in 1804 by an Act of Parliament.

Peak Forest settlement has developed along the A623 Baslow to Chapel-en-le-Frith, approximately 4 miles east of Chapel-en-le-Frith and 5 miles north east of Buxton. Historically, the local community was reliant on agriculture, lead mining and limestone quarrying, the latter two industries peaking during the 18th and 19th centuries which saw the village population reach 500 residents. However, the population declined when the lead mines closed and agriculture became the main income source once more.

Old Dam, a small settlement to the north of Peak Forest is thought to have been the original settlement in the area as it is known to have had a dam since 1405. The focal point to the settlement is the village green in the centre. The settlement has an open character and its roots in agriculture are evident. However, during the 18th century, development became concentrated around the turnpike at Peak Forest which saw the settlement expand here in preference to Old Dam.

The Conservation Area for Peak Forest and Old Dam was designated in 1998.

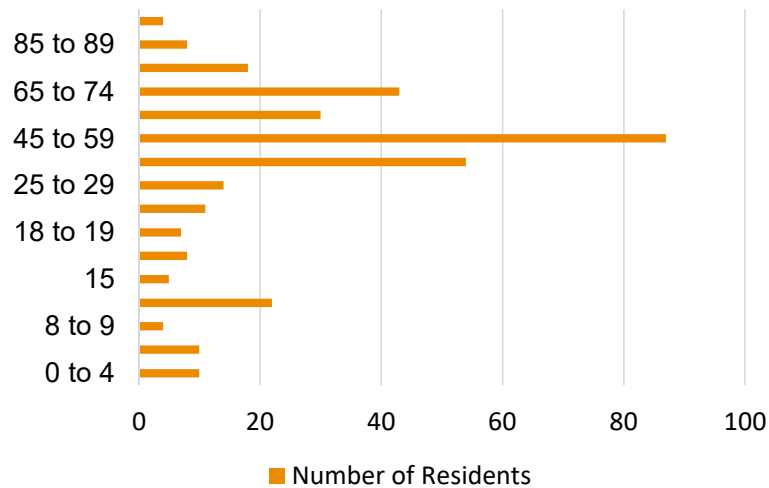


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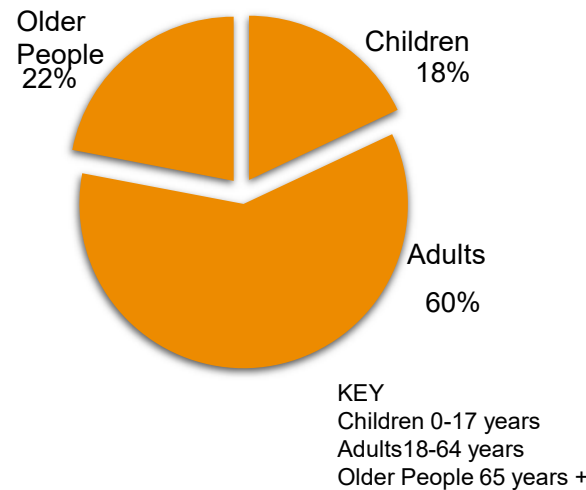


Population and Demographics

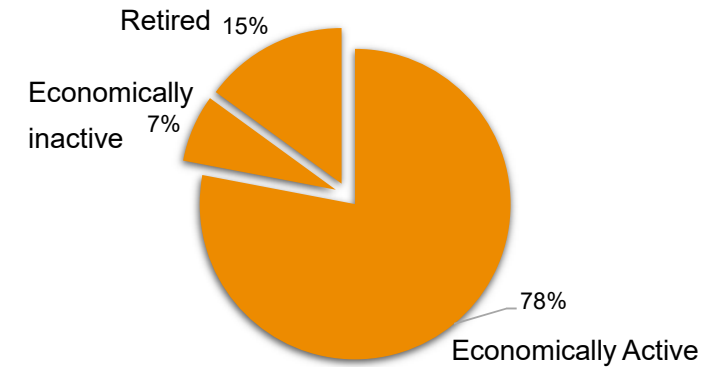
Population Age Range



Working and Non Working Population



Working and Non Working Adult Population (18+ years)



The parish of Peak Forest as a population of 335 residents (2011 census).

Data source: Census 2011

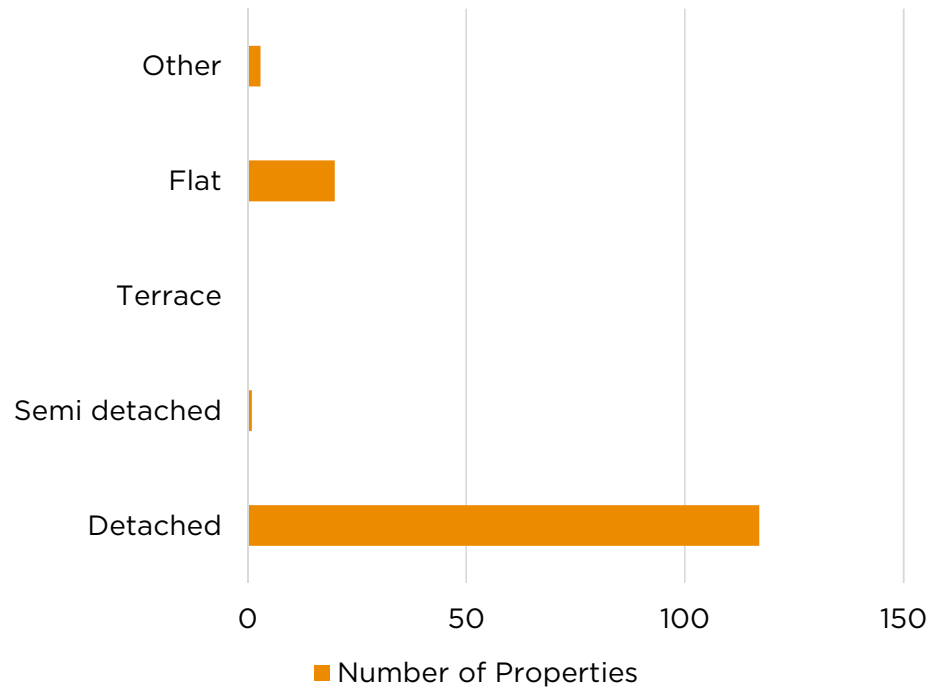


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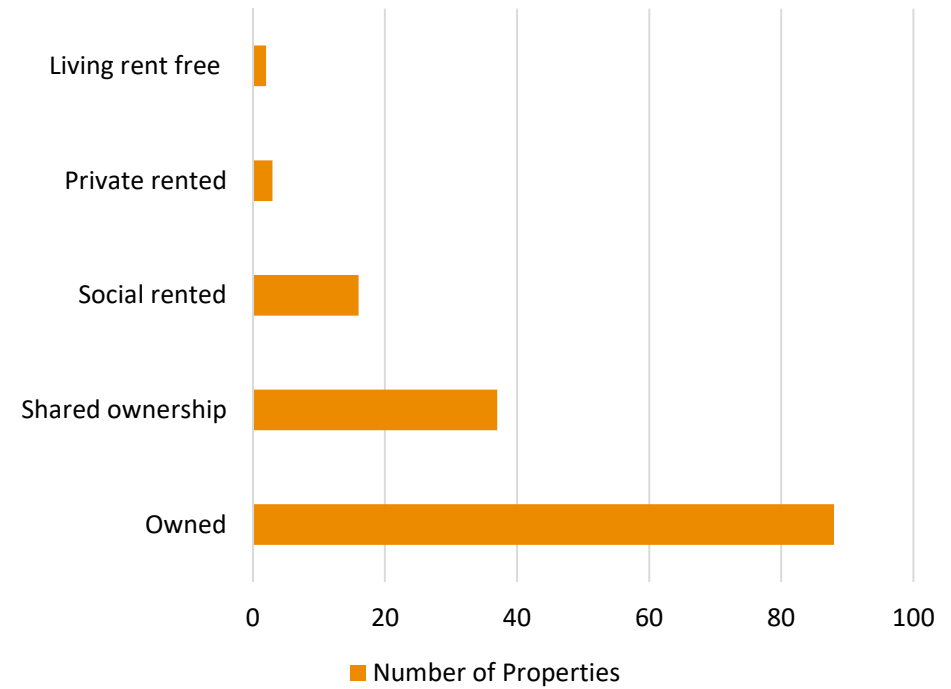


Housing

Housing Type



Housing Tenure



Data source: Census 2011

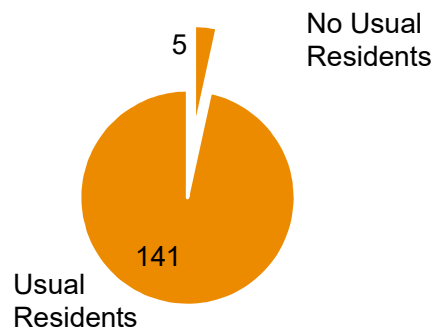


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Residency

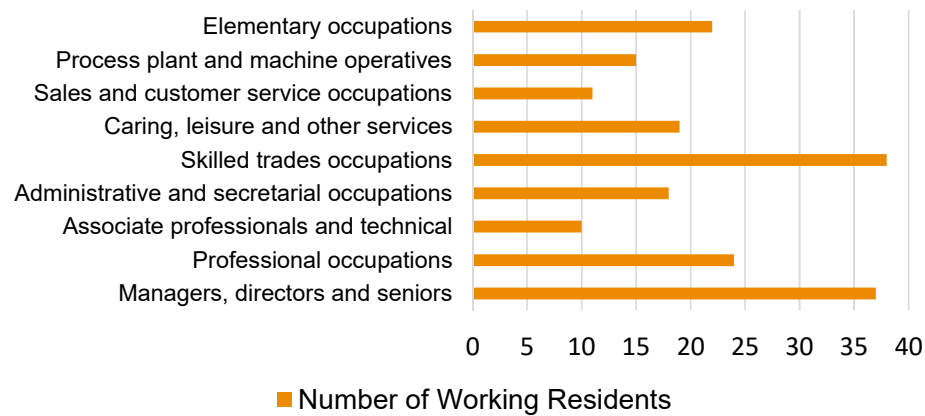
Occupancy of Properties



There are 10 known holiday lets (Peak Forest Parish Council 2019)

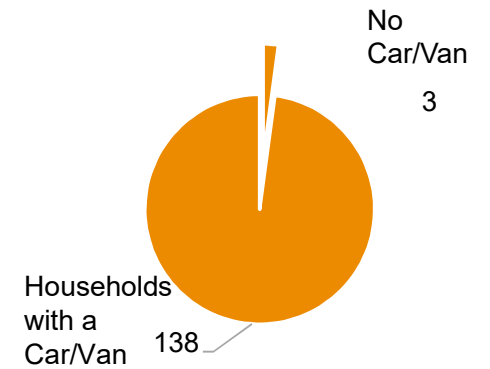
Employment

Occupations of Working Adults



Car/ Van Ownership

Households with a Car/Van



Data source: Census 2011



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Settlement Amenities

Accommodation	★
Events/Traditions	★
Groups	★
Website/Newslatter	★
Conservation Area	★
Mobile Library	—
Church	★
Post Box	★
Public House	★
Good Public Transport Route (5+ services a day)	★
Within 1 Mile of an A or B Road	★
Distance to General Practice (miles)	3.2
Industrial Units	★
Playing Field	—
Playground	★
Community Hall	★
Primary School	★
Post Office	—
Convenience Food Shop	—

Key



Is present

Is not present



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Access to Essential Services

	Service	Time in Minutes
Walking	General Practice	60+
	Pharmacy	60+
	Post Office	60+
	Primary School	0-10
	Secondary School	60+
	Shop	60+
Public Transport	General Practice	30-40
	Pharmacy	20-30
	Post Office	20-30
	Primary School	0-10
	Secondary School	20-30
	Shop/Supermarket	20-30

Source: Derbyshire County Council

Public Transport

Peak Forest	Route	Bus Company	Days	Frequency
190	Buxton – Whaley Bridge	High Peak	Mon-Sat	5 services a day

Source:
<https://www.derbybus.info/times/timetables/>

Community

Events/ Traditions	Well dressing
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Source: Parish Council



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Planning

Over the last 5 years 18 planning applications have been approved in the parish.

Digital Presence

<http://www.peakforestparishcouncil.org.uk/>

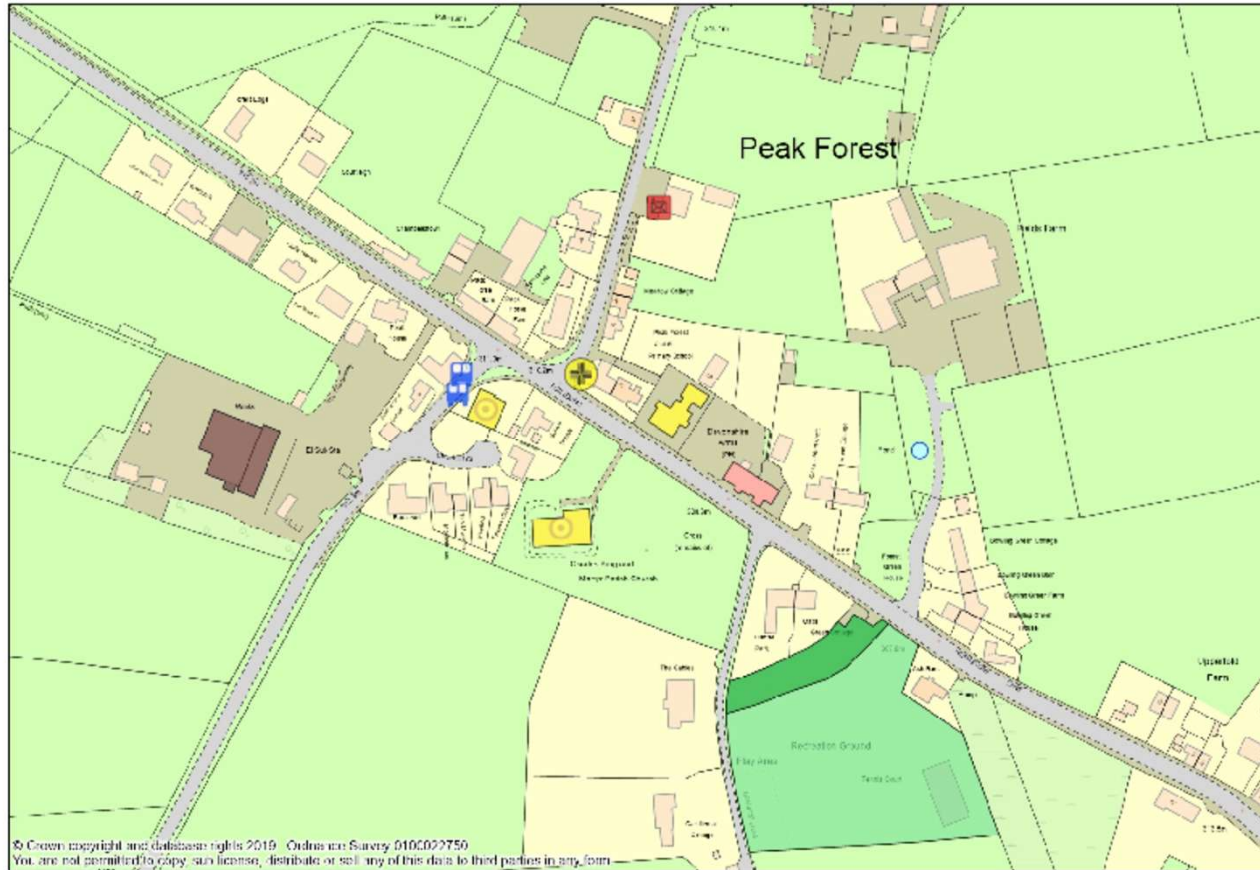
Affordable Housing

There are no plans to deliver affordable housing in Peak Forest at present.



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Peak Forest and its Services



Key

- A1 Shops
- A2 Financial and Professional Services
- A3 Restaurants and Cafes
- A4 Drinking Establishments
- A5 Hot Food Takeaways
- B1 Business
- B2 General Industrial
- B8 Storage or Distribution
- C1 Hotels
- C2 Residential Institutions
- C2A Secure Residential Institution
- C3 Dwellinghouses
- C4 Houses in Multiple Occupation
- D1 Non-Residential Institutions
- D2 Assembly and Leisure
- Camp Site
- Allotments
- Playground
- Playing Field
- Public Car Park
- Sui Generis
- Bus Stop
- Notice Board
- Post Box
- Telephone Box
- Cash Point
- Public Toilets
- Defibrillator



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Old Dam

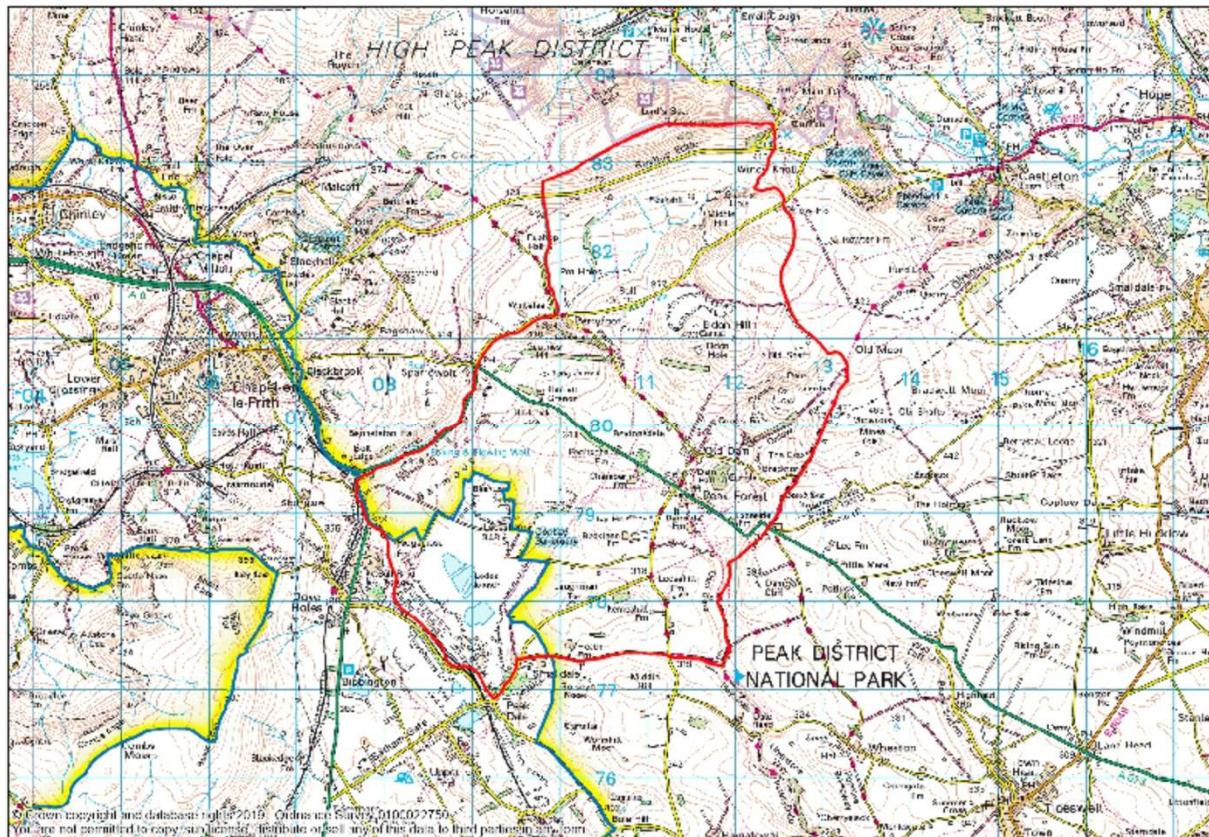




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Peak Forest Parish Boundary





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Data sources

Derbyshire Accessibility Assessment 2016, Derbyshire County Council

Ordnance survey maps

Peak District National Park Conservation Area Appraisals

Peak District National Park Landscape Strategy Action Plan (LSAP)

Peak Forest Parish Council

<https://www.derbybus.info/times/timetables/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4>

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk>