

Derwent & Hope Woodlands Parish Statement (draft)



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Hope Woodlands parish covers the Hope Forest and the Upper Derwent Valley. The boundary between it and Derwent parish passes through the Derwent and Ladybower Reservoirs; very popular tourist destinations for walkers, cyclist and runners, receiving thousands of visitors each year.

Derwent parish covers the Derwent Moors, west of Sheffield. Hope Woodlands and Derwent parishes are located within the Dark Peak landscape area (LSAP 2009).

N.B The census of 2011 groups Derwent, Hope Woodlands and Aston together. Therefore for the purpose of this statement the data includes Aston. The parish of Aston works on an administrative level with the parish of Hope and is referred to in Hope parish statement.



Parish Council Vision (1 of 2)

To preserve the character of the joint parishes,
to protect the parishes with respect to the conservation and wildlife and the natural environment,
to protect existing areas of high quality habitats such as SSSIs,
to promote biodiversity,
to protect the farmland, countryside, moorland and woodland,
to engage positively in the protection and improvement of the natural environment within the means of the council,
to work with residents in a way that will benefit wildlife, landscapes, people and natural resources for a sustainable future,
to promote an understanding of the area to visitors,
to encourage the use of St Henrys hall as a centre for celebration,
to promote ethnic and religious inclusion,
to respect the 9 protected characteristics as covered by the Equality Act,
to safeguard the prosperity of the local inns,



Parish Council Vision continued... (2 of 2)

to reduce negative impact (volume, speed, safety and parking) of traffic,

to encourage more sustainable forms of transport,

to consider the welfare of all the residents and community wellbeing,

to encourage community spirit and participation,

to listen to and value the opinions of the community which the PC serves, thus enabling residents to be involved in decision making and future development plans which will affect their environment or lives,

to engage in open dialogue with residents to understand their needs and concerns and seek ways of assisting in meeting them,

to be a strong voice to represent residents views,

to keep residents informed about the work undertaken by the PC and local issues,

to be open and transparent in all aspects of its operation.

The decisions made by the community today and represented by the parish council will determine the areas future sustainability.

Source: <https://www.derwentandhopewoodlands-pc.org.uk/vision/>



Concerns of the local community

Concerns for the wild environment due to overwhelming numbers of visitors, which is not managed and no attempt made for any interactive education. Visitors therefore causing damage to walls, fences and livestock and disturbing wildlife. Farmers feel trapped especially at weekends, not wanting to leave their farms and being unable to carry out day to day business.

A57 is a dangerous place to drive and the many accidents cause disruption.

Visitors see the PDNP as a park where they can go where they want and do what they want e.g. trespassing in gardens and lighting fires etc. and are rude to parishioners.

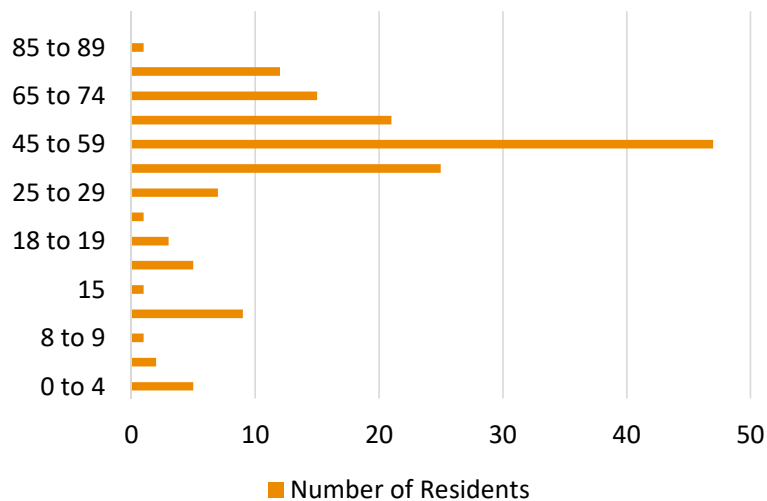
Visitors often call at roadside houses for help because they have no phone signal. This is frightening for some when they are on their own. We would like much better mobile phone and internet coverage.

Our area is covered by National Trust, Severn Trent Water and Forestry (plus DCC, HPBC and PDNP) so parishioners feel side-lined. All the above just concerned with getting people out into the countryside but not managing them when they get here., often to the detriment of locals and businesses.

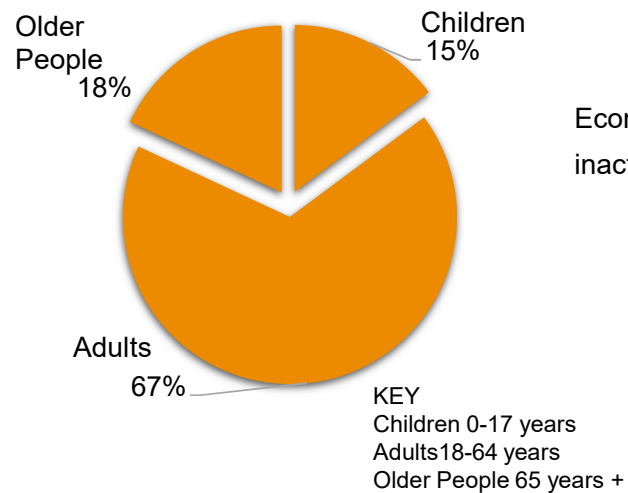


Population and Demographics

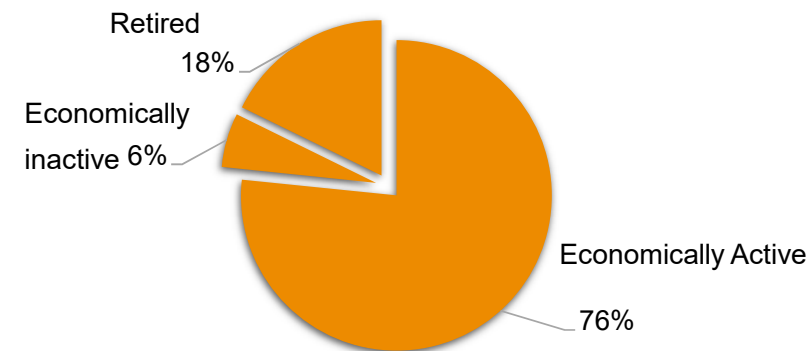
Population Age Range



Children, Adults and Older People



Working and Non Working Adult Population (18+ years)

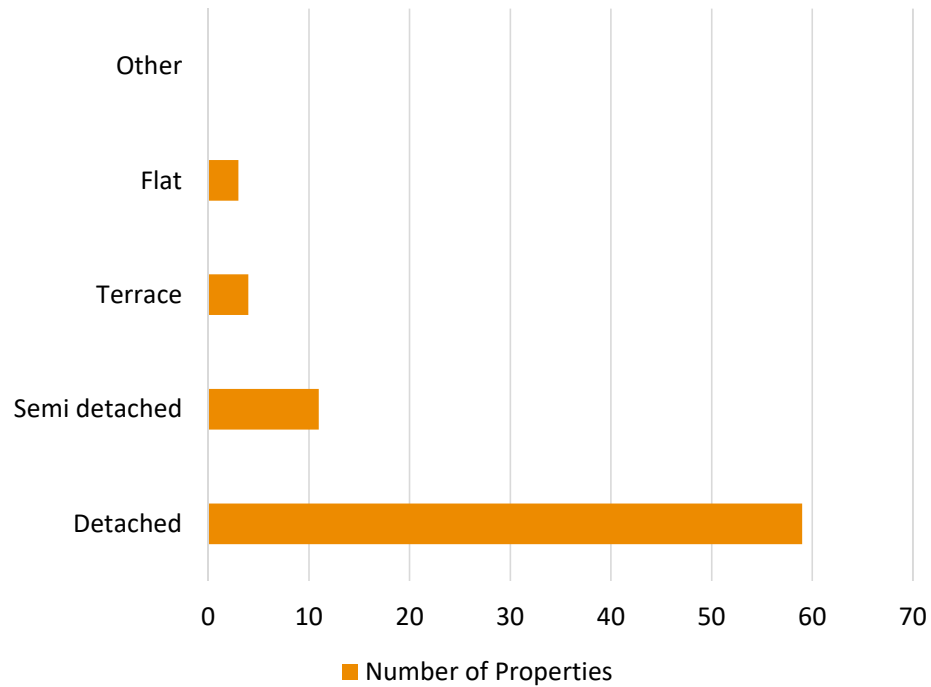


Source: Census 2011

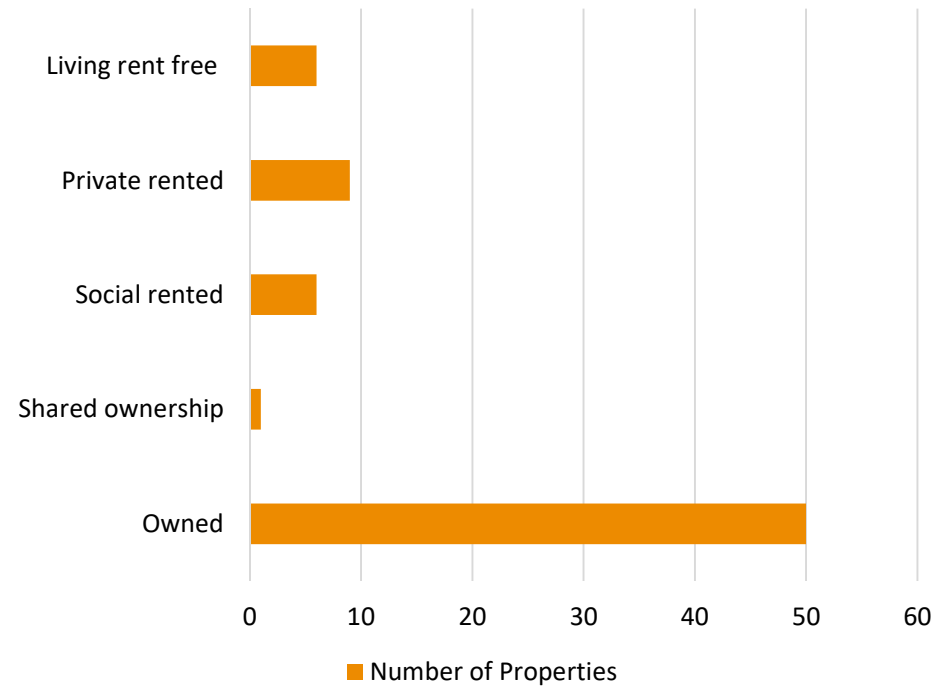
The 2011 census data (Output area E00099854) also included Aston and the combined population is 155 residents (2011 census).

Housing

Housing Type



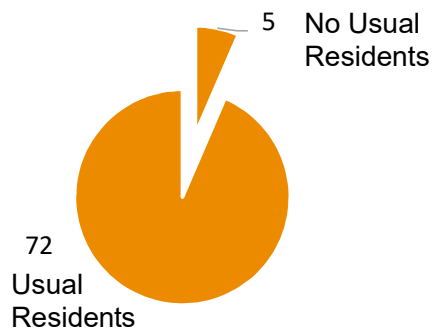
Housing Tenure





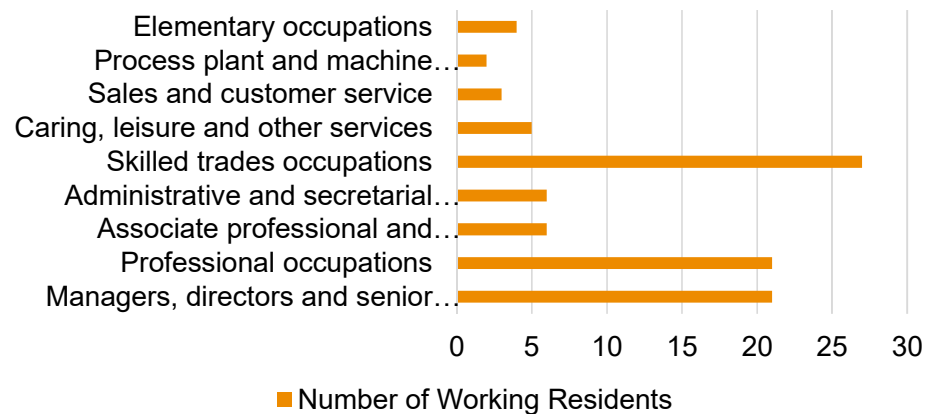
Residency

Occupancy of Properties



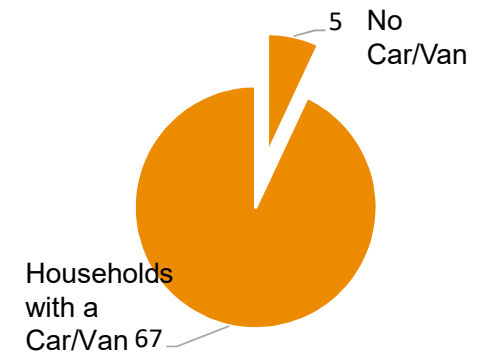
Employment

Occupations of Working Adults



Car / Van Ownership

Households with a Car/Van





Settlement Amenities

Accommodation	★
Events/Traditions	★
Groups	★
Website/Newslatter	★
Conservation Area	★
Car Parking	★
Chapel	★
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)	6
Industrial Units	┆
Playing Field	┆
Playground	┆
Community Hall	★
Primary School	┆
Post Office	┆
Convenience Food Shop	┆

Key



Is present

Is not present



Community (based in Hope)

General	Belles (women's group), chapel services
Events / Traditions	Farmers' Christmas Dinner, Shepherd's meet, children's Christmas party, Remembrance service, Love Feast (Alport), Harvest Auction, Beer barrel race.

Source: Parish Council

Access to services

All services are located some 5-10 miles so they are not walkable.

Public transport

There is no bus within walking distance for most of the parishioners.

Planning

Over the last 5 years, 20 planning applications have been approved.

Digital Presence

<http://www.hopewithastonparishcouncil.co.uk/home.html>

<https://www.derwentandhopewoodlands-pc.org.uk/>

Affordable Housing

There are no proposals for affordable housing in the parish at present.

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Derwent and Hope Woodlands Parish Boundaries



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Data sources

Peak District National Park Conservation Area Appraisals

Peak District National Park Landscape Strategy Action Plan (LSAP)

www.nomisweb.co.uk

Ordnance survey maps

Derbyshire Accessibility Assessment 2016, Derbyshire County Council

<https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/timetables/sheffield/797.htm>

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

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