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Car Parking

As a tourist destination and local shopping centre, our car parks are busy and for those travelling by car to Buxton for work it can be difficult and expensive to park. Are there any areas of the town where we could create new parking areas? The old 'engine sheds' area to the north of the railway station is currently unused and quite close to shops and businesses. The 'Future High Streets' grant will allow us to rethink town centre parking.

But what is the answer – more car parks or fewer cars? How soon will it be before we book a self-driving car online and it arrives outside our house to pick us up. Once it drops us off, it disappears to the next booking. The car parks will be empty. Will we look back and wonder why we spent so much money building new ones?

Should we have a Park and Ride scheme for busy periods? Should High Peak Borough Council replace the ticket machines in their car parks to allow contactless and online payment? Let us know your views by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/BSTPPart3> or following the links from the Buxton Town Team website: <https://www.buxtontownteam.org/>

Travelling to School

Families with school-age children will know the frantic hour every school day morning when everything has to be done in no time and dropping the kids off to school seems a way of saving time. However, as long as it can be done safely, allowing the children to make their own way to school is easier and healthier for all. Buxton Town Team volunteers have been working with High peak Borough Council to identify active travel routes around the town that try to avoid roads where possible and provide safer means of travelling to school.

For younger children, the Team has been encouraging the creation of 'Walking Buses' where groups of pupils accompanied by some adults 'pick up' other pupils along their route to school. The Team have already written a 'Buxton Walking Bus Song' for children to sing as they walk, with plans to record it with local children and create a promotional video once Covid restrictions are lifted.

For those parents living in more remote areas who have little choice other than to join the 'school run', the Team are promoting 'Park and Stride' where parents are encouraged to let their children get daily exercise by dropping them off at a designated place and walk the rest of the way to school, thus reducing congestion and emissions at the school gates, travel time for parents, and providing health benefits for their children.

The team are also asking parents to be aware of the dangers to the health of children and passers-by caused by not switching off vehicle engines whilst waiting outside school.

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