

Dove Holes

Dove Holes sits on the A6, which bisects the village, and lies three miles from the large market town of Buxton in Derbyshire. It is a medium sized rural village with a population of approximately 450 dwellings, which house around 1200 residents who live in the main part of the village adjacent to the A6 or on outlying farms. The village has several businesses and shops. There are approximately 6 working farms within the village of Dove Holes and many more within the wider boundary of the parish that make an important contribution towards the economy and vibrancy of the village, as do the quarries which contributed to the development of the village. Dove Holes lies just outside of the Peak District National Park but is not a village that attracts many tourists.

There are two public houses in the village, one of which offers residential accommodation. There is also a general store and a Post Office. There is a daily milk delivery service and a mobile library visits every two weeks. There is a church, a Methodist chapel and a community centre, which serves the village's needs. The village primary school currently has around 80 pupils and serves the surrounding villages as well as Dove Holes. The nearest nursery school provision is in Buxton, three miles away and for secondary school provision the children travel to Buxton or Chapel-en-le-Frith three miles away. Outdoor recreational facilities are provided within the village, particularly for cricket and football. There is also a playground. Most other facilities such as banks, swimming pool, leisure facilities and medical centre are located in Buxton, although there is some limited provision in the nearby town of Chapel-en-le-Frith, three miles away.

There are several community groups in existence in Dove Holes, for example: darts, dominoes, playgroup, art group, toddler group, sports clubs, indoor bowling, Over 60s, line dancing, sequence dancing, Keep Fit, golf society and a jazz club. There are also committees that represent a wide variety of interests such as the Community Association, the Parochial Church Council and the Dove Holes Village Group.