

## Health and Social Services

There is currently no health service provision within Dove Holes on either a permanent or visiting basis. The questionnaire asked people whether they would like services provided within the village. The question and responses are as follows:

### **What medical facilities would you welcome in the village?**

<b>Doctor:</b>	294
<b>Chemist:</b>	278
<b>Chiropodist:</b>	94
<b>Optician:</b>	95
<b>NHS Dentist:</b>	203
<b>Vet:</b>	157

Lots of people commented on the type of provision they would like to see. These suggestions included a doctor's surgery one or two mornings a week, a baby clinic, district nurse, mobile health facilities for the housebound and a well man/woman clinic.

There are medical centres and chemists at both Chapel-en-le-Frith (three miles) and Buxton (three miles). However, for people who don't have access to a car, it is difficult to get to these services as the trains only run every two hours and people with children can't always get the pushchairs on to buses.

Whilst many people would like to see some form of healthcare provision, there was a feeling by some people that it might not be practical to provide these services and questioned whether there would be enough support for them within the village.

As part of the questionnaire, people were asked whether there were any services or facilities within Dove Holes that they had difficulty getting to or using. Whilst a lot of people did not have any difficulties, the main problem areas for others included the Methodist church hall, the track around the community area, the path to the train station and buses which aren't buggy friendly.

## Action Points

- Provide a doctor's surgery within the village
- Provide a chemist within the village