

Tourism

When people were asked the question as to whether they would like to see more or less visitors to Dove Holes, there was a mixed reaction to the question. Most people wanted to see either the same amount or more visitors, while others seemed surprised that Dove Holes had any tourists!

In general, people felt that increasing the number of people who visited the village would help the local people as well. More tourists could mean better and more facilities for locals and one way of perhaps improving things in general. More tourists mean more jobs and more money in the village to boost the local economy and would help to keep local shops and businesses open.

Another viewpoint which came forward very strongly was that Dove Holes has a lot going for it and more should be done to promote the village. There is nothing to say what significance the Bull Ring is and this certainly needs to be promoted more, as do the beautiful walks around the area and the lime caves. People would like to see even more visitors come to the Beer and Jazz Festival because they feel that this event has done more for local tourism than anything else has.

However, people were also concerned that there were insufficient parking facilities and not enough accommodation for any more tourists. People felt the village would be too overcrowded if there were more tourists and the footpaths and roads will not cater for more visitors. They did not want to lose the feeling of village life.

Overall, the general opinion was that it would be good for the community and would put Dove Holes on the map for being an interesting place to visit instead of having the reputation of being an eyesore.

Action Points

- Promote archaeological attractions, especially the Bull Ring and lime caves

- Promote cultural attractions such as the Beer and Jazz Festival and sporting events
- Promote the walks around the village
- Improve facilities to cope with increased tourism



Bull Ring at Dove Holes