

Public Transport

The majority of people (62%) use a private car to get to work. Only 9% use the train service. There was a low awareness about both the County Cars and Kirkham Link Community Transport Services running in the parish (20% and 24%) with people stating that they needed more information of these services.



Over 50% of people indicated that current public transport needed to be improved before they would use it. 26% indicated that improved bus shelters were needed and 23% wanted better value for money and a more frequent service, for both bus and rail services.

There are 86% of households that have access to a car and 32% access to a bicycle. There were many comments about the lack of suitable 'Park and Ride' arrangements for the railway station.

"The train's services need to be improved."

"Easy transport links? - what a joke- you can't get a bus to and from Blackpool or Preston after 21:00hrs."

"The train station in the evening is an intimidating place."

"The train station is inaccessible to infirm and young families with prams, no lift, and in this day and age of access for disabled, the facilities are inadequate."

"Trains coming through Kirkham station but not stopping. Stopping would increase the level of services. I feel strongly about this."

"No Bus Shelter on Preston side of Wesham."

"Buses are usually late to Preston or don't come at all."

Actions

- Ensure that leaflets and publicity are readily available in many locations about the community transport services available in the parish.
- Consider the provision of new and/or relocated improved bus shelters with adequate timetable information, through the Town Council.
- Make representations to the rail operators to improve the availability of train services stopping at Kirkham and Wesham, of which many Preston-Blackpool trains do not stop.

