

IMPACTS OF TOURISM ON THE

The table below gives an indication of some of the more significant impacts of tourist activity. There are many things to bear in mind while considering these issues, among them the fact that interactions between them are varied and complex and while some may be highly important locally, their influence may not be widespread.

<p>Environmental impacts: Negative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erosion problems on Public Rights of Way (PRoW) 2. Overcrowding 3. Traffic congestion, localised air pollution 4. Damage to heritage features 5. Agricultural land developed for visitors 6. Ecological damage, loss of flora and fauna 	<p>Environmental impacts: Positive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental management improves as visitor expectations raise awareness of environmental values
<p>Socio-cultural impacts Negative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perceived reduction in quality of life of local people caused by large visitor numbers 2. Changes in traditional way of life 3. Increase in retirement and second homes 4. Low visitor understanding of local culture 5. Visitors compete for use of local facilities 6. Packaged local art and culture can be trivialised as a commodity 7. Seasonal working influences family life 8. Service industry jobs are seen as low status 9. Perception among locals that tourism creates other external costs, e.g. taxes 	<p>Socio-cultural impacts Positive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raised awareness of conservation issues 2. Revival of traditions, arts, crafts and local festivals 3. Improved upkeep and restoration of heritage features 4. Improved amenities benefit residents and visitors 5. Improved local facilities raise standard of living for host community e.g. health care 6. Community exposed to new ideas 7. Area profile raised regionally, nationally, etc
<p>Economic impacts Negative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revenue leakage from host community 2. Increased prices in local shops 3. Property prices inflated locally 4. Seasonal work often pays poorly 5. Economic gains may be uneven, only small numbers of people may benefit directly 6. Change of retail direction e.g. food shops are replaced by gift shops 	<p>Economic impacts Positive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment and income are generated 2. Raised awareness of environment quality, brings increased economic benefits 3. Entrepreneurial activity is encouraged 4. Positive multiplier effect: business attracts new business to the area 5. Diversified employment improves economic structure



Car Parking in Malham. Roger Henson. 2002.



Motorbikes in Hawes. Gordon Hatton. 1999.

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The Yorkshire Dales. Official Holiday Guide. (YDJPI).