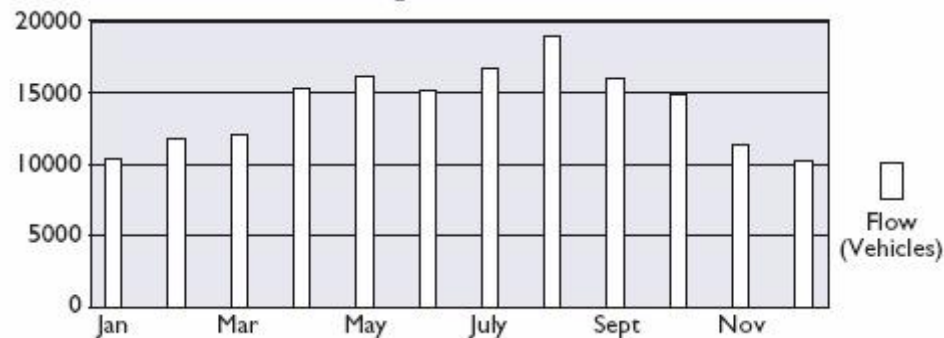


# Great Langdale DME

**Figure 1:** Table of Traffic Flow in Great Langdale

| Year                               | 1981 | 1992  | 1997  | 1999  |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Average number of vehicles per day | 9600 | 13500 | 14600 | 14700 |

**Figure 2:** Monthly Traffic Flow, Great Langdale



**Figure 3:** Newspaper Article

## Lakes Traffic Chaos!

The Lake District was set up as a National Park in 1951. It's aims were to protect the environment and allow people to enjoy it. Today the huge numbers of people visiting are causing big problems for the environment.

The problem often comes down to cars.

Since the 50s, car ownership has increased and now nearly all visitors come by car. Today over 12 million people visit the Lake District annually. 89% come by private motor vehicle.

**Figure 5:** Management Schemes

3 schemes have been put forward to manage traffic problems in Great Langdale.

**Scheme A:** a large new car park near the Dungeon Gill Hotel. Cost: £650,000

This is where most visitors want to get to. Currently a small National Trust car park caters for about 30 cars with a parking meter.

**Scheme B:** traffic calming along the valley. Cost £450,000

The valley road would be narrowed in places and speed bumps used to slow down vehicles. A 20mph speed limit would be used in the villages.

**Scheme C:** a park and ride scheme. Cost £1 million

The valley would be closed to cars during the summer and at weekends from Easter to the end of September. Local residents would be given special windscreen stickers to allow them to access the valley. Shuttle buses would then be provided to allow visitors to get along the valley.

**Figure 4:** Opinions on Traffic Issues in Great Langdale

You have to pay to use the car parks. I don't mind it though; the National Trust, who run the car park in Great Langdale, are doing good work to control erosion. It does mean you are sometimes rushed to finish your walk before the meter runs out!

That road down Langdale is like a motorway at times, especially during the summer. That is until you get an accident or too many cars parked along the road. Then everything grinds to a halt with long jams. It's not safe for the little ones and causes trouble in the village

The tourists are good for the shop and bring in so much money for the village. Without them it'd be a lot quieter but we'd only have sheep and hills - and you can't live off them these days. Cars do cause problems in the village though. The streets are small and there's not enough car parking

They should leave the roads alone. All these new road schemes just create more traffic and spoil the villages that have been like this for years. These car parking meters cause problems as well. People don't want to pay so they end up parking on the side of the road! What a disaster that is.