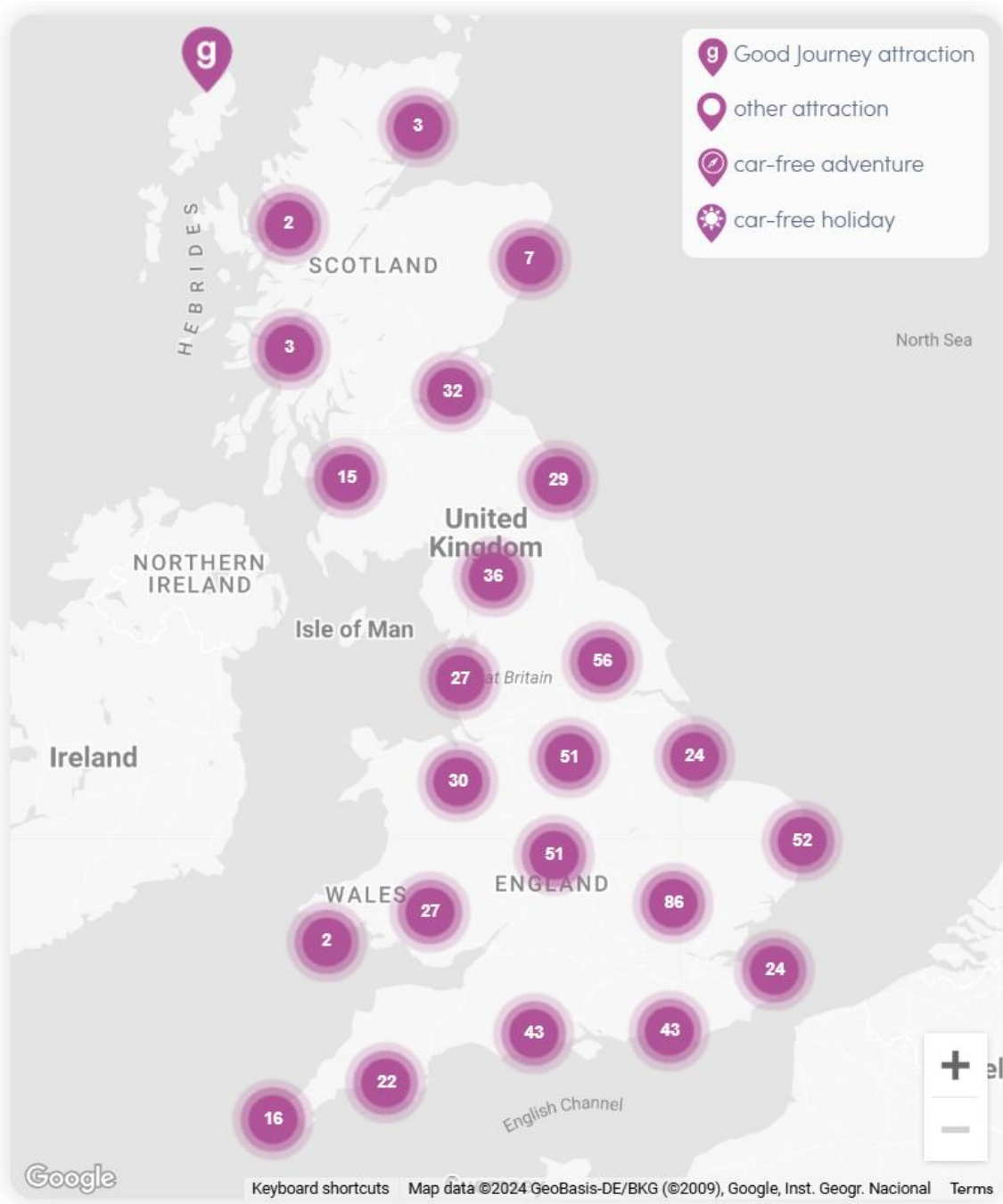
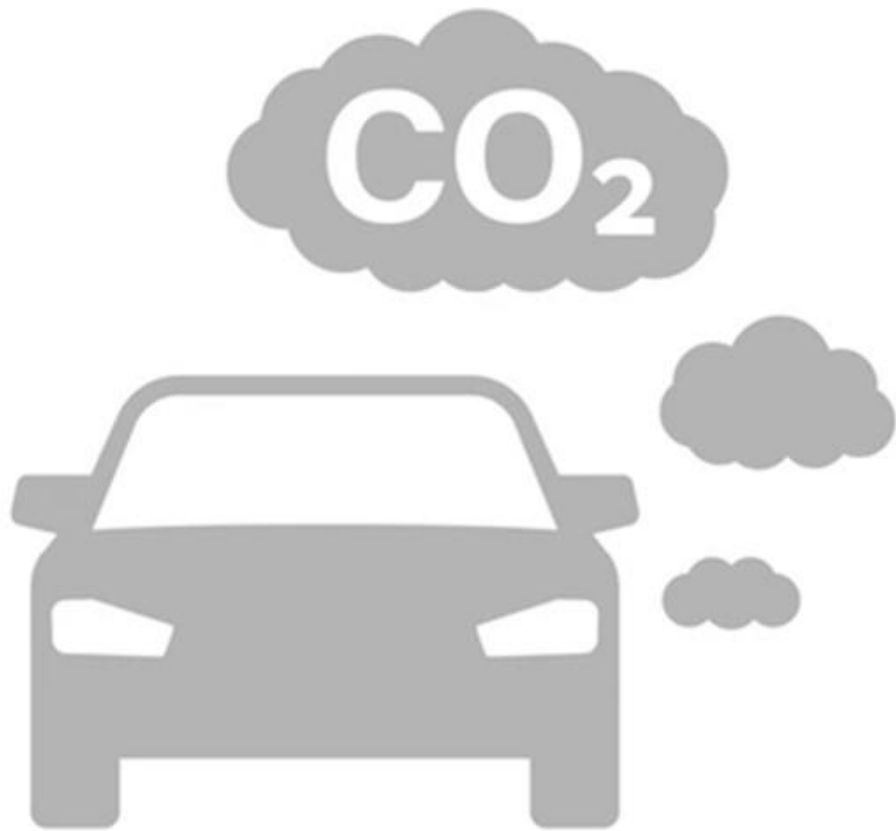


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with easy travel directions and
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60%

of external carbon
emissions come
from cars



22%

of households
don't have
a car

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Getting here car-free and saving on garden entry



Make the journey to the garden part of your day out. Opt for public transport, bike, or foot to get to the garden and leave your car at home. This will entitle you to a 30% discount on the garden entry fee. Keep copies of your train or bus tickets and request the car-free offer at the welcome desk.

For a hassle-free travel plan, try [Good Journey](#), or use this handy map to decide your car-free route to the garden.


SUSTAINABILITY

Green travel is go for RHS gardens and shows

The RHS is pursuing car-free and low-carbon travel options for visitors to RHS gardens and shows. The Wisley shuttle bus already runs daily from Woking Station, while the Bridgewater shuttle service operates from 1 April until 30 September from Manchester Piccadilly, Salford Crescent and Walkden.

Summer holiday bus services are due to follow for Rosemoor, Hyde Hall and Harlow Carr, with cut price garden admission available to those with proof of travel by bus, train, cycle or on foot. Shuttle bus services will also operate for RHS Hampton

Court Palace Garden Festival and RHS Flower Show Tatton Park.

There are currently 10 electric car charging points at Wisley, and six at Bridgewater, with plans for more at other RHS gardens. Cycle racks are available at all the gardens and will also be located outside showground entrances. "We hope more accessible and low-carbon transport options will also open up the joy of our gardens and shows to new visitors who couldn't reach us before," says Malcolm Anderson, RHS Sustainability Manager.

See: 'Plan your visit' at rhs.org.uk



The Wisley shuttle bus

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DAYS OUT WITHOUT A CAR

You don't need a car to have a great day out in history.

Many of our historic places can be visited by public transport, by bike, on foot - or a mixture. Here's a selection of the most easily accessible ones.

We are working with [Good Journey](#) to encourage car-free adventures where possible. Travel by train, bus or bicycle to receive a 20% discount off walk-up admission prices at selected sites.

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English Heritage prize draw

Win a family day out with English Heritage

This December, 1066 Battle of Hastings, Abbey and Battle will be brought to life by an immersive trail of stunning light installations, and awe-inspiring effects, all themed around the epic Battle of Hastings.

1066

Battle of Hastings, Abbey & Battlefield

A date you remember.
A day out you won't forget.



Save 20% when you travel by bus*



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Find out how you can travel to the places in our care by train, bus, bike or on foot, helping you to save money and care for the environment. We're adding more greener travel options all the time, so check back regularly.

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There are several sustainable options for travelling to and from the places in our care in Norfolk, whether you're looking to



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1/ The @nationaltrust has a car problem.

This was Cliveden yesterday. This is not the main car park. This isn't even the overflow car park. This is the overflow of the overflow car park. It's not even a car park, it's supposed to be a green space.



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Lyme Park: Anger at car park plan in Peak District beauty spot

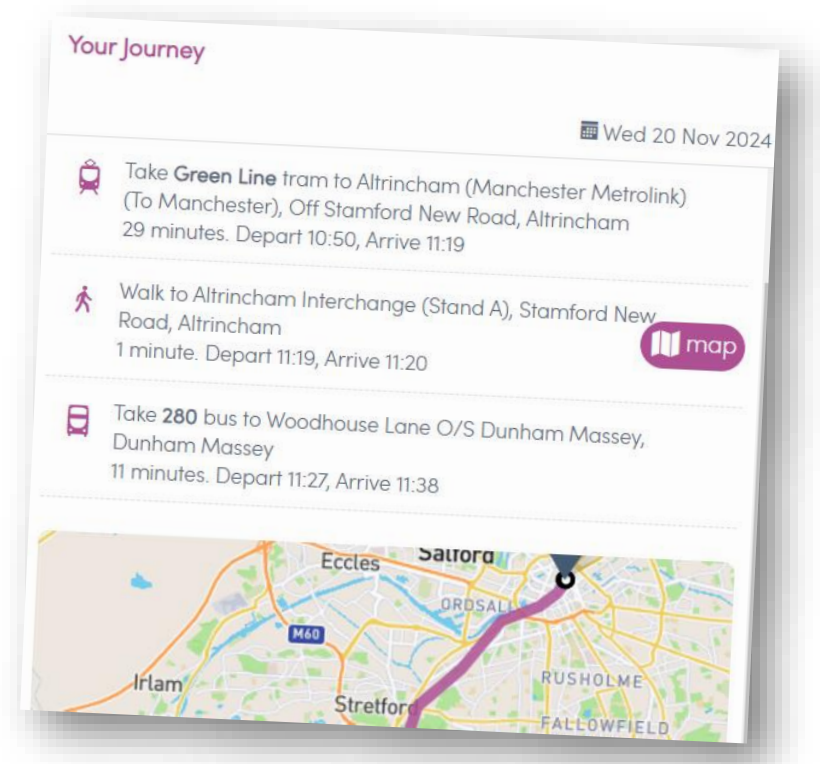
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Visitors to pilot places gained...

... **Better information** with bespoke travel directions and journey planner for each place

... **A warm welcome** with positive messaging and info about car-free travel online and onsite



... **Rewards** with most pilot places offering a free hot drink for car-free visitors

... **Improved travel choices** like shuttle buses or new cycle parking at some places

Car-free visits promoted online and onsite

More buses to Pen y Fan

The daily bus service via Merthyr Tydfil to Brecon will run on weekends and bank holidays from 26th May

- £1 per person each way on weekends and bank holidays
- Tydfil or Brecon to the bus stop at Storey Arms (near Merthyr Tydfil)
- Leave your car in Brecon or Merthyr Tydfil, buses leave



Gunby Hall and Gardens
June 11 at 6:50 AM · 🌱

This 'Great Big Green Week', ditch the car, skip the traffic and enjoy the of sustainable ways to visit us – Enjoy a FREE Hot drink from our tea-room bus or bike. Simply collect a voucher from Visitor Reception on arrival. Plan your journey at: <https://www.goodjourney.org.uk/attractions/gunby>
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ARTICLE

Visit Kingston Lacy by bus for a free hot drink →

We're encouraging visitors to arrive at Kingston Lacy by bus. We're offering a free regular hot drink with every valid bus ticket until further notice.

Leave the car at home

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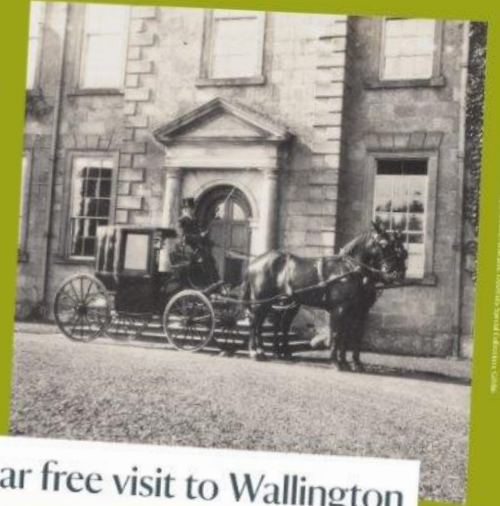
You can avoid traffic queues and stress, and do your bit for the environment, by leaving your car behind when you travel to Studland Bay. Here are some ways you can get here car free.

Go by bus – it a breeze!



Car-free

To plan your journey by train, bus, bike or on foot, [visit the Good Journey website](https://www.goodjourney.org.uk)



Plan a car free visit to Wallington

Saturdays from May to September

Leave the car at home, with free bus travel from Newcastle every Saturday from 4 May until 7 September. Look out for the Go North East X75 Belsay Wallington express. Visit the 'getting there' section of the Wallington website to find out more.

nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington

For everyone, for ever

Work in progress...

- ▶ Improving the route from bus stop to property
- ▶ Scoping a shuttle link between station and property
- ▶ Engaging with cycle hire business to create a route to property
- ▶ Working with local bus companies to improve routes and signage
- ▶ Working with train company to promote rail travel to properties





Case study: Wallington

Ran a free bus service from Newcastle, in partnership with English Heritage Belsay Hall.

- ▶ Saturdays from May to September
- ▶ Free bus travel and 20% off entry
- ▶ 800 people used the service in 2024
- ▶ 8/10 said it was their only way to visit

“ It felt like a small gesture at one day a week for part of the year only, but we know it has made a difference and widened access.



Case study: Studland

Promoted the journey as part of the experience – by ferry, open-top bus, bike.

- ▶ Audited bus and cycle access options
- ▶ Linked up with a local bus company
- ▶ Partnered with Beryl Bikes hire
- ▶ Updated the visitor map with bus stops and cycle routes

““ *We want visitors to enjoy the journey, not just the destination*



Case study: Tyntesfield

Used video to promote car-free travel on Instagram.

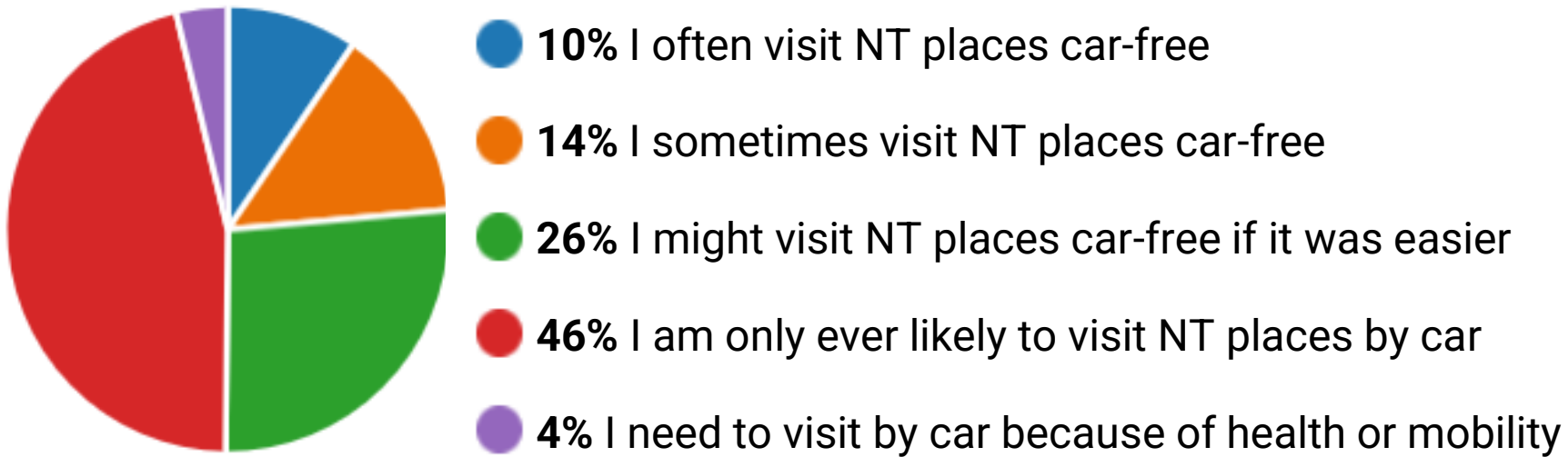
- ▶ Created two reels featuring Trixie the Dog (link below) and Gertrude the Witch
- ▶ Trixie got 184 likes and 5,179 views
- ▶ Gertrude got 175 likes and 3,670 views
- ▶ 44% of views were from non-followers

““ *It's difficult to translate this into an increase in visitors choosing green travel options*

Trixie reel: www.instagram.com/p/C_YaoKlSrN0/

Visitor travel survey: results

50% are open to visiting car-free



56% “easier access by bus and train”

is thing which would most encourage them to visit car-free

Visitor travel survey: responses

- ““ Since most NT places are located in the countryside and we travel as a family, I can't see an alternative to travelling by car.
 - ““ We would visit much more regularly if there were better active and public transport options.
 - ““ They're often very rural and the transport links are not great, it feels like car is the only option.
- ““ I have never owned a car but have as much right as car owners to enjoy National Trust places.
 - ““ We have been really disappointed to realise how many places are inaccessible to us since getting our NT memberships.

Recommendations

Short term

- ▶ Improve 'Getting Here' info – car-free info first, journey planner...
- ▶ Introduce national car-free reward, such as a free hot drink
- ▶ Promote 'Great car-free days out' to places with good transport links

Medium term

- ▶ Travel audits for properties – 'last mile' solutions, 'back door' routes...
- ▶ Create bus toolkit – how to tweak timetables, brand bus stops...
- ▶ Create flagship green travel property, to show what good looks like
- ▶ Offer free 'last mile' transfer to selected places, by minibus or taxi

Longer term

- ▶ Discounted car-free NT membership (market of 15 million)
- ▶ Partner with train and bus operators nationally for 'last mile' links
- ▶ 'Journey experiences' – iSpy spotters, audio guides, bus walks...
- ▶ Car-free welcome as standard – water refills, left luggage, bike kits...