

**Geography coursework**  
**What are the effects of tourism on Castleton?**

**Introduction**

In my geography coursework I am aiming to find out the effect of tourism on Castleton. I am finding out if the tourism in the village is a good or bad thing for the village and the residents. In order to prove this I must prove or disprove the following hypotheses:

- Hypothesis 1 – Castleton is a honey pot.
- Hypothesis 2 – Tourism has brought only benefits to Castleton.

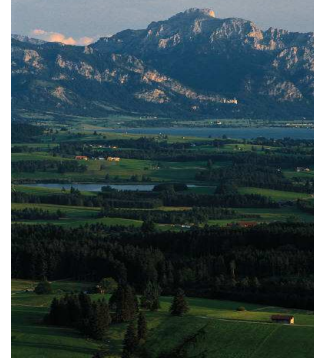
Castleton is a small village in the national park the peak district. There are roughly seventy villages situated throughout the peak district. In England there are also eight other national parks in England. The largest national park in England is the Lake District. The peak district gets so busy because it is surrounded by many large city's which include Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Nottingham and Birmingham. There are also three national parks in Wales. The peak district measures 1404 km<sup>3</sup>. The weather conditions in the peak district are usually cloudy, windy and extremely cold in winter. Some winter's people can be snowed in because of the large amounts of snow that have fallen in such a short time.

On our field trip we worked in little groups of four or two to complete tasks set by our teachers. In our group there were 4 people but towards the end of the day we split up into groups of two to get all the tasks completed. During the day we had to complete a series of tasks, which were:

- Footpath surveys
- Residents questionnaire
- Pedestrian survey

- Car park surveys
- Mark off shops and hotels on a provided map

Castleton is a good place to study the effects of tourism on a scenic, mountainous area.



### **Field work methods**

We arrived in Castleton one Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 11:00am and at the time the weather was dull and fairly cold. When we got there we split up into groups of four but when we started running out towards the end of our time we had there we split up into two more groups of two and split the work between us to get it completed. Every task needs different methods to complete them.

Car park surveys - we went around the main car park in a group of four and wrote down each number plate so we can find out where people had travelled from.

Footpath surveys - This task could be done by your elf. All you had to do was find two different footpaths and complete some questions on the conditions.

Resident questionnaire – This should be completed by your self so the residents aren't afraid. There were a few short one answer questions just to find the effects of tourism on them.

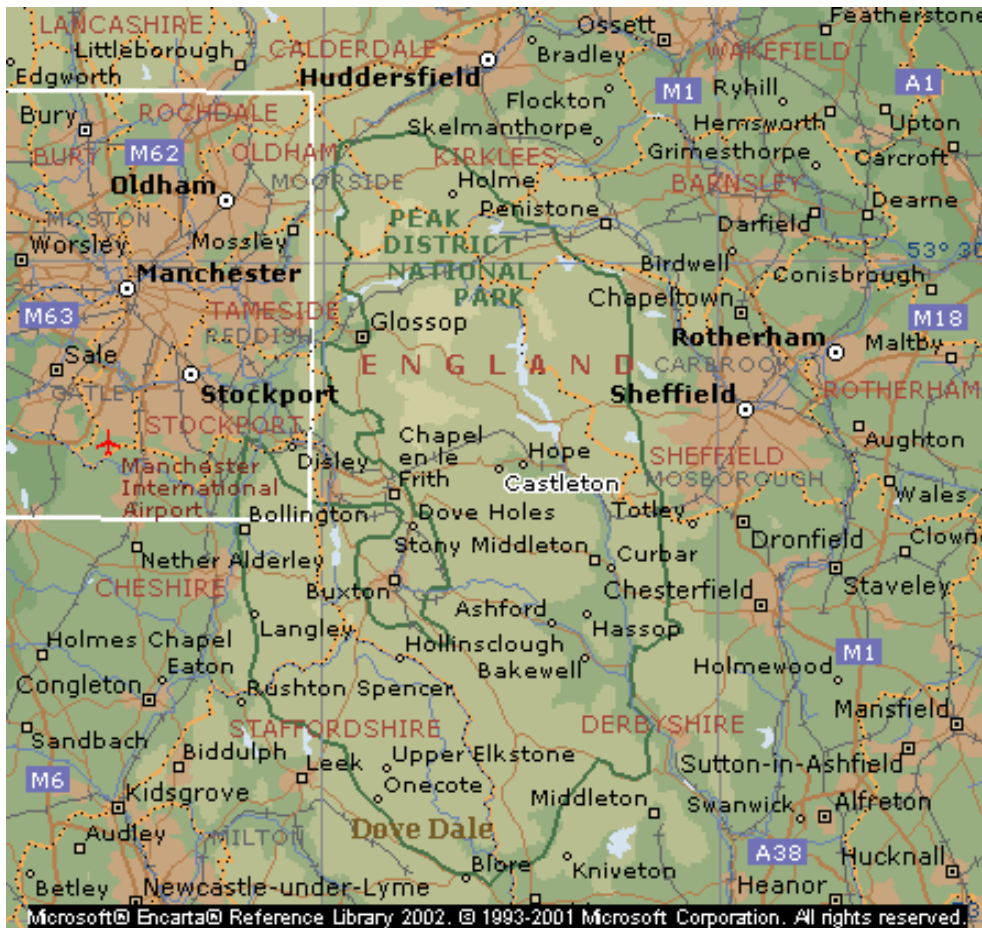
Pedestrian survey – This could be completed in groups or by your self. You had to fill in a table of how many and what different people passed by you in ten minutes while you sit in the same spot.

Complete a map – You had to find certain spots in the village and fill in a map on where certain buildings were so we could see what different building were in Castleton, where the buildings were and to help us find our way around.

The car park survey wouldn't be completely accurate because while carrying out the survey people were always leaving the car park and new people arriving but this would still give a good set of data to see how far and where people have travelled from. Also we cannot find out where people had come from if they had old cars with the old number plates. The only way we could do this is if at the bottom of the number plate it had the town city or village printed into the number plate.

We struggled while doing the residents survey because most the people in and around Castleton were visitors to the area and the shop keepers who may have been residents refused to do any surveys or questionnaires. Doing questionnaires like these it is better to use closed questions because you could get a straight answer yes or no. we didn't have enough time to use open questions because we had a lot to do. We have shared some of these results from the resident's questionnaires with the other people in our group which means some people in our group maybe have the same results. If we had more time in Castleton we would have been able to collect more results with out rushing. Also because there was a large group of our school in such a small village a lot of people will have asked the same people the same questions which mean a lot of people's results/answers will be the same. We also completed a pedestrian and footpath survey these

results are based on our opinion and not fact. It was hard to define residents from walkers or visitors we just had to mark them down according to what we thought. This was also the same with the footpath survey. But what was we comparing the footpaths too? Obviously every body has got different opinions on how much damage and rubbish there was. All these results were pure opinion not subjective.



This is a map of Castleton. As you can see from the map Castleton is situated in the middle of a lot of large cities and towns. We had to go past Doncaster, Rotherham and through

Sheffield to get to Castleton from Scunthorpe. It took us an hour and a half to travel the 70miles there.

Peak District National Park is in northern England, established in 1951 and the oldest national park in Britain. It covers an area of about 1,438 sq km. The Peak District National Park is the first national park in Britain. It is situated between Manchester and Sheffield and covers the Moor lands area of Staffordshire.

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This famously wild scenery, characterized by open, heather-clad moors cultivated valleys, crags, and hills, displays great biodiversity.

A network of public footpaths makes the area easily accessible to walkers.



A floral garland in the shape of a horseman, placed on a horse at a festival in Castleton.

Most the year the weather in Castleton is mild temperatures and in winter the temperatures are very cold they drop below freezing and they also have very strong winds.



### **My opinion of Castleton**

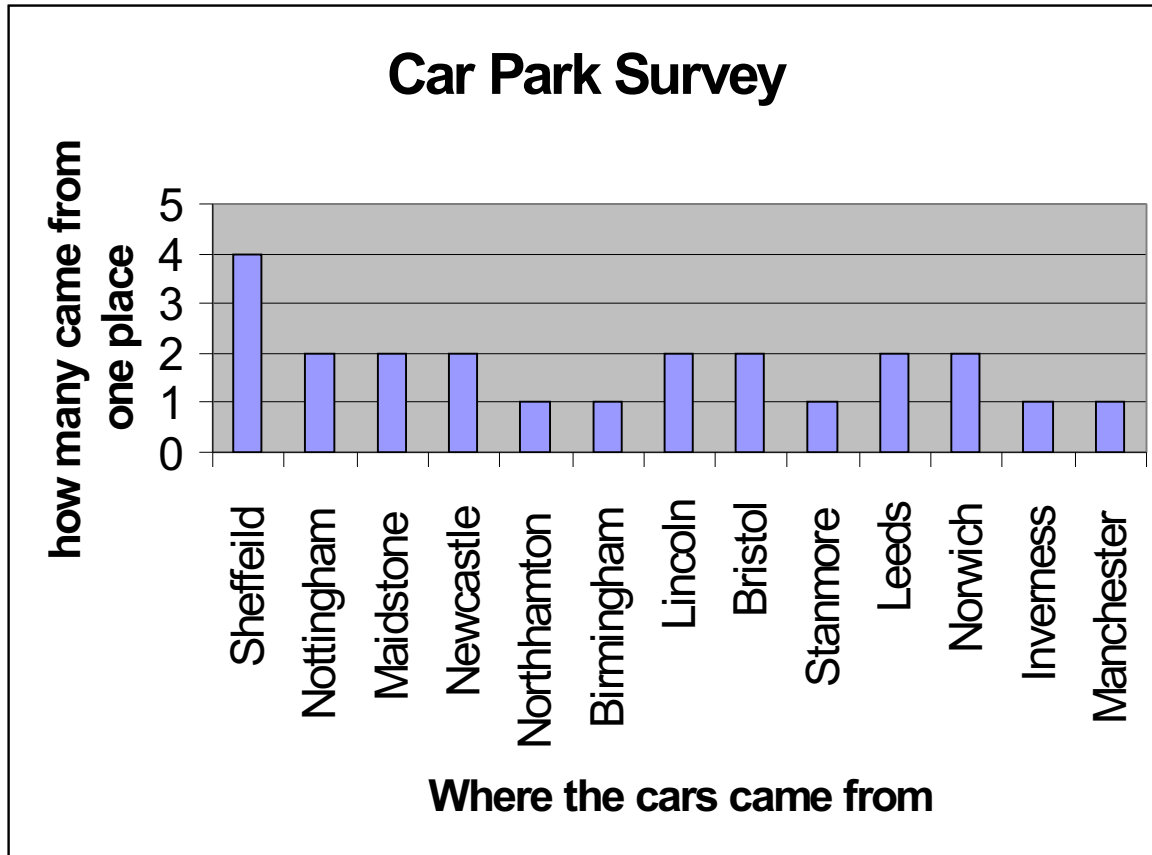
I like the looks of Castleton but I don't think I would ever go again unless I had too. It is a beautiful place but it is too hilly and cold and small for me.

### **Car Park Survey**

This is a table to show the results of the car park survey we did when we first arrived in the main car park of Castleton.

<b>Car Registration Numbers</b>	<b>Where they came from</b>
YS52 VWP	SHEFFEILD
FG51 XUD	NOTTINGHAM
GK03 VFG	MAIDSTONE
NL02 OLO	NEWCASTLE
KU51 SBY	NORTHAMPTON
BN02 NYA	BIRMINGHAM
FY51 FBF	LINCOLN
GKSI WFO	MAIDSTONE
MJ02 OAM	NEWCASTLE
WX02 HVF	BRISTOL
WR02 EYD	BRISTOL
LN02 ZUM	STANMORE
FH51 UGN	NOTTINGHAM
FX02 HXF	LINCOLN
YP03 AOA	SHEFFEILD
YD03 LJN	LEEDS
AO02 WRL	NORWICH
YM52 ZFA	SHEFFEILD
SY51 VCW	INVERNESS
ML51 ONC	MANCHESTER
YR51 XAD	SHEFFEILD

**A graph of results for the car park survey**

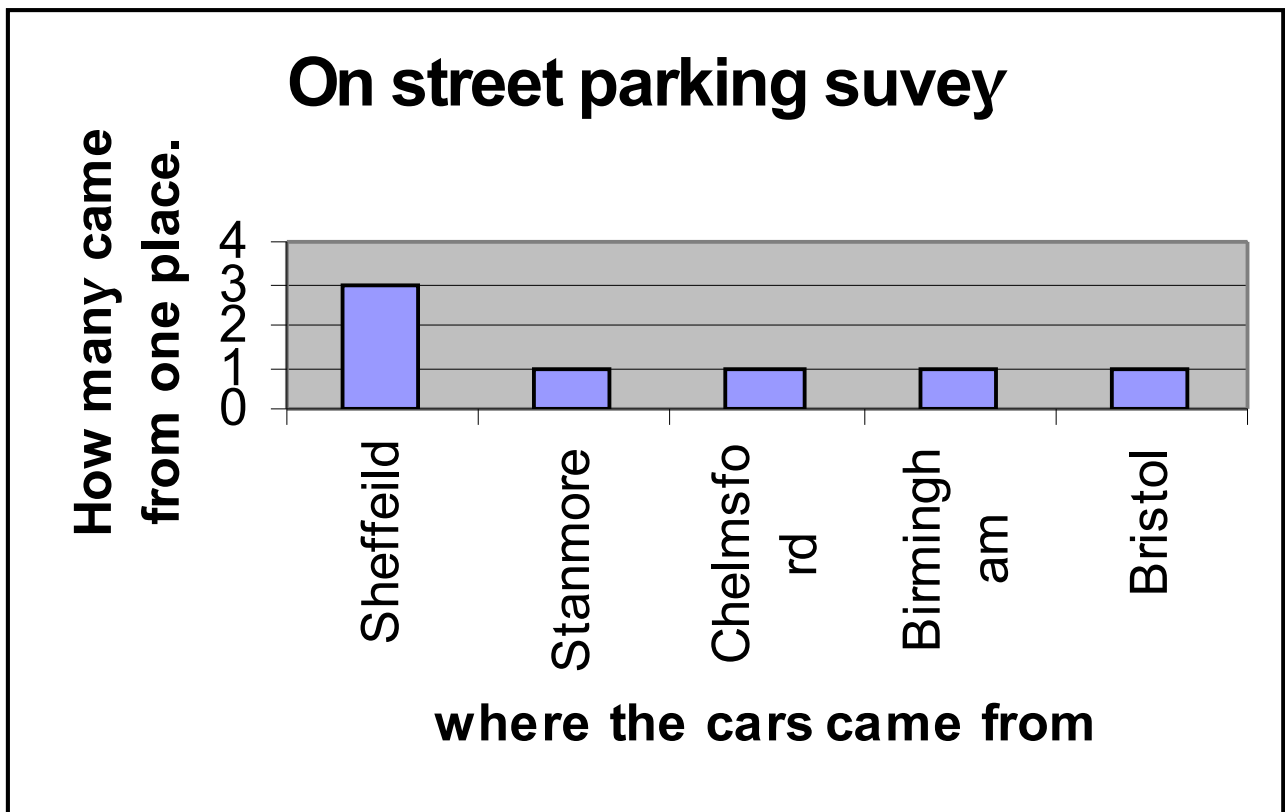


**On street parking survey**

This is a survey that we had to complete while we were in Castleton. We had to collect number plates of cars which were parked on the road side to find out where people had travelled from to get to Castleton.

Car Registration Numbers	Where they came from
WR51 HYA	BRISTOL
BV02 CBF	BIRMINGHAM
EF51 VHZ	CHELMSFORD
YR51 TUH	SHEFFEILD
YN52 CEY	SHEFFEILD
YM52 AHO	SHEFFEILD
LN02 VRL	STANMORE

A graph of results for the on street survey



**Pedestrian Survey**

We had to complete two of these tables at two different times of the day to show how many people we saw in ten minutes who were in Castleton for different reasons.

Time: **11:20 am**

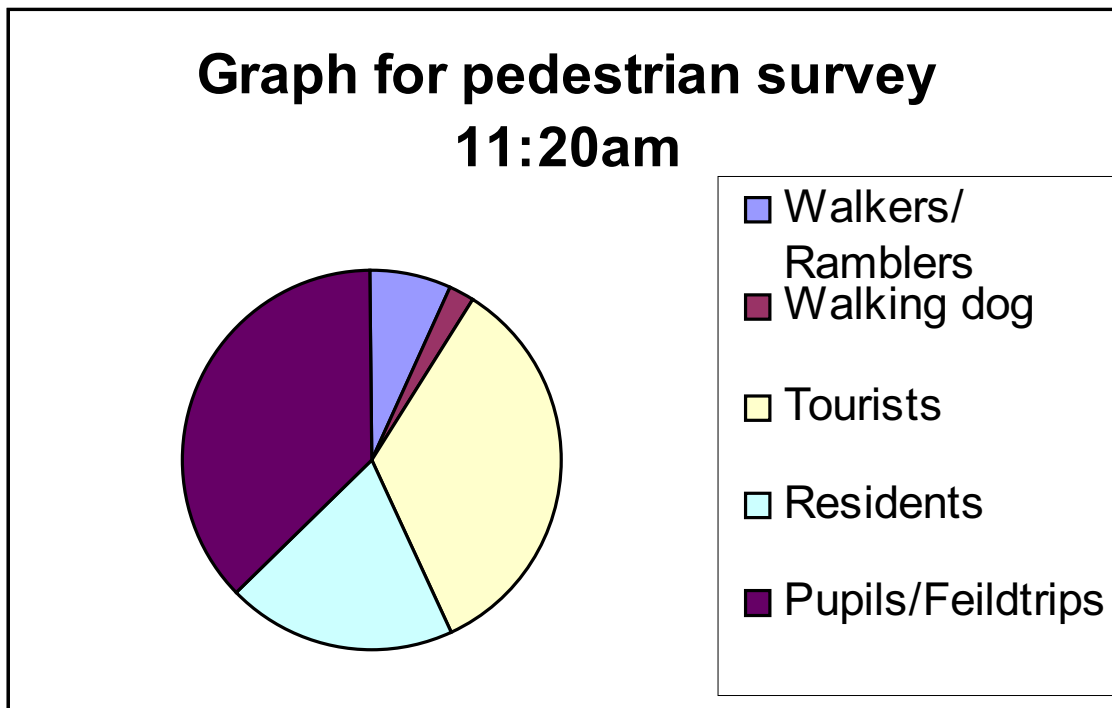
Walkers/ Ramblers	Walking Dog	Tourists	Residents	Pupils/ Fieldtrips
6	2	30	17	33



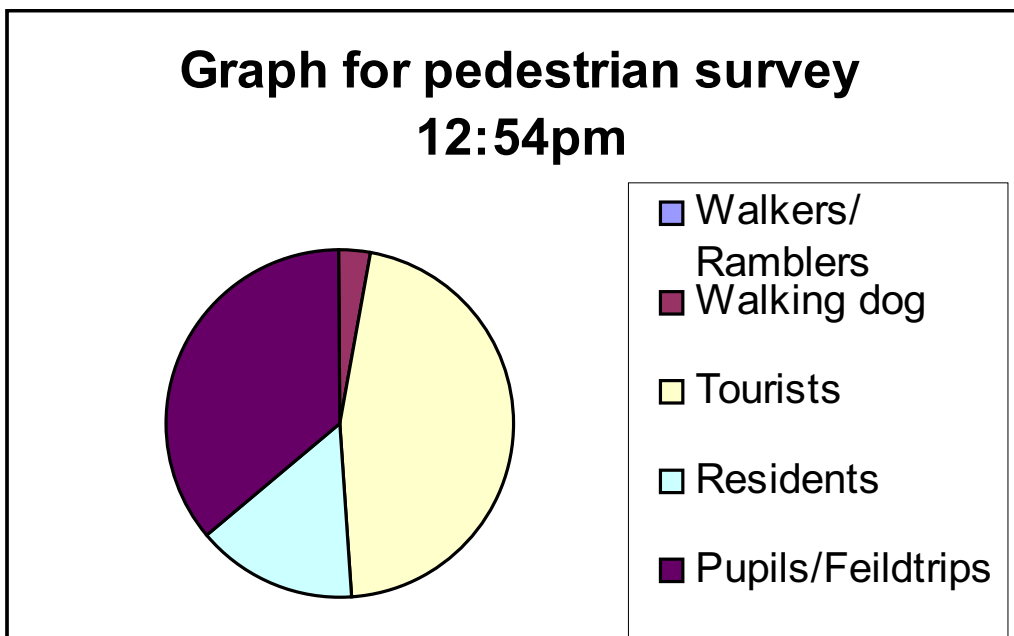
Time: **12:54 pm**

Walkers/ Ramblers	Walking Dog	Tourists	Residents	Pupils/ Fieldtrips
0	3	47	15	37

**Graph for 11:20am**



**Graph for 12:54pm**



### **Footpath survey**

We completed two tables at two different times of the day to show what our opinion was of two streets.

One is the worst and five is the best.

Footpath one- Location: Castle Street

<b>Litter</b>	1	2	3	4	<u><b>5</b></u>
<b>Erosion of path</b>	1	2	<u><b>3</b></u>	4	5
<b>Lack of graffiti</b>	1	2	3	<u><b>4</b></u>	5
<b>Well signposted</b>	1	<u><b>2</b></u>	3	4	5
<b>Well maintained</b>	1	2	3	4	<u><b>5</b></u>

Footpath two- Location: Back Street

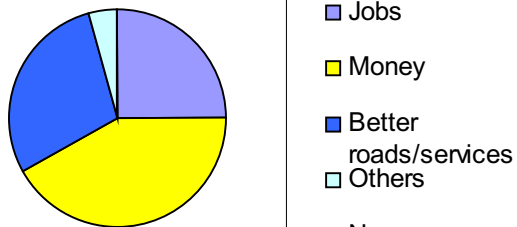
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<b>Well signposted</b>	1	2	3	<u><b>4</b></u>	5
<b>Well maintained</b>	1	2	<u><b>3</b></u>	4	5

I am now going to put in two questionnaires which we asked the residents to complete for us. This should show us their opinions of the effect of tourism on Castleton. Then I will put in a pie chart to show you the results from the other eight-teen questionnaires we completed. I am taking the questionnaires straight out of my work booklet to put into my final work.

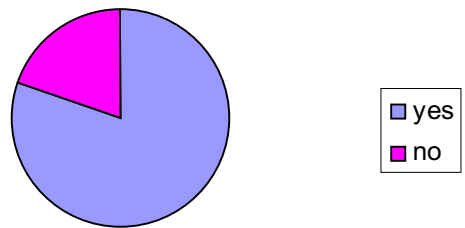
## **Pie charts to show the results of the resident's questionnaire.**

These pie charts are to show the results for each single question we asked during the residents questionnaires while we were in Castleton.

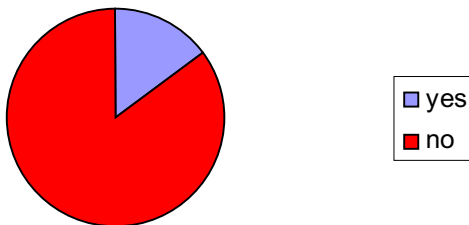
**Which of these benifits do you think tourists bring?**



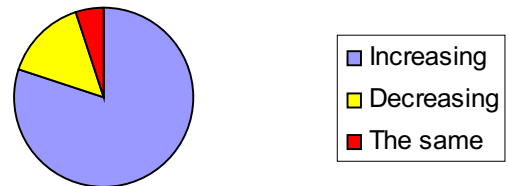
**Do you think it is a good idea to have tourists visit this area?**



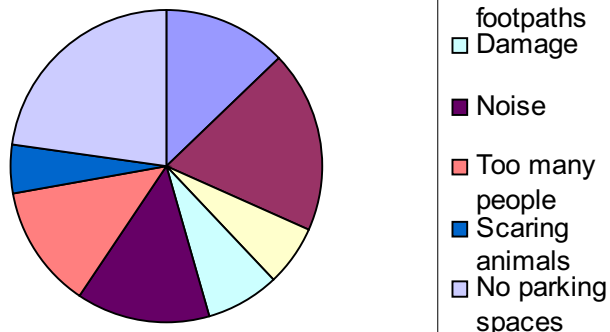
**Is your living dependant upon tourism?**



**Do you think the number of people visiting this area is increasing or decreasing?**



**Which of these disadvantages/problems do you think visitors to the area bring?**



That is all the information and graphs about our tasks completed.

### **Limitations**

If I had unlimited time and resources to complete this course work I could have been able to include more information about the peak district and Castleton and also other villages in other national parks. I also think if we had more time in Castleton we could have got more information, done more surveys and got more pictures to put into our course work. I had problems with putting all my information into graphs because I didn't know whether to put them all into one graph or put them into separate graphs. I could have improved all of my course work if I had more time because I could have done better graphs and better information. I could have also done more surveys and collected more pictures to put into my work. I had a few problems with setting out and writing my coursework but these didn't set me back or cause any problems. We could have improved most parts of our coursework if we had more time in Castleton because we could have extended our work.

### **Conclusion**

My conclusion will tell whether I have proved the hypothesis's true or false and why they have been proved either.

- Hypothesis 1 – Castleton is a honey pot.

I have proved that Castleton is a honey pot because by my Car park surveys have shown there are large amounts of people always coming and leaving. My pedestrian survey shows how many people we counted within ten minutes in Castleton which shows there are large amounts of people there shopping or relaxing or walking. There has to be enough people visiting Castleton for the shop owners to keep their businesses running. My opinion of Castleton being a honey pot I would say it is a true hypothesis.

- Hypothesis 2 – Tourism has brought only benefits to Castleton.

Tourism hasn't only brought benefits to Castleton. It has also brought troubles to the residents. Some troubles tourism has brought are: litter, traffic, lack of parking spaces, noise, too many people, damage, scaring animals and destroying footpaths. These problems can cause a small village a lot of money in repairs and damages. The good sides of tourism are: More jobs, More money being put into the area, better roads, better foot paths and better opportunities. So the hypothesis of tourism only bringing benefits is false.

I wouldn't say there are any major problems with tourism affecting Castleton but I would say they need to improve car parking spaces and be more equipped for the large amounts of people who like going there to see their beautiful scenery.

### **Pictures of Castleton**

Also while we were in Castleton we had chance to take some pictures of the effects of erosion on Castleton's grave yard and we also got a picture of the Peveril Castle. I am now going to add some of my erosion pictures into my course work. These pictures are of grave stones in the local grave yard which have been destroyed over the past years some have been eroded so much that they have become weak and collapsed.