

Your transport views

Last year we asked you to answer some questions about how you choose to travel around Newcastle. We received a great response - more than 500 of you gave us your views about public transport across the city. We'd like to say thank you to all those who responded.

We have sent out a number of transport information packs, which include Metro and bus timetables, as a result of the project. If you have yet to receive yours and are keen to do so, please contact Sally Herbert at Newcastle City Council on 0191 277 8973.

We found that most of you are satisfied with current levels of public transport, but some are either very or fairly unhappy.

The highest level of satisfaction was amongst those of you who live in the city centre with the lowest in outlying areas such as Throckley.

We will be sharing this information with transport providers – including bus companies - and speaking to them in order to look at what improvements can be made.

The most common form of transport used was the bus, which was used by



89 per cent of those who responded to the survey. This was followed by walking, used by 65 per cent, and Metro, which was used by 39 per cent of people.

Only 16 per cent of you had driven a car over the four week period the survey was carried out, although 37 per cent of you had been a passenger in a car during this time.

Seven per cent of you had used the train during the period, while a further seven per cent had got on your bike and cycled.

Interested in offers and discounts for public transport around Tyne and Wear? Find out about the 'Smarter Choices' campaign by visiting www.gosmarter.co.uk – if you sign up to their 'Smarter Club' you can receive offers and discounts for around the region.



Cleaner, Greener, Safer week

In February we, along with Newcastle City Council, Northumbria Police, New Deal for Communities, Groundwork and the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, took part in Cleaner, Greener, Safer Week.

People living on the Elswick Jubilee Estate joined in to lend a hand, blitzing roads, pathways, walls, gardens and green spaces and they really made a difference.

They picked up litter and also talked to council staff about local problems - including fly tipping.

Fire safety checks and free carbon monoxide detectors were also on offer and there was a special scheme organised for the collection of fridges, freezers and large items of household waste.