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The North York Moors National Park Authority is asking all 'People in the Park' for their views on topics such as planning, services and communications in its latest Residents' Survey.

The survey, available in both electronic and hard copy, will be issued to residents in July. The Authority is keen to gain residents feedback and will be using the findings from the survey to develop a Business Plan which will form how the National Park Authority spends its money and the work it does over the next four years.

Andy Wilson, CEO at the North York Moors National Park Authority said: "It's really important for us to understand the views and feelings of our residents. They help to shape the work we do. I'd like to encourage everyone who receives the survey to take a few minutes to provide us with their views, to ensure we are making the right decisions in the future."

The survey asks residents to rate the Authority's services from being 'very satisfied' to 'very dissatisfied' and gives the National Park real data and feedback on areas such as, 'how helpful its staff are' and 'how easy information is to access'. The last residents' survey was carried out in 2012, and the Authority is committed to running these surveys every few years to understand latest thinking.

The National Park Authority's work is guided by two purposes: conservation and promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Park's special qualities. It also has an important duty to look after the economic and social well-being of local communities.

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The North York Moors National Park

The North York Moors is a beautiful landscape of stunning moorland, ancient woodland and historic sites. Created on 28 November 1952 it became Britain's sixth national park. Covering an area of 554 square miles (1,436 square kilometres) the National Park has 26 miles of coastline, two national nature reserves, 840 Scheduled Monuments and over 3,000 listed buildings, attracting an estimated 7.6 million visitors a year.

The National Park has two visitor centres, The Moors National Park Centre, Danby and Sutton Bank National Park Centre, providing opportunities for cycling, walking, eating, picnicking, shopping, crafts and wildlife-watching. The centre in Danby also houses the inspired by... gallery, which features regularly changing exhibitions by artists who draw their inspiration from the North York Moors.

The North York Moors National Park Authority works with a huge variety of people to care for this beautiful corner of Yorkshire, providing apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities with nearly 14% of staff being apprentices from local families.

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