Traffic and Parking in Bibury and Arlington; Finding a Solution.

Bibury and Arlington have been a popular destination since the nineteenth century, however in recent years visitor numbers and associated traffic have risen exponentially. The road system and fabric of the village are unable to accommodate the current high numbers of visitors.

Your parish council have been trying to find an acceptable solution to this intractable problem for several years now and have tried a variety of solutions. We have tried various parking arrangements along the river bank, we have put in two bus stands , and we have had endless discussions with the bus companies, the National Trust, Visit Britain, the Highways Agency, our District and County Councillor, the County Council, the Police and Apcoa (the company contracted to manage the parking in Gloucestershire). Nothing has proved successful and none of the various bodies above have shown much, if any, interest in trying to help.

It is our view that if we fail to find a long-term solution to the traffic problem in Bibury soon, then in another ten years we will have been overwhelmed and the sheer weight of traffic will have ruined the very thing that visitors want to come and see.

We would like to see if it might be possible to mobilise support from all our residents and see what we can do that will persuade either the Council, the Police or the Highways Agency to take action. To this end we are holding a public meeting as follows:

Bibury's Traffic Chaos

What can the Community do? Bring your ideas, enthusiasm and grievances!

> Community Meeting Thursday October 3rd 7.00pm Bibury Village Hall

Please come along, you may have a solution.