Why Older Forms of Transport Are Now Rarely Used

It is well-known that up until nearly 150 years ago, people travelled mainly by horse and cart or, if no horses was available, by walking. Both these methods had their advantages. So why are they now so rarely used?

Experts believe that the main reason is the invention of the car in the late 1800s. Because Karl Benz finally succeeded in his desire to manufacture cars, horses and carts, and walking to reach far-away places, are now mostly used by ancient or exceptionally unusual people.

Unfortunately, using horses and carts as a method of transport had many drawbacks. Horses needed to be fed and housed, carts would often lose wheels, horse manure would pollute the streets and some horses just wouldn’t go where they were asked to. Consequently, once the car was invented, horses became banned in many areas.

At an earlier time, walking was common. People enjoyed visiting their friends and walking was easy. However, now that the car is widely available, it is much quicker and easier to travel by car. Most people now will not put in the time and effort required to walk to visit even their best friends. As a result, many of us will no longer even consider walking as an option.

So that is why today you so rarely see a horse and cart on the road, or see people walking to visit their friends across the suburbs.