### Growing the Visitor Economy Insights ... Challenges ... Opportunities ...



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### **The Visitor Economy**

### Visitors

- Leisure
- Business
- Visiting Friends & Relatives
- Day Visitors



## Supply Chain

- Accommodation
- Attractions
- Bars & Restaurants
- Events & Things to Do

## Support

- Retail
- Transport
- Other laundry, petrol stations, food suppliers



#### In England ... Tourism is Big Business

- The sector is currently worth £106bn
- Projected to be £158bn by 2020
- It provides 2.6m jobs –
   1 in every 11 workers
- 80% of tourism
   businesses employ less
   than 10 people





#### In Chichester District ... Tourism is Big Business

- 5.2 million day trips each year generating £144million pa
- 405,000 'staying' trips equating to 1.3 million 'bed nights', and a spend of £75million pa
- 7,500 jobs in tourism and leisure, plus numerous `support' jobs





# ... But we're merely scratching the surface! ... In 2013:

- British residents spent £18.7 billion on 297 million nights away from home in England
- 66,400 accommodation businesses provided
   2.7 million bed-spaces
- £46.0 billion was spent on 1.4 billion domestic tourism day trips

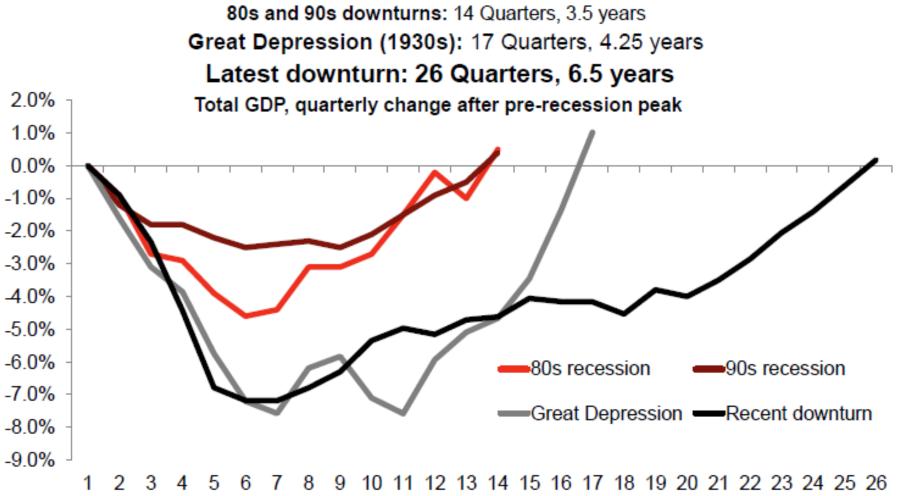


#### The challenging Environment for Tourism in 2015 and beyond ...





#### After 6.5 years, the downturn is over





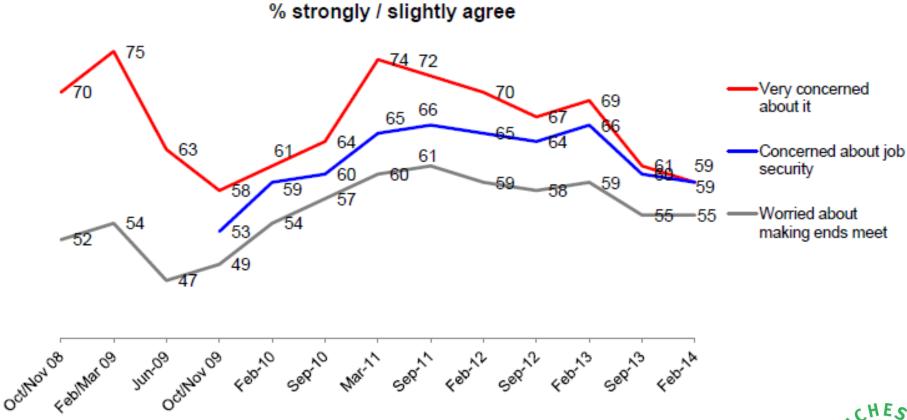
#### But wages are not rising as GDP does

- Wages are flat and growth expectations for 2015 have been revised down
- The only easing of the cost of living has been the slight decline in inflation



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## And widespread concern about the economy and personal finances is easing, but still significant

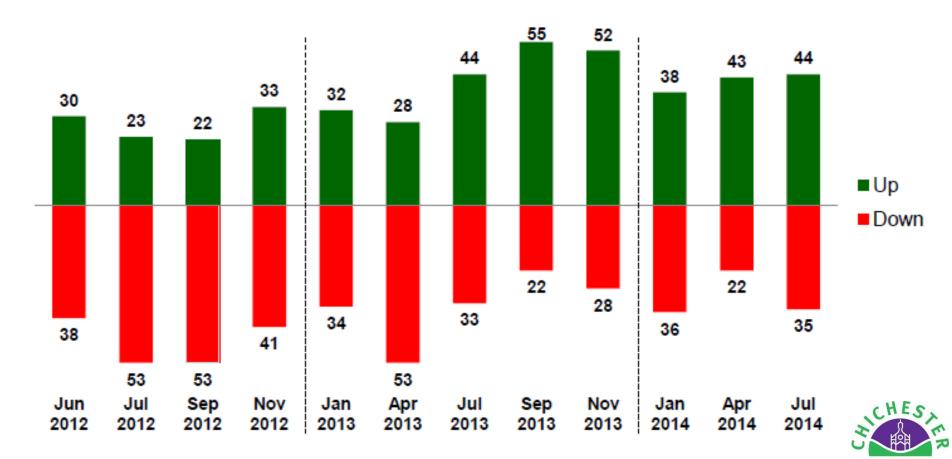




Source: Visit England Staycation Research

# Nationally, accommodation businesses are doing better ...

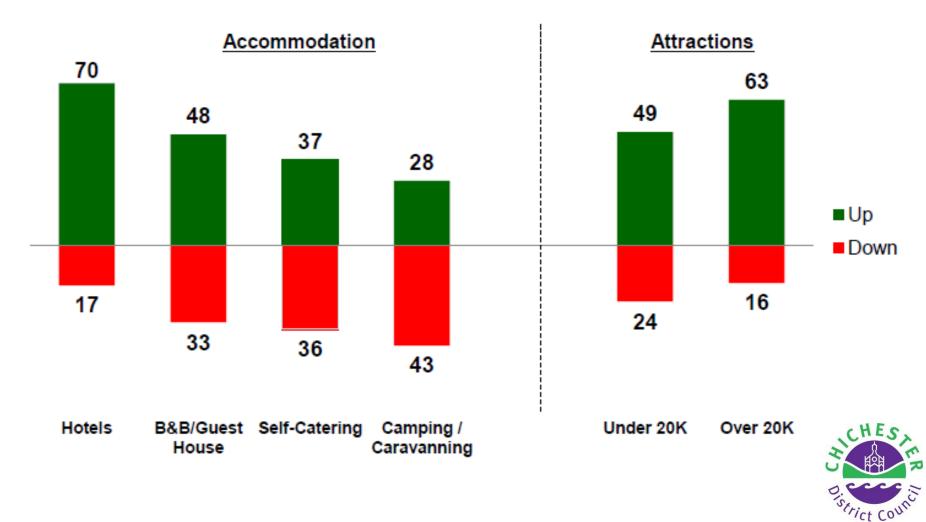
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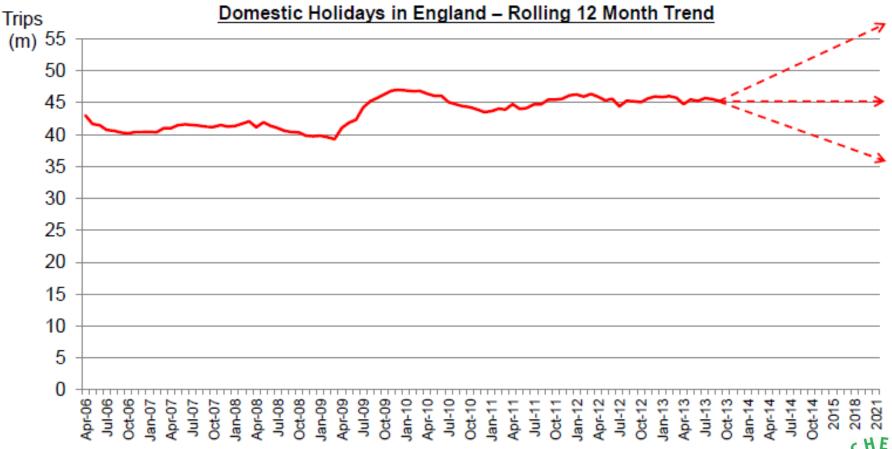
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### ... Some are doing better than others

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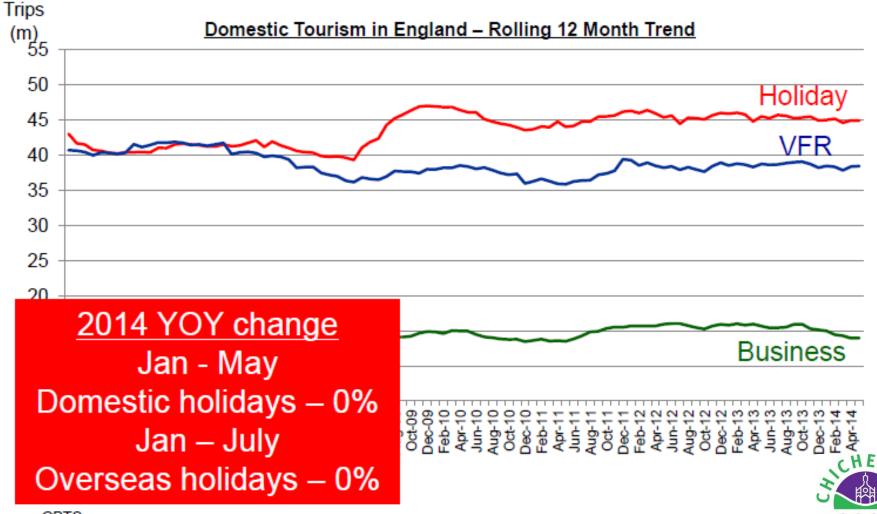


### So ... What next for domestic holidays ...



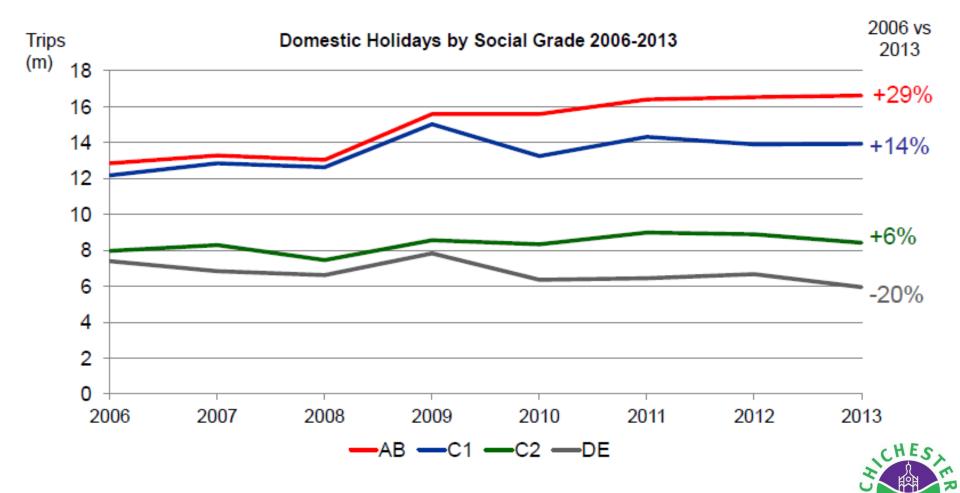


# The 'Staycation' trend of more domestic holidays has continued for four years ...



Source: GBTS

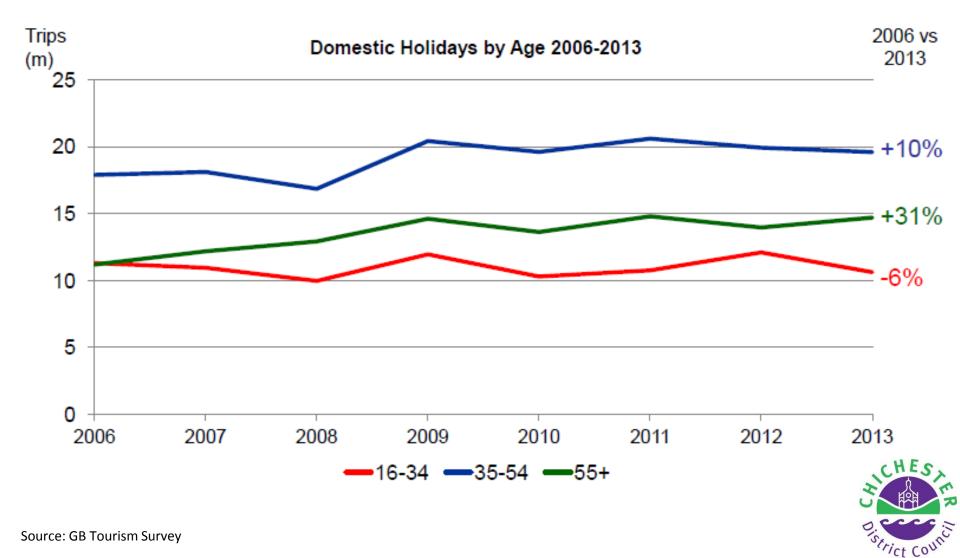
## More trips are being taken, except by the least well-off



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Source: GB Tourism Survey

#### Increased volumes are being driven by older age groups



#### ... A trend that is likely to continue ... Though the current 'baby boom' will have an impact

	<u>UK populatio</u>	IK population change 2013-2020		
Under 18s	+10%			
18-34s	+1.2%	<ul> <li>More younger people</li> </ul>		
35-49s	-3.4%	<ul> <li>Fewer 'squeezed middle'</li> </ul>		
50-64s	+10.5%	More older people (NB – baby		
65-79s	+11.2%	boomers are now retiring – a different mindset than		
80+	+19.2%	previous generations!)		

# At the same time, families are not what they were ...

	The traditional horizontal family	The modern vertical family	
Great grandparents		M M M M N	
Grandparents	M M	M M	
Parents/ Aunts & Uncles		M 111	
Siblings/		11 111	

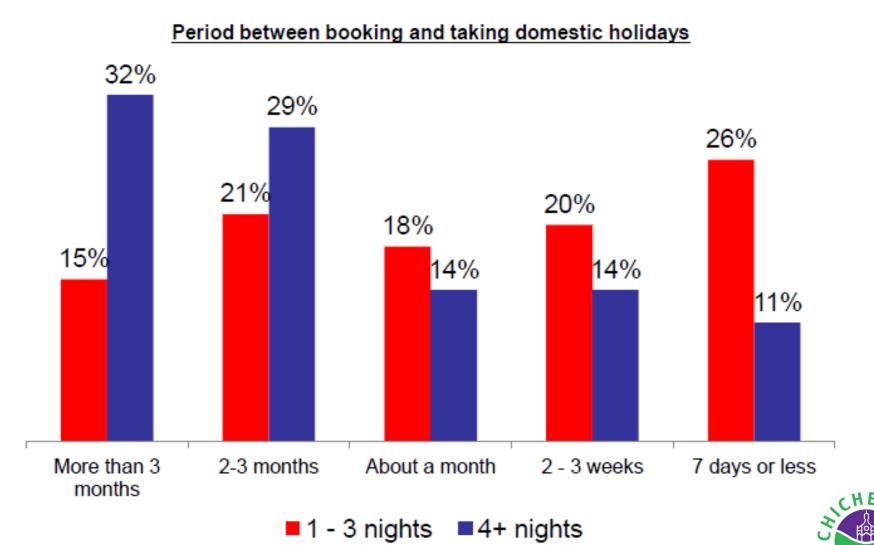
#### Holiday trips are getting shorter

Domestic Holiday Trips in England – Average Length (Nights)





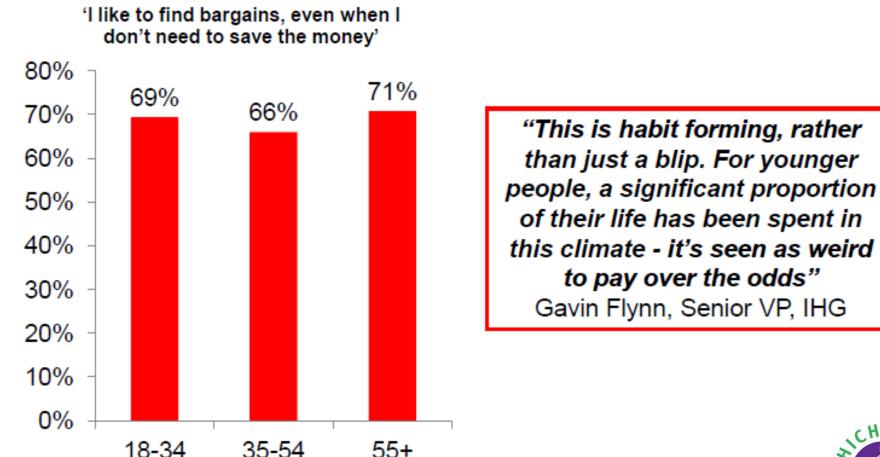
#### Last minute is now the norm!



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Source: GB Tourism Survey

#### ... And we all want a deal ... 'Discretionary Thrift' is a habit likely to stay with us!





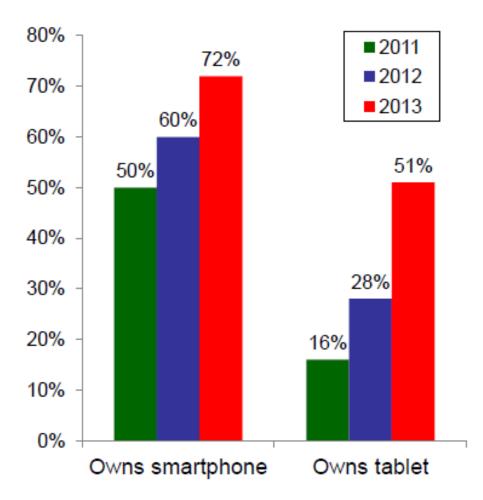
#### **100% rise in online bookings during past 7** years

Domestic Holiday Trips (m)



Source: GB Tourism Survey

## ... And a massive change in how people access the internet



According to Mediacom, around one in five of the UK population ONLY access the internet using a mobile device





### **Tourism Trends**







76%

Say family is very important to them



Say their leisure time is very important to them



Say they often feel under time pressure



Source: Trajectory Global Foresight 2011-13







Say that 'adventure and taking risks' is important to them



Say that 'trying new things' is important to them



Source: Trajectory Global Foresight 2013

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#### **Skills Tourism**

#### INSPIRATION: FIVE NEW THINGS TO LEARN THIS AUTUMN

Inspiration: five new things to learn this autumn Submitted on Thu, 2012-10-25 08:51

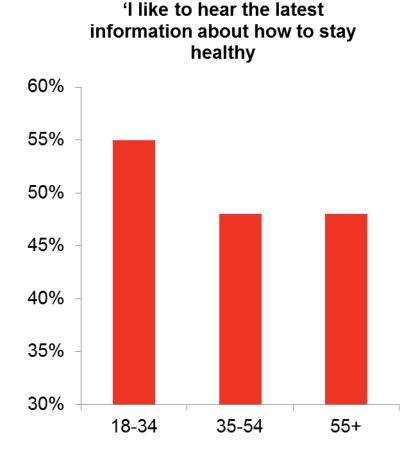


# **49%**

Say that art or culture is very or rather important to them







trajectory

Source: Trajectory Global Foresight 2011-13





million

Membership of the National Trust (NT) has reached four million for the first time, the organisation has said.





Of the UK population live in urban areas







#### Million seaside visits in 2006

# 19.7

#### Million seaside visits in 2012



Source: GBTS



#### **Urban Tourism**









Source: GBTS

### So ... Where do we fit

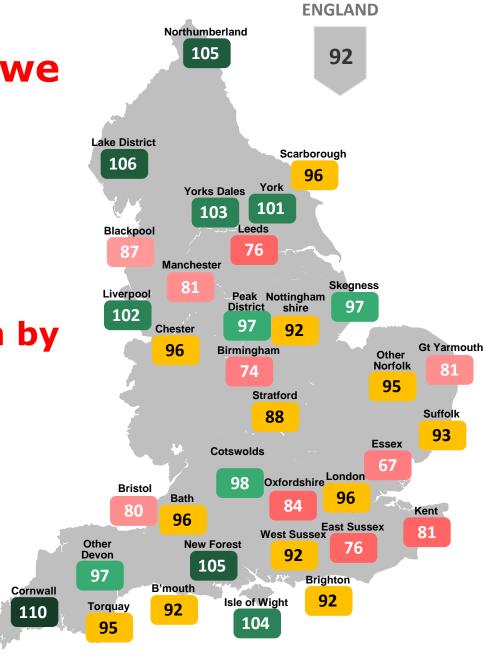
#### ... And what's the competition?





# ... And how are we perceived ...

# Visitor satisfaction by destination



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Understanding Visitor Satisfaction

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#### Meeting the challenges ...

### ... Define the 'Destination'



### Meeting the challenges ... Manage the 'Destination'

- Understand the customer
- A 'Joined-Up' approach
- Focus on the whole visitor experience



### Meeting the challenges ... Is anything happening out there?!



### Meeting the challenges ... Where next ...

Understand the customer ...

Understand the potential ...

Understand the bigger picture ...

Work together ...

Define the aspiration ...

Grasp the opportunity ...



## If we're serious ...



## The opportunities are waiting!