

A VISION

deriving from the Action Plans

As a result of the Community Plan surveys, discussions, and consultations, the following emerges as a vision for the future of the parish:

- *A community where local businesses operate successfully and contribute to the local economy, including farmers, local trades people, village enterprises and those working from home*
- *The essential rural character of the Parish is maintained, with clean, safe, secure and sustainable villages*
- *Good environmental practice extends beyond kerbside recycling*
- *High quality, well supported and environmentally managed village halls act as focal points of community life*
- *Key services (PO, school, church, pubs) are sufficiently supported to continue as viable enterprises*
- *Further use of properties as second homes or holiday lets is monitored and prevented where possible*
- *Small areas of land are designated for development as ‘mixed use’ consisting of starter homes, with small work spaces, plus a couple of larger homes, all with off road parking*
- *A family friendly parish which provides jobs and houses for young families*
- *More rented accommodation is available for local young families*
- *Good, reliable and affordable public transport is used by all sectors of the community*
- *Vehicular traffic is slowed down through the parish*
- *All junctions on or off the A590 are designed with safety foremost*
- *Gaps in networks of pavements, footpaths, cycle and bridleways are rectified to give safe, off road multi user tracks to link villages to Grange-over-Sands and to each other*
- *A parish which works together in partnership with neighbouring parishes and communities*

11 Next steps

11.1 Plan into Action

The Community Plan makes many recommendations for action which is in line with Community Plans from other villages. Many of the issues are interlinked, and addressing one action point may well help solve a series of others. Some of the action points will require rapid action, and the PC is already addressing some of these, as they have become apparent during the drawing up of this Plan, while others are longer-term strategic issues, and their outcomes will become apparent only after several years. Actions requiring funding will need to be addressed when formulating budgets for the next financial year.

11.2 General recommendations

Some of the recommendations are general issues, which may be partly resolved by effective communication of PC actions, and it is suggested that the Parish Council should:

- **Use its new Parish Web site to hold the full Community Plan**, be a repository of information about the parish, and show monitoring and achievement Actions recommended in the Plan. It could advertise parish meetings and events, and be a forum for young people to contribute their ideas, perhaps via a blog facility. Those in remoter parts of the parish particularly requested a parish Web site.
- **Produce its own, in-house Web publication** informing all residents, especially those in outlying areas, of current developments and opportunities. Printed copies could be available at selected outlets.
- **Consider setting up a Community Plan Management Team**, to help ensure that the recommendations are pursued and reviewed. The team could review the Plans of neighbouring areas to seek out potential for joint action.
- **Consider appointing a Parish Council member to research and apply for grants** available to support Parish Councils to achieve their planned actions. Many grants are available. This person may be the same as a PC 'Enforcement Officer', charged with ensuring that designated actions are achieved.

- **Set up a number of specialist sub-groups**, in order to help the PC to deliver the Community Plan in action. Sub-groups would be time limited, and report regularly to the PC. Sub-groups could be Joint with Cartmel and Grange Community Board for example. A particular advantage of this proposal will be to involve more people in working with the PC to undertake community activities, and to implement the Action Plans from the Community Plan.

A possible sub-group template for membership might be

- o Member of Community Plan Management Team, as Chair
- o Secretary
- o A PC member
- o Youth representative
- o Advisor from a neighbouring Parish
- o SLDC/ LDNPA/CCC officer representatives
- o A working professional in the specialist area of the forum/ sub Group
- o 3-4 members with differing specialisms

Suggested initial Specialist Sub Groups are:

*Business Forum
Environment
Heritage Sub Group
(including John Wilkinson)
Housing Sub Group
Transport Sub Group
Youth Forum*

11.3 Review and Monitoring

Actions deriving from the Plan should be reviewed annually in order to set new targets for consideration at the Annual Parish Meeting. Regular updates should be made available via the parish web site.

Community Plan Steering Group members and responsibilities

*David Clapp (Chair) (TS)
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Helen Churchill (Secretary) (GE)
Paul Bond (Treasurer) (Youth matters)
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APPENDIX A

Division of Responsibilities in Allithwaite Upper Parish

<i>Cumbria County Council</i>	<i>Lake District National Park Authority</i>	<i>South Lakeland District Council</i>
Education	Affordable housing allocation	Allotments
Highways, road defects, pavements, street lighting, road signs, flooding, traffic management, gritting, grass verges & hedges	Development control	Building regulations, Business, Housing, Second Home designations, Neighbourhood Services, Regeneration
Libraries	Local Occupancy Orders	Car parking
Local Development	Planning consent	Concessionary fares
Police	Rights of Way	Environment: dog dirt, fly tipping, noise & light pollution
		Waste & recycling

APPENDIX B

Summary of 1992 Lindale and Newton-in-Cartmel 'Village Appraisal'

Lindale

- 179 out of 360 questionnaires were returned, a 50% return
- 88 households did not want more houses compared to 78 who did
- Of those seeking accommodation, ½ wanted to stay in the village
- Housing 'for the young' was identified as needed
- 129 wished for more local employment in the parish
- Others would welcome a full range of Adult Education classes in the village
- There were few facilities for prams and bikes on the buses
- Bus and train times need co-ordinating
- 33 households wanted a Youth Club, 11 a play area at Lingarth
- 11 households wanted a full size football pitch/ cricket ground
- 49 households wanted a new telephone box at the top of the village
- 32 households wanted more seats
- 41 households wanted better footpaths
- Windermere Road was seen as dangerous.

Newton

- 53 out of 75 questionnaires were returned, a 70% return
- 33 did not want more housing, 16 did (for young people)
- 27 families wanted to see the village hall used as a primary school
- People's areas of work were varied. 9 were retired, 11 worked in Kendal, 6 in Grange-over-Sands and 2 were long distance commuters.
- 30 shopped in Kendal and 28 in Grange-over-Sands. 8 said they shopped in the village
- 41 obtained medical services in Grange-over-Sands
- 12 followed social activities in the village
- 35 never used the bus
- There were varied requests for social activities
- 33/53 (62%) wanted the bypass

Survey by Allithwaite Upper Parish Council assisted by SLDC

APPENDIX C

Allithwaite Upper Historic Environment Record

<i>Name</i>	<i>Monument type</i>	<i>Period</i>
Lindale Low Cave flint scatter	Cave	Prehistoric
South of Low Newton	Possible barrows	Prehistoric
Head House	Strip lynchets	Mediaeval
Longmire Allotment & Moss End		
Ridge and Furrow	Earthwork	Post mediaeval
High Newton	Circular enclosure	Uncertain
Moss End Farm	Defensive dyke system	Uncertain
Wilson Hills enclosure bank	Earthwork	Uncertain
Whin Brow	Field system	Uncertain
Sheepbarrow	Earthwork	Uncertain
Barrow Hollin	Burnt Mound	Uncertain
Newton Heads	Lime kiln	Post mediaeval
Height	Bee bole	Post mediaeval
Height	Meeting House	Post mediaeval
High Pines	Rock carving	Uncertain
Dixon Heights (summer house destroyed)	Tower	Uncertain
High Newton & Wilson House	Pill Box	Modern
Broca Hill	Saw mill	(Destroyed)
Tarn Green, Sheepbarrow, Simpson Ground, Hare Hill, Barrow Wife	Gravel pits	(Destroyed)
Newton Tarn, Wilson Hills, Barrow Hollin, Raven Scar, Lindale, Head House, Tom Tarn.	Slate quarries	(Destroyed)
High Newton	Potash kiln	(Destroyed)
Head House & Thistledene	Lime kiln	(Destroyed)
Eller How	Sundial	(Destroyed)
Bowes Lodge	Footbridge	(Destroyed)
Wilson House iron furnace	Blast furnace	(Destroyed)
Lindale & Sheepbarrow	Pill Box	(Destroyed)
Lindale Mill	Watermill	(Destroyed)

Source: LDNPA March 2008

APPENDIX D

2006 Questionnaire Survey Results

1. What do you like best about the local area and its community?

<i>Beauty of setting</i>	‘Backdrop of trees, gorse, hills and rock outcrops’, glorious rural scenery, unspoilt, ‘the bowling green a great asset’, quaintness of properties, variety of housing, few street lights at night
<i>Friendly people</i>	Our neighbours
<i>Good community spirit</i>	A diverse community with several organisations that bring people together, close knit but welcoming Social events in the Village Hall
<i>Facilities</i>	Shop/ PO, pubs offering food and entertainment, school, play area for children, church, availability of local businesses
<i>Access</i>	Good public transport links, easy access to Grange-over-Sands and other places, ‘location in the Lake District’ Proximity to walks both short and long, access to open countryside without using the car
<i>Safety</i>	Sense of freedom to move around safely, very little crime or vandalism
<i>‘Peace and quiet’</i>	Local information & communication through
<i>Other</i>	Grange Now & ‘Parish Newsletter’

2. What aspects of the local area need protecting or conserving?

<i>Facilities</i>	PO/shop should be kept open, church, school, pubs, village hall, bowling green, public toilets, local groups supported. The doctor’s surgery in Grange-over-Sands, hospital in Kendal, and ‘Berners Swimming Pool in Grange’
<i>Open Space and countryside</i>	Playing fields and sports fields within the village, ‘Green belt’ between Lindale and Grange, Sheepbarrow hill saved from despoliation. Scenery; rural setting Access to countryside for walking; access to coast Footpaths kept cleared. Active hedgerow and woodland management; some tree planting Protect against overdevelopment of car showrooms ‘The stream running through the village’
<i>Public transport</i>	Bus and rail services
<i>Essential village character</i>	Mix of architecture & housing styles; farming community
<i>John Wilkinson Heritage</i>	Monument; ‘original foundry at Wilson House’; water trough below PO
<i>Night sky</i>	‘Dark skies for star watching’, ‘the night sky should remain dark’

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3. What needs to happen to make our villages better?

- Access to countryside* More footpath maintenance. Footpaths/ pedestrian links between Lindale and Low and High Newton
- Facilities* Youth club/ Meeting place/ shelter for teenagers to congregate
Football team, cricket team, badminton, table tennis in village hall. More 'whole village' activities in Village Hall; for example for young & families, Keep Fit, Non-Conformist Christian group, more for elderly. More community activities in the Church
Play area for children at Lingarth, playground at High Newton
Dogs kept off play area. Bus shelter on Windermere Road, Lindale
Litter bins in bus shelters. More litter bins & dog foul bins, regular litter clearing of roadsides. Travelling library
Small shop for High Newton
- Housing* Discouragement for second/holiday homes by increasing Council Tax & limiting availability. Affordable houses for young local workers
Stop practice of getting local occupancy orders lifted
- Promotion* More information on village activities & facilities, local newsletter
Local business/ expertise gazetteer
A village correspondent for Westmorland Gazette & Grange Now
Organised events to help all appreciate what we have
Existing footpaths & cycle ways in local area to be published & promoted, and new ones developed
- Safety* Footpaths along B5277 between Lindale & Lyndene. Footpaths along Lindale Hill. Footpaths along Windermere Road, Lindale
Easier pushchair & wheelchair access at bus stops
Enforce no parking on pavements, pavements kept clear of overhanging branches. More street lights, on Lindale Hill, Windermere Road, Grange Road
Lindale Hill gritted in snow. Better road surfaces- potholes filled
More police around
- Social inclusion* Ways to include frail, sick, elderly, lonely, disabled in village activities, e.g. by rota of home visits, transport and appropriate activities
- Strategies for Sustainability* Roadside collection of plastic & cardboard
Explore possibilities of local renewable energy sources, solar, wind & water: test current planning restrictions
Encourage energy efficiency in homes
New buildings to be carbon neutral
Support for local businesses as employers & generators of income
More awareness of implications of impending climate change
Growing food on allotments: a local bakery or brewery?
Encourage cycling and walking, including to school
Infrastructure for all residents to live in a sustainable way
Any developments to be appropriate in design, scale and location

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<i>Traffic</i>	Active enforcement of 30mph speed limit through Lindale ‘Be careful driving through our village’ road signs Traffic calming for vehicles exiting by-pass. Speed limit on bypass past Lindale. Speed bumps, speed warning lights, other traffic calming on all approaches to villages. Weight restriction on Windermere Road Zebra crossing at top of Bell Hill Give way sign at junction of Smithy Brow and Back of Fell Road Traffic calming on old A590 through Newton ‘Slow down traffic’
<i>Village character</i>	Continued protection & enhancement of existing facilities Keep village shop, PO, church, bus services ‘Use them or lose them’ campaign More recognition for Wilkinson heritage, model iron boat at monument. Identifiable focus for village centre. More litter picks
<i>New Ideas</i>	New activities or community events, such as Beating the Parish Bounds

4. What Community activities do you take part in?

Adult Education classes, Age Concern Luncheon Network, Bonfire, Book Club, Bowling Association, CAMEO, Christmas lights, Churchyard maintenance, Dance Group, Grange Forum, Litter picking, Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Pub quizzes, School & Playgroup, Sports Club events, Sports Day, Sports Committee, St Paul’s Church, Toddler Group, Village Hall Committee, Village toilet upkeep, Women’s Institute

APPENDIX E

A Business Perspective

A sample of responses from 12 businesses, November 2007

1. How do you see your business fitting into the parish in the future?

- ‘Provide services to the community, a milk round, and rent grazing land for horses’
- ‘Looking after the land and landscape, as well as trying to make a living’
- ‘Try to source food and other services locally where possible; education of local children and adults’
- ‘A vital part of the village’
- ‘Bringing revenue into the village, supporting its activities and commerce’
- ‘Skilled tradesman providing a service’
- ‘This is an ideal location to reach my range of clients across southern Cumbria. I promote other businesses’
- ‘Providing professional advice to the building trade’
- ‘A good location for business which is not restricted to the parish’
- ‘Low profile business working from home: location ideal’
- ‘Significant employer of people in the parish’

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2. What support could you provide in the future to help community needs?

- 'Community projects, bringing business to the area and parish'
- 'Continued sponsorship of community affairs and events'
- 'Direct support for community events, e.g. Lindale Sports day'
- 'Central support for a range of community groups and events'
- 'Long standing involvement with community, donations to local services, including the school. Funded renovations to the Wilkinson Monument in 1984'
- 'Support for village activities, willing to provide a venue for meetings for small groups or families, with good hospitality and catering'
- 'Support for village community events, e.g. Sports Day and Lindale Lads calendar initiative'
- 'Support for community development; sponsorship of Bowling Association, Sports Club, donated time to maintenance of church fabric and estate'
- 'Recruitment of local employees'
- 'Maintaining a viable farm and landscape within the National Park'
- 'Plans for conversion of old workshops and barns if planning permission for change of use to affordable housing could be obtained'
- 'Willing to get involved with the right project, for example for promotion of walks leaflets'

3. Can you suggest any planning changes which might help community involvement?

- 'Freeing up of restrictions and planning constraints by the National Park to permit appropriate developments for rural business'
- 'Ease restrictions in development of farm buildings for affordable housing'
- 'Free up planning permission with planning gains where necessary'
- 'Extend the development boundary around Lindale to allow a housing mix which needs to be of appropriate scale and of relatively low cost and for local occupancy'
- 'Address anomalies between neighbouring communities creating regional and local variation, e.g. caused by boundary of National Park between parish and Grange'
- 'Relaxation of the interpretation of current planning regulations to permit multiple use development for affordable housing with business units'
- 'Current rules for signage can be detrimental to business. It needs regulatory control but could be much more sympathetic'
- 'Reduction in speed limits and traffic calming would enhance the safety and tranquillity of our beautiful village'
- 'Production of short walk guides to engage and inform visitors'
- 'Business expansion may involve development of new buildings or conversions of existing ones'

4. What would you consider to be a priority for your investment which might enhance the community?

- 'If the business continues to thrive there will continue to be local employment and patronage of local services'
- 'Our brand marques bring people in to buy and have their cars serviced'
- 'To keep visitors returning to Lindale because of its clean and green activities, quieter and safer road access'
- 'We plan to grow the business and to create more employment. I would prefer to employ local people.'
- 'A development opportunity may arise just outside the parish the influence of which will reach across boundaries in terms of service provision and commerce'

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The following abbreviations are used throughout the Plan

CAMEO	Come Along and Meet Each Other
CCC	Cumbria County Council
CEEAC	Cumbria Energy Efficiency Advice Centre
CLA	Country Landowners Association
CRHT	Cumbria Rural Housing Trust
EA	Environment Agency
FLD	Friends of the Lake District
HIPs	Home Information Packs
LDNPA	Lake District National Park Authority
LOOs	Local Occupancy Orders
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
PIC	Parish Information Circular
PC	Parish Council (Allithwaite Upper)
PCC	Parochial Church Council
PROW	Public Rights of Way
PV	Photovoltaic cells
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council
TNH	Taylor, Newton & Hibbert Charity
VAC	Voluntary Action Cumbria
VHC	Village Hall Committee