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## **Parish Council (2005)**

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Mrs Jane Carson

Mr Norman Jones

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Mr Philip Longman

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# Introduction

Egton cum Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley joined together to form a single administrative unit in 2003. The Parish Council comprises the Clerk and nine councillors; two representing Osmotherley, one Mansriggs, and six Egton-cum-Newland.

In 2004, the Parish Council decided that it was in the best interests of the parish to act on the government initiative which was encouraging all parishes to draw up a parish plan, identifying the needs of the community, and funded through the Countryside Agency. Information from these plans can be fed into the Plans being drawn up at present by the District Council and the County Council. It also enables the staff of various funding bodies to quickly match any new funding with the needs of the parish communities.

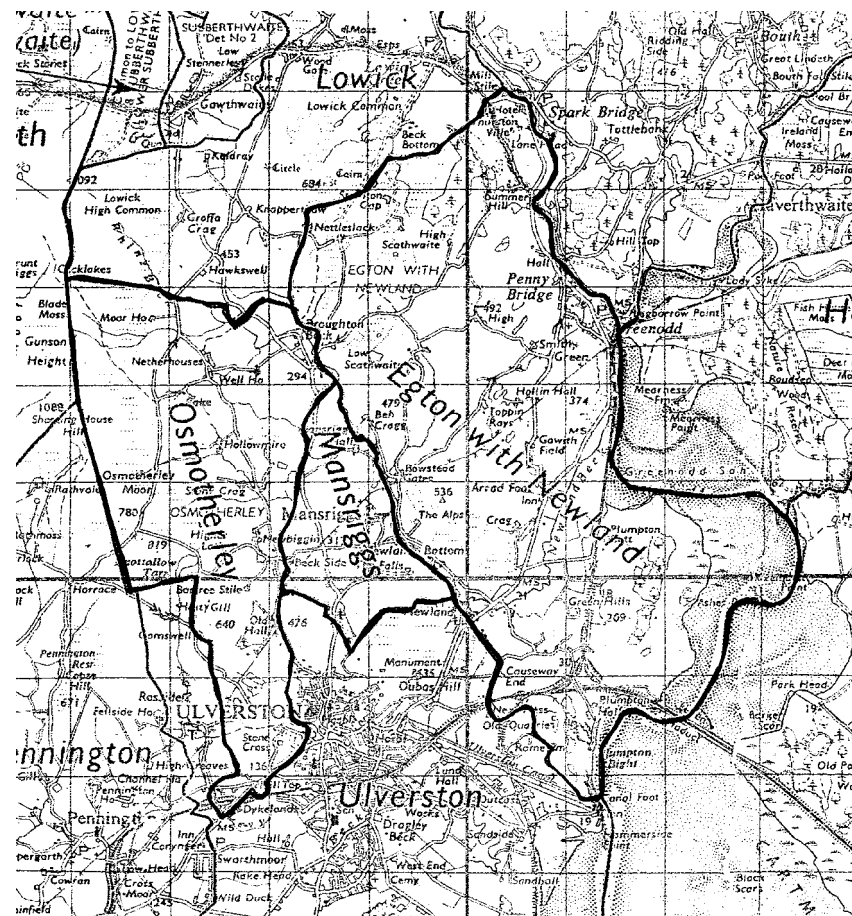
The process is expected to be a consultative one, and the plan drawn up after dialogue with the community, district and council officers, councillors and any other body/organisation involved in the plan.

Egton-cum-Newland had held a consultative meeting in 2000, and the Parish Council had taken steps to address some of the issues raised. However, with the enlargement of the Parish to include Osmotherley and Mansriggs, it was thought necessary to repeat the consultation. The Parish Council set up a steering group comprised of thirteen members which included the Parish Clerk, the County Councillor, the District Councillor, three members of the Parish Council and seven members of the general public.

There was a considerable delay in starting the consultation process, caused mainly by the withdrawal of government funding. Alternative funding was given to the Parish Council by the Neighbourhood Forum in 2005.

Questionnaires were distributed and collected by hand to every household, mostly in August 2005, although the Greenodd area was delayed until January 2006. Following the excellent level of response to the questionnaire, the results were collated, and an initial draft Action Plan drawn up by the steering committee.

Consultations took place with Council Officers and others who might possibly be involved in any proposed action. The final Plan was agreed at a Parish meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.



Map of combined parishes

# Egton cum Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish

Egton cum Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley all have their historical origins in the early Norman period.

Following a dispute over ownership of the Furness Fells in the latter half of the 12c between the newly established Furness Abbey and William 1 of Lancaster, Baron of Kendal, King Henry 11 apportioned land to the east of the River Crake to the Abbey, whilst William of Lancaster retained the land to the west of the Crake, which included these three modern day 'parishes'.

In the 13c, ownership of Egton cum Newland continued to alternate between Furness Abbey and the Barons of Kendal. The name Egton first appears as that of Eggettane of Schasthevyk in 1277, and Newland as Nyweland in 1326.

Mansriggs, known as Manslarig in 1520, was part of the Nevill Manor in Ulverston.

Osmotherley appears to have derived its name from the family called Asmunderlauhe (later known as Asmundrelaw), who rented it from the Lancaster family as long ago as 1240.



Broughton Beck, Osmotherley Parish

The combined parishes stretch from the upper reaches of the Leven estuary to the Furness Fells west of Ulverston, in a four mile wide band. By the Leven estuary, the land is mainly comprised of drained salt marsh, with a small intrusion of iron bearing limestone on its southern border. The fell slopes rise to 1000ft and are comprised of rough pasture and grazing, with some heather on the high ground. The land in between is mainly comprised of loamy soil on top of slate.



Leven estuary from Greenodd

From the River Crake in the north, to the Levy Beck in the south, there are a number of streams draining water from the fells into the estuary, each with their own valleys and catchment areas.

Thus, although lying outside the Lake District National Park, it has a rich environment which sees some protection with RAMSAR status for the estuary, Sites of Scientific Interest for the estuary and iron intrusions, and National Trust ownership of some ungrazed salt marsh.

The villages and hamlets of the parishes have grown up alongside the many becks. Sparkbridge, Penny Bridge and Greenodd lie on the Crake, Broughton

# Egton cum Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish

Beck and Newland lie on the upper and lower sections of Newland Beck, Arrad Foot on its own beck, whilst Rossid is centred around the Levy Beck.

The population of the parishes has remained remarkably stable over the years. In the past, the population was able to sustain itself from its wealth of natural resources. Food was readily available, with fish from the estuary, meat from sheep, cattle, wild deer and game, with oats, wheat and potatoes grown on the tilled land. Fuel came from coppiced woodland, peat and bracken. Slate and limestone for building could be quarried locally, and even the iron for tools could be mined and forged within the parish.

Industrial development could be said to have started in the parish in the 13c, when the monks from Conishead Priory were given permission from the Lancasters to mine and forge the iron, but it was not until the 18c, when the price of Swedish ore rose dramatically, that iron furnaces were built at Newland, Pennybridge, and in the adjacent parish at Backbarrow. At the same time, copper began to be mined at Coniston and exported from the small 'port' of Greenodd, which provided the highest navigable point on the estuary.



Newland, with old furnace and charcoal store still visible

Nor did the parish escape the other industrial developments taking place in the country. The River Crake was used to power first a cotton mill, then a bobbin mill at Spark Bridge, and bobbin, flax and blacking mills at Pennybridge.

The resulting increase in maritime activity led to an increase in boatbuilding, the largest vessel built at Greenodd being of 300 tonnes.

Although the building of the railway gave Greenodd a station, and the Leven viaduct was built with an opening section, the rise of Barrow as an iron producing, ship building town led to a gradual decline of industrial activity in the parish.

Today, the population works mainly in the towns of South Lakeland, though some are choosing to commute long distances whilst maintaining their family base here. Many others are self employed. Farming mostly consists of sheep and cattle rearing, with some dairy production and chicken rearing. The A590 and the railway are seen as vital links in sustaining this way of life.

In common with much of South Lakeland, the area also supports a large number of retired people.



An evening stroll on the Leven estuary

# Community Organisations – Village Halls

## Greenodd and Pennybridge Village Hall



The Hall, which stands at the entrance to Greenodd village, is administered by a Management Committee appointed yearly at the Annual General Meeting. The Hall is registered with the Charity Commission. The objectives of the Management Committee are to maintain the building, provide a warm and comfortable environment in which the various users from the villages and surrounding area can hold their events, and to keep the rental charges for the rooms to a reasonable level.



Dance to celebrate re-opening of Hall, 2003

The origins of the present Hall date back to the mid 1870's, when the Institute, as it was then called, had, over the years, rented various properties in the village in which to hold its activities. These included bagatelle, dominoes, card games and reading. In the early 1900's, under the leadership of Mr William White, Head Master of Pennybridge School, money was raised and a piece of land acquired, on a Deed of Trust from the Duke of Buccleuch on which a purpose-built

Institute was erected. This contained a billiard room, reading room and a third room in which to play card games. This was opened in 1907. In 1930 a further room was added on; this was a second-hand, timber framed, steel sheeted building with a stage. It was used for dancing, concerts etc., and during the Second World War was the Headquarters of the local detachment of the Home Guard. In 1997, at the announcement of the Millennium Fund, the Management Committee decided, following a public meeting, to apply for funding to re-build and refurbish the premises. After much form filling and considerable expense, the application was turned down by the Millennium Commission.

The Management Committee, together with a newly-formed fund raising committee then decided to try to raise the money for the re-building by applying to various Trusts and Public Bodies for funding. Together with holding a variety of events, this proved successful. A list of the Trusts and Bodies who contributed is displayed in the entrance to the Hall. The Committee is also grateful to the present Duke of Buccleuch for the gift of land on which the Hall stands.

The use of the Hall has increased considerably since the re-opening in 2003 with a wide variety of classes and events being held. No extra funding is envisaged in the near future, as the finances are in a healthy state and it is hoped that the Hall will provide a centre for future generations of inhabitants of the two villages into the next century.



Opening Day ceremony, 2003

# Community Organisations – Village Halls

Spark Bridge Village Hall



Village Hall, main entrance



Village Hall, rear view

Spark Bridge Village Hall was built and opened in 1928 out of funds raised by the villagers for educational, recreational and social purposes. At different periods in its history it has been a focal point for social activities in the village and many Spark Hill villagers refer to events at the Hall with fondness. In recent years, use of the Hall has been diminishing partly due to its deteriorating condition and in part due to increased holiday lets and fewer young families in the village.



Fund raising coffee morning, May 2006

More recently, with upgraded kitchen and showers, it has been available for accommodation for environmental, youth and sporting groups visiting the Lakes. Canoeing clubs in particular value its location on the River Crake. The Hall affords a great opportunity for them and other visitors to discover the Lakes at low cost and brings lively and interesting groups both into the village and the local pubs.

Young families are again moving into the village and there is a will to regenerate its role as a social and community centre. The Village Hall is a registered charity in line with the educational and social purposes of the founding villagers.

Sadly, the Hall is at present badly in need of repair to walls and roof. A survey has been completed with support from Claren and Voluntary Action Cumbria. Applications for funding of the necessary works, together with fundraising in the village offer the prospect of its revival in the near future.



View from Village Hall towards Bridge

# Community Organisations – Village Halls

## The Mill Rooms, Broughton Beck

Broughton Beck Village Hall was originally a corn mill according to an Ordnance Survey map dated 1890. Properties adjacent to the Hall have deeds going back to the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. One property even predates this and was reputedly a smugglers' den in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Between 1890 and 1937 the building is referred to as a malt kiln and in the basement is an old metal oven or heating unit branded with the name of Allbright Ulverstone.

The owner then was an Albert Gaskell (joiner) of 34 Fountain Street Ulverston, who on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1937 sold it to the parish of Osmotherley for £70 in order that it would be used for the education and benefit of adults and children living in the said parish. Local people at the time donated time and building materials so that it could be converted into a village hall. The first chairman of the committee was Col H Kennedy and the first secretary was Mr William Higgin. The records of the minutes from this date show how the Hall was used for the enjoyment and benefit of the residents and detail dances, whist drives, galas, band concerts and celebrations of all kinds. The Hall is always decorated before Christmas to add to the festival ambience.



Broughton Beck, with gable wall of Hall visible on right.

With the passage of time the Hall, like any building, has needed maintenance, renewal and updating but with the passing of the Disability Discrimination Act the managing committee and the residents realised that there needed to be radical improvement to the access to the Hall and to the facilities within the Hall. To this

end plans have been drawn up to comply with the DDA and at the same time improve insulation and overall efficiency and safety. Estimates for changes and improvements have been received from Cumbria Energy Audit for heating and insulation and we are waiting for the detailed estimates relating to the internal structural alterations required.



Access road to Hall



Possible parking space near Hall

Grants have been applied for with Awards for All England and the Hadfield Trust and more applications are pending. We have spent approximately £3500 in the last two years weatherproofing and painting the Hall, most of which has been funded from money-raising events in the community. We have received £900 from Cumbria CC South Lakeland Division for the cost of painting.



Cumbria Way walkers passing by the Hall

Much more needs to be done to enable future generations to benefit from this focus of village life, and the enthusiasm and commitment shown by everyone in the parish augurs well for the future.

# Community Organisations – St. Mary's Church, Egton cum Newland

## Church of St. Mary The Virgin, Egton cum Newland

'Fair are the woods, and beauteous is the spot,  
The Churchyard hangs  
Upon a slope above the village school' - Wordsworth

The present church is situated on a hill overlooking both Penny Bridge and Greenodd villages, with magnificent views over the upper reaches of the Leven estuary and into the Cumbrian fells.

The church was built and endowed as the Chapel of St. Mary The Virgin by William Penny of Penny Bridge, and consecrated in 1791. William Penny died before its completion, but his son-in-law, John Machell, carried out the completion, becoming one of the first Chapelwardens. It was enlarged in 1831, adding a further 223 seats to the original 145. The present Chancel was built in 1855 in memory of James Penny Machell, and in 1864, the nave was entirely rebuilt by Countess Blucher Von Wahlstadt. The South Transept was built for the organ in 1890, when the original tower was demolished.

Extensive repair work has had to be carried during the last forty years; the west wall was rebuilt, with the original stained glass window being preserved but not replaced. The roofs have been replaced, a new toilet added and a sound system installed. Many thousands of pounds have been raised by the people of the parish and local organisations, although the Parochial Church Council is, at present, carrying a deficit on its budget.

The Parochial Church Council includes the Vicar and Rural Dean for the area, Reverend Gary Wemyss, two Church Wardens, David Lancaster and Roger Long, and nine other elected members.

There are some forty two members in total, with three quarters of these attending church services on a regular basis. The congregation can swell to two hundred or more for special services.

Some twenty children take part in the Jam Club, which started in 2005, and meets on Friday afternoons at the school. For teenage children there is a Lazer Club which meets in Ulverston.



.Joe Jackson at work maintaining the Church grounds

Church is an important part of village life and community, as a place of worship to spread the gospel, and for quiet reflection and meditation. Its members work for the benefit of the community, expressing their care with hospital and parish visiting.

Contacts: Church      Reverend Gary Wemyss  
                 Jam Club      Carolyn Dykes Tel: 861509

# Community Organisations – St. John's Church, Osmotherley

All are welcome to worship at this beautiful little country church.

Services are held twice a month, usually from the book of Common Prayer. Other services have included Mothering Sunday, Rogation, Harvest and an invitation from Edwin Twentyman in October to travel through the church's year in hymns and psalms.

Another addition for this year (2006), on the fifth Sunday in January, was an evening service following the liturgy of Iona, which was well received by the encouraging number who attended from across the parish. We also look forward to our regular Songs of Praise in July. Please note that the Annual Remembrance Day Service in November has been moved to 10.30 am. in order to commemorate the Act of Remembrance more appropriately and to avoid a clash with the Town service in the afternoon.

All services are usually sung and supported by members of the choir. We hope that this will continue. We are also grateful to Rev. Geoffrey Marrison and other members of the retired clergy who conduct most of the Communion services.

The quinquennial report from the Archdeacon in September '05 highlighted the problem of falling ceiling plaster and the surface of the outside path, as well as the state of the south nave roof. These matters are being addressed through the St. John's committee which remains responsible for the day to day running of the church, and liaises via the ARC system with the Parochial Parish Council of Ulverston Paris. At the time of writing, the path has been relaid and fundraising continues on a regular basis, mainly through an annual coffee morning, autumn supper dance, and carol concert. It is estimated that the work on the roof will cost in the region of £8,000.

St. John's remains indebted mainly to the same small, but dedicated, core of people who offer their support both at services and behind the scenes. A big thank you to all concerned.

Janice Eadington, Reader.

Alan Bing, Vicar. Contact Number: 588081



St. Johns Church, Broughton Beck

# Community Organisations – Penny Bridge C of E School



Penny Bridge Church of England School began its existence in 1869 when a local subscription established the school on its present site. It lies on the hillside beneath the church, between the villages of Penny Bridge and Greenodd, enjoying outstanding views across the Leven estuary and up the Crake valley to Coniston Fells.

The school was modernised and extended in 1963. A technology area was added in 1996, now utilised as a classroom for infant children, and a spacious new classroom in 1998. There are three further classrooms and an assembly/sports hall. Outdoors, there are hard surfaced, level play areas with extensive grounds sloping down the hill from the school.

The school is a Voluntary Aided Mixed Primary School with strong links to St Mary's Church, Egton-cum-Newland, and the local community. At present, it has eighty two children on its roll, aged from 4 -11years. A lively Christian outlook is encouraged. The school is a Sport England Activemark Gold School.

The Governing Body consists of the Chair, six Foundation Governors, two Representative Governors (one from the Parish Council and one from Cumbria County Council), one Teacher Governor and one Parent Governor.

The teaching staff consist of three full time staff, including the Head, and two part timers. In addition, it has three teaching assistants. A new Head Teacher has recently been appointed, and will take up the post during the Summer Term, 2006.



View of the front of the school

# Community Organisations – Penny Bridge After Schools Club

In 2000 a small group of parents with children at Penny Bridge School felt that there was a need for an After School Club in the area. There were no other childcare facilities and many parents had difficulties in juggling their work with childcare after school and in the school holidays. Grant funding for set-up costs was obtained and a qualified Playleader was eventually found so that the club opened in 2002. The group opened with 8 places per day but as a result of the popularity of the club this quickly increased to 16 places.



Children with their 'guys'

The purpose of the Club is to provide quality childcare in a safe environment and to provide play opportunities for children. The club is run by a voluntary Management Committee and registered with Ofsted. On a day-to-day basis it is run by a qualified Playleader and two assistants. The Staff are qualified in Childcare, Playwork, First Aid, Child Protection etc. The qualifications are 'topped up' on a regular basis. The Club is open from 3.15 pm to 6 pm every day in term time in the pre-school building in the grounds of Penny Bridge C E School, Greenodd, Ulverston. It takes children from 4 to 12 years of age. At the moment approximately 25 children are registered with the Club and use it on a regular basis.

Fees are charged for each session and are supplemented by grant funding from various bodies including Cumbria Community Foundation, Neighbourhood Forum and Surestart.



Children with staff 2006

The Club also provides a Summer Playscheme during the Summer holidays, running from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. This has become very popular and is an essential facility for parents who continue to work throughout all or part of the school holiday.

Further information and contact details of the Club can be obtained from Penny Bridge School.

# Community Organisations – Greenodd Pre-School Club



Greenodd Pre-school is a rural community pre-school, run by a committee of parents/carers. The pre-school moved in 1993 to a portakabin in the grounds of Penny Bridge Primary School.. We are a non-profit making charity and rely upon the fundraising efforts of our parents/carers and the government education grant for the day to day running costs and purchase of new equipment. We offer a play based curriculum centred around the 'Birth to Three Matters' Policy and Foundation Stage Guidance.

The primary aim of the pre-school is to provide a safe, friendly, play-based learning environment for the children. The welfare, safety, protection and the provision of equal opportunities for all children and parents is first and foremost our policy.

Currently we provide 5 morning sessions for children in their pre-school year and 4 afternoon sessions for children aged 2 years and 9 months to 3 years and 6 months.

The pre-school is registered with OFSTED and in January 2006 received a very glowing report. The Inspector commented that 'All children thoroughly enjoy their play and learning as the staff facilitate a wide range of exciting and stimulating play opportunities and activities'.

With funding, our vision for the future would include a purpose built pre-school with its own outdoor playground and garden area. At present, although the primary school is very accommodating, it has also to consider the needs of its

own children, which means that all the equipment for our outdoor activities need to be easily stored away. Having our own playground and garden area would enable the staff to enhance and develop a wider curriculum for outdoor play. Additional rooms in the pre-school would mean that we could accommodate more children and have separate areas for the different age groups. In the short term, the pre-school would like to improve its ICT; our current equipment was donated and has no internet facility. In this age of increased technology, the pre-school would like to offer its children a greater knowledge of ICT to aid them in their future development.



A Monday morning at the pre-school

All enquiries regarding places or for further information regarding the pre-school, please contact Mrs Rachael Denning, Deputy Supervisor. Tel. 07870 519357

# Community Organisations – The Crake Valley Croquet Club

The Leven and Crake Valleys Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, more generally known now as The Crake Valley Croquet Club, was founded about 110 years ago, for croquet, tennis and archery. From about 1960 it became tennis only, with no serious playing or coaching, and the local children used it as a recreation area. The premises are rented from the Penny Bridge Estate (21 year lease). In 1989, a croquet revival began. Soon afterwards, tennis began to decline because of the new all-weather and indoor facilities at Ulverston.

The club currently has 35 members. It has three full size croquet courts, one half size croquet court and one tennis court. The wooden clubhouse has been recently refurbished and a toilet installed. The club has its own ground maintenance equipment, and a good supply of balls, hoops mallets etc.

It offers coaching for beginners. It also offers visiting groups the opportunity to play a simple form of the game, with instruction, for an evening's entertainment; about six such groups, e.g. Women's Institutes, are hosted each year, with about 20 people a time. In April of this year, it will host an Open Day for recently formed University of the Third Age Group in Ulverston. Altogether, around 200 non-members make use of the club each year. It also has a social programme of coffee mornings, lunches etc.



In addition to the members' normal play, it organises club competitions and open tournaments, and takes part in two of the North West Federation Leagues. It also hosts an English Croquet Association v Scottish Croquet Association fixture in alternate years.



The annual running costs are covered by subscriptions, visitor's fees, tournaments and fund raising events. To assist further development, the club has recently applied for, and received grants from:

Neighbourhood Forum, for mains water provision - £900

The Croquet Association, for clubhouse refurbishment - £3000

Awards for All, for installation of toilet and sewage disposal system - £3950

Neighbourhood Forum, for purchase of mower - £500

All the work done complies with the Disability Discrimination Act.

The Croquet Association has indicated that, on completion of all the above work, the club will be welcome to apply to them for further funding for lawn improvements.

The Future:

Apart from the lawn improvements, the club's main concern is growth in membership. Its target is 50 members or more.

It would like to encourage more people in the catchment area to try the game, for casual recreation or competitive play. However, in order to mount an effective advertising campaign, it would need further public funding.

# Community Organisations – Egton Cum Newland Women's Institute

Egton-cum-Newland W I is not just 'Jam and Jerusalem'. We are a very active WI, making fun and friendship our aim and working together for the good of the community.

2005 was a very special year for the WI. Nationally we celebrated 90 years, the County Cumbria-Westmorland WI celebrated 85 years, and we at Egton celebrated our Diamond Jubilee.

Egton was formed in 1945 and 100 subscriptions were paid that year. It was a very active group of ladies, supporting the war effort with 500 books collected for the forces and 365 lbs rose hips forwarded to the collecting depot. A junior section was formed playing table tennis and lawn tennis in the summer and encouraging pen friends with America.

Today, our membership stands at 33; we try to encourage new members by inviting speakers and demonstrators covering a wide range of interesting topics. We have a charity stall and hold monthly competitions. August is our holiday month, but we meet socially with a special outing. December sees our annual Christmas party, always a popular event and we also have a Christmas Dinner.

We enjoy meeting fellow County members at various events, competitions and day classes, joining them at their open meetings. We participated in the Flower Festival last year at Cartmel Priory to celebrate 85 years of Cumbria-Westmorland WI, and of course we wear our Cumbria-Westmorland WI badge with pride as it was designed by one of our own members.

Over the years, we have worked hard in the community. In the early years, WI fought to get street lighting and improved bus services. It was through a National WI resolution that the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign was started. We have planted bulbs outside the local Village Hall and we maintain a heather garden. Today, we are fighting to keep our local toilets open as we feel they are a much needed service for the general public.



Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Grange Hall, 2005

Perhaps our claim to fame was in 1985 when nine of our members were invited to appear on the BBC Clothes Show programme wearing ball gowns made by themselves over a weekend. It proved to be a very exciting experience.

We hope that Egton WI will still be strong in another 60 years, working for the community, and sharing fun and friendship.

# Community Organisations – Egton Parish Lands Trust

Previously known as Egton Poor Lands Trust, this charity was formed in 1823 when the Enclosure Award was introduced allowing land owners to give land to the parish.

Income from the land was to provide for the needy of the parish. Before the introduction of the Community Charge, it provided Rate Relief for the benefit of householders.

The Trust owns approximately 105.94 acres of agricultural land and marsh, which is leased to three local farmers, and a tenanted cottage in Main Street, Greenodd.

In May, 1991, the new Scheme was approved by the Charity Commission and is administered and managed by a body of Trustees.

The aim of the Charity is still to provide financial assistance to the inhabitants of Egton cum Newland, particularly in relation to the education of children. For example, it can help families to fund their children's school outings and projects, and it gives grants to university or college students for books and equipment. Penny Bridge School and Greenodd preschool also benefit from donations, as do other local organisations.



View across fields to Arrad Foot, with some Parish Lands to the right

# Community Organisations – Crake Valley Friendship Club



Jan, Ann and Dorothy at Harewood House, 2000

The Crake Valley Friendship Club was formed in 1995 as a social club for people aged 50 and over, and retired people. Meetings were held in the Village Hall, Greenodd. The object of the club is 'To promote the welfare of the over 50s in any manner which may be deemed by law to be charitable, within the parish of Greenodd and Crake Valley District'. It is a non-political, non-sectarian organisation.

It was agreed to have some meetings at the Britannia Inn, Pennybridge, and that was the venue for all our meetings until September 2005, when we returned to the Village Hall at Greenodd. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, when we enjoy a lunch, produced by outside caterers, followed by a talk on various subjects, or a quiz, a musical afternoon, flower arranging or social time during which we play card games, dominoes, have Beetle Drives etc.



June and Chris with Armstrong Whitworth car, Beamish 2001

Occasionally we visit other establishments. Our December meeting takes the form of a Christmas lunch.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month from February to November we have a coach trip to various places of interest within touring distance. Non members are invited to go on the trips, space permitting. We also visit the theatres at Keswick and Blackpool.



Canal Cruise, Skipton. 2005.



Cynthia and Jack Burns

Our current membership stands at 45, with one of our founder members being an honorary member. Subscription fees are £5 annually. The club subsidises trips and theatre visits for members when funds permit. We have been fortunate in procuring grants from the Egton-cum-Newland Parish Council and the Egton-cum-Newland Parish Lands Trust.

Our current officers are:-

Chairman and Treasurer: Mr. Dennis Noall

Secretary: Mrs Anne Black

The accounts are audited annually by Mr David Lancaster

We are a very happy, caring group and we have a waiting list of people wishing to join us.

# Community Organisations – Lowick Young Farmers Club

Lowick Young Farmers Club is much the same as when it was formed fifty years ago in 1955. We are a group of about 30 young people aged between 10 and 26, not necessarily from a farming background, but mostly having an interest in the local rural area.

The club meets on Wednesday nights between September and May. The AGM is held in September when we elect members into positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to take charge of the club for that year.

During the year we take part in various activities, sometimes having speakers and sometimes visiting places of interest.

The Young Farmers Club is a competitive organisation. We compete as a club throughout the year against other clubs in a whole range of things, including Sports Days, public speaking, debating and stock judging. This leads to the annual 'Field Day' where clubs from all over South Cumbria come together to compete in anything from the traditional flower arranging, cookery, and stock judging competitions to the more modern cheerleading and aerobics competitions, as well as many other things to test everybody's skills. The Field Day is rounded off with a disco at night attended by over 500 people.

It is at these competitions and the many social events that take place during the year that we are able to interact with other clubs and meet people and generally do what The Young Farmers Club was set up to do – have fun.

As well as competitions, we are involved in fundraising for both our club and the County Federation as well as local charities. Recent fundraising events have been a 13 mile sponsored walk from Broughton to Lowick, and a Duck Race held at Colton. Our annual Whist Drive also raises funds for the club as do the attractions on our stand at Lowick Show.



Lowick Young Farmers 2006.

# Community Organisations – Greenodd and District Horticultural Society

Greenodd Horticultural Society was founded in 1942 when twenty two parishioners met to discuss the possibility of holding a horticultural show, in aid of the Red Cross. The chosen venue was in Greenodd Institute and on Tewitt Marsh, where there would be side shows and a baby show. This was duly arranged for Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 1942, and opened by Lady Alice Egerton of Arrad Foot. The Society's records contain an official receipt from the Red Cross for a donation £104: 4 : 8d.



Ken Birkett receiving a cup from Mrs Gill

The show continued every year until 1953 when the Secretary retired due to ill health and there was no volunteer to replace him.

In 1960, after a break of seven years, volunteers came forward anxious to form a new committee so that the annual flower show could continue. Since then, the Society has gone from strength to strength and it has not been too difficult to find people willing to serve the Society. One of the founder members, Mr J. Dover from Sparkbridge, was still exhibiting his award winning onions and tomatoes last year at the wonderful age of ninety.

With the opening of the new Village Hall in June 2003, the Society is the envy of other show organisers; the number of exhibitors continues to increase, as does the membership, although new members are always welcome. Thanks to the effort of the Committee, a discount facility has been arranged with Hill Foot Garden Centre for members to receive a discount of 10%.



1992 Lawrence Martin judging flowers, with Steward, Jimmy Dover

If anyone is interested in joining or wants more information about the Society, please contact the Treasurer, Mrs Mary Barnes, on 584926.



Jimmy Dover with his award winning onions in 1992

# Survey Results

## Method:

The Survey was undertaken mainly in August/ September 2005, and finally completed with the results from Greenodd in January 2006. Although some residents were on holiday in August during the survey, the weather was fine and many people added further informal comment to the questionnaires as they were collected.

The survey was designed to satisfy two requirements: firstly to gather some statistics e.g. age spread, housing requirements and work practice, and secondly, to gather views on those matters where it is possible for the parish council to effect an improvement either itself or in conjunction with other tiers of government and funding bodies.

The combined parishes have a total electorate of 943, with 589 households. In all, 900 questionnaires were distributed of which 467 were returned. Some of these were filled in by a single member of a household representing the household's joint views; others preferred to give individual views.

Although this method does not give results with an accurately quantifiable percentage of the electorate, we feel confident that the method allowed households to express themselves in the way that best suited them and was justified by the high number of completed questionnaires. It is possible to say that these returns reflect the views of at least 55%, probably as much as 70% of the electorate; a figure which gives the Parish Council confidence to act on the results.

In addition to the main questionnaire, there was another one designed for those under eighteen. Here, the Parish Council was seeking feed back on issues such as recreation and safety.

There is no exact figure for the number of 18 year olds living in the parish. 200 questionnaires were distributed, and 76 were returned.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for taking the time and trouble to fill in the forms and make your views known. Many of you had put some considerable thought into your replies, and we hope that the actions that the Parish Council takes as a result of this consultation exercise will justify your efforts.

## Results

Throughout this report, the figures given are those of the actual returns. Each question, or group of questions, has been summarised. The summaries have included residents' comments where they were requested. The numbers in brackets which are given in the comments refer to the number of people giving that particular comment.

The excellent return rate has provided a clear picture of the wishes of the community. It was heartening to find that many people value and cherish the present environment, and do not want to see much change.

The results high light certain areas of general concern. These are:-

Road safety.

Lack of safe footpaths and cycleways.

Public Transport

Lack of public toilets

Litter

Lack of communication between Council and community, and within the community itself.

Recreational Facilities for the young

Lack of affordable housing.

These are addressed in the Action Plan.

# Survey Results – Adult Questionnaire

## Population Profile

### Question 1

Age and Gender		
Male		Female
5	18-19	2
6	20-24	5
14	25-34	19
73	35-54	89
57	55-64	66
41	65-74	35
21	75-84	23
5	85+	6
222	Totals	245

The majority of parishioners are within the age band of 35 to 64, with a gradual decline in numbers in the elderly population. There are very few young people living in the parish, and it would appear that it is not until marriage that people choose to settle in the parish. This may be a reflection of the relatively high cost of housing and a lack of suitable single person accommodation. See question 13.

### Question 2

Length of time lived in Parish			
Years	Egton	Osmotherley	Mansriggs
50+	41	8	3
25-49	102	8	3
11-24	105	25	5
5-10	64	11	1
0-4	40	20	2



View across Pennybridge from churchyard

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## Question 3

Are you currently:

At school 0    At college 12

Employed:-

Full time 125    Part time 59    Seasonal 4

Self-employed:-

Full time 53    Part time 25    Seasonal 2

Only 64% of the 280 respondents to question 3 are engaged in full time work, with 29% of the total being self employed on a full or part time basis. Few people attend college, one of the difficulties being the lack of public transport.

## Question 4

Do any of the following apply to you?

177	Retired
27	At home, caring for children
3	At home, caring for elderly
4	At home, caring for a disabled person
4	Unemployed/job seeking
9	Unable to work on health grounds
227	None of these apply to me

Out of a total of 451 parishioners who replied to question 4, almost 40% are retired. 6% are at home caring for children, though many of these are also working part time or on a seasonal basis, as are some of the nominally retired members of the community.

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## Services: Quality, Access and Transport

### Question 5

Location lived in:	
221	Greenodd/Pennybridge
59	Arrad Foot/Broughton Beck
58	Spark Bridge
126	Farm/Hamlet

As can be seen, the greatest concentration of people reside in Greenodd and Pennybridge, but there are a large number of households situated in hamlets or on farms. This makes communication within the parish a difficult and time consuming task



Greenodd Bakery

### Question 6

How often in the last couple of years have you made use of:				
	weekly	monthly	less often	never
Greenodd Shops	226	52	78	30
A local Pub	76	80	162	60
Local Village Hall	25	50	201	107
Ulverston Shops	353	73	27	2
Booths	345	61	37	7

Greenodd is fortunate in having a Post Office/village store, a Bakery, a Petrol Station, two Pubs and a Butcher's shop. These are well used and much valued by the Greenodd / Pennybridge sections of the parish. Those living in Mansriggs, Osmotherley and Newland find it easier to use Ulverston and Booths. 276 of the respondents use their village halls. Greenodd and Pennybridge Hall was refurbished in 2003 and is much used by a variety of groups. Broughton Beck and Spark Bridge Village Halls are seeking funding to improve their facilities.



Greenodd Post Office

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## Question 7

How easy is it to get from your home to the following facilities?

A: Very easy

B: OK

C: Difficult

D: Not applicable

	A	B	C	D
Greenodd Shops	305	80	26	37
Local Village Hall	319	72	16	35
Ulverston Facilities:				
Daytime	283	139	18	11
Nighttime	240	120	43	28
Railway Station	238	84	33	33
Educational Facilities	185	99	17	97

Many adults in the parishes own, or have access to private transport facilities. From the replies to questions 7 and 8, it can be seen that there are a number of people who do find it difficult to reach some of the facilities. Help is available through the South Lakeland Community Transport Voluntary Scheme, and the Cumbria County Council Rural Wheels Scheme, although the latter cannot be used for access to Barrow Hospital as it crosses the administrative boundaries. There is much good will in the community to help with transport, see question 28, but there needs to be a communications network in place to match those wishing to assist with those who have the need.

## Question 8

Do you ever have difficulty getting to the following:

A: Often

B: Occasionally

C: Never

Hospital	12	70	369
Doctor	12	56	384
Chemist	11	61	371
Dentist	25	61	351
Optician	10	47	370
Chiropodist	14	31	324



Bus service at Sparkbridge

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## Question 9

If you are a public transport user, or would like to be, how do you think that it could be improved?  
(tick more than one box if required)

More regular buses	170
More taxis	43
Access to Dial-A-Ride	36
Better parking in Ulverston	132
Better train service	77

### Respondent's Comments:

- Later buses (2)
- Free parking (2)
- Buses on Sunday (2)
- Bus stop at Greenodd for Kendal, Windermere etc (9) Bus X35
- Country bus service of little use unless it picks up/ lets down anywhere (2)
- Better, easier access to public transport
- Through train to London
- The present N.O.W. card could be used by pensioners for other transport ie Taxis as before, or tokens instead (2)

As can be seen from these responses, there is a considerable desire to be able to use the public transport to a greater extent than is at present possible. Many people find it both difficult and unsafe to access the X35 service in its present mode of operation. It needs to be brought into the village if it is going to serve the needs of the electorate. For those seeking to access Ulverston in the evening, which includes the teenage population, it would greatly assist the parish if there was a later bus.

## Question 10

Please indicate, by circling the relevant number, how satisfied you feel with the provision of local services:  
(No 1 indicates highest satisfaction, No 5 the lowest. X means not used)

	1	2	3	4	5	X
Hospital services	141	115	78	19	8	75
Local medical care	218	116	47	22	8	25
Home care services	19	10	5	6	3	277
Emergency responses	56	40	19	13	6	258
Police	38	56	37	28	24	234
Fire	42	34	15	2	1	310
Ambulance	73	45	15	10	4	260
Refuse collection	132	116	109	46	35	6
Education:						
Preschool	32	31	10	3	0	267
Primary school	45	37	4	3	1	256
After school	18	13	11	2	4	291
Secondary school	20	37	12	7	2	274
Sixth form college	10	26	8	4	3	330
Further education	5	29	11	9	3	278
Adult education	15	37	25	9	2	258

### Respondent's Comments:

#### Hospital Services:

- Hospital good on whole but one big mistake in treatment after operation
- Concern over parking facilities at hospital - lack of available space and charges
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#### Local Medical Care:

- Medical care, though v good, usually have problems finding house
- Dr.s apts difficult to get (3) Difficult to see your own doctor (1)

# Survey Results – Adult Questionnaire

- Medical service out of hours can take an hour before action is taken
- Bay call - can take up to 1 hour - why go through Kendal and then Barrow?

Home Care Services: No comment

Emergency Responses:

- Concern as to whether emergency services could find them quickly enough
- Concern that emergency service access up Pennybridge Hill could be blocked because of parked cars

Police:

- Never see a Police Patrol in rural areas (1)PB or Greenodd (3) Unless they're lost or taking a short cut.
- Police response, whilst prompt, has varied in quality in past.
- Police - evening service ineffective, no recognition of roads and area in south of county
- Police: have dealt badly with Buffers issue - too supportive for no apparent reason
- Police Speed Checks: should be in town centres and not on 'safe' stretches of road
- Police service has become apathetic
- Police - more police on the beat instead of in their cars (2) and in schools. We pay a high precept for them

Fire: No comment

Ambulance: No comment

Refuse Collection:

- Recycle facilities for card/cardboard, envelopes, soft plastics, particularly for latter. (15) Recycling boxes for aforementioned . Central collecting place for batteries, as in France.

- Service of refuse collection staff excellent,(6), but there is a need to empty bin every week (30) Extra bags left behind (2)Rules re extra bags should not be so rigid (1) Suggestion of household waste every week, recyclables once every 3 weeks
- Refuse: (Considering amount of council tax we pay, 1)refuse service should be prepared to take a greater range of items,(4) instead of us having to take them to Morecambe Rd depot.
- Refuse: New system works better - reliable collections etc (1)
- Supports recycling but proliferation of wheelie bins and nowhere to store them creates a problem.(3)
- Reduced collections a problem particularly where there are holiday cottages
- Blue boxes not always being collected in houses away from village

Education:

- More pre school facilities for children (1)
- More After School facilities for children (2) Facilities few and far between, especially in Ulverston (1)
- Afterschool care to extend to secondary education- especially for yrs 7 and 8
- Would like free school transport to John Ruskin
- Too many parents driving children to school instead of letting them walk
- Need to return pride into secondary school. Make sixth form independent
- Facilities for secondary schools limited in this area - UVHS is too big.
- Concern over threatened withdrawal from non accredited adult education
- Back to Basics education - too much bureaucracy - 'things are silly and daft'
- Suggestion for adult education day/night to be held in village Pennybridge (3) More courses by LEA eg reflexology, keep fit, crafts
- Bus service at night would be useful for education classes

Other:

- Emergency road service contract should not be renewed with Capita

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- Lack of gritting on Pennybridge Hill and Ellis Wood
- It would help if these bodies actually listened to public opinion

## Summary of question 10:

Although this question gave rise to much comment, the figures show a high degree of satisfaction with most of the services, and much of the comment was constructive in nature.

Local medical care and the ambulance service both appear to be functioning well, though with some practices, a few patients are finding it difficult to obtain an appointment under the new system.

71% of the respondents who had used the hospitals services rated these in the top two categories, with a further 21% in the middle category. Only 7% rated the hospital services in the bottom two categories.

Likewise, the fire service was perceived to be functioning well, with 81% of the respondents who had used the service placing it the top two categories.

The police service received a more even range of marks across the satisfaction range, with only 51% registering satisfaction levels in the top two categories. Apart from their training days in the Village Hall, the police are not much in evidence in the parish. Although the local crime rate is low, some respondents would like to see a more obvious police presence in the immediate vicinity.

The recent changes to the refuse service have been welcomed, although there are some households, perhaps those with larger families, finding it difficult to constrain their domestic refuse to the one bin and one extra bag. Many people would welcome further extensions to the recycling programme e.g. collection of plastics from the home. See also replies to question 15.

In education, the majority of the responses fell into the top two categories, although it is worth noting that secondary education and the sixth form received the greatest response for category 2, not for 1. Adult education also failed to

achieve the greatest number of responses in category 1, 71% of those who have used the service giving it a category 2 or 3 placing.

There were some requests for adult education classes to be held in Greenodd / Pennybridge Hall. This perhaps reflects the transport difficulties when attending classes in Ulverston.



Pennybridge Village Hall

# Survey Results – Adult Questionnaire

## Housing and Environment

### Question 11

What type of housing meets the requirements of your household:

House	357
Bungalow	53
Flat	4
Rented accommodation	45
Sheltered housing	0
Adapted for disabilities	5
Low cost/starter home	7

### Question 12

If you are not satisfied with your current home, why is this?

Dislike type of housing	4
Dislike management by landlord	6
Home in poor condition	8
Home wrong size	13
Problems with neighbours	8
Dislike area	1
Inconvenient location	4
Too expensive	13*
Other: Please state	18

## Respondent's Comments:

\*This applies to rented accommodation (2)

- Dog fouling outside home (2)
- No Mains gas
- Council tax too high (6)
- Still awaiting repairs from council after 4 months
- Noisy neighbours (1) problem neighbours (2)
- Poor and slow repairs (3)
- Road too busy for access (P)
- Road noise (P) (3)
- Difficult parking (PB 3)
- Inconvenient for steps leading to front door
- Difficulty walking up Pennybridge Hill
- Small garden
- House too small for number of people living in it (? 3 generational family here)
- Would like to see some bungalows built so elderly don't have to leave village (2)

## Summary:

Most of the respondents feel that they are housed in accommodation that suits their needs, although a few of the elderly residents would prefer to move to a smaller home, preferably of bungalow type.

Most of the dissatisfaction was expressed by those in rented accommodation. Some felt that the council tax was too great.

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## Question 13

Is there anyone in your family who would like a house in this general area but cannot afford one?

Yes 113

No 281

Please explain, if you wish

### Respondent's Comments:

- House prices being forced up by second home owners (2)
- Son would like to convert barn on own property but cannot afford mortgage (1)
- Son, engaged, would like to live near to his place of work on farm
- Second homes should be taxed at a higher rate
- No work in area; have to move away
- 2 daughters, both with children, can't afford to rent
- Son would like his own home (5)
- Homes too expensive, (11) even for those on a professional (reasonable) salary.(2)
- Not enough local occupancy housing
- Lack of employment opportunities (3)
- People get council houses who do not live in village
- Starter home needed (8)
- Sister, but can't afford one (2)
- Had to extend own house so that daughter and husband had somewhere to live - difficult for them to afford it otherwise
- Daughter/son and partner can't afford local housing (4)
- Estate renting not gone to true locals as was supposed to be the case.
- Outpriced by incomers and holiday lets

- Prices of property sales and rent are becoming out of reach for many in this area. Rental market must start to once again accommodate needs and finances of people who do not want to move away (3)
- Like to move to larger house to accommodate family, but houses too expensive

### Summary:

Unsurprisingly, the number of affirmative replies to this question was high – 40% of those replying to this question. There is some anomaly built into this question as it is possible for several members of the same family to have answered affirmatively on behalf of the same member of the family. Even so, it does reflect the concern of family members having to move further away from their close relatives than they would wish.

The steep increase in house prices has created the problem of lack of affordable housing for the younger members of society across the whole country. In the South Lakeland Area this has been exacerbated by a swift rise in house prices combined with a drop in employment opportunities, especially for those with sufficiently good qualifications to command a salary with which they would normally expect to be able to afford a house.

The popularity of the Lake District as a place for a second 'holiday' home has exacerbated the situation, although it is worth remembering that many 'second homes' belong to people brought up in the Lake District who seek to retain a family connection in the area and may possibly retire here.



Pennybridge Main Street

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## Question 14

Have you have been involved in the planning decision process in this area?

Yes 124

No 305

If yes, please indicate how satisfied and fair you thought the process to be:

(No1 indicates most satisfied, No 5 least satisfied)

1	2	3	4	5
23	35	22	10	23

### Respondent's comments:

- Felt he was being unfairly treated throughout planning process. Many factors not taken into account when viewing planning area (1)
- A long process (3 months)
- Slow to respond
- Planning consultations have deteriorated over the years
- Very negative attitude of planners
- Not allowed to have a gas tank
- Sparkbridge traffic no better after traffic consultation
- Submitted points of opposition but site meeting occurred someday before deadline, and without parish council members present.
- Allowed industrial development on green field site to one person and refused an adjacent smaller development (2)
- Unreasonable requests by building inspector
- Arbitrary decisions by planning officers
- Regulations should apply equally in all cases

- Disregarded views expressed by all (80%) neighbours in terraced row (3)
- Objections were expressed in written form, but no one able to attend the planning meeting.
- Planning committee did not comply with their own rules (2)
- Children face huge house prices in near future if they set up home here
- Some houses too big for plots
- Parish council under resourced. Too much central decision making
- SLDC do their best but LDNP wrecked plan for tool making factory at Backbarrow
- Disregard of concerns / objections of neighbours.(2) Believe that neighbours should be allowed to be present at site inspection to explain their points in detail.
- No one actually listened and response very tardy
- Insisted on no gate within 4.5m of road. Consequently, entrance now gets used for parking and turning by others, thus posing a hazard to young children in family.
- Former Cartmel and Furness plan included starter homes and dwellings for elderly. Not accomplished - other housing types built instead at Ellis Wood and old engineering yard, Greenodd.
- Serious doubts about fairness of system

### Summary:

Only 26% of the 429 replies to this question had been involved in the planning process. As can be seen, there was a wide spread of opinion in satisfaction terms, although 51% of those who gave a classification did so in the top two categories. These answers serve as a reminder that planning issues can have a profound effect on personal lives and it is important that change to an area is managed in such a way that is fair, conciliatory and causes the least offence possible.

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## Question 15

Are you concerned about any of the following environmental problems:

Busy roads	224
Speeding traffic	274
Lack of parking	154
Lack of footpaths	103
Lack of cycle paths	81
Poor street lighting	49
Litter/rubbish dumping	155
Household waste collection	102
Dog fouling	156
Other (please specify)	17

Please give details of your concern:

## Respondent's comments:

### Busy Roads

- Dangerous Greenodd junction (23) Would like roundabout Greenodd (5)
- A590 junction chaotic and confusing. Speed limit of 40mph (4) 30mph (1) either side . Roundabout should be given immediate consideration rather than the interim measures.
- A590 extremely dangerous (6) Speed limit required along full length (1)
- Volume and speed of traffic on A590 makes it difficult to enter and exit Newland village by car (3). Newland/Plumpton junctions (2) Needs 30 mile an hour signs (1) Exits should be widened.
- Poor uptake of complaints and reports by C C Council over busy roads and speeding traffic
- Underpasses on A590
- Increase in traffic on our country lanes is cause for speed restriction

- A595 and A5092 between Silecroft and Greenodd unfit to carry industrial and commuter traffic
- Anxiety over proposed de trunking of A5902 - width of road, size and weight of vehicles using this road
- Too much heavy traffic on A5902, especially now Grizebeck road closed to HGV

### Speeding Traffic

- Speed of traffic A590 between Greenodd and Booths roundabout
- Speed of traffic along straight nr Newland garage
- Some people driving too fast on rural roads, country lanes(12) (sometimes in large vehicles that occupy more than half the road ) (young adults) Walking dangerous.(3) May be children (1)
- Tractor speeding with full trailers (2)
- Speed limit in lanes (5) Elleriggs Brow
- Traffic (usually tractors) travelling too fast (2) around the corner of Windy Ash Barn
- Access from respondent's farm onto A590 dangerous because of lack of road signs (Alps hill) and speeding traffic
- Would like to see traffic calming in Spark bridge to discourage use as a 'rat run' (5) Broughton beck (1)
- Speeding traffic through Sparkbridge; suggests 30 mile speed limit (6) B Beck (1)
- Would like to see speed limit on A5092 where there are houses e g the stretch by Farmer's Arms, Lowick
- Dangerous turning out of Alpine road onto main road, due to poor visibility and fast traffic
- Not complying with speed limit in village - Broughton beck (3)
- Speed of traffic PB hill (4) 20 mph speed limit in Pennybridge. 20mph speed limit plus cameras up PB hill and Mt Pleasant.(2) One way system (1) Mount Pleasant speeding (4)
- Traffic races up hill at 'school run' times PB.(1) Greenodd (1)Speed of traffic through main road A5092 Pennybridge, (12) Impassioned plea by

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Crake Terrace resident for 20mph speed limit, red tarmac, and a footpath. Similar comments re safety for pedestrians.

- Traffic calming on A 5092.(2) Suggestion for automatic speed indicators.

## Lack of Parking

- Would like more main street parking at Greenodd (1)
- Public car park Greenodd (1)
- Short stay car parking for shoppers in Ulverston too expensive we need a balance betw revenue and usage.(2) Why has all day parking at Daltongate risen from 80p to £3-00 (1)
- Free parking in Ulverston would help small shops.
- More residential parking in Sparkbridge
- Revenue greater if cheaper parking led to greater usage of car parks.
- Better parking at BB village hall
- Pennybridge, main street parking a problem (5). Also Greenodd and Mt Pleasant. Cars parked on both sides of road in PB and G - emergency vehicles unable to get through these parked vehicles, especially at night (6) Suggestion for residential parking permits
- Greenodd school. Parking (7) Impossible to pass for one hour at delivery/pick up time. Suggest 10 mins stop time (1) Suggestion to approach Diocese for land below church nr bridge at Pennybridge school.
- Dangerous parking on bend at entrance to Greenodd - frequently police vehicles

## Lack of Footpaths

- More paths beside narrow lanes, as have been developed in Coniston etc
- Footpaths need to be maintained
- Footpath required alongside A5092 between Greenodd and Pennybridge (6)
- Safety compromised by busy roads, speeding traffic and lack of footpaths
- Every road in this district should have a footpath and cycletrack
- No pavement on Mt Pleasant, dangerous for children walking to school, pedestrians are ignored

## Lack of Cyclepaths

- More cycle paths, footpaths and walkways needed (10) around Arrad Foot , A590 Newland to Greenodd etc(5) Ulverston to Newby bridge (1)
- Cycle path Greenodd to Ulverston (5)along old railway line (3)
- 'Traffic calming' islands force trucks etc against cyclists

## Poor street lighting

- Recently renewed street lights inappropriate for area - no consultation, lost opportunity to improve situation PB
- Too much street lighting PB
- Lighting on Public Footpath from Main Street to Mt Pleasant (2)

## Litter/Rubbish Dumping

- Fly tipping, rubbish in countryside(14) Take away rubbish (1)
- Litter, cans, rubbish chewing gum deposits
- Fly tipping and litter dumping on A590 layby (2) (dual carriageway, Alps 1)
- Fly tipping and dog fouling increasing. No one enforcing the legislation. (2)
- Rubbish dumping along Plumpton Beach, particularly by fishermen, campers and snackers.
- Rude teenagers, badly behaved ? related to litter problem
- Litter bins in P
- Litter PB (2) around PB village hall and bus stop (1) Greenodd (2)
- No longer have street sweeping, Greenodd. Village looks untidy

## Household waste collection

- Household Waste: could include some form of plastic recycling, cardboard. (15) Other places eg rural Suffolk/Norfolk, even Isle of Mull have plastic recycling. Ulverston recycling centre could be open every day. (3) Insufficient collections of green waste - Shropshire have green bag system, can fill as many green bags as you like (1)
- Would like to see free waste recycling facilities for businesses, believes this would eliminate fly tipping

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- Dislike wheelie bins (1) Some left outside property boundaries(1)

## Dog fouling

- Local people (Sparkbridge) actively allowing dogs onto picnic area, ignoring 'no dog' signs.
- Dog fouling, Sparkbridge. Would like dog warden (1) Dog F on Ulverston Council walks ie Gill, B Beck, Hoad. Dog owners should be 'educated' to clean up. Pennybridge (7) Greenodd (9) (PB and G, though, better than they used to be 2)
- Dog fouling on lanes bad. (2) Silver Lane Sparkbridge, Gill Ulverston.

## Road Maintenance

- Lack of 6'6 signs on back roads (1) (wagons use short cut from B5281 A590. Damage to route and restricted roads dangerous)
- Lack of roadside maintenance (10)
- Lack of road surface maintenance (2)
- Dead end roads should be signed (2) (in particular, Plumpton 2)
- Lack of cutting roadside hedges (4) Poor clearing causing bicycle punctures(1)
- More signs and road markings needed for blind bends, road narrows, slow down, flood warnings etc.
- Over use of road signing
- Damage to road side verges by tractors and highways agency
- Blocked road drains (nr Alps farm) (2)
- C CO Council's eradication of flowering plants on roadside verges by destructive and inappropriate mowing
- From Alpine road to Newland garage on A 590, there is no cyclepath or pavement. Grass verge is not safe, too narrow and grass too long.(3)
- Grass should be cut at dangerous turn from Newland Farm road(1) Newland (1) onto A590
- Traffic parked on No through road at Rosside makes resident's access difficult. Better if verges cut back as far as possible.
- Would like grass kept low on roundabouts
- No gritting during bad weather PB

## Other

- Residential use of fireworks (1)
- No further development of greenfield sites/rural location
- No more windfarms (2)
- Canal is in poor, weed choked condition
- Environment needs help: would like to install wind turbine, but would need assistance and info
- All things in list need addressing!
- Action required for bus shelter at Pennybridge
- Lack of public toilets, Greenodd (5) Fouling by 'disappointed travellers'

See also questions 30 and 31 for further comment.

## Summary

The environment is an area in which a parish council is often the public body most aware of what is happening, and by working closely with District and County Councils is able to effect a change. In future, in areas of concern such as litter and dog fouling, it will be able to take direct action by issuing 'on the spot' fines.

Respondents were encouraged to expand on their concerns and there is much in these replies that can help the parish council improve the local environment for people.

Increase in vehicle size and road use is leading to a general concern about road safety, both on trunk roads and on the smaller lanes. The respondents' replies high light the areas of greatest concern. Whilst the parish council will endeavour to effect improvement at these places, it is hoped that County and District officers, when reading this report, will take note and act upon the concerns expressed here.

Respondents have also drawn attention to a deterioration in road maintenance standards. Although SLDC has put a direct help line in place to enable the public to notify council authorities of poorly maintained areas, the system does not seem

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to necessarily always work effectively. Is it time to consider a re-introduction of the ‘linesman’?

Greenodd and Penny Bridge has a major problem of car parking space which, given the small amount of flat land available, is a difficult problem to resolve. The council will take what measures it can to alleviate the problem.

Many people wish to be able to walk or cycle more frequently, but feel unable to do so on the roads where the volume or speed of traffic makes it dangerous. The ‘Quiet Lanes’ and ‘Green Ways’ projects are a start in addressing this problem, but more needs to be done, and at a faster rate of progress.

## Employment

### Question 16

If you are seeking new employment, is there any particular kind of assistance which would help you to find the right job? (tick more than one if required)	
More support with childcare	10
Help looking after elderly/sick person	3*
More training	5
More information in job search	11
Better transport	11
More qualifications	9
Grant	11
Other: please state	1

Respondent’s comments:

\*Written by disabled elderly person living with daughter and son in law

- More jobs - teaching
- Internet access

Summary:

The parish council has noted those respondents who are in need of assistance to enable them to be employed. In future, it hopes that better communication in the form of a web site will enable people to access help more quickly.

Eleven of the respondents are experiencing difficulty in finding employment and/or accessing further training due to the lack of good public transport.

Some funding is available from the Egton Parish Lands Trust to help with training.

### Question 17

If you are in employment/unemployed, but are considering a change to self employment, would you like to receive information on the help available?			
Yes	23	No	121

The parish council has noted those who would like to receive information on the help which may be available to them.

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## Question 18

Would you like to see more business premises being made available in the parish?

Yes	143	No	167
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### Respondent's comments:

- Depends on impact to area (4)
- Village shop (Sparkbridge)
- If in assigned sites, suitable location (5)
- Small scale, sensitively placed

### Summary:

In spite of the fact that there is little employment opportunity in the parish, less than 50% of the respondents to this question wished to see more business premises being made available. This may be a reflection of the small amount of suitable land available for development of this kind, but it also reflects many respondents' appreciation of the peace and tranquillity of their surroundings. See replies to Question 29. This highlights a requirement for the Parish Council and the Planning Officers of SLDC to ensure that any development of business premises is of a suitable type for the area.

## Recreational Facilities

### Question 19

In general, where do your children play?  
(tick more than one if necessary)

At home	109
At friends' homes	75
In street	22
Elsewhere	34
Not applicable	250

### Question 20

Are you happy about where your children play?

Yes	85
No	10
Uncertain	21

### Question 21

Are you satisfied with the recreational facilities for both young people and adults in:

	Young People	Adults
This parish	25 (no 67)	99 (no 20)
Ulverston	76 (no13)	150 (no 4)
S. Lakeland	66 (no5)	123 (no 3)

If not satisfied, what improvements need to be made to the facilities?

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Question 21 continued

Respondents' comments:

Pennybridge and Greenodd:

- Play area needed for children in Greenodd, Pennybridge area (38) Park gone from latter. Plea to replace it Some think it disgraceful that it was closed
- Nothing for 14 to 18 year olds (23) in village (P and G) and very little in Ulverston. (2) and in most areas (2) More sports facilities needed and 'safe' hanging out space eg Drop Zone café initiative in Barrow. 'Kick about area', skate park, BMX track, badminton, table tennis. Haverthwaite has a sports field, PB doesn't
- No facilities for children in Greenodd and Pennybridge. More needed (13)
- More use of Greenodd V Hall which could be publicised on a web site.
- Youth club Pennybridge (2)
- No recreation facilities for adults. (4)
- Why have tennis courts been removed for more croquet lawns? (2)
- Flat playing area for children P and G (3)
- More classes suitable for young people and adults, using Greenodd VH (2) Keep fit, Arts and crafts
- Would like to see PB village Hall being used for a wider spectrum of activities
- More people need to get involved in getting a wide range of interests sorted for young and more mature, PB
- Would like longer opening hours at Ulverston pool during term time
- Nothing in Parish except for Public House
- Everything in Parish has been achieved by local parish and people. Would like to see SLDC/CCC doing more to support parishes in their efforts to help community.
- Footpath across estuary should be provided with lighting so that people can safely walk/run there in the dark
- Need to make it safe for children to get to play areas i.e. 20mph limits, more safe footpaths, especially on A5092

Spark Bridge:

- Play area needed for children in SP (2)
- Better use could be made of Spark bridge Hall. Hall committee not very 'inclusive'
- Sparkbridge Village Hall could do with money spent on it
- Nowhere indoors for children to meet and play in parish (Sparkbridge resident)

Broughton Beck:

- Nothing much in village - looking forward to an improved village hall, Broughton beck
- Communal large area in B Beck, football etc, perhaps some playground equipment (3)
- No recreation facilities for adults in B Beck.
- Lovely, but not essential, for children of B Beck to have some facilities available to them, particularly autumn/winter time

Rossie:

- Facilities limited in parish - Rossie respondent

Non specific:

- Parish venues limited in respect of young people (3)
- Improved sports centre
- Meeting areas for young people
- More for young people (4)
- More cycle paths to avoid them cycling on main roads.(1)
- Roads narrow for safe cycling
- Social events for young children
- In comparison to large city, opportunities for children restricted, but it is a trade off for rural environment.
- Transport rota for parents with children who want to meet friends?
- Youngsters and young adults(in Ulverston 1) seem to need more positive activities to keep them off the streets (3)
- Plenty of choice for those interested, but young people will always remark 'There is nothing to do'!

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Summary for Questions 19, 20, and 21:

Almost 75% of those respondents with children said that they were happy with where their children play. None the less, examining the responses to question 21, where, when asked to say if it was thought that the recreational facilities for young people were adequate, 67 respondents registered a 'no' response, in spite of the fact there was no column for them to do this.

Penny Bridge and Greenodd have a major problem of lack of flat land for outdoor public recreation. In the past, there has been a recreational field on land that was subject to flooding, but which now involves crossing the A5092 trunk road. There was also a park area which has disappeared under a housing development. For young children, the most obvious place to situate a safe play area is where there is one already – in the school grounds, and it would therefore make good sense to extend the use of this facility outside the school hours. For older children, outdoor provision is difficult; facilities exist in Ulverston and elsewhere, but children have to rely on transport provision from their parents. A good communication system could facilitate a greater sharing of transport.

Greater use could be made of the P/G Village Hall, which, since refurbishment, provides a comfortable and inexpensive venue. Likewise in Sparkbridge and Broughton Beck, which both have high ceilings, and once upgraded, will be able to provide suitable venues for a variety of activities, including sports such as badminton.



Children playing by river, but area also used as emergency slipway

## Support and Communication

### Question 22

Do you think that the parish council serves the community well?

Yes	193
No	25
Uncertain	221

### Question 23

Do you feel that communication between the parish council and the community is as good as it should/could be?

Yes	155
No	102
Uncertain	167

If 'no' or 'uncertain', how do you think that it could be improved?

### Respondent's comments:

- Notice boards or circular (13)
- Reporting of minutes/decisions made, as well as agendas.
- Free, delivered parish magazine (2) More detailed reporting (1)
- Newsletter (18) More info re upcoming events(1) Once/annum (2) Twice/annum (2)
- V rarely aware of what is going on within community if you're in the more isolated areas
- Web site suggestion (11)
- Uncertain over meeting dates, venues and how it operates (2)

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- This is first communication ever had from Parish Council (2)
- More communication by post regarding local issues rather than relying on public meetings for involvement
- Have 'open meetings' once/ twice yearly to network problems together
- Interesting to know what PC aims to do and how successful it is in doing it
- Did not know anything about parishes amalgamating. Will parishes get reduced funding as a result?
- Having 3 tiers of council, uncertain who to contact on some issues
- 'Give them less money' (1) complaint at high rates
- Social event in village hall
- P C should publish an annual account of its activities
- More publicity in advance of meetings
- Does not know that meetings reported in parish magazine
- As recent incomers, have been given good local village info - Broughton Beck
- Photo/names and addresses of local councillors on village notice boards (2)
- Newcomers since 3 months - heard nothing from PC (1) Local contact for families moving into area to provide them with info (1)
- Only source of written info is parish magazine, and not everyone gets this
- Sometimes get leaflets to keep us up to date, sometimes get forgotten
- Seem to be forgotten about unless elections, then everyone finds you!
- Don't have the involvement of large parts of community
- More info about services and opportunities available (2)
- Community should be more involved in environmental and social history projects e.g. Living Churchyard project, gardening work schemes etc
- More positive engagement with parishioners
- Work of council needs to be more widely publicised
- Not a wide spectrum of people come forward
- Suggestion for a member of Parish Council to go to every house in their particular area.

- Recommendation for parish council meeting dates to be more widely publicised in advance of a meeting (2)
- One respondent feels that PC is very 'cliquey'

## Summary:

Although 44% of respondents to question 22 were satisfied that the Parish Council is serving the community well, it is apparent from the responses to this question and to question 23 that there is a definite need to improve the communications between the Council and the community.

Although it is relatively easy to serve Greenodd and Pennybridge in this regard, much of the population is thinly spread over a number of separately defined areas which do not necessarily have much communication with each other on a frequent basis. Delivery of newsletters to every household would be expensive and / or time consuming; even keeping news boards frequently updated is problematical. A web site would seem to be the obvious solution, and one which could enhance communication within the community on a more general basis. See question 26.

## Question 24

Is the provision of public telephones adequate in your part of the parish?

Yes	249
No	81
Uncertain	91

Provision of public telephones varies throughout the parish. There is no provision at Newland, and Arrad Foot has had their public phone removed. There are areas where mobile phones do not function and this can create difficulties in emergency situations or where contact needs to be maintained with, for example, an elderly relative.

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## Question 25

Would you like a community facility providing access to the internet?

Yes	107
No	197
Uncertain	106

## Question 26

Would you like to have a parish website to which everyone could contribute?

Yes	185
No	109
Uncertain	116

From these replies, and those to question 23, it would appear that it is time for the parish to update its method of communications to something more suitable for the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Although 26% expressed a wish to have a community facility for internet access, this may prove difficult to facilitate as the parish has no public library facility.

## Question 27

Would you like help with any of the following?  
(tick more than one if required)

Travel	6
Your garden	17
Your house	5
Dog walking	6
Back up when you are away	22
Other - please specify	1*

## Question 28

Would you be willing to help your neighbours in any of the following ways:

Transport	133
Help in the garden	50
Help in the house	39
Dog walking	62
Back up when people are away	180*
Other - please specify	5

Respondents' comments:

\*Already do so (7)

- General help (1)
- Shopping (1)
- Suggestion for a Neighbourhood Watch
- Tree surgery / chain saw work
- Visiting elderly people if needed
- Fruit available on 'pick your own' basis

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Summary for Questions 27 and 28:

There is obviously much goodwill (and independence!) within the community.

Again, better communications would enable people to find the help they require from within the community.

Question 29

What two or three things do you most like about living in this area?

Respondents' comments:

Environment

- Countryside location, rural (126)
- Relaxing life style, pace of rural life (3)
- Quiet (113)
- Beauty of area, good views (104) World's best scenery! (1) View across River Crake (1)
- Pleasant area (5)
- Peace, peacefulness (89)
- The Calm, tranquillity (18)
- Low crime rate, safe (45)
- Safe for children to play outside (8)
- Great place for children to grow up in (3)
- Proximity of, access to, the countryside, Lake District, Lakes, fells (45) and coast, estuary
- Space (8)
- Outdoor recreation and activities on doorstep (4)
- Plenty of footpaths (Rosside) (1) B Beck (1) Nice walking area (5)
- Plenty of walking locations, walking in countryside (12)
- Proximity to AONB, SSSI, nature reserves
- Lack of pollution, clean air (12) Healthy environment
- Privacy (11)

- Nature, wildlife, environment (10)
- Trees (2) Woods (1)
- Wonderful diversity of local area. unspoilt rural area but with plenty of amenities (8)
- Not many neighbours (2)
- Slower pace of life (2)
- Solitude (3)
- Quiet neighbours
- Sparsely populated
- Remote
- Starry nights
- No street lighting (BBeck 5)
- No traffic jams, or traffic congestion (3)
- Garden
- Looking out onto fields and woods
- Not a lot of traffic
- No speed cameras
- Lack of vandalism
- Low density of housing
- Unspoilt
- Has somewhere to park car
- Golf courses
- Quiet roads
- Bridleways and footpaths
- Pleasant atmosphere
- Old churches and grave yards
- Local angling facilities
- Not a tourist hot spot
- Bluebell Wood
- House (3)
- History of area
- Relatively stress free life style
- Accommodation

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## People

- Friendly, or good people, (80)
- Openess and kindness of everybody BBeck
- Incomers to village (Pennybridge) are friendly
- Good neighbours, neighbourhood (52)
- Community spirit, community (34)
- Village environment, community (16)
- Close family living nearby (9)
- Family roots (2)
- Congenial relationships, friends (4)
- Lifetime friendships
- Immediate neighbours who are permanent residents
- Harmony we live by.
- Laid back attitude of people in area
- It's away from racial problems, bombs and drunken yobs
- Convenient for family life style
- Friendly business people
- Well behaved children
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## Community facilities:

- Good, local village shops, Greenodd (23)
- Easy access to shops, Greenodd (3)
- Access to quality local produce (2)
- Good general facilities in parish (8) Still a 'living' village
- Small schools (1) Good, local school (8)
- Local preschool, Greenodd
- GP in village (4) - without an appointment system
- Good medical service (3) Dr still makes house visits
- Good access to local services (3)
- Good post office, postal service (Greenodd 5) and waste collection service (2)

- Church and WI with friendly members. Supportive Church community (2)
- Nearby church
- Good village pub/s (4)
- Pubs not too far away (2)
- Good food in local pubs

## Location:

- Convenient location - easy access to town/s (29)
- Ease of access to main roads (12) A590 (5)
- Lack of time taken to reach work/ leisure facilities (2)
- Proximity of services and facilities of Ulverston without having to live in town.(8)

## Transport:

- Train service to Manchester

## Culture:

- Excellent entertainment, particularly Coronation Hall (3), Barrow, Kendal
- Lovely adjacent town of Ulverston - events, festivals etc
- Cultural mix across S Lakes

## Other:

- Job
- Low level of extreme islam support
- Most things
- Born and brought up in village - couldn't imagine living anywhere else!
- Everything! (2)

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## Question 30

What two or three things do you least like about living in this area?

### Respondents Comments:

#### Traffic Problems:

- Greenodd Junction dangerous (20) getting more so (2) Roundabout needed. Suggestion of a risk assessment, private if necessary, being done before there are any more accidents.
- Traffic (16) Especially during holiday season (2)
- Lethal, poor quality A 590,(15) speed A5092 (2)
- Access to villages/town via busy A590 (3)
- Speed of traffic (13), especially through lanes (10)
- Lanes being used as rat run whenever traffic slow on A590
- Heavy traffic (3)
- Speed and quantity of traffic through Sparkbridge - used as a short cut (4) Pennybridge (7)
- Number of road deaths locally
- Turning right onto A590 going towards Ulverston
- Access onto A590 at Newland/ Plumpton roadends
- Dangerous roads (2)
- Road danger A 5092 between PennyB and Greenodd.(2) Lack of traffic control systems
- Density of traffic on roads not designed for anything more than local traffic. Nothing being done about it - more 20mph speed limits and more footpaths needed.
- Roads too narrow
- Inconsiderate drivers along Croft Garth (B Beck) Speed bumps needed

#### Traffic and parking problems in parish villages:

- Parents using hill as racetrack in Greenodd

- School traffic driving too fast
- Traffic around school (2)
- People using large vehicles to take their children to school
- Road noise Pennybridge (2)
- Traffic noise from A590
- Not enough parking (Sparkbridge resident 1, Broughton Beck 1) Pennybridge and Greenodd(22)

#### Parking outside parish

- Difficult parking in Ulverston and Kendal
- Charging for parking by SLDC in Ulverston (2)

#### Footpaths and cyclepaths:

- Lack of lit footpaths and pavements, Greenodd
- Lack of public footpath on A5092 part of way between Greenodd and Pennybridge
- Limited road crossings (2)
- Lack of cycle lanes on country lanes
- Lack of Public Footpaths (B Beck respondent) (Pennybridge 3)

#### Road Maintenance:

- Poor state of Old Hall Road surface
- Always digging roads up. Suggests night working (1)
- Poor upkeep of rural roads (7) Lack of snowploughs and gritters (1) Poor road drainage
- Poor state of roadsides (2)
- Grass verges need more regular cutting (3) - long grass makes driving dangerous on narrow roads.
- Hedges need cutting back more often (7)
- Lack of co operation with local council as regards hedges, gulleys and roads
- Thorns on road after hedge cutting. Hedges should be cut better. (2)

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## Lack of employment:

- Lack of jobs, employment opportunities (6) Children having to move away to find work

## Council Tax:

- Very high council tax rates for service provided (9)

## Policing:

- Shortage of police to enforce legislation on parking, flytipping, dogfouling
- Dreadful police force
- Danger of driving on A595/A5092 and road to Coniston. Police should be more proactive, especially dangerous driving by motor cyclists

## Litter:

- Litter (in Ulverston 2) and fly tipping, rubbish (12) Walkers (1) on Cumbria Way (1)
- Lack of street cleaning (from Sparkbridge resident)

## Dog Fouling:

- (Ross side 2) Pennybridge (2) Greenodd (4)

## Refuse:

- Refuse: collections too few (2) B boxes not being collected (1)
- Charging for refuse sacks by SLDC for businesses (surely covered by business rates)
- Wheelie bins take up a lot of space

## Public Toilets:

- Closing of a number of public toilets in area, particularly one at Greenodd (2)

## Leisure facilities for young:

- Poor provision for teenagers(2)

- Lack of sporting facilities Pennybridge(3)
- Lack of play area in Pennybridge, Greenodd (4)
- Poor facilities for children PB and Greenodd (3)

## Public Transport:

- No late bus back from Ulverston (3) No bus into Ulverston after 6pm (2)
- Bus services, poor public transport, (34) infrequency, Kendal/Ambleside 6/8 and X35, buses do not come into village, G. Later bus service required. Cheaper fares for pensioners
- Reliant on car (2)
- Travelling
- The need to be a permanent taxi driver for my children! (2)
- Cost of travelExtension of hours/availability of 'Rural Wheels'.

## Housing:

- Expensive houses (6)
- Unrealistic/high cost of housing (2)
- Lack of 'first time' housing, Greenodd (3)
- Holiday homes (4)
- Off comers buying any houses for sale
- High density of housing on new estates (Pennybridge)
- Growth of second homes

## Council Performance:

- No one contact number for information. Services scrapped without council tax payers being informed
- Reduction in council services
- Not enough council facilities provided e.g. Street cleaning, road maintenance, street lighting, policing
- Lack of ambition by local government
- Poor social service provision. getting care for sick/elderly is difficult

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## Other:

- The random development of animal shelters and feed stores on agricultural land.
- Industrial premises working outside permitted working hours
- Hobby farmers erecting buildings in ridiculous places
- Boy racers in lanes (2)
- Armed youths on beach in evenings
- Weather (3)
- Long journey to get elsewhere (2) to specialised shops and entertainment eg ice skating
- Regular (Preventable) electricity failures (Sparkbridge) (3) Newland (2) Broughton Beck (1) PennyB (1)
- Holiday home owners who allow dogs to foul shared garden
- A little isolated (Sparkbridge) (3) Newland (1) Pennybridge
- No shops in Sparkbridge (2) Other (1) Broughton Beck (2) Lack of, Pennybridge (1)
- No gas (Sparkbridge) (3) Newlands (3)
- Shooting
- No lighting in Winter Sparkbridge or A5902
- National Park Authority. Distant, arrogant, wasting money on expensive magazine devoid of interest
- Westmorland Gazette - hopeless listing of 'What's on'.
- Intrusion ?by whom
- Unfriendliness of people (Sparkbridge respondent)
- Changing demographics
- People interfering with the running of the countryside
- Closeness of family (Also a most liked characteristic by same respondent!)
- The great number of second (holiday homes) (4)
- The number of road traffic and tourist signs despoiling the countryside
- Distance from cultural activities
- Mono culture, predominantly white, lacks variety and vitality
- Parochial outlook in local papers
- Bad neighbours (3) Noisy neighbours (1)
- Lack of community involvement (SB respondent)
- No local pub or areas to socialise (2) Broughton Beck (3)
- Flooded 3 years ago Would like to see sea defences really secure ie Poor lands trust area
- No street lights (Newland 1, Broughton Beck 2)
- Newcomers moving to area
- Lack of access to estuary for limited safe water sports ie dinghy
- Boy racers on beach
- Occasionally, some horse riders are too inexperienced to cope with roads.
- No local community events (Rosside area)
- Lack of community spirit . (Rosside area)
- Ulverston can be too busy in Summer - number of inebriated people spoiling nights out.
- Sellafield effecting level of radioactivity in water
- Rosside Tarn has been sold privately, fenced off, so children can no longer fish there.
- Sellafield water pollution
- Poor CCC planning
- Encroachment by trees, neighbours in particular
- Poor traffic system in Stockbridge Lane, Daltongate. Should be a one way system
- Close proximity of neighbours
- Gorse burning in Spring when birds are nesting
- Too far out on a limb (M6 ½ hr away) (2)
- The Cumbria Way
- Long way to get home after night out
- Not aware of community activities
- A lot of racists and bigots (P)
- Farmers who stop/obstruct use of fields, build difficult stiles to discourage use of pathways
- Lack of central government and District Council interest in improving rural life

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- Lack of social opportunities (P 1)
  - Distance to decent shops i. e. Kendal or Manchester
  - Lack of choice of supermarkets
  - No access to digital TV yet paying same licence fee as those who do have access
  - Neighbours bonfires
  - Too many intrusive street lights in PB On all night PB
  - Smelly bonfires
  - Poor terrestrial TV signal
  - Lack of communication with rest of world
  - Distance from station
  - Noisy dogs, Greenodd (1)
  - Lack of NHS dentist
  - Lack of late night pharmacist
  - Possibility of flooding at high tide
  - Power lines
  - General lack of amenities in district
  - Unattractive village setting
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- No complaints - we have moved to Heaven without dying!

## Summary:

Although many of these points have come up in previous questions, it is in this question that a significant weight can be given to the responses.

Transport requirements have changed greatly in the last 20 years, and although much has been done to provide the community with the systems it needs, there is obviously much that remains to be done in the provision of safe, well maintained roads, public footpaths, cycleways, and public transport alternatives.

The much reduced labour forces of the major companies in the area, combined with the recent blows to the agricultural industry, pose problems of employment.

Many young people leave the area for further education and are unable to return because of the lack of job opportunities. Those that do stay find it difficult to afford to buy their own houses. A number of people maintain their home in the area but work elsewhere in the country or abroad.

As can be seen from the children's questionnaire, parents are managing to provide a wide range of activities for their children, but it requires transport and time. Safe areas for the children to play at Greenodd and Pennybridge need to be found.



Junction of A590 and A5902

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## Question 31

And finally, if there is any other community issue that you would like to comment on, please do so below:

### Respondents' Comments:

#### Council Tax, CCC and SLDC performance:

- Cost of council tax - lack of value for money (1)
- Not enough facilities in return for the high tax paid (2)
- Now being charged for some services e.g. pest control (bees and wasps) When was this decided?
- Poor performance by CCC and SLDC, yet rates high. CCC has failed to address problems of Greenodd road junction, closed toilets and Lowick School properly
- Lower rates precept
- SLDC and CCC should get control of their officials and not be pushed around by them. Councillors in SLDC and CCC should write their own agenda for council meetings

#### To Parish Council:

- Parish Council not sufficiently pro active
- If Parish Council truly wish to encourage a sense of community, with all that can develop from this, there should be more publicised community functions such as fetes, agricultural shows, dances etc.
- Vital to safeguard local small communities and keep amenities.
- Planning applications should be more community based.
- Nothing ever seems to get done
- Greater clarity on role of parish council vis-à-vis Broughton Beck
- Parish Council should exercise its powers - spend more money eg Greenodd toilet and children's playground

#### Road safety, cycle lanes, footpaths:

- Roads unsafe
- Bus shelter on A5092 highly dangerous. Too small to accommodate all the children (5)
- Reduction of speed limits in outlying areas. (1)
- 60 mph is too fast past one's front door.
- Improve A 590 junction at Greenodd (7) by a roundabout.(4) 50mph speed limit, speed cameras, re-siting of some signs which block vision (1)
- Safer roads for children to walk to school on
- Would like to see a 20 mph speed limit in their lane. Unsafe for walkers
- Road safety issues on A5092 especially outside LA12 7SX (2)
- An improved road A590 (2) Traffic calming measures. Greenodd and Arrad Foot junctions lethal for new and inexperienced drivers
- Lack of visibility turning right from cul de sac opposite Pennybridge Hall. Bush and parked cars at foot of Meadow Bank.
- Would like cycle lane from Greenodd to Ulverston to be along disused railway line and not alongside the A590
- Doctor's hill (Pennybridge)should be one way i.e. up
- Change of priority on Greenodd Main Street. Right of way should be with traffic from Mt Pleasant not cul de sac on old road.
- Change traffic priority at bottom of Mount Pleasant to Mount Pleasant use
- Mount Pleasant too narrow for school traffic. How about drop off point by Village Hall and pupils and parents walking up to school using school field if suitable path constructed?
- More consideration needs to be shown to residents by parents bringing their children to school G.(3)
- Pavement on Main Street Greenodd needs some attention

#### Road Maintenance:

- Better road maintenance (2) Not good enough for the amount of tax we pay (1)

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- Ensure that notice of roadworks is placed well in advance of works.
- Better grass cutting on road sides (4) also trees, some of which are blocking vision (1), also hedges. Dangerous because lanes so narrow.
- A return of the lengthman to keep roads and verges in good order
- Would be nice to have the roads swept occasionally

## Waste collection, Litter, Dog fouling:

- Waste recycling should be increased (2) to include plastic and cardboard, to safe guard environment
- Should have dog dirt bins PB
- 2nd home owners who leave bagged rubbish out for collection in 2/3 days times
- The community should take more time on energy conservation, and keeping the area litter free.
- A service (chargeable) to wash out smelly dust bins

## Recreation:

- More community activities
- Children used to play in park near church (P) - no longer there
- Should be more for children - park, activities in village hall PennyB
- Playground needed; suggestion of Nellie's field as suitable.

## Public Toilets:

- Reopen public toilets at Greenodd (17) Nearby residents witnessing people using area behind toilets for urination and defaecation. Tear down if not going to be used.

## Parking:

- No Parking notices needed at Spark Bridge - opposite James Dover's house
- Crake Mount, Sparkbridge. Residents need a community car park
- Greenodd school needs a car park (2)
- Better parking arrangements in Greenodd and traffic calming measures in Main Street

- Free, or much cheaper parking in Ulverston

## Housing:

- Sheltered housing for older people
- Affordable housing for younger people (3)
- Provision of local housing - greater support required from District Council, LDNP planning policies

## Others:

- X35 bus service to Kendal to stop in village
- Worry about closure of St John's church
- More activities in Village Hall (from Sparkbridge resident) would be nice
- Sparkbridge Hall in urgent need of renovation. Important facility for young families moving into area and to bring in more visitors
- Very few provisions for pensioners (esp. home owners) - even public transport is NIL in some areas
- Would like more seats at safe places on roadside. Only one at Rosside is well used.
- Couple of benches on local popular public footpaths so one could admire the views and beck - Broughton Beck
- Is there a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Rosside?
- Tree preservation notices on local village trees Pennybridge. Do they exist?
- Eyesores Ship car park and disused garage Greenodd
- Old garage getting very run down looking
- Talks to enlighten locals that people of different colour or faith are not a threat or on the scrounge
- Fear for local pubs - not enough support
- Please stop taking down posters on village hall notice board which advertise pre school fund raisers - but much praise for village hall and the fund raisers for it.
- Community newsletter to cover hall, church school events and provide newcomers with a list of useful addresses
- Conservation / environmental issues merit discussion at meetings and should be incorporated into standard planning .see additional page

# Survey Results – Adult Questionnaire

- Egton church plays an important part in community life - surprised it isn't mentioned in questionnaire (2)
- Dislike of power of environmental conservation bodies - charitable and governmental
- Greenodd - Ship Inn Corner - Hebe bush blocks view when turning in. White line opposite not long enough.(2)
- Concern over the future of GP provision when Dr Moore retires
- Emergency launching ramp at Greenodd made into a by-way
- Could something be done with old Texaco garage to make it look less like a closed petrol station?
- Building development destroys character of village life.

## Summary:

This question was used by many people for constructive comment on matters which they felt could be improved upon, but which they didn't want to register as a 'strong dislike' in the previous question.



Closed public toilets



# Survey Results - Children's Questionnaire

## Population Profile

### Question 1

Age and Gender (tick one box only)		
Male		Female
5	5 - 7	9
11	8 - 11	9
9	12 - 14	8
6	14 - 16	10
6	16 - 18	3

Out of the 76 children who responded to the questionnaire, 39 were girls and 37 were boys.

## Recreation

### Question 2

Where do you spend your free time? (Tick more than one if required)	
At home	63
At friend's home	42
Outdoors in parish	20
In Ulverston	31
Somewhere else	20
If somewhere else, could you please explain?	

### Children's comments

- Greenodd village (Sparkbridge respondent)
- At work (3)
- Depends on the weather
- Walking on mountains
- Sport in Ulverston or Dalton (2)
- Barrow or other local areas, shopping or visitor attractions
- In Newland dirt jumps
- Coniston lake. Lakes with family and friends (2)
- Grandmother's house in U. or clubs in U.
- Ulverston golf club
- At clubs
- Playgrounds in other villages, swimming pools and Holker Hall gardens
- Adventure weeks at Dallam
- Horse at Blawith
- Brunton Park
- Army cadets
- Bike rides
- Barrow

### Question 3

Would you like to see more outdoor leisure/play areas?	
Yes 54	No 15
If 'yes', please say what sort of area and facilities you would like to have.	

### Replies:

A good football pitch, playing fields Football pitch or common ground, playing ground PBridge and Greenodd (14) BBeck (3)

# Survey Results - Children's Questionnaire

## Question 3 continued

- Quad biking area (3)
- More sporting activities (6)
- These include:-
- New tennis and badminton courts, swimming areas, cycling, cricket, female football club, mountain biking, horse
- More cafes (Sparkbridge respondent)
- Skate park (7)
- Roller blading park
- Somewhere for older children to hang around (20)
- Play area with equipment (5) PBridge and Greenodd (14)
- Cycle paths (3)
- Walks
- Sailing classes or slipway into estuary
- Park at PBridge and Greenodd (9) As at Bouth, where we have to go. 'Somewhere to ride my bike and roller skate' 'Ride a bike and play ball games'
- Would like more in Rosside but doesn't think it's feasible
- Youth club Broughton Beck (2) Greenodd (1)
- Go carts
- Zip line
- Swimming pool (3)
- Tennis courts (3) Hard surface (1)

## Question 4

What activities (clubs and classes) do you regularly take part in?

## Replies:

- After schools clubs (2)
- Football (13)
- Swimming (16)

- Tango class
- Biking
- Cycling (4)
- BMX
- Cricket (2)(Lindal Club 1)
- Rugby (3)
- Dance, ballet (8)
- Horse riding (3)
- Young farmers (4)
- Swimming club, Ulverston Otters (1)
- Orienteering(7) (school club)
- French
- YMCA day camps
- School bands
- Tennis (8)
- Karate (2)
- Air training corps (3)
- Piano (4)
- Brownies (5)
- Rock climbing
- Badminton (2)
- Golf
- Guides (3)
- Rainbows at Primary School (5)
- School wind band and swing band
- Exercise classes at Health Club
- Drama (6)
- Netball (3)
- Scouts
- Hockey (5) Glaxo and school
- Cinema club
- Trampolining
- Laser lights

# Survey Results - Children's Questionnaire

Question 4 continued

- Jam Club (2)
- Gym
- Art

Question 5

Are there any other further activities you think could be offered in the parishes?

If 'yes', please give more details.

Responses:

- More activities for children
- Indoor clubs at village hall: (4)
- Board games club
- Specialist craft club
- Art club
- Trampoline club
- Aerobics class
- Cricket club PLEASE !
- More biking routes
- Dance Studio (3)
- Youth Club (3)
- Go kart track
- Social facility for teenagers (from Rosside respondent)
- Archery
- Badminton/tennis club for children
- Areas for young people to meet up
- Guides
- Rock climbing centre
- Ice hockey

Recreation Summary:

The number and range of activities in which the young people of the parish participate is an impressive one - parents should be congratulated on the number of hours they must spend in transporting their children around!

There are a number of ways in which the local community could help parents:

Looking at the responses to Questions 3 and 5, more provision could be made within the parish boundaries, both in the provision of more outdoor space for older and younger children, and in a greater use of the village halls.

A communal communication facility such as a web site would give parents the opportunity to find out just how many activities are available in the area, and facilitate the sharing of transport.

## Safety on Roads and Footpaths

Question 6

Do you always feel safe on the roads and footpaths?

Yes 48

No 25

If 'no', please explain why not.

Responses:

- No footpaths where we live. Road very busy and narrow, can't walk to school
- Can't walk to school bus Too much fast traffic and a blind corner
- Cars driving too near and too fast (10) and some shout at us (1)
- Fast cars around corners (1)
- If there are others walking on the road, you never know what could happen.
- Hedges need cutting back more often (2)
- No pavements/Cycle lanes

# Survey Results - Children's Questionnaire

- No buses from Ulverston after 5.30. Kendal express does not stop at main road bus stop
- No night buses
- Pay to get to school on a bus - can't ride my bike because road is too busy
- Sometimes miss bus and have to wait for next one
- Poor public transport - have to rely on Mother
- PB A5092 impossible to walk along safely
- Cars go fast up and down PB hill (3) Lots of parked cars
- Bus shelter at PB too small - have to stand in road
- More street lighting PB
- When it is dark, up the footpath, G
- Bikes come whizzing by on footpath G
- Teenagers come racing in their cars
- Not enough street lamps on dark paths G
- Sometimes too busy with cars G

## Question 7

Is transport a problem for you?

Yes 18                  No                  55

If 'yes', please explain

## Responses:

- Don't have a car as haven't passed my test yet
- Bus service is bad; not frequent enough (8) and overpriced

## Summary:

Although 55 of the children replied to Question 7 that transport was not a problem, this obscures the reality which is that parents have to take their children to school when they are younger because the roads/footpaths do not provide enough safety. Traffic speeds are fast, many roads are narrow, and

pavements/footpaths/cycleways are almost non existent except in parts of Greenodd and Penny Bridge.

The 18 positive responses in Question 7 came mainly from older children in their teens who find it difficult when their school timetables and activities are at variance with their parents' daily routines.

## Area in general

## Question 8

What three things do you like **most** about living in this area?

## Responses:

- Plenty of room to play (4) and safe (2)
- Space (8)
- Friendly (8), friendly neighbours (1)
- Not many houses around (2)
- Not as busy with people and traffic around home (5)
- No fast traffic around home (5)
- Beautiful and peaceful area (8)
- Countryside (13)
- Nice views (5)
- Quiet and/or peaceful(26)
- Roads and footpaths are OK
- Houses, pubs and shops are to my liking
- No crime (4)
- Lots of places to build bike tracks
- All the festivals and special days
- Ulverston a quiet little town, but you can go to the middle of nowhere if you want to, in an hour.
- Near to town without being busy/noisy (3)
- Neither too near or too far from town (2)

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- I feel safe going anywhere (5)
- I can walk place to place (3)
- Swimming in the lake
- Lots of places to walk (8) bike and generally explore
- Sports
- Freedom
- Wildlife (5)
- Fresh, clean air (2)
- Many woodland areas, trees (3)
- Newland jumps just outside home
- Farming
- Lake and river
- I can ride my horse anywhere
- Can bike down the lane (2)
- Friends (4)
- Playing out with all my friends (2)
- Trees and beck to play (2)
- Convenient for local amenities (2)
- Convenient and close to Ulverston, Barrow or Lakes
- Small school
- Know most of the people in the area (2)
- Small community, close community (2)
- V good public transport system (aged 8 - 11)
- Walk, cycle to shops (2)
- Walk to friend's houses, friends in village (4)
- Ponies to look at
- Outdoor activities
- Bakery (2)
- Nearby school
- Living close to family (3)
- Living with animals
- Having a big garden, garden (3)
- Fields to walk in

- Sands to cycle on (1) Cycle way to Haverthwaite (1)
- My house (2)
- Live close to friends (3)
- Love school and being able to walk there (2)
- School (2)
- Kind people who live around me - G
- Lovely old houses
- Beach Greenodd
- Shops Greenodd

## Summary:

As in the results from the adult questionnaire, the qualities that accompany rural life, such as being able to exercise and play outside, and to be able to do so in comparative safety, are much appreciated.

## Question 9

What three things do you like **least** about living in this area?

## Responses:

- It could have more activities in it. Not much for young to do. (4) No clubs (1)
- No activities for younger boys eg Beaver's club (Newland respondent)
- More specialist and traditional shops here (Sparkbridge respondent)
- Park should be made here because it doesn't have one (Sparkbridge, Greenodd)
- Nothing to do when weather is bad (2)
- Can't walk to town when raining. Can get boring
- Have to bike everywhere (2) or 'taxed by parents'
- All the drunks at night in Ulverston
- Sometimes phone boxes don't work
- More advertising for our shop because some people don't know where it is

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- Tractors driving too fast (1) round blind corners.(1)
- Nowhere for skateboarders to skate
- People leave litter on beach
- No friends nearby - too far to walk to any friends (3)
- Access to friends - it's a bit lonely (4)
- Too far away from town (2) No meeting areas eg pubs or cafes
- Lack of nearby jobs
- No safe crossing points for A 590 (over or under) (Newlands, Plumpton area)
- Cannot cross main road to visit friends - roads too unsafe
- Travelling for leisure pursuits
- A 590
- A 590 too close to house
- It's too quiet
- Having to rely on a car for transport (5) Would like more buses.
- Dogs barking
- We get told off playing in the fields
- No play ground or playing (B Beck)
- Difficult to get to places by public transport (2)
- Buses really infrequent, incredibly expensive (4) - much waiting around during exams. No buses in evening Friends live outside parish (6)
- No park PB (5)
- Traffic too fast. Main road, PB A5092, A 590 (3) Would like 30mph on A5092
- Nothing to do locally with your friends (2)
- Have to travel to go shopping (4)
- Fast traffic when I walk to school PB
- Dog dirt on my shoes when I walk in street
- No public toilets (PB) (2)
- Not enough footpaths, pavements PB (2)
- Hard to walk to friends in village because of road/traffic
- Nowhere to ride bike
- Wagons at night

- Not able to play in street with other children
- Isolated in some ways, a bit out of the way (2)
- Nothing to do in evenings
- Can't get good mobile signal
- A 590 junction at Greenodd
- Parking in Greenodd
- Having nowhere to play, no park (2) Can't play on main street because cars go too fast.
- No youth club
- Nice to have something in the village hall (8-11 yr old)
- Traffic G (2)
- Litter
- Too many new houses in countryside
- People swear

If there is anything else you would like to say, please write below:

## Responses:

- Bring back the tennis courts to PB
- I like my school
- School bus stop at Pennybridge (3) Have to use Greenodd bus stop instead
- Would like cycle way to Ulverston
- Please can we have our Park back - children having to play on road because there is nowhere else for us to go Greenodd

# Action Plan

Topic	Proposed Action	To be taken by:
<b>Services:</b>  Public Transport	<p>Support initiatives for the improvement/provision of Transport:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicise <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Council Scheme 'Rural Wheels'</li> <li>Community Transport Scheme</li> </ol> By insertion in parish plan leaflet, Parish News and web site </li> <li>Link those requiring transport to those in the community offering help. Initially by direct contact (names and addresses already obtained through parish questionnaire) In future via Parish web site</li> <li>Improvement of public bus service, in particular X35 Barrow/Kendal route. Initially, seek to obtain a stop in lay bys on east and west bound carriageways of A590. In future, a stop at Greenodd green triangle.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council In liaison with:- 'Rural Wheels' Community Transport Scheme</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>Parish Council In liaison with:- Stagecoach County Council Transport Office Network Performance Manager of Traffic Operations North, Highways Agency.</p>
Household Waste	<p>Continue to support SLDC with recycling initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise between SLDC recycling team and those with problems with their waste. In future, by using interactive web site.</li> <li>Publicise the literature printed by the SLDC Recycling Dpt.</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council In liaison with:- SLDC Recycling Dpt.</p>
Public Toilets	<p>Re open public toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible purchase of land from present owners</li> <li>Maintenance of toilets</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council In liaison with:- SLDC Property Dpt Land owner Armors</p>

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Topic	Proposed Action	To be taken by
Housing	Publicise Impact Housing Scheme in Parish Plan leaflet and on web site	Parish Council In liaison with Impact Housing
Environment		
Roads	<p>A590</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to lobby (?petition) for a roundabout at Greenodd</li> <li>Continue to lobby for speed restrictions on BOTH side of Greenodd junction</li> <li>Lobby for improvements at Newland – safer junctions, footpath.</li> </ul> <p>Minor roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement in maintenance standards of road surface</li> <li>Improve hedge cutting standards.</li> </ul> <p>Greenodd/Pennybridge Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow Down or 20mph signs near school</li> <li>Extension of white line at foot of Medow Bank</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council North West Highways Agency In liaison with:- Colton Parish Council Cumbria County Council</p> <p>Cumbria County Council, Capita In liaison with:- Parish Council</p> <p>Highways Dpt. County Council, Capita In liaison with:- Parish Council</p>
Parking	<p>Continue to seek improvements by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of a car park adjacent to school.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide hard standing for cars close to Village Hall, Broughton Beck</li> </ul> <p>Lobby for charges on SLDC car parks to be held down</p>	<p>Parish Council, Parochial Parish Council. In liaison with:- South Lakeland District Council</p> <p>Parish Council, Broughton Beck Village Hall committee Parish Council and SLDC councillor</p>

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Topic	Proposed Action	To be taken by
Footpaths	<p>Seek to improve A5092 through village for pedestrians after de trunking of road.</p> <p>Low level lighting on cinder path, Greenodd</p>	Parish Council, County Council Highways Dpt.
Footpaths continued	To continue to monitor footpath maintenance, signage and stiles. Effect repair where required.	Parish Council In liaison with:- SLDC and County Council
Cycle ways	<p>To continue to support:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiet Lanes Initiative</li> <li>• Green Ways</li> </ul>	Parish Council, etc
Litter	<p>In villages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual 'Litter Pick' in late Winter/early Spring</li> <li>• 'On the Spot' fines</li> </ul> <p>On main roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure verges are kept free of litter</li> </ul>	Parish Council, residents
Dog Fouling	<p>More 'No Dog Fouling' notices</p> <p>'On the Spot' fines</p>	County Council Highways Dpt, N W Highways Agency In liaison with:- Parish Council
Street Lighting	Spark Bridge: Additional lighting between Farmer's Arms and Bridge	Parish Council, SLDC Parish Council
		County Council, Highways Dpt

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Topic	Proposed Action	To be taken by
Employment	<p>Facilitate those seeking work by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working towards the provision of better public transport</li> <li>• Helping families by supporting the work of Pre and After School clubs</li> <li>• Information on Government Assistance/job vacancies on web site</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council In liaison with:- Pre and After School Clubs Bus Companies County Council Transport Office</p>
Recreational Facilities	<p>Continue to give financial support to local societies</p> <p>Use of school playground facilities outside of school hours</p> <p>Encourage liaison between parents re transport via web site</p> <p>List of organisations in Parish Plan leaflet, on web site</p> <p>Encourage membership of local societies, notice boards, web site</p> <p>Restoration and repair Spark Bridge Village Hall, Feasibility study.</p> <p>Restoration and repair Broughton Beck Village Hall</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Parish Council and Pennybridge School</p> <p>Parish Council, families</p> <p>Parish Council, families</p> <p>Parish Council, local societies</p> <p>Spark Bridge Village Hall Committee In Liaison with:- 'Awards for All' Scheme Parish Council</p> <p>Broughton Beck Village Hall Committee In liaison with:- Parish Council</p>

# Action Plan

Topic	Proposed Action	To be taken by
Support and Communications	<p>Improve communications within the community by setting up a web site to provide information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council meetings</li> <li>• Local Societies, children's clubs and activities</li> <li>• Transport needs</li> <li>• Those requiring other kinds of assistance – gardens, dog walking etc</li> <li>• Those offering assistance</li> <li>• Information for new comers</li> <li>• What's On</li> </ul>	<p>Parish Council In liaison with:- Blawith and Lowick Parish Councils</p>
Pre School Club	To upgrade the ICT equipment	<p>Pre school Club In Liaison with:- Parish Council and Neighbourhood Forum</p>
After Schools Club	Funding to support the Summer Playscheme	<p>After Schools Club In liaison with:- Various funding bodies and Parish Council</p>

## Monitoring of the Plan:

Many of the actions in the plan involve a number of other government organizations or funding bodies, and therefore, it has not been possible to set completion dates against the 'Proposed Actions'. The topics will arise as individual items on the Parish Council agenda. The Action Plan as a whole will be monitored and reviewed every six months.

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