

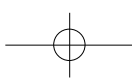
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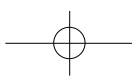


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Introduction

The civil Parish of Clapham cum Newby with Keasden covers an area of approximately 20 square miles extending from Ingleborough in the north to Bowland Knotts in the south. Thirty percent of the parish is within the Yorkshire Dales National Park and much of the remainder within the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is a largely rural Parish with centres of population in Clapham, Newby, and more recently Clapham station and widely scattered dwellings in Keasden.

Parish Plans came into being as a result of the recommendations of the Government Rural White Paper "Our Countryside – the Future" in 2000. The Countryside Agency's "Vital Villages" programme promoted the initiative and Rural Community Councils provided financial and practical assistance. By March 2006 over 3000 plans had been created by communities to provide clear evidence of local needs and priorities at a time when local and national government is receptive, indeed actively seeking input from local organisations and communities.

This Parish Plan is the result of a consultation exercise which invited every member of our community to express their views and their desires for the future of the parish. The consultation has taken place over a period of twelve months and an explanation of how and why it was undertaken is covered in later pages.

Our community consultation exercise was carried out by a number of methods including open days and questionnaires. The questionnaire achieved an outstanding 80% return. Analysis of this very clearly identified the need for actions in the area of the environment, housing, transport and social and educational needs.

In May 2008 the Parish Council accepted this plan as a statement of needs for the future and as one of the partners in the Action Plan will be actively involved in implementing the Plan as well as the overall monitoring of it. Copies of this Plan have also been made available to statutory and governmental bodies including

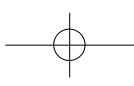
Craven District Council (CDC), Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to feed into district, regional and national plans and policies. A full list of all acronyms which appear in this plan are listed on page 28.

We hope that you will find this document useful and informative and will continue to refer to it over a number of years to measure progress against plans.

The Steering Group July 2008

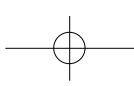
Identify a project in the action plan that you are interested in and help make it happen, making a difference to our future in this community





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Today the Parish of Clapham cum Newby comprises three distinct areas (Clapham, Keasden and Newby), each with its own history. Until 1879 the ecclesiastical parish also included Austwick, Lawkland, Feizor and Wharfe. This larger parish was probably established well before 1050. Today the smaller church parish has almost the same boundaries as the modern civil parish which was established in 1889 using the ancient Clapham township boundaries dating from the thirteenth century or earlier.

Clapham is mentioned in Domesday Book of 1086 as one of 12 manors in the possession of Thorfinn a Danish earl. In 1173, it was granted by Roger de Mowbray to William de Clapham. The Clapham family remained as lords of the manor for the next 400 years. The Clapham of this period was a market township or vill. The market charter dates from 1201 and markets were held each Thursday near the market cross (the present market cross is Victorian but the base is thought to date from the 14th century) and there were four fairs during the year.

Newby, on the other hand, was in monastic hands. A series of gifts during the 12th and 13th centuries gave vast areas of land to Furness Abbey, which maintained a grange farm in the village and sheep and cattle on the surrounding fells. Keasden was, and remains, an agricultural area of dispersed farmsteads, some going back to medieval times. At the dissolution of the monasteries, in 1537, Furness Abbey owned land in Keasden, Stackhouse, Selside, Chapel le Dale and Newby itself, thus almost encircling the township of Clapham.

The 16th century saw major changes. The land of the Abbey passed to the Duchy of Lancaster and then onto a series of private landlords. The Manor of Clapham was sold to a branch of the Ingleby family from Ripley Castle, who had residences at Clapdale, Austwick Hall and Lawkland Hall, and then passed to the Morleys who had houses in Giggleswick and Beamsley.

The years between 1750 and 1850 changed the character of the area completely. In 1753 the turnpike road from Keighley to Kendal brought a vast improvement in transport links. Now visitors were able to travel more comfortably through the area and a regular stagecoach ran from Leeds to Kendal via today's old road. In 1823 the road was re-routed to the line of the A65 as it was before the building of the bypass in 1973. Meanwhile, the Farrer family were buying up large tracts of land for agricultural use, especially in Keasden, and to form the basis of a shooting estate which stretched as far as Ribbleshead and beyond. The opening up of Ingleborough Cave in 1837 attracted tourists in increasingly large numbers and, from 1849, they were able to reach Clapham by rail. The subsequent exploration of Gaping Gill and its network of passages and caverns have led to Clapham becoming a centre for caving and many visitors come to the area to explore Ingleborough.

The Farrers remodelled Clapham village too, planting thousands of trees along the beckside, and rearranging the layout at the top of the village by the parish church. There had been a school in the churchyard from the 17th century and also one in Newby. During the 19th century (1865) Clapham School relocated to its present site down the Green and a new school was built at Keasden in 1868, joined in 1907 by a new school in Newby.

Religion has been a powerful influence in the parish. There is a reference to a church in Clapham in 1094, probably on the site of the present parish church. Non-conformism has also been very active, with a succession of meetings and meetings houses for Quakers, Inghamites, Sandemanians and Methodists.

The period of expansion was followed by a period of contraction. The Farrers' Ingleborough estate was hit by heavy death duties twice in rapid succession and income from the grouse moors and pheasant shoots declined rapidly during two world wars. To balance the books Ingleborough Hall and large parts of the estate were sold off. The schools in Keasden and Newby have now closed, leaving the parish with one school in Clapham. There are churches in Keasden and Clapham, an independent chapel in Clapham and a Methodist chapel in Newby.

Where we have come from



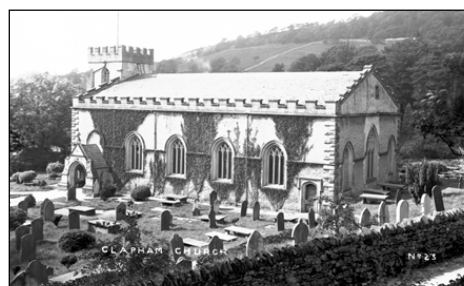
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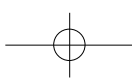
Ingleborough Hall © Blackburn with Darwen Library and Information Services



Keasden School



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Where we are now

At the start of the 21st century, the Parish rests on the twin pillars of agriculture and tourism. The development of the A65, mainly on the line of the old turnpike road, has facilitated access to the area, whilst also making it possible to travel further afield to work in places such as Lancaster, Skipton, Keighley, Leeds, Kendal, Preston and Manchester.



The rich pastures and fells are home to cattle and sheep but the past thirty years have seen a decline in agriculture, exacerbated by Foot and Mouth in 2001. The 2001 census showed an 8% fall in agricultural employment, providing 32.6% of total employment.

The past ten years have seen the closure of H L Gorner Ltd and Dalesview Garage as well as the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority office with the continuing uncertainty over the future of the Mercedes garage site.



Tourism remains a major contributor to the economy of the area, but in the main provides only seasonal and low paid work. Ingleborough Hall has been home to an outdoor education centre since 1972 and each year thousands of people visit the Nature Trail, Ingleborough Cave and Gaping Gill. A combination of the New Inn in Clapham, bed and breakfast establishments, bunk barn accomodation and self catering properties, together with a small number of cafés, cater for visitors.



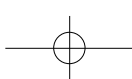
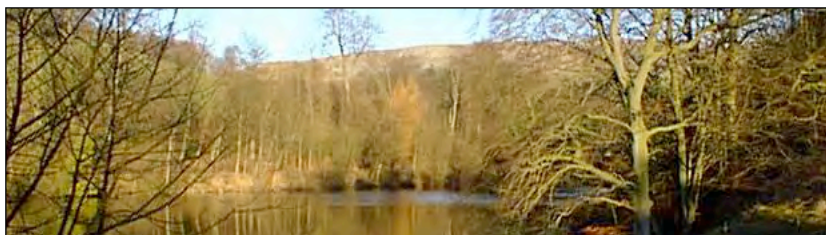
Clapham itself is lucky enough to be able to maintain the staples of English village life – shop and post office, pub, church and school. It is also home to the Cave Rescue Organisation, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Growing with Grace, Ingleborough Hall Outdoor Education Centre and various small businesses. Residents in Keasden and Newby and the remainder of the parish are dependent upon the services available in Clapham or further afield.

The scenic glory of this area attracts older people looking for a peaceful retirement. While these incomers frequently bring with them skills and enthusiasm to contribute to local life it has also led to an increase in house prices. In order to sustain a mixed and viable community we need to provide facilities for younger families and single people and low waged. But, and perhaps more importantly, we need to ensure that it is a place where they want to continue to live.



Our parish consultation issues are little different from those that have been identified regionally and nationally, namely affordable housing, transport, services and facilities in the villages, and facilities for play, sport and education. We are a small and scattered community (2001 census 659) with over 28.5% living outside of the centres of habitation. Many of the issues identified are local and we should be looking for local solutions where appropriate.

In order to build a sustainable future both economically and environmentally we need to ensure that we nurture the parish.



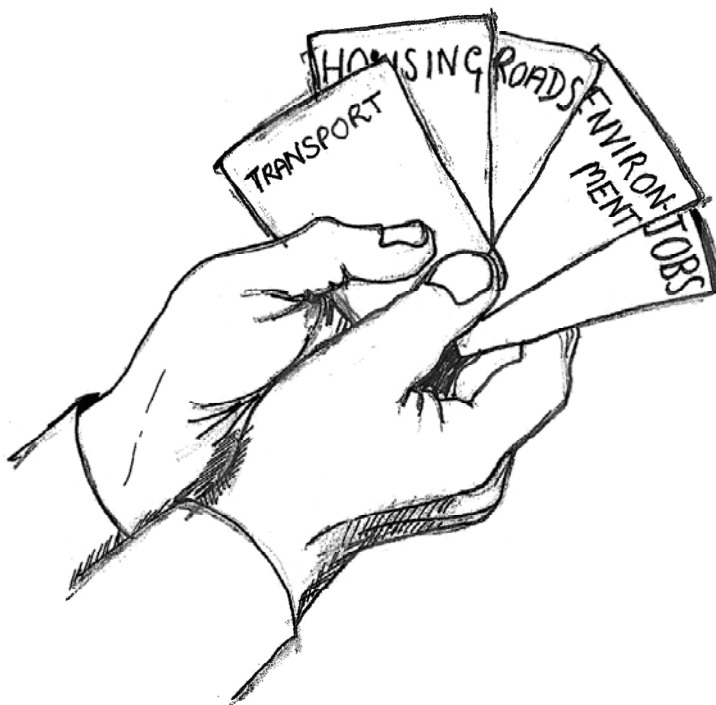
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Why have we done the plan?

- To canvass opinion through genuine non political consultation on a wide range of matters of concern to our community.
- To draw up a formal statement of needs, requirements, priorities and actions for the community for the next 10 years.
- To develop and strengthen our community's relationships with the regional, district and local authorities, and the service providers.
- To stimulate interest in local and community affairs, drawing together individuals and diverse organisations to achieve community goals.
- To highlight projects which require funding and/or voluntary action.

In other words to benefit us.



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How have we done the plan?

Launch: 10 July 2007

Introduction to the Parish Plan at a public meeting in the village hall. Concept and process explained. Information boards, leaflets etc available to view. Volunteers are requested to help with implementing the process.

Children's input

Children were given disposable cameras to take pictures of things they liked and disliked about the Parish and to make comments.

Open Days

Three open days in different parts of the Parish. Displays of children's photos and comments to inspire, initiate or provoke further comment. Information about Parish Plans made available. A variety of ways provided for residents to leave their ideas and concerns.

Questionnaires

Children's photos and 'Open Day' concerns helped form the basis of the questionnaire. Every household in the Parish and every young person aged nine to eighteen had a questionnaire delivered by hand. 80% of questionnaires returned.

Analysis

Quantitative analysis made of the information from the questionnaires with help of computer software. Verbatim comments are included to illustrate the analysis and give 'colour' to facts. Subject headlines determined by respondents' answers.

Action Plan

A draft 'Action Plan' was prepared, then redrafted, and then redrafted again. Action Plan presented to and accepted by the Parish Council. The Plan sets out the tasks, suggests how these might be accomplished and who might be involved. Public meeting in June 2008 in the village hall to present Action Plan to the community. Aim is to involve as many local people as wish to be involved.

Ready to go..... July 2008

Every household will receive a copy of the Parish Plan by the 26 July. A stall at the annual Parish Street Market will be used to publicise the Plan, and explain how the recommendations might be achieved.

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What your replies tell us

201 completed household questionnaires were returned. This represents some 80% of the local community, an outstanding result indicating an exceptionally high level of interest in parish affairs.

Respondents were equally divided between males and females, with representative replies from Clapham village, Clapham station, Keasden, Newby, Newby Cote and rural areas. All adult age groups were represented. Such a balance of genders, range of ages and variety of locations give the findings undoubted authority in reflecting the views of local people.

WHAT DO WE LIKE AND DISLIKE ABOUT LIVING IN THE PARISH?

A large majority of people said they liked living in the parish. The most frequent reasons given were:

Peace and quiet
Beautiful rural surroundings
Community spirit and friendliness of the local population
Safe and healthy
Easy access to the countryside and wildlife

Many people could find "nothing" they disliked about living here. A number of concerns did, however, emerge. These included:

The need to use a car to reach amenities
Lack of local facilities
Car parking in the village
Speeding vehicles and vehicle noise
Condition of minor roads
Lack of affordable housing
Low flying aircraft
The weather!

ABOUT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The employment situation in the parish is complex, with a balance between those in full time and part time work and the retired.

Most respondents do not feel that anything is preventing them from getting the education and training they want. Where there are difficulties, they are due to lack of time, lack of funds and lack of suitable local courses. For those with young children, childcare is a major concern. Over 60% consider that there are too few child minders in the area and there is also a shortage of nursery provision. 33% of people think that nurseries are not conveniently located and 22% that there are too few nursery places. There is also a need for "wrap around" childcare to suit working hours.

There is a demand for more practical classes in the parish. The most popular suggestions are for classes in: arts and crafts, IT, languages, keep fit and recreational topics. If local provision is not possible, there is a demand for improved transport links to other centres, especially in the evening. There is also a feeling that classes and clubs (such as those in the village hall) are not always well advertised.



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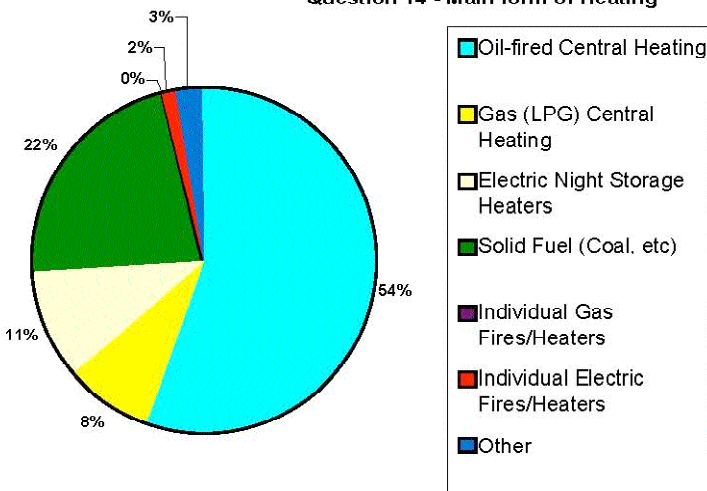
ABOUT HOME AND HOUSING

The largest group of residents consists of those who have lived for over 20 years in their current house and in the parish. There has, however, been a steady flow of new residents. Most of the new arrivals come from outside the parish, although some local people have moved houses within the parish. Approximately 70% of residents own or are in the process of buying their own properties. There is a substantial rented sector, with the vast majority living in private rented accommodation. Just over half of properties have oil-fired central heating. The other significant forms of heating are solid fuel, storage heaters and gas (LPG). A number of properties rely on a mixture of heating methods, including individual fires as well as oil, gas and solid fuel.

27 questionnaires identify a need for alternative accommodation in the near future, mainly in the next five years. Half of these are looking for rented accommodation and half for affordable housing (and sometimes both). 60% of those surveyed said that housing provision in the parish is adequate, particularly older people, but a substantial number said that there was a need for further housing. The vast majority of these opted for development on the H L Gerner (Mercedes) site in Clapham village. Many suggested that development should be small and aimed at affordable housing for local people. Other suggestions included in-fill spread throughout the parish. Wherever development takes place, it should be in keeping with the area.



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ABOUT SERVICES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Most questionnaires showed support for improvements to the environment. Not surprisingly, concerns varied according to the area of the parish in which respondents live.

For the inhabitants of Newby, the maintenance of tracks across Newby Green and of the Green itself is of major importance. A programme of maintenance needs to be established and consideration given to the management of access for heavy vehicles, such as refuse wagons and delivery lorries. Concern was also expressed about Newby notice board and the dumping of rubbish on Newby Moor.

In Clapham, there was strong support for improvements to the children's play area. In addition, there was concern about the litter left by travellers, rubbish on roadsides and the beck side and owners who allow their dogs to foul the verges and do not remove their leavings. Many local residents are annoyed by visitors who prefer to park on roadsides rather than in the car park.

At Keasden and Clapham station concerns centre on road surface and fly tipping to the east of the Keasden Road to Bowland Knotts.

In a rural area, communications with the wider world are of great importance. Many local residents are dissatisfied with current broadband provision and the late delivery of mail. When mail arrives in the afternoon, it is difficult to process and reply on the same day. The assistance of BT and Royal Mail in overcoming these difficulties would be welcomed.

A large number (63) of those surveyed would be prepared to volunteer for environmental improvement schemes, with the most popular areas of interest being village maintenance, tidying of public areas such as the beck side, gardening, litter picking and footpath maintenance. Some, however, have reservations about over-pruning and its effect on the appearance of the village and wildlife habitat.

There was general satisfaction with current recycling facilities. There is, however, substantial support for the provision of recycling banks for plastic and batteries, with the overwhelmingly favoured site being Clapham village car park. Most people recognised that doorstep collection of these items was unlikely in a rural area and some expressed concern about the number of bins we have at present, particularly where a number of properties share an access track.

There is strong support for a variety of environmental measures amongst the community. New developments in this area would clearly be welcomed by substantial numbers of local residents. The three most popular measures, with over 50% in favour, are electricity provided by water and wind power and the employment of a lengthsman, but all the suggestions have significant support.

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A small number of people take an active part in a variety of village groups, with 50 of those replying indicating that they attend a place of worship. The list given in the questionnaire was not exhaustive and many other groups, such as the WI and the WEA, were added by respondents.

The list of leisure activities gives an interesting portrait of the local community. Popular pursuits can be divided into five groups:

Active,

including walking, running, cycling, gardening, dancing, gym and horse riding

Sports,

including badminton, golf, tennis, swimming and bowling

Hobbies,

including bell ringing, arts and crafts, painting, writing, cinema and photography

Indoor pursuits,

including reading, music, radio, TV, cooking and DIY

Some respondents commented that they didn't have any leisure time.

There are many suggestions for additional provision of leisure activities. These include:

Keep fit, yoga and aerobics

Arts and crafts

Community events, such as sports day, street market, barbecues, barn dances and quiz nights

Activities for children

Swimming, gym and table tennis

Nearly everyone thinks that the school, general store, post office and village hall are very important to the community. Just over half class the pub as very important.



Throughout the questionnaire, there is an awareness that accessing facilities is hugely dependent on car ownership and this shows itself clearly in answers to question 33: "how easy is it to get from your home to the following facilities?" On the whole, access is classed as easy or okay, with some exceptions. Over half the local population "does not know" how easy it is to get to the local housing or social services office, presumably because people don't know where they are. Exactly 50% of those surveyed think that getting to hospital is "difficult". This is not surprising in an area where the nearest large hospital is over 20 miles away, but suggests a need to evaluate current provision of transport to hospital for patients and visitors and a desire for some services to be available locally.



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ABOUT TRANSPORT

Transport is a key issue in a rural area and likely to remain so. The vast majority of people use a car as their main, and often only, form of transport. Use of the bus is restricted to a few, with half of respondents never using it. The train is used occasionally by most of the local community.

Exactly half of those surveyed classify the availability of public transport as poor. Significantly, many people seem to know nothing about the bus service and therefore can't comment. The train does rather better. Most of the responses rate train services as okay. Areas of general concern, however, are the train timetable and the lack of a link from the station to the village.

Many suggestions are offered for improvements to public transport including the provision of train and bus timetables in the village and the co-ordination of bus and train times for ease of use. A link (possibly community organised) could be provided between the station and the village. Suggested improvements to the bus service include morning and evening services to tie in with working hours, more frequent services and onward connections (e.g. to Skipton and Kendal), and a bus shelter in the village. Similar improvements are suggested for the train service: more trains, better timetables to link with onward travel at Lancaster and Leeds, services to tie in with working hours, and cheaper fares.

Local residents realise that improvements are dependent on use. The question is "would a better service attract greater use?" or is it the case that "improvements can only come if there are more participants"?

ABOUT ROADS

Most residents are concerned about traffic travelling too fast, and especially motorbikes. This is a general problem throughout the area, but the four locations particularly singled out are:

On the A65
Traffic travelling through the village,
especially at the New Inn corner and at school times
Church Avenue, Riverside and Cross Haw Lane
Keasden Road leading up to Bowland Knotts

A significant number of respondents feel that car parking is a problem in the area. 70% of residents in Clapham village classify car parking as a problem, or sometimes a problem (especially at weekends and busy times). There is particular concern about on-street parking in the village and down Station Road when the village car park is empty. This can cause access difficulties for residents and for emergency vehicles. More publicly available information and signage could help to improve matters. Clapham based respondents answered as follows:

Majority favour cheaper public parking to encourage use,
over 40% feel this should be free
There is considerable support (over 45%) for restricted on street parking
Slightly fewer people (40%) would like residents only parking

A majority of residents, especially the under 45s, in Clapham, Keasden and Newby are also in favour of traffic calming measures. Newby already has a 20mph speed restriction and the introduction of a similar restriction is supported by the vast majority of Clapham villagers (of those who voted in favour of traffic calming) and by a majority of Keasden residents. This measure could be supplemented by rumble strips and/or additional signage.

Again, the parish divides geographically on other road problems. For those living in Clapham village, drainage and wall maintenance are important issues. For the other areas, greater importance is attached to road surfaces, including potholes, drainage and gritting, with leaf clearance being an issue for residents of Keasden and Clapham station.

The following are particularly highlighted as requiring attention:

Clapham Village:
beck side walls, road surface outside school and down The Green; gritting on Cross Haw Lane; leaf clearance especially on footpaths and Brokken Bridge; drainage by the old garage site; the pavement down Station Road
Newby: tracks across the Green
Keasden: all roads; gritting, potholes and drainage
Clapham station: drainage by the Green

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

Respondents were asked to highlight any further issues to do with the parish they wished to raise. Three recurring themes can be identified: opposition to pheasant shooting; travellers spoiling and littering verges; concern over the standard of accommodation for all age groups at the school.



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What your replies tell us

YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

The steering group decided that it is extremely important to canvass the views of the young people in the parish, as their input is vital to the continued health of the local community. Questionnaires were, therefore, given individually to all young people aged between 9 and 18 resident in the parish and 48 completed questionnaires were returned.

Interestingly, only a third of the respondents live in Clapham village. The next largest group is those living in rural locations, followed by Newby and Newby Cote, Keasden and Clapham station. Young people are, therefore, spread fairly equally throughout the parish. Most of them have lived here between 5 and 10 years and a significant number over 10 years (presumably, in most cases, all their lives). 47 out of 48 class themselves as students and 1 is employed.

WHAT DO WE LIKE AND DISLIKE ABOUT LIVING IN THIS AREA?

Young people like living in this area for exactly the same reasons given in the household questionnaires:

Beautiful surroundings
Safe and quiet
Friendly people
Opportunities for outdoor pursuits

Perhaps unsurprisingly, their reservations are more specific to a young person's lifestyle:

Not enough activities for young people
Lack of sporting facilities and poorly equipped play areas
Few young people in the area
Lack of public transport; need to be transported by adults to amenities

ABOUT LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Local young people have a wide variety of leisure activities. Many of them (cycling, mountain biking, horse riding, running, walking) can be undertaken in the local area. Indoor pursuits, such as reading, computing and music are also popular. Little mention is made of organised activities, except for Young Farmers and youth club.

Our young people are prepared to travel (presumably with the assistance of adults) to pursue leisure activities. The most popular venues are Austwick, Ingleton, Settle and Bentham, but some travel further afield to, for example, Lancaster and Leeds. There is a significant demand for more sporting facilities, especially football, rugby and cricket. Others mention cultural activities like visits to cinema and music groups. And young people share the concern of adults with regard to the children's play area.

It is encouraging to note that 38 (out of 48) young people say that they would be prepared to help to provide new facilities, if help was needed.



OTHER ISSUES

About half of respondents think that each of the issues listed in question 13 are important (transport, education, the environment, social venues and health). The only issue that gives little cause for concern is crime.

A staggering 75% of those who answered the question would like to rent or buy a home in the area when the time comes, and over 65% would like a voice in the parish on issues that affect young people.

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What you have to say



What do you like about living in this area?

We have always lived in this area and have no desire to go anywhere else.

It's near enough to get to larger towns but remains off the beaten track.

Rural environment; less pollution; less traffic; less stress; less crime; the hills and woods and walls, the crags and scars; the rich network of social contacts and community events.

I was born and brought up in the area and love the country.

I consider myself lucky to live in such wonderful surroundings.

Being in touch with a semi-wilderness and a small community.

Small village. Off the A65. The shop. The pub. The absence of street lighting. The hills. The trees.

The beckside and its tranquillity and quietness. Easy access to wild and open space. The night sky.

My parents moved here in 1962 and were made very welcome and that remains the case with my partner and myself.

What do you dislike about living in this area?

The rough road down the Green lets the village down.

Very little, but a bus passing at the end of the road and heading for Settle would be nice.

I am OK so long as I can drive my car. If I have to stop driving I am lumbered.

Xenophobia towards travellers. Light pollution. Inappropriate tourist development. Inappropriate residential development. Inconsiderate and impatient drivers.

Not much for children to do. Youth club leaders tend to push religion on children at end of session and not all of us are religious and do not agree with this being done.

The way a lot of the farms are untidy and badly maintained. The A65 has too many large vehicles for the size of the road.

Bell ringing practice: too loud, long, late and no melody.

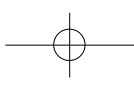
Lack of development of play area. Inability of disabled people to get into Ingleborough cave.

Planning decisions made in Skipton that affect and change things here by people who don't live here and don't care either.

The village has become one big car park. Pedestrians have to walk in the middle of the road and can't enjoy walk along beckside. I don't want Clapham to end up like Malham.

We struggle to achieve a balance between the charm of the village and the change required to keep it alive.





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What you have to say

Housing

Any future development should be linked to development of employment facilities in the village.

I don't want to see general development but I worry about young people starting out. Affordable housing for them should be a priority.

Natural development should be allowed where needed as long as it fits its surroundings.

It should be affordable but not in such quantity to swamp the village.

As many homes as possible on garage site but only if they are for first time buyers and affordable for rural families. This should be underlined by Craven D C and be kept this way.



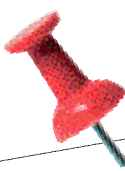
The Environment and Services

Dreadful mail delivery. The green and verges (in Newby) supposedly belong to the Parish Council who refuse to maintain them.

The kids' playground in Clapham is very inadequate. Equipment is poor and outdated. Look at Austwick and Ingleton.

Clapham post office is now only open in morning. Mail typically arrives after shop is shut. This is ridiculous as mail needing an immediate reply is then delayed by 24 hours.

Potholes, drainage and road surface on Keasden Road, especially on the corner by Clapham station.



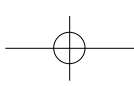
Transport

The train service needs to be greatly improved. I used to use it regularly but the lateness and poor reliability of trains led to many missed appointments in Lancaster. I never use it now.

Too much on street parking when the car park is empty. Homeowners parking on road rather than in their own garage.

The main issue for us is the speed of the traffic and not just tourists, people who live here and should know better.

Road surfaces need attention. Parking makes access for emergency vehicles difficult.



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What you have to say

Do you have any other comments you wish to make about parish life?

My life would be far more difficult if it were not for Age Concern and Bentham Community Transport. I would find shopping and visits to doctor and dentist a real problem.

As a whole I don't think the majority like changes but changes have to be done to keep things and everybody up to date.

Just to say that I applaud this degree of local consultation.

Parish life offers protection and is appreciated. However some decisions made by Parish (Council) are slow in happening.

The junior department of Clapham School is located in a tiny, ancient, wholly inadequate building, which should be an embarrassment to our community.

Lobbying for an assured future for the village post office and shop. Regrading and resurfacing the Green. Generous screening for the new waste water treatment plant. Undergrounding of all power lines throughout the village.

The estate should consider other ways of making money rather than having a pheasant shoot syndicate infringing on the life of the village, e.g. closing nature trail, speeding vehicles, dead and injured birds, etc.

We find parish life very good. People are very friendly and helpful. We are glad we made the move here seven years ago.

A great place to live and bring up a family.

Far too much low cost housing already provided. An awful lot of cheaper rented property is not occupied by local people. Whilst local youngsters cannot afford local houses, the real issue is the wages they earn. Cheap public transport would enable them to access better jobs so that they can buy any house.

The tracks on Newby Green are in a deplorable state. I would like the council to adopt at least one track over the green and repair it. It is not just cars which use the tracks but tractors and the heavy refuse truck and oil tankers.

If there are further applications to develop the garage site (approx. 16 to 20 houses), can it be a priority to ensure provision is made for a new pre-school nursery building?



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What you have to say

Clapham is a great place to live. I hope the garage site is developed sympathetically and that the New Inn gets a new lease of life.

I don't agree with resident only parking. I also dislike traffic calming measures as they are environmentally unfriendly, however 20 mph zones are good. I am very concerned about condition of many footpaths.

Generally life in Clapham and the parish is a good experience. Village life must be maintained, that is to say the village store, post office, the New Inn. General well being of the community must be of high importance. We are blessed in Clapham with good churches and a very good vicar. Long may they all last.

Would the Parish Council hold two meetings at Keasden and two at Newby during the year to encourage public participation? Could the Newsletter include a list of all activities and contact details? Also information about bus and train times and the mobile library.

Some visitors take everything and give nothing useful back. They do not patronise local businesses and park all over the village. This is an amazing place and we shouldn't leave our grandchildren with a village so polluted by cars and rubbish so that we can have a tourist income at any cost.

I wish people were more aware of how fragile the architectural heritage of the village is. The barn conversions that have been done in the last twenty years have done much to suburbanise the area and destroy its special character.

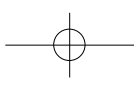
I am concerned that there will be too much tidying of the becksides. We live in the countryside, not a municipal park. Pruning and maintaining paths is fine.

The caravan site by the old Flying Horseshoe seems to increase in numbers and look more untidy every year. Much tighter control is needed.

We really enjoy living in a socially quite diverse community which we feel owes a lot to the Ingleborough estate policy of providing affordable rents on houses.

Pretty good all round.





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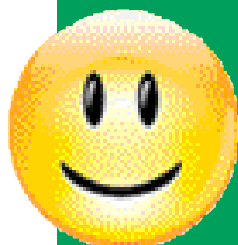
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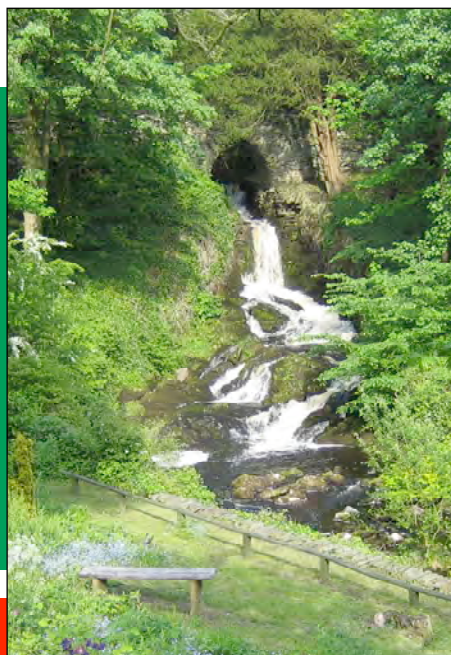
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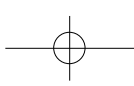
Children at the Primary School in Clapham were given cameras and questionnaires to record their likes and dislikes.

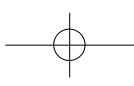


- Waterfall
- View of Ingleborough
- Clean environment
- Clapham church
- Paddling in river
- Village shop
- School
- Village Hall
- Nature trail



- Litter and dog mess
- Playground
- Mercedes Garage
- Nettles
- Keasden dump
- 30 mph too fast
- Bumpy road outside school
- Cars parked by beck dangerous






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What young people have to say

Young people aged between 9 and 18 who live in the parish were given their own questionnaire to complete and commented as follows:-


 **What do you like about living in this area?**

You know everybody you live near.
 People don't seem to bother about most things.
 I like the waterfall when it is lit up at night and all the events.
 Being able to play out away from busy roads. Walking in the countryside.
 It's a great place to live. It is an amazing location with the whole of the Dales at my back door. I'm very lucky to live here.
 I love it when it's sunny and we can swim in the river.







 **What do you dislike about living in this area?**

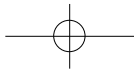
I don't see my friends much because they live in other places.
 Not much to do. Transport is difficult. Buses and trains are few and far between

 **What social/leisure activities would you like to be available in the area?**

I think the area has all the necessary activities. It's getting to them that is the problem. Sports clubs and coaching which are properly organised and well advertised.

Do you have any other comments you wish to make about parish life?

-  I think this is the best place I have and will live at.
-  There should be a pub where parents and young people could go to have a chat and a drink and meet new people and make friends.
-  The park is rubbish. We would like our say in choice of equipment.
-  More opportunities to integrate the whole community involving young people.



What we want to do in the future

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SERVICES AND THE ENVIRONMENT						
Ref no	Action	How?	Partners	Timescale	Lead person or group	
1	Eradicate dog fouling in Clapham and Newby	Education campaign More bins for dog mess Possible use of dog warden	PC YDNPA CDC Dog warden	Education campaign immediately Dog bins/warden end 2009	PC	
2	Improve local recycling facilities	Add plastic and battery recycling bins in YDNPA car park	YDNPA CDC NYCC	Approach partners by end 2008	SG to find volunteer	
3	Maintain appearance of the parish	Programme of works undertaken by volunteers and/or employment of lengthsman	PC YDNPA CDA CDC Ing. Est.	Volunteer programme during 2008 Possible lengthsman 2009-10	CDA to find volunteers	
4	Improve mail delivery in the parish	Morning delivery for all properties in the parish	Royal Mail	Approach Royal Mail by end 2008	SG	
5	Improve local broadband access	Clarify affected areas and work with providers to improve service	BT and other providers	Identify areas Oct '08 Work with providers by June 2009 Appoint co-ordinator July 2008	SG	
6	Assess and create new communication structures	Appoint co-ordinator Dedicated page on village website Dedicated page in newsletter Rationalise notice boards, including village hall Ensure transport timetables are on display	Newsletter Transport providers P C Village Hall committee CDA CCC	Co-ordinator sets other deadlines	Co-ordinator and volunteers	
7	Investigate sustainability options	Form a local environmental group to consider issues identified in the parish plan questionnaire and lead progress	CCC	Group set up by end 2008	CCC	

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING						
Ref no	Action	How?	Partners	Timescale	Lead person or group	
8	Review child care options and educational facilities in the parish	Investigate need for and provision of child care Explore provision of wrap around child care Provide additional premises to meet the community's needs	NYCC Clapham School Early years group Playgroup CDC	2009-2011	SG	
9	Provide local classes for adults and village events according to demand	Work with training providers and others to run low-cost courses (one day or evening) in popular subjects in appropriate locations in the community Encourage provision of local events	Village Hall committee CDA Volunteers	Autumn 2009	SG to find volunteers	
HOME AND HOUSING						
Ref no	Action	How?	Partners	Timescale	Lead person or group	
10	Provide suitable housing to meet future needs	Work with housing providers to meet need for housing for local people Aim for affordable housing for sale or rent in appropriate locations in the parish	PC YDNPA CDC FOB ACNB	Commence discussions with CDC by September 2008	PC/SG	
11	Minimise effects of high cost of heating	Explore viability of buying kerosene and/or solid fuel at favourable rates Encourage provision of adequate insulation in all properties Request gas supply	CCC CDC Volunteers CDA	Explore by end 2008 Work with energy companies ongoing. Initiate contact with gas company by end 2008.	CCC	

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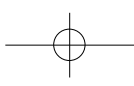
TRANSPORT AND ROADS						
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12	Review parking problems in Clapham and Newby	Explore: Free or reduced car parking Residents only parking (on street or in car park) Restricted parking Emergency access Additional signage	Police PC Ing. Est. YDNPA Highways department	Explore and recommend actions by end 2009	PC	
13	Improve maintenance of Newby Green	Work with interested parties to ensure adequate maintenance of the Green and the tracks across it	Newby Landowners Ing. Est. CDC Newby residents PC	Action group formed by end 2009	Action group	
14	Reduce traffic speed in the civil parish	20 mph in Clapham village Additional and repeat signage Traffic calming measures	Police Highways department PC	By end 2010	PC	
15	Improve provision of public transport	Improve onward connections Consider local needs when constructing timetables Review siting of bus shelters	Northern Hail Bus providers NYCC CDC	Commence negotiations with providers by end 2008	SG to find volunteers	
16	Ensure adequate maintenance and repair of roads in the parish	Work with relevant agencies to agree a timetable for maintenance, repairs and gritting Investigate possible improvements to the Green in Clapham	Highways department Local councillors Clapham School Residents of the Green PC	Negotiations completed by end 2009	PC	
17	Assess transport needs for hospital patients and visitors	Evaluate current provision and propose improvements where necessary	PC's and SHA Age Concern GP surgeries	Appoint co-ordinator by end 2008	SG to find volunteers	
18	Ensure road signage is adequate and in good repair	Investigate particular areas of concern as follows: Speed restrictions on A65 and Keasden Road to Bowland Knotts Approaches to the school and the Green in Clapham Broken signs throughout the parish	Highways department PC Police	Parish Council to ensure signage implemented by end 2009.	PC	

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YOUTH						
Ref no	Action	How?	Partners	Timescale	Lead person or group	
19	Improve communications with young people	Consider establishment of a Youth Council to liaise with Parish Council	PC Young residents	Parish Council to ratify and appoint co-ordinator Autumn 2008 Set up Youth Council by end 2008	Co-ordinator	
20	Provide adequate local facilities for sport and play	Work with playground committee to enhance village park Explore provision of land for sports field Investigate sports opportunities in the local area and consider transport issues	Playground committee PC Ing. Est. Ing. Hall Youth Council	Establish liaison by end 2008	SG/Playground committee	
MANAGEMENT OF THE PLAN						
Ref no	Action	How?	Partners	Timescale	Lead person or group	
21	Make sure the Parish Plan is effective and implemented	Set up a monitoring group to oversee progress Group meets regularly to assess progress and instigate further action, where appropriate	SG	Ongoing from publication of plan	SG	



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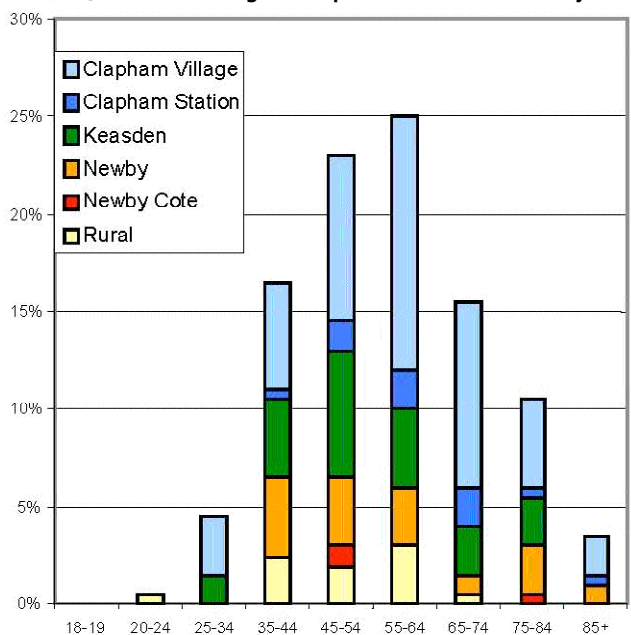
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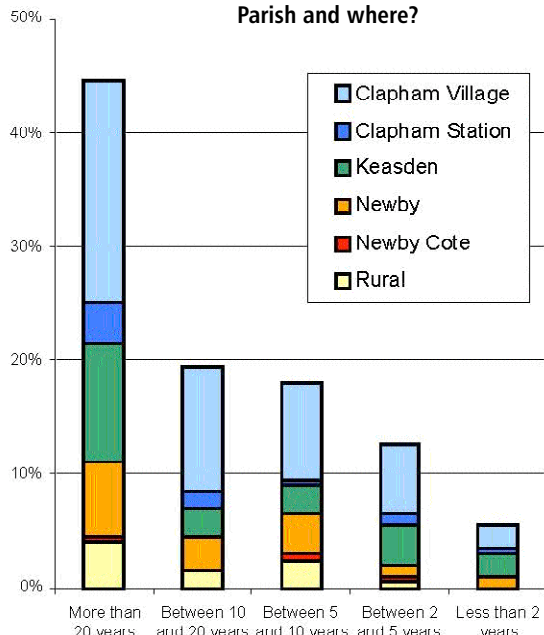
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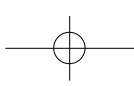
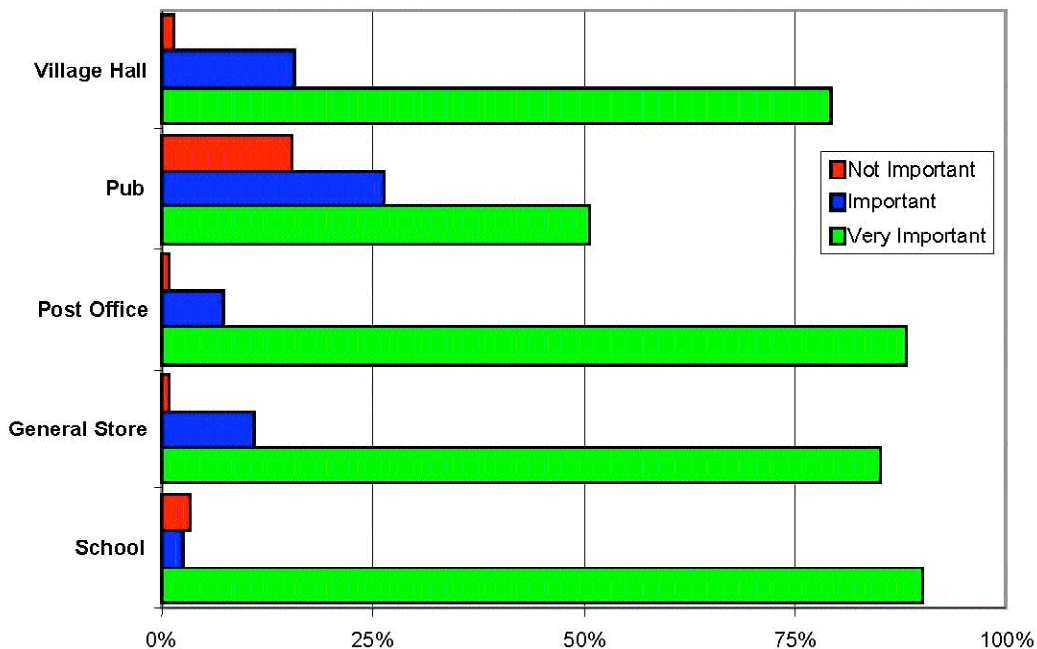
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Question 12 & 4 - How long have you lived in the Parish and where?



Question 32 - How important are these Parish facilities?



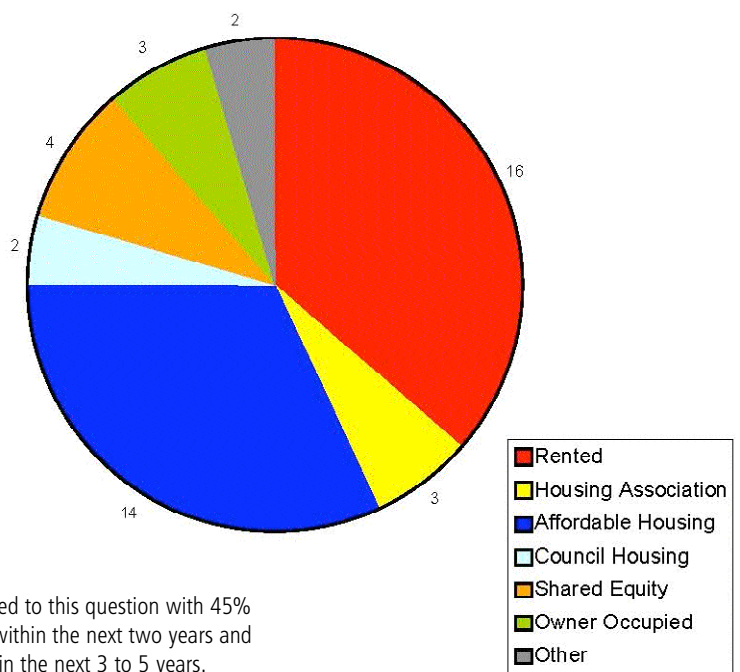
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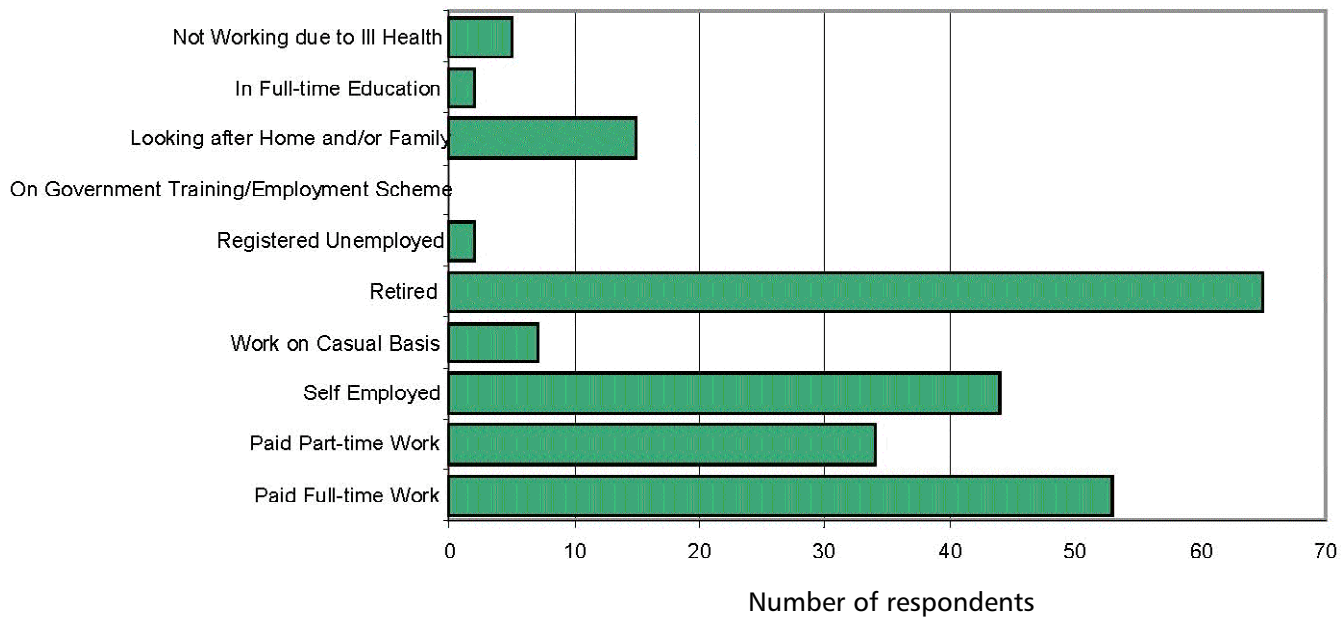
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Question 16 - What kind of housing is any member of your household likely to require in the future



28 people responded to this question with 45% requiring housing within the next two years and a further 28% within the next 3 to 5 years.

Question 7 - Employment Status



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Where do we go from here?

Change is brought about in a number of ways but undoubtedly one of the most powerful engines of change is that created by a body of people working to the same goals.

A Parish plan such as this one identifies the needs, views and aspirations of a community but it does not on its own make things happen.

For change to occur this Plan now needs to be put into action.

Action requires effort – principally volunteer effort – to take this forward.



Volunteering

Should I volunteer?

Yes please! Enthusiasm and commitment are far more important than experience.

What would I do?

As much or as little as you feel able to do.

What kind of things would be involved?

A wide range! Outdoors and Indoors. Sedentary and Active. Typing and Telephoning. Canvassing opinions. Encouraging others. You may have a specialist knowledge or interest which you want to share with others.

Why should I do it?

To contribute to the community I live in; to help it to thrive as a living, vibrant, working community of all ages, and for a sense of personal satisfaction.

How do I volunteer?

Complete the enclosed volunteer form or phone one of the members of the Steering Group who are listed on inside back cover.

I'm still not convinced!

Have a look at the two examples on the next page. They give an idea of the wide range of projects that the action plan will call for and how they might be handled.

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Where do we go from here?

Example 1

Action Plan Reference No. 11 – Minimise effects of high cost of heating.

110 properties within the parish have oil fired central heating. If an oil buying syndicate was formed it might be possible to buy oil at a significantly lower price per litre.

- Initially a lot of information gathering will be needed to assess what the annual fuel oil usage is, who is interested, where they live and how accessible they are to various sizes of tankers.
- Perhaps contact might be made with other oil buying syndicates in England to see how they have put their project together and if it is working.
- Various fuel oil suppliers would have to be approached to see if they were interested in an annual multi delivery contract with an agreed annual volume.
- Agree how the syndicate is going to work, ordering processes, how to resolve problems, appoint one or more coordinators.

Example 2

Action Plan Reference No. 14 – Reduce traffic speed in the Parish

Unsurprisingly over 48% of respondents were concerned with traffic travelling too fast in all areas of the Parish. 75% of respondents would like to see 20mph speed limits introduced within Clapham.

- Firstly, some information gathering on the problem areas in the Parish and confirmation of what existing speeds limits are and what signage exists. That might include traffic surveys by residents in various locations of the parish.
- Secondly, perhaps contact might be made with other villages, such as Burton in Lonsdale, to see how their 20mph limit and traffic calming schemes are working.
- Thirdly, contact to be made with the police and with CDC Highways Department to talk about possible traffic calming measures.
- Other traffic management systems could be considered such as speed bumps, chicanes and speed matrix signs.
- Research what the constraints might be on budgets and innovative ways of funding changes.
- Look for other ways of adding power to the campaign. Get school children involved. Perhaps car stickers such as Clapham Cares – Slow Down!

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REFERENCE SOURCES

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- YRCC - Dales Parish Plan Newsletters
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- Local Transport Plan - North Yorkshire
- Various local government freesheets, local and national newspapers
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- Craven Local Development Framework (in preparation)
- YDNPA Local Plan 2006
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- YDNPA Management Plan Review 2006 - Environmental Report
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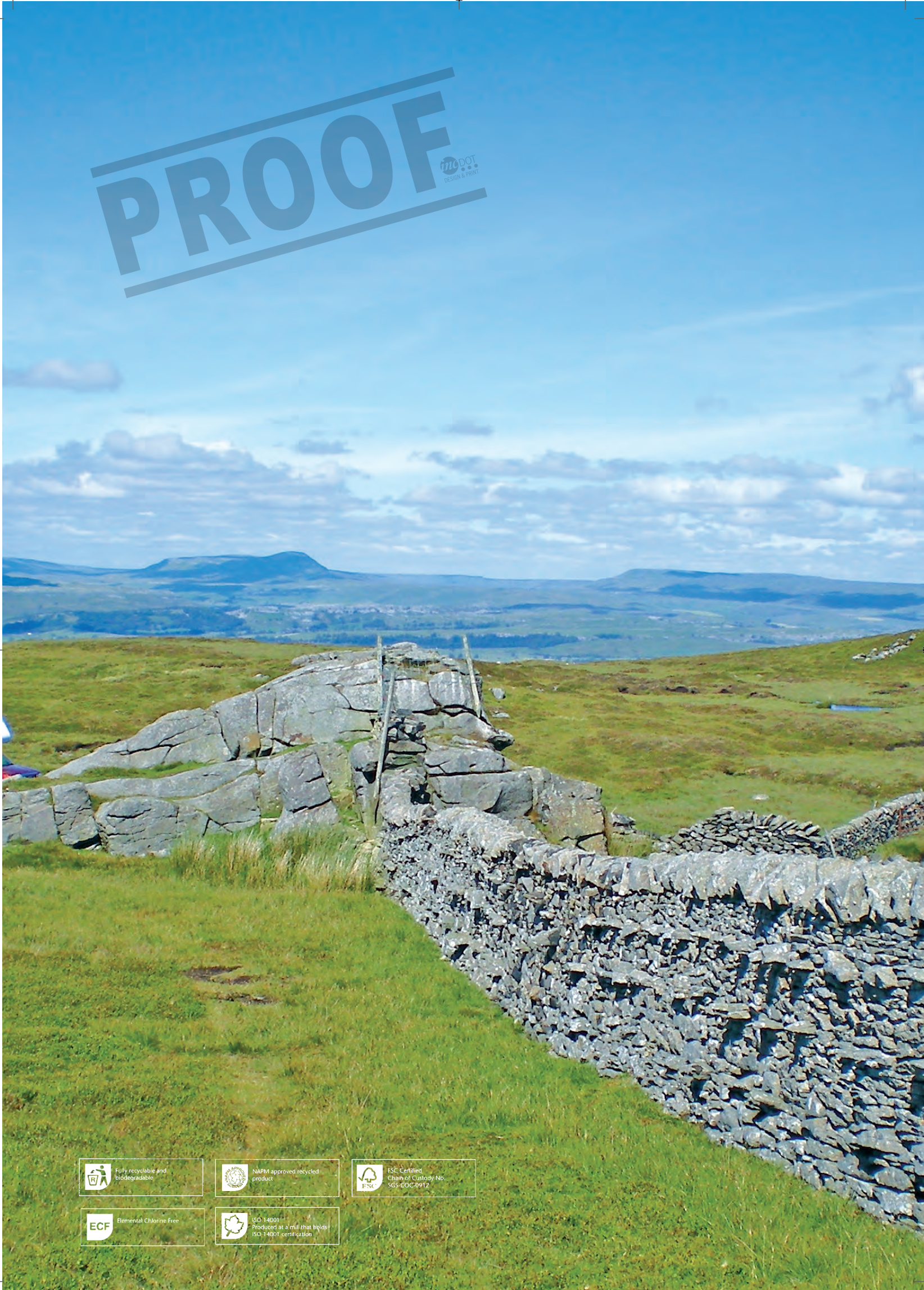
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