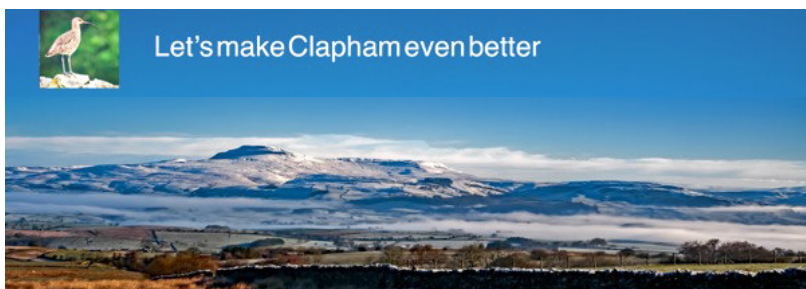


# Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Neighbourhood Plan



## **Autumn Update - open consultation events.**

Clapham-cum-Newby Parish is a wonderful place to live. It straddles the boundary between the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. To sustain this we want to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that will help shape our local community for years to come, but we need your help.

***What is a Neighbourhood Plan?*** Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities to create their own 'Neighbourhood Plan' which has legal weight as part of the planning system and becomes part of the wider 'Local Plan'. The policies agreed through a Neighbourhood Plan will be used in determining the outcome of planning applications, although they cannot block development that is already part of the Local Plan. What they do is give the community a powerful tool for shaping the locality.

***How is it done & who does it?*** Neighbourhood Plans are written by the local community rather than the Local Planning Authority. A group of people with a wide range of interests from the parish lead the process and engage with as many members of the community as possible. Once the Plan has been drafted, a community referendum will be held in order to approve the Plan.

### ***What have we done so far?***

At the end of last year the Neighbourhood Planning process was launched for Clapham, Newby and Keasden. At an open meeting in February it was agreed that the existing Parish Plan, which was developed by the community in 2008, should be used as a starting point.

A Steering Group has been set up to begin the process and use of the existing parish as the neighbourhood area has now been formally approved by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Craven District Council as required by law. An application has also been submitted for funding to help us develop our plan.

### ***How can you have your say? – open consultation events***

Over the next month we are organising a series of open consultations around the Parish to seek your opinions and ideas. These will be informal pop-in sessions inviting you to tell us what you think of the area, its good bits and what could be improved; so if you are able to come along, even briefly, it would be great to see you. Cake and refreshments will also be provided to help you along. The dates and venues will be as follows:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Newby Methodist Church - 7.00 to 8.30pm.**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, St Matthew's Church, Keasden – 2.00 to 3.30am.**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Clapham Village Hall – 10.30 to 12.00am.**

These dates and further updates will also be on our new 'Facebook' page <https://www.facebook.com/ClaphamNeighbourhoodPlan/> For more information and if you are interested in helping organise the events or joining the Steering Group contact Councillor Ann Sheridan, annsheridan617@gmail.com, telephone 07866 096215.