

# Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Neighbourhood Plan



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. We think we can produce a Neighbourhood Plan that will shape our local community for years to come, however we need your help.

***What is a Neighbourhood Plan?*** Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities to create their own 'Neighbourhood Plan' that 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. It will take at least a couple of years to complete before hopefully being adopted by the community at a referendum.

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

In October last year a well-attended meeting at Clapham Village Hall voted in favour of launching the Neighbourhood Planning process for Clapham, Newby and Keasden; with a flyer in the newsletter drawing further support. At a subsequent open meeting in February this year it was agreed that the existing Parish Plan of 2008 should be used as a starting point; pages from which are on display today.

A Steering Group has also been set up to begin the process and a meeting has also been held with representatives from the YDNPA and CDC to inform them of our intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, of which they were very supportive. A formal application of the proposed neighbourhood area has been submitted as required by law.

### ***What happens next? – We need your help.***

Over the autumn we will be organising a series of open consultations around the Parish to seek your opinions and ideas. Dates will be announced in the newsletter via email and on our new 'Facebook' page <https://www.facebook.com/ClaphamNeighbourhoodPlan/> The steering group will also be applying for grants and organisations which could help us develop our plan.

If you've got time today we would love to know where in the Parish you live and what you think? If not for more information contact Councillor Ann Sheridan, [annsheridan617@gmail.com](mailto:annsheridan617@gmail.com), telephone 07866 096215.