

STANWIX RURAL PARISH PLAN 2012-2016

The following issues and concerns are those identified by the community for action.

The Parish Council will work with other local authorities and public service providers etc. with the sole aim of maintaining, or enhancing, the overall quality of life in the Parish.

HOUGHTON

Highways

The Parish Council will:

- lead on the development of a co-ordinated plan to improve the traffic flow and safety in the centre of Houghton and better managed parking in the area of the shop/village green and in the vicinity of the school. This should include a review of traffic management in the 'traffic calmed'/'pinch points' area to reduce speed and 'racing'. Additionally, pavement widths should be examined, as should parking on pavements and verges;
- press for improvements and general repairs to Jackson Road and the Crosshill - Blackford road; &
- work with Cumbria County Council and Connect Roads to continuously review and improve access to and exit from A689 at St John's Bridge.

Public Transport

The Parish Council will:

- review and take action on bus shelter cleaning and maintenance; &
- consider improvements to the bus stop, close to Croft Farm.

Environment and Recreation

The Parish Council will:

- have an overall vision and plan to create a consistent and harmonious image for the village, when planning benches, street furniture and planting; &
- work with the City Council to reduce dog fouling.

Public Services

The Parish Council will:

- pursue with United Utilities the adoption of the drain/sewer to the rear of Jackson Road.

CROSBY-on-EDEN & CROSBY MOOR

Highways

The Parish Council will:

- seek an upgrading of the A689 with the provision of deceleration lanes and improved signage on Crosby Moor and a reduction in speeding, all to improve and increase safety;
- request the provision of a highway footpath alongside the A689 from Moor Park Lane to connect with the existing footpath;
- continue with action to address parental parking issues at the school, creating safety and visibility problems at junctions and for traffic flow; &
- obtain sustainable speed reduction measures, improved signage and increased monitoring to reduce speeding and improve safety for all.

Public Transport

The Parish Council will:

- seek improvements to the Crosby Moor bus service and establish whether there can be better links with Crosby's public transport service; &
- establish if better co-ordinated services are possible to achieve longer stays in Carlisle and an improvement to winter services.

Environment and Recreation

The Parish Council will:

- develop playground facilities for young people of all ages; &
- explore the development of the village hall, as a community resource.

»» LINSTOCK & RICKERBY

Highways

The Parish Council will:

- »» will continue its actions for speed reductions within Linstock and between Linstock and Rickerby;
- »» to campaign for the extension of a footpath/cycleway to Rickerby Park from the A689 roundabout for cyclists and walkers on the Hadrian's Wall path, on grounds of safety;
- »» improve provision for salt and grit on bends and inclines; &
- »» explore ways in which drainage can be improved and flooding reduced on the Linstock/Rickerby road.

Public Transport

The Parish Council will:

- »» seek improvements to the existing Linstock service and establish whether a service to Rickerby is possible.

Environment and Recreation

The Parish Council will:

- »» encourage the possible introduction of more classes/activities in Linstock hall.

»» BRUNSTOCK

Highways

The Parish Council will:

- »» seek improvements to exit and access from and to the A689 and B6264, together with improved signage.

Public Transport

The Parish Council will:

- »» establish whether public transport can be provided in Brunstock; &
- »» explore footpath provision to Houghton Hall Garden Centre to link up with the existing bus services.

Environment and Recreation

The Parish Council will:

- »» establish whether additional activities can be provided at Houghton village hall.



»» ACROSS THE PARISH

In addition to issues and concerns raised in individual communities, there was a high proportion of matters raised, which affect the whole Parish. These are:

Highways

The Parish Council will:

- »» work with the County Council and Irthington Parish Council on the review of the impact of the Northern Development Route on traffic volumes, flow and safety from Greymoor Hill to Brampton;
- »» carry out a review of the provision of salt and grit bins throughout the Parish Council's area and make appropriate changes;
- »» review with the County and City Councils, an easy, effective and efficient way of reporting and repairing potholes, with a regular review &
- »» review how sound baffling can be provided to reduce sound from M6 at Linstock, Jackson Road and Tribune Drive.

Housing and Planning

Given the overall comments made in the survey and at meetings

The Parish Council will:

- »» work with the City Council in the development of its housing policy, emphasising there is no expressed or perceived need for further housing development in the area of the Parish, except for a wish to see affordable housing provision prioritised for any development.

Environment and Recreation

Two additional priorities highlighted by the survey and meetings, and which affect the whole of the Parish Council area are litter and footpaths/cycle ways.

The Parish Council will:

On litter –

- »» work with the City Council, voluntary and community groups and local communities to remove waste littering the highway verges, campaign for litter dropping to be discouraged.

On Footpaths/Cycle Ways –

- »» alongside the City Council, County Council and Hadrian's Wall Heritage review the existing condition of footpaths in the area and agree appropriate remedial actions;

- »» promote the use of footpaths and annually review the condition of footpaths with local communities; &

- »» work with the relevant authorities on the development of further cycle paths in the area.

Public Services

Across the Parish Council area, there are identified issues, which require action

POLICE - The Parish Council will:

- »» work with the Police to help raise the service's profile, given the high response from the community that the Police appear to have a low visibility and profile.

UNITED UTILITIES - The Parish Council will:

- »» request that United Utilities take action to complete the Linstock scheme, as soon as possible and carry out appropriate remedial work on roads in the community; and

ALL AGENCIES - The Parish Council will:

- »» work for greater coherence from external agencies and authorities in their actions with communities.

Broadband

The overriding issue across the parish area is that broadband provision needed to be improved. The speed of broadband in the area is very variable.

The Parish Council will:

- »» participate fully in the Connecting Cumbria project and with other agents to achieve better speed, coverage and less variability of provision in the area.

Parish Council

From meetings and the survey, there was a clear message that the Parish Council should communicate more clearly on who its members are, what it has achieved and how it was doing. There was also positive feedback on the work of the Council and its achievements. Examples include playground developments in Linstock and Tribune Drive.

The Parish Council will:

- »» improve and increase communication using the website, existing newsletters in the Parish Council's area and hold occasional meetings within the community on important and relevant matters, raised by the community or the Council.

»»» PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST PLAN

Since the last Parish Plan was produced many parts of the Plan have been successfully achieved, others are still in the process of implementation, whilst others have not proved possible. Many of the achievements have been with partners; the City Council; County Council and other public service providers.

Achievements include:

repair and protection of the cycleway and pedestrian path, the Millennium Project, from St John's Bridge to Junction 44;



lowering of the hedge at the exit point of the Hadrian's Cycleway on to the road at Rickerby;



some reduction to traffic congestion in central Houghton with bollards outside the shop for safety. This area remains a priority for more work;



in Houghton, improved signage and action on dog fouling and litter picking;



lobbying for and achieving improved sewage provision in Linstock; Park Broom and Crosby;



improved bus services in Houghton with the introduction of City Hopper;



new children's playground at Linstock; &



Crosby Emergency Plan produced and in operation.

These achievements demonstrate that working together succeeds. The new Plan will carry that message and achievement forward.

