



Brampton Area Parish Plan Summary

For the parishes of Brampton, Burtholme, Castle Carrock, Farlam, Hayton, Irthington, Nether Denton and Upper Denton in the county of Cumbria

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Everyone living in rural communities has been given the chance to have much more of a say in the future of their own town or village through the new Parish and Town Plans scheme, backed by the Countryside Agency through its Vital Villages Programme.

The scheme gives every member of the community a real chance to become involved in preparing a Plan for the future of their parish. These Plans can cover a whole range of social, economic and environmental issues - in short, everything of relevance to the people who live in the area - in a single, comprehensive document.

The Plans set out recommendations based on surveys, research and widespread local consultation.

Consultation has been wide-ranging and included important services. In addition to all those who completed and returned questionnaires, our schoolchildren have made significant contributions to the Parish Plan as have our youth.

This plan is a working document. It contains the recommendations you have made to safeguard and improve the quality of local life for all of us. Many of the issues are about the preservation and extension of local amenities and facilities, with due note made of strong local feeling about unsympathetic planning applications.

Parish Plans will link closely with the local development plans and can be adopted by the Local Authority as official "Supplementary Planning Guidance". This means that the Plans will have a strong and positive influence on where and how development takes place in a parish.

Brampton Cottage Hospital. Talkin Tarn, Hadrians Wall and the "dualling" of the A69 are hot topics. Transport is a common local concern to the majority and affordable housing may become an even greater key issue once the housing surveys have been completed.

Support will be given to work towards the provision of a swimming pool in Brampton for the community.

Some actions are of course dependent on securing funding and will involve the Parish Councils in developing practical working partnerships if ambition is to be turned into reality.

In this sense, although the role of the steering committee is now at an end, the work required to take the plan forward is just beginning.

The steering committee has summarised the action plan in the following pages. Each parish is, of course, unique - with its own concerns and issues to tackle so your Plan is based on both local and over-arching issues, reflecting the concerns of the majority of those who responded to the consultation.

There are many contributors who have given their time freely to this project and we thank them for their generosity. The full version of the plan is available from both the library and your Parish Councils.

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If you would like to get further involved and help implement one or more of the proposed actions please approach your Parish Council.

Social & Community – Whole Area

There is a lack of facilities and activities for young people across the whole of the Parish Plan area. Although excellent work is being done in Brampton to start a youth project, more is needed, and there would be benefit to a co-ordinated, area-wide approach.	An area-wide plan for youth provision should be developed, with Brampton as a hub for permanent facilities and activities Considering the work already undertaken by the Brampton youth project and by this Parish Plan, this need not be a lengthy process.	High	CCC, CaCC, Brampton PC, Connexions, William Howard School, Brampton Community Association, Volunteers, Crime Reduction Partnership	Short Term	CCC	Time input from officers and PCs. Funding for plan production.
	The Parish Plan is strongly supportive of the Brampton youth project. It is hoped that the new youth club will be hiring staff by the time this Plan is published	High	As Above	Short Term	Brampton Young People's Project Steering Group	Awaiting decisions on applications for funding. Strong need for good youthworkers
	Funding should be sought to bring existing mobile youth facilities into Brampton Area parishes during school breaks	High	As Above	Medium Term	CaCC	Funding for youth work
	Funding should be sought to employ youth workers whose remit would include setting up youth clubs in Brampton Area parishes which would network and share activities with the Brampton youth club	High	As Above	Long Term	CCC	Funding for youth workers and parish-based clubs. Time input from partners.

Social & Community – Whole Area

Rural communities value their Community Buildings as versatile, essential community space.	Nether Denton Village Hall will be improved in-line with modern standards. All members of the community will be encouraged to use the facilities the hall has to offer.	High	Village Hall Committee, PC, CaCC, VAC, User Groups	Medium	Village Hall Committee	Will require considerable funding. Commitment of time from Cttee. Also commitment of volunteers and user groups.
	Hallbankgate Village Hall (Farlam Parish) needs to raise funds for improvements and needs to encourage more user groups to enable its continued viability.	High	PC, Hallbankgate Hall Trustees, VAC, Brampton Community Association	Medium	Hall Trustees	Time and funding, lack of user groups
	Irthington values its two village halls. They are well used and we wish to develop this. We will seek ways to improve publicity for events and activities.	Medium	Village Hall Committee	Medium	Village Hall Committee	Some funding, also time commitment from Cttee.
	We will seek funds to improve the decorative state of Laversdale Hall, and the quality of furniture of both halls	High	Village Hall Committee, PC, VAC, Neighbourhood Forums	Medium	Village Hall Committee	Time and funding

Social & Community – Whole Area					
	Across the Joint Parish Plan Initiative Area, community buildings are a valued and necessary part of community life. We will continue to support their activities and improvement.	High	PCs, Hall Committees, VAC, CaCC	Medium	Village Hall Committee
Local people miss the convenience of a Saturday Surgery in the morning.	We will lobby the Brampton practice to reopen the Saturday morning surgery.	High	Surgery, PCs,	Short	Brampton PC with support from other PCs
					Time and funding

Provision of Services – Whole Area					
Local people were strongly supportive of certain local amenities which they felt were essential to the future of the area.	Brampton Cottage Hospital must be maintained with the same level of service as is currently offered.	High	North Cumbria PCT, Brampton PC, CaCC, CCC	Long	North Cumbria PCT

Leisure and Learning – Whole Area						
Local people were strongly supportive of certain local amenities which they felt were essential to the future of the area.	Talkin Tarn must be maintained and sympathetically developed. Hadrian's Wall Trail must be sympathetically developed and maintained.	Medium	ECCP, PCs, CaCC	Long	ECCP	Local facilities and amenities
Over 5,000 people attend the Brampton Live Festival every year. This event could be threatened by new Licencing Laws.	We will continue to support Brampton Live as an event that raises the profile of the area, brings in visitors and income and is enormous fun.	Medium	HWWHS, HWNT, HWTP, CaCC, PCs, Local Businesses and Landowners PCs, Local Businesses, CaCC, Cumbria Constabulary, Brampton Live	Long	HWNT	
The survey results showed huge support for a swimming pool in Brampton.	A project group has been established to work on creating a swimming pool, with the intention of building it at the Community Centre. We will support their actions.	High	Project Group, CaCC, CCC, Irthing Centre, PC	Medium	Brampton Live	Funding

Other - Whole Area					
Some less than sympathetic planning applications, have been approved which causes great concern.	We will work closely with Carlisle City Council to seek ways to ensure our voices are heard, and to include the views revealed by this Plan in the emerging Local Development Framework.	Medium	PCs, CaCC	Short	CaCC PC/local people time input Planning Dept. time input

Social & Community - Farlam Parish					
There is a lack of facilities and activities for young people across the Parish Plan area. In Farlam Parish, there are no facilities for play.	We will seek to develop a play area in Hallbankgate for young children. To do this we will need land and funding	Medium	PC, County Council, CCC,	Medium	A new community group may be needed to lead this project.
					Time and funding

Social & Community - Hayton Parish					
There is a lack of facilities and activities for young people across the Parish Plan area. In Hayton Parish, there is a problem with anti-social behaviour.	Funding, staff and volunteers should be sought for organised activities for young people at the Down-a-Gate centre in Warwick Bridge. Although this facility lies outside the PP area, it is more practical for the Hayton area.	High	CCC, CaCC, Connexions, Volunteers, Crime Reduction Partnership, Cumbria Constabulary, Wetheral PC.	Long Term	CCC
					Time input from officers and PCs. Funding for plan production. Willing volunteers and staff.

Social & Community - Irthington Parish					
There is a lack of facilities for young people in Irthington.	We will explore the possibility to make greater use of the school facilities out-of-hours. We will consider accepting part of the financial responsibility for maintenance and insurance to encourage this	Medium	PC, School Governors, CaCC	Medium	CaCC PC Time and funding, volunteers for supervision
Irthington values its Village Shop & Post Office , and wishes to ensure its future.	We will try to ensure that the Shop and Post Office in Irthington continues to supply a full service to the Parish	Low	PC, Shop owner, PO	Long	None at present

Housing - Brampton Parish					
The need for affordable housing is accepted, but where, and what type?	A Housing Needs Survey will be carried out as soon as possible.	High	PC, CaCC, CRHT	Short	CaCC funding CRHT time

Housing - Farlam Parish					
The need for affordable housing was highlighted in a 2004 survey.	We will work with partners to seek to provide affordable housing within the Parish.	High	PC, CaCC, CRHT	Medium	CaCC Suitable available land within the Parish. Time.

Housing - Hayton Parish					
We need to identify housing needs and any requirement for affordable housing in this Parish.	A Housing Needs Survey will be carried out as soon as possible.	High	PC, CaCC, CRHT	Short	CaCC CaCC funding CRHT time

Housing - Irthington Parish					
The need for affordable housing is recognised and seen as a way to correct the skewed age profile of the parish	We will work with partners to seek to provide affordable housing in the Parish	High	PC, CaCC, CRHT	Medium	CaCC Time and indentification of suitable sites

Housing - Nether Denton Parish					
The need for affordable housing is accepted, but where, and what type?	A Housing Needs Survey will be carried out as soon as possible.	High	PC, CaCC, CRHT	Short	CaCC funding CRHT time

Housing - Upper Denton Parish					
The need for affordable housing is accepted, but where, and what type?	A Housing Needs Survey will be carried out as soon as possible.	High	PC, CaCC, CRHT	Short	CaCC funding CRHT time

Transport, Communications and Parking - Brampton Parish

The are concerns about road safety in the Parish. A number of actions to improve the safety and condition of roads are proposed.	The public and police have called for traffic calming measures in the town. Ongoing investigation is required to ensure the best solutions are implemented.	Medium	PC, CCC, Cumbria Constabulary, Local Businesses	Medium	CCC	
	All approaching roads need to have their speed limits re-evaluated.	High	PC, CCC, Cumbria Constabulary	Short	CCC	
	A new car park is desperately needed in the town. We will continue to seek an appropriate space for this amenity.	High	PC, CCC, CaCC	Medium	PC	
	We will seek to re-route busses out of the town centre through Main street	High	PC, CCC, CaCC, Bus operators	Medium	PC	

Transport, Communications and Parking - Burtholme Parish

Residents of Burtholme Parish are also concerned about road safety. Reconciling the concerns of different road users is seen by most residents as the major challenge in the parish.	The volume of traffic visiting Hadrian's Wall suggests that the current C class designation of some local roads is not sufficient. We will work with partners to seek ways to upgrade key local routes.	Medium	PC, CCC, HWNT, HWTP, CaCC	Long	HWNT/H WTP	
	The road outside Lanercost School needs to be made more safe. We will work with Highways to look at options.	High	PC, CCC, School	Short	CCC	
	The road between Brampton and Banks is inadequate and dangerous. We will investigate ways of improving it.	Medium	PC, CCC	Medium	PC/CCC	

Transport, Communications and Parking - Farlam Parish

The are concerns about road safety in the Parish. A number of actions to improve the safety and condition of roads are proposed.	The standard of maintenance of roads in the parish should be improved. We will approach the CCC with this request	High	PC, CCC	Short	PC	PC time
	The junctions on the A689 Low Lonning should be improved and made safer. We will request the County Council to investigate the feasibility of improving sight lines for those leaving the A689 onto the Narworth road. Further requests to CCC and CaCC to improve the deteriorating road between Milton and Farlam, provide some lay-bys and passing places and improve road drainage.	High	PC, CCC	Medium	CCC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.
	Existing and new 30mph limits should be enforced. We will work with Cumbria Constabulary to prioritise this	Medium	PC, Cumbria Constabulary, Crime Reduction Partnership	Medium	PC	PC time
	Tindale junction onto the A689 has dangerous blind spots and needs to be improved by cutting the hill back	Medium	PC, Cumbria County Council CCC	Medium	PC	PC time

Transport, Communications and Parking - Hayton Parish

The are concerns about road safety in the Parish. A number of actions to improve the safety and condition of roads are proposed.	A permanent workable solution is needed to the problem of parking at Hayton School at school start and finish times.	High	School, PC, CCC, Cumbria Constabulary,	Medium	School	
	A69 traffic travelling between Brampton and the M6 should be transferred to the A689 only after improvements to the road junctions as detailed in the Irthington section have been completed.	High	Highways Agency, CCC, PCs.	Long	CCC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.

Transport, Communications and Parking - Irthington Parish

The are concerns about road safety in the Parish. A number of actions to improve the safety and condition of roads are proposed.	The standard of maintenance of roads in the parish should be improved. We will approach the CCC with this request	High	PC, CCC	Short	PC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.
	The junctions on the A689 at Irthington, Newby East and Laversdale Lane Ends should be improved and made safer. We will request the County Council to investigate the feasibility of improving sight lines for those joining the A689 , provide turning lanes for those leaving the A689 and improve night visibility with lighting or reflectors	High	PC, CCC	Medium	CCC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.
	The villages of Newby East, Newtown and Laversdale should all have 30mph limits. We will pursue this with the County Council	High	PC, CCC	Long	PC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.
	Existing and new 30mph limits should be enforced. We will work with Cumbria Constabulary to prioritise this	Medium	PC, Cumbria Constabulary, Crime Reduction Partnership	Medium	PC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.

Transport, Communications and Parking - Nether Denton Parish						
The are concerns about road safety in the Parish. Vehicle speed is a particular concern.	A way of slowing down traffic within the village should be sought.	High	PC, CCC, Cumbria Constabulary,	Short	CCC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.
	We will continue to campaign for a better winter gritting service	Low	PC, CCC	Medium	PC	PC time
	We will seek ways of maintaining the road side verges sensitively	Low	PC, CCC	Short	PC	Small funding application to start via PC
Transport, Communications and Parking - Upper Denton Parish						
The are concerns about road safety in the Parish.	We will seek ways of improving road safety, especially near Gilsland School.	High	PC, CCC, Cumbria Constabulary,	Short	CCC	Making this work a priority will help to secure budget for the work.
	We will seek ways to ensure the opening of Gilsland Railway Station.	Medium	PC, CCC, Railtrack, rail operator	Long	PC	Funding
Local people feel that Gilsland railway station could be a great asset to the area.						

Provision of Services – Brampton Parish

Committed to the regeneration of Brampton, the Business Centre opened in 1997 to offer training and facilities to local people..	Brampton PC will continue to support the Brampton Business Centre and Tele Centre in its aim to deliver elements of the regeneration agenda for rural Carlisle.	High	Brampton PC, CaCC, Irthing Centre	Long	Carlisle City Council	
With a wide range of facilities and important childcare services, the Brampton Community Centre (Irthing Centre) is an essential asset to Brampton.	The Centre should be supported, and continued investment for future development secured. We will work with the Centre to achieve this.	High	Irthing Centre, CaCC, Brampton PC, Centre Users	Long	Irthing Centre	

Environment - Brampton Parish					
The Parish is fully committed to recycling projects mainly initiated by Carlisle City Council.	A local group has recently been established to promote a sustainable eco-friendly community. We will continue to support this work.	Low	PC, Local Residents, Local Businesses, Environment Group.	Long	Environment Group
Some developments have put Brampton's trees under threat.	More Tree Preservation Orders are needed, and a replanting scheme needs to be developed in partnership with Carlisle City Council.	Medium	PC, CaCC	Medium	PC PC time

Environment - Castle Carrock Parish					
Many Parishioners would like to see an enhanced environment and would be willing to participate in community activities.	Projects to maintain and enhance the local environment, using the pool of enthusiastic Parishioners identified during the Parish Plan, will be established and co-ordinated.	Low	PC, Local Residents	Medium	PC Funding Volunteer time

Leisure and Learning – Castle Carrock Parish

Castle Carrock may lose it's local pub if it is converted into a domestic dwelling.	We will make an approach to the current owner of the Duke of Cumberland public house to establish if there is anything that can be done to facilitate its reopening.	High	PC, Private Business, Local Residents	Short	PC	PC time
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Leisure and Learning – Irthington Parish

Irthington wishes to promote local amenities to develop tourism.	We will seek funding to produce and distribute copies of the promotional leaflet designed by our village school	High	PC, CaCC, Village School, Neighbourhood Forums	Short/ Medium term	PC	Time and funding
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Leisure and Learning – Upper Denton Parish

Many local businesses depend on tourism and believe the local area should be equipped to offer a quality product.	We will support local tourism initiatives in their work to secure investment in tourism.	Medium	PC, Private Businesses, HWNT, HWTP, CCC, CTB	Long	HWTP	
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Other - Castle Carrock Parish					
Recent planning proposals have caused significant concern. Is there a more effective way to influence the planning process?	We will continue to explore the desirability and feasibility of producing a Village Design Statement	Medium	PC, CCC.	Medium	PC Time Availability of CaCC to provide assistance Funding Volunteer time

Other - Farlam Parish					
New development can often be damaging to local character, but how can we define what is acceptable, and what is not?	We will create a Village Design Statement working with Carlisle City Council for inclusion in the Local Development Framework as supplementary planning documents.	Medium	PC, CCC.	Medium	PC Time Availability of CaCC to provide assistance Funding Volunteer time

CaCC – Carlisle City Council
CCC – Cumbria County Council
CRHT – Cumbria Rural Housing Trust

VAC – Voluntary Action Cumbria
CTB – Cumbria Tourist Board
HWTP – Hadrian’s Wall Tourism Partnership

PC – Parish Council
HWNT – Hadrian’s Wall National Trail

