

# Cummersdale Community Plan 2009 - 2014





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# Introduction

The Parish Council agreed to produce a Community Plan for Cummersdale Parish. To enable this work to take place a working group was established which consisted of members of the Parish Council and co-opted members of the local community. The aim of the group was to produce a Community Plan in full consultation with the parishioners of Cummersdale Parish.

## What is a Community Plan?

It is a local action based plan that addresses a wide range of problems and opportunities facing rural communities. It can include social, economic, and environmental issues and gives everyone in the local community the chance to be involved.

## Why have a Community Plan?

It is vital that the parishioners of Cummersdale have the opportunity to be involved in future developments and are able to state and have recorded the things that people value and believe in. The plan will also act as a marker for the Cummersdale community should a situation ever arise when Parish Councils are required to merge as a result of government structural changes.

The Parish Council has a good record of achievement; successful projects include the Cummersdale Copse, the refurbishment of the Spring,

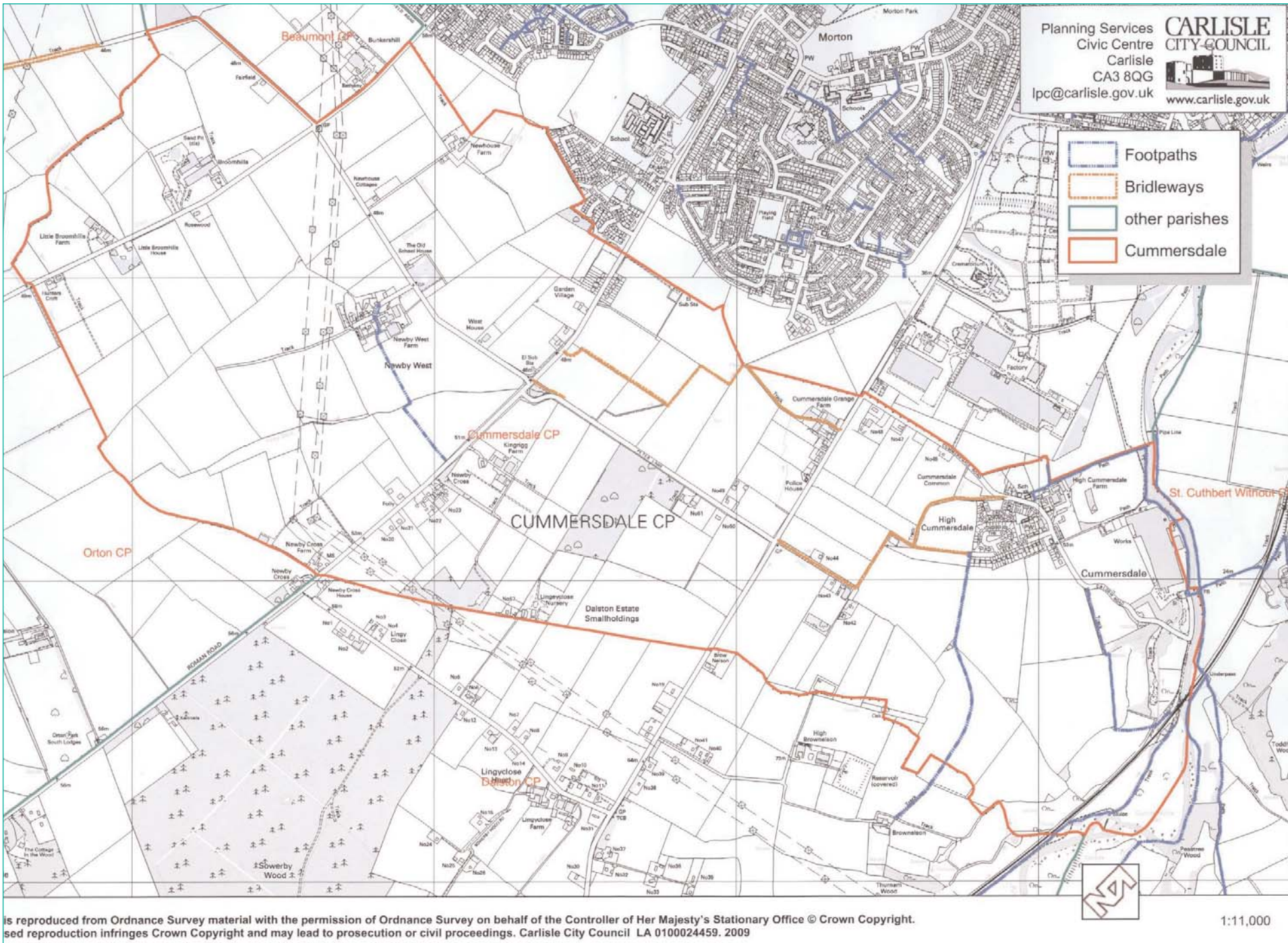
improved grass cutting, tree planting, village seating, Footpath Survey, new play area, and disabled access to footpaths. The Council were also responsible for negotiating with Pirelli, to amend their warehouse design and landscaping of the project.

The Parish Council has in mind a number of projects for the future that are intended to improve the quality of life in the Parish, where commitment and funding from outside agencies will be necessary. It has become evident that unless a plan is in place, that has been the result of widespread local consultation, there is little chance that we will be able to attract support and funding for such projects.

The Community Plan Group, which is representative of the local community, has widely consulted and considered the wide range of issues raised. Each of which were categorised and considered within the context of the following workgroups to determine the actions required





[Healthy Communities and Older People](#)  
[Economic Development and Enterprise](#)  
[Safer Stronger Communities](#)  
[Children and Young People](#)  
[Conservation and the Environment](#)  
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These workgroups reflect the headings used in the Carlisle City Council Community Plan.



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CUMMERSDALE COMMUNITY PLAN

# Geography

The Parish of Cummersdale is located 2 miles to the south west of Carlisle, the Parish is intersected by both Dalston Road and Wigton Road, these being connected by Peter Lane. This gives traffic entering from the southwest options en route to Carlisle city centre. It is therefore particularly busy in the morning and evening. The proposed Northern Development Road will commence at the junction of Peter Lane and Wigton Road, inevitably increasing traffic flow and creating further optional routes into and around Carlisle.

The Parish comprises Cummersdale Village, Newby West, Newby Cross and Garden Village and also includes scattered farms & dwellings. On its eastern side, the Parish is bounded by the River Caldew and St Cuthberts, Denton Holme & Morton to the north, Little Orton to the west and Dalston to the south.

## Cummersdale Village

This is the main population centre of the Parish. It is relatively isolated at the end of a No-Through-Road. Historically, the original village of Cummersdale Mills was established alongside the River Caldew to support textile mills of that time. It then moved to High Cummersdale, which is now the main settlement.

## Newby West

Newby West is a hamlet in the parish located between Wigton Road and Orton Road. It will shortly be accessed by the Carlisle Northern Development Route, for which the groundwork began in 2008.



## Garden Village and surrounding area

This area encompasses the land between Wigton Road and Dalston Road and South to the River Caldew. On the Wigton Road side it extends across to Orton Road and to the outskirts of the city at Garden Village. As you see in the photograph, Garden Village is within the 30mph zone at the urban edge of the city on the western gateway to the city.

# History

There is evidence of prehistoric activity as long ago as 4000BC in the area on the ridge overlooking the Caldew valley. Worked flints and a stone axe have been recovered, although the settlement has so far not been discovered. Bronze Age activity (1500BC) also occurred both at Brow Nelson and High Cummersdale.

Subsequently the Romans created a fort in the field behind Gilbert Road, again on high ground overlooking the river. It is believed to predate the building of Hadrian's Wall.

Little is known about the period after the Roman occupation until the 11th century when pottery provides evidence of settlement in the area. From Bishops' registers it is known that both a corn and fulling mill existed in Cummersdale in the 13th century.

This area was subjected to frequent raids from the Scots, so tenant farmers worked the lands here but the owners lived within the security of Carlisle's walled city.

During the siege of Carlisle (1644-1645) many skirmishes took place in this Parish. One of the last acts of the starving garrison in Carlisle Castle was to send out a party of horsemen to a mill at Cummersdale for wheat.

Bonnie Prince Charlie (1745) led his Jacobite army in an attempt to claim the English throne and passed through the village on his way South.

After this period a more settled situation existed and farming and industry began to prosper in the area.

The fast flowing River Caldew and the existing millstream, which for many years had powered the corn mill, was an attraction for local entrepreneurs and manufacturers. In the early 1780's a dye works was started at Cummersdale Mills (the bottom village), by J.R. & J. Ferguson, cousins of the Holme Head Fergusons. About the same time, Carlisle bankers, Forsters, built a cotton mill and shortly afterwards in 1801, a calico print works.

In 1843, the Carlisle to Maryport railway was built passing by the bottom village. Later a station and goods yard were added to serve the people and industry of the village.

Two villages grew up. One by the river and railway, which at its peak in 1939 had 44 houses. These had all been demolished by the early 1970's. The dye works, cotton spinning and corn milling activities had largely ceased and in 1905, the buildings were bought by Stead McAlpin who used them for their fabric printing business. At the time of printing this booklet, the future of the print works is uncertain.

# History



Following the collapse of an upstream weir in 1992 the millstream ran dry, and now a lagoon supplies the print works with water and in addition provides a wildlife haven.

The second village at the top of the hill, was originally the smaller, with farming being the main focus; later a bacon curing business began. However, the street names show the influence and support that print works' owner Edmund Stead provided, Margery Terrace being named after his daughter and Gilbert Road after one of his sons. The family owned many of the village houses.

As you approach the village by road, on your right side there is an example of a Land Settlement house. These were built in the mid 1930's, when unemployment was particularly high, and tenants were provided with a sizeable piece of land so they were able to live and support themselves and their family on the smallholding.

Council houses were built in High Cummersdale in 1948, and named the Oval. These houses have since been refurbished.

In the late 1960's Low Cummersdale Farm was sold to Italian tyre manufacturers, Pirelli, who built the factory between the Village and Carlisle's Crematorium.

## Services in the Parish

Cummersdale Village is reasonably well serviced. It has an excellent primary school, which also has a floodlit football pitch, a separate church building which is linked to the Parish of St James in Denton Holme, and a public house offering real ales and food, which also sells sweets and some non-perishable goods. The village has a recently refurbished play area for younger children with a picnic area, and a village green with a football pitch.

Cummersdale village has a regular bus service, visits to the village by a mobile shop and visits by the Council Library Service.

Cummersdale Village also has a dedicated conservation area and a number of recognised footpaths, bridleways and a cycle way. Other services include a post box and a phone box (although this is currently under review).



## Businesses in Cummersdale Parish

The parish has businesses of various sizes ranging from a textile printing works to family run farms and smallholdings. The following list is not intended to be comprehensive but is illustrative of the skills and businesses operating within the Parish.

- Agriculture
- Architects
- Bathroom fitters & tilers
- Builders
- Caravan storage facility
- Woodland consultants
- Dog kennels
- Equestrian centre
- Farms & Smallholdings
- Pig rearing units
- Textile printing works
- Village pub

Such businesses bring much to the village by way of employment and skill, and make voluntary contributions to support village activities and development.

# Cummersdale School & St. James Church

**Cummersdale School** was founded in 1884 to provide education for the children in Cummersdale. It has continued to fulfil this role over the years and has 68 children on roll in 2009. It not only provides education for the children of Cummersdale, but many parents choose to send their children to the school from the neighbouring areas of Denton Holme and Morton.

The school is located in the original sandstone building and schoolhouse. It has been extended to provide spacious classrooms and up to date facilities for the children. There is a large school field, a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), which is available for hire and work on a nature garden is due to start at Easter 2009.

The school aims to provide a broad, balanced curriculum for all of its children. There is a strong emphasis on good behaviour and manners. The curriculum is supported by a number of educational and cultural experiences organised by the school, and a wide range of after school clubs and activities are offered. These include football, netball, chess, art and gymnastics. In recent years pupils have reached regional and national finals in football, chess and gymnastics.

The school values its place in the centre of the community. It has an active Parents' Association that organise events for the children and help to raise funds for the school. The school has close links with

the local Church.



**St. James Church** is a satellite of St. James Parish in Denton Holme. The building was originally part of the Cummersdale bacon & ham curing factory. The Church is very community driven and has two main concerns:

To provide special resources, not least a venue, for the celebration of important events - births, baptisms, thanksgivings, marriages, funerals and festivals - and to be available at any time to be with people at other special moments, especially when experiencing loss or illness. Also, to provide help and resources for anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith.

The Church is currently exploring the best way forward for the building and is open to any suggestions as to how it can develop and improve its service to the community.

# Village Hall

Cummersdale has a Village Hall, which is currently used by the Embassy Dance Group, the Women's Institute and for carpet bowls in the winter months, plus occasional social activities and fund raising events for example quiz and bingo nights.

The Hall is currently run by four trustees who have a remit to ensure the hall is available for the use of the Cummersdale residents, and is appropriately maintained.

Limited resources have only been able to support running costs and routine maintenance and have not enabled any investment in major work and modernisation, hence the Hall is in an overall poor state of repair and requires some investment to upgrade and modernise.

Following a planning survey in 2005, the Parish Council and the Cummersdale Conservation Trust in 2007 commissioned a feasibility study to examine the options available for future provision of a Village Hall facility in Cummersdale.

A consultant was employed to undertake a study on the options available. An extensive consultation was undertaken through individual questionnaires, one to one meetings with users, and an open meeting with parishioners. A copy of the report can be accessed on the Cummersdale website. ([www.cummersdale.org.uk](http://www.cummersdale.org.uk))

The Study reported that building a new hall was not feasible at the present time, and that the favoured option would be to upgrade and use the existing facility.

The report made a number of recommendations which included; greater involvement of local people, to improve the facilities and develop areas of further usage; to undertake a fully costed condition survey and refurbishment plan; establish a village hall management group including interested local people to work with the trustees, improve the fabric and appearance of the facility making it more attractive to potential hirers; revert to the original title for the building of "Village Hall", undertake fund raising and obtain grant support to undertake upgrading work.

During the consultation process for the Community Plan, it became apparent from feedback that many of the activities and facilities, that residents in the Parish would like to see developed, do require a village hall facility of some kind. Until one is made available these issues will not be able to be progressed effectively.

The Community Plan Group therefore have placed some urgency on this issue and have already been able to work with the Trustees to establish a Village Hall Management Group, with a view to achieving the identified objectives.

# Demographics

## Cummersdale Parish

The statistics given are taken from the last census in 2001. This information is the most up to date available and still approximates to the present situation in the parish.

### Total Residents in Cummersdale Parish

Total 486 Male 249 Female 237

Age Range	Cummersdale Parish	Cummersdale Parish %	Cumbria %
0-4	28	5.8%	5.2%
5-15	56	11.5%	13.7%
16-24	47	9.7%	9.1%
25-44	116	23.9%	27.2%
45-64	153	31.5%	26.5%
65-74	51	10.5%	9.8%
75+	35	7.2%	8.5%

The average age in Cummersdale Parish from the 2001 census was 41.6 years.

17.5% of our residents are over 65 this is very much in line with trends in Cumbria.

The most prevalent groups are the 25 to 44 and 45 to 64 year olds. 55.4% in total only slightly higher than the Cumbria average.

The 5 to 15 and 16 to 24 do form a large group of the population, some 31.01%

All three of the above areas represent significant groups of residents in the population where services need to be addressed.



# Housing & Parking

## Housing Details

From the 2001 census, in Cummersdale Parish there were 210 households. There were no second homes or holiday homes. The average household size in this parish was 2.3 people .

There was a desire expressed for some new housing in Cummersdale Village itself. Discussions need to be held with the authorities to carry out a housing needs assessment. This would quantify the need for affordable housing in the Parish. Although a majority of parishioners voted in favour of having some further housing in the Parish, they were against any major development but some would be in favour of infill development of a limited nature with realistically priced starter homes. 'Affordable rented housing' was seen as desirable by a minority of parishioners.

As the population of Cummersdale continues to age, there will be a growing need for health care support at home and/or sheltered accommodation for the elderly within Cummersdale. As we do not have any of the usual "village amenities" it suggests that the Village Hall could be adapted and used to help the elderly and support the local community.

## Parking

Parking provision in Cummersdale village is a long standing issue with some safety implications. This is common to many villages that were designed when car ownership was much less than it is now. Proposals have been made to establish a car park on land behind the school owned by the City Council in order to provide extra parking space for the Village Hall, school, pub and visitors. There has been some dialogue with the City Council on this. Other areas of the village also have difficulties that require attention e.g. congestion in Gilbert Road.

Any new development must make adequate provision for off street parking. Provision needs to be made for landscaped and screened parking areas on the periphery and in the centre of Cummersdale Village to support activities and events held periodically in the village, the church and pub.

# Housing Information

## Dwelling Types

Type of Dwelling	Number	Cummersdale Parish %	Cumbria %
Detached	70	33.3%	25.4%
Semi Detached or Terraced	126	60.0%	63.3%
Flat, Mobile Home or Other	14	6.7%	11.4%

## Household Tenure

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## Household Composition

Type	Number	Cummersdale Parish %	Cumbria %
Lone Pensioners	23	11.4%	15.8%
Lone Occupants	22	10.9%	14.2%
Lone Parent with dependent children	12	6.0%	5.5%
Pensioners households	27	13.4%	10.9%
Couples - no children	40	19.9%	19.3%
Couples with dependent children	41	20.4%	22.0%
Households with non - dependent children	25	12.4%	9.9%
Other households	11	5.5%	2.5%

# Car/Health/Crime Information

## Car Ownership

	Cummersdale Parish	Cummersdale Parish %	Cumbria %
No car or van	30	14.9%	24.4%
One car or van	87	43.3%	47.1%
Two cars or vans	61	30.3%	22.9%
Three cars or vans	23	11.4%	5.6%

## Health Statistics / Trends

(Reference Cumbria Primary Care Trust, 2005)

Unfortunately, all statistics from Cumbria Primary Care Trust, relating to the health of the Parish are included in the figures for Dalston ward. Apart from circulatory diseases, Cummersdale Parish has a lower than expected mortality rate. However, men in Cummersdale Parish are 13% more likely to die from circulatory disease than men nationally. Available data for Cummersdale Parish appear to indicate that the area is considerably less deprived and has fewer health issues than the average for Carlisle.

Compared to Carlisle, figures show that the Dalston ward has an above average population over the age of

65. There is an above average level of obesity (However, this is still below the national average.) The Dalston ward has a higher than average for Carlisle percentage of people drinking alcohol on five or more days a week. There is also a higher than average percentage of people reporting that they are unpaid carers.

## Crime Statistics

(Reference Cumbria Constabulary)

Between August 2008 and February 2009, there were 27 reports made to the police.

2 were for road traffic accidents  
4 were for antisocial behaviour involving youths. (these reports included throwing snowballs)  
2 were for theft.  
2 were for alarms going off.  
1 report was to do with the phone box being misused.  
2 reported motos on paths  
1 report was for other crime.  
The remaining 12 reports were for non-crime related incidents.

Cummersdale Parish is well below the national average for reported crimes. From figures supplied by Carlisle City Council, crime went down from 42 incidents in 2006-2007 to 31 in 2007-2008. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership discussed Cummersdale as one of the key areas to tackle motor vehicle nuisance.

# Communications



Communications are an essential part of informing and engaging individuals in affairs and activities of the Parish. A Parish Newsletter is produced and a website is established, with regular communications from the Parish Council, School, Church and WI. Parishioners wished to see this broadened to include more information about events and activities in the Parish on a regular basis.

The Parish Council has formed a sound communications network with other Parish Councils, Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council and Voluntary Organisations.

# Consultation Process

# Consultation Process

## Methodology and Consultation

Consultation and involvement are the key to a Community Plan that fully represents the views and aspirations of those who live in the Parish.

The Parish of Cummersdale takes in Cummersdale Village, Newby West, Newby Cross, Garden Village and the surrounding rural district; the population recorded on the 2001 Census information is 486 within 210 households. During the consultation period January 2008 to December 2008, the Group were able to receive feedback from residents across all age groups.

The methodology adopted included a number of techniques to involve residents and gather views; questionnaires, one to one discussions, focus groups, open meetings, social functions, an exhibition and drop in sessions.

In December 2007, the Parish Council agreed to actively work to produce a Community Plan and established a Community Plan Group to do this work. The group consisted of six Parish Councillors and five volunteers from the Parish, co-opted for their knowledge, skills and willingness to contribute.

In 2002 the Parish Council used a questionnaire to gain the views from parishioners, requesting responses to a

range of topics. The questionnaire was delivered to all households in the Parish. Responses were returned from 24% of recipients. It was agreed to use this work but to complement and update this with other methods.

In March 2002, the Exhibition in the School regarding the Copse development, also asked for comments on village issues and improvements. The event was well supported by the residents of the Parish.

In 2007 the Parish Council, together with the Conservation Trust, commissioned a feasibility study to determine the future of the Village Hall in Cummersdale. This work was undertaken by an independent consultant and was subject to extensive consultation with the parishioners. Methods included questionnaires, meetings with users of the hall, trustees, and outside agencies. An open meeting was also held which was well attended by 45 residents. The report produced has been considered as a vital component in the Community Plan relating to the future of a Village Hall facility.

The group used the parish newsletter and flyers delivered to each household as well as the Cummersdale Community Website to communicate with residents and to encourage feedback, (feedback through the website was limited)

# Consultation Events

**February 2008** - the Chairman of the Planning Group presented the group with a task for each member of the group to talk to 10 residents on what they value in Cummersdale Parish and what things they would like to see developed or changed. This formed the basis of subsequent consultations.

**April 2008** - the local school organised a picture competition for younger and older school children to express how they view the village. The group judged the pictures and awarded prizes at the exhibition drop in day. This involved more than 50 entries

**May 2008** - the group hosted an exhibition and drop in day to enlist views from residents. This session featured the outcome of the picture competition showing a view of the future Cummersdale Village presented by local school children. Issues obtained from initial discussion were listed and displayed and used to obtain views on the priority of particular issues by use of stickers. The day was attended by 98 local residents of all ages.

**June 2008** - the group hosted a drop in session for pensioners in the Parish with complementary afternoon tea in the pub. This was attended by 25 pensioners.

**August 2008** - the local pub landlord engaged in discussion with those aged between 25 and 40. Informal feedback was received from around 50 residents.



# Partnerships/Parishioner Involvement

## Partnerships

Working relationships were forged with a number of agencies who were able to give support and who attended meetings to provide a strategic overview and to outline key issues that may have impact on the local plan.

Those who provided input included:

Voluntary Action Cumbria (now called Action with Communities in Cumbria)  
Carlisle City Council,  
Cumbria County Council,  
Primary Care Trust,  
Police Liaison Officer,  
Transport Management,  
Rural Wheels,  
Local Neighbourhood Forum.

The group also used existing local community groups as a vehicle to involve their members in contributing and consulting:

School Children,  
Church Group,  
Women's Institute,  
Local Pub,  
Village Hall Trustees,  
Conservation Trust,  
Younger People,  
Pensioners group.

## Numbers of residents involved

Parish Plan Questionnaire (24% return from 200)	40
Planning Group Consultation Task	50
Exhibition and drop in sessions	98
Pensioners' Group	25
Women's Institute	20
Village Hall Meeting	45
Village Hall Questionnaire (15% return from 200 )	30
Local Pub	50
Younger Residents 14 to 18	10
School Children	50
<b>TOTAL RESIDENTS INVOLVED</b>	<b>418</b>

(some people will have attended more than one event)



# What Parishioners Said

From the various questionnaires and meetings there is a distinct wish to retain Cummersdale Parish's identity as a rural community. There appeared to be a hope that disparate groups in the community could be brought together particularly with regard to a focal point in the Parish such as a developed Village Hall.

Two Parish Councillors live outside Cummersdale Village - one in Newby West and one in Garden Village. This helps ensure that the views of all parishioners are kept in focus.

## Healthy Communities and Older People

- Responsibility for Sustrans maintenance (Dalston to Cummersdale)
- Provision of more seats
- Healthcare facility in village
- Prescription collection and delivery
- Organised health walks
- Develop community groups
- Rural Wheels
- Provision of housing for pensioners
- Provision of housing as low cost starter homes.
- Develop housing policy to create a controlled expansion.

## Economic Development and Enterprise

- Develop Village Hall
- Mobile shops
- Campaign for supermarket South of Carlisle
- Maintain and develop local businesses - Industry links, farmers, pub, smallholders.
- Internet point
- Work with Church to rationalise resources and integrate activities.

## Children and Young People

- Encourage formation of youth groups
- Encourage formation of playgroups
- Develop play areas - lighting, marking & nets on Common
- Develop facility with pool table, etc - a place for young people to 'hang out'
- Check out use of MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in school grounds.
- Develop links with school to support and encourage, with a view to sustaining viable numbers.

# What Parishioners Said

## Safer Stronger Communities

- Develop CNDR links especially with regard to Newby
- West street lighting
- Improve links with local police
- Develop Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- Structural maintenance and annual upkeep of roads
- Develop focal point for village i.e. develop Village Hall
- Develop social committee
- Car parking
- Quality and location of bus shelters
- Relocation of bus stops

## Conservation and the environment

- Maintenance of public bridleways and footpaths
- Open up more footpaths and bridleways
- Produce leaflet on footpaths, bridleways and cycleways
- CNDR links
- Look into possibility of developing allotments
- Provide more litter bins
- Fly tipping
- Recycling needs - already supported by council collections.
- Work on appearance of Parish.
- Reduce carbon footprint.

## Communication

- Improve Parish Newsletter
- Develop Parish Website
- Utilise Parish Noticeboards



# CUMMERSDALE COMMUNITY PLAN



# Future Issues

In planning for the future we should also have regard to two major developments, both of which will impact on our Parish;

The Carlisle Northern Development Route (CNDR) will provide easier access to other urban areas in the northwestern sector of the city and of course to Junction 44 of the M6 motorway.

The Morton development, 70% of this will be on Cummersdale Grange.

Both of the above developments may well result in some loss of our rural identity to varying degrees, with implications for community cohesion, and safety issues arising from greater accessibility to the M6. Given the present economic climate it may be some years before these developments impact on our rural environment, but nevertheless we should prepare for this eventuality.

Newby West is in close proximity to the proposed Carlisle Northern Development Route. The existing access road is to be retained but, despite representations by the Parish Council, without a ghost lane to hold vehicles as they cross over the CNDR to and from the village.

Garden Village is within the 30mph zone at the urban edge of the city on the western gateway to the city. With such large scale developments, houses, retail and employment sites nearby this will inevitably become part of the urban scene at the northwestern approaches.

Urban development on this scale will also inevitably lead to an increase in traffic in the wider Parish and in Cummersdale Village, but particularly on Wigton Road, Dalston Road, Peter Lane and Newby West. At the appropriate time we should press for the speed limit to be extended to accommodate this as a condition of development, both on Dalston Road and Wigton Road.

The land at Morton has recently been the subject of a successful planning application for up to 850 homes, of which a large number will be in our Parish. There may be an opportunity under planning gain to secure conditions and community facilities for the benefit of the Parish, under a Section 106 agreement.

# 5 YEAR ACTION PLAN

Cummersdale Parish Council are the owners of this dynamic Community Plan and will oversee the implementation process.

The headings used in this Action Plan reflect those used in the Carlisle City Council Community Plan

In order to implement this action plan, various groups will need to be consulted and involved. It is proposed that a group of interested parishioners will be set up as a development group to investigate and action certain areas of the plan, alongside other potential partners, including the Parish Council, City and County Councils, Village Hall Development Group, etc.

This development group will be a charitable organisation with a full constitution in order to apply for appropriate funding where needed. The group will have a direct relationship with the Parish Council. Some actions will need to be implemented by a partnership approach whether that be with local agencies e.g. School, Church, Village Hall Committee or external agencies e.g. City or County Council or Primary Care Trust, etc or with voluntary organizations such as footpath groups. There will also need to be contact with various grant bodies.

The existing community planning group will initiate this process.

Where stated, a high priority will be actioned within a year, a medium priority task within 3 years and a low priority task within 5 years. Timescale for this action plan spans the next 5 years, with short-term tasks dealt with as quickly as possible and long term tasks expected to either be an ongoing issue or take the full 5 years to develop.

The action plan will be reviewed annually by the Parish Council and any updates or new issues will be looked at and if required, included.

# Healthy Communities & Older People

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Healthcare facility in Parish	Investigate possible use of room in Village Hall for satellite services.	Development Group Village Hall Management Committee Cumbria PCT	Grant Funding PCT	Medium	Long Term
	Further survey to be undertaken to determine specific needs in conjunction with PCT	Development Group	Parish Council PCT	Low	Long Term
Prescription collection and delivery	Ensure parishioners are aware of the already available service	Parish Council Local pharmacies	Local pharmacies	High	Short Term
Organised health walks	Research and contact existing groups providing this service	Development Group Carlisle City Council	Voluntary funding	Medium	Medium Term
Develop groups for the elderly	Set up weekly group Look for subsidy funding	Development Group Village Hall Management Committee Church	Church Grant funding	High	Short Term

PCT = Primary Care Trust

# Healthy Communities & Older People

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Provision of housing for pensioners	Housing Needs Survey to be initiated	Development Group Carlisle City Council	Carlisle City Council	Low	Long term
Information on health related home services	Research and produce information sheet for distribution round Parish	Development Group Cumbria PCT Carlisle City Council	Parish Council PCT	High	Short term

# Economic Development & Enterprise

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Develop Village Hall	Explore commercial opportunities for income generation including internet access	Trustees/ Village Hall Committee Development Group	Grant funding	High	Medium term
Provision of mobile retail outlets	Investigate existing provision in the locality and potential to increase visits to Parish by other services i.e. Post Office	Development Group		Medium	Medium term
Internet point	Research possibility of inclusion in Village Hall plan - alternatively look into using Pub as an option	Development Group	Grant funding	Low	Long term

# Children & Young People

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Encourage formation of youth groups	Look into possible venues. Check out use of MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in school grounds.	Development Group	Carlisle City Council Cumbria County Council Grant funding Income generation	High	Long Term
Encourage formation of playgroups	Look into possible venues.	Development Group	Cumbria County Council Grant funding Income generation	Medium	Long Term
Develop play areas	Research possibility of lighting on common.	Development Group	Carlisle City Council Cumbria County Council	Low	Short term
	Mark football pitch and put up nets	Parish Council	Council Grant funding	High	Short term
	Look at state of pitch including drainage	Parish Council Residents		Medium	Short term

# Safer Stronger Communities

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Newby West Village street lighting	Discuss request with Cumbria County Council	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	Cumbria County Council	High	Long term
Improve links with local police	Discuss opportunities to develop 'drop-in' sessions with local police	Parish Council Police	Police Grant funding	Medium	Medium term
Neighbourhood Watch scheme	Find out if Neighbourhood Watch Scheme still active If inactive, contact Police to re-establish	Development Group Police Local Residents	Cumbria Police	Medium	Short term
Improve Structural Maintenance and annual upkeep of roads	Make representation at Neighbourhood Forum meeting on highways issues with City and County Councils	Parish Council Neighbourhood Forum Carlisle City Council Cumbria County Council	Cumbria County Council	High	Long term
Car parking	Explore options and possible sites to resolve current problems and increase car parking capacity in Cummersdale village	Parish Council Local Residents Carlisle City Council Cumbria County Council	Cumbria County Council Parish Council	High	Medium term
Traffic Calming Measures	Review options to address issues of speeding	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	Cumbria County Council Grant funding	Medium	Medium term

# Safer Stronger Communities

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Develop Housing Policy to create controlled expansion to include affordable housing	Conduct Housing Needs Assessment. Consult with local plans officer at City Council	Development Group Parish Council Carlisle City Council	Carlisle City Council	Low	Long term
Quality and location of bus shelters	Explore options for bus stop/shelter on Wigton Road to serve Newby West and Garden Village  Review standard of existing bus shelter and act as appropriate	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	Cumbria County Council	High	Medium term
Improve Public Transport Options	Publicise Rural Wheels	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	Parish Council Cumbria County Council	High	Short term
Develop focal point for Parish.	Ensure greater involvement of local people. Improve fabric and appearance of the Hall. Develop areas for increased usage and hire. Initiate fundraising and attract grants to achieve the refurbishment programme	Hall Trustees Village Hall Management Group Development Group Parish Council	Fundraising Grant funding Income generation	High	Short term

# Conservation & The Environment

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time scale
Maintenance of public bridleways and footpaths	Liaise with Parish Paths Initiative to improve and develop current routes.	Parish Council Cumbria County Council Carlisle City Council	Carlisle City Council Cumbria County Council	Medium	Short term
Open up more footpaths and bridleways	Research possibility of creating new footpaths and bridleways to join up existing paths.	Parish Council Cumbria County Council Carlisle City Council	Parish Path Initiative Grant funding	Medium	Long term
	Develop leaflet to advertise walks	Development Group Parish Council	Grant funding Cumbria County Council	Medium	Long Term
Maintenance of Sustrans Cycle Route (Dalston to Cummersdale)	Determine which organisation is responsible and liaise appropriately.	Parish Council Dalston Parish Council		Low	Long Term
Provision of more seats	Determine location and action	Parish Council Local Residents	Parish Council	Medium	Medium Term
CNDR links	Ensuring parishioners' views are presented to the developers	Parish Council Cumbria County Council		High	Short term

# Conservation & The Environment

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time Scale
Look into possibility of developing local allotments	Discuss possible sites with City Council	Parish Council Carlisle City Council	Carlisle City Council Grant funding	Medium	Medium term
Provide more litter bins	Identify requirements and discuss with City Council	Parish Council Carlisle City Council	Carlisle City Council	Medium	Medium term
Fly tipping	Develop strategy to address problem	Parish Council Carlisle City Council Local Residents	Parish Council	Medium	Long term
Work on appearance of Parish.	Develop strategy to address problem	Development Group Conservation Group	Grant funding	High	Long term
Reducing carbon footprint	Develop strategy to encourage carbon neutrality	Parish Council Conservation Group Carlisle City Council Carlisle University	Grant funding Carlisle City Council Neighbourhood Forum	Medium	Long term

# Communication

Task	Action	Potential Partners	Funding	Priority	Time scale
Develop Parish Newsletter	Review format, content and frequency	Parish Council		Low	Long term
Develop Parish Website	Review options to further develop website and improve access and content	Parish Council Software Solutions	Parish Council Grant funding	Medium	Medium term
Utilise Parish Noticeboards	Ensure all relevant Parish information is displayed	Parish Council		Low	Short term
Community activities and events	Facilitate a Gala Day type event to bring the community together	Local residents Parish Council Village Hall Management Committee School Church	Parish Council Fundraising	High	Medium term

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