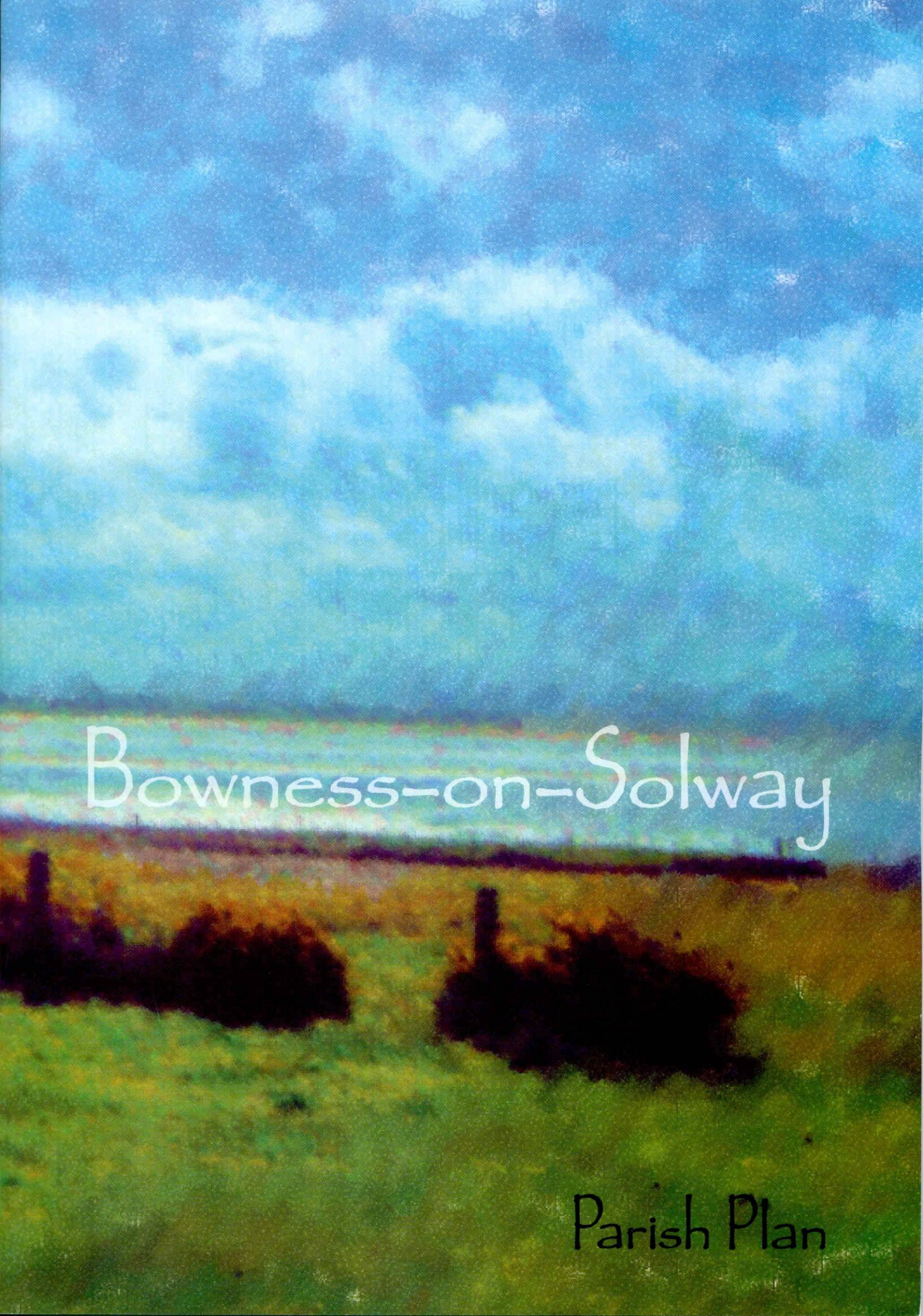
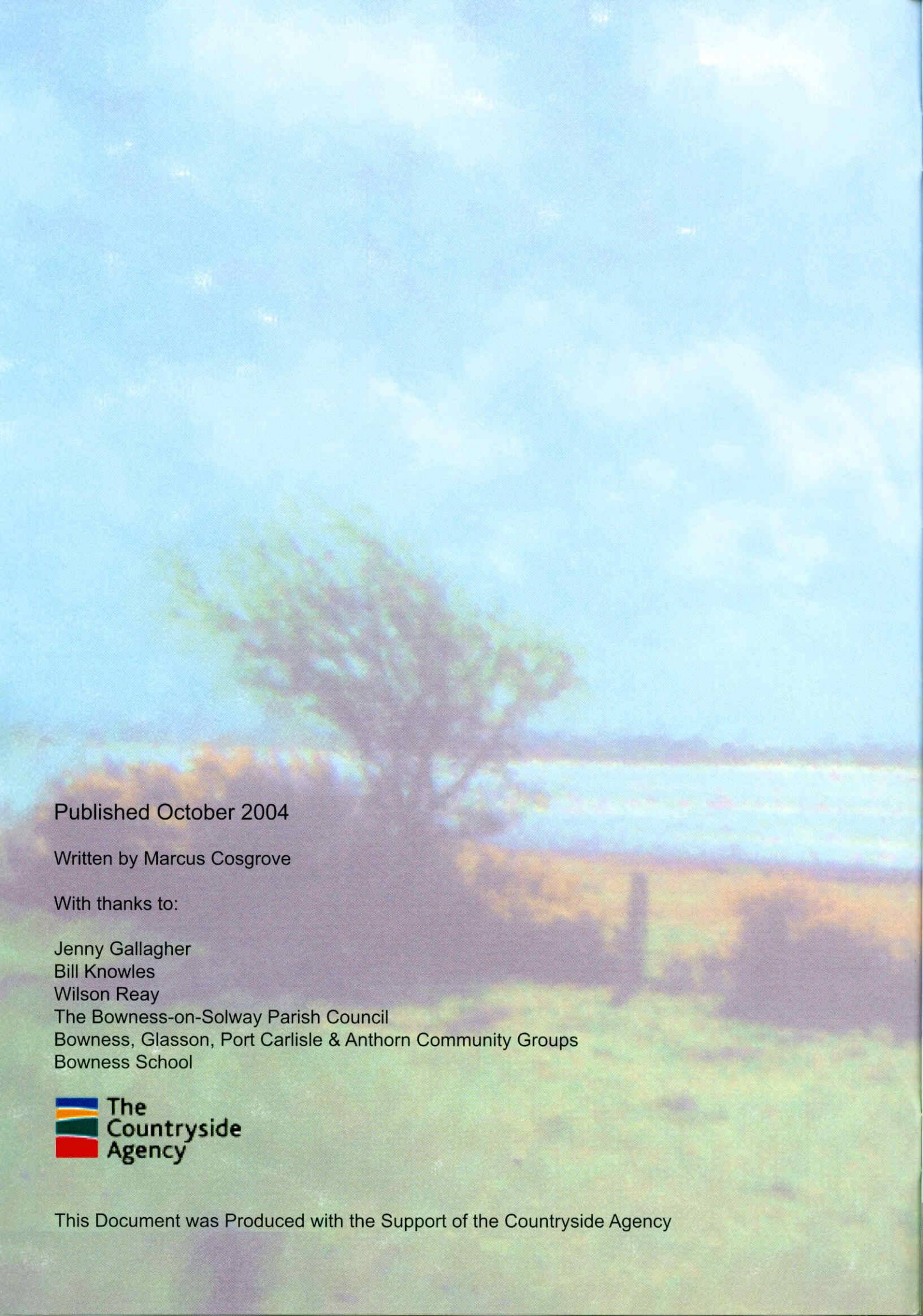




Bowness-on-Solway

Parish Plan



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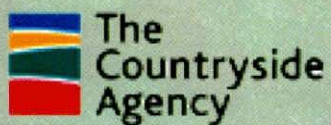
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An Introduction to Bowness-on-Solway

Geography

The Parish of Bowness on Solway is approximately six miles in length from east to west and two miles in breadth from north to south. The parish occupies a peninsulated headland protruding into the Solway Firth and consequently is surrounded by sea on almost three sides. The parish boundary lies some ten miles to the west of Carlisle, the nearest major town, and approximately eight miles north of Wigton, a market town. The Parish is relatively low lying and consists of fertile farmland and some open heath. The Parish lies within the boundaries of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and boasts spectacular coastal scenery and diversity of flora and fauna. The Parish itself consists of four villages; Anthorn, Bowness, Glasson and Port Carlisle. There are other small settlements at Cardurnock, Drumburgh, Easton, Fingland, Longcroft and Whitrigg included within these townships. The whole area is covered by multi-layered national and international environmental and heritage designations.



History

The Parish has an exceptionally rich heritage. Most well known is the Roman connection with Bowness, which was the site of the western extremity of Hadrian's Wall, indeed a significant garrison was based in the Parish during Roman times. During the Dark Ages, in common with much of northern and western Cumbria, Viking settlers colonised the area. This may be the reason for the continued practice of Haaf Net Fishing within the Parish, an ancient method of fishing which is thought to have originated in Scandinavia. The Parish was formally created in Norman times and was a dependant manor of the Barony of Burgh. The coastal nature of the Parish has lead to a rich legacy of smugglers tales and the proximity to Scotland has meant that throughout the medieval period and beyond the Parish has been the scene of violence between the English and Scots. Most notably the bells of St Michaels Church in Bowness were stolen by Scots in 1626. Although the raiders had to throw the bells into the sea as they beat a retreat, the parishioners retaliated and stole the church bells from Dornock which remain in the parish to this day!

Services

As a rural Parish, Bowness has an inevitably limited number of services. There is however a good range including three public houses, the Parish Church, a primary school, a bowling green, tennis courts, two post offices (one with limited opening hours), plus a travelling shop and post office which visit periodically, as well as a bus service from Carlisle which operates on average six times per day.

What is this plan for anyway?

The main purpose of this plan is to show how the residents of the Parish feel about their area, to show what changes people would like to see, and indeed to celebrate those things of which the Parishioners are most proud. All of the issues within this document are here because you the Parishioners have asked for them to be here through a wide ranging consultation process. This document is not intended to be a blueprint for the Parish Council or even the Borough Council to follow, although undoubtedly they will have a part to play in some of the actions which have been requested. Primarily, it is hoped that this document will enable the people of Bowness-on-Solway to take action for themselves, and set about making their Parish a better place to live for themselves, their families, and their neighbours.

How has the community already been involved?

In the first instance, a number of open meetings were held which were attended by a wide range of members of the public in order to discuss possible issues which should be examined. Following the meetings it was decided to distribute a questionnaire to all households in the Parish, this was based upon the outcome of the initial public meetings. Following this distribution, a little over 70% of questionnaires were returned completed. This survey has generated hundreds of individual suggestions and comments which have been distilled down to a manageable set of actions which are outlined in this document. Parishioners and Parish Councillors have been instrumental in getting this document off the ground and it is hoped that since such a wide range of people have been involved in the project, Parishioners will feel motivated to take action and get on with the job of making the Parish an even better place to live.

So what next?

Now that this plan has been written it is essential for everyone within the Parish to take action where they can. Without the actions of people on the ground, nothing will happen and the exercise will have been fruitless. The survey showed that for the most part, the people of the Parish are content with things as they are, but there are many small things which they would like to see changed. By reading this document, you may find that there are things you could do with minimal effort that will make life more pleasant for others around you. There are suggestions all the way through which can help you to make a difference and perhaps may even inspire you to become more involved with projects within the Parish. This plan has been divided into sections relating to the original questionnaire. Each issue is presented as a double paged spread containing data from the survey as well as some possible actions which can be taken by us all to solve the problems which have been raised.



Vehicles

Speed

An issue which affects all Parishioners is that of motor vehicles. Owing to the isolated nature of the Parish, nearly all of us have to drive in order to get about. The results of the survey show that this particular issue is clearly one which raises concerns throughout the Parish, but as drivers, we can all do something to make a difference here. 60% of all those questioned felt that speed limits are required in the villages of the Parish. Clearly there is a problem with cars not slowing down when entering built up areas. This problem was shown to be of particular concern in Drumburgh and Glasson, with over 70% of those questioned indicating that speed reduction is a high priority for them. There is a less prevalent but still strong feeling that speed limits across the Parish should be lowered with 42% supporting the view that this should be a high priority.



Parking

The results of the survey would suggest that parking facilities throughout the Parish are only just coping with demand and perhaps should be extended in some areas in order to properly accommodate the needs of Parishioners and visitors alike. The recent tourism developments in Port Carlisle have also brought to light a new problem with parking on the bend at the western edge of the village. Residents, particularly in Bowness where more than 40% gave this issue a high priority, feel that some extra parking both in the villages and along the coastal routes would be of benefit to the Parish.

Solutions...

There are two ways of tackling these issues, either the Parish Council can take steps, or the driving public can take it upon themselves to make the difference. The geographical location of the Parish ensures that almost all traffic is local traffic and therefore locals have the ability to make the roads safer just by changing their own driving habits.

Clearly driving at speed through villages is causing a safety concern, hopefully this clear signal will encourage drivers to slow down. However, there are solutions which could be enacted by the Parish Council.

TRAFFIC CALMING

It would be possible for the Parish Council to start taking steps to have traffic calming measures built within the Parish. Traffic calming might cause inconvenience, but could be a way of solving the speed issue. However, there would be associated problems with this method since much of the traffic in the area consists of agricultural vehicles which have rigid suspension and cannot easily negotiate obstacles in the road. It would seem that the method of traffic calming supported by most Parishioners would be the direct imposition of lower speed limits through villages within the Parish. The council could investigate the costs of such a system, including the possible erection of electronic signs at village boundaries, which automatically draw attention to speeding drivers. This system has already been put in place in other Parishes nearby with villages opting for 20mph speed limits in some cases. Other traffic calming measures such as speed humps are a possibility. The survey would indicate that there is significant (though not majority) support for this in Drumburgh and Glasson where speeding is clearly an acute issue. Another solution which has been adopted by other Parishes is the running of a local mobile speed camera by residents. This might be especially relevant in problem areas and the costs of purchasing a speed camera could be shared with neighbouring Parishes. This solution would require volunteers to run it, and may prove costly, but could send a significant message to repeat offenders across the Parish.

PARKING

In the first instance, considerate parking by all may go some way to reducing the problems that exist. The imposition of double yellow lines could only be used as a last resort owing to the lack of official car parks and parking areas. Creating a new car park can be considered but would at present be beyond the resources available to the Parish Council. Any new car park would have to have land identified for the purpose and then would have to be funded separately. This is a project that could be taken up by residents with the support of the Parish Council.



Utilities

Generally Parishioners are happy with utility provision within the Parish, but there are some specific problems which were flagged up. Those issues which were raised but are not mentioned here will be followed up by the Parish council within the normal course of their activities.

Sewage Treatment

In Bowness, 50% of residents felt that sewage treatment should be given a high priority. The system clearly needs updating and the Parish Council will continue lobbying for this to happen. As far back as 1999 the Parish Council wrote to North West Water requesting that they commence work on sewage treatment to meet the European Clean Water Directive which will come into force in 2005. A design team were subsequently appointed by United Utilities in 2002. The preference for an environmentally soft engineered solution eg. reed beds has been clearly supported by Parishioners during the public meetings which have taken place on the issue over the last three years.



Policing

The most important issue which was raised when Parishioners were asked about utility provision in the area was that of policing. Some 34% of Parishioners felt it was a high priority to have more police presence within the area, almost 50% gave this a medium or high priority.

Solutions...

There is clearly a case for lobbying both by Parishioners and the Parish Council on a number of issues which were raised. In most cases, no swift action will be possible as it relies on spending commitments from Utility companies to improve their infrastructure and they will tend to plan their expenditure some considerable time in advance. If you are suffering from a specific problem, the best solution is to write to the Utility company involved and request an update on their planned improvements in the area. The more of us that do this, the more likely it is that something will happen.

Policing and community safety is one area where the community can take an active part in making things better. It must be pointed out that crime is actually very low within the Parish. Police figures would suggest that the Parish is actually the safest place to live in Allerdale and indeed the figures compare very well with those nationally. Most crime that exists is actually related to property in the outlying areas and there has been a recent increase in crime of this sort on farms in the Parish. The obvious solution would be to set up a **FarmWatch** scheme for the Parish. Such a scheme could be set up in conjunction with the Parish Council and the Cumbria Constabulary. A FarmWatch Scheme already exists in the neighbouring Parish of Burgh by Sands and there is no reason why this could not be replicated in Bowness. Farmwatch is a partnership between the farming community and the Police. It aims to:

- Reduce opportunities for crime to occur,
- Strengthen community spirit,
- Improve communication between farming community and the Police
- Report suspicious incidents as they occur.

Farmers who wish to report thefts on their property or who wish to know more about FarmWatch in Cumbria should call 01768 891999. Further information can also be acquired from the Pentalk website at www.pentalk.org. pentalk is a Cumbrian Charity which aims to increase communication between farmers and may also have other items of interest for local farmers.

Individuals who wish to report suspicious activities or who may information about other specific criminal activity in the area should call **Crimestoppers** on 0800 555111.



Hazards

Living in a rural area, residents of the Parish are faced with unique hazards, particularly during winter, and many of you felt that this was something which needed to be tackled urgently. There is a general feeling that there are hazards throughout the Parish which could and should be prevented.

Mud on the roads

The major issue raised by Parishioners is that there is too much mud on the roads. Often this can be prevented but it can cause a major hazard to traffic passing through the Parish, particularly in wet and wintry conditions. This is an especially acute problem in Anthorn, where 73% of residents gave this issue a high priority.



Livestock

As a rural Parish, it is inevitable that there will be problems associated with livestock running loose and this was reflected to some degree within the survey. The survey would indicate that whilst not a major problem, this issue is one which periodically affects certain Parishioners. The most apparent problem is that of livestock on the roads across the marsh, although there is clearly some feeling about this across the whole Parish.

Hedges

Some Parishioners felt that hedges were not always being maintained correctly and that this presented a hazard to motorists using Parish roads. Once again, this was not a major issue, but one which seemed to represent a minority opinion. This may indicate that the problem, where it exists, is extremely localised and could perhaps be dealt with quickly and easily.

Solutions...

Many of the hazards which Parishioners face daily are part and parcel of the environment within which they live. But there are practical ways of minimising the levels of hazard across the Parish, most of them extremely obvious.

LIVESTOCK

The major cause of loose livestock away from common ground such as the Marsh is the fact that gates are left open and livestock will wander out onto roads and into villages. Simply closing gates which you see left open will serve to reduce this risk. Drawing attention to local farmers of any loose livestock which you see, will not only help to safeguard their flocks and herds, but will also serve to improve road safety and reduce damage to property in the area.

HEDGES

In the past when there has been a problem with hedges and hedge trimming, the Parish Council has written to offending land owners. Landowners have always complied with requests of this sort whenever a problem has arisen and it is anticipated that this will always be the case. Should you feel that there is a particular stretch of hedging which needs to be dealt with then it would be advisable to approach the Parish Council who will take the matter up on your behalf.

MUD ON THE ROADS

Mud on the roads is a major problem in all rural areas. The necessity for farmers to move flocks and herds along roads as well as transport slurry tanks and the like means that there will inevitably be a problem with this from time to time. The responsibility for clearing roads where excessive dirt has been left behind lies with the farmers. The only way to make sure that this happens is for farmers and the local community to work together. Farmers need some forum to let the public know how they are working and give the public some means of understanding what it is that they are doing. Equally, farmers need to understand the concerns raised by locals in relation to their activities. Where the problem is ongoing, this is actually a matter which must be referred to the police as they are charged with ensuring that the roads within the Parish remain clear. Where doubt exists farmers should refer to the County Council publication entitled 'Agricultural Best Practise' which can be ordered direct from the council. Holes in the road should be reported to the Cumbria County Council Highways Hotline which is listed at the end of this publication. Problems with ice on the road should be referred to your Parish Councillor in order for gritting to be arranged.



Services & Local Facilities

As a rural area, there are inevitably limited services and facilities within the Parish. However, there were few areas of complaint in this section from local residents. The biggest issues are those relating to the bus service and some small improvements which might be made around the Parish to make it more user friendly to both visitors and residents alike.

Bus Services

The majority of Parishioners do not use local bus services at all, though for some, they are an essential link with services beyond the Parish. The bus service as it stands runs 6/7 times daily except on Sundays. It is unlikely that this service will be extended and as with all rural bus services, it relies on people using the service to keep it in operation. The reason buses are not used often is simply that for car owners, the limited timetable may seem restrictive, and the inconvenience of having to wait will push them into using their cars in preference to buses. It is not likely that this situation will change, but clearly there needs to be some plan for keeping existing services and ensuring that they properly fulfil the needs of Parishioners. In addition to the regular bus service there is also a service which runs the length of Hadrians Wall during the summer months in order to accomodate the increased tourist traffic since the recent push to advertise the Hadrians Wall Trail Trail. There is evidence to suggest that increased tourism along the length of the wall has improved usage of local bus facilities as well as the specific Hadrians Wall Trail bus.

Bus Shelter

Over 40% of residents felt that the bus shelter provision in Anthorn needed some improvement. This should be seen as a priority in relation to the actual usage and maintenance of a bus service through the Parish. The more pleasant and convenient the facilities are to use, the more people will use them, and then the more likely it is that bus services will continue.

Tourist Information Point

More than 40% of Bowness residents feel that there is a need for some kind of tourist information point within the village. As the end of the Hadrian's Wall Trail it would seem entirely appropriate that such a point would be located here.

Other Services

The survey also indicated that a small but consistent proportion of the Parish are reliant on a range of other small local services such as the mobile shop and Post Office. There seems to be no particular area in which the volume of requests for new services would warrant their provision, but those that exist are clearly important to a hard core of Parishioners, presumably these services are of especial importance to those with mobility issues who may find it hard to leave the Parish in order to access services elsewhere.

Use them or lose them!

Clearly there are few complaints about services within the Parish, but it is important that things stay that way. Supporting local services when possible will help to ensure their continued existence for both you and your neighbours. Obviously it will not always be practical to use local services, but sometimes you may find yourself going out of your way to use services in other areas which are available locally... If so, why not try out the local solution? There are clear benefits to using local services for the Parish. Aside from the obvious economic benefit to local people there will be reduced traffic if less journeys are being made into and out of the Parish, this is clearly going to improve the quality of life for those living along Parish roads.

TOURIST POINT

Tourist Information is already available at Lindow Hall, as well as at some of the various guest houses within the Parish. In addition there is information available at the Drumburgh Service Station. Visitors requesting tourist information should be directed towards these locations.



IMPROVED BUS SHELTERS

There is no question that residents would like to see improved provision of bus shelters across the Parish. The Parish Council will continue to press the appropriate agencies to ensure that in future these needs will be met.

Youth & Recreation

Play Areas

Play areas for children are an important part of the local built environment and contribute to the development of our youngsters and the spirit of community which exists within the Parish. In both Glasson and Anthorn, around 50% of respondents felt that facilities should be improved for their children.



Youth Facilities

It was felt by many respondents in their written answers that there is a lack of things to do for the youth of the Parish. At the same time, there seemed to be little willingness by Parishioners to volunteer their own time or money through increased taxation to pay for such services. This is not unique to Bowness-on-Solway and is a problem encountered by many rural areas. A considered approach to provision of youth facilities would help youngsters develop a connection with their local area and might help reduce crime or indeed the perception of crime within the area. Currently the Parish is served by the Wigton Youth Station who lay on mobile youth services in both Glasson and Anthorn.

Solutions...

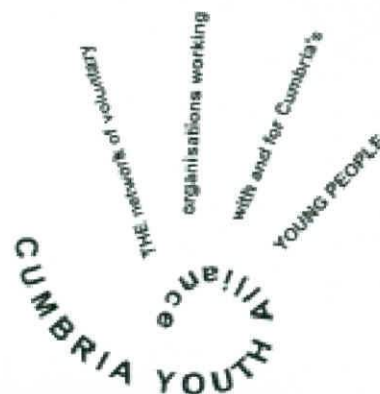
Provision of services for Youth and Children is always an expensive business, both in terms of cash and the volunteer support which services may require. For services to happen, there needs to be a groundswell of support from the local community. There is some feeling that more could be spent on such services mentioned in the section on the Parish Council Budget, however, it is not overwhelming.

It may be that the best way for services to be extended is for concerned parents to get together in their respective communities and seek outside support in order to help get services which they feel are required within the area.

The greatest obstacle to improved youth and child services is simply that for individuals to undertake work with minors they must first go through police checks in order to ensure child safety. For this reason it is best if potential volunteers go through established organisations in order to volunteer their services. If Parishioners feel that they might like to get involved with Youth Work then they should contact the Wigton Youth Station on 016973 44200 for further information.

Further information about Youth Services across the County can be obtained through the Cumbria Youth Alliance website, this site contains information about all of the organisations that work in the County, as well as information about opportunities to volunteer your time or expertise. The web address is www.cya.co.uk, postal address and telephone numbers are as follows:

Cumbria Youth Alliance
St Martin's College
Rydal Road
Ambleside
Cumbria
LA22 9BB
Telephone: + 44 (0) 15394 34971
Facsimile: + 44 (0) 15394 34982
Email: info@cya.co.uk



Sport and Community Services

Provision of sporting facilities and community services within the Parish contribute to the health and well being of all parishioners. The Parish is very lucky in terms of its sporting provision and boasts a bowling green as well as tennis courts and other facilities. There are also football clubs in both Glasson and Anthorn. Most residents feel that there is little need for further provision in this area.



Community Services

A strong community is one which provides services to all of its members, especially those most at need. The survey showed a strong feeling that better services should be made available, especially to the elderly and disabled. Already the Parish boasts some exceptional community services, most prominently a community transport service which has acted as a model to be followed by the rest of the county. The Voluntary Car Service is subsidised by the County Council and enables locals to get lifts for shopping trips etc from volunteer drivers. The service is provided for a small contribution towards the cost. For further details on accessing this service please contact VCS on 01228 606003. Additionally there are branches of the Womens Institute for Bowness and also Drumburgh & Glasson. Information for these can be accessed locally or through the Womens Institute Website: <http://womens-institute.co.uk>. Age Concern also operate in the area and have held lunches for the over 50's in the Highland Laddie. The area is covered by Age Concern Northwest Cumbria, information is available at www.ageconcern-nwc.org.uk or on 01946 66669.

Like all other services within the area, only your support of local ventures will enable them to continue to offer and expand their range of services.

Business

Central to the well being of the Parish is the level of economic activity which is going on in the area. Many respondents were clear in their appreciation of the lack of large scale industrial activity in the area. The fact that the Parish falls within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty means that future industrial development is not likely. However, there seemed to be some support from Parishioners for new local enterprises and small businesses being set up in the area. There is also strong support for existing businesses within the Parish, especially the Pubs which are felt to be a valuable form of social provision for locals who use them to meet and socialise in. It should be noted that there has been a surge in economic activity within the Parish and many new businesses have been set up owing to the increased numbers of visitors to the Hadrians Wall Trail.

Support for new businesses is already offered by a number of bodies and anyone intending setting up a new venture within the Parish should approach them for help in setting up their business

West Cumbria Development Agency

If you are setting up your own business and are looking sources of finance, potential properties and comprehensive business training, then get in touch with WCDA - all three are available there! Having been in operation for fourteen years, WCDA are very well networked, so its definitely worth your while to get in contact with them. You can contact them by e-mail at: enquiry@wcda.co.uk or by post or telephone:

Venture House
Guard Street
Workington
Cumbria
CA14 4EW
Phone: (01900) 65656

Business Link

If you're looking for comprehensive, specific business advice and support, then Business Link are the agency to contact. They are equipped to deal with any business-related issues and enquiries that you may have. You can contact them by e-mail at info@businesslinkcumbria.co.uk or by post or telephone:

Activ8 Business Solutions Ltd
Capital Building
Hilltop Heights
London Road
Carlisle
Phone: (0870) 7571177

In-Biz

If you have a business idea (or know of someone who has) and are considering self-employment, getting in touch with INBIZ would be a good first step. They operate in a relaxed environment, treat everyone equally and consider every business idea a valid one until reality proves otherwise! You can contact them by e-mail at: cumbria@inbiz.co.uk or by post or telephone:

Unit 1
Cleator Moor Business Centre
Pheonix Court
The Square
Cleator Moor
CA25 5PT
Phone: (01946) 814506

Additionally, Allerdale Borough Council Rural Business Initiative will provide small grants for purchase of start up equipment. Grants are generally around £600 but applications up to £1000 are accepted.

Contact **Debbie Keir** 01900 326417



The Environment

The people of Bowness-on-Solway are justifiably proud of their environment but there are concerns about its maintenance. In particular there is a long running desire from Parishioners to have service cables run underground in order to reduce power cuts but also to enhance the natural beauty of the area.



Street Lighting

There are some concerns in Anthorn that there is insufficient street lighting and that better provision could be made. Generally people are happy across the rest of the Parish although there are some other specific areas where extra lighting would be appreciated.

Fly Tipping

Many residents are unhappy about the level of fly tipping which occurs within the Parish. Not only does this activity leave unsightly blots on the landscape, but it presents possible environmental hazards both to livestock and wildlife in the area.

Litter Bins

There was an overall demand for more litter bins sited throughout the Parish, but most particularly in Bowness and Anthorn. Litter bins will hopefully reduce the amount of litter left around especially by visitors to the area.

Recycling

There is already a recycling initiative in operation in the area which is operated by Allerdale Borough Council. Already more than 60% of households claim that they are recycling household waste and support for recycling seems to be strong. Currently recycling facilities do not extend to plastics and there was a notable demand for such a facility to be put in place.

Solutions...

STREET LIGHTING

Allerdale Borough Council have been contacted about street lighting across the Parish and are currently working to include new lighting within their budget. Lighting in Conservation areas is to match the lighting which was installed in Port Carlisle in order to fit in with the character of the area.



FLY TIPPING

As an anti-social habit, it is imperative that residents act together to stamp out fly tipping in the area. Cases of suspected fly tipping should be reported to the police as this is a criminal activity. There have been instances of fly tipping at Anthorn Camp and when reported these have been dealt with extremely quickly.

LITTER BINS

New litter bins are being installed across the Parish, this is being coordinated by Allerdale Borough Council.



RECYCLING

Parishioners are clearly keen on recycling and would like to do more of it. Allerdale Borough Council is committed to helping residents to recycle as shown by the existing recycling programme which has been put in place. However, only by increased lobbying of the council will these services be increased. In particular there is lobbying going on at the moment to widen the recycling scheme to cover plastics, which currently are not collected by the council.

The natural beauty of the Parish can only be maintained by its people and their pride in their surroundings. Small actions by individuals can help keep litter from the streets and keep the area attractive for both residents and visitors alike.



Heritage

For many residents within the Parish, its rich heritage is something which deserves preservation. It is the heritage of the area, along with its natural environment, which gives it its distinctiveness. Bowness-on-Solway is lucky enough to be filled with a wide variety of heritage sites as well as heritage activities such as Haaf netting. In addition to this, much of the Parish is a designated World Heritage Site as well as being a site of Special Scientific Interest.

Bowness is the only parish which is totally within the government designated Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. (Solway Coast AONB) Nature Reserves within the Parish can be found at Campfield Marsh (RSPB), Bowness Common & Glasson Moss (English Nature) and Bowness gravel pits Nature Reserve (Cumbria Wildlife Trust)

In addition to the unique natural beauty of the area, Bowness Parish embraces a unique range of other environmental and heritage designations which are of international as well as national importance. i.e.

World Heritage Site – Hadrian's Wall ended at the second largest fort on the wall named Maia which was located in the centre of the current Bowness village.

Special Protection Area – part of the Upper Solway Flats & Marshes, one of only four areas designated within Cumbria.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) – the raised mosses of Bowness, Drumburgh and Glasson Commons plus the SSI in the lichen covered stonework of St Michael's churchyard in Bowness are some.

Scheduled Ancient Monuments – all relating to Hadrian's Wall

Special Area of Conservation – in regard to its coastal habitats and migratory lamprey fish

European Marine and a RAMSAR site – sub-tidal and inter-tidal areas around the Bowness peninsula are included in the international "Convention on Wetlands of International Importance" treaty signed in Iran by the UK government.

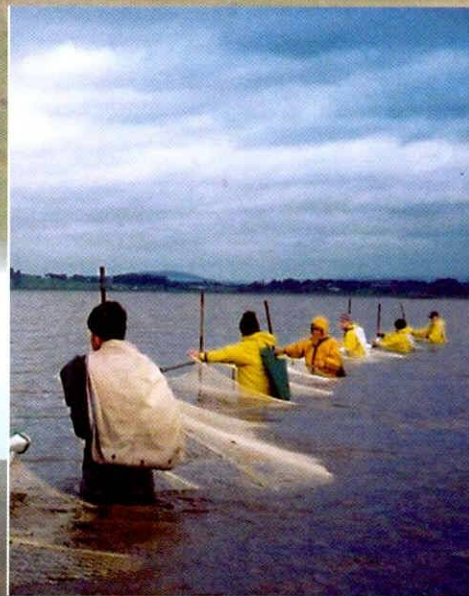
The Parish contains one Grade I listed building at Drumburgh Castle.

31 other Grade II listed buildings are located across the parish as follows:

Anthorn	4	Fingland	2
Bowness	4	Glasson	3
Cardurnock	1	Longcroft	1
Drumburgh	1	Port Carlisle	8
Easton	5	Whitrigg	2

There is across the board support for the preservation of heritage within the Parish, especially for the preservation of the Bowness Viaduct. Since the Parish is the subject of so many restrictions as a result of its heritage status it is unlikely that any activities would be allowed which would in any way compromise existing heritage sites. Indeed there are widely supported planning restrictions in the area preventing any new building for the foreseeable future. This is an area which the Parish can be justly proud of and clearly residents feel that their Heritage is something worth celebrating.

Heritage is an ongoing and living thing, and to this end the people of the Parish recently planted twelve trees to mark the arrival of the new Millennium. These trees are located with nameplates across the whole Parish. It is hoped that in years to come these trees will provide further points of historical interest across the Parish.



The Parish Council Budget

As part of the survey, residents were asked to comment on the budget of the Parish Council and how money might be better spent within the area.

First and foremost, it would seem that Parishioners are happy with the way in which existing funds are being spent within the Parish. There is satisfaction with the way in which the council are maintaining their property and supporting local groups with funding.

When asked about possible further funding there were two areas which stood out.

INCREASED SPENDING ON AMENITIES

About 42% of the Parish would like to see more money being spent on improved public buildings within the Parish such as the Lindow Hall in Bowness. In reality, increased spending is likely to come if bids are made to outside bodies such as the Countryside Agency for funding to make improvements.

INCREASED SPENDING ON PUBLIC AMENITIES

Again, about 42% of respondents felt that more could be spent on public amenities such as playgrounds and on equipment for groups within the area. This is a matter which will require some work lead by the Parish Council. It may be that outside funding can be sought for such projects. Individuals who wish to participate in acquiring funding for new amenities should contact a Parish Councillor and let them know.

A copy of the Parish Council Budget can be requested separately as part of the appendices to this document. In addition, minutes to Parish Council Meetings are available for perusal on the Parish Council Website at www.calc.org.uk Minutes contain details on spending decisions made by the council.



Conclusions & Other Contacts

Individual actions and conclusions for specific areas of activity are dealt with throughout this document. However, the planning process which was undertaken in order to create this document has highlighted a number of points for us all as Parishioners to bear in mind. It is clear that we as residents all care very deeply for the area in which we live and we all wish to preserve it where necessary, and in some instances make things better in order to improve our experience of living in the Parish. Throughout this document you may have seen specific activities which may interest you or areas in which you feel you might be able to make a contribution. As Parishioners, only by making an input can we expect things to be made better. The Parish Council itself will be responsible for monitoring this plan and ensuring that the specific actions mentioned within it take place, but Parish Councillors alone will not be able to realise the full vision that is put forward within these pages. Only by taking an active interest in the community around us will we be able to improve things. For many Parishioners who may lead busy lives this involvement may be as simple as making their voice heard through surveys or the Parish Councillor. However, the more individuals put into their community, the more they will get out of it. This document is full of practical suggestions as to how you might be able to make a difference, the Parish Plan Steering Group sincerely hopes that it will spur you on to go out and make that difference right now.

Further information in the form of an appendices document can be requested separately or viewed on the Parish Council Website. These appendices contain details of the Parish Council Budget as well as the full survey results and comments from individual respondents. Additionally, a full set of individual actions and projects are listed on the following pages.

The Steering Group would like to gratefully acknowledge the participation of so many Parishioners in the process which went to create this plan, without your feedback, this document would not have been possible.

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Building conservation	building.conservation@allerdale.gov.uk	01900 326525
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Footway lighting	footway.lights@allerdale.gov.uk	01900 326529
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A more complete list is available on the Allerdale Borough Council Website www.allerdale.gov.uk

CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY

Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Workington Police	01900 602422
Minicom for the Deaf	01768 217218

ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION (Main contact)	INVOLVEMENT A) Responsible B) Also involved	COST ESTIMATE (to Parish)	TIMESCALE	SUCCESS CRITERIA	MONITORED BY
SPEED						
Traffic calming	Parish Council	A) CCC B) Community	Nil	2006	30mph speed restrictions in Bowness, Glasson & Drumburgh	Parish Council
Parking - Bowness	Bowness Community Group	A) BPC B) HWT; AONB	£30k	2008	Reduced street parking by tourists & residents	BCG
UTILITIES						
Sewage & Wastewater Treatment	Community Groups (Bowness, Glasson & Port Carlisle)	A) UU B) CCC, AONB, BPC; EA; EN; EH; Community	£150k	2006	Treated wastewater/sewage system for Bowness, Port Carlisle, Glasson, Drumburgh	BPC
Policing of crime	Parish Council	A) Police B) ABC; BPC; Community	£0.5k	2005	FarmWatch network established in the Parish	Community (Farmers)
HAZARDS						
Livestock on roads	Parish Council	A) Community B) Livestock owners; Police	Nil	2005	Parish Council and Community Group Newsletters highlighting problems caused by open gates etc. & advising courses of action.	Parish Council
Hedges overhanging roads	Parish Council	A) Landowners B) HWT, AONB	Nil	2005	Community reporting problems to Parish Council who resolves any problems within 4 weeks	Parish Council
Mud on roads	Parish Council	A) Landowners B) Community; Police	£0.5	2005	CCC "Agricultural Best Practice" information leaflet circulated to all parishioners	Parish Council
SERVICES & LOCAL FACILITIES						
Bus Services (protect them)	Parish Council	A) Stagecoach B) HWT; Community	Nil	2005	Existing level of service and buses retained.	Parish Council
Bus shelter - Anthorn	Anthorn Community Group	A) BPC B) ACG, WYC; Community	£????	2005	Revamped shelter with help of Wigton Youth Centre and local youths	Parish Council
Bus shelters – whole parish	Bowness & Glasson Community Groups	A) Parish Council B) ABC; CCC; Community	£TBA	2007	Replacement or construction of new shelters as needed.	Parish Council
Tourist information Point - Bowness	Lindow Hall Committee	C) HWT D) Lindow hall; CG(B); BPC; Community	£TBA	2006	Information centre about local heritage to be part of community based upgrade of parish hall.	Parish Council
Other services – post offices	Parish Council	A) Community B) BPC; ABC	Nil	2005	Existing post offices retained and kept going by local community support	Parish Council

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Other services – post offices	Parish Council	A) Community B) BPC; ABC	Nil	2005	Existing post offices retained and kept going by local community support	Parish Council
YOUTH & RECREATION						
Play areas	Anthorn, Bowness, Glasson, Port Carlisle Recreation & Community Groups	A) CG(A), CG(B), CG(PC) B) Community	£40k	2007	Upgrade of Anthorn and Glasson play areas plus increased use of all facilities in the Parish.	Parish Council
Youth facilities	Parish Council	A) CCC B) WYC; LH, PCBC, BPS, Community	£TBA	2005	Increased youth activities within the Parish with community volunteers and external CCC professional help.	Community groups
SPORT & COMMUNITY SERVICES						
Sport	Community	A) Community B) BPC; ABC; CCC	Nil	2005	No action required except encourage use of existing facilities	Community Groups
Community services – Car scheme	Allerdale BC	A) ABC B) BPC; CG(A); CG(B); CG(G); CG(PC)	Nil	2005	Information about existing scheme given wider publicity in Parish council and Community group newsletters.	Parish Council
Business	Parish Council	A) AONB; HWT B) BPC, ABC; CCC	£5k	2005	More tourism based businesses established & better village signage provided	Parish Council
ENVIRONMENT						
Street lighting	All Community Groups	A) ABC B) UU; BPC	£50k	2008	Relocation and upgrading of lighting in Bowness, Glasson & Drumburgh	Parish Council
Fly tipping	Parish Council	A) ABC; EA B) AONB; EN; Community	Nil	2005	Reduction in unsightly areas of the parish where unsuitable materials had been dumped	Parish Council
Litter bins	Parish Council	A) ABC B) AONB; BPC	Nil	2005	Old bins replaced with more modern black versions across the parish.	Community groups
Recycling - plastics	Community Groups	A) ABC B) BPC; AONB	Nil	2006	Plastics collection made available throughout the parish.	Parish Council
Heritage	Community Groups	A) Community Groups B) EH; AONB; HWT; BPC; ABC; CCC	Not known	2005	Development of the areas Heritage and protection schemes conducted in a tasteful manner with full community involvement in the decision making process.	Parish Council
PARISH BUDGET						
Amenity spending	Parish Council	A) BPC B) Community	TBA	2005	Parish Council provided a mandate to support amenity projects but to seek external funding where local resources are insufficient or unavailable.	Community

Key: ABC - Allerdale Borough Council
AONB - Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
BPC - Bowness Parish Council
BPS - Bowness Primary School
CCC - Cumbria County Council
CG(A) - Anthorn Community group
CG(B) - Bowness Community group
CG(G) - Glasson community group
CG(PC) - Port Carlisle Community group
Community - EVERYONE LIVING IN AREA

EA - Environment Agency
EH - English Heritage
EN - English Nature
HWT - Hadrians Wall Trail
LH - Lindow Hall Committee
PCBC - Port Carlisle Bowling Club
UU - United Utilities
WYC - Wigton Youth Centre

Local Organisations

70 Plus Club (over 70's)	Pauline Hinks	51069	hinks@ca75da.freesevice.co.uk
Under 5's Club (Toddlers & Pre-School)	Pauline Hinks	51069	hinks@ca75da.freesevice.co.uk
Anthorn Community Association	Ann Nicholson	51705	
Anthorn Drop-In Club (over 50's)	Joan Vevers	51506	
Anthorn Junior Football Club	Peter Mowbray	51645	petermowbray49@btinternet.com
Anthorn Sports Club (Tennis)	Sheila Dugdale	51228	
Badminton Club	James Graham	51349	
Bowness Art Club	Joyce Taylor	52019	
Bowness Community Group	Jim Eldridge	52246	jim.eldridge@btinternet.com
Bowness History Group	Gilly Walton	52173	terry@tcroucher.freesevice.co.uk
Bowness Parish Council	Harry Isaac (Clerk to Council)	51751	harry.isaac@ukgateway.net
Bowness Parish Magazine	Mel McGuiness	51212	mel@seabank.me.uk
Bowness Primary school	Chris Rafferty	51384	chris.rafferty@bowness-on-solway.cumbria.sch.uk
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Bowness WI	Margaret Wills	51325	
Church Parochial Council	Vera McGuiness	51212	vera@seabank.me.uk
Drumburgh & Glasson WI	Jean King	51929	jeanwking@supanet.com
Glasson Community Group	Stuart Firth	52058	stuart.firth@tesco.net
Haaf Netters Association	Ernie Newman	51058	ernie@ernestnewman.wanadoo.co.uk
Lindow Hall Foundation	Margaret Evans (Hall hire/booking)	51322	
Mothers Union	Jean Black	51964	
NSPCC	Maureen Crawford	51697	
Port Carlisle Recreation & Community Group	Sue Gallagher	51716	suegallagher@tesco.net
Port Carlisle Tennis Club	Sue Lightfoot	51326	sue.lightfoot@tesco.net
Short Mat Bowls Club	Margaret Evans	51322	
Solway Amateur Dramatics Club	Steve Langfield	52300	steve@langfield.demon.co.uk
Solway Gardening Society	Maureen Crawford	51697	
Solway Folk Band	Terry Croucher	52173	terry@tcroucher.freesevice.co.uk

