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ENVIRONMENT						
EN1	Village Greens	Consult Skirwith community about the future maintenance of the village green to identify a way forward.	H	Parish Council		Late 2012
EN2	Village Greens	Continue to financially support management of the Tarn Village green	M	Parish Council	Guardians of Culgaith Tarn	Duration of plan
EN3	Footpaths	Work with Countryside Ranger to improve the styles around Blencarn and the footpath to Tickleberry Lonning Down FP 320022	M	Parish Council	Countryside Ranger	2013
EN4	Footpaths	Work with Countryside Ranger to improve the footpath through Hag Wood Culgaith	M	Parish Council	Countryside Ranger	Duration of plan
EN5	Footpaths	Consider how to improve the overgrown and muddy footpaths across the parish through the development of community footpath groups	L	Parish Council		
EN6	Verges and hedges	Work with Cumbria Highways and local landowners to find ways of dealing with damaged verges and overgrown hedges	M	Parish Council	Cumbria County Council	Duration of plan
EN7	Recycling	Work with Eden District Council or other partners for garden waste collection in Skirwith, Blencarn and Kirkland	H	Parish Council	Eden District Council	Duration of plan
EN8	Heating	Consult households with a view to setting up a bulk purchase scheme for oil	M	Steering Group	Ousby Oil Syndicate Scheme	Duration of plan
EN9	Red Squirrels	Support the Penrith and Red Squirrel Preservation Scheme	M	Parish Council	Village Halls, Culgaith School	Duration of plan
EN10	Litter Pick	Encourage local community groups to organise seasonal litter picks	M	Parish Council	Village Halls, VIC Community Café Eden District Council	Duration of plan
EN11	Wildlife areas	Continue to support the management of the Tarn	L	Parish Council	Guardians of Culgaith Tarn	Duration of plan
EN12	Walking Groups	Continue to promote and support the Walking for Health Project	L	Parish Council		Duration of plan
EN13	Allotments	Identify sites for allotments and or community gardens	L	Parish Council		2013
EN14	Dog Fouling	Increase awareness of the dog control orders in all the villages and on play areas	M	Parish Council	Community Warden	2013
EN15	Renewable energy	Investigate renewable energy schemes particularly solar, photovoltaic and geothermal for both individuals and the community	L	Parish Council		Duration of plan
BUSINESS						
BS1	Business Group	Talk with a few business people to identify common issues e.g. Broadband and develop future areas of co-operation	H	Steering Group		Late 2012
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BS3	Research	Continue to research other rural initiatives	M	Business Group		Duration of plan
BS4	Links to Community Plans	Investigate the business initiatives identified in the Heart of Eden Community Led Plan	L	Business Group		2013
BS5	Tourism	Work with Eden District Council Tourist Information Centre to promote tourism in the parish	M	Business Group		2013

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FINDINGS

Transport
The biggest traffic issues are lack of winter gritting, speeding, potholes and flooding.

Education
Culgaith C. of E. Primary School is seen as acting as a community hub.

Community Cohesion & Involvement
The most important community facilities are the village halls, the play areas, the garden centre and shop, the local pub, the village greens, and the VIC Café.

Culture and Leisure
New activities identified include scouts, reading groups, coffee mornings, yoga and other fitness classes, youth clubs, regular quiz nights and film shows.

Economic Well-being
Broadband speed varies greatly with Culgaith being the best off and Kirkland the worst. Mobile coverage was patchy. The majority of people with 5 figure telephone numbers want to keep them.

Health and Social Well Being
Most people are able to access GP services in Penrith and Temple Sowerby. Most respondents are happy to travel to Carlisle for hospital treatment but would like to see more frequent clinics at Penrith. People would welcome Flu jabs administered in village halls.

Housing
The type of housing supported for future development are affordable housing, starter/small homes, conversions and self builds for local people.

Environment

Issues raised include the management of Skirwith village green, overgrown hedges, HGVs causing damage to the verges and the state of some footpaths and bridleways. On Recycling the main issue was the lack of a garden waste collection at Skirwith and Blencarn. Dog fouling and litter are seen as the most serious environmental problems. There is considerable support for a bulk oil purchase scheme. The most supported renewable energy schemes are solar, photovoltaic and geothermal.

Community Safety

Crime is low in the parish. Priority issues for the area were more police patrols through the villages and action on anti-social behaviour, vandalism, poachers, and drivers using mobile phones. The majority of people do not know about the Cumbria Community Messaging Service and are unaware of the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Business

The business survey was completed by around 50 businesses. The two main sectors are agriculture and tourism. Poor Broadband speeds are a major concern as are lack of suitable skilled local staff and lack of finance. Other barriers identified include the cost of fuel, lack of recycling for businesses, climate change, red tape and planning. Solutions identified included high speed broadband as soon as possible, better liaison with the Tourist Information Centre, reduction in the cost of fuel in rural areas and the gritting of minor roads.



CULGAITH PARISH COMMUNITY LED ACTION PLAN
2013 - 2017
Serving Blencarn, Culgaith, Kirkland and Skirwith



A Community Led Plan lays out a vision for our community over the next 4 years and contains a detailed action plan for achieving this vision. It belongs to the community, to be delivered by that community or in partnership with other agencies. The Plan highlights actions which can be taken by community members, be of use to influence service providers such as your Local Authority, and act as evidence of need when applying for funding.

Consultation and Responses. In 2011 Culgaith Parish Council agreed to update its 2004-2009 Parish Plan. People from local organisations across the parish were invited to join a Steering Group. A household survey was undertaken in May 2011. Over 370 surveys were distributed and 202 were returned. There were also consultations at the Annual Parish Meeting in Culgaith, the Blencarn Jubilee event and at Culgaith School. The draft Action Plan was presented to the local community through public forums at Blencarn, Culgaith and Skirwith and feedback incorporated into the plan.

Action Plan Table 2013 – 2017

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ACTION PLAN						
AP1	Action Plan	Arrange Forums in Culgaith Blencarn and Skirwith to discuss draft Action Plan and ensure all issues have been documented	H	Steering Group		Late 2012
AP2	Action Plan	Work with existing groups & encourage new groups to take the initiatives forward	H	Parish Council	Local Community Groups	Late 2012
AP3	Distribution	Distribute a Summary Action Plan to each household	H	Steering Group		Early 2013
AP4	Distribution	Make the results of the survey plus Action Plan available on village website	H	Steering Group	Website developer	Early 2013
AP5	Distribution	Distribute Action Plan to EDC, ACT, and Cumbria CC	H	Steering Group	ACT, Eden District Council. Cumbria C.C.	Early 2013
AP6	Adoption & review	Present Action Plan to Culgaith Parish Council for adoption & annual review.	H	Steering Group	Parish Council	Early 2013
TRANSPORT AND ACCESS						
TR1	Transport	Promote Voluntary Car Scheme and Rural Wheels through website and Notice Boards	M	Parish Council	Cumbria C.C.	
TR2	Timetables	Work with other local parish councils to distribute Fellrunner timetables	M	Parish Council	Parish Councils –The Fellrunner	2013
TR3	Winter gritting	Work with Cumbria Highways to ensure adequate gritting along the East Fellside	H	Parish Council	Cumbria Highways	Duration of plan
TR4	HGVs	Work with Cumbria Highways to reinforce signage about The Pea in Culgaith being unsuitable for HGVs	M	Parish Council	Cumbria Highways	2013
TR5	Speeding	Continue to work with police to monitor speeding	M	Parish Council	Cumbria Constabulary	Duration of plan
TR6	Potholes	Collate all the information collected through the survey and report problems to Cumbria Highways	H	Parish Council	Cumbria Highways	Early 2013
TR7	Potholes	Promote the Highways Hotline website and phone number to report faults, potholes through website and Notice Boards.	M	Parish Council	Cumbria Highways	Mid 2013
TR8	Other traffic issues	Collate all the information collected through the survey on flooding, dirty roads etc. and report problems to Cumbria Highways	L	Parish Council	Cumbria Highways	Early 2013
TR9	Skirwith Beck	Work with Environment Agency to improve the flow in Skirwith Beck	M	Parish Council	Environment Agency	2013
TR 10	Blencarn	Identify potential parking sites at Blencarn for tourists/walkers	M	Parish Council		Duration of plan

Steering Group - Val Brown, Mike Graham, Lynn Harrison, Jill Hay, Andy King, Vera Stockdale, Sue Smith, Laura Wilson

Next Steps and how you can help

The Action Plan sets out the issues, the action, the priority, the lead body, the partners and the timescale. The extent to which the actions points can be achieved will depend on the availability of resources including funding but importantly volunteers to take them forward. Work has already started on affordable housing, garden waste collection for Skirwith, broadband, a bulk oil purchase scheme, and gathering information on the Cumbria Community Messaging Service and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

So if you want to help please contact a member of Culgaith Parish Council or the Steering Group.

Additional Information The Plan will be available on the village website at <http://www.culgaith.org.uk/>

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COMMUNITY COHESION AND INVOLVEMENT						
CC1	Village Halls	Continue to financially support village halls and community groups as and when required	M	Parish Council	Village Halls VIC Café	Duration of plan
CC2	Village Halls	Work with Village Hall Committees to identify new activities.	M	Parish Council	Village Halls	Early 2013
CC3	Play Areas	Work with Play Committees to improve play areas	M	Parish Council	Culgaith Recreation Ground Kirkland & Blencarn Recreation Rooms Skirwith Play Committee	Early 2013
CC4	Information	Continue to financially support and promote the Memo and village website	M	Parish Council		Duration of plan
CC5	Local Facilities	Promote and encourage use of local services i.e. mobile PO van and mobile library through the Notice Boards and website	L	Parish Council	Royal Mail Cumbria CC Library Service	Duration of plan
EDUCATION AND LIFE LONG LEARNING						
ED1	School	Continue to support the Culgaith School and its activities as the hub of the Community	M	Parish Council	Culgaith School	Duration of plan
ED2	School	Provide School Governors with the feedback from the survey	M	Steering Group		Early 2013
CULTURE AND LEISURE						
CL1	Feedback	Provide feedback to village halls on activities identified through the survey e.g. cinemas, quiz nights etc.	M	Steering Group	Village Halls	Early 2013
CL2	Youth Club	Support the development of Youth Clubs and other activities for young people	H	Young Cumbria		Duration of plan
ECONOMIC WELL BEING						
EW1	Broadband	Continue to work with the East of Eden Fellside Broadband Group & Cumbria County Council to improve broadband to the parish	H	Parish Council	East of Eden Fellside Broadband Group Cumbria C.C.	Duration of plan
HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL BEING						
HS1	Local provision	Work with local GPs to bring outreach services such as flu jabs at village halls	M	Parish Council	Temple Sowerby & Penrith GP surgeries	2014
HS2	Healthy lifestyles	Promote the exercise classes that already exist at Langwathby and Melmerby through website and Notice Boards.	L	Parish Council	Local Education Authority	Duration of plan
HS3	Healthy lifestyles	Encourage village halls to introduce new classes such as Yoga, Taichi, Keep Fit and Zumba perhaps through initial taster sessions	L	Parish Council	Village Halls	2013
HOUSING						
HO1	Affordable Housing	Work with Housing Associations to develop affordable housing in Culgaith village	M	Parish Council	Local Housing Associations, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust, Community Land Trusts	Duration of plan
HO2	Housing	Work with Eden District Council to identify potential sites for housing which are in keeping with the villages	L	Parish Council	Eden District Council	Duration of plan
COMMUNITY SAFETY						
CS1	Crime	Publicise the National Crime website through the Parish website	L	Parish Council		Late 2013
CS2	Neighbour hood Watch	Encourage current organisers to promote and extend the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	L	Parish Council		Duration of plan
CS3	Business Watch	Publicise Farm Watch and Business Watch through the Parish website	L	Steering Group		Late 2013
CS4	Community concerns	Provide Cumbria Constabulary with feedback from survey	M	Steering Group	Cumbria Constabulary	Early 2013
CS5	Community information	Publicise the Cumbria Community Messaging Service	M	Parish Council	Cumbria Community Messaging Service	Mid 2013