



Lamplugh Parish Council PARISH PLAN



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Introduction

From the Chairman of Lamplugh Parish Council

It gives me great pleasure to write this introduction. It means we have reached the end of the first part of a process that started back in June 2001. The purpose of this exercise was to update the existing Parish Plan by carrying out a Parish Appraisal from which the future policies for the Parish Council would flow into the plans of other organisations and councils.

The needs and concerns of the parishioners are paramount if the Council is to act on their best interests. The issues of the people from Lamplugh may appear small in comparison to other areas, issue size does not reduce the importance of being consulted and represented in the larger arena.

The process was taken through its various stages by a working group of councillors who, assisted by the clerk, prepared the bid to obtain funding from the governments Vital Village Scheme, constructed the Appraisal questionnaire, collated the information received and converted these into policies which the Parish Council accepted and are to implement.

The second part of the process begins with the publication of this Plan. The Council has devised an Action Plan (to be found in appendix 2) to implement its new policies and it will use this plan as the basis for discussions with other authorities and organisations in the creation of their strategies and plans.

My last part is to thank all the people who helped with the process, those who tested the questions put in the questionnaire, those who helped distribute the Appraisals, those who gave advice and guidance.

In particular I single out the Countryside Agency, which administers the Vital Village Scheme, whose funding meant that the Appraisals and Parish Plan could be produced to a high quality.

The final thanks go to the parishioners of Lamplugh without whose input this Plan would not exist.

IAN SMITH
Chairman
Lamplugh Parish Council

Summary of Policies and Proposals

Housing

- H1** Significant housing developments
- H2** Scrutiny of planning applications
- H3** Local need
- H4** Existing development and greenfield sites
- H5** Liaison with Copeland Borough Council

Policing

- P1** Police attendance at Parish Council Meetings
- P2** Police vigilance in enforcement of traffic regulations
- P3** Neighbourhood watch schemes
- P4** Misuse of the cycleway
- P5** Relationship of police with the Parishioners

Youth

- Y1** Existing facilities
- Y2** Establishment of further facilities
- Y3** Creation of footways and cycleways
- Y4** Public transport
- Y5** Other transport provisions
- Y6** Participation of youth in environmental and other activities

Services

- S1** Full time shop and post office
- S2** Service Access Centre
- S3** Electricity supplies
- S4** Provision of footway lighting
- S5** Highway and footpath maintenance
- S6** Mains gas supply
- S7** Transport to Rowrah and Frizington surgeries
- S8** Disabled access
- S9** Improvements to sports facilities

Leisure

- L1** Existing leisure activities
- L2** Advertising
- L3** Support for new activities

Transport

- T1** 219 service/interconnection
- T2** Other public transport
- T3** Footway/cycleways
- T4** Off road parking

Environment

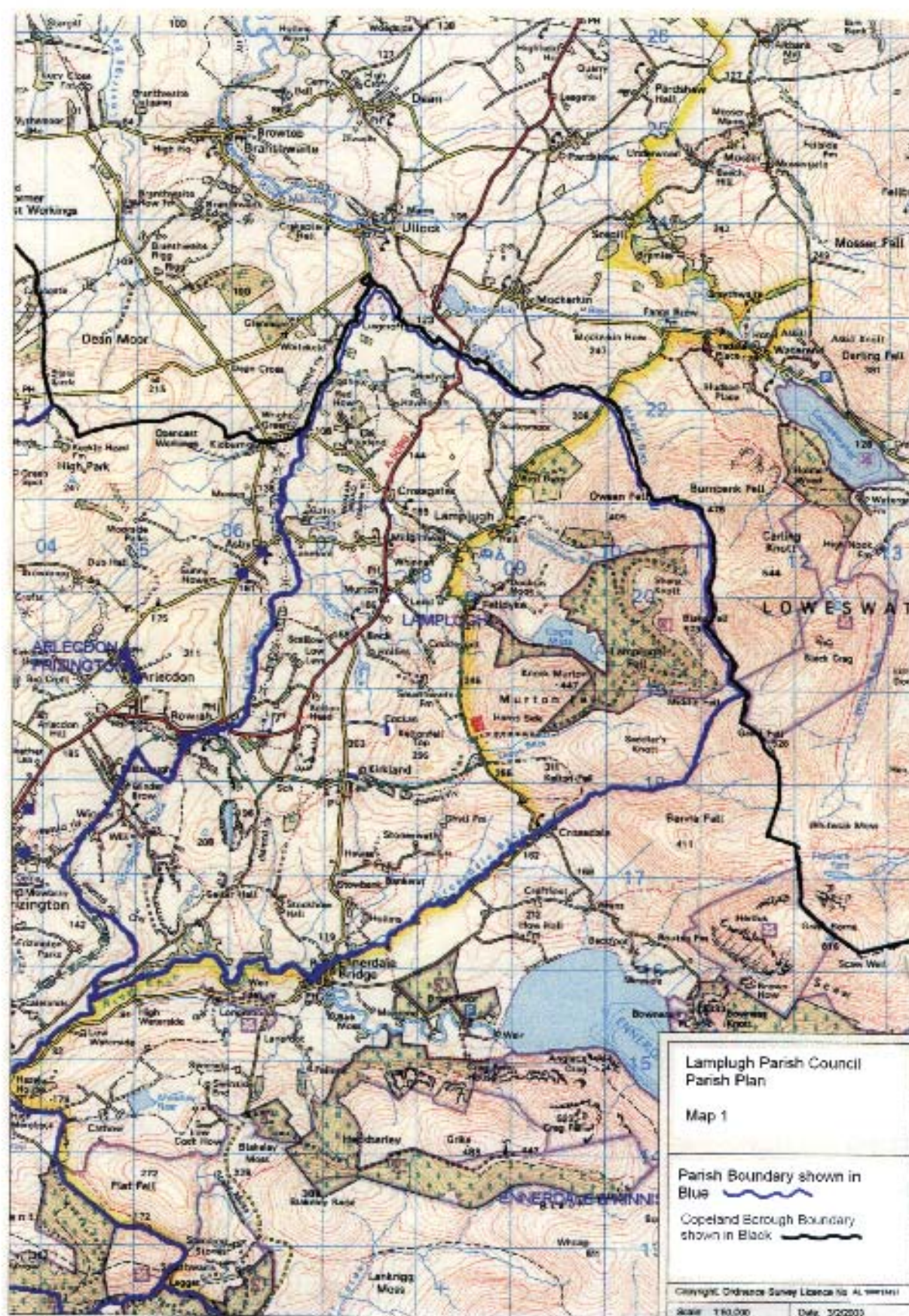
- E1** Recycling centre
- E2** Dog Wardens
- E3** Fly tipping
- E4** Traffic calming
- E5** Environment - helpers register
- E6** Sustainable tourism
- E7** Literature and website
- E8** Environment - improvements
- E9** Eyesores
- E10** Improving public land
- E11** Register of features

Best Value Consultation

- BV1** Environment - objective
- BV2** Access to information
- BV3** Challenger

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Chapter 1 - The Parish

- 1.1 Lamplugh Parish comprises nearly 3,000 hectares of rural land on the western fringes of the Lake District. It sweeps down from the heights of Blake and Knockmurton to the valley of the River Marron, on the West Cumbrian coastal plain. About one third of the Parish is within the Lake District National Park, and it is all within the district of Copeland Borough. Landscape types range from high fell to lowland meadow, with much of the land being classed as "marginal". It has a long history, and active social life, and further details of these can be found in "The Parish of Lamplugh" (Betty Marshall and Ann Lister eds. Lamplugh Parish Council 1993). *See map 1 opposite.*
- 1.2 The most up-to-date information about the Parish is contained in the 1997 Local Profile of the Parish, produced by Cumbria County Council, which is reproduced on page 10. These are mid-term estimates, based on the 1991 Census. Regrettably, the statistics from the 2001 Census were not yet available at the time of writing. *See table 1.*
- 1.3 **Population.** As will be seen from the statistics below, the population of the Parish has been rising, in contrast with that of Copeland as a whole. The population had fallen from earlier this century, when family sizes were larger, but this trend was reversed with housing development in more recent years. Some of this development has been to meet local need, but much of it has been dormitory development, housing families, (and some retired people), who wish to live in one of the most attractive parts of the Borough. This explains why the age structure has a tendency to the younger groups. As a result, there are two main groups in the population, the original rural population on the one hand, who tend to work within the Parish, and more recent arrivals, who tend to work outside, on the other. As the details for car ownership and households indicate, much of the population of the Parish is relatively affluent, but there are scattered groups of low income households, who should not be forgotten in the creation of policy. (Statistics for employment and unemployment are not available at Parish level, but those for the Ward (Ennerdale) level, indicate that unemployment is relatively low compared with Copeland as a whole, but the figures need to be treated with caution.)
- 1.4 **Settlement.** It will be noted from the statistics that Lamplugh that population density is classed as "super sparse", which has serious implications for policy concerning the provision of services. Much of the population is contained in a number of hamlets (Kirkland, Lamplugh Green, and Crossgates), while the rest is in small groups of houses or individual farmsteads. None of the hamlets forms a natural focus for the Parish, and they are too small to provide a wide range of services. Ensuring that Lamplugh people have access to a range of services is therefore a challenge to local authorities, with repercussions on the provision of transport of all types, both within and without the Parish. (A separate note should be made of the Vicarage Lane/Tom Butt area to the south of the Parish, which is contiguous with Ennerdale Bridge; this area, by agreement between Lamplugh and Ennerdale Parishes, is to pass to Ennerdale, subject to confirmation by Copeland BC and the Boundary Commission.)
- 1.5 **Services.** In common with many rural areas, the Parish has seen a decline in the number of services it offers in recent years, including pubs, shop and post office. It retains a pub, a part time post office/shop, its primary school and two churches (St. Michael's at Lamplugh Green, and the Kirkland Mission). The

1997 LOCAL PROFILE

Lamplugh

POPULATION

	Local	Cumbria
Population in 1991	635	480200
Population in 1996	704	490300
Numeric change 1991-1996	69	1100
Percent change 1991-1996	10.9	0.2

Source: Office for National Statistics, Information & Intelligence, 1997

AGE STRUCTURE (1995)

	Number	Local %	Cumbria %
Aged 0-14	130	15.2	18.1
Aged 15-24	140	19.9	20.5
Aged 25-44	172	24.5	21.0
Aged 45-64	126	17.3	17.5
Aged 65-74	97	13.8	15.4
Aged 75-84	26	4.0	5.8
Aged 85+	5	0.7	1.7

Source: Office for National Statistics, Information & Intelligence, 1997

RECENT CHANGE IN ELECTORATE

	Local	Cumbria
Number of electors 1992	512	385404
Number of electors 1996	599	385844
Change 1992-96	78	540
Percent change 1992-96	14.8	0.1

Source: District Councils, Information & Intelligence, 1997

POPULATION DENSITY (1995)

	Local	Cumbria
Area (square hectares)	2822	682354
Population density (persons per hectare)	0.22	0.7
Sparcity banding ^a	Super sparse	Sparse

Source: Information & Intelligence, 1997

^a ND: There are 3 sparsity groupings, defined as: urban (more than 4 persons per hectare); sparse (between 0.5 and 4 persons per hectare); and super sparse (under 0.5 persons per hectare).

SINGLE PARENTS (1995)

	Number	Local %	Cumbria %
Single parents	3	4.1	6.7

Source: Regional Trends, Office for National Statistics, Information & Intelligence, 1997

CAR OWNERSHIP (1995)

	Number	Local %	Cumbria %
Households:			
with no car	19	8	30
with one car	101	41	48
with 2 or more cars	123	51	22

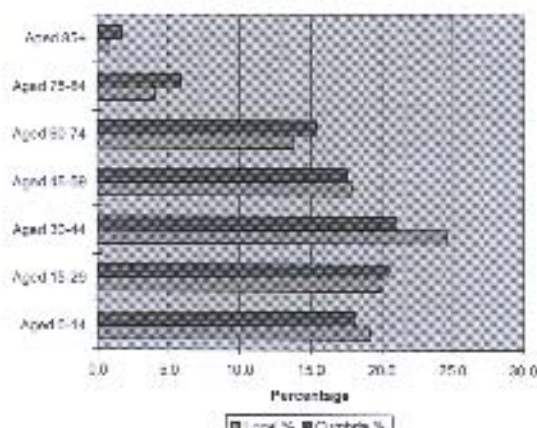
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HOUSEHOLD DETAILS (1995)

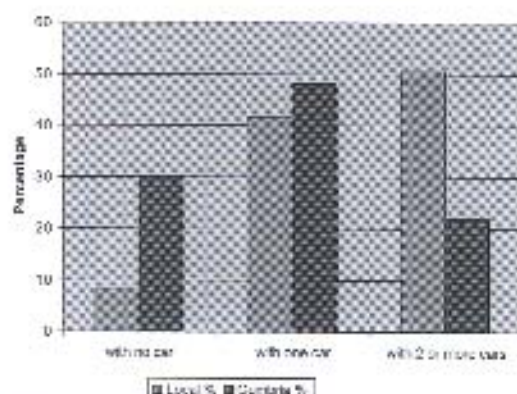
	Number 1995	Local % 1995	Cumbria % 1995
Detached	170	58	23
Semi-detached	48	16	30
Terraced	67	23	35
Purpose-built flat	1	0	8
Other household spaces	0	0	3
Caravans and other	6	2	1

Source: Regional Trends, Office for National Statistics, Information & Intelligence, 1997

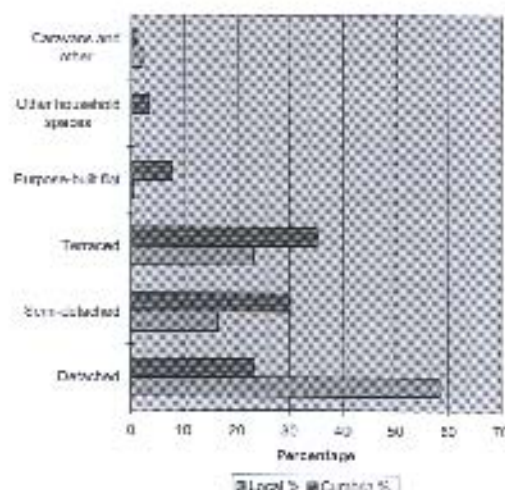
AGE STRUCTURE



CAR OWNERSHIP



HOUSING TYPES



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latter, along with the WI building, provide venues for meetings and social activities, but there is no Parish-owned village hall. It has a notoriously unreliable electricity supply and no main gas supply in the majority of the Parish. Commercial bus services extend as far as the south west corner of the Parish at Rowrah, and there is currently a subsidised daily bus service between Cockermouth and Cleator Moor which runs through the Parish. These services are not integrated, and largely fail to meet the requirements of potential users. They are consequently under-utilised. As outlined above, most parishioners have access to private transport, and can reach services elsewhere, but there are significant groups who are disadvantaged by finding access to services difficult. The priorities, therefore, should be to seek to retain existing services, to extend them where feasible, and to improve accessibility to services both inside the Parish and elsewhere.

- 1.6 **Existing Plans.** The Parish is covered by a number of existing plans, including the Cumbria County Joint Structure Plan, the Lake District National Park Plan and the Copeland Local Plan, which are themselves subject to Government planning guidance (PPG's) and the recent North West Regional Plan, to all of which reference should be made. At this level of detail, the most relevant is the Copeland Local Plan, adopted in 1997, which is still in force at the time of writing. This plan is presently being updated, to go out for consultation in 2003, to a timetable intended to match that of the new County Plan. The timing of this Parish Plan is therefore most opportune, as it will allow consultation between the Parish and the principal local authorities to take place on the content of each plan, (as they apply to this Parish), and thereby hopefully increase the input of the Parish into the creation of the larger plans.

Chapter 2 - The Parish Appraisal

2.1 During 2001, a number of factors combined to persuade the Parish Council that a survey of Parish opinion should be carried out:

- It was some years since the last appraisal of opinion in the Parish.
- The Council wished to update its Parish Development Plan, to coincide with the development of the new Copeland Local Plan, the County Structure Plan, and the eventual Community Strategy. It was felt that the Parish plan should form a building block of these larger plans. Data from the Parish was needed to enable the creation of this Development Plan.
- Although not a statutory requirement, the Council wished to subscribe to the ethos of Best Value, by consulting with the parishioners about its activities and performance.
- At the same time, the Government's "Vital Villages" initiative offered finance to both the formation of a Development Plan, and the improvement/addition of Parish services.

2.2 Accordingly, towards the end of 2001, a successful bid was made to the Countryside Agency for Vital Villages funding for an appraisal, and the appraisal was carried out in March/April 2002. A detailed questionnaire on various aspects of Parish life was delivered to every household. A section was included on various suggestions in the White Paper about how Parish services might be expanded. The questionnaire also included information about the Parish Council, and questions on its aims, activities and performance.

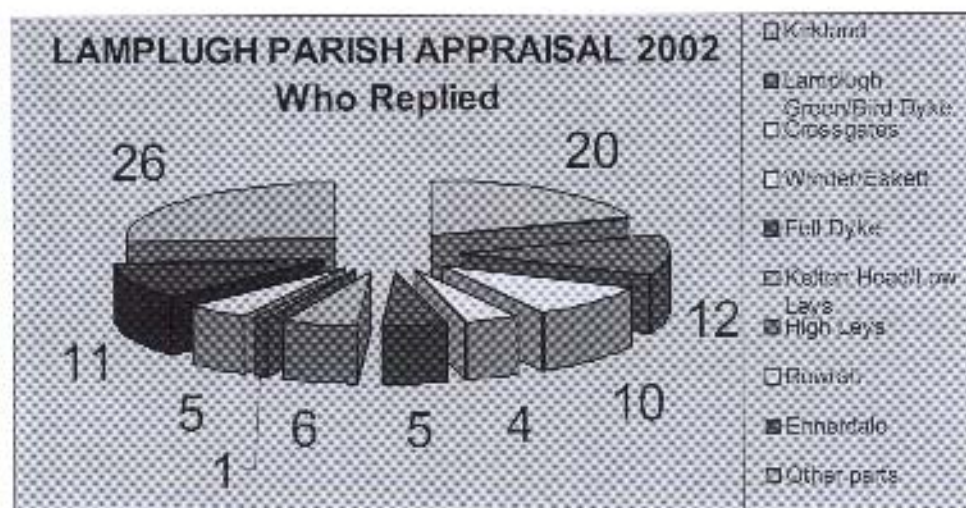


Chart 1

2.3 From 300 questionnaires delivered, 102 were returned by Freepost, a response rate of about one-third. The households covered by the response included 239 people, giving an average household size of 2.34. Of these people, 53 were under 18, 135 were between 18 and 65, and 51 were over 65. Although the

Council were a little disappointed by the response rate, the sample was thought to be large enough to form a basis for informing the Development Plan. See charts 1 and 2.

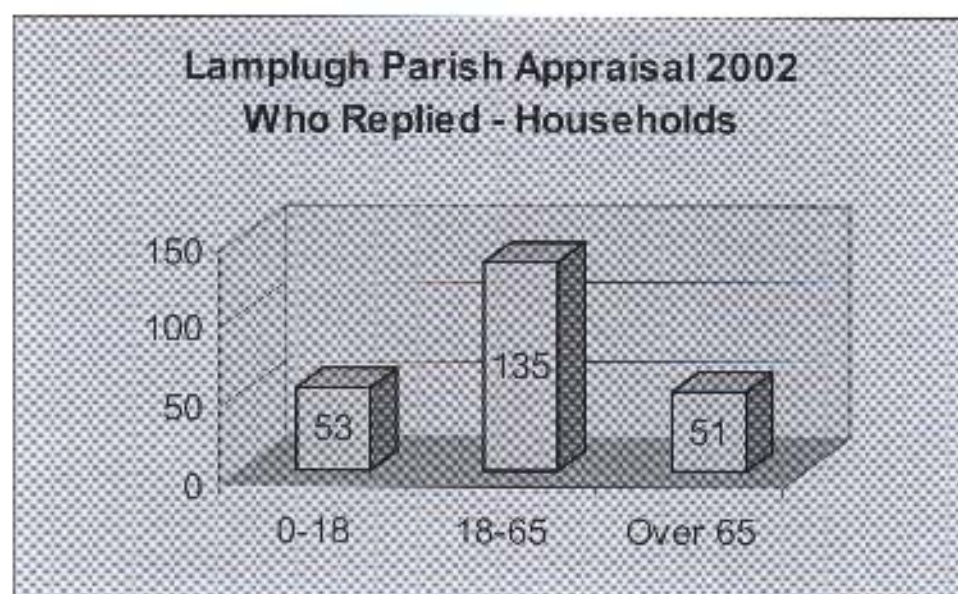


Chart 2

- 2.4 Following the return of the questionnaires, the results were analysed. A brief report of the results was made to all parishioners via the Parish Newsletter, and a full report, including a display was made to the Parish Meeting. Arrangements were made to consult various interest groups. This draft report, when approved by the Council, will be sent to various statutory bodies for comment, and will be available to parishioners for further comment, before final amendment and publication.
- 2.5 In the remainder of this report, each Chapter reflects one of the Sections in the Appraisal, with the exception of the section on the White Paper, where the answers to those questions have been included in the most relevant chapter. Each chapter is in two sections:
- An analysis of the findings of the Appraisal
 - The policies for that area which the Council wishes to pursue
- 2.6 When policies had been finalised, an Action Plan was created, detailing actions for the carrying out of those policies, timings, and provision for monitoring. This is included in Appendix 2.

Chapter 3 - Housing

- 3.1 Housing in Lamplugh is one of the most contentious issues facing the Parish, and one that raises strong feelings. The pattern of housing in the Parish is dispersed (*see Chapter 1*), and the significant developments in recent years have been those at Crossgates, the housing association row at the Lund, the current developments at Lamplugh Green (Old Rectory/Loweswater Road), Pheasants Rise, Rowrah (part) and Vicarage Lane, Ennerdale. Other single dwellings, often as infill, have been built, mainly based on local need. The Parish was classed as "Limited Growth" in the 1997 Copeland Local Plan, and therefore space for new development was restricted. When the allocation for housing within settlement boundaries at Lamplugh Green is complete, the potential for further development within the current Copeland Local Plan is virtually exhausted, except for proven local need, or other exceptional circumstances.
- 3.2 The pressure to build homes in Lamplugh, as one of the most attractive parts of Copeland, is great, and is likely to increase as the various strands of "New Visions for West Cumbria and Furness" begin to operate. Striking the balance between economic/social/population pressures on the one hand, and preserving the pleasant rural nature of the Parish on the other is likely to become increasingly difficult.
- 3.3 Fortunately, the Parish has few second homes, but this problem is may increase, as supplies in more accessible parts of Cumbria run out, or become too expensive.

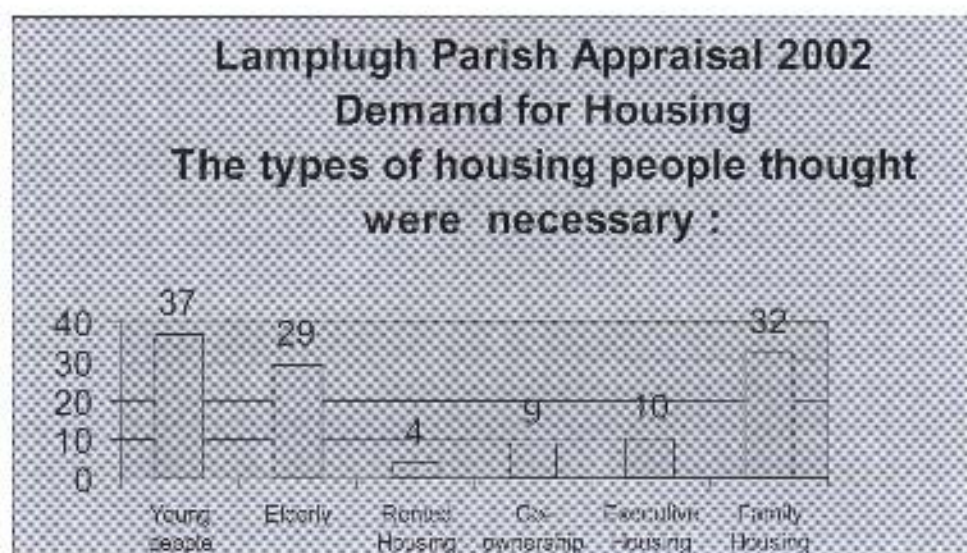


Chart 3

- 3.4 In the Parish Appraisal, a significant minority (46%) was against any further housing developments of any kind. Of the small majority who would allow some development, almost half wanted only "limited development to meet local need". Of the remainder, a majority wanted only small developments of less than 6 houses. In other words, a vast majority wanted any development to be severely limited.

- 3.5 When asked where any development should be sited, a great majority favoured building in, or close to existing settlement, with no new green field sites being used. Asked to name specific sites as suitable, a wide variety of places were suggested, but no consensus on particular sites was achieved. No "natural" site suggests itself, and there are no significant "brownfield" sites in the Parish.

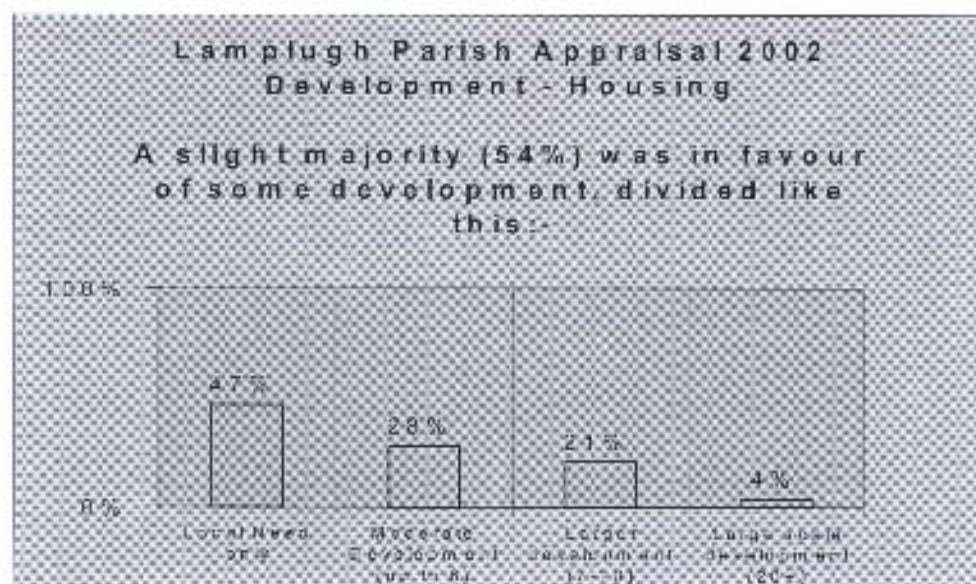


Chart 4

- 3.6 When asked what types of home were most required, Starter Homes, Sheltered Housing and Family Homes scored most highly, with few wanting housing association homes or executive houses. However, not many could identify an immediate demand for such homes. *See charts 3 and 4.*

3.7 Policies

- H1** The Council will oppose any significant housing developments which are likely to detract from the rural nature of the Parish. In responding to consultation about planning applications.
- H2** The Council will continue to closely scrutinise all planning applications to ensure that proposed developments are acceptable in terms of site, design and materials.
- H3** The Council will look more favourably on those applications where there is a proven local need.
- H4** The Council will look more favourably on sites which are well related to existing settlement, and oppose any development on isolated greenfield sites.
- H5** The Council will liaise with Copeland Borough Council over the demand and need for housing in the Parish in the development of the next Local Plan and the Community Strategy.

Chapter 4 - Policing

- 4.1 Day-to-day policing in Lamplugh is provided from Cleator Moor police station, where normally two officers are on duty at any one time. This is supported by traffic patrols, which concentrate on the main road through the Parish. The two officers at Cleator Moor cover a large area of North Copeland, which sometimes means that a serious incident in one place can result in reduced cover for the rest of the area, as the police prioritise calls. An officer will intermittently attend Parish Council meetings, as other duties allow.

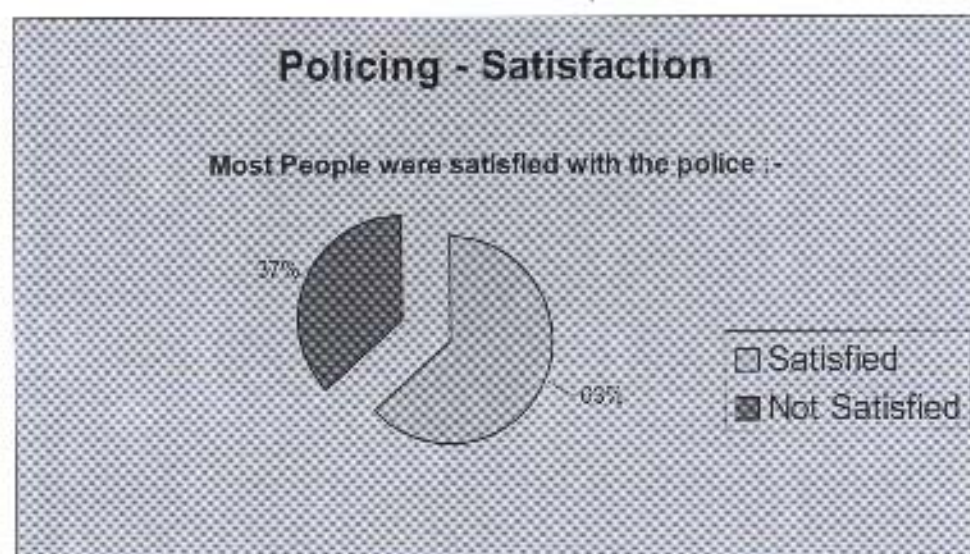


Chart 5

- 4.2 Lamplugh is fortunate in having a low crime rate. In the Appraisal, only 7% of respondents reported having experienced a crime in the last year (some outwith the Parish). Nearly all of those crimes that occurred were reported to the police. *See chart 5.*
- 4.3 The commonest criticism of the police was their lack of visibility, with many calls for increased patrols, and "bobbies on the beat". However, when respondents were asked to rank various policing priorities, high visibility policing came fifth, with prompt response to emergencies being most highly ranked. Detecting and preventing crime were also ranked highly.
- 4.4 The most frequently mentioned area of concern amongst respondents was that of speeding, both on the A5086, and on the minor roads. Respondents felt that both existing speed limits and any new traffic calming measures should be enforced by a periodic police presence. One specific problem brought up was that of speeding motorcycles and cars, and abandoned/burnt out cars in the Rowrah-Fiskett part of the Parish, around the quarry and cycleway areas.

- 4.5 On the positive side, many commented on the speed and courtesy of police response, in spite of their resource/manpower problems, which were recognised. Almost two-thirds of respondents were satisfied with the service provided by the police. *See chart 6.*

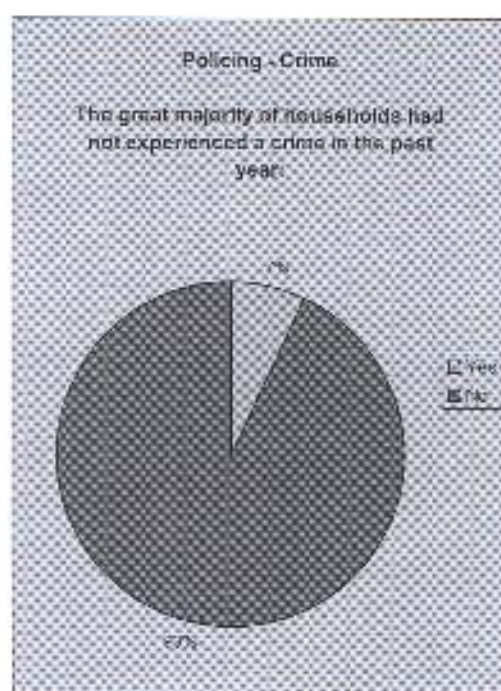


Chart 6

- 4.6 A large number were prepared to take part in Neighbourhood Watch Scheme(s) (81%), and a few said one existed already, but it appears to be moribund. Around one-fifth said they would be willing to help co-ordinate such a scheme.

4.7 Policies

- P1** The Council will encourage the presence of the police at all Parish Council meetings for discussion of problems and priorities, with both councillors and parishioners.
- P2** The Council will press the police for an increased vigilance in enforcing traffic regulation throughout the Parish, including any new traffic calming measures.
- P3** The Council will promote the establishment of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Parish, through liaison with police and parishioners.
- P4** The Council will request the police to make efforts to deal with the problem of misuse of the cycleway and its vicinity by motorcycles and cars, and will request them, and Copeland Borough Council to deal promptly with abandoned and burnt out vehicles.
- P5** The Council will encourage the police to foster a close relationship with parishioners, and especially the young, through meetings and visiting the School.

Chapter 5 - Youth

- 5.1 This section of the Appraisal was answered by those under 18, who were asked to give their ages when answering questions. There were 50 responses, compared with 53 under-18s included in the Appraisal in total. Of these, 19 were under 7, 13 were 7-11, 15 were 11-16, and 3 were 11-18.

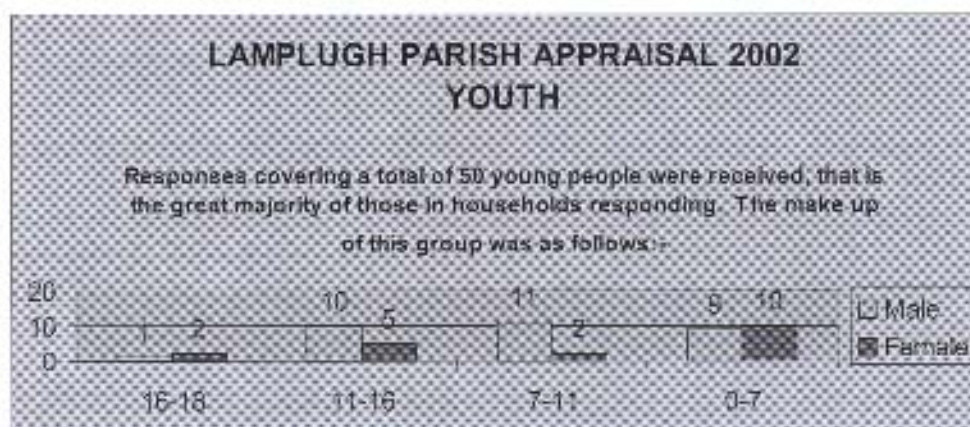


Chart 7

- 5.2 In general, the variety of activities undertaken by young people in the Parish is great. Many of these activities are outside the Parish (e.g. Beavers, swimming, sports centre), and young people rely on their parents to transport them. Some activities are local, including (for teenagers especially) informal activities, such as meeting in each others houses, walking and swimming in the lake.
- 5.3 Present provision in the Parish for young people is limited. There are meetings of the Young Farmers' Club, and The Ecumenical Parish has Sunday meetings for various age groups (crèche, J-Club and Lasers). The Sports Committee arranges the annual sports day, bonfire and parties. At the Kart stadium, there is the "Racing for Buttons" competition, and a weekly cycling club in the summer. The Kirkland and District Parent and Toddler Group meet at the School, and there is the recently improved playground at Kirkland.
- 5.4 As a number of parents pointed out, the low number of young people in the Parish militates against any large-scale provision of organised facilities, and it is therefore likely that many activities will continue to be provided outside the Parish. There was some indication that some of the existing provision within the Parish is under-utilised, sometimes through ignorance of its provision, or through difficulties in getting to the activities.
- 5.5 There were many suggestions for new facilities, some of which were patently unrealistic (gym, tennis courts). However, there were many calls for playgrounds for younger children, in various parts of the Parish. Given the dispersed nature of the settlement, reaching the existing playground at Kirkland can present difficulties for mothers with young children. The other lack identified was for teenage children

to have somewhere to gather. A Youth Club (non-Church) would be a useful facility, but of course is fraught with problems, not least of which is finding adults prepared to run it.

- 5.6 From many comments it appears that the chief lack is suitable, safe means of transport to get to existing facilities, both within and outside the Parish, without being reliant on the parents' car. Within the Parish, the need for safe footways/cycleways was repeatedly mentioned. For activities outside the Parish, there is a need for public transport facilities, at times, and to destinations suitable for young people.

5.7 Policies

- Y1** The Council will carry out investigation into existing facilities in the Parish, and ensure that present provision is widely known throughout the Parish.
- Y2** The Council will support the establishment of further, realistic facilities for young people, by parishioners who are interested.
- Y3** The Council will actively pursue the creation of footways and cycleways to provide safe routes for young people to reach existing provision within the parish, in line with Transport Policy T3.
- Y4** The Council will liaise with public transport providers and the County Council in reviewing provision of public transport in the Parish (times, routes, destinations), in line with Transport Policy T1.
- Y5** The Council will continue to investigate what other transport provision could be made through the various transport initiatives, in line with Transport Policy T2.
- Y6** The Council will encourage young people in the Parish to participate in environmental and other activities (in line with Policy E5).

Chapter 6 - Services

- 6.1 This section in the Appraisal was divided into a number of subjects: Retail Provision; Public Utilities and Local Authority provided Services; Medical Services; the provision of a number of specific services. Also included in this part of the report are the responses given to questions on services in the Rural White Paper section (9) of the Appraisal: Access Centres (Q9.2); Localising Public Services (Q9.4); Disabled Access to the Countryside (Q9.5).
- 6.2 In recent years, due to a combination of under-use, and a shortage of people prepared to run them, the Parish has seen the disappearance of a shop, a pub and a part-time post office. The Parish retains the use of one pub, two halls (one W.I., one church) for community use, and a part-time shop/post office. There is also a small private function room for hire. The nearest full time post office-cum-general stores are in Arlecdon and Ennerdale Bridge. There are, of course, extensive retail and other facilities in the nearest towns.
- 6.3 Many respondents regretted the absence of a full time shop and post office, whilst recognising the lack of population to support them. Whilst most people in the Parish have use of a car, and can therefore access services in other places, there are significant elements who have not, and a localised service would be a great benefit to them. Some respondents suggested that these services could be combined with others to form a viable unit. In the Rural White Paper section, there was some support for the provision of a Services Access Centre (Q9.2), with IT at its core, and later consultation showed some demand for a reading room/drop-in centre particularly for older people. Taking these ideas together, it would seem that the concept of a centre to combine all of these elements might be worth exploring (along the lines suggested in the White Paper), together with Copeland B.C., Cumbria C.C., and other service providers (medical, employment etc.). The chief problems would be finance, management, security and location. On this last point, a number of different locations were suggested by respondents, but of course any location would need to meet strict criteria, including being accessible to a widespread Parish population. (See also Chapter 8 Transport).
- 6.4 In the section on the provision of public services, water supplies, refuse collection and public telephones all received high satisfaction ratings. Electricity supplies came in for some criticism over

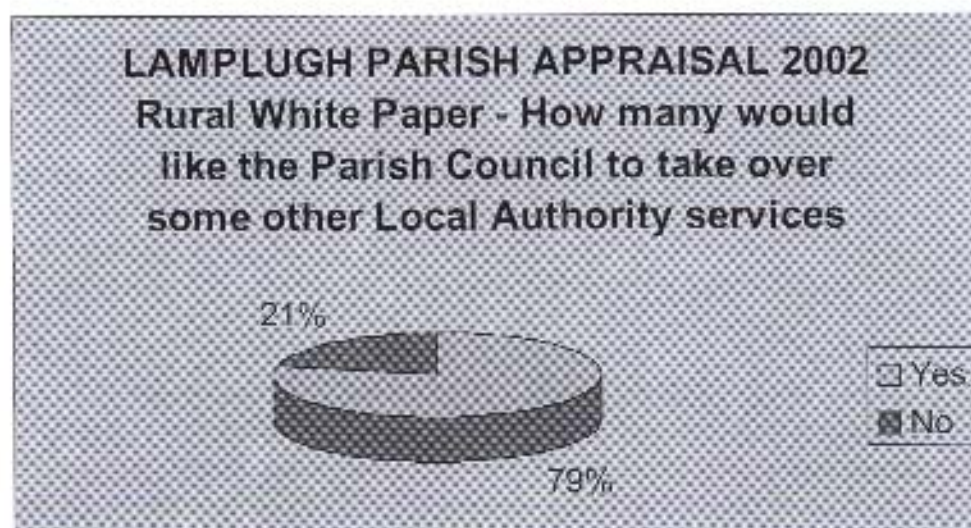


Chart 8

power cuts, although many acknowledged that the situation has improved in recent years (from dire to merely bad). On footway lighting, there was some division of opinion: most were satisfied with the present level, while some asked for additional lighting in specific places. On the other hand, a significant number objected to any more lights on the grounds of light pollution.

- 6.5 Of all the services listed, highway maintenance caused the most criticism, from verge cutting, through drain clearance, to surface problems. In the Rural White Paper section (Q9.4) a large number of respondents supported the idea of the Parish Council assuming responsibility for the minor maintenance of highways and footpaths (though not lights), if the Council were to receive grants from the County Council. *See chart 8.*
- 6.6 There were many calls for a mains gas supply to the main settlements. Obviously, this is a matter for the commercial providers, and would be a significant cost to homeowners. The Council might consider finding out the true extent of demand, and presenting the case to the gas supply network providers.

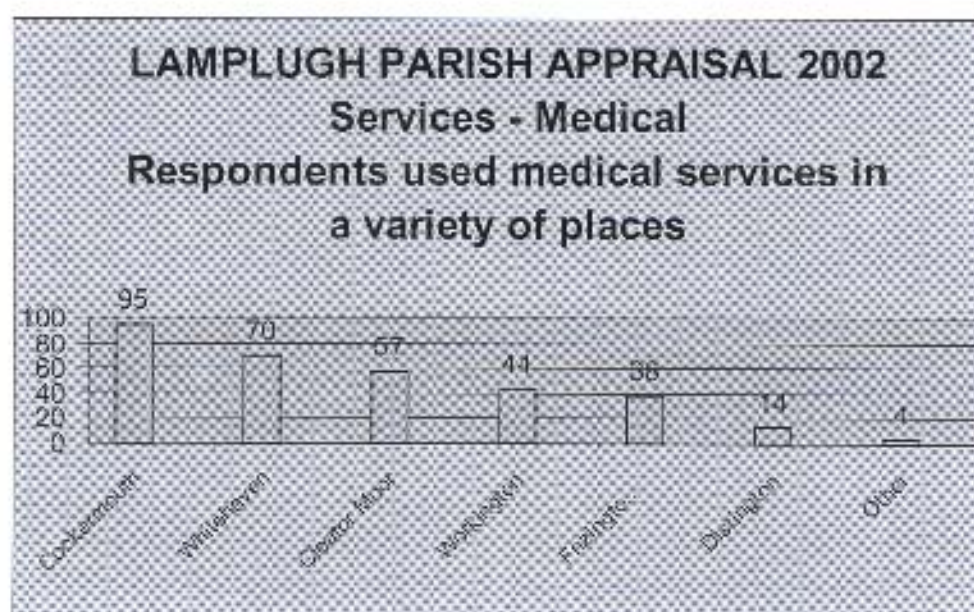


Chart 9

- 6.7 Respondents used a wide variety of places to obtain medical services, the two most popular being Cockermouth and Whitehaven. However, the most used location for GP surgeries was the Frizington/Rowrah practice, which has implications for the provision of public transport (qv Chapter 8). This particularly affects older residents, who will be the most frequent users, and some of whom are less likely to have the use of a car. *See chart 9.*
- 6.8 When asked about ramps for disabled people, public toilets, a bowling green and a sports field, the majority in all cases thought there was little need for further provision. Some specific cases for the creation of ramps, or other access improvements were suggested where there is public use. Interestingly, in the Rural White Paper section (Q9.5), there were a number of suggestions

for increasing disabled access to the countryside. Some of these concerned footpaths in Ennerdale (not the concern of this Parish Council, and already under discussion), but one place, mentioned a number of times, was Cogra Moss, and others were our one bridleway and the cycleway. The Council might consider negotiations with the relevant owners towards improving disabled access to these areas.

- 6.9 There was some confusion over the provision of a sports field. There is the playing field at the School, which has some limited community use, and the field used for the annual sports. Some work needs to be carried out to find existing use and to establish likely demand.

6.10 Policies

- S1** The Council will encourage the establishment of a full time shop and post office in the Parish, if necessary giving advice on obtaining NNDR relief (if applicable), and combining with other functions.
- S2** In conjunction with Policy S1, the Council will explore the feasibility of the provision of a Service Access Centre, through discussions with principal authorities and other bodies, as outlined in the Rural White paper.
- S3** The Council will continue to press United Utilities for improvements to the reliability of electricity supplies.
- S4** The Council will only support new footway lighting where there is a safety case.
- S5** The Council will explore with the Highway Authority ways of improving highway and footpath maintenance, including the possibility of the Parish Council taking over some aspects of minor maintenance with suitable grants.
- S6** The Council will assess the demand for mains gas supply to the main settlements and present the case to the network provider.
- S7** The Council will seek to obtain improvements to transport to the Frizington/Rowrah surgeries, in line with Transport Policies T1.
- S8** The Council will encourage owners of properties with public access to ensure that they are properly accessible to disabled people (if necessary by their obtaining grants), and discuss with landowners the improved accessibility for disabled people to the countryside.
- S9** In line with Youth Policies Y1 and Y2, the Council will investigate and assess the need for improved sports facilities.

Chapter 7 - Leisure

- 7.1 Only about half of the respondents answered this section in the Appraisal, which may indicate that the provision of leisure services in the Parish, is a lesser concern for the parishioners.

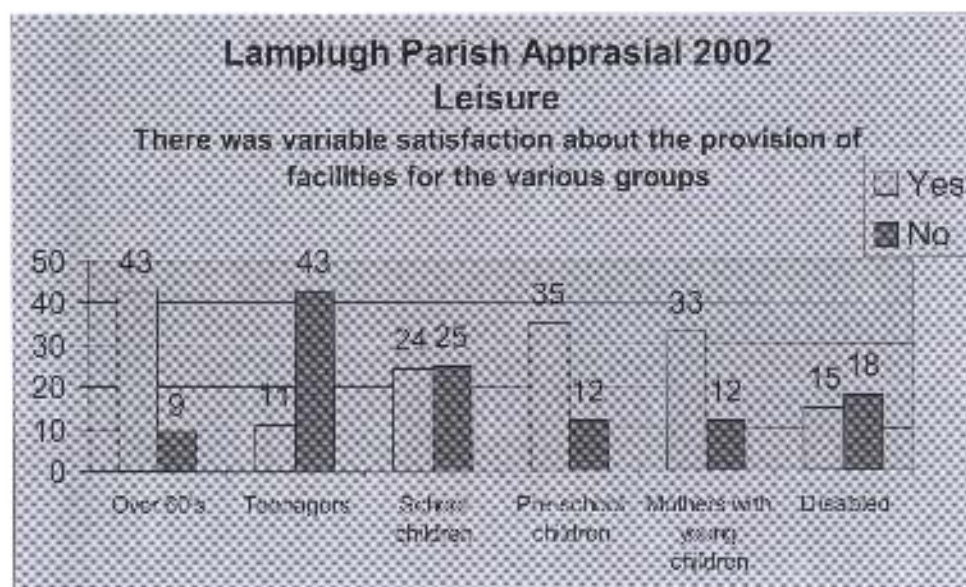


Chart 10

- 7.2 When asked about the provision for various groups within the Parish, respondents were reasonably satisfied with provision for the over-60s, (there is an active Senior Citizens committee), pre-school children and mothers with young children. They were dissatisfied with that for young people, especially teenagers, which mirrors the concerns expressed in Chapter 5 (Youth). A slight majority thought provision for disabled people was inadequate, and this has been covered in Chapter 6 (Services). See chart 10.
- 7.3 As in the Youth section, there were many calls for activities for teenagers, including outdoor activities and after school clubs, but not many were prepared to actually run the activities. A fair number were willing to fund-raise, and help maintain the provision, but few would wish to be involved in the day-to-day management.
- 7.4 One parishioner reflected the views of a number in saying, "I'm not sure how much it is reasonable to expect in such a widespread community. If you want everything on hand, perhaps you need to live in a town."
- 7.5 This is a thorny problem for the Parish Council, which needs to ask itself a number of questions. To what extent should the Parish Council be involved in running leisure activities itself? Should the Parish Council limit itself to encouraging and supporting others in providing and running such activities (as with the Kirkland playground)? What is the real level of demand (when fewer filled in this section of the Appraisal), and willingness to help run leisure activities.

7.6 Policies

- L1** The Council will continue to provide encouragement and support to existing leisure activity groups within the Parish.
- L2** The Council will ensure that existing provision, both inside and outside the Parish, is sufficiently well advertised within the Parish.
- L3** The Council will provide encouragement and support to anyone wishing to set up further leisure activities, provided that it can be demonstrated that there is sufficient demand, there are sufficient personnel, and that the project is financially sustainable.

Chapter 8 - Transport

- 8.1 The vast majority of respondents owns, or has use of, private transport. Public transport in the Parish is limited to the 219 service, which runs a number of buses daily through the Parish from Cockermouth to Cleator Moor and back, via Ennerdale Bridge. This service is subsidised by the County Council and is largely under-utilised, although there are some regular passengers. The nearest bus services apart from this are from Rowrah (very few) and Arlecdon (more regular).

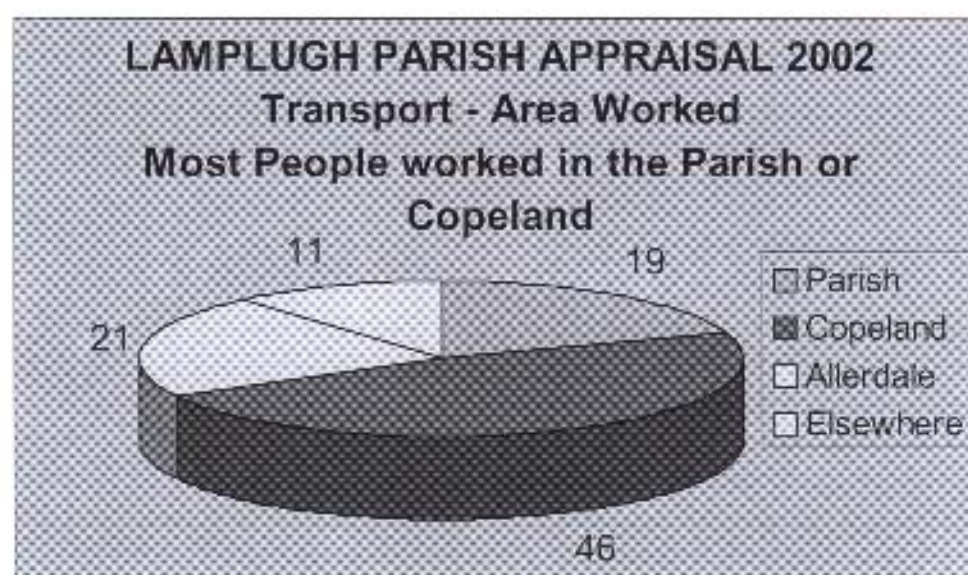


Chart 11

- 8.2 Only about one-eighth of the respondents worked in places beyond the Copeland or Allerdale, and most used cars to get to work. Only one used the bus, one walked, one used a taxi, and four cycled.
- 8.3 Almost 90% of respondents felt that their continued residence in the Parish was dependent upon their being able to drive, or have access to, a car. Some expressed fears that their lives would be very difficult if, through economic circumstances, they were forced to lose their cars.
- 8.4 Given all of the above, it is not surprising that most described public transport provision as adequate or not relevant to them. A small number, in answer to the Q9.1 in the Rural White Paper section, describe the existing bus service as a waste of money. A significant minority, however, (around a quarter), regard the present provision of public transport as inadequate. One of the chief criticisms was that the existing service failed to meet demand, by going to the wrong places, along the wrong routes, at the wrong times, and that if these were adjusted, the service would be more used. As described in Chapter 6 (Services) there is some demand for a service that runs through Rowrah/Arlecdon/Frizington, but at present the 219 service does not run this way. Moreover, existing commercial operations finish at Rowrah, so there is a gap, and the services are not integrated. There is also a demand from young people and their parents for improvements to the service to allow them to access activities in the evenings and weekends.

8.5 Present discussions to explore alternative means of transport through various initiatives, in conjunction with other communities, seem to be slow moving. Given that there is some demand for public transport, often from the more deprived parts of our community, the Council may consider it a priority to push these discussions through TACMAD and the Parish Transport part of the Vital Villages initiative. There was some support in responses to Q9.1 for pursuing these alternatives, and such a course would meet Government objectives concerning social inclusion, and reducing the dependence on the car.

8.6 A surprising number of respondents used cycles (except for commuting). Well over half said they cycled regularly or occasionally. Most of the cyclists thought cycling on roads in the Parish unsafe, and, as in other sections of this report, there were many calls for increased off-road (or roadside) footways/cycleways (over 90% of respondents).

8.7 A majority of respondents were happy with the amount of off-road parking in the Parish, with most dissatisfaction being related to specific locations (e.g. Kirkland centre). Some of the complaints related to areas outside the Parish (Rowrah and Arlecdon).

8.8 Policies

T1 The Council will discuss with the County Council and commercial operators the future of the 219 bus service, with a view to either amending its routing and time-tabling, or extending commercial services to Kirkland via Rowrah to interlink the services, in line with Policies Y4 and S7.

T2 The Council will press forward with negotiations (through TACMAD ... Transport Action for Cleator Moor and District) with the larger community, for alternative means of transport, and explore the possibility of meeting needs through the Parish Transport section of the Vital Villages initiative, in co-operation with neighbouring parishes, in line with Policy Y5.

T3 The Council will actively pursue the provision of off-road or roadside footpaths/cycleways to interconnect parts of the Parish, in line with Policy Y3.

T4 The Council will assess the provision of increasing off-road parking in line with need and the availability of suitable spaces.

Chapter 9 - Environment

- 9.1 This section of the Appraisal covered a number of areas: Recycling; specific Environmental Problems; Parish Environmental Projects and Quality of Life in the Parish. Elements of the Rural White Paper section also related to environmental themes, particularly Q9.3 (Diversification) and Q9.6 (Conserving and Enhancing the Environment) and these are included here.

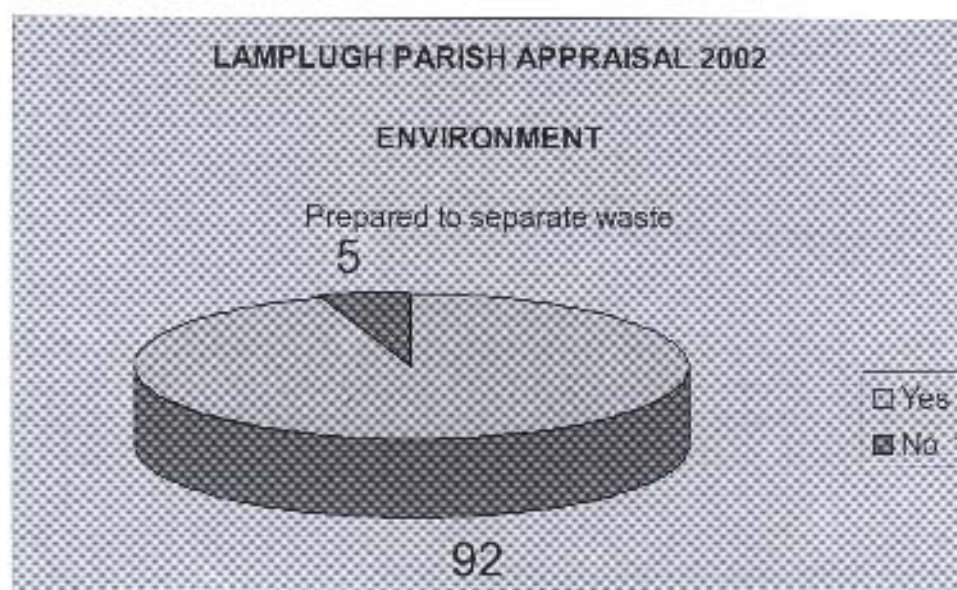


Chart 12

- 9.2 Respondents' attitudes to recycling were very positive. Some two-thirds already recycle some kinds of waste, three-quarters would like a recycling centre in the Parish, and over 95% were prepared to carry out doorstep separation of waste. Suggestions for a site for a recycling centre were varied ... most people wanted one, but not next to them! One respondent pointed out that, if we had doorstep separation, recycling centres would be unnecessary.
- 9.3 With regard to the specific environmental problems listed, small minorities expressed concern about stray dogs and traffic noise, but more were concerned about dog fouling and litter. Copeland B.C. already has policies and procedures to deal with both of these, and the Council may wish to consider discussing with them the most effective means of enforcement. A Parish awareness campaign might help, and, since the Appraisal, parishioners have already been informed, via the Parish newsletter, of the method for dealing with instances of litter and fly-tipping.
- 9.4 Environmental problems caused by traffic caused much comment. A substantial minority was concerned by the volume of traffic (particularly Sellafield rush hour and heavy vehicles on narrow roads), but the chief problem highlighted was speed. Since the Appraisal, there have been advances in the plans for traffic-calming measures on the WI to Cold Fell road, which should lead to some amelioration. Reference should also be made to the same problem outlined in Chapter 3 (Policing). The problem of lighting has already been covered in Chapter 6 (Services).

- 9.5 A pleasantly surprising number of respondents (51) were willing to take part in environmental projects in the Parish, though few (if any) have given their names to the Clerk. It is suggested that further efforts be made to create a list of willing volunteers.
- 9.6 In the Rural White Paper section (Q9.3), a slight majority was in favour of increasing tourism to strengthen the local economy. This attitude is probably influenced by the devastating effects of foot-and-mouth, and is, of course, in line with Copeland B.C. policy for economic diversification, and the aims of Cumbria's Rural Action Zone policies. Some were very against the idea, fearing its effects on the environment and quality of life in the Parish. It is a truism to say that any tourism developments should be of a scale and type suitable for the nature of the Parish. Suggestions for increasing tourism were many and varied, including additions and improvements to accommodation, increased publicity, and especially improvements in facilities for cyclists, as the Parish is on the C-to-C route (teashops, toilets). Most of the suggestions were beyond the scope and powers of the Parish Council, but the Council could contribute by its attitude to tourism-related planning applications, and by improving and promoting its own literature. One idea put forward a number of times was to create a Parish website, an idea further considered in Chapter 10 (Best Value Review).
- 9.7 The Rural White Paper question on Conserving and Enhancing the Environment (Q9.6) produced much comment. A large number of eyesores were listed, some of which are in private ownership, but a number are on land owned by local authorities. In the case of the former, the Parish Council can try to act as a persuader, but beyond this Copeland B.C. has to be involved, and the process of enforcement is long and complex. In the latter case, the Council can pressure the relevant authority to rectify the situation, and in specific cases might wish to assume responsibility for doing the work at low cost in order to enhance the Parish environment (e.g. Crossgates).
- 9.8 There were many suggestions as to features of the Parish (natural and man-made) that are worthy of conservation. All of them are well known to the Council already, but an official register, which can be added to as more sites are recognised, could be created, to inform other development considerations.
- 9.9 On the question of "Quality of Life" in the Parish, the vast majority regard life here as very pleasant ... as one respondent put it, "We love living where we do". Some expressed fears about large scale developments, fear of burglaries, traffic problems, and isolation (all dealt with in other parts of this report), but the general tone was one of being happy in the Parish.

9.10 Policies

- E1** The Council will ask Copeland B.C. about the possibility of having a recycling centre in the Parish, at a suitable site, as a short term measure, whilst urging that Council to proceed with the door step separation of waste as a matter of priority.
- E2** The Council will ask Copeland B.C. to provide random visits by its dog warden team to enforce the laws on fouling.
- E3** The Council will keep parishioners aware of the procedures for reporting litter/fly-tipping, and monitor Copeland B.C.'s regular street cleaning in settlements.
- E4** The Council will continue to support traffic calming measures on the W1 to Cold Fell road, and urge the police to carry out enforcement activity, in line with Policy P2 (Policing).
- E5** The Council will create a register of those parishioners willing to help with environmental

projects, and will, in particular, encourage the participation of young people in Parish environmental projects as a way of engaging their interest in the community, (in line with Policy Y6).

- E6** The Council will encourage the development of sustainable tourism in the Parish, of types and at levels which are not detrimental to the Parish environment or quality of life.
- E7** The Council will ensure that its own literature on the Parish is up-dated and available, and will create a website, in line with Policy BV2 (Best Value Review).
- E8** The Council will constantly seek, in partnership with others, to improve the environment of the Parish, to increase its attractiveness to residents and visitors, and to preserve and increase the diversity of its habitats, flora and fauna, and man-made environment.
- E9** The Council will make efforts to have eyesores in the Parish removed. In the case of those on private land, it will seek to do this by persuasion initially, statutory powers only being resorted to when all else fails. In the case of publicly owned land, it will press the relevant authority to act.
- E10** The Council will, in specific cases, consider taking responsibility for improving the appearance of publicly owned land, in the pursuit of enhancing the Parish environment, where minimal cost is involved to the Parish.
- E11** The Council will create a register of features (natural and man-made) which are worthy of conservation, and which deserve special consideration in the planning process.

Chapter 10 - The Parish Council: Best Valuation Consultation

- 10.1 This chapter is concerned with the ongoing Best Value consultation that was included with the Appraisal. It is different and separate from the rest of the Appraisal, in that it is a part of a different consultation process about the workings of the Parish Council itself. Other stages in the Best Value Review will follow, but the results of the consultation are included here, as they are related to other sections of the Appraisal at various points, and give rise to recommended policies at this stage.
- 10.2 The questions were to be answered in conjunction with information about the Council, provided with the Appraisal. Questions covered the Objectives of the Council, the Services it provides, Value for Money, Projects, Communications, and Overall Satisfaction.
- 10.3 All but a few were happy with the objectives of the Council, and there were not many suggestions as to extra objectives, or ones that should be dropped. One objective, suggested by some, was that the Parish Council should seek to conserve and enhance the environment of the Parish. This has been included as Policy E8 (Environment), but perhaps should be included as an objective, either as an addition, or to replace "Improving the Parish through various projects and works", as a more general statement of the Council's objective, which would include the projects and works.
- 10.4 Again, all but a few were satisfied that the Council provides services that meet the Parish's needs. There were a number of suggested additions, dealt with in the rest of this report. Some suggestions are already provided, or are beyond the powers of this Council.
- 10.5 The vast majority accepted that the Council gives good value for money. The only major query concerned the fact that over half the Council's expenditure is on "administration". Most of what the Council does is "administration", and the Council should perhaps be clearer in explaining what this involves. The Council's accounts are always available for inspection, and are audited, but may be the Council should be more pro-active in giving information. (See 10.7).
- 10.6 There was little criticism of the projects carried out by the Council, and some praise ... including praise for works not carried out by the Council! There were some suggestions for further projects (including again footpaths and cycleways). Those that fall within the powers of the Council have been included in previous sections.
- 10.7 Most thought that the Council communicated well with parishioners, the quarterly newsletter being most appreciated. There were, however, a number of specific areas where the Council might seek some improvement. Some respondents were unaware, or seldom saw their nearest councillor. Some did not know councillors' names. Some were unaware of the dates and venues of Council meetings, or did not know they were entitled to attend. Like the financial information referred to in 10.5, all of this

information is available, and most appears regularly in noticeboards and the newsletters, but perhaps the Council should consider ways in which it could make this information more accessible. Again, a Parish website was proposed (with offers of help), which is one way that access to information about the Council could be improved. (See Chapter 9, para. 9.6). Many respondents were unaware of the extent and nature of the Council's communication with Principal Authorities, or other bodies, which tends to reinforce this argument.

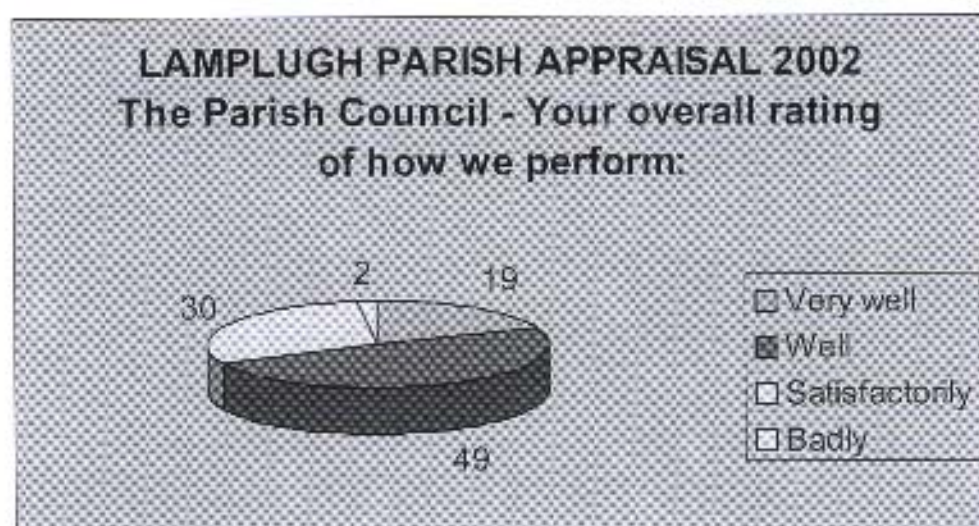


Chart 13

10.8 The Council's satisfaction rating was pleasingly high. 68% rated the Council as "good" or "very good", whilst an astonishing 98% said it was "satisfactory" or above. Only 2% rated it as "poor", and none as "very poor".

10.9 As outlined at the start, this consultation is only part of the Best Value process. There are the other 3 "C"s to be dealt with. The Council next needs to appoint challengers to examine its methods and performance (particularly with reference to giving good value for money), and to compare itself with other, similar councils.

10.10 Policies

BV1 The Council will add "Conserving and enhancing the environment of the Parish" to its list of objectives, in line with Policy E8 (Environment).

BV2 The Council will seek to improve access to information about its members, meetings, finances and other Council matters, by various means, but in particular by the establishment of a website, in line with Policy E7 (Environment).

BV3 The Council will continue the Best Value review of its activities in line with Government guidance, by appointing challengers, and comparing itself with other similar councils.

Appendix 1

Lamplugh Parish Council: Introduction to the **Parish Appraisal 2002**

As you may know, the Government has recently required all of local government to carry out "Best Value" reviews of its services, to ensure that everyone is getting the best possible services, representing good value for money. As part of that process, Councils are required to obtain the views of those living in their areas about the provision of those services.

At the same time, the Parish Council was aware that its last Parish Appraisal was now some years old, and that the Parish Development Plan, based on it, was also due for revision.

The Council therefore decided to combine the two processes of consultation, and send out information and questionnaires to all households in the Parish. The results of this survey will be used to critically examine the way in which the Parish Council provides services, to compare our performance with other, similar Parishes, and to create a new Development Plan to cover the next few years, which will include timescales and methods of monitoring performance.

There are three parts to these documents:

- A review of the present Parish Council, its aims, services, and budget. **This is for you to keep.**
- Part 1 - A Parish Appraisal Questionnaire. This covers existing Parish services, and asks your opinions about possible future developments.
- Part 2 - A "Best Value" Questionnaire. This asks your opinion on the way the Parish Council currently operates.

The last two parts are to be returned to the Parish Council. Arrangements for doing that are included separately. We ask that all households take time to return the Questionnaires, so that we have as complete a picture as possible.

Please return in FREEPOST envelope provided by **26th April 2002**.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questions. Your opinions matter!
N.B. The questionnaires are anonymous, so you can say what you really think.

IAN SMITH

Chair of the Parish Council
March 2002

Appendix 1

Part One

General

1.1 Please indicate the area of the Parish you live in?

Kirkland	20
Lamplugh Green & Bird Dyke	12
Crossgates	10
Winder & Eskett	4
Felldyke	5
Kelton Head & Low Leys	6
High Leys	1
Rowrah	5
Ennerdale	11
Other (please specify)	26
<i>(Total 100)</i>	

1.2 Size of Household

Children	Under 5	16
	5-10	18
	11-18	19
Adults	18-29	7
	30-65	128
	Over 65	51
Total number in household		<i>(Total 239)</i>

Housing

2.1 Would you like to see some housing development in the Parish? Yes 53
..... No 45
(If no please go directly to page 4 question 3.1)
(Total 98)

2.2 If YES, would you prefer:

(a) very limited development to meet local need?	27
(b) moderate development of some houses (up to 6)?	16
(c) larger development (say 7 to 20)?	12
(d) large scale development (say 20+)?	2
<i>(Total 57)</i>	

2.3 Should this development be mainly:

(a) infill between existing Properties?	36
(b) on the edge of existing settlement?	22
(c) on green-field sites?	9
<i>(Total 67)</i>	

Appendix 1

Housing continued

2.4 Areas for development

a) Do you have any suggestions for areas of the Parish that are well suited to further development?

*Vicarage Lane; periphery of Kirkland; Kirkland to WI; Lamphugh Tip to Whinnah; Lowerwater Road;
Middle Leys and Colliergate; Crossgate Corner; Whinnah; greenfield sites for locals only;
within existing villages; derelict sites; council storage area*

b) Do you have any suggestions for areas of the Parish that are **not** well suited for further development?

Vicarage Lane; no greenfield sites; "Most of Parish"; "All of it"; Fell Dyke

2.5 Please comment on any concerns you have regarding housing in the Parish, e.g. restricted growth, rented housing/shared equity, sheltered housing, etc.

*Bungalows for OAPs; Section 32 restriction on Vicarage Lane; need for sheltered accommodation;
low cost rentable; concern over growth at Crossgates; drains and new development; felling of trees;
loss of farmland; increased traffic; need for small houses for first-time buyers; lack of parking space
(Ennerdale); inconsistent application of planning criteria; changing rural nature of Parish;
too many holiday homes; building appearance; local need only*

Demand for Housing

2.6 What type of housing do you think is required?

Housing for Young People (Starter homes)	37
Housing for the Elderly (Sheltered/bungalow)	29
Rented Housing (Local Authority/Housing Association)	4
Co-ownership (with Housing Association)	9
Executive Housing	10
Family Housing	32

2.7 Has any member of your family moved or will be moving out of the area because they were/are unable to find suitable accommodation locally?

Yes 6
No 52

If YES is/was the need for accommodation To rent 1

To buy 1

2.8 Do you know of anyone wanting now or in the next few years?

	Yes	No	Don't know	To rent	To buy
Starter Homes	4	9	24	5	4
Special Homes for Retirement	9	10	21	9	5
Family Homes	3	12	23	4	3

Any other (please specify or see a Parish Councillor if concerned)

Would like to build retirement home on own site

Appendix 1

Policing

- 3.1 Are you generally satisfied with the service provided by the police in this area? Yes 53
No 31
(Total 84)

Please comment why?

YES: always available; low crime rate; prompt when required

NO: lack of visibility; lack of traffic control; only in cars; burglaries given low priority;

"what police?"

- 3.2 Has your home, property or car etc. suffered at the hand of criminals in the last year? Yes 6
No 90

If YES did you report this to the police? Yes 60
No 1

- 3.3 The following is a list of policing priorities. Please give each a separate rating of between 1 and 8 with 1 being in your opinion the **most** important and 8 the **least** important?

	Priority Score	Pos	Satisfied Yes	No
Prompt response to emergency calls	137	1	14	4
High visibility policing	320	5-	7	16
Maintain or increase detection for violent crime	267	3-	10	5
Increase detections for house burglaries	261	2	7	11
Target and prevent crimes which are local problems	267	3-	7	8
To combat offences such as vandalism, disorder and rowdiness	320	5-	8	8
To improve contact with young people to encourage good citizenship.....	347	7	7	10

- 3.4 Do you think a Rural Neighbourhood Watch Scheme would benefit this area you live in? Yes 66
No 22

a) Would you consider joining such a scheme if it were introduced? Yes 72
No 17

b) Would you be willing to take an active part in such a scheme? E.g. as a local co-ordinator? Yes 16
No 69

If YES please give details on a separate sheet or tell a Parish Councillor.

c) Any other comments regarding Policing e.g. What the Police do well or not so well, car crime, traffic control?

Many as for 3.1 (NO): like to know our police personally; police not trained for rural areas;

Neighbourhood Watch useless

Mainly comments about speeding enforcement; number of comments on under resourcing of police

Appendix 1

Youth

4.1 Age groups: what ages are the young people in your household?

Age range and number	Male	Female
Under 7	9	10
7 - 11	11	2
11 - 16	10	5
16 - 18	1	2
	(Total 31)	(Total 19)

The rest of this section to be answered as much as possible by each young member of the household.

4.2 What activities do you have (please give age group and indicate where the activity takes place in each case)

a) in summer?

Cycling (Rowrah Kart stadium); Beavers/Cubs; football (Cockermouth); Copeland Pool;
Parent and Toddler Group; Playgrounds
Informal: walking; cycling; swimming; dancing; cinema; Lamplugh Sports

b) in winter?

As above but less outdoor
Soft play area (Howgate); Music Centre (Egremont)

4.3 Where do you meet with your friends, e.g. clubs, houses, playgrounds, etc. (please give age group)

a) in summer?

Homes; in the street (most frequent); "nowhere to meet"; playgrounds; major towns;
pubs (older age group)

b) in winter?

Playbus, otherwise as for (a); school activities; Parent and Toddler Group; pubs (older age group)

4.4 How do you get to and from your activities, e.g. walk, cycle, etc? (please give age group)

Parents' car (most frequent); bus; walk; cycle

4.5 What three things would you like to see provided or improved for youth of the community? (please give age group)

- Play area at Lamplugh (many members); Youth Club; gym; after school activities; soccer;*
- music group; access to computers; buses; traffic calming; better transport; cycle paths*
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4.6 Other comments (please give age group)

Pavements and cycleways needed
"Teenagers should be involved in more activities as well as youngsters"
"This area hasn't a concentration of young people to support a wide range of activities"

Appendix 1

Services

5.1 Are you satisfied with the provision of the retail facilities in the Parish? Yes 53
No 28

If NO please give reasons?

Need pub/shop/PO full time in Lamplugh/Kirkland - only part time shop/PO at caravan site;

have to drive - many comments on lack of population to support wide range of retail services;

many happy to drive to major shopping centres

"No one should live in a rural area and expect to see development of significant retail outlets"

What other facilities would you like to see provided?

Gas (mentioned a number of times)

Need shop/PO/pub/coffee shop combined - Methodist Chapel?

5.2 Are you satisfied with the provision of these services in the Parish?

	Yes	No
Electricity	61	37
Water	89	6
Public telephones	87	6
Refuse collection	92	5
Footway lighting	59	26
Highway maintenance	34	51
Other (please specify)	1	13

If NO please specify service and give reasons.

Power cuts (frequent); lack of main sewers; mains gas; poor road condition (frequent);

fly tipping; too much street lighting; lack of street lighting; grit bins; footpaths

5.3 Where do go to visit the following?

GP/Health Care Centre *Whitehaven 11; Workington 5; Cockermouth 16; Frizington/Rowrah 32;*

Distington 14; Cleator Moor 14; Egremont 6

Dentist *Whitehaven 27; Workington 11; Cockermouth 39; Cleator Moor 19; Egremont 3; M'chester 1*

Baby/Child Health Clinic *W'haven 3; Workington 3; C'mouth 4; Frizington 6; Egremont 1; C'Moor 1*

Chiropodist *Whitehaven 8; Workington 5; Cockermouth 3; Cleator Moor 10; Egremont 1; Home 2*

Optician *Whitehaven 21; Workington 20; Cockermouth 33; Cleator Moor 13; Egremont 2; Edinburgh 1*

Other (please specify)

TOTALS: *Whitehaven 70; Workington 44; Cockermouth 95; Friz/Rowrah 38; Distington 14; C'Moor 57*

Do you have difficulties getting to them? Yes 4 No 94

If YES can you suggest what should be done to improve matters

Difficulties with no car/car out of action

Need for bus via Rowrah/Frizington

Appendix 1

Services continued

5.4 Do you think there is a need for any of the following?

	Yes	No
Ramps for disabled people	18	52
Public Toilets	22	58
Bowling Green	11	59
Sports Field	33	43

Other (please specify)

If YES please state where you think these should be provided.

Toilets (various suggestions)

Bowling Green (various suggestions)

Sports Field (few suggestions for site)

Leisure

6.1 Is there adequate provision in the Parish for the following?

	Yes	No
Over 60's	43	9
Teenagers	11	43
School children	24	25
Pre-school children	35	12
Mothers with young children	33	12
Disabled	15	18

6.2 There are already some activities in the Parish i.e. Parent/Toddler Playgroup, Womens Institute, Mothers Union. If funding was available, what other leisure facilities would you like to see provided?

Youth Club/activities (frequent)

Sports Field/play area - Lamplugh

Social events for elderly; outdoor activities; tennis courts

6.3 In order to provide further facilities would you be:

	Yes	No
Prepared to fund raise	20	28
Organise fund raising	3	39
Run the activity e.g. committees, supervision, etc.	9	36
Help maintain the provision	25	28
Other	2	14

If YES Please contact a Parish Councillor if you are prepared to help in any way.

6.4 Do you have any comments about the present community provisions or lack of them in the Parish?

Communal meeting room

Adequate existing facilities - not enough support

Very good provision now

Comments of lack of population to support activities

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Transport

7.1 Do you work in?

The Parish	15	Copeland	37
Allerdale	17	Elsewhere	11

If elsewhere, please specify.....

7.2 What is the main form of transport you use to travel to work?

Car	67	Bus	1
Walk	3	Cycle	4
Taxi	1		

7.3 Do the public transport facilities in the parish serve your needs adequately?

Yes	29
No	22
Not relevant	39

If NO, in what ways are they inadequate?

.....*Many comments: mainly concerned with routes not meeting need (connections to Rowrah/*

.....*Frizington/Whitehaven/Workington, or times not meeting need (getting to work/evening activities)*

.....*Positive comments about existence of 219 service*

.....*Some comments about 219 service being waste of public money*

7.4 Do members of your household use cycles?

Regularly	22	Occasionally	28
Rarely	5	Never	32

If YES do you feel that the roads around the Parish afford safe, enjoyable cycling?

Yes	20	No	43
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7.5 Would you like to see more off-road cycle paths?

Yes	75	No	7
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7.6 Does your area of the Parish have ample off-road parking?

Yes	51	No	38
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If NO, please indicate area

.....*Some comments about lack of parking for locals and tourists - esp. village centres and*
.....*specified spots e.g. Leaps*

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Transport continued

7.7 Do you have regular use of your own transport?

Yes 93

No 5

7.8 Do you feel your continued residence in the Parish is only afforded by having access to personal transportation?

Yes 75

No 12

Being able to drive yourself?

Yes 78

No 13

7.9 Are there any other transport issues you wish to raise?

Need to make cycling/walking safer esp. due to speed of traffic at rushhour times (many comments)

Need for traffic calming (frequent)

Number of suggestions for footpaths (Kirkland - School; Kirkland - Ennerdale) and pavements (esp. Kirkland)

Environment

8.1 Do you use re-cycling facilities regularly?

Yes 64

No 37

8.2 Do you feel there is a need for a Parish based re-cycling collection point?

Yes 74

No 24

If yes please state:

Glass 68

Paper 69

Aluminium 36

Rags & Wool 37

Other 29 (e.g. cardboard/white goods)

(Please specify ... 9 plastics; 2 tin; 9 cardboard

7 white goods; 2 garden refuse)

Where would you prefer this point to be? *Many suggestions, no consensus*

Pointed out that if doorstep collection, would be unnecessary

8.3 If Copeland Borough Council were looking into ways of separating waste at point of production (i.e. doorstep) would you be prepared to sort your waste into specified components?

Yes 92

No 5

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Environment continued

8.4 Are you concerned about any of the following?

	Yes	No
Dog dirt/fouling	43	35
Litter/rubbish dumping	68	17
Stray dogs	8	60
Traffic noise	15	53
Other (specify)		

If YES please indicate area of the Parish

Most frequent: dog dirt (widespread); some fly tipping (various); burnt out cars (Rowrah/Eskett)

8.5 Would you say that any of the following are a problem in your area of the Parish?

	Yes	No
Heavy traffic	34	48
Lack of safe places to cross the road	17	56
Nowhere to park	12	58
Traffic travelling too fast	60	33
Poor street lighting	23	48
Other (please specify)		

If YES please indicate area of the Parish

Most frequent: heavy traffic and speeding, esp. WI to Cold Fell and A5086 (HGVs and speeding)

8.6 Would you be prepared to become involved as a volunteer with Parish based environmental projects such as planting, footpath building/maintenance/litter clean ups etc?

Yes 38 No 51

If YES contact the Clerk on 01946 862245.

8.7 What would most improve your quality of life in the Parish?

Village shop

Less and slower traffic

More buses and cycleways/footpaths

Many positive comments about quality of life in Parish

8.8 What are your greatest concerns about living where you do? Please state:

As above: plus fear of burglary

Fear of being without car

Positive comments as above: over-development

The Rural White Paper

In November 2000, the Government produced the Rural White Paper, which sets out its policies and funding priorities for rural areas over the next few years. The Parish Council recognises that much of it is concerned with issues at county, district or market town level, but there are a number of matters, for which funding help could be given, that concern us at Parish level. The following questions are about these:

- 9.1 Local transport. For the last year, the government, via the County Council, has subsidised the 219 Cockermouth-Cleator Moor Bus Service, and is proposing more money for local transport initiatives.

a) Have you or your family, used the 219 service? Yes 46 No 52

b) Would this service be of use if it were changed (e.g. times, route)? If so, how?

Comments as for 7.3 (Transport)

c) Have you any ideas of ways in which funding could be used for other local transport initiatives? (E.g. car sharing, shared local minibus, dial-a-car)

Dial-a-ride

Post bus

Voluntary drivers

(all mentioned)

- 9.2 Access to facilities. The Government is proposing to preserve and enhance services in villages. One suggestion is to develop centres with access to a range of services, either based on an existing service (e.g. Post Office, pub, garage), or at a new centre, offering facilities like:

Internet access	17	Primary health care (via IT)	14
Meeting room	23	Banking cash point	28
Job opportunities	15	Other 1 surgery; 1 cab; rest unspecified	9

Yes No

a) Is there a need for such a centre in Lamplugh? 44 24

b) Would you use such a facility? 39 28

c) Do you have any suggestions for locating such a centre (area, particular location)?

Lamplugh Tip (most frequent); Mission; Caravan Park; WI

The Rural White Paper continued

9.3 Rural Diversification. A major theme of the White Paper is about lifting a depressed rural economy by diversification into new lines of business, e.g. Tourism. The Parish already has some tourism businesses.

a) Do you think tourism should expand in the Parish? Yes 48 No 40

If YES, how and to what extent?

Many and varied suggestions, incl. tearooms, B&B accommodation, etc.

Most comments centre round using cycleway to expand tourism and better information about area (leaflets, guided walks, TIC!, website)

Many suggestions beyond scope of the Parish Council

Some suggestions for study/research to be commissioned

9.4 Localising Public Services. A suggestion in the White Paper is that Parishes might take over some Local Authority services, to make them more locally accountable, and be paid to do them, e.g.

Minor highway maintenance	43	Sign cleaning	57
Verge cutting	63	Recycling waste	45
Maintaining footpaths	63	Lights maintenance	31
<i>Litter collection</i>		<i>Salt bins</i>	

a) Would you approve of this? Yes 70 No 19

b) If YES, please tick any of the above you think would be suitable, and add further suggestions.

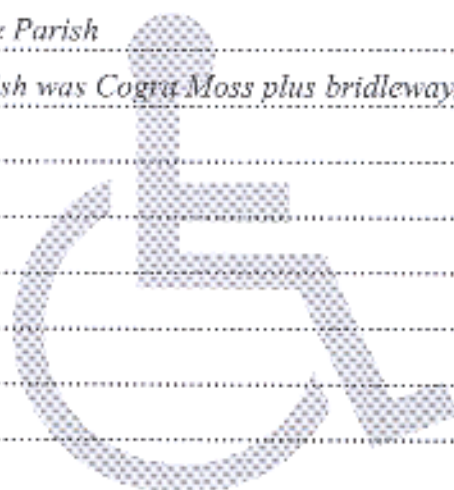
9.5 Disabled Access to the Countryside. As well as providing improved access to buildings, the White Paper would like to see better provision for the disabled in the countryside.

Do you have any suggestions as to how, or where such improved access could be provided in the Parish?

Some suggestions outside Parish

Most frequent in the Parish was Cogra Moss plus bridleway, other paths

Disabled toilets



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The Rural White Paper continued

9.6 Conserving and Enhancing the Environment. The White Paper suggests that Local Plans should pay special attention to natural and man-made features of note in their area, and seek to improve the environment.

a) Are there any eyesores in the Parish that should be cleaned up?

Frequent mentions of one privately owned site, and one company site
Letter round Kart track
Crossgates junction

b) Do you know of any particular features (natural, habitats, historical, architectural) that are worthy of special attention? If so, give details:

Very varied list, mostly well known - frequent mentions of old industrial sites and railways
Cogra Moss wildlife

(We would like to create a register of Environmental Features to include in our Development plan.)

9.7 Voluntary organisations. The White Paper emphasises the importance of partnerships between local authorities and the voluntary sector. To give us a complete picture, would you indicate below if you belong to any voluntary groups: *Not answered by majority*

a) in the Parish?

Most frequently mentioned:
Kirkland playground; local History Group; Senior Citizens Committee;
Parish Paths Group; Parent and Toddler Group; Lamplugh School Association

b) outside the Parish?

Very varied list includes wide range of national organisations

(Please show in each case, the age of the member).

Thank you for completing Part 1 of the survey.
Please use this space to add any further comments about the Parish and its amenities you may wish.

Please continue Part 2 on the last couple of pages.

Part Two

- The questions below should be answered after reading the colour folder, which tells you about what the Parish Council does.
- The questions are organised to reflect the Objectives of the Parish Council as shown on page 2 of the colour folder.
- Please remember when answering, that your suggestions may well have financial implications for the Council. Remember too that certain functions of the Council are required by law.

1. General

- 1.1 Do you think that the Objectives of the Council are the right ones? Yes 86 No 4
- 1.2 Would you add any further objectives? Yes 9 No 59
Such as?
..... Mostly not "objectives" but actions. Several suggestions of "Concerning Parish environment"
- 1.3 Would you remove any objectives? Yes 4 No 64
Such as?
..... As above: one suggestion - "any and all devolved functions of other local authorities"

2. Providing services that meet Parishioners' needs

- 2.1 Do the services outlined *generally* meet the needs of the Parish? Yes 75 No 4
- 2.2 Are there any services presently provided which you think the Parish should *not* provide?
..... (Suggestions all not connected with Parish services)
- 2.3 Are there any services which are not presently provided which you think the Parish *should* provide?
..... Further play area; improved transport; footpaths/cycleways

3. Providing good value for money

- 3.1 Do you think that the Parish Council *generally* gives good value for money? Yes 72 No 6
- 3.2 Are there any items of the Council's expenditure that you think should be INCREASED and, if so, why?
..... Too much on admin (several comments)
..... More grants; tree planting
..... Improving community facilities
- 3.3 Are there any further items of expenditure which should be added and, if so, why?
..... Footpaths
..... Grit boxes
..... Cycle routes

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4. Projects and Works

4.1 Are you *generally* satisfied with the Projects/Works that have been carried out in the Parish?

Yes 72 No 6

4.2 Are there any projects that you think have added to the amenities in the Parish?

Litter bins

Daffodils

Seats

Noticeboards

Bridleway Lamplugh Cross to WI

Kirkland playgrounds (Ennerdale playground)

Bus route

(last two not Parish Council)

4.3 Are there any projects with which you are dissatisfied (should not have been done, or badly carried out)?

Maintenance of seats

Noticeboards

Lamplugh Cross to WI bridleway

(some comments not Parish Council responsibility or unintelligible)

4.4 Have you any suggestions about further projects or works that the Parish Council could cause to be carried out, or campaign for?

Many and varied suggestions:

Bulb planting

Leaflets on cycling/walking

Car parks

Footpaths (especially on A5086 and Kirkland to school) - safe routes to school

Some suggestions beyond the scope of the Parish Council

5. Communications

5.1 Do you think that the Parish Council maintains good communications with *Parishioners* through:

a) access to Councillors	Yes 65	No 11
b) access to Council meetings.....	Yes 71	No 8
c) Annual Parish Meeting.....	Yes 77	No 5
d) Newsletters	Yes 85	No 2

5.2 Have you any suggestions about how the Parish Council might improve its communications with Parishioners?

More noticeboards; newsletters; website - better publicity of councillors' names, activities

5.3 Do you think that the Council maintains good communications with other tiers of local government? (E.g. Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council).

Yes 52 No 4

5.4 If no, how might they be improved?

Mostly "don't know" "Keep on at them"

6. In Conclusion

Do you think Lamplugh Parish Council performs:

Very well 19 Well 49 Satisfactorily 30 Badly 2 Very badly 0

Thank you for completing this questionnaire

Please return in FREEPOST envelope provided by 26th April 2002

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Action Plan

LAMPLUGH PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

Policy	Detailed Actions	Timing S/M/L Term	Responsibility	Progress/Recommendations
H1 No significant developments	Liaise with CBC over new Local Plan as emerges	S/M/L	PC	
H2 Site, design, materials	)	S/M/L	PC	
H3 Proven Local Need	) For each Planning application	S/M/L	PC	
H4 Demand and Need	)	S/M/L	PC	
H5 Siting of development	)	S/M/L	PC	
P1 Police at PC Meetings	Write to Chief Constable	S/M/L	Clerk	
P2 Traffic Enforcement	Write to Chief Constable	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
P3 Neighbourhood Watch	Place in Newsletter	S	Councillor	
P4 Burnt out cars etc	Write to Chief Constable/CBC	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
Y1 Existing facilities	Create a list of existing and advertise in Newsletter/ Liaise with CMDC/Connexions	S/M	Councillor	
Y2 Support for new facilities	Newsletter announcement/Liaise with CMDC	S	Councillor	
Y3 Footway/cycleway creation	See T3	M/L	Group	
Y4 Better Public Transport	See T1 Also Liaise with CMDC /Connexions	M/L	Councillor	
Y5 Other Transport	See T2 Also liaise with CMDC/TACMAD/Connexions	M/L/	Councillor	
S1 Shop and Post Office	Liaise with the relevant people/bodies	S/M/L	Group	
S2 IT Centre	Liaise with CCC/CBC/local people	M/L	Group	
S3 Electricity Reliability	Liaise with UU and other bodies	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
S4 Footway lighting	Liaise with CBC	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
S5 Highways Maintenance	Liaise with CCC	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
S6 Gas Supply	Write to British Gas/Transco	S	PC/Clerk	
S7 Transport to Surgeries	See T2 Also liaise with TACMAD/local groups	S/M/L	Group	
S8 Disabled access	Liaise with Disabled people/organisations/CBC	S/M/L	Group	
S9 Sports facilities	Liaise with CCC/CBC/Youth Workers	M/L	Group	
L1 Existing Leisure activities	Liaise with CCC/CBC/Sports organisations/Local Groups	S/M	Councillor	
L2 Advertising	Newsletter/Notice Boards etc	S/M/L	Councillor/Clerk	
L3 Support for new activities	Newsletters/Notice Boards etc. Grants where appropriate			

Summary

LAMPLUGH PARISH COUNCIL PARISH DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

Policy	Detailed Actions	Timing S/M/L Term	Responsibility	Progress/Recommendations
T1 219 Service/Interconnection	Liaise with CCC	S/M/L	Group	
T2 Other public transport	Liaise with CCC/Countryside Agency/local groups	S/M/L	Group	
T3 Footway/cycleways	Liaise with CCC	S/M/L	Group/ProW Group	
T4 Off road parking	Liaise with CCC/CBC	S/M/L	Group	
E1 Recycling centre	Liaise with CBC	M/L	PC	
E2 Dog Wardens	Liaise with CBC	S/M/L	PC	
E3 Fly tipping	Liaise with CBC	S/M/L	PC	
E4 Traffic calming	Liaise with CCC/Police	S/M/L	PC	
E5 Beviroc. Helpers register	Newsletter	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
E6 Sustainable tourism	Liaise with local businesses	S/M/L	Councillor/ProW/ Clerk	
E7 Literature and Website	Liaise with PC's Rights of Way group and others	S/M/L	PC	
E8 Environ. Improvements	Liaise with CCC/CBC and others	S/M/L	PC	
E9 Eyesores	Liaise with CBC and owners	S/M/L	PC	
E10 Improving public land	Liaise with CCC/CBC/Groundwork etc	S/M/L	PC	
E11 Register of features	Liaise with local people	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
BV1 Env. Objective	PC	S/M/L	PC	
BV2 Access to information	FOI Act 2000/Newsletter/Notice Boards	S/M/L	PC/Clerk	
BV3 Challenger	PC	S	PC	

Key: CBC – Copeland Borough Council
CCC – Cumbria County Council
PC – Parish Council

CMDC – Cleator Moor Development Co.
TACMAD – Transport Action Cleator Moor and District
UL – United Utilities

ProW – Public Rights of Way
FOI – Freedom of Information Act 2000

S/M/L – Short term – 1-2 years
Medium term – 2-10 years
Long term – 10 years+

Accepted by Parish Council(date)
To be monitored, reviewed and evaluated annually. Next Review date
Interim reports to be made as matters are progressed

17/02/03