



St Bees Parish Plan 2006

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Village School suggestions

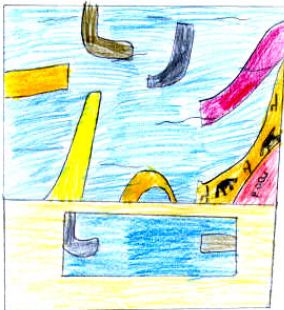
I think that we could improve the pavements by keeping dogs on a lead and putting dog litter bins up for dogs because it's not pleasant and it's dangerous if you slip on a piece.



I think there should be more native reserves and bird watching spots in St. Bees so the animals and birds will have somewhere to live where people won't bother them. But a petting zoo wouldn't be a bad idea and we should have one so the animals will all have homes.



A water park is fun and exciting. There is slides and swimming pools. There is outdoor and indoor slides and swimming pools. There is places to eat and sell food. can watch people swim and have fun.



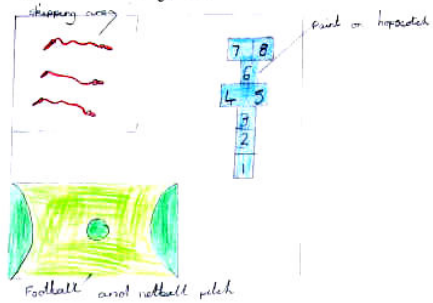
This would attract more kids and more tourists. It is good because kids wouldn't be bored all day.

My idea for improving St. Bees is to make the benches better because more people will sit on them and it will make it a better place.



I think we could put this in the park opposite the Alberts hotel. It would make the park a brighter place.

My idea for improving St. Bees is to make the school playground more exciting by having games and parking things on the playground.



I think this will improve the village because it will be more fun for children.

I would like to have a clothes shop in the village. I think it will make it easy to shop so you don't need to go to town. A shoe shop would also be good. Villagers and tourist would like it to. So it will be good for every one.



Obj: Create ideas to improve St. Bees village.

I think that St. Bees would be a better place if it had more trees. Not just to look at though. It would be good for people to have more fresh air. It would be good for children to climb on or for the parents to take them out for a picnic under them.



Obj: Create ideas to improve St. Bees village. I think that St. Bees needs a pet shop so people can buy pets locally. It should sell cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets, fish, birds, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, and cats. I want a pet shop because people would be able to walk just to get pet and it could sell more pets than most pet shops and it would make money. It could be fun.



I think it would look better if you redecorated the house up High House road. Because it makes the village look ugly. And it would make the village look nice.

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(Supporting documents can be found on the St Bees website)

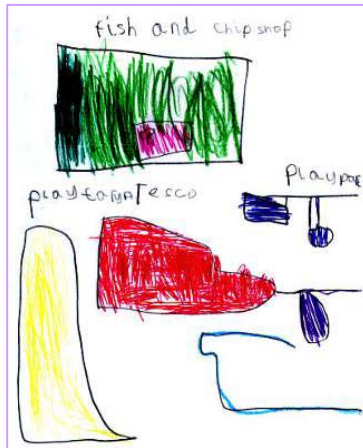
- i. Parish planning documents (budget, minutes, posters etc.)
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All drawings in this document have kindly been supplied by children from the St Bees Village School.

1. Background to the Parish Plan

Parish Plans are part of the 'Vital Villages' scheme being run by the Countryside Agency. This scheme was launched following the Government's Rural White Paper, Our Countryside, published in November 2000.



The aim of the Vital Villages scheme is to:

- Help small rural communities to take stock of their Parish.
- Identify what they need to revitalise it.
- Enable local people to have a voice in their future.
- Provide support to enable each Parish to make its own decisions and implement improvements.

Grant aid was made available under this scheme and St Bees Parish Council obtained a grant to assist in the production of this Plan.

The Countryside Agency formed a partnership with the network of 38 Rural Community Councils to facilitate the project. Voluntary Action Cumbria is the Rural Community Council who provided support and advice to bring this plan to fruition.

What is a parish plan?

The main aims of a Parish Plan are:

- to show how the residents of the Parish feel about their area
- to show what changes people would like to see
- to celebrate those things of which the residents of the parish are most proud.

The document outlines how the community sees itself developing and identifies local issues and opportunities. It also sets out a view for the future and outlines how it can be achieved.



All of the issues within this document are here because you, the residents of the Parish, have asked for them to be covered through the consultation process. The whole community, its organisations, clubs, and groups have been invited to become involved. The plan includes a concise action plan that prioritises the issues raised and sets out how we might work with others to tackle these.



What practical value will the plan have?

The plan will help the community in a number of ways:

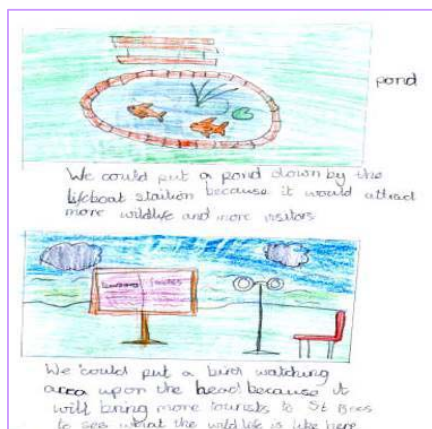
- It will identify goals to work towards in a co-ordinated way and help establish priorities for the Parish Council.
- It will be a solid basis for influencing bodies whose activities cover the St Bees Parish.
- It will give strong support to the organisations within the Parish that are conducting improvement projects and initiatives and who may be seeking grants and other aid from outside bodies.

Although the St Bees Parish Council is playing a leading role, it is a community effort. It is hoped that the Plan will enable the people of St Bees Parish to take action for themselves, and set about making the Parish a better place to live.



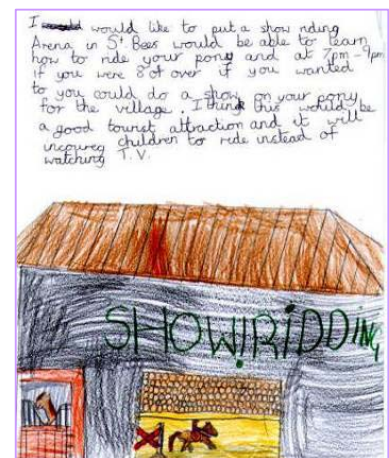
How has the community already been involved?

The process of developing a Parish Plan began with a Steering Committee of four Parish Councillors. In March 2004 the application for funding from the Countryside Agency was approved and work began in earnest.

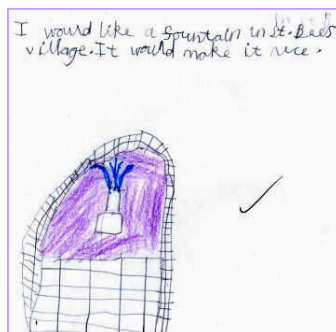


An initial public meeting was held to inform the local community of the project, canvas ideas and gain support. The meeting was very well attended and a further three volunteers agreed to join the Steering Committee.

Ideas on how we should canvass the views of the whole Parish were discussed. Drawings and a 'talking heads' video of what the young pupils of the Village School would like to see in the Parish were presented to share the views of the younger residents.



A second public meeting was held to identify any groups that would like to be involved in the Plan. Following on from the meetings it was decided to distribute a questionnaire to all households in the Parish and engage each of the identified Community Groups for their input into the Parish Plan.

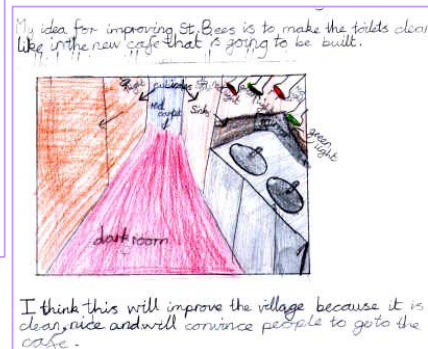
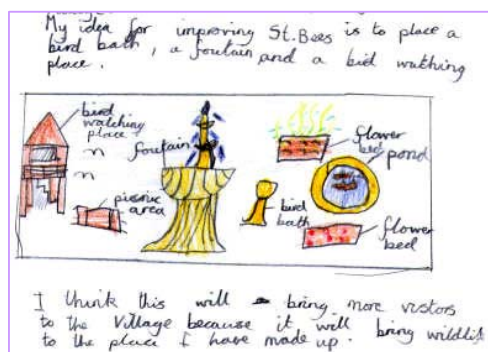
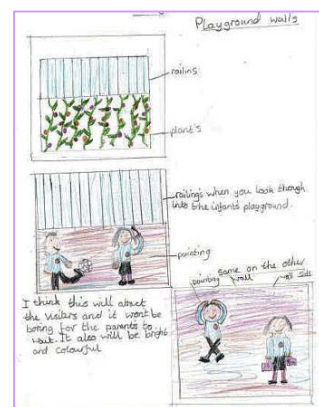
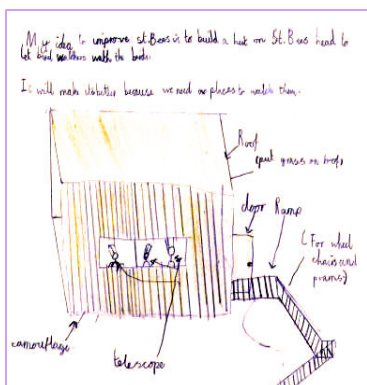
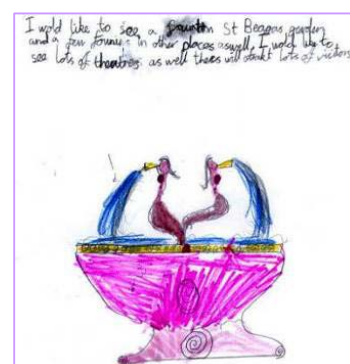
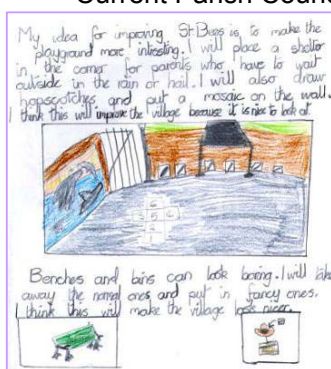


The Household Questionnaire was designed and printed after much deliberation by the Steering Committee. With the help of volunteers the questionnaire was prepared for distribution. The distributors of the Parish Magazine kindly agreed to deliver the questionnaires with postal deliveries being used for outlying areas. In total 816 questionnaires were sent out and 286 returned. The response rate was 42% for the village and 17% from the outlying areas.

The survey has generated hundreds of individual suggestions and comments which have been distilled down to a manageable set of actions. These are outlined in this document. Parishioners and Parish Councillors have been instrumental in getting this plan off the ground and it is hoped that since such a wide range of people have been involved in the project, Parishioners will feel motivated to take action and get on with the job of making the Parish an even better place to live.

As well as the results of the household questionnaire the Plan also draws on other sources of information:

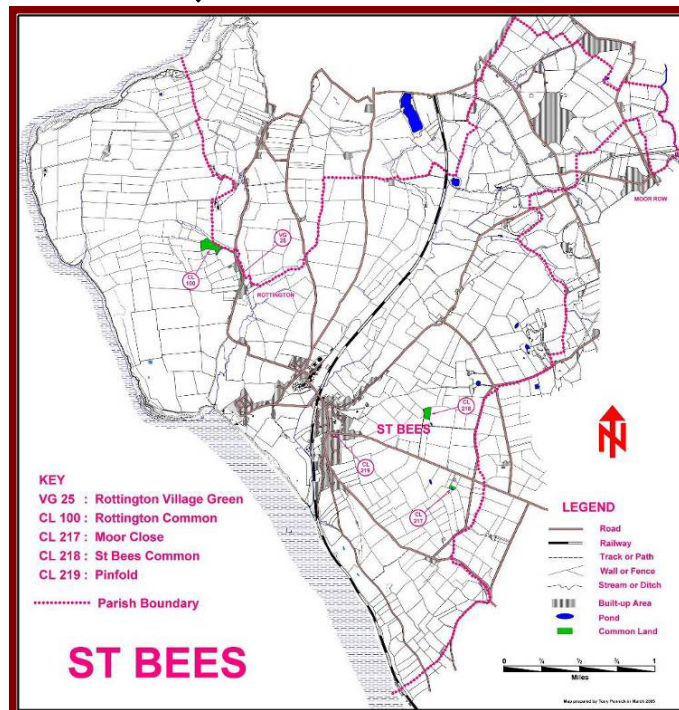
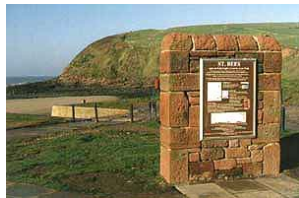
- the views of those community groups who wished to be included and have produced a specific action plan for their group's needs.
- a traffic calming survey conducted by the St Bees Parish Council in 2004 following representations from residents about the harshness of the ride over 'speed bumps'.
- the views of the pupils of the Village School
- Current Parish Council local issues.



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The Civil Parish includes not only St Bees Village, the hamlet of Rottington, the West Lakes Science Park and parts of Moor Row, but also the most spectacular section of the Cumbrian coast.

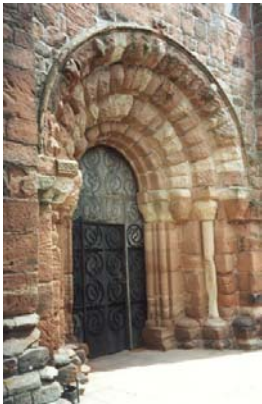


3. The origins of St Bees

There is evidence of settlement dating back to Neolithic times, but nothing is known of either the Romans or the Romano-British Celts who colonised the area. We know of the Viking influence through the cross shaft at the Priory, but the first recorded history comes to us via medieval manuscripts which describe the life of St. Bega.

The medieval legend has it that a holy Irish girl called Bega fled from the prospect of a forced marriage to a Viking chieftain, sailed single-handed across the Irish Sea, landed at St Bees, and lived here as a hermit. Certainly, there was a church here before the Norman occupation, possibly a "Minster Church" serving most of West Cumbria and the Western Lakes. The most likely time for her to arrive would have been AD 950. The name given by the Norse-speaking settlers was Kirkeby Begoc: meaning settlement by the church of Bega, and further indication of Bega's existence was the veneration of relics when the Norman Priory was established.

The Normans did not get this far north until 1092. When eventually they took over the local lordships, William le Meschin, Lord of Egremont, used the existing church site to build a grand monastic building to house a Prior and six monks from about 1130 onwards. It was subordinate to the great Benedictine monastery of St Mary at York. The magnificent Norman doorway of the Priory dates from about 1130.



The Priory had a great influence on the area. The monks worked the land, fished, and extended the priory buildings. The ecclesiastical Parish of St Bees stretched to Ennerdale, Loweswater, Wasdale and Eskdale. The coffin routes from these outlying areas to the mother church in St Bees can still be followed in places.

The Priory was closed on the orders of Henry VIII in 1539 in the English Reformation. The church became a simple parish church and the east end fell into decay and was abandoned.

In about 1519 Edmund Grindal was born at Cross Hill House and probably educated by the monks. A devout Protestant, he made his mark in the reign of Edward VI, but had to flee to Strasbourg when the Catholic Mary ascended the throne. On Mary's death the country once again became Protestant, and Grindal became Bishop of London, Archbishop of York, then Archbishop of Canterbury. His undoing was standing up to Queen Elizabeth over liberal religious meetings and he was suspended. He died in 1583 still in disgrace but virtually on his deathbed he founded St Bees School.

There was little change in the village over the next few hundred years. The school acted as a local grammar school for West Cumbria, but hardly increased in size. The church was just and so kept in repair, and the community was based on agriculture.



The 1800's saw the start of great changes. In 1816 St Bees Theological College was founded. It was the first theological College outside Oxbridge for the training of Church of England Clergy. The monastic chancel was re-roofed, and later additional lecture rooms were built. At one time the College had 100 students, and over 2,600 clergy were trained here before it closed in 1895. St. Bees School started its era of expansion with the building of the quadrangle in 1846 with compensation from the mine-owning Lowther family, who had illegally obtained the mineral rights for Whitehaven from the school at a derisory sum. This was the first step in St. Bees School rising from a local institution to becoming one of the new "Public Schools" on the fashionable model of Dr Arnold's Rugby. By 1916 numbers had reached 350, many new buildings had been erected and the school had become known nationally.



Perhaps some of the greatest change was after 1849 when the Furness Railway reached the village. The village became attractive for the professional classes commuting to business in Whitehaven or Workington. This led to the building of many of the larger houses as well as elegant terraces, such as Lonsdale Terrace.

The railway also brought tourists, and as early as 1851 the Lord Mayor of London stayed at the Seacote Hotel. This long history of attracting tourists for "Bucket and spade" holidays has continued to this day.

The railway also allowed the export of the fine red St. Bees sandstone, which is an excellent and durable building material. Huge amounts of sandstone were exported, much of it for building the "boom town" of Barrow-in-Furness. This industry died out in the 1970's but has been revived, and there are now two working quarries in the parish.

Agriculture was originally the mainstay of the village economy. Gradually during the 1800's, service employment at the School and lodgings for the College gave additional income, and with the advent of commuters, the Village's social mix was changing towards the middle class. Tourism and quarries also provided employment, and many village men found work in the iron ore mines at Cleator.

Thus the 1800's saw the change from a rural backwater based on agriculture to a more diversified base of dormitory village for professional and miner alike, academic centre, and the emergence of the stone industry.

The start of the 20th Century saw yet another decline in agriculture, and this has continued to today when there are only a few farms left. Industrial decline also hit West Cumbria, particularly after the boom years of both wars. However, following the Second World War two major industries were established which have had a profound effect on the community. Marchon products at Kells, and

UKAEA/BNFL at Sellafield both soaked up labour released by the declining heavy iron and coal industries, and brought a large influx of the technical and scientific university-educated middle class into the village; rather like the first arrival of the professional classes a century earlier.

The rise of speculative building in the 50's and 60's led to a realisation that the village could be overloaded and distorted by having no overall development plan. This led to a pioneering project - the first "St. Bees Plan" in the mid-1970's, which has largely been followed up to the present day. This allowed for a controlled growth of the village, and steered a course away from a retirement or "second home" types of community. The bulging village school and the wide demographic age and occupation profile of the village shows that a long term plan can work if there is commitment.

That plan was only concerned with the built environment; this plan deals with all the issues of growth and development of the parish.

There was a remarkable discovery in the Priory Church grounds in 1981. Archaeologists found a lead wrapper enclosing a shrouded body whose flesh and organs were hardly decayed at all. This may have been the body of Anthony de Lucy, Lord of Cockermouth, who died abroad on crusade in 1368.



Further details of the history of St Bees can be found from the St Bees History Group (contact information available in the Parish magazine and the website (<http://stbees.org.uk>)).



4. Introduction to the Parish

The civil parish of St Bees is centred around the village of St Bees but also includes the neighbouring communities of Rottington, Linethwaite and part of Moor Row. It is historically an agricultural area and remains a largely rural landscape but it is now a popular commuter area for those who work at the Sellafield site (eight miles away) and the nearby towns of Whitehaven, Workington and Egremont. It is also an area which attracts tourists. The cliffs of St Bees Head are the highest on the west coast between North Wales and Scotland and are home to an important Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reserve. This section of the coast is now designated as part of the Heritage Coast. St Bees is also the starting point of Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk which crosses the country to Robin Hood's Bay on the east coast. The village has an excellent record in Cumbria and Britain in Bloom competitions with an enthusiastic team of volunteers maintaining the floral displays around the village. There is a Royal National Lifeboat Institution station manned by local volunteers. Finally there is a wide sandy beach which is popular with local people and visitors.



Population characteristics

At the time of the 2001 census the population of the Parish was recorded as 1717. The population has risen steadily over the last 30 years and has increased further since 2001 as new housing developments such as the Fairladies development have come on stream. The Fairladies development alone will provide more than 80 new homes, a substantial increase on the 712 household spaces occupied at the time of the last census.

The age structure of the population in the parish shows that the proportion of the population under 16 is very much in line with the County average with the proportion of adults aged 45-64 being slightly higher than the Cumbria average. However, only 14.1% of the parish population in 2001 was over 65 compared with a County average of 18.3%. The difference was particularly marked in the population over 75 with only 5.5% of the parish population falling in this category compared with a County average of 8.5%.

Housing within the parish is predominantly owner-occupied, with only 4.2% of homes being rented from registered social landlords. Almost half the owner-occupied homes are detached, reflecting the relative affluence of the area. There is also a caravan park within the parish which caters for permanent as well as temporary residents.

The census showed that almost 90% of homes in the parish have at least one car. However, this means that 10% of households have no access to a car which can be a significant issue in an area with limited public transport.

Services for children

There is a pre-school and play group which meets in the Youth Centre in St Bees on five mornings and two afternoons each week and accepts children from two to four years. A mother and toddler group meets weekly in term time in the Adams Recreation Centre.



St Bees Village School caters for children from four to eleven and serves St Bees and Rottington with the Moor Row area falling within the catchment area of other schools outside the parish boundary. The village school has expanded in recent years to cope with the increased demand and now has approximately 190 children in seven classes. It accepts children who live outside its catchment area when there are places available. Linked to the school is a breakfast and after-school club which is well used by working parents. The Village School Association organised by parents and friends of the school raises funds to provide equipment and educational visits for the pupils and organises social events such as the annual fete.

St Bees School is an independent day/boarding school which has approximately 300 pupils aged 11 to 18. The school also has an international centre with students coming from as far away as Hong Kong and China. The school occupies a number of properties in St Bees and has sports and conference facilities which are used by outside groups. A number of children from within the parish attend the school but the majority of pupils are from further afield.

The nearest state secondary schools are Wyndham School in Egremont, Whitehaven School and St Benedict's School in Whitehaven. School buses run daily to Egremont and Whitehaven.



Economy and employment

The main source of employment within the area is the nuclear industry. Many residents of the parish work at the Sellafield site either for British Nuclear Group (formerly BNFL) or for other companies contracted to carry out work at the site. The Westlakes Science and Technology Park lies within the parish and provides employment for scientists and engineers and is set to expand as a centre of research and expertise in the nuclear field. The health service is also a major employer within the area with West Cumberland Hospital lying just outside the parish boundary.

Within the parish there are a number of working farms which provide employment and a number of small businesses such as joiners and builders. The tourist industry is also important with a number of bed and breakfast establishments catering for Coast to Coast walkers and local pubs, hotels and shops relying on tourist business to supplement local trade.

St Bees has a general store which is also a sub-post office.

House prices within St Bees and the neighbouring villages are higher than the local average, reflecting the relative affluence of the area. The very low numbers of children at the village school who are entitled to free school meals is an indication of the low levels of unemployment.

Health services

There is no longer a doctors' surgery in St Bees. Residents have the choice of registering with GP practices in Egremont or Whitehaven. The nearest pharmacies are in Egremont and Whitehaven. There are no dentists within the parish. The nearest dental practices are in Egremont and Whitehaven but there are no dentists in Cumbria registering new NHS patients. There is a dental access centre in Egremont which offers emergency NHS treatment for those who are not registered with a dentist.

Public transport



St Bees has a railway station with trains running to Carlisle in the north and Barrow in the south. There are no services after early evening and no Sunday service. The main bus service is route 20 which runs from St Bees to Whitehaven via Rottington and Sandwith. The first bus leaves St Bees at 09:15 and the last bus back to St Bees on weekdays leaves Whitehaven at 13:45. There is no service on Sundays. Route 830 connects St Bees with Egremont but there are only four buses a day, with no service after early afternoon.

Traffic and car parks

Most of the houses on the main street have no garages or off street parking. The number of households with more than 1 car exacerbates the problem with roads off the main street being lined with parked cars. Parking at the station car park is free for 2005/06 following an agreement between St Bees Parish Council and Copeland Borough Council and it is hoped this agreement can continue as the car park is now well used. Planning consent for the final phase of the Fairladies development includes provision of a 17 space public car park. The Parish Council have agreed to accept responsibility for the management of this car park.

At peak times St Bees is used by drivers as a through route to Sellafield. A 20 mph zone is in place. Traffic calming measures have been installed on Beach Road and Abbey Road and adjacent to St Bees School to deter speeding. A public consultation on the subject in 2004 indicated support for traffic calming measures in other areas of the village.

Planning and development

The Copeland Local Plan does not identify the parish as an area for further housing development. Referring to the Heritage Coast status of St Bees, the Local Plan says no development will be permitted other than in the interests of the local agricultural economy or to improve public access. The central area of St Bees is already designated as a conservation area.

Leisure and social activities

St Bees has a branch library which has recently been relocated in a purpose-built extension to the village school. Plans are being developed to improve the access for people with walking difficulties. The library also offers internet access. Adjacent to the library is a Community Development Centre associated with the school. This offers IT and other courses to the local community.



There are numerous clubs and societies within the Parish, which caters for a wide variety of interests and age groups. These include an Over 60's Club, Arts Society, History Group, Priory Singers and Bridge Club amongst others. There is a tennis club which uses the Public School courts and also a football club with both junior and senior teams based at the newly refurbished Adams Recreation Ground. There is a golf course which belongs to St Bees School run by the St Bees Golf Club and available for public use. There are more than 20 miles of public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish and leaflets describing a series of circular walks are available.

Within the village of St Bees there are Scout and Guide groups (including the Western Lakes Explorers), as well as Brownies, Cubs and Beavers for younger children. A Youth Group has recently been set up to cater for youths of secondary school age. The group organises monthly discos and has recently set up a play station competition.



5. Community Groups

There are many community groups in the parish. Details of these groups can be found in the St Bees Parish Magazine and on the St Bees website (<http://stbees.org.uk>). The community groups were invited to contribute to the St. Bees Parish Plan. Those Groups who wished to contribute were asked to complete a proforma that gives a brief description of their organisation and what they can offer for the benefit of the Parish Community. The following table gives a summary of this information. These groups created actions plans which are included below.

A recurring theme from each of the Community Group Action Plans is that there is a need for further support and advice for the running and funding of the Community Groups. This requirement has therefore been captured in the Parish Action Plan.

St. Bees Parochial Church Council					
Description The St. Bees Parochial Church Council consists of 16 members representing the Church of 200 plus members	What they do •maintain the fabric of the Priory and its surroundings so that it will be there for future generations, both for worship and village activities. •keep the Priory visitor friendly and the information for visitors up to date especially when the Josefina Garden opens. •deliver the Parish Magazine to all households in the Parish with both church and village information. •consider the use of the New College Hall and its benefit to the community when the roof appeal and repair is finished. •maintain a burial ground for the Parish. •campaign to keep the area round the Priory and the Dandy Walk field free from development				
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
Repair the roof and other high work to the Priory	Full building work	1 - 5 years	Yes	Fund raising from within the village and without plus grants	Through fund raising plus grants
Provide more information for visitors to the Priory	A better display area	Ongoing	Yes	Advice from diocese and Tourist Board	Not needed
More editors needed for the Parish Magazine	Seek volunteers from the community by advertising	Ongoing	Yes	More volunteers with magazine editing skills	More donations
Make the New College Hall more pleasant and user friendly	Some building work or a complete rebuilding	Greater than 5 years	Partially, but will need support from other organisations	Fund raising to cover the costs Advise about obtaining a suitable grant	It cannot be funded from the church finances. There would need to be fund raising and grants
There is sufficient space for the burial of ashes but for full burials the oldest part of the graveyard will need to be reopened	The people in the parish will have to accept the reopening if we are to retain burials	Greater than 5 years	Yes	Some more voluntary help to maintain the Churchyard	N/A
To keep the triangle of the S-bend, Beach Road and Coach Road as a conservation area	We will oppose any building proposals that will alter the view. We will use any rights we have for this.	Ongoing	Join with all other groups who wish to preserve this area.	From the Parish Council, Copeland Council and villagers	N/A

Youth Management Centre					
Description The Youth Centre Management Committee consists of 8 members representing the Scout Group and Playgroup which has about 50 young people in them	What they do •maintain the Youth Centre for future generations. •let the Youth Centre for sleeping accommodation during school holidays so that it will be a source of funding for the maintenance of the building. •be available for children’s parties and groups who could use it with the scout and playgroup equipment in the building e.g. card groups, sewing groups etc.				
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
Maintain the building	Voluntary and paid work	Ongoing	Yes	Advice about obtaining grants to cover these costs	Rent from the Scout Group and Playgroup Funds from letting and grants
Letting for sleeping accommodation	Advertising	Ongoing	Yes	Advice from Tourist Board and help with the letting	Some grants or funding for equipment such as kitchen equipment
Letting for parties and groups within the village	Advertising	Ongoing	Yes	N/A	N/A

St. Bees Over 60's Club					
Description The St. Bees Over 60's Club consists of approximately 35 members who meet on a regular basis to enjoy a social get together	What they do •enliven the interests of older residents by communal activities, talks, social events, outings and also teas and lunches. •provide the opportunity to make new acquaintances by inviting other Over 60's Clubs to attend and have return visits.				
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
To sustain the running of the club by attracting more active members who are just over 60, to help run and organise events. (Over one third of the current membership is over 80)	By advertising the club and all its activities	0 – 1 yrs	Yes through the Secretary & Chairman	Printing of posters and further input of ideas from the members	Self funded

Toddler Group					
Description The Toddler Group is a small community group for parents and children (0 – 4 yrs) meeting once a week at a local venue. It provides a safe environment for children to play and also adult support. There are approximately 15 – 20 people in the group, but this varies.		What they do •provide an inexpensive support network for parents with young children. •provide an essential social and communication environment for parents and children, supporting the government policy.			
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?

More help from the community for the general running of the group	Advertise for help in wider community	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Safety advise regarding employing new parents	Volunteer
To explore the opportunity for the group to meet in a larger venue	Extension to original building or new venue	1 – 5 yrs	No (owners of Adams Field would need to progress option for extension to existing building)	Project management support and building owners	Lottery Funding West Cumbria Business Development Sure Start Princes Trust
Increase the number of toys available to the group by donation of new toys from manufacturers or local businesses	Volunteer to write letters to manufacturers or local businesses	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Community Local Business	Donations
Arrange for disabled access from steps to field at current venue	Change to ramp or improve steps	1 – 5 yrs	No	Owners of Adams Field would need to arrange for this to be done	Owners via fund raising

1st St. Bees Guides

Description The 1st St. Bees Guides is an all girl out-of-school organisation which takes from 10 to 25 girls. The number of guides in the group at the moment is 24 plus one leader			What they do •provide an interesting activity for the female youth of the parish community in a safe environment. •create an opportunity to learn new skills and complete challenges		
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
Develop recruitment programme to sustain leadership of guide group	Advertise in wider community for further support	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Volunteers from the community Advice/support from the Girl Guide organisation	Guide funds
Obtain camping equipment to support group activities	Investigate other funding options to purchase equipment	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Identification of other potential funding sources	Guide funds via gift aid plus other sources

St. Bees Pre-School Organisation

Description The St. Bees Pre-School Organisation is a volunteer-managed charity providing educational play sessions for approximately 25 children aged from 2 years 9 month up to school age.		What they do •provide high quality educational childcare sessions within the parish and within walking distance for most families. •follow the Early Years curriculum and help to prepare young children for entry into mainstream school. •encourages people to be involved in their local community by filling the management committee with parents.			
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
Improve management structure	Review constitution of organisation	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Advice and publicity about the organisation	Cumbria Community Foundation
Improve management structure	Investigate creating a workers co-operative to run the organisation	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Advice about setting up a workers co-operative	Cumbria Sure Start
Explore the opportunity for a new venue	Build a new building or find an alternative location in the village	> 5 yrs	Yes	Need finance- local and national government	Cumbria Sure Start HMG Funding

Western Lakes Explorers					
Description Formed in October 2004, when four scouts and four guides became too old for their respective groups, it was decided to form a joint Explorer Unit – the Western Lakes Explorer Unit. We now have eleven Explorers between the ages of fourteen and sixteen and four leaders, who meet on a regular basis		What they do •provide an environment and structure for young people to develop and mature away from school. •provide the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. •prepare and participate in weekend camps and activities such as canoeing.			
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
Continue with the Duke of Edinburgh's Programme so that it becomes a regular feature of what the Explorer Unit can offer	Through the local D of E scheme	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Employing qualified outdoor instructors	Fund raising activities Grants from Parish Council
Participate in joint programmes with other Explorer Units	Networking of contacts Training with other unit leads	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Funding Local contacts	From Parish Plan?

Area Visitors Group					
Description The Area Visitors Group is a long running voluntary organisation founded on Christian principles which strives to emulate those values on 'patches' allocated to individual visitors, of which there are thirty.		What they do •welcome new people and act as a liaison informing the vicar of illness and bereavement. •act as contacts for social events eg harvest festival. •distribute the Parish Magazine, which provides valuable information about people, events and groups in the village. •promote a neighbourly environment in the Parish.			
Action Plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?
Increase profile of Area Visitors	Pictorial display in village and inclusion on St. Bees Village WEB Site	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Parochial Church Council	Donations/Grant from Parish Council or Parochial Church Council
Improve the role of Area Visitors	More frequent meetings	3 years	Yes	Not needed	No cost
Explore further ventures such as hospital visiting and luncheon clubs	Through meetings and feedback from people on each Area Visitor's patch	5 years	Yes	Area Visitors Parochial Church Council	Nominal contribution from users
Increase knowledge of the needs of residents in Area Visitors own area	Liaise with other organisations through feedback from Parish Plan	1 – 5 yrs	Yes with other sector leaders	Advice from Parish Council of other sector leaders	No cost
Involve newcomers in village life	See section above	1 – 5 yrs	Yes with other sector leaders	Other sector leaders	No cost
Acknowledge life events via greetings cards/flowers	Area Visitor's knowledge of their patch. Details of Christenings, marriages, deaths from church	Straight away	Yes	Vicar Primary School	Donations from Parochial Church Council or well wishers

St. Bees Youth Committee						
Description The objective of the St. Bees Youth Committee is to undertake the improvement of youth facilities in the village. We are currently running a disco once a month in St. Bees Village Hall and have approximately 30 - 40 young persons attending each month. We have now purchased a Sony Playstation and are running a competition – this has been done to offer a wider scope of activities available. Through this plan we would like to further increase the facilities and scope of activities on offer to the Youth of the Parish and increase the number of attendees.			What they do •provide improved facilities for the Youth of the Parish. •provide a safe environment for the Youth of the Parish to meet on a regular basis.			
Action plan						
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N? If N Who?	Where would you need additional support?	How could this be funded?	
Youth worker made available by local bodies to increase number of nights available and range of activities provided	Find out current system to employ volunteer youth workers through Copeland Council and Connexions	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	N/A	To be investigated	
Further purchase of equipment – Pool table, more Playstations and games etc	Obtain further funding from other bodies eg Egremont Neighbourhood Forum, Copeland and secure regular funding from the Parish Council. Also secure further storage space in the Village Hall	0 – 1 yrs	Yes - but with some assistance from volunteers identified in Parish plan, other parents and obtaining a youth worker to assist	Provision of storage space in the village hall	From various external funding bodies	
Trips to attend the cinema in Workington	Volunteers/Youth Worker to run regular mini bus trips	0 – 1 yrs	Yes but with assistance from Youth Bodies and more volunteers	Youth Bodies and possibly volunteers	To be investigated	
Local Bus Company to change bus route on Saturday afternoon to Dunmail Park	Raise issue with Copeland Council with support from Parish Council	1 – 5 yrs	Partly yes but may be a wider transport issue for Parish Council/Plan	Copeland Council – Transport Company	Copeland Borough Council Increasing uptake of bus service	

St. Bees Management Centre					
Description The St. Bees Management Centre is a conference venue with lecture theatre and function catering facilities. This is run by 4 members of staff employed by St. Bees School.			What they do •provide a purpose built venue for meetings, training courses and evening classes. • provide facilities that may be hired for special functions such as parties, celebratory meals and funeral teas.		
Action plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N If N Who?	Where would you need additional support	How could this be funded
Improve the awareness of the facility	Explore links to the Parish WEB Site. Hold open evenings	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Technical advice from the network manager Advice from the Director of Marketing	Donations from suppliers to cover the costs of the open evenings
Review existing advertising	Contact Business Supplement Editors. Provide some articles for the Parish Magazine	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Advise from advertising expert	N/A

Improve the Brochure	Redesign the layout of the brochure and update the photographs.	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Photographer Print Shop Advice	St. Bees School Grant Funding from business users
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St. Bees In Bloom					
Description The St. Bees In Bloom Organisation consists of 13 volunteers who look after the planting up of the 100 plus containers and the upkeep of the many garden areas around St. Bees as well as raising funds to cover the costs		What they do • provide an award winning florally beautiful village encouraging tourism. • work together with residents and other groups to keep the village free from litter and weeds and improve awareness of the environment.			
Action plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N If N Who?	Where would you need additional support	How could this be funded
Improve the residents' awareness of the aims and objectives of the St. Bees In Bloom Organisation	Recruitment drive via a household letter	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Assistance with delivery of letters	Parish Council donation for postage if necessary
Improve the floral presentation on the Main Street	Replace the wooden oblong troughs	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Seek advice and support about funding the new troughs	Sponsorship from local businesses. Grant from Neighbourhood Forum
Sustain/reduce watering costs	Re-plan the positioning of the hayracks and the lamp post baskets	1 – 5 yrs	Yes	Volunteers Rota. Householders' commitment to watering.	N/A

St. Bees History Group					
Description The St. Bees History Group was originally set up to avoid the loss of important photographs and documents by copying them. It meets about every 6 weeks to discuss the history of St. Bees and topics about the village of interest. Individuals share their researches and ideas. The History Group is a relaxed organisation of about 14 members.	What they do •publicise the history of the village in many different ways and so to make available to a wider public pieces of St Bees history only known to a few.				
Action plan					
Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Timescale	Could this be done by us Y/N If N Who?	Where would you need additional support	How could this be funded
Following the success of the St. Bees History Festival held in the Priory in September 2005 members have suggest that similar festivals might take place about every 5 years	By members of the history group or invited experts	0 – 5 yrs	Yes	Probably not required	To be investigated
To keep interest in the history of the village vibrant lectures should be arranged reasonably frequently (about every year) similar to the ones that were well attended during the festival	By members of the history group or invited experts	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Probably not required	To be investigated
To arrange a permanent exhibition at the back of the Priory so that visitors and others may learn a little more history of St. Bees	By members of the history group	1 – 2 yrs	Yes	Probably not required	To be investigated

To investigate making further publications following the example of the DVD about the History of the Priory and the memoirs of John Sewell 1852 – 1938	By members of the history group	1 – 2 yrs	Yes	Probably not required	To be investigated
To prepare a short talk about the history of St. Bees with suitable pictures so that it can be given on a regular basis to visitors staying in local hotels/B&Bs	By members of the history group	0 – 1 yrs	Yes	Probably not required	To be investigated

St Bees Public School

Description

St. Bees is a HMC independent school for approximately 300 boys and girls aged 11-18 years. Around 40% of the pupils board at the school during term time.

What they do

- provide a first class secondary education for the local community. Scholarships and means tested bursaries available for local children to offset against the cost of the fees.
- provide a major source of employment – over a hundred employees at the school
- allow local community organisations to hire school facilities – sports hall, tennis courts, cricket pitches etc.

Action plan

Improvements or Change	How these could be tackled	Time-scale	Could this be done by us Y/N if N Who?	Where would you need additional support	How could this be funded
Encourage outside organisations to rent boarding accommodation during holiday periods to bring business into the community	By advertising in suitable national publications and signing up with booking agents	0 – 9 months	Yes, through the Bursar	Advice from the Tourist Board	Self funded
Publicise sporting facilities which can be hired during periods when not in use by the school	Produce a leaflet which details facilities and associated charges	0 – 1 year	Yes, through the Head/ Bursar/ Estates Bursar	Input from sporting bodies re- insurance, equipment etc. required	School Enterprises Company budget
Expand community use of the refurbished swimming pool	Extend the range of swimming lessons/life saving courses/leisure swims	0 – 2 years	Yes, through the Pool Super-visor	Advice from appropriate Swimming Associations	Self funded
Provide support for the musical groups/ensembles/choirs in the Village	Access to the Fox Music School and recording studio	On-going	Yes, through the Director of Music	Other musical groups/bands/ associations in Cumbria	Grant from local authority



6. Summary of Findings

The consultation exercises raised a number of issues and concerns. Following considerable study by the Steering Group, the findings below have been addressed by a comprehensive action plan to take these forward (see Section 7). It is recommended that these two sections are read in conjunction with each other.

a) Development & Planning

A significant majority (70%) of respondents did not wish to see any further housing development within St Bees Parish. If there was to be any development then it should be low cost/starter housing. In addition, there was a strong feeling that any developments should not compromise the heritage and character of St Bees. In particular protection is needed for areas such as the environs of the Priory and the open areas towards the beach.



b) Highways & Byways

Safety

The most significant concerns were heavy traffic and excessive speed. Many were also concerned about inconsiderate parking, dangerous junctions, blind bends, inadequate pavements and poor lighting. The areas considered particularly hazardous were Abbey Bends, Abbey Corner, and the junctions of Outrigg and Finkle Street with Main Street.

Suggested improvements included providing road crossings at the Village School, one way traffic systems, traffic calming and enforcement.



Pavements

The most significant concerns about inadequate pavements for push chair / wheel chair access as well as pedestrian safety were Abbey Bends and Abbey Rd, between the bottom of Outrigg and the Railway station (particularly the Queens Hotel and Manor Cottage). There were also significant concerns about pedestrian safety on Finkle St, High House Rd, Cross Hill, Outrigg and Seamill Lane.

Traffic

Heavy traffic is a particular concern, with frequent reference to the use of St Bees by Sellafield traffic, as well as heavy vehicles during development work.

Speeding

There was a strong concern about the speed of traffic throughout the village. Traffic calming measures introduced in parts of the village had resulted in overall reductions in speed. However, there had been considerable concern over the harshness of the ride due to these measures. Due to the strength of feeling, the Parish Council undertook a

traffic calming survey after the implementation of the initial scheme. The outcome showed broad support for traffic calming, with a majority of villagers and of people in the most affected areas wanting to retain the measures provided they were modified to meet the correct standard. This survey showed overwhelming support for more enforcement and more traffic calming measures.

Parking

Problems with parking are due to inadequate provision and inconsiderate/illegal parking was identified as a major issue for the village.

Lighting

Many replies did not want any increase in lighting. Of those seeking improvements, the concerns were particularly opposite the Post office, the top of Main St and Seamill Lane, with Coach Road and parts of Rottington being mentioned. It was noted that lighting levels might be adequate if they were maintained correctly.

Flooding

Recent flooding in the village has again highlighted the need for regular drain and gully clearance together with adequate drainage infrastructure and good management of upland fields. Efforts need to continue to resolve the root causes of flooding.

Footpaths

There is a particular need for footpath maintenance to the paths from Seamill Lane to the field and beach, on the Golf course, Beach estate, headland path to Fleswick Bay and the Dandy Walk. The need for improvements in parish footpath signs was also identified.



Cycle ways

The parish would benefit from an expansion of the cycle track network. The most popular destinations identified were Whitehaven, Linethwaite, Egremont and Sellafield.

c) Environment

Recycling

The existing recycling facilities are well used and met the needs of a large proportion (44%) of the community; however, 48% wanted to see more recycling. Suggested improvements included expanding the current arrangements to include facilities for additional materials, principally plastic and cardboard; expanding the current 'home collection black box scheme'; larger recycling bins plus expanding the service to cover more collection points both in the village and in Rottington.



Main Beach

Several aspects of the beach were viewed as good or adequate, namely the children's play park, parking, information, appearance, access and seating. While cleanliness was generally considered adequate there was a strong concern about litter and dog fouling. The greatest dissatisfaction was with the toilets.

Byelaws

The consultation did highlight a strong view regarding beach byelaws, with 80% in favour of a review and enforcement to control activities which affect the enjoyment and safety of others on the beach.

Dog fouling

Concern about dog fouling is a dominant theme throughout the responses, with 75% seeing it as a significant problem particularly within the village and beach areas. Many would like more enforcement. Suggestions include fencing off the children's play park to prevent dogs entering the area.

Litter

The issue of litter, principally at the Main beach and also Seamill beach is of concern. Suggestions included providing more litterbins and having them emptied more regularly as well as having organised beach clean-ups.

Seamill Beach



This is a smaller less developed beach. The overall opinion was that the aspects of the beach were adequate; 45% were concerned over sea defences particularly after recent winter storms, with a similar percentage dissatisfied with access, cleanliness and appearance.

d) Community involvement

Outlying areas

The Parish of St Bees covers a wide area encompassing many outlying areas (see Section 2). The return rate from these areas was only 17% compared to 42% for those within St Bees village. Of those who responded, 12 agreed that St Bees PC is their appropriate council, while seven disagree.

Council information

The Parish Council currently provides information via notice boards, parish magazine and the St Bees website. A sizeable minority would like to be better informed, principally by newsletter followed by notice board, public meetings or the Website.

Copeland Plan

Almost 80% of responses indicating that they did not know how the Copeland Plan affected them

Precept

Most respondents (90%) supported an increase to aid community initiatives and improvements, with 70% supporting an increase of £1 per month (which would raise nearly £10,000 pa additional funding).

Common Land

There are several areas of common land (see Section 2). Nearly 80% would support the Parish Council in taking responsibility for the conservation of these areas for the benefit of the community.

Support to Community Groups

Feedback from several of the community groups highlighted a need to strengthen these groups. Suggestions include soliciting additional help and support from the community, better publicity and identifying opportunities to obtain additional funds and/or grants

Footpaths

Almost all respondents expect the Parish Council to ensure the footpaths are well maintained for the enjoyment of all.

Community events

Most did not support additional annual community events. Of those who did, suggestions included an open-air music concert, Christmas market and raft races.



Christmas decorations

A Christmas tree is currently provided by a resident for the centre of the village. A majority opposed any more decoration. Of those in favour, improvements to the tree lights and the tree dominated.

e) Tourism

A majority of respondents thought enough was already being done to promote tourism, with a sizeable minority wanting more to be done to attract tourists. Of those in favour, the suggestions were improved facilities and services, better information and improvements in appearance such as cleanliness and improvements in attractiveness. One suggestion was to be friendly to visitors.

f) Crime and Antisocial behaviour

The majority of residents had no personal experience of crime. Of those who had, vandalism was the main issue. The majority also did not consider crime a cause for concern. Of those who did consider it a cause for concern the main issues were drug abuse or dealing and vandalism.

Child safety

Responses indicate that the parish is a relatively safe place for children with 30% of those responsible for children having no worries when their children go out to play. Some were concerned about bullying and involvement with drugs or alcohol, although actual incidence numbers are very low.

Speeding

Speeding drivers is of major concern in the parish. As well as speeding on the highways (see (b) above) the main beach car park in particular attracts 'joy riders'. Suggestions to counter this problem focus on redesign of the car park as well as enforcement action.

Anti-social behaviour

The most significant concern at 75% was dog fouling, followed by inconsiderate parking (particularly at the entrance to Seacroft Drive), litter and then drunken behaviour leaving licensed premises.

Crime prevention and reduction

The majority considered the Police presence to be inadequate and almost all knew neither about the Community Police Officer nor what service they provide.

There were several suggestions to help reduce crime in the parish. The most support was for more Police on foot, more youth leisure facilities and more neighbourhood watch schemes.

g) Services & Facilities

Access to medical services

Almost all questionnaire respondents (95%) have access to their own transport resulting in very few having difficulty getting to services and facilities. Nevertheless, a significant number of respondents would regularly use a 'drop in' service, particularly well woman clinic, chiropodist and flu clinic if available.



Library

The village is served by a library, however over 50% do not use it. The main concerns were opening hours; accessibility (including that for the disabled), parking and variety of books offered.

Community Development Centre

The village has a Community Development Centre. This is a computer training centre based within the village primary school, however a majority did not know of its existence.

Function facilities

The community can hire a number of buildings in the parish for their events. A majority thought the current arrangements were adequate as they are, while a number were not aware of the available facilities. Few supported the building of a new village hall.

Adams Ground

The Adams recreation ground is a sporting facility available for use by the community. There were many suggestions (nearly 90) identifying additional facilities or activities. A bowling green was the most popular suggested by 18 households, and more events for children was next with eight.

h) Transport

Car usage

The survey indicated that most people own their own car and therefore have little or no difficulty in getting to surrounding areas in West Cumbria.

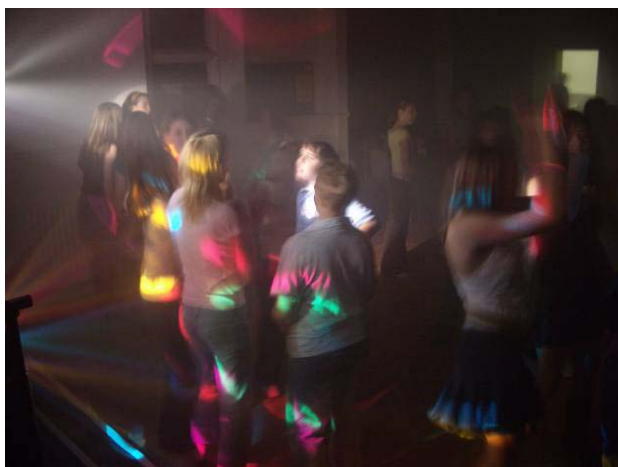
Train Service

The village has a train station however, 87% use the train service either never or less than once a week.

Bus Service

The bus service has slightly higher usage. Half the respondents felt improvements to the bus service would encourage them to use it more, particularly a Dunmail Park cinema service. Some were interested in later services while others were keen on more direct routes.

i) Youth



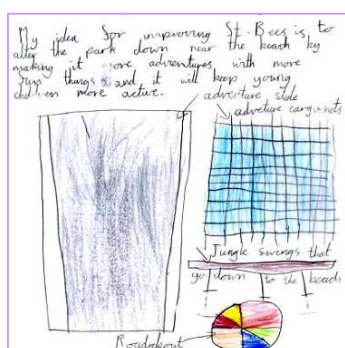
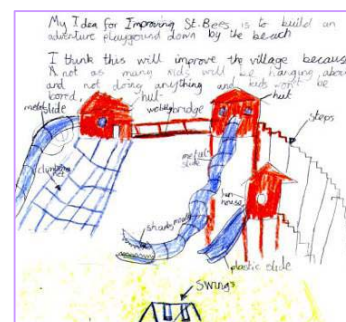
Responses indicated that the Parish should do more for the youth. A majority want to see a youth centre, club or group with a number seeking improved sporting opportunities. Groups who cater for youth and sporting facilities do already exist, but many respondents are not aware of them.

j) Suggestions by children of the Village School

The children of St. Bees Village School provided great support for the plan. There were 44 ideas submitted with some really practical and beneficial ideas.

The ideas were quite wide ranging, though a common thought was clear in certain areas, in particular the environment:

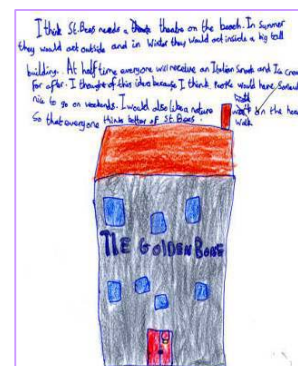
- More nature reserves enabling bird watching to take place, accompanied by an ample supply of bird baths and fountains, encouraging more bird life to the area.
- Hanging baskets should be positioned outside all the village properties; this would be in addition to attracting more visitors and making the scenery better for the residents. These ideas accounted for ten of the 44 suggestions put forward.



- There were seven ideas supporting the building of a better adventure playground with interesting games and equipment, aiming to prevent children from becoming bored or wandering the streets.
- More shops in the village were called for, ranging from a pet shop, clothes shop, bakers and a toy shop accounting for six of the ideas.
- There were four ideas supporting the building of a theme park near the beach

area, this would contain water slides, games, adventure rides and a laser quest. Thoughtfully this would close at 19:00, in order not to upset the local residents and provide a quieter evening period.

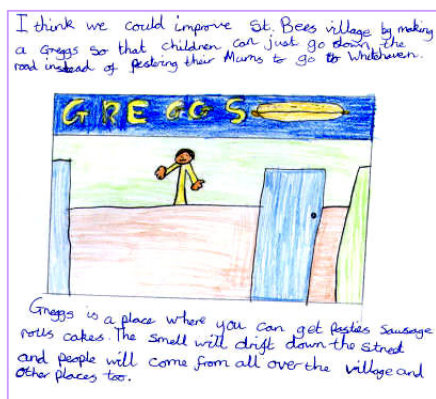
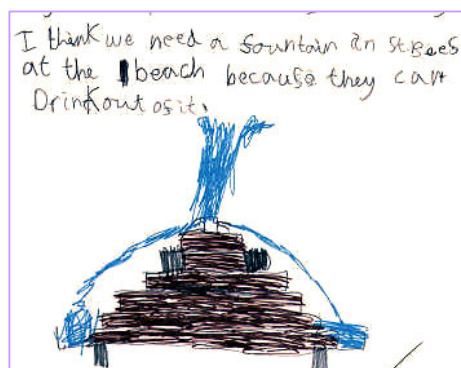
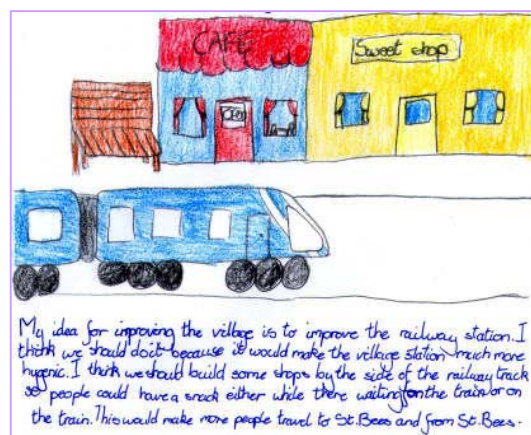
- Providing general signs in the village and improving those we already have accounted for the three of the ideas. Excellent art work accompanied these, adding fun and humour to an every day practical



object, in particular on the subject of owners not cleaning up after their dogs!



- The remaining ideas, also accompanied by lovely art work, were:
 - building a cinema and a theatre for summer and winter shows
 - improving the toilets by the beach, with the addition of showers for bathers
 - improving the railway station amenities
 - an addition of an aquarium to the village
 - more cycle paths
 - a horse riding arena
 - more benches around the village for people to sit on and admire the Village.
 - painting the St. Bees Village School playground walls with attractive pictures, making playtime more enjoyable, less dull as well as attracting visitors to view the artwork.



7. Parish Action Plan

The actions were identified by the Parish Plan Steering Committee based on the Findings in Section 6 above, the action plans of local community groups and the Parish Council's knowledge of local issues. Pupils of the Public School provided many suggestions. Consequential actions are covered by the action plan derived from the household questionnaire. The actions were then reviewed, amended and accepted by the Parish Council. The priorities were based on safety, difficulty of implementation, the potential benefits, and the strength of concern for the issue by the community. The Council intends to seek Quality Parish status, which will enhance its influence for implementing the actions.

Actions within 2006/07

Issue	Proposed Solution (Parish Council lead in all cases unless stated)	Potential Partner / Funding Source ¹
Development & Planning		
A significant majority (70%) of respondents do not want any further housing development in St Bees.	Engage & lobby Copeland Planning Committee	CBC
Preserving heritage and character of village e.g. protect Priory & surrounding area	Engage & lobby Copeland Planning Committee	English Heritage
Highways & Byways		
Lack of footpath signs	Audit current signage and request appropriate improvements from CCC	CCC
A number of 'danger spots' for road users were identified.	Lobby Cumbria Highways Department to arrange for risk assessments to be carried out in identified areas.	CCC
Speeding traffic through Parish	Liaise with Police and Cumbria County Council to define requirements for safe crossing places, speed cameras, traffic controls, further traffic calming measures and enforcement Police to implement agreed enforcement measures	CCC Cumbria Police Cumbria Safety Partnership
The B5345 St Bees to Whitehaven Road was identified as a major cause for concern in terms of condition and safety	Lobby Cumbria County Council for improvements to this stretch of road	CCC
Flooding by water and mud	Liaise with local landowners, Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council to define and implement appropriate solutions	CBC CCC Environment Agency

¹ NB all references to Cumbria or Copeland Councils (CCC or CBC) mean elected members and officers

Issue	Proposed Solution (Parish Council lead in all cases unless stated)	Potential Partner / Funding Source ¹
Inappropriate or inadequate parking	Investigate marking parking bays on St Bees Main Street with CBC Liaise with CBC for the enforcement of parking regulations Continue the free car parking policy	Parish Council CBC
Inadequate street lighting in certain areas	Liaise with CBC to improve repair time	CCC CBC
Environment		
Concern over public toilets at beach	Agree a standard for the toilets in terms of cleanliness, maintenance and opening times with Copeland Borough Council.	CBC
Dog fouling, areas of concern: Play park on beach Lack of enforcement of byelaws	Liaise with CBC to fence off play area Investigate options and develop a policy to minimise dog fouling Liaise with CBC on effective enforcement	CBC CBC CBC Local community (to report offences)
Control of activities on beach	Liaise with CBC to ensure current byelaws are in place, displayed and enforced to protect safety and enhance enjoyment of all beach users	CBC
Promote more bird life	Investigate possibility of providing more resources to encourage bird life	RSPB, VIB, PCC, VS, PS
Extension of floral displays	Investigate possibility of involving more of the Parish in hanging baskets etc	VIB
Community Involvement		
Very low return rate from outlying areas	Review priorities and involvement regarding outlying areas	Local community
Adequacy of precept to fund identified developments	Consider increasing precept in line with findings of the household questionnaire if justified by expenditure priorities benefiting the community	n/a
A need for support and advice for the running of Community Groups	Arrange a 'funding fair' meeting of representatives from all Community Groups with Voluntary Action Cumbria to identify: (a) where further help and support from the community is required; (b) opportunities for advertising in the local community; (c) identify opportunities for obtaining additional funds and/or grants	CCC, VAC
Inadequate information in event of emergency (storm, snow, flood etc)	Create an emergency plan for St Bees	CCC, CBC
Tourism		
Lack of Tourist information	Review information already available and opportunities to improve information and seek advice/support from Cumbria Tourist Board	Cumbria Tourist Board County Councillor
Crime & Anti Social Behaviour		
Concerns over crime prevention and reduction	Liaise with local Police Service regarding increased police presence, more	Police Neighbourhood Watch

Issue	Proposed Solution (Parish Council lead in all cases unless stated)	Potential Partner / Funding Source ¹
	involvement of community police officer e.g. regular public meetings and an increase in Neighbourhood Watch Zones	Officer Local community (to report offences)
Anti social behaviour on beach car park	Liaise with local community, CBC and Police Service to break up space with physical barriers, prosecute offenders and introduce CCTV	CBC Local community (to report offences)
Services & Facilities		
Additional sporting facilities at the Adams Recreation Ground e.g. a bowling green	Parish Plan Committee to inform the Adams Recreation Ground committee of the results of Parish Questionnaire	n/a
Service provided by Community Development Centre	Parish Plan Committee to inform the CDC Management committee of the results of Parish Questionnaire	n/a
Youth		
Lack of information for youth activities e.g. sports clubs	Collate and provide information (extend action to all community activities)	Community groups
Suggestion by village school children of benefit of painting playground walls	Pass suggestion to Village School Governors for evaluation	Neighbourhood Forum, Arts Council, PC

Actions within 2007/08

Issue	Proposed Solution (Parish Council lead in all cases unless stated)	Potential Partner / Funding Source
Development & Planning		
A significant majority (70%) of respondents do not want any further housing development in St Bees.	Develop a 'Planning Policy'	CBC
20% of respondents were supportive of starter/low cost housing.	Develop a 'Planning Policy'	CBC
Preserving heritage and character of village e.g. protect Priory & surrounding area	Develop a 'Planning Policy'	CBC
Highways & Byways		
A number of locations identified with a lack of or inadequate pavements including poor design for pushchairs and wheelchairs	Arrange for risk assessments to be carried out in identified areas and submit any resulting actions to Cumbria Highways Department.	PC CCC
A number of public footpaths identified as in need of development/repair	Arrange for risk assessments to be carried out in identified areas and submit any resulting actions to Cumbria Highways Department.	PC CCC
Inappropriate or inadequate parking	Investigate the provision of further car parks	Developers Landowners Parish precept CBC
Inadequate street lighting in certain areas	Arrange for risk assessments to be carried out in identified areas and submit any resulting actions to Cumbria County Council	PC CBC CCC
St Bees is not connected to Cumbria Cycle Path Network	Engage Sustrans to investigate feasibility of connecting to Cumbria Cycle Path	CCC Sustrans

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	network.	Landowners
Environment		
Concern over appearance/cleanliness of Seamill Lane beach	Liaise with CBC to define a maintenance and cleaning regime for this area	PC CBC Environment Agency Public School (beach cleaning parties?)
Need for increased recycling facilities in terms of range of recyclable materials and location of collection points.	Liaise with CBC to expand facilities in order to include plastic, compost & cardboard items, to identify additional recycling points, to expand the type of materials for home collections and to expand areas covered by home collection	CBC
Litter	Review the provision of bins and schedule for emptying, organise community 'Pick up litter' days Liaise with CBC on effective enforcement	CBC
Control of activities on beach	Review current byelaws and draft proposed changes to reflect current issues	CBC
Sea defences at Seamill Lane beach	Review existing policy and identify if cost effective improvements could be made	Environment Agency CBC
Lack of washing facilities at beach	Investigate installation of a public shower	CBC
Need for more benches	Investigate potential for additional benches	Individual or Corporate sponsors
Availability and design of signs	Review signage and consider use of children's artwork	CBC, CCC
Community Involvement		
Lack of information / understanding with regard to issues and developments at local government level e.g. implications of Copeland Plan	Investigate ways of improving communication with the community e.g. by issuing a newsletter.	PC
Ensuring common land is preserved	Undertake responsibility to preserve these areas for public use	Parish Council Local Community
Services & Facilities		
Lack of medical services within Parish	Liaise with North Cumbria Primary Health Care Trust to explore possibility of a 'drop in' clinic service	NCPHCT
Make library more accessible and user friendly	Liaise with CBC to ensure appropriate signage Parish Council to review opening times & service provided	CBC n/a
Youth		
Limitations of playground equipment at Main Beach	Investigate extending range of equipment	CBC
Lack of a youth club	Explore the requirements needed to establish a youth club and create an implementation plan	Phoenix Youth Project, Young Cumbria Local Community (to lead the group)

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Transport		
Lack of public transport at later times in the day	Liaise with CBC on approaches to public transport providers on improvements to service time	CCC
Lack of public transport to Dunmail Park Cinema	Liaise with CBC on approaches to public transport providers to provide this service OR Explore suitability of introducing a local transport initiative (with St Bees School or a voluntary social car scheme?)	CBC

Actions within 2008/09

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Highways & Byways		
A number of locations identified with a lack of or inadequate pavements including poor design for pushchairs and wheelchairs	Cumbria Highways Department to implement agreed improvements	CCC
A number of public footpaths were identified as in need of development/repair	Cumbria Highways Department to implement agreed improvements	PC CCC
A number of 'danger spots' for road users were identified.	Cumbria Highways Department to implement agreed improvements	CCC
The B5345 St Bees to Whitehaven Road identified as a major cause for concern in terms of condition and safety	Cumbria Highways Department to implement agreed improvements	CCC
Speeding traffic through Parish	Cumbria County Council to implement improvements for safe crossing places, speed cameras, traffic controls, further traffic calming measures and enforcement	CCC Cumbria Police Cumbria Safety Partnership
Inadequate street lighting in certain areas	Arrange for risk assessments to be carried out in identified areas and submit any resulting actions to Cumbria County Council	PC CCC
Services & Facilities		
Lack of accessibility and user friendliness of library.	Liaise with Library Service for any identified improvements in opening times & service provided with Library Service	CCC
Youth		
Lack of provision for youth activities e.g. sports clubs	Seek to increase youth activities within the Parish with community volunteers and external professional help (CCC, Young Cumbria, Schools, existing community youth groups)	Variety of funding bodies

8. Implementation

For many of the proposed actions in this plan, St Bees Parish Council has neither the resources nor the authority to implement them. The Parish Council and individual councillors will however take the lead either directly or by liaison with the appropriate bodies to deliver the actions.

The Parish Council will work in partnership with other organisations as appropriate for particular projects.

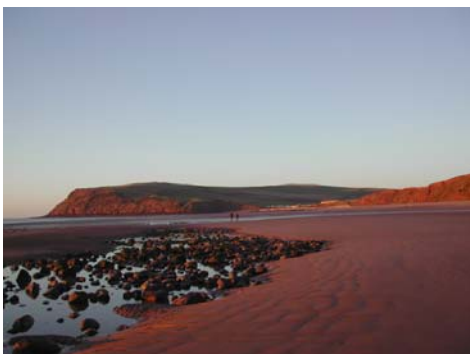
The creation of the Parish Plan has been steered by the Parish Plan Committee which has consisted of Parish Councillors as well as volunteer residents. For the most efficient and effective implementation of the plan the Parish Council will determine how a measure of joint working between Parish Councillors and volunteer parish residents might be achieved to gain access to the knowledge and expertise of these individuals.

Effective delivery of this plan will be totally dependent on a high level of support from the community.

9. Monitoring & Review

Monitoring and review of the Plan is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Plan will be subject to an Annual Review that will be based on monitoring reports together with an overview of the whole development programme. The Parish Plan is a dynamic document and is not set in stone. It will be subject to change from time to time as new issues and opportunities arise or when any particular avenue becomes unproductive. Changes can be introduced at the time of the Annual Review or at any appropriate intervening times.



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