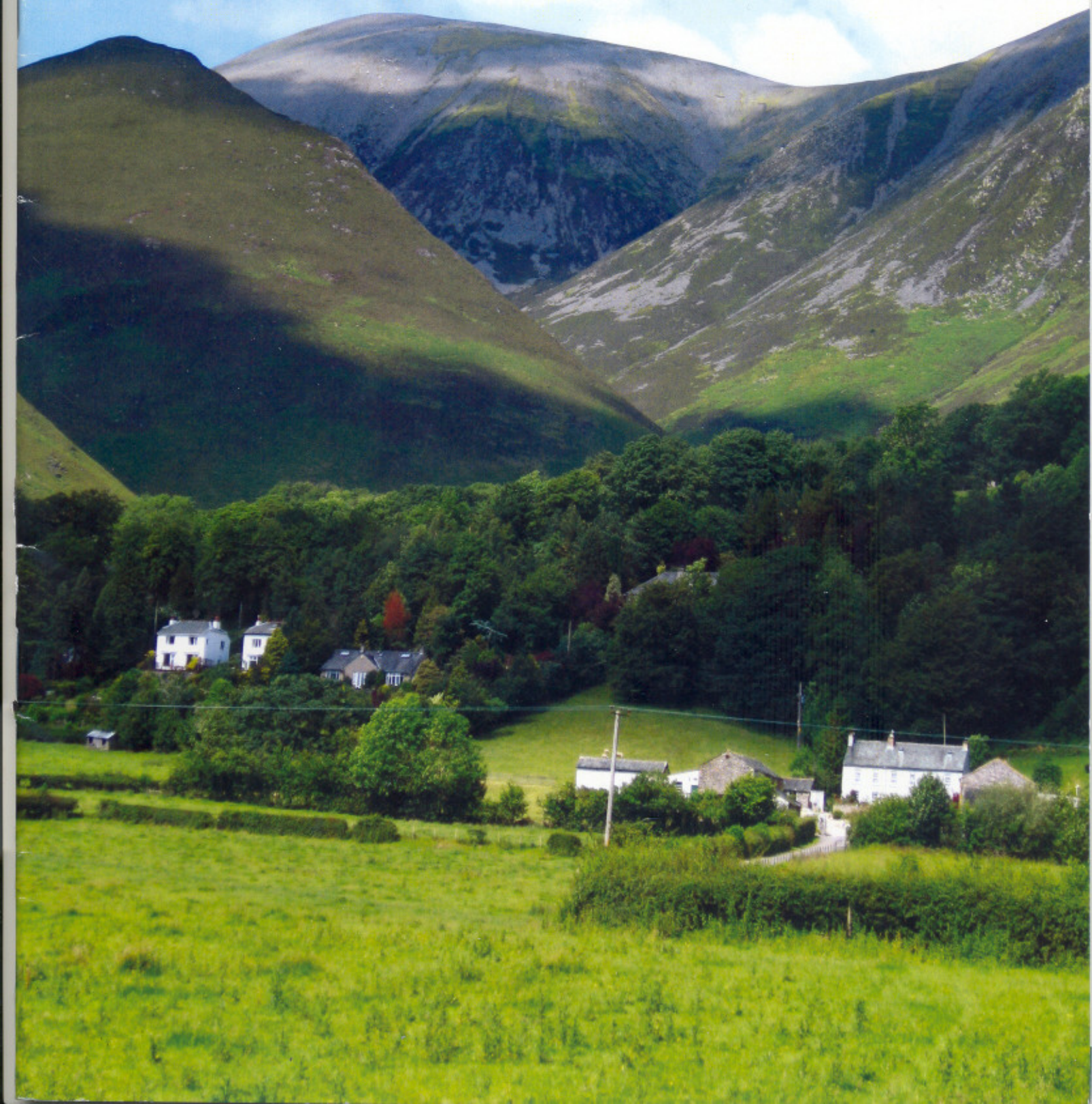


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This Parish Plan is dedicated to Mary Wilson who died on 1st March 2007. Mary was one of the co-authors of the Plan, a Parish Councillor for many years, a long-term resident of the Parish and a friend to all its inhabitants – human, bird, animal and plant.



1. INTRODUCTION

Underskiddaw is a civil parish with an elected Parish Council in the Allerdale District of Cumbria and lies entirely within the Lake District National Park. It is a rural area roughly enclosed by the Skiddaw massif to the north, the River Glenderaterra to the east, the River Greta to the south and the River Derwent and Bassenthwaite Lake to the west. It consists of three small centres of population – Thrushwood, Millbeck and Applethwaite and several smaller clusters of houses and farms. The total population as shown in the 2001 census was 282 people. It is an area of spectacular scenery dominated by Skiddaw, at over 3,000 feet one of the highest mountains in the Lake District, and with an abundance of wildlife. Understandably it is a delightful place in which to live and much enjoyed and appreciated by its residents. It is also a popular area for walkers who climb Latrigg, Skiddaw and the other fells all year round. Agriculture is predominantly pastoral, with cattle on the lower areas and sheep on the open fells.

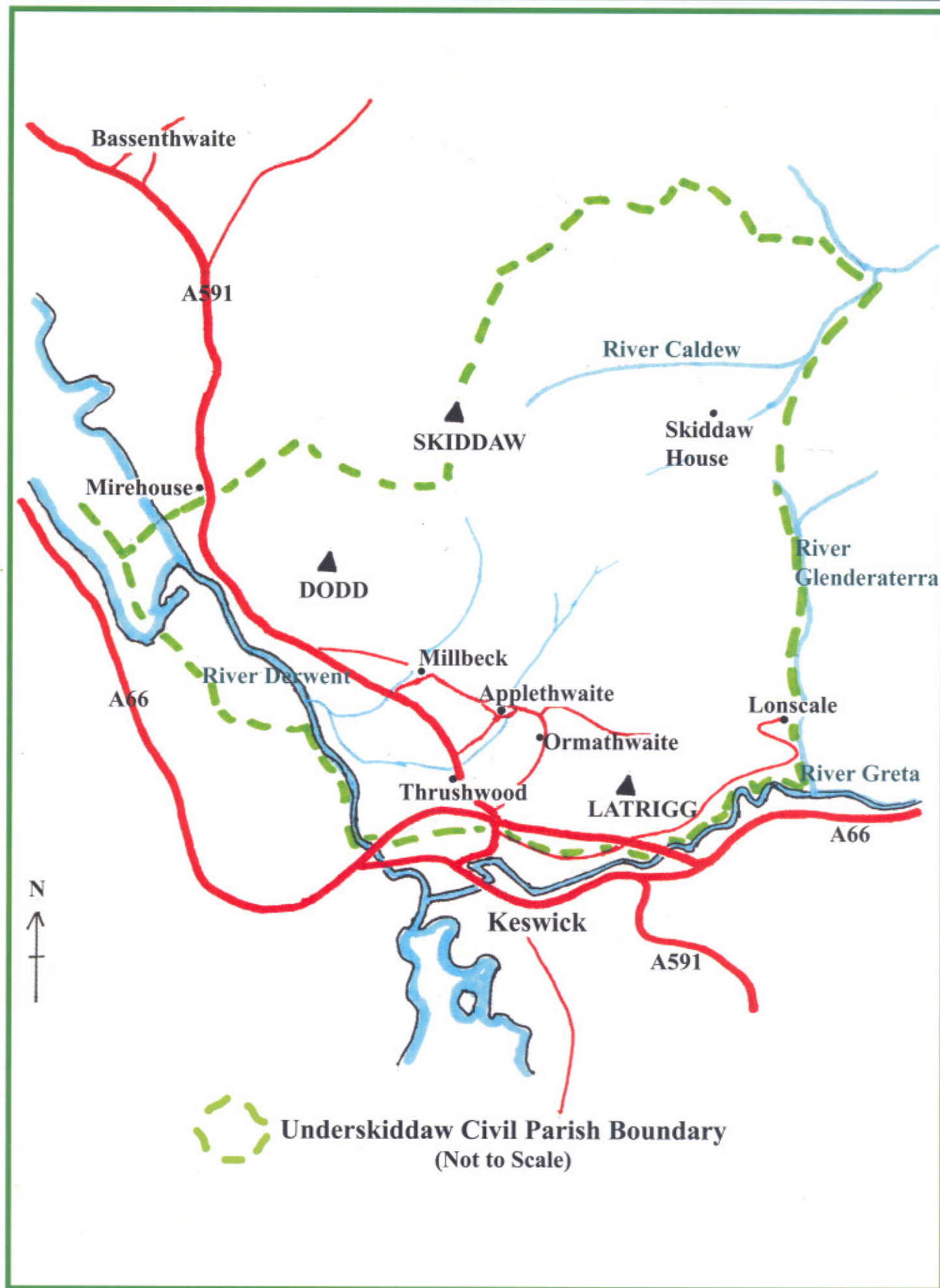
The Parish Plan was put together by a working party of 7 volunteers including the Parish Clerk; it provides a picture of the area at present with some ideas about how residents view its future. It is hoped that this document will be used as supporting evidence whenever planning decisions or developments are being considered in the parish. The Parish Plan is therefore very much a forward-looking document.

The information was collected using a number of strategies. First the idea of having a Parish Plan was launched at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2005. People were asked to fill in a response slip noting which parish matters concerned them. A grant was applied for and a working party was formed. The working party used the information gained from the response slips, from other informal consultations and their own discussions to construct a draft questionnaire.

At the 2006 Annual Parish Meeting posters with headings corresponding to those in the draft questionnaire were displayed and residents were asked to add any further items they felt should be included. This led to the production of a questionnaire which was launched on 13th June 2006 at a lunch held in the Village Hall. Those copies which were not distributed at the lunch were delivered personally to all remaining residents.

The questionnaire contained 15 sections. The responses were analysed and form the basis of this Parish Plan. Completed or partly completed questionnaires were received from 63 households representing 146 individuals of all ages i.e. just over half of all the Parish. Collated summaries of the completed questionnaires are available on request from the Parish Clerk. The section on farming was compiled from consultations with farmers in the parish.

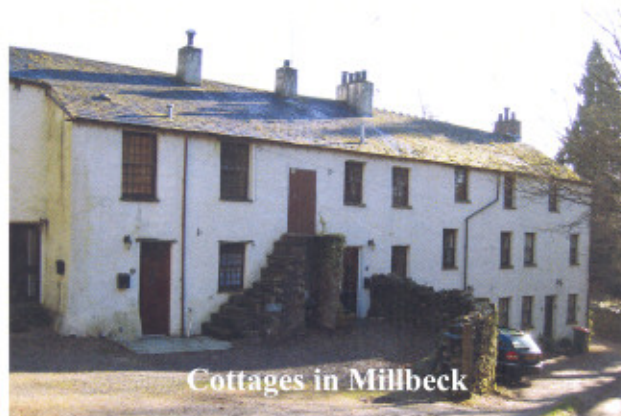
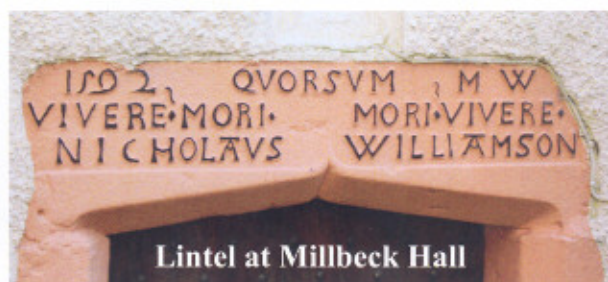




2. A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH

It seems likely that the parish of Underskiddaw has always been an area of small farms with grazing on the hills and arable farming and pasture on the flatter land. Many of the hamlet and field names are Norse in origin.

Both Applethwaite and Millbeck still have the remains of old corn mills and later each had a flourishing woollen mill. Applethwaite Ghyll was the site of slate quarrying. There was a modest amount of mining, with a barytes mine above Millbeck and also a small lead mine on Dodd. With men finding work there and on local farms, the women found employment in the big houses that sprang up in the parish. Several of those properties later became hotels and there were also smaller guest-houses as the tourist trade started to increase.



The building of the Church Room in 1829, the presence of a school for younger children at Dancing Beck from 1875 to 1920 and the building of the Village Hall in 1896 have all added greatly to the character and development of the parish. Many people have interesting recollections of Underskiddaw's past: Mrs Mary Wilson, who was born in Applethwaite, knew that Applethwaite Mill had been the "Skiddaw Home for Convalescent Crimean Soldiers" with the end portion being their own chapel, and also that the communal bakery was in a central cottage of the village. Underskiddaw developed a well-balanced community and had a choir, a W.I., a Mothers' Union, charabanc trips, concerts, whist drives and many other social activities.

Apart from the building of some newer houses and the changes to farming practices in recent times, the parish in 2007 looks very much as it did in the nineteenth century.

3. DEMOGRAPHIC & SURVEY DETAILS

The 2001 Census tells us that of the 488,000 people living in Cumbria 282 resided in Underskiddaw. There were almost equal numbers of male and female residents. The proportion of people under the age of 45 was less than the average for Cumbria, whilst over

that age the proportion was higher than the County average. However the residents seemed healthier than the average: 74.8% declared themselves in good health, as compared with 67% in Cumbria generally.

Introducing ourselves

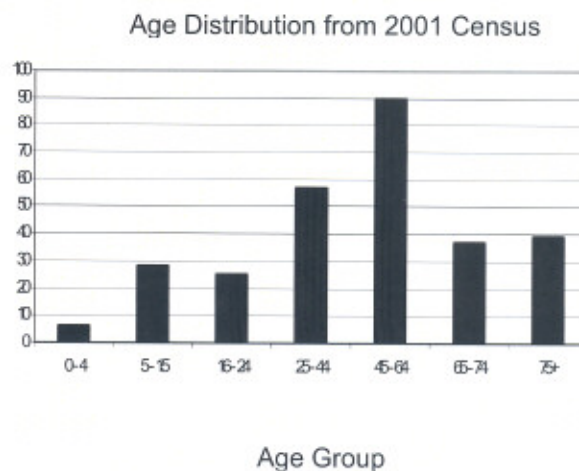
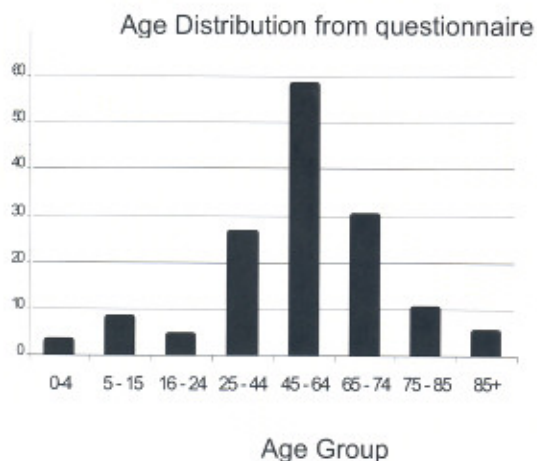
Who are we?



Age and sex distribution of residents

	0 – 4	5-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75-85	85+	Total
Male	1	4	3	13	29	18	5	3	76
Female	2	4	1	13	29	12	5	2	68
Both	3	8	4	26	58	30	10	5	144

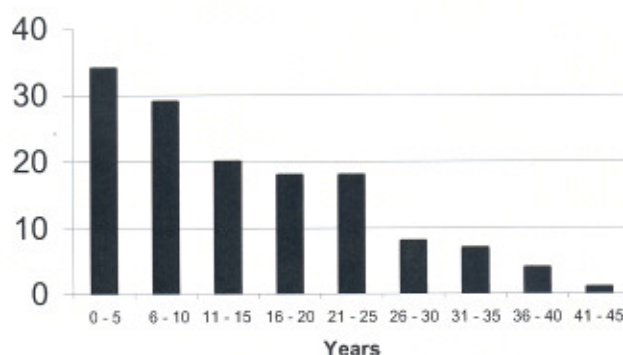
Comparison between the age distribution from the 2006 questionnaire and the 2001 Census.



The figures relate to responses from 141 people.

How long have we lived here?

Years lived in Parish - from Questionnaire



What do we do?

Full Time	Part Time	Self-employed	Retired	Child	Looking after family	Other	No reply
21	12	19	50	14	4	1	3

Within these groups - where residents supplied information there is a wide range of occupations:

Tourism	Business	Medical	Education	Outdoors/ Farming	Craftsmen	Miscellaneous
8	6	4	2	5	3	6

Where do we live?

Main Residence in the parish	Main Residence elsewhere
54 households – 120 individuals	9 households – 26 individuals

4. EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE PARISH

The Parish Council

The Parish Council has existed in its present form since 1894 when the Local Government Act of that year standardised the traditional and varied local council arrangements which had existed since medieval times. The parish archives contain the past Minute Books.

The Council consists of 7 members, the number stipulated by Allerdale Borough Council who have power to make this decision. The Councillors elect a Chairman and appoint a clerk. Meetings are held every two months at the Village Hall. Members of the public are always made welcome and an item for public participation is included early in every agenda. An Annual Parish Meeting is held every May, when parish residents are urged to raise any matters of interest or concern.

The Village Hall

Questionnaire replies noted that the Village Hall was much appreciated as the centre of parish social activities and the hard work of the committee was greatly valued.

Replies from those who thought that the number of events was about right and those who wanted more were about equal. It would be beneficial if new people could be encouraged to participate in organising events.



Village Hall in Millbeck by Nelsonn

Evidence from the questionnaire indicated that Adult Education provision had not been particularly well used, but there would be more interest in classes held at the Village Hall. The list of events and activities which people said they would like to have put on was:

adult education	bridge	farm visits	Neighbourhood	social events
afternoon teas with	Christmas fair	film shows	Watch	tea or coffee
light music	Christmas party	garden visits	outdoor activities –	sessions
art appreciation	computer classes	keep fit	walks and climbs	visits from drama
art exhibitions	cookery	local history –	pantomime	groups
beetle drives	demonstrations	lectures/group	plant sale	
book group	craft fair	lunch club	quiz night	

Many people were prepared to make refreshments, set up and serve at stalls, serve behind the bar or participate in other ways.

Outcomes:

- ◆ Information gathered through the questionnaire, including offers of help, to be passed on to the Village Hall Committee. Residents are also invited to contact any of the committee or ring the Chairman. (See Directory of Services in Appendix to this document for telephone number.)

The Church Room

This little church was built in 1829 by Daniel Dover the owner of the Millbeck woollen mill as a Sunday School for the children of mill-workers in the parish. A plaque to Daniel Dover who lived in Millbeck Place is inside the building. There are also memorials to Mr C. W. Kaye of Millbeck Towers and to Miss Magee of Applethwaite who taught in this Sunday School for 54 years.



Although a simple, plain building, a beautiful little chancel was added by Mrs Wadham of Scalebeck in 1937 and was to be dedicated by the Bishop of Carlisle on 17th December of that year. However he was unable to reach Millbeck because of the state of the roads and so the dedication was performed by Rev A. H. Watson, Emeritus Canon of Ripon and Archdeacon of Richmond, assisted by Canon Bradley, Vicar of Crosthwaite. New seats were presented

in 2001 by Dr Peggy Tyson of Millbeck Place. People still recall the open fire in the Room, now covered over by a bookcase.



Before the Village Hall was built the Parish Council used the Church Room for their meetings and at one time the building was used on alternate Sundays by both the Methodist Church and Church of England for their services.

The Church Room today is part of Crosthwaite Parish Church in Keswick and holds several Services each month, welcoming everyone. It is kept open daily in the summer for all to enjoy, and the Visitors' Book shows how much this special little church is appreciated and loved by people from all around the world.

Farming

Very little of the land in the Parish is actually built on. The higher fells are uncultivated and the remainder of the land is divided into small farms. Some of the land in the parish is given over to forestry. By national standards the acreage of the farms is low, the largest farm being 1400 acres (900 acres of which is fellside) and the smallest farm is 145 acres. There is very little arable, some dairy and beef, whilst sheep rearing predominates.

The people now farming the land have seen many changes in their life-time. In the past 40 years many very small farms have been combined into larger ones; mechanisation has replaced hand-work, and far fewer people are employed. Once all the animals had names: now they are known by their reference numbers and the paperwork mountain continues to increase.



Government directives emanating from decisions made in the European Union or in the global marketplace have a huge impact on rural areas. The subsidy system which prevailed up to 2004 was based on stock numbers. This has been replaced by a system based on acreage. Along with this are requirements to farm less intensively (which farmers perceive as allowing the quality of the land to deteriorate) and to diversify. The latter is difficult given that farmers are already fully committed. The cost of employing additional labour could defeat the aim of increasing profitability from diversification.

Uncertainty seems to be the biggest problem facing upland farmers with small farms in this parish. Farmers just want to farm.

Outcome

- ◆ Parish Council to support farmers' efforts to diversify and continue farming.

Health

It is inevitable with the location of Keswick some 25 and 30 miles respectively from major hospitals at Whitehaven and Carlisle and with the current uncertainty about the cottage hospital provision in Keswick that the provision of hospital services is of major concern to the residents, who were exceedingly supportive of the retention of Keswick Hospital.

Residents were asked whether the emergency services (including ambulances) had encountered difficulty in finding or accessing addresses in the parish. No particular problems had been found. With hindsight the direct question of whether residents had any concern over the time ambulance services took to reach residents should have been asked.

General practitioner services are available within the town at two surgeries. Except for one reservation about the travel distance to visit an NHS dentist, residents felt that the access to dental and medical services was satisfactory and there were no problems obtaining prescriptions. However it was suggested that medical provision could improve at weekends and Bank Holidays and that the Village Hall could possibly host occasional clinics or keep-fit sessions.

Outcomes

- ◆ **Continue support for the retention of a full range of services, including in-patient beds, at Keswick Hospital.**
- ◆ **Investigate provision of emergency services for local residents and the information required when such services are called out.**

Children & Young People

Children in the Parish can attend one of several primary schools: Keswick, Bassenthwaite, Braithwaite, Borrowdale and Threlkeld. All primary schools feed into Keswick School for secondary education. All these schools are situated outside the parish boundary and mini-bus transport is provided for the secondary age-group.



The data in section 3 show that currently very few children and young people live in the parish. It is not surprising therefore that not many replies were received about facilities for this age group. For children some of the suggestions put forward included play areas, cycle paths and activities at the village hall. One perceptive reply suggested that "just more children" would be best! This hope that more young families might be encouraged to live in

the parish was also expressed in the residents' view of life in Underskiddaw in the next 15 years – see later section.

When asked about facilities for young people in the parish some of the replies included a wish for more sports facilities and, as for children, activities at the village hall. There was also a view that a better bus service to Keswick and beyond would be of benefit.

Outcome

- ♦ **Pass on to the Village Hall Committee the information arising out of the questionnaire.**

Elderly People

There was a variety of answers to this section: most people were content with matters as they stood, though several expressed a hope for improved bus services and would be pleased to receive information about possible lifts to town or to be informed about the availability of help with odd jobs or gardening. Being in contact with neighbours and receiving visits when mobility was limited would be appreciated.

It would appear that most of the elderly are, and wish to remain, independent, but would appreciate the help of "good neighbours": people calling, keeping an eye open and offering help on a personal basis or putting them in touch with those who could help. It might be possible to arrange a regular meeting at the Village Hall for tea, coffee or lunch as was suggested in the Village Hall Activities section.

Outcomes

- ♦ **Provision of an expanded newsletter, website and parish directory.**
- ♦ **Consideration to be given to regular get-togethers at the Village Hall for residents.**

Safety and the impact of crime

The vast majority of respondents felt safe (or very safe) in the area even though over 40% had been affected by petty crime at some point. Most parishioners knew about the existence of Neighbourhood Watch, but evidence from the survey suggests that it needs revitalising.

Outcome

- ♦ **The Police should be asked to arrange a meeting at which the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be revitalised.**

Housing

Evidence from the questionnaire shows that there were thirteen families within the parish who considered that there was a specific need for low cost housing within their household. There were mixed feelings about development: many would view low-cost housing for local families with local occupancy restrictions acceptable, but concerns were expressed as to

where this could take place and the effects it might have. Residents inevitably felt concerned about the level of house prices which put properties out of the reach of local young people.

Many people were concerned about the increase in the number of properties used as holiday accommodation, whilst recognising that a number of "second home" owners contributed to and participated in parish activities. There was general agreement that development should be limited to the conversion of redundant buildings and minor infill.

Outcome

- ♦ **Parish Council to discuss and try to identify possible sites for housing.**

5. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION



Parish Council Newsletter

The majority of people appeared to welcome a Parish Newsletter published and delivered by the Parish Council in February, May, August and November. The Newsletter could be sent by email on request.

Useful suggestions for items to be included were sections on "arrivals and departures", nature watch and tools or equipment available for loan. Any items for inclusion sent to the Parish Clerk (see Directory) would be included, space permitting. Suggestions on enhanced presentation were made.

Parish Website

Over 75% of respondents had access to the Internet. A number expressed an interest in receiving parish information such as the Parish Council newsletter and notice of Village Hall events via an Underskiddaw website. Most, however, did not wish to do this at the expense of the printed word. There was a small group of people who expressed interest in setting up and maintaining a parish website. A large number of constructive ideas as to its content were given.

Outcome

- ♦ **Parish Council to make contact with those who have expressed an interest in this project.**

6. GETTING ABOUT IN THE PARISH

Transport

The majority of respondents were of the opinion that cars were an essential part of living in a rural community. A minority of people and some younger members of the community used public transport, but in a fairly limited way. Some questionnaire responses indicated that more frequent buses with services later in the day would encourage more use of public transport. There was little demand for a local car scheme, but lots of offers of help if one were organised.



Bus on Terrace Road

Parking

A range of views was expressed about car parking. Parking by both residents and visitors was seen as a problem by some and the majority thought it detracted from the look of the area. There were numerous suggestions about how to improve the situation including dedicated parking spaces for visitors (especially those going up Skiddaw). Others thought that increasing provision would lead to more vehicles. It was mentioned by a number of respondents that the car was a necessary adjunct to modern life and it was almost impossible to live in the parish without access to one. Other heartfelt opinions expressed ranged from 'ban the lot' to 'provide more designated spaces for residents and tourists', 'own fewer cars' and 'build pretty garages'.

Roads

Parishioners were fairly evenly divided for and against the imposition of speed limits, with various specific areas being identified and suggestions made. A speed limit of 40m.p.h. was suggested on the A591 and individuals mentioned particular places (Dancing Gate, Little Crosthwaite, Thrushwood, near Burnside and at the junction with Applethwaite Lane). One person called for Z bend signs and black and white posts between Little Dodd and Oakfield House. Seven people thought that there should be a 30mph limit on the Terrace Road and one response suggested 20mph, with the approaches to the Village Hall having sleeping policemen. Concern was expressed about the size of delivery and bin lorries.

Generally this whole subject elicited some very strong responses, as there have been a number of accidents caused by traffic speeding in the area. However some people were concerned that speed restrictions would give rise to too many signs and white/yellow lines. It was suggested that discreet village name signs would have a calming effect and one response pointed out that if lanes were kept rural this would intrinsically restrict speed. It was noted that residents, who were the main users of the roads, should observe a sensible speed.

Road surfaces and drains

Many specific instances of poor road maintenance and blocked drains and culverts were given. Most roads in the area appeared to have problems (some major).

Name Signs

Parish residents were asked whether they would like to have village name signs for the individual villages in the Parish. Approximately 60% of the replies were in favour of this with the emphasis being on 'small', 'discreet', 'old-fashioned' and 'visible' signs. However some concern was expressed about adding to the existing amount of signage. One reply suggested 'Welcome to the Parish of Underskiddaw' rather than individual village names.



Bridleways, Footpaths, Cycle Routes

These appeared to be generally well signposted and maintained, but could be muddy and therefore difficult to use in the winter months. Several responses highlighted Stoneacre Lane, which runs from Applethwaite to Thrushwood and continues to the Parish boundary.

Cycling was all on public roads. There was little support for specifically signposted cycle routes within the parish, but conversely a real demand for a safe cycle route along the A591 and across the A66 into Keswick.

Since the questionnaires were sent out the construction of the first high-level, easy-access path in our area has been completed. This runs from the car park at the top of the Gale Road towards the summit of Latrigg.

Outcomes

- ◆ Residents to report problems to the Parish Council. These could then be forwarded to the relevant authority.
- ◆ Parish Council could obtain information about local road traffic accidents, consider any emerging pattern about causes and consider the comments about the speed limit on the A591.
- ◆ Parish Council could enquire about possible appropriate signage.

7. OUR ENVIRONMENT

When residents were asked if they had any concerns about their environment most replied that they did not: "it's pretty marvellous really" was the comment that seemed to sum up their replies. All felt that we were lucky to live in such a beautiful place, but some expressed concern about the nature of development in the area.

There was a range of opinions on all sections and the questionnaire allowed people to air their personal concerns. One respondent appreciated having his/her views sought even if no action was taken.

Squirrels

There was a general concern about the plight of red squirrels in our area and most respondents wanted to help protect the reds and discourage the greys (some by more violent means than others!)

Outcome

- ◆ **Suggest that Parish Council make contact details for Red Alert and similar organisations more widely available and contact experts for details of measures that can be taken, such as feeding stations for reds only.**

Light Pollution

This provoked mixed responses: some regarded various security lighting systems as "excessive" and the question was asked whether security and street lighting needed to be on all night. The majority did not object to street lighting in the villages. It was suggested that a downwards-facing type of lighting might be investigated.

The area from Thrushwood to the roundabout was thought by one resident to be dark and difficult for walkers.

Outcomes

- ◆ **Ask Parish Council to check with Highways Authority about A 591 lighting.**
- ◆ **Ask Parish Council to discuss the appropriate type of lighting recommended for use in rural areas.**
- ◆ **Suggest that Parish Council could consider whether some buildings were "excessively" illuminated.**

Trees

It was felt that houses in Applethwaite and Millbeck particularly were built to take advantage of the beautiful views from the Terrace Road. With the passage of time trees inappropriate to the area and self-seeded specimens have grown up to spoil some of these views.

Several questionnaires referred to problems with overgrown trees surrounding gardens. Some residents were concerned about trees which grew into power-lines and telephone cables. There were a few answers which referred to trees causing specific problems.

Outcomes

- ◆ **Suggest to the Parish Council that advice be provided to residents who want help with future plantings.**
- ◆ **The Parish Council to address the concerns of residents about specific trees.**

Verges

There was a variety of responses to the question of whether residents might want to “adopt a verge”. Some felt that they should and do already take care of verges near their property. Others felt the verges were the responsibility of the local authority and should be left alone. Another opinion was that verges should not be ‘suburbanised’ by inappropriate planting.

Outcomes

- ♦ Residents could refer to the brochure on verges sent out in 2006 by Cumbria County Council and ask them for advice.
- ♦ They could keep verges litter-free.
- ♦ They might monitor any damage to verges and how it was caused. This could be referred to the Parish Council.

Mains Services

Most respondents would prefer to have mains electricity and telephone cables put underground. Part of the Applethwaite area has already benefited from this. It was realised that the cost would probably prohibit future areas being tackled: various sites were mentioned, ranging from the whole of the Applethwaite-Millbeck-Thrushwood area to specific poles.

Outcomes

- ♦ The Parish Council could be asked to investigate the future plans of providers (if any) for the Underskiddaw area.
- ♦ The Parish Council could use the newsletter and planned website to keep residents informed in good time.
- ♦ Individuals could be vigilant about future planning and development in the parish.

8. THE IMPACT OF TOURISM

The location of the parish within the Lake District National Park makes it inevitable that tourism is a major aspect of daily life for the residents. When asked whether they were directly involved in tourism 19 people replied “yes” and 44 replied “no”. Some ran self-catering or bed and breakfast businesses, others were employed by the Calvert Trust, Rheged, other visitor attractions or were involved in farming.



When asked about their views on the impact of tourism residents felt that it was needed for the local economy, but they were concerned that the balance did not tip from permanent residents to those with holiday or second homes. It was generally felt that the current level of

holiday homes was acceptable, but that any increase would be detrimental to the character of the parish; concern was expressed about increasing numbers of empty houses and the consequent dilution of community spirit. Some residents felt that tourism did result in parking and environmental problems and these have been commented on in sections 6 and 7.

The overall feeling was that tourism was essential to the area and part and parcel of living in such a beautiful place.

Outcomes

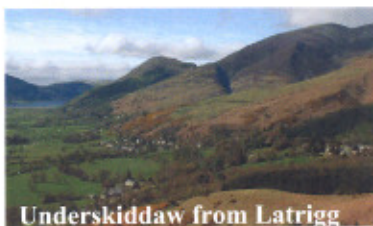
- ◆ **Parish Council to be aware of the concerns of residents about the balance of permanent and holiday residents.**
- ◆ **Parish Council to be aware of the need to attract young families into the parish and to monitor any possible ways of encouraging this.**

9. LIKES AND DISLIKES

What residents most like about living in the parish

There were three main themes:

- ◆ **The caring and friendly nature of our community. Residents felt that the views of individuals mattered.**
- ◆ **Our surroundings: scenery, views, wildlife and above all the peace and tranquillity were universally appreciated.**
- ◆ **The services and facilities of Keswick which were near enough to be enjoyed without intruding on the rural setting of the parish.**



Other aspects mentioned included the activities provided by the Village Hall, a sense of history, proximity to walks, restrictions on development and the presence of a place of worship. People felt that they were well-informed about what is going on in the parish.

The presence of children in the parish was much valued.

What residents most dislike about living in the parish

Only a few people commented, but two main points emerged. The first was about holiday homes; both those which existed and the prospect of more to come. It was felt that they might detract from the sense of community. The second was traffic: its increase, speed, and noise on all parish roads, but particularly on the A591 and A66.

Other worries included creeping suburbanisation, light pollution, inappropriate car parking, dog fouling and barking and trees and hedges which spoilt a view.

It has to be stressed that the number of positive comments far exceeded the negative ones.

10. THE LONG VIEW

When asked how they would like the parish to develop in the next 5 and in the next 15 years most residents combined them. The overwhelming response was to hope that there would be "little or no change". This was hardly surprising in an area where it was the unspoilt and enduring nature of the landscape that attracted people to Underskiddaw.

The residents hoped that the landscape would be undamaged, that farming would continue and that environmental concerns, including the encouragement of red squirrels and the control of trees to preserve views, would be addressed. They also hoped that ways would be found to encourage young families into the parish.

11. CONCLUSION

The working party who put together this Parish Plan would like to thank all who contributed to the production of this document. We are particularly grateful to all the parishioners who gave a great deal of time and thought to the completion of the questionnaire. We feel that the responses reflected the opinions of the parishioners and showed a genuine appreciation and affection for our area and its future.

Some obvious initiatives have emerged. It is hoped that the appropriate agencies will consider these and become involved to the benefit of the Parish.

Community activity is thriving and parishioners obviously enjoy living within this friendly and beautiful area.

We trust that the Parish Plan will provide an interesting and useful picture of Underskiddaw as it is now and encourage further debate and action in the future.

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Short Term = 1-2 years Medium Term = 2-5 years

ABC = Allerdale Borough Council CCC = Cumbria County Council

LDNPA = Lake District National Park Authority

Topic	Action Recommended	Timing	Leader & Involved
Village Hall Events Offers of help & suggestions for events	Offers of help and suggestions collected from Parish Plan Questionnaire to be passed on to Village Hall Committee	Immediate	Parish Plan Working Group
Health Threat to full range of services at Keswick Hospital	Establish and maintain contact with Hospital Campaign Group & ensure residents' concerns are noted at all times.	On-going	Parish Council liaising with Friends of Keswick Hospital
Information required by Emergency Services	Ensure residents know what information to give Emergency Services and that the Services know the lay-out of the Parish.	Short-Term	Parish Council liaising with Police Ambulance and Mountain Rescue
Access to medical services especially at weekends and Bank Holidays	Investigate demand for and possibility of occasional clinic at Village Hall and publicise how best to contact the out of hours service.	Short-Term	Parish Council in consultation with Doctors' Surgeries & Village Hall Committee
Young People Improved facilities for Young People	Information collected about activities suggested for the Village Hall to be passed on to the Village Hall Committee.	Immediate	Parish Plan Working Group
	Investigate demand for and possibility of providing play areas, cycle tracks and sports facilities.	Short-Term	Parish Council
Housing Need for some low-cost housing	Clarify adequacy of existing housing needs surveys and if necessary commission a new one.	Short-Term	Parish Council liaising with ABC, LDNPA, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust & others
	Identify possible sites for low cost housing.	Short-Term	Parish Council liaising with Keswick Town Council, ABC LDNPA & Cumbria Rural Housing Trust

Crime Residents unclear about activities of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Seek re-vitalisation of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with any new methods suggested by Police.	Immediate	Local organiser liaising with Police and Parish Council
Communication Parish Web Site	Contact those who offered to help & set up Website.	Short-Term	Parish Clerk with Parish Council liaising with interested residents
Parking Too wide a range of views was expressed for and against changes to parking to enable a specific recommendation to be made, and yet it was regarded as a problem	Investigate possible small schemes and consult widely with residents to see if a consensus could be achieved.	Medium-Term	Parish Council liaising with Police and CCC
Roads and Speed Widespread concern about speed but divergent opinions on the effectiveness of measures to deal with it and their downsides	Investigate feasibility, effectiveness and legal requirements relating to speed control measures and consult widely with residents before seeking to implement any.	Medium-Term	Parish Council liaising with Police and CCC
Road Surfaces & Drains Poor maintenance	Investigate individual instances brought up by Questionnaire, together with problems already identified by Parish Council and call upon road authorities to repair. Take advantage of any opportunities through Community Travel Plan and other local initiatives – e.g. Bassenthwaite Reflections Project.	On-going	Parish Council liaising with County Highways and Bassenthwaite Reflections

Footpaths Condition of Stoneacre Lane (the footpath from Fieldside in Applethwaite to A591) was a particular concern	Investigate causes of mud and seek funding for repair.	Short-Term	Parish Council liaising with LDNPA, County Highways and landowners.
Name Signs Divergent views about desirability of name signs for the separate villages in the Parish	Obtain samples of signs and of costs and consult with residents.	Medium-Term	Parish Council
Squirrels Universal concern about the plight of red squirrels	Make contact details of protection officials and for reporting sightings of greys more widely known and seek advice on measures individuals or Parish Council could make to encourage reds.	Immediate	Parish Council liaising with LDNPA, Red Alert and Friends of the Lake District
Lighting Lack of lighting along A591 from Thrushwood to Crosthwaite roundabout Concerns about excessive lighting – security and other	Ask Highway Authority to consider more lighting suitable for assisting walkers. Investigate legal limits on private lighting which affects other properties.	Short-Term Short-Term	Parish Council liaising with Highway Authority Parish Council liaising with ABC
Overhead Wires These are unsightly and much disliked	Investigate possibility of putting these underground. Consider this aspect of any new development	Medium-Term On-going	Parish Council liaising with Friends of the Lake District, LDNPA, and Utilities Parish Council in conjunction with Planning Authority



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