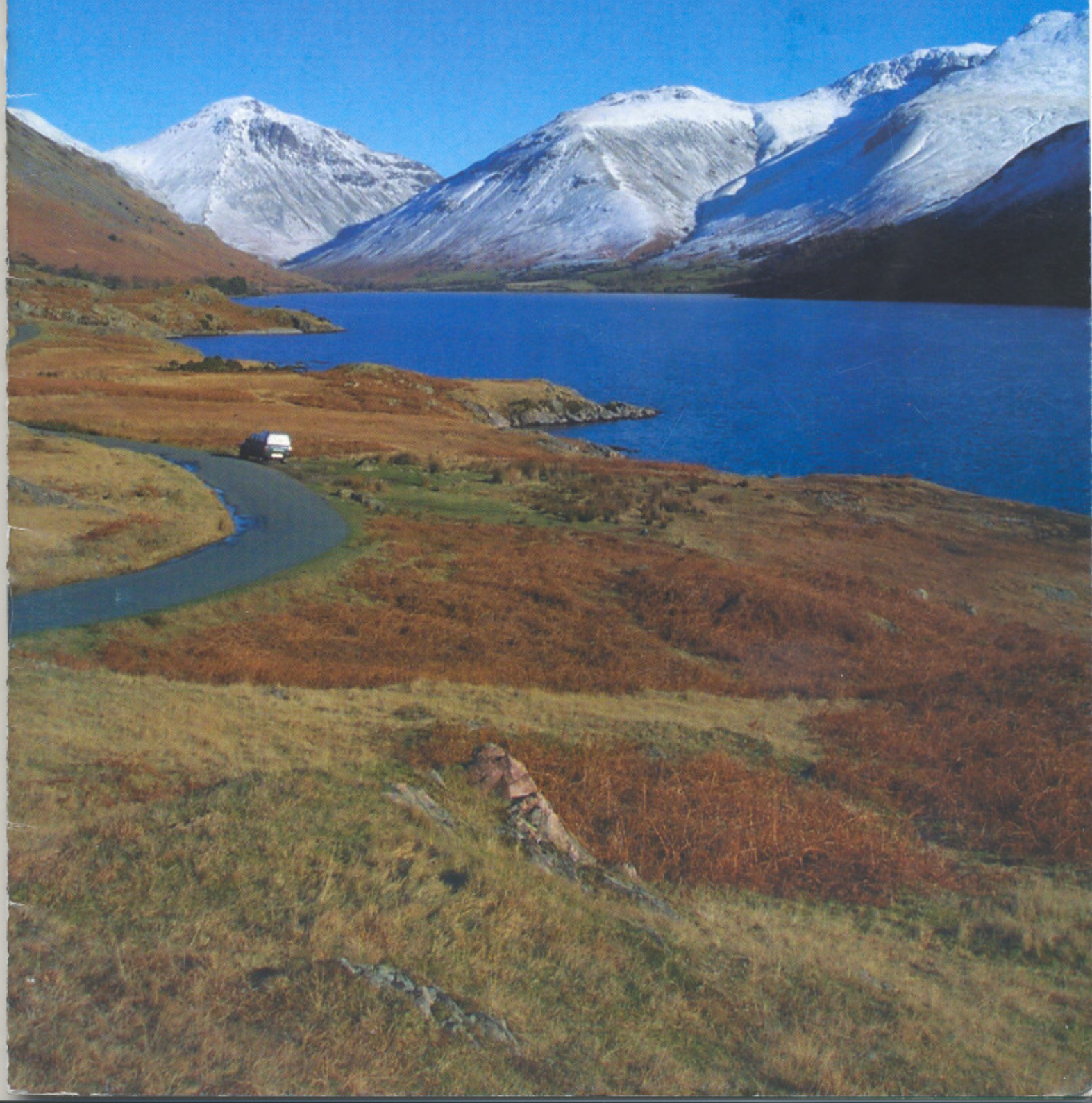


WASDALE

PARISH PLAN 2005



Introduction

Wasdale is a Civil Parish in the Copeland District of West Cumbria, the boundaries being essentially those of the Wasdale Valley in the extreme west of the Lake District National Park. The valley is noted for its spectacular scenery including Scafell Pike, England's highest mountain and Wastwater, the deepest lake. The village of Nether Wasdale and the more scattered community of Wasdale Head together contain fewer than 100 voters and so the Parish has no Council, but instead practises 'direct democracy'. That is to say, local affairs are in the hands of the people, acting through a Parish Meeting, held at least twice a year. The Parish Meetings are usually well-attended, with up to a third of the total population present, and there is a high level of active participation on the part of the local people.

This has been particularly noticeable in the production of this Parish Plan. In January 2003, the Clerk wrote to all residents inviting ideas on what should be included in a Parish Plan and in May of that year the Parish Meeting appointed a Steering Group consisting of Joss Naylor (Chairman), David Killick (Clerk), Bill Bailey, Howard Christie, Peter Ferris, Joyce Hughes, Colin Lindsay, Sarah Mitchell and Nick Putnam. The Group drew up and distributed a 4-page Directory of existing facilities and services as an essential starting point for the Parish Plan process.

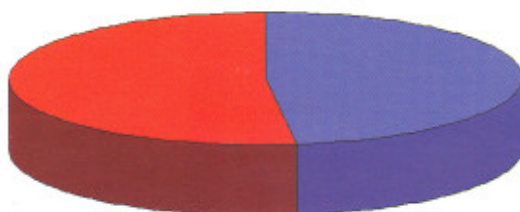


Issues

Some issues which could have been expected to feature in the questionnaire and subsequent Action Plan were excluded because of special local circumstances. For example, public transport had already been the focus of two parish questionnaires in recent years - one on the initiative of the Ravenglass Basin Transport Group and the other organised by the Parish Meeting itself and resulting in the inception of a Postbus service, subsequently replaced by a Taxibus service.

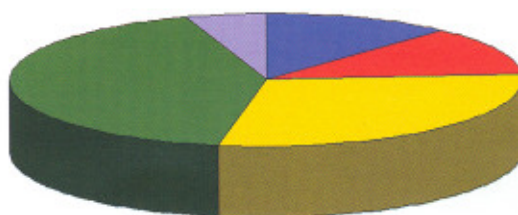
On the other hand, it was important to take into account issues which would not be particularly relevant in most parishes, but are vital to Wasdale, much of which is owned by the National Trust and all of which forms part of the Lake District National Park. The National Trust was represented on the Steering Group and the National Park Authority Ranger always attends Parish Meetings and is regularly consulted. In view of the unique landscape of Wasdale and of the importance to the local economy of the tourism attracted by that landscape, it is not surprising that environmental issues feature very prominently indeed in the Parish Plan.

There was an even split of men and women responding to the questionnaire



■ Male ■ Female

Most people in the parish are over 35 years.



■ 0-19 yrs ■ 20-34 yrs ■ 35-54 yrs ■ 55-74 yrs ■ 75+ yrs

Most people who live in the Valley are self-employed or retired.



- Self employed
- Full-time work
- Part-time work
- Full-time education
- Retired

Just under half of those living here, work in the Valley as well and the majority of those are in farming.



- Tourism
- Retail
- Farming
- Pubs/Hotels
- Nat. Trust
- Other

There are several other businesses based in the Parish, including pubs, hotels, campsites, restaurants, B&Bs, a Youth Hostel, local produce, a brewery and an outdoor shop.



Environmental Issues

Several environmental schemes had already been discussed within the Parish and were put out to consultation. Most people wanted to see visual improvements and some ideas were put forward to support local wildlife.

Wasdale Head:

- The Parish supported carrying out drainage and sensitive re-surfacing at Wasdale Head Village Green.

Nether Wasdale:

- The majority of people supported landscaping the Village Green and making the Maypole more of a feature by turfing over the farmtrack, cutting the trees back and adding bunting poles for the May festival.
- Other landscaping ideas include planting spring bulbs; putting cables underground; replacing the phone box with a traditional red box and moving it next to 'Joss's seat' and the Village Notice Board.

Wasdale Valley:

- We all agreed that we need to provide disabled access from Wasdale Head church to Middle Row and to the lakeshore footpath at the Youth Hostel.
- Plus people want to see some restoration of the valley's history by putting seating in the lakeside shelter and replacing modern road signs in the Valley with traditional signs.

Ecological improvements:

- As expected everybody supported general environmental and ecological improvements in the Valley, including individual tree planting; conservation of local wildlife and repairs to roadside walls. Suggestions included wild bird feeders and squirrel, owl and hedgehog boxes.

Litter:

- 58% of residents were prepared to take part in a litter rota or organised clean up of the Valley once or twice a year and some commented that they would be prepared to look after a designated patch on a regular basis. This will be organised in conjunction with the Lake District National Park Authority. It was also thought to be worthwhile putting litter bins at popular tourist spots in the Valley (Wasdale Head, Lakeside, Overbeck, etc.) provided that regular collection could be organised.

Footpaths:

- Several people raised footpath maintenance as an issue and suggested that a footpath should be developed alongside the lake connecting Nether Wasdale to Wasdale Head.

Road improvements:

- The poor state of some of the roads was highlighted and the need to keep culverts and drains clear.

Tourism

The majority of people believed that there was enough being done already to encourage tourism into the area and that Wasdale Web and the Hidden Britain project, being run in conjunction with Gosforth, were both helping to promote sufficient information about the valley. Some businesses indicated that more support from Cumbria Tourist Board would be welcome, but there are also reservations about the ability of the valley to cope with increased traffic.

Information Panels:

It was suggested that we could put information panels up for visitors at Wasdale Head and Nether Wasdale, by the existing Parish Noticeboards. These would include the following information:

- Public transport timetables and links
- Local accommodation, pubs and restaurants
- Shops and opening times
- Landscape and environmental information
- Some brief local history

Wasdale History

Most people were very keen to pull together a record of Wasdale's history and several residents have set up a history group as a result of the Parish Plan consultation. Projects that were suggested include:

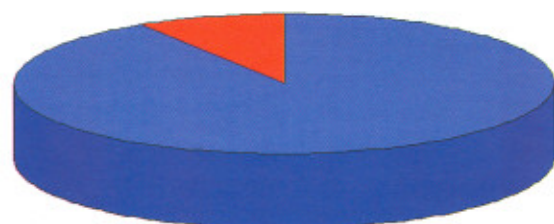
- An oral history recording the memories of residents, past and present
- A research project into local field and place names
- Early rock climbing at Wasdale Head
- A collection of old photos of the Valley
- Farming and sheep marking



Housing

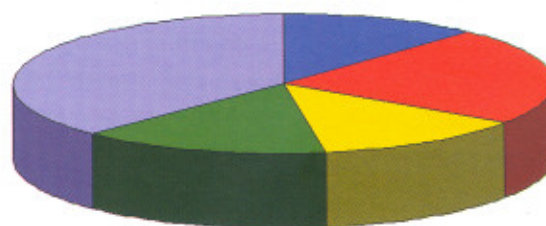
The Parish questionnaire was distributed to those living and working in the Valley in order to get the opinions of all the people that are in Wasdale on a daily basis.

Do you live in Wasdale?



■ Yes ■ No

How long have you lived in Wasdale?



■ 0-1 yr ■ 1-5 yrs ■ 6-10 yrs
■ 11-20 yrs ■ 21+ yrs

Most people have lived here a long time and own their own home.



■ Own home ■ N T rent ■ Private rent ■ With job ■ Living with parents

A significant number of people (36%) did think that there is a need for additional housing in Wasdale, whether this was conversion of existing buildings or new build that was in keeping with the Valley. It was suggested that we need local homes for young people, family homes and homes for elderly people.

Most people (61%) would not object to a small number of new homes in the Parish, provided they were aimed to help meet the needs of local people. Many people were openly concerned that new homes might go to people outside the area or for holiday homes. The National Trust, as the major landowner, was also recognised to be an important part of the solution.

Services

Old School Community Hall, Nether Wasdale:

- 82% of people in Wasdale would support plans to refurbish the Community Hall and 72% would like to see it more widely used. Ideas for increasing its use include:
 - Exhibitions of local crafts and arts.
 - Fundraising events, e.g. jumble sales.
 - Village shop in the summer months/ Local produce sales.
 - Accommodation/ facilities for hikers (building on Stockport Grammar School).
 - Social events and community based functions, such as coffee mornings, parties, quiz night, local clubs, etc.
 - Included in local festivals, such as the May Festival or used at other special occasions, i.e. Bonfire Night.
 - Talks and presentations.
 - Adult education classes or exercise sessions. The kind of subject areas people wanted to see covered included art, history, IT, First Aid and conservation.

Some of these ideas have already been put into practice, but most ideas rely on everyone in the Valley getting involved or starting a new initiative themselves. The list above indicates that there will be support for all or any of these ideas if anyone in the Valley wishes to pursue them.

Health services:

- 22 people in the Parish indicated that they would like to have a regular session with a visiting chiropodist. We have identified someone able to carry out this service, but need people to contact the Clerk to the Parish Meeting before this can be arranged.
- The only other health need identified was a prescription service, which again can be arranged for those interested by contacting the Parish Clerk.
- Some people were concerned about response rates for emergency services, which backs the initiative to set up a Wasdale link with Gosforth First Responders.

Lunch Club:

- Several people were interested in joining a regular lunch club ñ this has been started and the first lunch was used to carry out further consultation to support the Plan.

Young children:

- Although there are only a handful of young children in the Valley, some suggestions were made regarding social activities for children and their parents. All the ideas (playgroup, Mother & Toddler group, summer club, discos) could be located in the Community Hall and would support increased use of the building. Anyone wishing to pursue these ideas should contact the Clerk in the first instance.

IT:

- It was highlighted that we need to have broadband provision in Wasdale.

Parish information

As you would expect in a small community, most information in the Parish is exchanged by word of mouth, but over half of local people regularly use the Wasdale Web. As a result of this finding all Parish Meeting notices and minutes have been posted on the Wasdale Web. www.wasdaleweb.co.uk

52% of locals also refer to the Village Notice Board. Currently there is only a Village Notice Board in Nether Wasdale - while only 20% of people highlighted that they would use a Notice Board if it were located at Wasdale Head - this equates to all the people living and working up there so is worth considering.

70% of people also suggested that they would like to receive a Parish Newsletter, this is being pursued with existing local newsletters based in Gosforth.



Finally, the 3 things we all like most about living in Wasdale are:

The breath taking landscape and scenery



The peace and quiet



Each other!



The Future of the Parish Plan

It is in the nature of the Parish Plan process that some of the initiatives prompted during the development of the Plan are started, and sometimes completed, by the time the final report has been written. Therefore, the Steering Group invites the Parish to view this document as a snapshot of our ambitions at the date of publication, but to continue to review these ambitions at Parish Meetings in the future. The Parish Plan is intended to encourage future action and evolve with Parish needs, not to stifle future debate.

It will be up to the Parish Meetings of the future to decide when to engage in further consultation and write a new Parish Plan. This could perhaps be in 2010. It is also our ambition that by then the habit of getting together as a community on a regular basis to plan for a better future for our valley will be more ingrained and result in real improvements to all our daily lives.

Wasdale Parish Meeting gratefully acknowledges practical help and support from a large number of different agencies and individuals in the drawing up of this Parish Plan. In particular we thank the Countryside Agency for the grant and Voluntary Action Cumbria for an immense amount of professional support.



ACTION	WHO TAKES THE INITIATIVE	TIMING AND FUNDING
<u>Lunch Club</u> formation. It has already started, and meets monthly at The Screes Inn on the fourth Friday.	<u>All residents</u> who are interested need to book (usually by phoning David Killick 26258) two days ahead.	In operation. Initial costs met by Countryside Agency grant. Now self-financing.
<u>Local History Group</u> formation. The inaugural meeting was held in June 2004. Monthly meetings in Winter.	<u>All residents</u> who are interested need to contact <u>Norma Hughes</u> (25366). Aims have been agreed. Walks to places of interest to be arranged in summer months.	2004/5. Initial meeting costs met from Countryside Agency grant.
<u>Nether Wasdale Phone Box</u> re-siting and replacement with old-style box.	<u>The Parish Clerk</u> needs to persuade a reluctant BT.	2004/5, funds permitting.
<u>Wasdale Head Village Green</u> drainage and sympathetic re-surfacing.	<u>The Parish Meeting</u> needs to call an ad hoc meeting of all interested parties to resolve differences and agree action.	Meeting in 2005. Action dependent on NT funding.
<u>Re-surfacing Wasdale Head Path</u> between Inn and Church to make it suitable for wheelchairs.	<u>National Trust</u> needs to consult interested parties.	2004/5, subject to consultation and NT funding.
<u>Nether Wasdale Green</u> turfing of maypole track, re-siting kerbstones, hard-surfacing farm entrance.	<u>National Trust</u> .	2004 and second stage 2006/7, subject to NT funding.

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<u>Nether Wasdale Green</u> underground bunting pole sockets.	<u>May Festival Committee</u> needs to liaise with the <u>NT</u>	2005 subject to funding
<u>Local Environment Group</u> formation An inaugural meeting was held in July 2004.	<u>All residents</u> who are interested need to consider volunteering to get this off the ground. Contact Bill Bailey (26380)	Depends on volunteers, but initial meeting took place in 2004.
<u>Tree Planting, Siting of Information Panels, Encouragement of Wildlife, Roadside wall repairs, Footpath improvements, Siting of Litter Bins, etc.</u>	<u>Local Environment Group</u> if and when formed, in co-operation with the LDNPA.	Depends on volunteers.
<u>Bulb Purchase and Planting</u> Daffodil bulbs have been purchased	<u>All residents</u> interested in taking part should contact Bill Bailey (26380)	Autumn 2004 funded by the Countryside Agency.
<u>Construct Seating in Lakeside Shelter</u>	<u>Parish Meeting</u> to decide details in consultation with <u>NT</u> and choose contractor.	Depends on funding.
<u>Undergrounding Overhead cables</u>	<u>The Clerk</u> to liaise with <u>Friends of the Lake District</u> for advice.	2005/6
<u>Disabled Access to Lake</u> by Youth Hostel: special parking area and path.	<u>National Trust</u>	2006/7 subject to NT funding

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<u>Traditional Road Signs</u> to replace modern ones.	<u>Environment Group</u> to pursue.	Funding being sought in 2005/6
<u>Litter Clearance</u> LDNPA to arrange communal litter collection	Residents are urged to be responsible for their own local area. Chris Berry, LDNPA warden, will advise when communal litter clearances take place.	Individual collection on continuous basis. Communal collections when advised by LDNPA warden. No funding necessary.
<u>Old School</u> electrical system upgrade and ceiling panel replacement.	<u>The Responsible Financial Officer</u> to liaise with the PCC.	2004/5, partly financed by LDNPA Sustainable Development Grant 2003/4. Work completed.
<u>Old School</u> re-furnishing to attract more usage.	The <u>PCC</u> to consider this.	Donation of 14 upholstered chairs 2004.
<u>Old School</u> replacement of rotting window.	The <u>PCC</u>	2004/5. Neighbourhood Forum provided a small grant. Work completed.
<u>Parish Housing Needs Survey</u>	<u>The Parish Clerk</u> to seek help from <u>Cumbria Rural Homes</u> and the <u>LDNPA</u> with a view to assessing needs. Parish Meeting decided no further action on this matter for the time being.	2004
<u>Services</u> (e.g. Chiropodist, Prescription Service, Playgroup, Adult Education Classes, Business Grant Advice).	<u>All residents</u> interested in any of these services are urged to tell <u>The Parish Clerk</u> (26258) so that needs can be assessed.	As soon as information is supplied.

ACTION	WHO TAKES THE INITIATIVE	TIMING AND FUNDING
<u>Parish News</u>	<u>All residents</u>. News items and dates of events can be published on the WasdaleWeb (admin@wasdaleweb.co.uk); and in <i>Gosforth & Wasdale Hidden Britain Centre Newsletter</i> (copy to David Gray, Secretary, 8 Meadowfield, Gosforth 25318), <i>Gosforth with Nether Wasdale & Wasdale Head Parish News</i> (copy to Mike Abbott, editor 25286) and in <i>What's on in Gosforth</i> (Mel Gould, editor, 91 Meadowfield, Gosforth 25693)	As required. No funding required.
<u>Parish Directory of Facilities, Services & Activities</u>	<u>All residents</u> to provide either the Parish Clerk or Joyce Hughes with new information or revisions for future updates.	First distributed in 2004 with the consultation survey and will be updated as required.

Jan 2005

(Please note, all Wasdale/Gosforth telephone numbers are prefixed by 019467)

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Further details of activities, products, accommodation, services, news, fell reports & weather forecasts, walks and climbs can be found on The Wasdale Web at www.wasdaleweb.co.uk.

[Note: where there is no code shown in front of a telephone number it is the local code 019467.]

FOOD AND DRINK

Food shops:

- Gosforth: Lakeland Habit, Jan's Farm Shop, Bateman Family Butcher, Jill Unsworth's Bakery.
- Seascale: Beach Stores, Seascale Pharmacy (sells fruit and veg), AJ & D Brown Butchers and Sylvia's Bakery & Caterers.
- Wasdale Head: The Barn Shop (26384) sells some provisions as well as outdoor gear.
- Santon Bridge: Country Cuts Organic Meats Shop, Bridge End Farm (26256) sells fresh and frozen organic meats and eggs, also non-organic vegetables.
- Holmrook: Groceries, frozen foods, wines etc. available from ESSO Shop Holmrook Service Station.
- Egremont: (The Co-op, Gateway).
- Whitehaven: (Tesco, Morrison's, Lidl, Aldi).

Deliveries to Households or locally available:

- Tesco will take internet orders on www.tesco.com and deliver for a small delivery charge.
- Fresh milk, dairy products and vegetables are delivered by Andy Pratt (24097).
- Gourmet Frozen Foods are delivered once a month. John Fleet 01946-818932.
- Butcher - Bewley's of Bootle 01229-718792.
- Traidcraft (Fair traded) foods and beverages (teas, coffees, cocoa, confectionery, dried fruit, pasta, rice, muesli and snack bars) are available from Foulisye, Wasdale (26076).
- Cheese (cows' and sheep's) is available from Murt, Nether Wasdale (26044).
- Fresh free range eggs are available from Kidbeck Farm (26103), Murt (26044), and Mill Place (26013).

Local pubs/ Hotels:

There is one pub and three hotels in the parish:

- The Screes Inn, Nether Wasdale (26262) open for food all day every day.
- Strands Hotel, Nether Wasdale (26237) open for food from 6pm.
- Low Wood Hall Hotel, Nether Wasdale (26100) open for non-resident dinners (booking essential).
- Wasdale Head Inn, Wasdale Head (26229), Abrahams restaurant (booking essential) and bar meals all day.

There are many other pubs serving food in Gosforth, Santon Bridge, Holmrook, Eskdale and further afield.

Local cafes:

- The Lakeland Habit, Gosforth (opposite the public car park).
- Woodland Tearooms, Santon Bridge Craft Shop, Santon Bridge.

Take aways:

- Pizzas, burgers and kebabs from Pop's Food Chain in Seascale (28808).
- Chinese and English meals from Ocean City in Seascale (29300).
- Fish and chips from Somet Fishy in Seascale (28809).

TRANSPORT

- Wasdale Taxibus (25308), operated by Gosforth Taxis, runs between Seascale-Gosforth-Wasdale Head. Subsidised fare for timetabled service Thursday, Saturday and Sunday if pre-booked. For details of timetable ring 25308. Otherwise normal taxi rates apply, call:
- Gosforth Taxis 25308 or 0374 868579.
- Gosforth Outriders provide a weekly minibus trip from Gosforth to Seascale every Monday, leaving at 2.30pm and returning at 4.30pm. Phone 25556 to book.
- Muncaster Microbus (01229-717229). Operates door-to-door service if pre-booked.
- Seascale Taxis (C-Scale Taxis) on 27967.

ACCOMMODATION

Camping:

- Church Stile Farm, Nether Wasdale. Mrs Ruth Knight (26252).
- The National Trust Camp Site, Wasdale Head (26220). No pre-bookings.
- The Old Post Office Camp Site, Santon Bridge (26286).

In addition there is limited camping (with limited facilities) at The Wasdale Head Barn Door Shop.

Camping Barns:

- Murt, Nether Wasdale. Mr & Mrs P Grant, 26044.

Caravans: (not touring)

- Church Stile Farm, Nether Wasdale. Enquiries to Mrs Ruth Knight, 26252.

Youth Hostel (3*):

- YHA Wastwater is found at the foot of Wastwater at Wasdale Hall. For bookings phone 26222.

Pubs/Hotels: (see also www.wasdaleweb.co.uk)

- Low Wood Hall Hotel, Nether Wasdale 26100
- The Screes Inn, Nether Wasdale, 26262
- The Strands Hotel, Nether Wasdale, 26237
- Wasdale Head Inn, Wasdale Head, 26229

Bed & Breakfast:

- Bowderdale, Wasdale, 26113
- Brunt House, Santon Bridge Road, Wasdale, 26224
- Burnthwaite, Wasdale Head, 26242
- Hermons Hill, Wasdale Road, Gosforth, 25008
- Rainors Farm, Wasdale Road, Gosforth, 25934
- Lingmell House, Wasdale Head, 26261

Self-catering accommodation:

Bowderdale, Wasdale, 26113
Fern Bank, Nether Wasdale. Call Mrs Green on 01772 684780
Galesyke, Nether Wasdale, 26097 or 26267
Greendale Flats, Greendale, Wasdale, 26243
Seatallan Apartment, Greendale, Wasdale, 01477 544071
The Lodge, Wasdale Hall. Enquiries to National Trust Office 26464 or 26110
Wasdale Head Hall, Wasdale Head, 26245
Woodhow Farm, Nether Wasdale, 26246
Yewtree Farm, Nether Wasdale, 26285
Burnthwaite Farm, Wasdale Head, 26242

SERVICES

POLICE:

Non-urgent matters ring 01946 692616.
Urgent matters ring 999.

MOUNTAIN RESCUE:

Emergency on the fells, call 999 and ask for Police & Mountain Rescue.

TELEPHONE:

There are public phone booths in Nether Wasdale and Wasdale Head. Most mobile phones are out-of-range in the valley.

BANKING:

- HSBC (with a Cash Point), Denton Hill, Gosforth, 08457 404 404
- NatWest, Gosforth Road, Seascale, 0845 601 2288.

MEDICAL CARE:

- Local GP Surgery/Clinic is at Seascale, 28101.
- NHS Direct, 0845 4647
- Accident & Emergency Unit: West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven 01946 693181 (Call 999 for medical emergencies)

PRESCRIPTION SERVICE:

Currently there is not one for Wasdale, but if anyone would like to set one up please contact David Killick.

Nearest Pharmacy is Seascale Pharmacy, 28323

DENTAL CARE:

Nearest dentist is in Egremont, 01946 821275 or in an emergency call 01228 603620.

HOLISTIC THERAPY:

Body Massage, Indian Head Massage, Aromatherapy, Reflexology and Walkers Leg and Foot Massage. Contact Kerry Wright, IHHT FICHT, Mill Place, Nether Wasdale, 26013.

CHIROPODY:

Jane Bellazario, The Haven, Seascale. Home visits can be arranged, 27387

HAIRDRESSER:

- New Image Hairdressing, Seascale, 28496
- Visiting Hairdresser Tony Phillips, 23 Lingmell Crescent, Seascale, 28180

HEALTH & BEAUTY:

Beauty treatments at Haven Health Spa and Beauty Salon, Seascale, 27387.

NEWSPAPERS:

The nearest newsagent is Lakeland Habit, Gosforth.

POST OFFICES AND POST COLLECTION:

There are no Post Offices in Wasdale Parish.

Nearest Post Offices are at:

- Lakeland Habit, [Gosforth](#).
- Post Office, Gosforth Road, [Seascale](#).

Collection:

- Nether Wasdale post box 10.30am Mon-Sat, 4.00pm Mon-Fri
- Wasdale Head post box 11.30am Mon-Sat.

COMPUTER ACCESS:

There is a community computer at the Wasdale Head Inn, 26229.

Internet access at:

- The Bridge Inn, [Santon Bridge](#), 26221.
- Gosforth Library, Public Hall, [Gosforth](#), 25425.

LIBRARY SERVICES:

- The [Mobile Library](#) visits the parish at the following times: Alternate Fridays, Greendale and Youth Hostel a.m., Nether Wasdale p.m. For further information call 01946-852902.
- [Gosforth Library](#), Public Hall, Gosforth, 25425, Facilities available include Books, videos, talking books, DVDs, CDRoms, Fax & Photocopier Service, PC/Internet Access: Opening Hours Mon 0930-1200; Wed 1500-1830; Fri 1000-1200; Sat 1030-1230

DVD AND VIDEO LOAN:

- [Gosforth Library](#) (see opening hours above).
- Lakeland Habit, [Gosforth](#)
- Esso Shop, Holmrook Service Station, [Holmrook](#).

GARAGES:

Fuel:

- [Holmrook](#) Service Station (Esso).
- Mill Garage, [Calderbridge](#).

Servicing and Repairs:

- Beck Place Services, [Gosforth](#), 25790.
- Fell View Garage, [Eskdale](#), 23239.
- Riverside Garage, [Holmrook](#), 24228.

COUNCILS AND AGENCIES:

- Wasdale has a [Parish Meeting](#) not a Parish Council. Chairman, Joss Naylor MBE., Hon. M.A. and Clerk ñ David Killick, Old Strands Cottage, Wasdale (26258). There are two public meetings a year (November and May).
- [Copeland Borough Council](#), Catherine Street, Whitehaven CA28 7NY, Customer Services & General Enquiries 0845 095 2100. Web site [www.copelandbc.gov.uk](#)
- District Councillor, David Gray, 8 Meadowfield, Gosforth, 25318.
- [Cumbria County Council Offices](#), Whitehaven, 01946 852500. Website - [www.cumbria.gov.uk](#)
- County Councillor, Rex Toft, The Lodge, Irton, Holmrook.
- [Cumbria Social Services](#), Somerset House, Duke Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7SQ, 01946 852852
- [The Lake District National Park Authority](#), Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7RL, 01539 724555, Web site [www.lake-district.gov.uk](#). Local ranger Chris Berry 01229 716091.
- [The National Trust](#), local officer, Colin Lindsay, 26064. For national information 0870 458 4000.

UTILITIES:

- Gas leaks or other gas emergency call free 0800 111 999.
- Electricity Faults United Utilities 0800 195 4141.
- Electricity connections for new developments call 01772 84 84 84.
- Highways Hotline 0845 6096609.
- Water supply enquiries, accidental discharges to sewers: United Utilities 0845 7462200; LeakLine 0800 330033.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

- Copeland Borough Council 01946-852964. Wednesday a.m. (Thursday after Bank Holiday).
- Recycling Bins for glass and paper on the public car park, Gosforth and Church Stile Holiday Park, Wasdale.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT:

- Timber, gates, fencing and tree surgery contact Edwin Drinkall, The Saw Mill, Nether Wasdale, 26382.
- Fencing, tree surgery and woodland management contact Peter Corley, Yewtree, Wasdale, 26285.
- Grass cutting, hedge and tree cutting, mole control, drains cleared contact Bill Bailey, Churchyard Care, 26380.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Anglican:

- St Michaels and All Angels, Nether Wasdale. 1st Sunday in the month - 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) (2.30pm in Winter). 3rd Sunday in the month ñ 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP).
- St Olaf's, Wasdale Head - See Notice Board or the Parish News for services.
- Children aged under five and families - Gosforth Goslings - meets for a short informal service at St Mary's Church Gosforth at 2.15pm on the 3rd Monday each month.
- Vicar: Vacancy. Contact church wardens, see below:
 - Wasdale: Dick Yowart, 25733 and Elaine Meeks, 26254
 - Wasdale Head: Bill Bailey, 26380 and Clare Hodgson, 26245

Methodist:

Methodist Church, Gosforth usually meets at 6.30 p.m. every Sunday and children (All Stars 5-11 years) meet 9.45-11.30am Sunday mornings.

Catholic:

St Joseph's Church, Seascale, 28731, Masses Sunday and Wednesday at 9 a.m., Holy Days normally at noon.

COMMUNITY HALL:

The Old School next to Nether Wasdale Church is managed by the PCC and is available for hire. Contact David Killick, Old Strands Cottage, 26258.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- www.wasdaleweb.co.uk for activities, products, accommodation, services, news, fell reports, walks and more.
- *Gosforth with Nether Wasdale & Wasdale Head Parish News*. Mainly church news but includes some general news. Editor - Mike Abbott, 76 Fell View Park, Gosforth, 25286.
- *What's on in Gosforth*, Free Monthly News sheet available from Lakeland Habit or Gosforth Library. Sometimes includes Wasdale events. Editor - Mel Gould, 91 Meadowfield, Gosforth, 25693.
- Notice Boards on village green next to post box in Nether Wasdale and at the Barn Door Shop in Wasdale Head, also in pubs and camp sites.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN:

- Octobus - The Howgill play bus for the under 5s calls locally on Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm. For venue ring: 077404 56963.
- Children's Fell-Walking Holidays see below.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES are found at:

- Gosforth Pottery, Hardingill, Gosforth, 25296.
- Sellafield Visitors Centre, Sellafield, 27027.

GUIDED FELL WALKS AND CHILDRENS' FELL-WALKING HOLIDAYS:

- Guided walks and scrambles. Call Susan Noakes at Felltreds 01946 810062 or email susan@johnnoakes.intonet.co.uk.
- Children's fell-walking holidays. David Killick (26258) Mountain Leadership Certificate, AALA Licence.
- More gentle walks contact Walks for Softies at www.walksforsofties.co.uk.
- Do-it-yourself walkers will find the book 'Wasdale Walks' 10 circular walks by George & Jill Smith useful.

DARTS & DOMINOES:

The Screes Inn, Nether Wasdale, 26262.

FOLK MUSIC:

Regular sessions take place at The Screes Inn, 26262.

In addition there are many other leisure activities which can be found listed on the Wasdale web site (www.wasdaleweb.co.uk), at the Tourist Information Centres and on posters.

FESTIVALS AND SHOWS:

May Festival with maypole dancing, Morris dancing, brass band, children's sports and fancy dress held annually on first Saturday in May on the village green Nether Wasdale.

Wasdale Head Show (Shepherds Meet) with Herdwick sheep classes, dog classes, fell running and hound dog trailing among other things. Held annually on the second Saturday in October at Wasdale Head.

WEATHERLINE 0870 0550575

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