

# BAMPTON PARISH PLAN 2012

The Parish Council (PC) boundary extends over Bampton Common as far as High Street in the west and in the south, roughly follows the centre of Haweswater Reservoir, almost as far as its southern tip. The vast majority of land to the west of the Haweswater Dam wall is all but unpopulated.

In total, the PC area extends to over 4,400 ha (almost 10,900 acres) and Bampton is typical of other villages in the Eden District Council (EDC) area in terms of sparse population spread.

The villages in the Parish are Bampton, Bampton Grange, Burnbanks, Butterwick, Bomby and Knipe. There are 179 dwelling houses, some of which are working farms and 28 holiday houses. There is a church dating from 1726 positioned on the site of a medieval church, two public houses, a garage, and a shop/post office



## **Bampton Parish Council has coordinated the views of the Parish.**

It will -

- ensure that the rural nature of the Parish is preserved
- ensure that the views of residents are at the forefront of any future planning
- ensure effective participation in Cumbria Association of Local Councils and National Association of Local Councils
- work with neighbouring Parishes to identify common needs
- participate on outside bodies which affect the Parish interests

**The residents of Bampton Parish have worked hard to increase and maintain good facilities and active associations -**

### **Bampton Trust**

- provides funding to enable the Shop/Post Office to remain open and provide bed and breakfast accommodation
- provides affordable housing for local people

### **Memorial Hall**

- the Committee has successfully provided green energy to the Hall with the installation of photovoltaic panels
- is used for formal meetings, yoga group, coffee mornings, pantomime, social evenings, dominoes, indoor bowls, WI, local history society
- is available for hire for functions

### **Childrens' Play Area**

- funds have been raised from grants and other sources, for play equipment on a new site, kindly provided by a local resident, next to the Memorial Hall

### **Sports Field**

- The Committee has successfully raised funds from grants to purchase a field specifically for sporting activities. It plans to develop this village facility in the near future

### **Tinclar's Library**

- is one of only two 'Parochial Libraries' remaining in Cumbria and the only one regularly open to the public
- Heritage Lottery funding was secured to refurbish the church hall enabling the very rare books held there, to be stored correctly and safely

## Notice Boards

Funding raised to provide various new notice boards throughout the parish

## Website

A new village website has been constructed and is frequently updated

## Social Activities

The village has a very active social calendar eg pantomime, bowls, dominoes, church suppers, coffee mornings, Cameo Womens' Group, WI, Tinclar's Library, Bampton and District Local History Society, summer and winter sports, Raft Race, Red Squirrels Play Group, Bampton Amblers, Reading Group, yoga class, Pilates class etc.

## BAMPTON PARISH PLAN

A Parish Plan has been produced, following the completion by residents, of a questionnaire sent around in April 2012, and a follow up event in May. All the Parish organisations were represented by the residents who completed the survey and attended the event ie Bampton Trust, Memorial Hall Committee, Parochial Church Council, Tinclar's Library, History Society, Red Squirrels Play Group etc.

The table below shows the suggestions which were most commonly voted by parishioners -

Affordable housing/accommodation for senior citizens
Road repairs
High speed broadband
Village signage
More frequent replacement of trailer for garden waste
Off road parking
Tree Planting
Bulb & Wildflower Planting
Hydroelectricity
Social Activities
Annual community litter pick

The suggestions have been categorised into three terms - short, medium and long.

### **SHORT TERM 1 - 2 YEARS**

#### **Garden waste trailer**

The PC will liaise with the Memorial Hall Committee to arrange to have this emptied more frequently.

#### **Signage**

The PC will work to reduce road signage, if possible. It will attempt to ensure that unnecessary and unsightly signs are removed from the Parish.

#### **Tree planting**

In this Jubilee year, The Woodland Trust have trees available to be planted in local communities. It is hoped that the community, particularly the children, will be encouraged to get involved in this project.

#### **Planting of bulbs/wildflowers**

The PC will encourage the community, particularly the children, to get involved in this project.

#### **Road Repairs**

Residents should inform Malcolm Evans, our Highways man, of any potholes: he reports to The Highways on our behalf.

#### **Community Litter Pick**

The PC plan to arrange a regular village litter pick, to include all the community, possibly followed by a community bring and share lunch.

### **MEDIUM TERM 3 - 5 YEARS**

#### **Off Road Parking**

The PC will investigate the feasibility of land being made available for environmentally friendly parking ie no tarmac. The possible areas are the edge of Bomby Green; behind the bus shelter and land at the bottom of The Howes.

#### **High speed Broadband**

This is on the agenda of our local MP. There is also a local broadband coordinator who regularly attends PC meetings, keeping the PC updated. The eventual aim is fibre optic broadband which will enable a wide diversity of businesses to be run from home.

## **LONG TERM 10 YEARS+**

To encourage the provision of **affordable housing** encompassing housing for local young people and accommodation for local elderly people who wish to remain in the village.

Bampton Trust is very involved in providing such accommodation and, in the future, would hope to work with PC and other housing associations to provide more. However, the Trust and PC will work towards any such accommodation remaining in perpetuity, as Trust/housing association rental accommodation only.

## **Hydroelectricity**

We live in an area of the LDNP which is SSSI and SAC. There is a lot of water here and United Utilities, a major water utility company, own land in the parish. Therefore, it may well be feasible in the very long term, perhaps with the cooperation and financial assistance of United Utilities, to develop hydroelectric schemes to benefit the parish.

