



Beaumont Parish

Action Plan

for the Communities of

Beaumont, Grinsdale, Hosket Hill,

Kirkandrews-on-Eden

and Monkhill

2013 to 2018

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It can also be seen at Beaumont Parish Hall, Grinsdale Village Hall and the Hall at Monkhill Chapel.

Parish Profile

Beaumont Parish is bounded to the North by the River Eden, to the East by the Carlisle City Boundary, to the South and West by the parishes of The Ortons and Burgh by Sands.

The Census of 2010 reveals a population of 460 residents, including 70 children under 16 and 80 people over 65, living in 180 households.

The Parish comprises a traditional rural area, and includes the villages of Beaumont, Grinsdale and Kirkandrews on Eden, together with the hamlets of Monkhill and Hosket Hill and scattered neighbouring properties. A high proportion of houses are owner occupied, detached and above Band C Council Tax rating, but a higher than average proportion of the housing stock is deemed to be energy inefficient.

There are no shops or schools within the Parish, and children from the Parish can attend the Primary School at Burgh by Sands (3 miles) and Secondary school at Dalston (6 miles).



The Beaumont Parish Hall is situated in Kirkandrews on Eden, and there is also a Village Hall at Grinsdale.

The Church of St. Mary at Beaumont (C of E) is a Grade 2* Listed Building, sited on a Norman 'Motte', which itself sits over the site of a Turret of Hadrian's Wall (World Heritage Site).

There is an active Methodist Chapel at Monkhill, with a fully serviced, annexed social hall building.

The Church of St. Kentigern at Grinsdale was closed for worship in 2001, as a result of Foot and Mouth Disease in the surrounding villages.

There is one public house, 'The Drovers Rest', in the Parish at Monkhill, which will shortly be under new ownership having been temporarily closed on several occasions in recent years.

There are two graveyards in the Parish, at Grinsdale and Beaumont, and the Parish Council grants financial support towards the cost of their maintenance. There is also a closed graveyard (maintained by Cumbria County Council) in Kirkandrews on Eden adjacent to the site of the former St Andrews Church (closed in 1750's and with no visible evidence remaining)

There is a 'Pound' in Kirkandrews on Eden and an attractive Village Green (part of the former Norman "Bailey" in Beaumont), both maintained by Beaumont Parish Council.

The River Eden passes the villages of Grinsdale, Kirkandrews on Eden and Beaumont, before exiting into the Solway Firth at Sandsfield, on the Western boundary of the Parish. The river and its banks are classified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and the Parish is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



The course of the former Hadrian's Wall (World Heritage Site) transits the Parish through Grinsdale, Kirkandrews on Eden and Beaumont, then crosses the fields directly West of St Mary's Church towards Burgh by Sands. The opportunities that this presents are taken into account within this Parish Action Plan.

The principal occupation of the residents of the Parish, until relatively recent years, was mixed agriculture and, although now offering significantly less employment, this still shapes the area's character.

The Consultation Process

The Project Team first met in December 2011, and received advice from a representative of Burgh by Sands Parish Council, who had been involved in the creation of their Plan in 2003.

In February 2012, Hellen Aitken from ACT met the Project Team, and assisted in structuring a Project Programme to consult with the community. This began, in April 2012, with 2 Open Meetings in Beaumont Parish Hall, to which all residents were individually invited.

Those attending the Open Meetings were given a presentation by Hellen about the concepts and advantages of creating Parish Plans, with examples from recent successful projects in rural areas. Many ideas were received from these Open Meetings, and additional members of the community offered to assist on the Project Team.

A further presentation was made during the Parish celebrations of the Jubilee. Here members of the community were invited to add their comments to those from the open meetings and children were asked to draw their vision for the Parish. The stand was left in place for one month to allow all of the hall's user groups to contribute.

Analysis of the information gained enabled the creation of a Questionnaire which was distributed by hand to every registered elector (397) in the Parish during October 2012. 69 completed questionnaires were returned in November 2012 and the responses were collated and analysed.



Progress Reports, together with advice as to the opportunities for general public involvement, were regularly published in monthly editions of "Parish News".

The issues, concerns and wishes of respondents to the Public Consultations and Questionnaires informed the creation of the Parish Action Plan. Following consultation with Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, ACT and the other possible partners identified in the Action Plan, the finalised Parish Plan was published in July 2013.



Action Plan

Ref	Issue	Action	Partners	Timescale	Priority
AP01	Produce a Community Action Plan	Develop a focus group to take the following initiatives forward	Members of the Parish council and volunteers from the community.	Lifetime of Plan	H
AP02	Produce a Full Plan	Full Copy to be available in hard copy with Parish Clerk and in Village Halls. Electronic copy on Parish website	Copies also to be lodged with Local Authority and other relevant public bodies	July 2013	H
AP03	Distribute Plan	Distribute a Summary copy of the Parish Plan to each household in Parish.	Distribution team from Parish Plan Group.	July 2013	H
AP04	Launch Plan	Distribute advertisement leaflet in July/August Parish Magazine. Present Full Parish Plan to public with opportunities for questions as part of Parish Event in Beaumont Parish Hall.	Parish Hall Committee and Parish Plan Group	July 2013	H
Amenities & Personal Development Q3-9					
APD01	Increase use of parish halls	Discuss potential uses of the halls with relevant organisations within the parish	Hall Committees and other village committees.	2013/4	M
APD02	Increase use of Drovers Rest	Discuss findings of survey with new publican.	New publican.	2013/4	M

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APD03	Improve access to Library facilities	Publicise library van in the Parish magazine and notice boards and discuss library facilities with County Council	County Council.	2014	M
APD04	Parish facilities				
APD04a	Improve facilities for Children and Young people	Parish Council to consult with Parishioners, Village Hall Committees and other villages in the area on provision of play equipment, Mother and Toddler group and Social Activities	Village Hall Committees Other Villages in the area and Parishioners generally	Lifetime of plan	M
APD04b	Improve facilities for Adults	Parish Council to encourage groups running classes and activities to advertise activities more	Village Hall Committees Other Villages in the area and Parishioners generally	2014	M
APD04c	Improve public transport	Bus services	See roads and transport RT02		
APD04d	Improve information for Tourists	Parish Council to initiate the development of information boards and signage	Hadrian's Wall Trust, Natural England and Solway AONB.	Autumn 2013 then ongoing	H
APD04e	Provide toilets & refreshments for tourists	Parish Council to discuss the feasibility of providing toilets and refreshments.	Hadrian's Wall Trust	Autumn 2014 - ongoing	H
APD04f	Provide information online for tourists	Parish Council to consider needs of tourists during website development	Website developer Hadrian's Wall Trust	Spring 2014	H

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APD04g	Provide benches and car parking for tourists	PC to discuss the provision of car parking and seating in the Parish		Ongoing	L
APD05a	Improve tennis courts to make a more usable community facility	Parish Council to discuss with the Parish Hall Committee	Parish Hall Committee	Ongoing	M
APD05b	Improve access to the play area	Parish Council to discuss provision of a path to the play area with the Parish Hall Committee	Parish Hall Committee	Autumn 2013	L
APD06	Improve wheelchair and pushchair accessibility	Discuss access issues with relevant organisations and represent view of parishioners to bus company	Highways Department Bus Companies	Lifetime of plan	M
APD07	Improve refuse and recycling services throughout the Parish	Parish Council to monitor and contact City Council as necessary to ensure consistency of service throughout the parish Contact City Council ref recycling bins in pub car park	City Council Parishioners	2013 Life of plan	M

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Environment Q10-11					
E01	Make use of the Pound	Parish Council to instigate a Group of interested parties responsible for developing a practical plan and to review proposals from this group to ensure practicality, cost and sustainability and to assist in obtaining funding	Parishioners Groundwork	2014	M
E02	Improve the experience of tourists and visitors	Parish council to instigate a Tourism Group to develop viable schemes of improvement and liaise with established organisations Group to report to Parish Council, who will assist with obtaining funding	Burgh Tourism Group for assistance. Involve relevant tourism promotion organisations.	18 months Then ongoing	M
E03	Involve the church and chapel more in community life.	Parish Council to discuss findings with Church and Chapel See Heritage H01	“Sustainable Churches” initiative.	12 months Ongoing	M
Roads & Transport Q12-14					
RT01	Improve the maintenance of roads	Parish Council to seek consultation with the Highways Department with a view to a public meeting within the parish	County Councillor Highways Department Parishioners	Summer 2013 ongoing	H

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RT02	Make public transport more useful.	Parish Council to discuss public funding options with adjacent/ connecting Parish Councils in order to increase potential for improved bus services and other public transport options. Advertise Rural Wheels locally.	Burgh By Sands Parish Council	2014 ongoing	H
RT03	Improve the provision and maintenance of pavements	Consideration to be given to pavement provision as part of consultation with the Highways Department	Highways Department	Lifetime of plan	H
Policing and security Q16-17					
PS01	Increase the visibility of policing.	Parish Council to pass findings of the questionnaire to the Neighbourhood Policing Team	Neighbourhood Policing Team	2013	M
PS02	Improve neighbourhood security.	Parish Council will actively encourage the re-establishment of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator	2013	M
PS03	Provide more street lighting in specific areas.	Parish Council to address specific concerns about street lighting within areas of the Parish Follow up with County Council	Parishioners County Council	2014	L

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Planning Q18-21					
P01	Improve control of new developments and provide some affordable housing.	Parish Council to consult with City Council Planning Dept to create a shared development position based on Parish Plan findings and Carlisle Development Plan. May address the currently poor response by the Local Authority to Parish Council's legitimate observations on sensitive Planning Applications	Carlisle City Council Planning department Cumbria Rural Housing Trust	2013 Ongoing	H
P02	Encourage & support facilities that would be beneficial to local businesses	Parish Broadband Champion to seek confirmation of Parish's status within the main Cumbria plan. Website to promote awareness of local businesses and support services.	Broadband Champion Cumbria County Council CALC	2013 Then ongoing	M
P03	Improve broadband performance	To be progressed as part of P02 above	Connecting Cumbria	2014 Then ongoing	M
Q22-23 Local Economy					
LE01	Encourage the local economy	PC to encourage local businesses to continue to use the Parish Magazine to advertise services, and parishioners to make use of the magazine & website.		Lifetime of plan	M

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LE02	Support the growth of sustainable tourism	The Parish Council will promote tourism in the parish whilst maintaining the local environment	Hadrian's Wall Trust Natural England, Solway AONB, Burgh Tourism Group	Lifetime of Plan	M
Heritage Q24-25					
H01	Promote the church and chapel as centres of local heritage.	Parish Council to pass findings of questionnaire to PCC and Methodist Chapel Council See Environment E03	PCC, Methodist Chapel Council	Autumn 2013	M
H02	Industrial heritage				
H02a	Provide signs & information to promote sites of local historical interest.	Parish Council to consult with Local History Society, Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd and Burgh Tourism group to find funding and suitable material to be included	Local History Society Burgh by Sands Tourism Group Solway AONB Hadrian's Wall Trust	Autumn 2013	H
H02b	Develop parish leaflet to give information about the area	Parish Council to consult with Local History Society	Local History Society	Autumn 2013 and ongoing	M
H02c	Encourage events, talks, site visits, classes and promotion of the local area	Parish Council to consult with Local History group and consult with parishioners via website about what is required and what is available.	Local History Society Parishioners	Autumn 2013 and ongoing	M

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H02d	Provide more information about walking routes in the area.	Parish Council to initiate development of leaflets, use of website	Local media, Tourist Organisations Parishioners	2013 and ongoing	M
Other Q26-27					
OT01	Develop a parish website	PC to use suggestions for website from the questionnaire to inform its development. PC to decide the method of ongoing management.	Website developer	2013	H
OT02	Prioritise issues which parishioners consider the most important.	Parish Council to report findings to other relevant authorities and to act independently on areas within their control There is a range of issues across a wide area which the Parish Council needs to address This requires a practical plan of achievable and affordable outcomes and will need small groups of volunteers to carry them out.	Highways Department Environment Department Planning Department Volunteers from the Parish	2013 Then ongoing	H

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Children Q28					
C01a	Improve play facilities	Seek funding for improved play facilities	Cumbria County Council Carlisle City Council Other charitable funding organisations	2014	M
C01b	Improve the appearance and accessibility of the environment	Plant more bulbs around the parish Improve the appearance of the Parish	Volunteers from the Parish	Ongoing	M
CO1c	Obtain service of ice cream van	PC to contact local ice cream service		2013	M

Children of Kirkandrews on
Eden School
(approximately 1929)



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