

# Staveley & Ings

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I have pleasure in presenting this Parish Plan for Staveley and Ings, which reflects the future aspirations of the residents of the three civil parishes of Hugill, Nether Staveley and Over Staveley and the businesses that operate within them. It will be used by the Parish Council as a signpost to guide future actions aimed at improving our local environment.

Staveley and Ings have a long history and many fine traditions. Those of us who live and work in the two villages know and appreciate the beautiful area in which they are situated, the breadth of services available and the wealth of community life that exists. As Staveley and Ings continue to change and develop, as they must, the Parish Council will do its best to make the community an even better place, both for those of us who enjoy it today and just as importantly, for the generations to follow.

The production of this plan has been a real community effort. I wish to thank all involved and look forward to your support as the Parish Council works to implement the Action Plan over the next five years



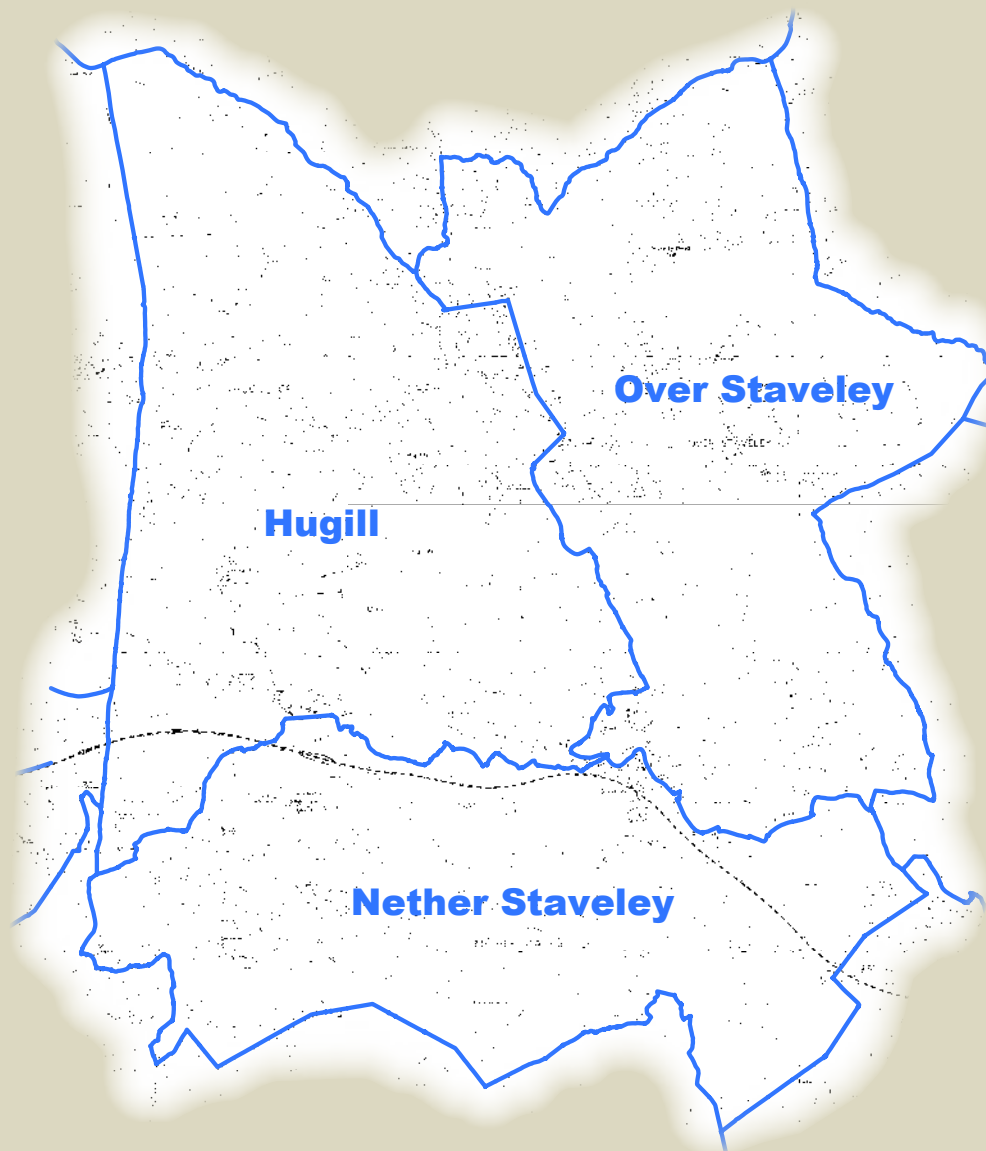
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# The Parish



## History

The village of Staveley stands at the confluence of the rivers Kent and Gowan, in the former county of Westmorland. The small village of Ings lies further upstream on the Gowan. The names are taken from Old Norse and date back to the Scandinavian settlers about AD800. Whilst on the hills and valleys around Staveley there are relics of Romano-British, Viking and Bronze Age settlements, the oldest surviving building (parts thereof) is the Chapel tower of St. Margaret, founded in 1338. Parts of the farmsteads surrounding Staveley (particularly the former Pele towers) are also of 14th Century origin. The former Market Cross, opposite St Margaret's Chapel, has a place in English history as the meeting place for the tenants' revolt against the King (James II) to re-establish their customary rights in 1622.



It was not until the end of the 18th century that Staveley began to change, along with the rest of the country, mainly because of the revolution taking place in industry, agriculture and transport. The availability of water power from the fast flowing rivers gave rise first to textile mills and later to the making of bobbins for the cotton industry. The coming of the railway in 1847 turned Staveley into the bobbin making 'capital' and the population doubled. The bobbin industry began to decline towards the end of the 19th century and the small mills and factories used their skilled workforce to turn to producing other goods. Mills in Staveley and Ings were used in war production during both first and second world wars.

Farming in the area was also transformed during the 19th century as wealthy outsiders bought up most of the farms in the area, and most of the yeomen became tenant farmers. Many farm buildings and village facilities date from this period, provided by the wealthy 'incomers'.

The current 'Staveley with Ings' parish comprises three ancient townships or 'constablewicks' which survived until 2004 as individual civil parishes. At the start of the 19th century virtually the whole of the village population (except those living on farms or tied cottages) lived in the parish of Over Staveley. The emergence of the mills at the start of the century increased the population in both Hugill and Over Staveley, and the coming of the railway later did the same for Nether Staveley. It is worth noting that prior to the railway, almost the whole of Staveley village was situated to the north of the River Gowan, in Over Staveley parish. Population statistics (National Census) show that the population of the former Hugill parish is practically the same now as in 1851, whilst Over Staveley has declined by some 200 and Nether Staveley has more than doubled from 300 to 677. The total population of 1474 in the year 1851 compares with 1609 in 2001. The age profile however for 2001 is completely different to that of 1851, with many more people over 60 and fewer under 20.



All three parishes became part of the Lake District National Park in 1952, with parts of Over and Nether Staveley forming the eastern boundary of the Park. With the administrative changes in Local Government that took place in 1974, Westmorland became part of Cumbria, and the former South Westmorland Rural District, of which Staveley was part, became part of South Lakeland District.

## Location

For many, Staveley and Ings provide the first introduction to the Lake District in their approach from the south, via the M6 motorway or the west coast railway line. Since the bypass was built in 1989, Staveley now feels more comfortable alongside the A591 and provides the only access point to the Kentmere valley. Ings continues to straddle the main road but is somewhat calmer and safer as a result of the speed reduction measures initiated by the Parish Council.

## Businesses

Almost seventy businesses of varying size operate at sites within Staveley and Ings and many more small businesses are run from addresses within the two villages. The largest employer, Kentmere Ltd. produces packaging and photographic paper. The redevelopment of the Staveley Mill Yard has provided new opportunities for many small businesses and a focus for employment and community life. There are also 21 farms but not all of them are separate working enterprises.

## Regular Events

A wide range of social events take place in the two villages on a regular basis. These range from events open to all, clubs for specific age groups or sections of the community and educational activities. The recreation ground provides the home pitch for Staveley Football Club and a Bowling Club is well supported. Regular events include:

Coffee mornings in Staveley Village Hall every Saturday in support of local organisations.

Weekly events in both Village Halls

Over Sixties Club

Bateman Club

Youth Club

Beavers

Cubs

Stick and Wheel Club

Church Services

Whist Drives

Local History Society

Staveley Roundhouse Theatre

Choral Society

Dog Training

Womens' Institute

Mothers' Union

Indoor Bowling Competition

Mothers and Toddlers Group

Older Folks' Annual Party

Football matches

Art Exhibitions

Operatic Society

Bowling Competitions

## Organisations

Over 30 voluntary organisations exist in Staveley and Ings providing a wide range of activities for all age groups.

## Special Events

Currently, a number of special events for which Staveley has become known are enjoyed by both visitors and residents. These include several car boot sales on the recreation ground, an annual fireworks display, the storytelling festival, the annual Gilbert and Sullivan performance, choral society concerts and the biannual carnival. More recently, the Garburn Trail and a beer festival have been established. All these events draw large numbers of participants and visitors into the village to the benefit of the community generally.

## Facilities and Services

Both villages have children's playgrounds and village halls that are well used and they enjoy regular bus services on the main route into the Lake District while Staveley railway station links directly with the west coast main line. Other facilities in Staveley include a small theatre, a recreation ground that includes a football pitch, bowling green, hard surface play area and a community/youth centre. A doctor's surgery and local authority residential home provide medical and care services. The village school is well regarded, as is a private nursery for younger children. The churches are an integral part of the community and regular Anglican and Roman Catholic services take place each week. Both villages enjoy a lively community life, are used for a surprisingly wide range of events and services and have become increasingly popular as destinations for visitors as well as being regular starting points for walkers and bikers.



## Development of the Parish Plan

### The consultation process

The consultation process began with a public meeting, attended by nearly fifty residents of Staveley and Ings, on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2003. The benefits of producing a parish plan and the process involved were explained.

Previously, Cumbria County Council Neighbourhood Forum staff had conducted a community appraisal on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1998 amongst the residents of Staveley and Ings at a Neighbourhood Forum meeting in Staveley. The findings from that meeting were on display at the 2003 meeting and used as a starting point to identify issues that a parish plan might address. Those present were then invited to look through these findings and update them by indicating which issues still needed attention and which ones were no longer important. They were also asked to add any additional problems facing the two communities that were not raised at the earlier meeting.

The output from the meeting, together with comments from an appraisal carried out amongst Lakes School children in 1998 and the comments recorded at the North of Staveley Area Action Plan meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003, were used by the Parish Plan Working Group to identify the issues considered by local residents to be the most important during the consultations.

At this point, only those residents who had attended one of the meetings had been consulted, a small proportion of those living in the two communities. To ensure that everyone with an interest in the future of Staveley and Ings had a chance to contribute, the following consultations were undertaken:

### All households in Staveley and Ings

A questionnaire, covering the twenty-eight most important issues, as identified by those attending at least one of the meetings, was drawn up and circulated to every household in the three parishes.



The questionnaire gave every household an opportunity to indicate how important they thought each issue was and to add any other comments or issues. 810 questionnaires were distributed and 277 were returned. Over three thousand comments were written on the questionnaires.

### Children attending Staveley Primary School

The school helped by running a project where each child attending the school was invited to complete a simple question sheet to indicate which three things they liked best about their village, which three things they liked least and which three things they would most like to change. 45 children completed question sheets.

### Secondary School Students

Both the Lakes School in Windermere and the Queen Katherine School in Kendal co-operated by giving Staveley and Ings based students an opportunity to complete a similar questionnaire to that provided for the younger children. Ten Lakes School students and twenty-four Queen Katherine School students responded.

### Business community

All businesses based in Staveley and Ings were invited to a lunch-time session in Wilf's café to discuss what they would like to see in the Parish Plan to help the business community. Those that were unable to attend were offered the chance to complete a simple questionnaire. Representatives from fourteen businesses attended the lunchtime event and thirty-six completed questionnaires.

On completion of the analysis of the questionnaire responses, a further public meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at which the initial findings were reported and a final opportunity to add anything not already covered was given.

# The Findings

Over 3000 comments were written on the returned questionnaires and not surprisingly, there was a wide range of views on particular issues. All sections of the community agreed that Staveley and Ings were primarily working villages with a good range of services and facilities to support those who lived and worked there. They were also seen as friendly places to live, where neighbours supported each other, and with reasonably good communication links to the outside world by road and rail. The main difference of opinion centered around the need to promote the area; local people generally wanted to keep it as it is and control the levels of traffic passing through, while the business community wanted to promote the area, to attract more visitors to support their enterprises, by providing signage from the A591 into the village coupled

with some parking limited to short periods. Action to maintain the existing open spaces, reduce dog fouling and moving or tidying up the recycling site were top of most respondents' agenda while narrowing the carriageway along Danes Road to provide improved parking, the provision of floral displays and the provision of facilities for older residents were seen as least important.

The full analysis of the completed questionnaires is recorded in the following tables. The "Importance" column reflects the opinions of respondents for those topics where they were asked to indicate how important they felt the issue was to them. 1 signifies the topic considered most important; 24, the topic considered least important. Other topics are shown as "Not included in rankings".

What three things:	Responses			
	Residents	Young people up to 11	Young people over 11	Business Community
<b>Do you like best</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilities, shops, services etc.</li> <li>2. Community spirit and friendliness of the people</li> <li>3. Location and environment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Park and play equipment</li> <li>2. The shops and services</li> <li>3. Staveley School</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hard play area</li> <li>2. Shops and services</li> <li>3. Clubs for young people</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Location</li> <li>2. Ease of access and good parking facilities</li> <li>3. Local services to support businesses</li> </ol>
<b>Do you like least</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dog fouling</li> <li>2. Anti social behaviour/vandalism</li> <li>3. Inconsiderate parking</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dog 'Poo'</li> <li>2. Recycling bins</li> <li>3. Fast cars</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Train timings (almost all respondents from Queen Katherine School mentioned this)</li> <li>2. Lack of activities/not enough to do</li> <li>3. Vandals/gangs/bullying</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lack of roundabout on A591</li> <li>2. Lack of signage from A591 advising of businesses available</li> <li>3. Delivery vehicles and car parking on Main Street</li> </ol>
<b>Would you like to change</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce a local policeman</li> <li>2. Slow down the traffic on village roads</li> <li>3. Improved parking facilities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More equipment on play area</li> <li>2. Make roads 20MPH</li> <li>3. Provide more dog 'Poo' bins and more litter bins</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More activities and more sports equipment</li> <li>2. Improve train times for getting to/from school</li> <li>3. Toilets</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide proper signage to businesses from A591</li> <li>2. Provide a banking facility/cash machine</li> <li>3. Nothing</li> </ol>

Topic	Importance	Responses	Action Required
<b>Replacement of seats in Abbey Square and Hall Lane</b>	Not included in rankings	This was considered to be very urgent at the public meeting.	Parish Council to arrange. The availability of the Lake District National Park Authority's Sustainability Fund provided a window of opportunity in 2004/5 to obtain grant assistance. This was taken and the seats were provided in the summer of 2005.
<b>Replace three separate Parish Councils with one Common Parish Council</b>	Not included in rankings	Several residents attending the public meeting raised this issue.	The ordinary council election for the three councils in 2004 provided an opportunity to move to a Common Parish Council. The approval of the three Parish Meetings was obtained in March 2004 and South Lakeland District Council approved the Grouping Order enabling a new council to be elected at the June 2004 Local Council Elections. Staveley with Ings Common Parish Council held its first meeting on 21st June 2004.
<b>Signage from A591 to advertise the availability of local services</b>	Not included in rankings	This issue was raised by local businesses who wanted to see more visitors attracted into the village to patronise their businesses.	Parish Council to liaise with the local business community and Cumbria Highways to try and improve the signage to local businesses.
<b>Provision of Tourist Information Board in Abbey Square</b>	Not included in rankings	This issue was raised mainly by the business community who saw it as a means of advising visitors where they could find local services and facilities.	Parish Council to liaise with South Lakeland District Council and local businesses to provide an information sheet for the Tourist Information Point in Abbey Square indicating where local facilities and businesses are located.
<b>Provision of Staveley Website</b>	Not included in rankings	This issue was raised by both local people and businesses to promote activities locally.	Parish Council to investigate the possibility of providing a Staveley web site possibly in conjunction with Staveley Village Association.





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<b>Better litter management in the area</b>	12	Respondents considered that more bins and more frequent emptying would help. Litter dropping problems can only be addressed by education of all age groups and possibly a 'Keep Staveley Tidy' campaign.	Provide new litter bins, possibly sponsored by local businesses. If sponsorship is not forthcoming, the Parish Council should consider providing them. Negotiate with South Lakeland District Council to secure regular emptying. Could also involve local primary school children in a 'Keep Staveley Tidy' campaign.
<b>Action against dog fouling</b>	2	There is considerable concern within the community on this issue. Suggested solutions range from educating dog owners through more litter bins for disposal of waste to spot fines for offenders.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'Keep Staveley Tidy' campaign should be explored with the school and local residents' groups.</li> <li>2. Provide additional litter bins for disposal of waste.</li> <li>3. Improve publicity about dog owners' responsibilities and consequences of not following them.</li> <li>4. The new 'Cleaner Neighbourhoods' Act of Parliament may provide help with this during 2006.</li> </ol>
<b>Improving the overall appearance of Abbey Square</b>	20	There was limited support for this matter other than keeping it tidy and possibly providing some floral arrangements.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage and support the formation of a gardening group or groups to undertake minor works to achieve these aims.</li> <li>2. Parish Council to consider funding cost of plants, containers and perhaps a small tool/equipment store by making a small donation from the parish precept.</li> </ol>
<b>Provision of floral displays in Staveley and Ings</b>	23	There was limited support for providing flowers and bulbs at the entrances to the villages and hanging baskets within the villages.	
<b>Making the approaches to the villages more attractive</b>	19	There were suggestions that voluntary initiatives would be supported.	
<b>Improve the appearance of buildings in Staveley and Ings</b>	21	It was felt that Staveley is a working village but there were some suggestions for small improvements to enhance its appearance.	Identify areas that would benefit from improvement and target these in co-operation with local businesses to improve the overall appearance.

The Environment

Topic	Importance	Responses	Action Required
<b>Making the recreation areas more attractive and useful</b>	15	There was support for this idea. Suggestions ranged from improving the appearance of the areas through providing new facilities to renewing and updating the equipment. This was strongly supported by the young people who responded.	Parish Council and Staveley Village Association to work together to achieve improvements in the facilities provided.
<b>The existing open spaces to remain undeveloped</b>	1	There was overwhelming support for keeping the existing open spaces undeveloped. These are seen as the most important asset to the character of the village by all age groups including the young people.	The Parish Council will have regard to the importance placed upon this issue by local people. All the existing designated important open spaces within Staveley and Ings and any others that warrant protection will be identified. Suitable safeguards will be negotiated with the Local Planning Authority during the development of the new Local Development Framework currently being drawn up to replace the existing Local Plan.
<b>Work to prevent future flooding</b>	6	Comments on this issue fall into two categories. Firstly there were a lot of calls for action by the Environment Agency to prevent future flooding in the low lying areas around Main Street. Secondly, there were many calls simply to keep existing drains clear to allow surface water to drain away.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local people to be encouraged to report blocked drains and culverts to the Highway Authority and if no action follows, to the Parish Council.</li> <li>2. Bring the flooding problems to the attention of the Environment Agency and pressure to bear to carry out relief works where possible.</li> </ol>



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<b>Regular cutting of roadside verges</b>	4	Most respondents consider that verges should be cut regularly to provide clear visibility for traffic and to keep the villages tidy, while others consider preserving wild flowers to be more important.	Follow the Cumbria Highways recommended verge cutting programme for the A591 verges and the approaches to the two villages to maintain visibility and highway safety. The Parish Council will work with Cumbria Highways to secure regular cutting of the highway verge along Windermere Road.
<b>Introduction of 'Handyperson'</b>	Not included in rankings	There was overwhelming support for the introduction of a handyperson. A small number were opposed to paying any additional precept to fund the post as they thought that they already paid enough council tax to the County and District Councils and they should deal with these tasks.	The Parish Council should consider appointing a part time handyperson to carry out minor tasks around the two communities that would improve the lives of residents and improve the appearance of the two villages. The Parish Council should negotiate with the County and District Councils to secure some funding partly to offset the costs of a handyperson who could carry out some tasks on behalf of those authorities.
<b>Improvement and layout of recycling site</b>	3	There was much support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) trying to relocate the site but no obvious alternative location;</li> <li>b) improving the appearance of the site; Everyone, including the business community and young people consider that it detracts from the appearance of the village; and</li> <li>c) additional recycling facilities including plastics and cardboard.</li> </ul>	The first preference is to persuade South Lakeland District Council to relocate the site away from the village centre. The space freed up should be tidied up and used to provide additional car parking. If relocation is not possible, improvements to the layout and tidiness of the site need to be negotiated with South Lakeland District Council after the waste collection changes have been implemented in April 2006. These changes may change the usage patterns of the recycling facility by local people.



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<b>Introduction of 20MPH speed limit on Main Street, Staveley</b>	9=	There was general support for the introduction of 20MPH speed limits in the centre of the village to include Main Street, Silver Street, The Green, School Lane, Brow Lane, The Banks and Gowan Terrace provided that enforcement of the limits was in place.	Consider negotiating with Cumbria Highways and the Police for a 20MPH limit to be imposed on: a) The main road from Stock Bridge to Reston Mill; b) Gowan Terrace and The Banks from The Eagle and Child to Hill Cottage; c) Station Road from Abbey Square to Stanley Bank; and d) The whole of The Green, Silver Street, School Lane, Brow Lane and Back Lane. The 'Rural Road' legislation currently being considered by government may help with this problem.
<b>Extending 30MPH speed limit on Kentmere Road</b>	9=	Almost all who commented on this item supported the proposal although the extent of the extension varied from Raven Garth, Scroggs Bridge, Millriggs and even all the way to Kentmere Church.	Consider negotiating an extension of the 30MPH speed limit on Kentmere Road to Fellside and to include Barley Bridge.
<b>Narrowing carriageway along Danes Road to provide parking bays</b>	22	There was little support for this in the survey although many of the responses indicated that the original idea had not been properly understood.	Consider drawing up a proper scheme for this area to address parking and speeding issues and have further consultations.
<b>Introduction of 20MPH on Church Lane, Ings</b>	14	This was well supported.	Consider negotiating a 20MPH scheme for Church Lane, Ings.
<b>Restrictions on car parking</b>	Not included in rankings	There were a wide range of suggestions on this topic, mainly aimed at introducing additional restrictions although some respondents were opposed to this. Suggestions where further restrictions are needed included Main Street, Danes Road, around the school, Kentmere Ltd area, The Green/Silver Street and around the Village Hall. Abbey Square and the junction of Back Lane/Main Street were high on many people's agenda.	Consider negotiating a 'no waiting at any time' restriction, without the use of yellow lines, on the following lengths of road: a) NE side of Main Street from the Spar Shop to Cross House; b) SW side of Main Street from the Post Office to the road bridge over the River Gowan; c) The section of Gowan Terrace currently marked 'Keep Clear'; d) NE side of Station Road from Abbey Square to Stanley Bank entrance drive and SW side from Stanley Bank entrance drive to Abbey Square but excluding the frontage of Bridge End Cottages. Consider negotiating possible improvements in these areas with Cumbria Highways.

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<b>Importance of access to Staveley railway station for those with impaired mobility and push chairs</b>	5	<p>There was general support for improvements to the access arrangements to the Railway Station and some suggestions as to how this might be achieved. A small number of respondents claimed that the cost of improvements was too great and should not be pursued; apparently ignoring the needs of those with impaired mobility.</p> <p>There were some comments about the level of fares and some trains not stopping at Staveley</p> <p>The young people and some households raised the problems of lack of a suitable train service to get to school.</p>	<p>The cost of improving access to the Railway Station would probably fall outside 'reasonable provisions' as defined in the Disability Discrimination Act and would not be undertaken by the railway operating companies without third party support/ grants. To make progress on this item, the train operating companies and Network Rail need to be involved in drawing up and costing a solution to the problem. It would then be possible to seek funding for such a proposal.</p> <p>Trans-Pennine Express to be approached to ensure that every train on the Oxenholme to Windermere Branch Line stops at Staveley, even if this is on a request basis for some services.</p> <p>Press Trans-Pennine Express to improve the service for all children travelling to secondary school.</p>
<b>Improving the junctions from A591 into Staveley</b>	8	<p>Generally, respondents thought improvements to the western junction to be most urgent on safety grounds. Some kind of roundabout was the favoured solution while a central protected island, traffic lights and a 40MPH speed limit on the A591 also featured. Improvements requested at the eastern junction included a longer acceleration lane towards Kendal and a protected island for those turning off the A591 into Staveley.</p>	<p>Cumbria Highways to be asked to consider an improvement scheme for the western junction to improve access to the A591 for vehicles leaving Staveley. Cumbria Highways to be asked to consider providing a longer acceleration lane for those joining the A591 from Staveley.</p>



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<b>Encouraging HGVs to enter and leave Staveley via Windermere Road</b>	9=	There was support for this idea but many respondents pointed out that it would involve some very difficult turns for large vehicles as well as being impracticable to manage. There were a large number of comments in this section about the problems caused by vehicles loading and unloading in the Barley Bridge area. There was also a considerable number of comments about problems caused at the Back Lane/Main Street junction by large vehicles entering and leaving Staveley Mill Yard.	No action proposed for this item. Consider negotiating with Kentmere Ltd. to see if any alternative arrangements are possible to alleviate the problems caused when large vehicles serving this important employment site need to load and unload. See comments under car parking restrictions above. Cumbria Highways to be asked to draw up an improvement scheme for this area possibly using 'planning gain' from future developments that will impact upon the junction.
<b>Provide dropped kerbs to assist people to get around the village</b>	13	There was support for this and a list of possible sites has already been submitted to Cumbria Highways.	Continue to liaise with Cumbria Highways to secure additional dropped kerbs where required.
<b>Provide safer walking routes around the village</b>	17	<p>Respondents did not give this item a high priority but the comments received suggested that those roads with no footways needed attention on safety grounds. Areas mentioned included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Routes to Staveley School along The Green, Silver Street, School Lane and Brow Lane;</li> <li>b) To and from the Surgery on Crook Road;</li> <li>c) The Mill Yard; and</li> <li>d) Gowan Terrace and The Banks giving access to/from the Jubilee Bridge steps.</li> </ul>	<p>Consider negotiating the provision of marked pedestrian routes in this area.</p> <p>Consider negotiating a marked pedestrian route.</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>Consider the advisability of a pedestrian route.</p>
<b>Are the bus services serving Staveley and Ings adequate?</b>	Not included in rankings	<p>Comments on the bus services were generally positive with the possible exception of fare levels. The lack of a late night (after 10.00pm) service from Kendal was raised by several respondents.</p> <p>There was a suggestion of a local public transport timetable distributed to every household. Poor connections beyond Kendal was raised particularly with the Grange service.</p>	<p>Cumbria County Council Transport Officer should be advised of this requirement to see if anything can be done.</p> <p>This request be forwarded to Cumbria County Council Transport Officer to investigate if this is possible.</p>

# Affordable Housing

When the consultation process for the Parish Plan started, South Lakeland District Council had commissioned the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust to carry out a housing needs survey. It was decided that in order to avoid confusion between the two surveys, the Parish Plan would rely upon the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust survey to inform this plan.

825 survey forms were posted out, one to every household in the three parishes. 296 were returned. This represents a return rate of 35.88% compared with an average return rate of 27.74% across Cumbria and 35% nationally. Of the returned forms, 19.59% (58) of households made a positive response to the question of whether they have a need for local housing now or in the near future compared with an average of 15.94% across Cumbria.

Analysis indicated that 44 households were actually looking for an alternative home but only seventeen were found to meet the criteria of being in genuine housing need in Staveley. Their needs, as assessed by the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust, are:

	Need	
	Rented	Shared Equity
3 households live, work and have ties to the parish	2	1
2 households live and work in the parish	2	
3 households live and have ties to the parish	2	1
9 households live in the parish	6	3

Based upon this analysis, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust recommended a mixed scheme of houses, flats and bungalows for rental or shared ownership. The Parish Council recognises the need to provide affordable housing for those households identified by such surveys and will work with local people and the Planning Authority to achieve this through provision in the emerging Local Development Framework that will replace the Local Plan.



Topic	Importance	Responses	Action Required
<b>There should be a place where young people can meet</b>	7	<p>There was much support for the provision of places for young people to meet in Staveley. It was also mentioned that a number of places exist and better use should be made of them e.g. The Ayland Pavilion and the Village Hall.</p> <p>Since the survey was carried out, a Youth Club has been formed in Staveley.</p> <p>There were many comments that facilities are needed to 'keep them off the streets' and to 'stop vandalism', rather than to benefit the young people directly.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigate the provision of additional activities using local people with specialist skills. Juggling has proved popular through the involvement of one parent and there are probably others who could lead activities.</li> <li>2. Investigate how the needs of young people and local people with appropriate skills can best be identified and brought together. It is important that the young people have an input into this exercise.</li> <li>3. The question of vandalism and nuisance caused by young people needs to be addressed as an issue in its own right. Help should be sought from bodies such as the Police and possibly Young Cumbria.</li> </ol>
<b>Provision of facilities for older people</b>	24	<p>While there were a small number of calls for additional facilities, on the whole, respondents thought that there were sufficient facilities to meet the needs of older people in the two communities. There was a call for greater publicity of what is currently available.</p>	<p>No particular action required at present.</p> <p>This supports the need to widen the use made of the parish magazine within the community and possibly a website.</p>
<b>Provision of holiday activities for children (7-13)</b>	16	<p>A majority of respondents supported the provision of such facilities during the main school holidays. Many felt that these should be provided within the community making greater use of the Ayland and the Pavilion. Suggested activities included football, tennis, walks, map reading/orienteering and trips for water sports.</p> <p>The point was also made that many of these facilities are provided at centres outside the villages but some children cannot access these due to lack of transport.</p>	<p>Possibly work with the Youth Club to see if any facilities can be provided locally.</p> <p>Consider providing publicity of what is available at centres within reasonable travelling distance and ways of pooling transport so that all children who wanted to take part could at least get to the location.</p>



Topic	Importance	Responses	Action Required
<b>Introduction of a community newsletter for Staveley and Ings</b>	18	The responses to the 'tick box' question showed that people were split over the importance of this idea. However there were a lot of comments in other sections asking for greater publicity of events taking place in the communities which indicates that there may well be a place for a more widely distributed Parish Newsletter.	Investigate with the Parochial Church Councils how the existing Parish Magazine might be expanded to cover all activities within the communities of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere and be delivered to all households within these areas.
<b>Indicate which leisure, sporting or other organised activities your household currently take part in within Staveley and Ings</b>	Not included in rankings	The responses to this question show the very wide range of activities currently available within the communities. Indeed a lot of people commented that they enjoyed living in Staveley and Ings because of the wide range of activities that are available.	No action required.
<b>Adequate provision for leisure activities in Staveley and Ings</b>	Not included in rankings	There were calls for some additional activities, particularly keep fit and educational activities.	Advise the providers of such facilities of the interest. Consider giving wider publicity to additional facilities that have been requested but which are already available in neighbouring locations.
<b>Adequate provision for educational activities in Staveley and Ings</b>	Not included in rankings		
<b>Could the churches do more to support the needs of the two communities</b>	Not included in rankings	This question generated a good number of comments. Generally, the comments indicate that the churches do as much as they can by way of support but they could perhaps make the wider community more aware of their activities to encourage greater involvement. Many comments observed that the community could do more to support the churches; others suggested that the churches might be used more for music-based activities.	The Parochial Church Councils will consider all the comments made, decide what actions are needed and work with the community to address these.

Issue	Action	Who is responsible	When
<b>Green Sign from A591 to advertise the availability of local services in Staveley</b>	Parish Council to liaise with local businesses and Cumbria Highways to try and improve the signage.	Local Businesses Cumbria Highways Parish Council	2006 onwards.
<b>Provision of local services directory on the Tourist Information Board in Abbey Square</b>	Parish Council to liaise with local businesses and South Lakeland District Council to gather the required information and produce the directory.	Parish Council Local Businesses South Lakeland District Council	2006/7
<b>Provision of Staveley web site</b>	Parish Council to investigate the possibility of providing a Staveley web site in conjunction with Staveley Village Association.	Parish Council Staveley Village Association	2006/7
<b>Better litter management</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Parish Council to investigate the provision of additional litter bins by South Lakeland District Council, through sponsorship or by itself.</li> <li>2) Negotiate regular emptying of litter bins by South Lakeland District Council.</li> <li>3) Investigate starting a 'Keep Staveley Tidy' campaign with residents groups and the school.</li> </ol>	Parish Council South Lakeland District Council Parish Council South Lakeland District Council Parish Council Residents	Throughout the lifetime of the plan.
<b>Action against dog fouling</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) As for better litter management above.</li> <li>2) Improve publicity about dog owners' responsibilities and consequences of not complying with them.</li> <li>3) Consider using the provisions of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act to tackle the problem.</li> </ol>	Parish Council Parish Council	2006 onwards When regulations are published
<b>Improve the overall appearance of Abbey Square</b> <b>Provision of floral displays in Staveley and Ings</b> <b>Making the approaches to the villages more attractive</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Encourage and support the formation of a gardening group to undertake minor works to achieve these aims.</li> <li>2) Parish Council to consider funding cost of plants, containers and perhaps a small tool/equipment store by making small donations from the parish precept.</li> </ol>	Parish Council Local Residents Parish Council	Duration of the plan.

Issue	Action	Who is responsible	When
<b>Improve the appearance of buildings in Staveley and Ings</b>	Identify areas that would benefit from improvement and target these in co-operation with local businesses to improve the overall appearance of the communities.	Parish Council Local Businesses	Duration of the plan.
<b>Making the recreation areas more attractive and useful</b>	Work with Staveley Village Association and other local groups to identify improvements required, raise funding and implement an improvement scheme.	Staveley Village Association Parish Council Local organisations	2006 onwards.
<b>Keeping open spaces undeveloped</b>	<p>1) Identify all the existing designated important open spaces within the two villages and any others worthy of similar designation.</p> <p>2) Negotiate safeguards in the forthcoming Local Development Framework to keep these areas as important open spaces.</p>	<p>Parish Council Lake District National Park Authority Local people</p> <p>Parish Council Lake District National Park Authority</p>	2006 onwards as Local Development Framework evolves.
<b>Work to prevent future flooding</b>	<p>1) Local residents will be encouraged to report blocked drains and culverts to Cumbria Highways and if no action ensues to the Parish Council.</p> <p>2) Bring flooding problems to the attention of the Environment Agency and bring pressure to bear to carry out relief works where possible.</p>	<p>Parish Council Local residents</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	Duration of the plan.
<b>Regular cutting of roadside verges</b>	<p>1) Follow Cumbria Highways recommended verge cutting regime for A591 verges and approaches to both villages to maintain visibility and highway safety.</p> <p>2) Parish Council will work with Cumbria Highways to secure the regular cutting of the highway verge along Windermere Road.</p>	<p>Parish Council Cumbria Highways</p> <p>Parish Council Cumbria Highways</p>	Duration of the plan.
<b>Introduction of Handyperson</b>	<p>1) Parish Council will consider the appointment of a 'Handyperson' to carry out minor tasks around the two villages aimed at improving the environment.</p> <p>2) Negotiate with the County and District Councils to secure some funding to partly offset the costs of the handyperson post where tasks are carried out on behalf of the principal authorities.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p> <p>Parish Council South Lakeland District Council Cumbria County Council</p>	<p>2006/7</p> <p>Duration of the plan.</p>
<b>Improvement and layout of recycling site</b>	<p>1) Negotiate with South Lakeland District Council to relocate the site away from the village centre and reuse the space freed up for additional car parking.</p> <p>2) If relocation proves impossible, improvements to the layout and tidiness of the site need to be negotiated with South Lakeland District Council after the waste collection changes have been implemented in 2006.</p>	<p>Parish Council South Lakeland District Council</p> <p>Parish Council South Lakeland District Council</p>	2006 onwards

Issue	Action	Who is responsible	When
<b>Introduction of 20MPH speed limit on Main Street Staveley</b>	Parish Council will consider negotiating with Cumbria Highways and the Police for a 20MPH limit to be imposed on: a) The main road through Staveley from Stock Beck Farm to Reston Mill; b) Gowan Terrace and The Banks from the Eagle and Child to Hill Cottage; c) Station Road from Abbey Square to Stanley Bank; and d) The whole of The Green, Silver Street, School Lane, Brow Lane and Back Lane.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	Duration of the plan.
<b>Extending 30MPH speed limit on Kentmere Road</b>	Parish Council will negotiate for an extension of the 30MPH speed limit on Kentmere Road to Fellside and to include Barley Bridge.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	Duration of the plan.
<b>Narrowing the carriageway along Danes Road to provide parking bays</b>	Draw up a proper scheme for this area and hold further consultations with residents.	Parish Council	2007/08
<b>Introduction of 20MPH speed limit on Church Lane, Ings</b>	Negotiate for a 20MPH speed limit on Church Lane, Ings.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	Duration of the plan.
<b>Restrictions on car parking</b>	Consideration will be given to negotiating a voluntary 'No waiting at any time' restriction, without the use of yellow lines, on the following lengths of road: a) NE side of Main Street from the Spar shop to Cross House; b) SW side of Main Street from the Post Office to the road over the River Gowan; c) The section of Gowan Terrace currently marked 'Keep clear'; and d) NE side of Station Road from Abbey Square to Stanley Bank entrance drive and SW side from Stanley Bank entrance drive to Abbey Square but omitting the frontage of Bridge End Cottages.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	Duration of the plan.
<b>Improving access to Staveley Railway Station</b>	1) Network Rail and the train operating companies to be asked to provide a costing for this improvement and funding to be sought from appropriate sources.  2) Trans-Pennine Express to be pressed to ensure that all trains on the Oxenholme to Windermere branch line stop at Staveley at least on a request basis.	Parish Council Network Rail Trans-Pennine Express  Parish Council Trans-Pennine Express Lakes Line Rail User Group	Duration of the plan.
<b>Improving the junctions from Staveley onto the A591</b>	1) Cumbria Highways to be asked to consider an improvement scheme for the western junction to improve access to the A591 from Staveley. 2) Cumbria Highways be asked to consider lengthening the acceleration lane from Staveley on to the A591 at the eastern junction.	Cumbria Highways Parish Council Cumbria Highways Parish Council	Duration of the plan.

Issue	Action	Who is responsible	When
<b>Unloading of vehicles at Barley Bridge for Kentmere Limited</b>	Parish Council to negotiate with Kentmere Ltd. to see if alternative arrangements are possible to alleviate the problems caused when large vehicles serving this important employment site need to load and unload.	Parish Council Kentmere Ltd.	2007/8
<b>Provision of dropped kerbs</b>	Liaise with Cumbria Highways to secure additional dropped kerbs where required.	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	Duration of the plan.
<b>Provide safer walking routes</b>	Consider provision of marked pedestrian routes: a) To Staveley School along The Green, Silver Street, School Lane and Brow Lane; b) To and from the surgery on Crook Road; c) Gowan Terrace and The Banks giving access to and from Jubilee Bridge steps	Parish Council Cumbria Highways	Duration of the plan.
<b>Bus services</b>	Cumbria County Council Transport Officer to be asked if a local public transport timetable could be distributed to every household in Staveley and Ings.	Parish Council County Transport Officer	2006/07
<b>Facilities for young people</b>	1) Investigate the provision of additional activities using local people with specialist skills.  2) Investigate how the needs of young people and local people with appropriate skills can best be identified and brought together. It is important that the young people themselves have an input into this exercise  3) The question of vandalism and nuisance caused by young people needs to be addressed as an issue in its own right. Help will be sought from bodies such as the Police and Young Cumbria	Parish Council Youth Club Volunteers  Parish Council Youth Club  Parish Council Youth Club Police	Duration of the plan.
<b>Provision of holiday facilities for children (7-13)</b>	1) Work with Youth Club to see if any facilities can be provided locally.  2) Provide publicity of available activities at centres within reasonable travelling distance and ways of pooling transport to enhance opportunities for children who wish to take part.	Parish Council Youth Club  Parish Council Youth Club	Duration of the plan.
<b>Introduction of a community newsletter/magazine</b>	Work with the Parochial Church Councils to see how the existing Parish Magazine might be expanded to cover all activities within the communities of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere and be delivered to all households within these areas.	Parish Council Parochial Church Councils	2006/08
<b>Adequate provision for leisure and educational facilities within Staveley and Ings</b>	Work with providers of such facilities to enable wider publicity to be given to events both within the communities and further afield.	Parish Council Leisure and educational providers	Duration of the plan.
<b>The churches' partnership with others in meeting the needs of the two communities</b>	The Parochial Church Councils will consider the comments made, draw up an action plan and work with community partners to address the needs identified.	Parochial Church Councils Wider Community	Duration of the plan.

## Next Steps

Working in partnership with other groups and organisations and by engaging the support of the local community over the next five years, the Parish Council will lead the task of implementing the priorities set out in the Action Plan. It will seek to balance the needs of local residents, business and visitors; work to fulfil the clear wish to preserve open spaces, while being aware of local housing needs; and try to meet the aspirations of all in the community, not least the younger generation. It will encourage better communication and even greater involvement in order to draw on local talents and interests. Above all, it will seek to harness the spirit of friendliness, which is a special mark of the two communities.

## Monitoring and Review

The progress of this Parish Plan will be monitored and reviewed by Staveley with Ings Parish Council and also by the Annual Parish Meetings of Hugill, Nether Staveley and Over Staveley.

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	Hugill		Nether Staveley		Over Staveley		Total		Cumbria %
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
<b>Population:</b>									
All people	416		677		516		1609		
Males	193		326		241		760		
Females	223		351		275		849		
<b>Age structure:</b>									
0-4	18	4.3	31	4.6	18	3.5	67	4.2	5.2
5-15	43	10.3	109	16.1	47	9.1	199	12.4	13.7
16-24	32	7.7	60	8.9	32	6.2	124	7.7	9.1
25-44	86	20.7	171	25.3	125	24.2	382	23.7	27.2
45-64	135	32.5	171	25.3	148	28.7	454	28.2	26.5
65-74	61	14.	67	9.9	78	15.1	206	12.8	9.8
75+	41	79.9	68	10.0	68	13.3	177	11.0	8.5
<b>General health:</b>									
No with long term illness limiting daily activity or work they can do	63	15.3	108	16.0	116	23.8	287	17.8	20.0
No with general good health	306	74.1	474	70.0	321	65.9	1101	68.4	67.1
<b>Household details:</b>									
Household spaces with residents	237	84.0	290	90.9	237	84.0	764	86.5	
Household spaces vacant	15	5.3	10	3.1	15	5.3	40	4.5	
Household spaces second or holiday homes	30	10.6	19	6.0	30	10.6	79	8.9	
Average household size	2.05		2.33		2.05		2.11		
<b>Dwelling types:</b>									
Detached	92	41.1	99	31.1	65	23.0	256	31.1	25.4
Semi detached or terraced	119	53.6	192	60.4	170	60.3	481	58.4	63.3
Flat/mobile/other	12	5.4	28	8.8	47	16.7	87	10.6	11.4
<b>Household tenure:</b>									
Owner occupied	166	88.8	218	75.2	168	70.9	552	77.3	72.3
Social renting	6	3.3	32	11.0	27	11.4	65	9.1	16.0
Private renting	15	8.0	40	13.8	42	17.7	97	13.6	11.7
<b>Household composition:</b>									
Lone pensioner	39	21.1	58	20.0	52	21.9	149	20.9	15.8
Lone occupant- non pensioner	19	10.3	31	10.7	31	13.1	81	11.4	14.2
Lone parent with dependent children	0	0.0	18	6.2	6	2.5	24	3.4	5.5
Pensioner households	25	13.5	32	11.0	31	13.1	88	12.4	10.9
Couples no children	38	20.5	50	17.2	42	17.7	130	18.3	19.3
Couples with dependent children	39	21.1	61	21.0	43	18.1	143	20.1	22.0
Households with non dependent children	14	7.6	28	9.7	21	8.9	63	8.8	9.9
Other households	11	5.9	12	4.1	11	4.6	34	4.8	2.5
<b>Car Ownership:</b>									
No car or van	15	8.1	46	15.9	41	17.3	102	14.3	24.4
One car or van	91	49.2	135	46.6	126	53.2	352	49.3	47.1
Two cars or vans	59	31.9	84	29.0	57	24.1	200	28.0	22.9
Three cars or vans	22	11.9	25	8.6	13	5.5	60	8.4	5.6

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