



*Torver  
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*Appendices*

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Should be read in conjunction with  
the **Torver Parish Plan** and **Draft Action Plan**

# Appendix I

## THE TORVER PARISH PLAN HOUSEHOLD SURVEY RESULTS

### Master Form

<i>Total number of returns being collated on this form</i>	<b>51</b>
<i>Total number of possible returns</i>	<b>73</b>
<i>% of maximum possible returns</i>	<b>70%</b>
<i>Number of returns from full-time residents</i>	<b>37</b>
<i>Number of possible returns</i>	<b>47</b>
<i>% of maximum possible returns</i>	<b>79%</b>
<i>Number of returns from other respondents</i>	<b>14</b>
<i>Number of possible returns</i>	<b>26</b>
<i>% of maximum possible returns</i>	<b>54%</b>

*In the following analysis, percentages are of returns. Figures are rounded to one decimal point, and therefore percentages may not all total 100%.*

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# Torver Parish Plan: Responses to Household Survey

## 1. What do you value most about Torver?

**What must we protect and hold on to, despite the pressures of change?**

*No. of responses from residents* **27** *as % of residents' forms returned* **73%**  
*No. of responses from non-residents* **12** *as % of non-residents' forms* **85.7%**

**Our Local Environment:** (50 comments)

- Peace, tranquillity, quiet, unspoilt, uncommercialised, space, old-world charm, and rural isolation (19)
- Beautiful countryside and scenery (11)
- Network of footpaths, bridleways, quiet lanes, easy access to commons (10)
- Becks and lake, shoreline, commons and SSSIs, ecology and wildlife, dark and unpolluted skies (8)
- Opportunities for outdoor pursuits including fishing
- Apart from Torver "motorway" roads are narrow and quiet

**Our Community :** (39 comments)

- Friendly supportive community spirit, on a personal scale, with a sense of distinctive identity, lack of interference and mutual respect (18)
- Safe place (especially to bring up children), with low crime rate (5)
- Don't let Torver expand too much, it should stay a small country village and not be developed (5)
- Pubs (4)
- Torver should remain a place where people, live, work, and enjoy their environment, and not become just a tourist destination; we're off the tourist trail and not commercialised (3)
- Community events and working together (2)
- The Schoolroom
- The remains of the old village as we used to know it: church, village hall, Church House Inn

## 2. Gripes and Grumbles

**Are any of the following a problem for you?**

*No. of responses from residents* **36** *as % of residents' forms returned* **97.3**  
*No. of responses from non-residents* **14** *as % of non-residents' forms* **100**

1. Lack of roadside footways	Yes <b>28 (54.9%)</b>	No <b>20 (39.2%)</b>	No response <b>3 (5.8%)</b>
2. Speeding traffic	Yes <b>27 (52.9%)</b>	No <b>20 (39.2%)</b>	No response <b>4 (7.8%)</b>
3. Flooding due to badly maintained culverts	Yes <b>22 (43.1%)</b>	No <b>22 (43.1%)</b>	No response <b>7 (13.7%)</b>
4. Motorbikes using the Commons illegally	Yes <b>20 (39.2%)</b>	No <b>27 (52.9%)</b>	No response <b>4 (7.8%)</b>
5. Lack of safe cycle routes	Yes <b>18 (35.3%)</b>	No <b>27 (52.9%)</b>	No response <b>6 (13.7%)</b>
6. Litter	Yes <b>17 (31.4%)</b>	No <b>25 (49%)</b>	No response <b>9 (17.6%)</b>
7. Badly maintained verges	Yes <b>16 (31.4%)</b>	No <b>29 (56.9%)</b>	No response <b>6 (11.8%)</b>
8. Dog fouling	Yes <b>12 (23.5%)</b>	No <b>29 (56.9%)</b>	No response <b>10 (19.6%)</b>
9. Lack of gritting in winter	Yes <b>12 (23.5%)</b>	No <b>32 (62.7%)</b>	No response <b>7 (13.7%)</b>
10. Fires, illegal camping, drinking and rowdy behaviour by the lake	Yes <b>11 (21.6%)</b>	No <b>27 (52.9%)</b>	No response <b>13 (25.5%)</b>
11. Problems with waste collection or recycling	Yes <b>11 (21.6%)</b>	No <b>30 (58.8%)</b>	No response <b>10 (19.6%)</b>

12. Inappropriate parking	Yes <b>9 (17.6%)</b>	No <b>34 (66.7%)</b>	No response <b>8 (15.7%)</b>
13. Lack of street lighting	Yes <b>6 (11.8%)</b>	No <b>38 (74.5%)</b>	No response <b>7 (13.7%)</b>
14. Other (if yes please tell us what)	Yes <b>3 (5.9%)</b>	No <b>0 (0%)</b>	No response <b>48 (94.1%)</b>

*Would you like to make any additional comments?*

- Plastics recycling bin (2) in Church House car park (1)
- Bus service to Broughton
- Emlyn Hall corner very dangerous (2) needs by-pass (1)
- Dog poo bags left anywhere (2)
- If possible, reinstate a small shop and post-office
- Remove litter bin by phone box
- Lack of police presence
- Could the garage security lights be on a motion-sensor?
- Sensor or solar lights in the village centre?
- Cycles on lake path
- Motorbikes on Old Dalton Rd, sometimes large groups, with licence plates covered
- Footpath from Coniston continued into village centre

### 3. Getting About

#### 3.1 Would you support a 30mph speed-limit in the centre of Torver?

*No. of responses from residents* **36** *as % of residents' forms returned* **97.3%**

*No. of responses from non-residents* **14** *as % of non-residents' forms* **100%**  
 Yes **44 (86.3%)** No **6 (11.8%)** No response **1 (2%)**

#### 3.2 Are there any local journeys you find difficult to make?

*No. of responses from residents* **33** *as % of residents' forms returned* **89.2%**

*No. of responses from non-residents* **14** *as % of non-residents' forms* **100%**  
 Yes **3 (5.9%)** No **44 (86.3%)** No response **4 (7.8%)**

*If Yes, what journey(s)?*

- No longer confident to cycle Torver to Sunny Bank – too many cars
- Ellis Howe to Wilson Arms – speeding cars and dangerous overtaking
- Would like better bus/boat integration
- Walking from Crook bridge to Church

#### 3.3a) Are there any paths that you think need to be repaired/improved, or better signposted?

*No. of responses from residents* **33** *as % of residents' forms returned* **89.2%**

*No. of responses from non-residents* **13** *as % of non-residents' forms* **92.9%**  
 Yes **20 (39.2%)** No **26 (51%)** No response **5 (9.8%)**

*If Yes, please say which*

- Path from Park Ground gate to the Mill (7)
- Brigg House to Hollace Lane (3)
- Sign by Old Rectory points to Torver towards Coniston (2)
- Carr Lane needs resurfacing with gravel (2)
- Signpost route from Torver to the lake
- Brackenbarrow to the lake
- Footpaths on Torver High Common

- High Torver Park to Tranearth
- Upgrade lakeside footpath to bridleway
- Cut back gorse on Cumbria Way along lakeshore
- Signage to create clearly-signed routes around Torver – the Torver Way

Other comments :

Are cyclists permitted to use footpaths? If not, this should be publicised.  
Better signposting from village centre to all footpath routes.

### 3.3 b) Do you think we need additional footpaths / bridleways/ cycleways ?

No. of responses from residents **34** as % of residents' forms returned **91.9%**  
 No. of responses from non-residents **13** as % of non-residents' forms **92.9%**  
 Yes **23 (45.1%)** No **24 (47.1%)** No response **4 (7.8%)**

Yes, please say where

- Coniston to Foxfield railway recreational route (12) with a range of circular routes around it (1)
- Crook Lane to Schoolroom (12)
- Sunny Bank to Torver – very dangerous walking to village on the road (2)
- Sunny Bank
- Along the “motorway” / main road where there is no footpath
- Right of way from Old Rectory to Church House along rail line
- Convert part of width of “motorway” into segregated cycleway

### 3.4 Do you have any difficulties in getting access to any of the following services?

No. of responses from residents **30** as % of residents' forms returned **81%**  
 No. of responses from non-residents **9** as % of non-residents' forms **64.3%**  
 Yes **8 (15.7%)** No **31 (60.8%)** No response **12 (23.5%)**

Childcare <b>1</b>	Nursery education <b>0</b>	Parent & Toddler <b>0</b>	School <b>0</b>
Youth Club <b>0</b>	Further Education <b>0</b>	Local GP <b>1</b>	Hospital <b>2</b>
Clinic <b>1</b>	Home care <b>0</b>	Dentist <b>6</b>	Police <b>1</b>
Fire Service <b>0</b>	Social Services <b>0</b>	Home Nursing <b>0</b>	Other <b>0</b>

If so, what would help:

**General:** None of these services exist in Torver

**Childcare:** Rachel's childcare in Coniston due to close will make access more difficult  
More choice and extended hours

**Dentist:** Dental clinic locally  
More NHS dentists needed in the area

**Doctor:** Difficult steps at entrance to doctor's surgery

**Police:** More police presence  
Had to travel to emergency eye clinic in Lancaster – Barrow wasn't open on Sunday

### 3.5 In your experience, could any of the services be improved?

No. of responses from residents **21** as % of residents' forms returned **56.8%**  
 No. of responses from non-residents **4** as % of non-residents' forms **28.6%**  
 Yes **6 (11.8%)** No **19 (37.2%)** No response **26 (51%)**

If Yes, which and how?

**General:** Transport where help is needed

**Doctor:** Local nursing resource Ulverston is too far away GP out-of-hours service

**Police:** Patrols in and around village **Additional:** Too small to get additional services

## 4. Housing and Development

### 4.1 Is there anyone in your household living with you because they cannot find or afford alternative accommodation of their own in the village?

<i>No. of responses from residents</i>	<b>37</b>	<i>as % of residents' forms returned</i>	<b>100%</b>
<i>No. of responses from non-residents</i>	<b>12</b>	<i>as % of non-residents' forms</i>	<b>85.7%</b>
	<b>Yes 2 (3.9%)</b>	<b>No 47 (92.2%)</b>	<b>No response 2 (3.9%)</b>

### 4.2 Has anyone in your household had to move away from Torver because they could not find affordable housing in the village?

<i>No. of responses from residents</i>	<b>37</b>	<i>as % of residents' forms returned</i>	<b>100%</b>
<i>No. of responses from non-residents</i>	<b>12</b>	<i>as % of non-residents' forms</i>	<b>85.7%</b>
	<b>Yes 3 (5.88%)</b>	<b>No 46 (90.2%)</b>	<b>No response 2 (3.9%)</b>

### 4.3 Would you like to see more affordable housing built in Torver, in addition to the 10 dwellings mentioned above?

<i>No. of responses from residents</i>	<b>36</b>	<i>as % of residents' forms returned</i>	<b>97.3%</b>
<i>No. of responses from non-residents</i>	<b>13</b>	<i>as % of non-residents' forms</i>	<b>92.9%</b>
	<b>Yes 18 (35.3%)</b>	<b>No 31 (60.8%)</b>	<b>No response 2 (3.9%)</b>

### 4.4 Would you be in favour of developing small employment units in the village?

<i>No. of responses from residents</i>	<b>35</b>	<i>as % of residents' forms returned</i>	<b>94.6%</b>
<i>No. of responses from non-residents</i>	<b>13</b>	<i>as % of non-residents' forms</i>	<b>92.9%</b>
	<b>Yes 34 (66.66%)</b>	<b>No 14 (27.5%)</b>	<b>No response 3 (5.9%)</b>

### 4.5 Would you be in favour of expanding tourism in the Torver area?

<i>No. of responses from residents</i>	<b>36</b>	<i>as % of residents' forms returned</i>	<b>97.3%</b>
<i>No. of responses from non-residents</i>	<b>13</b>	<i>as % of non-residents' forms</i>	<b>92.9%</b>
	<b>Yes 28 (54.9%)</b>	<b>No 21 (41.2%)</b>	<b>No response 2 (3.9%)</b>

*Additional comments:*

#### **Affordable housing:**

- The planned level is appropriate but any more would unbalance the character of the village
- I don't think anyone could find 10 people from TORVER wanting housing
- What does it mean? Can you buy the houses or are they for long-term rent?
- More resident locals can only improve the village and its future prospects
- The 8 affordable dwellings will block the views from our cottage which has a special name because of the unrestricted views

#### **Employment units:**

- Small local businesses are already run from home without needing industrial premises
- Particularly the coal-yard
- Employment only, not mixed with residential
- A shop, gift shop, local products, farm shop, or tea-room would all be good business opportunities rather than a purpose-built business unit
- In appropriate locations which would not impact on the rural appearance of the village
- Limited development to create more vibrant village could be attractive

#### **Tourism:**

- Essential for the local economy
- Not necessary to expand: the village is unspoilt because it is off the main tourist trail, there are already lots of holiday homes in the village and they and the pubs are well-supported
- Not at the expense of residential homes

#### **General:**

- Many issues of community cohesion, need for diversification and sustainability suggest themselves

## 5. Recreation and Facilities

### 5.1 What new activities and community facilities would you like the Schoolroom to offer?

*No. of responses from residents* **13** *as % of residents' forms returned* **35.1%**  
*No. of responses from non-residents* **5** *as % of non-residents' forms* **38.2%**

#### Community events (21 responses)

Dances, whist drives, village parties, ceilidhs, music events, another panto, theatre visits, other types of dancing, drop-in coffee mornings, children's activities...sports day, Christmas party, cinema/film club (try contacting Oxen Park), more prominent "Information Centre" than the bus-shelter, encourage advertising of activities, Farmers' Market, village fundraising venue, Day Centre

#### Education (12 responses)

Adult Education classes, computer classes about photography, foreign language conversation classes, University of the Third Age, visiting speakers e.g. on local issues of history or ecology, reading group, art exhibitions, wine-tasting, library service for residents.

#### Health & exercise (6 responses)

Chiropody, well-woman clinics, Pilates class, yoga, keep fit, table-tennis, short-tennis

#### Improvements to the building (4 responses)

PA system linked to church. Good wheelchair access to encourage disabled persons to join in activities. Modernised kitchen, loos, and wheelchair access

#### Tourism (1 response)

Introductory displays, talks, AV on history, geography, wildlife of the area, timed and advertised to be accessible to visitors, guests, and tourists

#### Other (1 response)

Water Yeat Village Hall has a good programme

### 5.2 In the initial consultations, it was suggested that a community market / bring and buy sale/ community coffee morning might be held in the Schoolroom on a regular (perhaps monthly) basis. If such an event were set up, would you use it?

*No. of responses from residents* **32** *as % of residents' forms returned* **86.5%**  
*No. of responses from non-residents* **10** *as % of non-residents' forms returned* **71.4%**  
*Yes* **34 (66.7%)** *No* **10 (20.83%)** *No response* **7 (13.7%)**

#### Do you have any other suggestions ?

Could expand to a Farmers' Market How about a timebank/skills co-operative?  
Let the hall to other groups to raise funds. Something to keep people in touch.  
Car-boot-style sales, commission to Schoolroom funds Second-hand books/cd/dvd swap

### 5.3 Are there any additional activities (other than acts of worship) that you might like to see take place in the Church?

*No. of responses from residents* **31** *as % of residents' forms returned* **83.8%**  
*No. of responses from non-residents* **9** *as % of non-residents' forms* **64.3%**  
*Yes* **6 (12.5%)** *No* **36 (70.6%)** *No response* **9 (17.6%)**

#### Do you have any suggestions?

Musical events (5), Village plays, Art exhibitions, Group singing



**5.4 Are there any extra services or community events you think the pubs might be able to offer?**

No. of responses from residents **32** as % of residents' forms returned **86.5%**  
No. of responses from non-residents **12** as % of non-residents' forms **85.7%**  
**Yes 20 (39.2%) No 24 (47%) No response 7 (13.7%)**

**Do you have any suggestions?**

Post Office (8) Community shop (7) Regular music nights (4) Cash dispenser  
Darts and dominoes pie and pea suppers (3) Advertising board with village notices / swap shop  
Hosting village celebrations including Torver New Year Ceilidh at Church House(3)  
Cheaper beer for locals! (3) Tourist Information Centre info Pub transport info (?)

**5.5 What new activities or events would you like to see in the village?**

No. of responses from residents **12** as % of residents' forms returned **33.3%**  
No. of responses from non-residents **3** as % of non-residents' forms **20%**

Reinstitute village days / community events (3) - Yoga/Pilates/exercise classes (2)  
Seasonal events: New Year walk, Easter event, Summer barbeque (2) - Village bonfire - Carol singing  
Village outings - Reading group - Theatre group - Film screenings - Themed evenings at pubs  
Annual fell race - Annual folk festival - Annual beer festival - Link a young person with an older villager  
More motor-cycle events - Village football/cricket team - More live music - Indoor activities and classes  
Community coffee morning/ bring-and-buy sale - Join with Coniston for outdoor activities  
Some activity/event but not sure what - *Love it as it is!*

**5.6 Would you be interested in organising an activity?**

No. of responses from residents **33** as % of residents' forms returned **89.2%**  
No. of responses from non-residents **11** as % of non-residents' forms **78.6%**  
**Yes 5 (9.8%) No 36 (70.5%) Willing to help 3 (5.9%) No response 7 (13.7%)**

*If so, what?*

Reading / theatre group - Local archaeology walks with someone from National Park

**5.7 Is there anything you would like to see as an extra in the parish specifically to meet the needs of the elderly, children, or young people/teenagers?**

No. of responses from residents **30** as % of residents' forms returned **81.1%**  
No. of responses from non-residents **10** as % of non-residents' forms **71.4%**  
**Yes 17 (33.3%) No 23 (45%) No response 11(21.6%)**

*If yes, please say what*

Play equipment, playing field, bowling green (6) - Link a young person with an older villager  
Regular shopping bus to Ulverston / better public transport links (3)  
Children's sports day (2) - Villagers' light lunch quarterly - Organised shopping service for older residents  
Community shop - Lifts to surgery or shops for elderly - Chiropody for the elderly - Well-woman clinics  
Adult education courses - Keep fit classes - Day Centre

## 6. Where we live

### 6.1 What do you value about the Commons and the lake and what do you use them for?

No. of responses from residents **32**

as % of residents' forms returned **86.5%**

No. of responses from non-residents **13**

as % of non-residents' forms **92.9%**

#### The Commons :

##### **We value their unspoilt quiet, beauty, and solitude** (47 responses)

Beauty, a forever changing landscape, unspoilt emptiness and natural simplicity, uncommercialised and thankfully no visitor centre(19) - Freedom, safety, solitude and quiet (17)

"I lift up mine eyes unto the hills", spiritual refreshment, relaxation, content (5) - Open access (3)

Easy access to the lake (2) - SSSI - Regret loss of bracken on Back Common - Keep them clean

##### **We use them for** (47 responses)

Walking (27) - Outdoor activities, play, orienteering (5) - Study of wildlife and flora (7) - Sheep, grazing (2)

Exercising dog (2) - Work - Photography - Painting - Cycling - Picnics - Organised motor-bike trials

Social, domestic, and pleasure

##### **Lake: we use it for** (9 responses)

Sailing, boating, canoeing (7) - Coniston Launch - Fishing (2) - Swimming

### 6.2 Do you have any ideas about how we might help to conserve and enhance the Commons and lake?

No. of responses from residents **34**

as % of residents' forms returned **91.9%**

No. of responses from non-residents **12**

as % of non-residents' forms **85.7%**

**Yes 25 49%**

**No 21 41.2%**

**No response 5 9.8%**

More bracken control (8) without causing pollution (1) - Stop illegal and organised motorcycling (3)

Maintain grazing by sheep (3) - More rigorous enforcement of bye-laws / "Commons Watch"(2)

Keep mountain bikes to bridleways (2) - Leave nature to take its course (2) - Maintain footpaths

South Cumbria Rivers Trust to monitor water quality and life in lake and beck (2)

Keep farming the Commons (2) - Plant hardwood trees on Low and High Commons (2)

Stop the trapping of wild birds by the new lake – owls, hawks, crows, jackdaws - Remove dead sheep

Consult Commoners on their management - Seek advice from Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Reduce use of chemicals and fertilizers on land adjoining lake and watercourses to reduce algal blooms and

provide safer water - Better signage to eradicate "lost" tourists - Stop use of speedboats on lake

Bins for dog poo bags – they're just dumped anywhere - Educational visits for local children & visitors

### 6.3 The Commoners already organise tours of parts of the Commons. What else could be done to give you the information you would like?

No. of responses from residents **11**

as % of residents' forms returned **29.7%**

No. of responses from non-residents **6**

as % of non-residents' forms **42.9%**

Walks led by locals who know the geology and the birds, plants, and animals living on the Commons (2) -

Walks led by National Park archaeologists (2) - SSSI sites: information from archaeologists and botanists so we

know what we are trying to conserve (2) - Written information available - Maps - Information leaflets on birds

of the Commons, perhaps from local RSPB member - Better information about Commoners Meetings so

villagers can attend - Annual Report or meeting by National Park for villagers with someone in attendance who

can answer questions on the effects of chemical application on the land and the outcome of its entry into

watercourses - Publish information through the Nobbut - Yes....and how many locals come on these walks?

- Advertise the tours better in the Nobbut and Coniston community emails - I can't recall reading about them. -

I do not know about tours given by commoners - I have never heard about such tours and would advertise them

to holiday guests - How do I contact the Commoners? - Central information centre - Put the Torver Walks

books back on sale in both pubs - Public transport integration including the ability to take bikes on boat or bus

#### 6.4 Do you have any concerns about the beck?

No. of responses from residents 33

as % of residents' forms returned 89.2%

No. of responses from non-residents 12

as % of non-residents' forms 85.7%

**Yes 21 (41.2%)**

**No 24 (47%)**

**No response 6 (11.7%)**

Signs of pollution (3) which also pollutes the lake (1). - Educate people in the village about use of cleaning products and discourage use of bleach. (2) - How about a village effort to use eco-friendly products/non-phosphate detergents? (2) - Very concerned about silting and septic-tank run-off - Was not aware of problems. - Regular inspections need to take place and second-home owners, hotels, caravan-sites and any industry need close monitoring. - The trout are still quite plentiful and the salmon still leap up the Mill waterfall in the autumn. - Constant flooding doesn't help. Hopefully the new sewerage plant will. - Yes, if what is written above is factually accurate. - Kingfisher Island used to be cleaned out regularly. River banks are eroding badly. - No, but I live away from the village. - The beck needs restocking with brown trout. Beck edges need rebuilding in various places. A lot of hedge-laying needs doing above Mill waterfall to Crook bridge. Beck banks have been neglected for a long time.

#### 6.5 Would you find it useful to have a leaflet from SLDC on keeping your septic tank working properly so that it does not damage the environment?

No. of responses from residents 36

as % of residents' forms returned 97.3%

No. of responses from non-residents 12

as % of non-residents' forms 85.7%

**Yes 24 (47.1%)**

**No 24 (47.1%)**

**No response 3 (5.9%)**

#### 6.6 Do you have other ideas to protect and enhance the Commons, becks, and landscape?

No. of responses from residents 32

as % of residents' forms returned 86.5%

No. of responses from non-residents 11

as % of non-residents' forms 78.6%

**Yes 14 (27.4%)**

**No 29 (56.9%)**

**No response 8 (15.7%)**

Tree/shrub planting appropriate to the area (2) - Limestone chippings in the upper reaches of the beck would neutralise acid in the water, helping fish stocks to recover. - Better notices with rules and waste bins The farmers protect the Commons. - Plant some areas with broadleaf trees. - Bracken reduction on Torver Low Common. - Share them, rather than imposing restrictions. - Better sign-posting on Torver High Common - Go organic and let wild flowers have their space before being grazed or cut down. Encourage more nesting boxes. - "Take litter home" signs or bins by parking areas.

#### 6.7 Do you have any suggestions about improving Torver's "green footprint", for instance on waste reduction, energy use, or waste recycling?

No. of responses from residents 34

as % of residents' forms returned 91.9%

No. of responses from non-residents 12

as % of non-residents' forms 85.7%

**Yes 25 (49%)**

**No 21 (41.2%)**

**No response 5 (9.8%)**

*What do you suggest?*

Set of recycling bins in the village(11) in goods yard(1) on the old road(1) Church House car park (1)  
Plastic and cardboard recycling by council (5) - More hydro schemes (3) - Weekly collections  
Wind turbines on Broughton Moor (2) - Natural resources (beck, wind) to provide energy for the village.  
Why don't we know how we are doing as a village regarding our efforts on waste management?  
Freecycle swap-shop to reduce waste. - Investigate shared oil deliveries with a discount.  
Form a Green Group – perhaps with Blawith. - Shared deliveries of compost/manure for gardeners.  
Make Schoolroom more energy-efficient. - Advice clinic at Schoolroom. - Integrated network of low-energy renewables: micro-hydro, wind, solar

## 6.8 Do you have ideas about how we might improve the appearance of the centre of the village?

No. of responses from residents 37 as % of residents' forms returned 100%

No. of responses from non-residents 12 as % of non-residents' forms 85.7%

**Yes 31 (60.8%) No 18 (35.3%) No response 2 (3.92%)**

What do you suggest?

More flowers /plant flower tubs and daffodils (11) - Widen verges on A593 to remove straight vista / reduce width of "motorway" / footpaths on grass verges as in visionary picture in Schoolroom (3)  
Trees and bulbs in front of pub layby (3) - Keep vehicles off grass (3) - Cut grass on roadsides regularly (3) - Removal of speed limit signs / reduce road signs to minimum (2) - Expand gateways to more than just a sign. Fencing? (2) - Enter for "best-kept" competition (2). - Sculptures on "motorway" and in village centre (2) - Small industrial units in goods yard (1) / more clearing at goods yard (1).  
Edge grass verges with white stones to prevent driving on green. - Trees to screen less attractive areas.  
Replace "no through road" sign at entrance to Wilson arms car-park. - Stop garden waste being put on road sides. - Limit residential development - Lop and selectively fell "motorway" trees to create viewpoints. - Mend and empty litter bin. - Simple gardening of small waste areas (see Gawthwaite village enhancement) - Notice-board promoting village events visible from a car - Encourage wild flowers everywhere – plant wild flower meadows and hedges. - Information booth on goods yard verge opposite Wilson Arms

## 7. Information and Communication

No. of responses from residents 37 as % of residents' forms returned 100%

No. of responses from non-residents 14 as % of non-residents' forms 100%

### 7.1 Do you read the Nobbut Notices sent out by email?

**Yes 29 (56.9%) No 14 (27.4%) Don't have email 7 (13.7%) No response 1 (2%)**

### 7.2 Do you read the Parish Council minutes and other notices on the Church House wall?

**Yes 26 (51%) No 25 (49%) No response 0 (0%)**

### 7.3 Do you read the notices in the bus shelter?

**Yes 18 (37.3%) No 33 (64.7%) No response 0 (0%)**

### 7.4 Do you look at the Crake Valley website or Coniston website ?

**Coniston 10 Crake Valley 3**  
**Yes 18 (35.3%) No 33 (64.7%) No response 0 (0%)**

### 7.5 Would you make use of a Torver Parish or Community website?

**Yes 33 (64.7%) No 15 (29.4%) No response 3 (5.9%)**

### 7.6 Where do you get most of your information about what is going on in the village?

Talking to people/gossip (28) - Parish magazine (13) - The pub (6) - Nobbut (5) - Parish Council (3)  
Notices on Church House wall (5) - Coniston Community email (3) - Westmorland Gazette (2) - W.I.

### 7.7 Could the Parish Council communicate with you more effectively ?

**Yes 14 (27.4%) No 31 (60.8%) No response 6 (11.8%)**

What do you suggest?

Email (6) - Website (4) with question and answer facility - Newsletters - Produce a monthly report  
Make the Minutes clearer; avoid abbreviations and references only councillors understand.  
We are disappointed in our lack of information about the proposed new homes. Where are we up to?  
Just keep doing what you're doing - Use the Coniston Newsletter  
Why do we no longer get the parish magazine or Nobbut?

## 8. The Future

### What would you like Torver to be like in 15 years' time?

No. of responses from residents **29**

as % of residents' forms returned **78.4%**

No. of responses from non-residents **10**

as % of non-residents' forms **71.4%**

Just the same (27) - Why change? / Leave it alone (2) - As quiet, unspoilt, untouristy and uncommercialised as it is now (2) - About the same size

More full-time resident homes (13) with families/children (6) - Co-operatively run community shop/café (6) - A thriving community of people who live and work here (3) - A good mix of people of all ages and not too many holiday homes (2) - Small industry to provide jobs / goods yard cleaned and developed (4) - A return to community activities (3)

Making a community contribution to reducing pollution and global warming / socially and environmentally aware/ a flagship for sustainable living (3) Household wind turbines - Water power

A small country village (2) without light pollution (1) - A good bus service (2) - Playground for children (2) Existing holiday homes to become residential (2) - A bit cleaner (2)

Village roads with no extra motor traffic and pedestrian priority - Road hazard at Emlyn Hall bypassed A 30 mph limit and the road widened from the Schoolroom to Crook road end - More attractive centre As few road-signs as possible - Pubs still in business - Church at the heart of the community Modernised Schoolroom with disabled access and a varied programme of events

Farming communities still in work - More non-tourism employment with better wages

Commons protected - Back Common reinstated to its former natural beauty

A Coniston- Foxfield recreational trail - Better cycle routes (without gates!)

As strong a community presence as Coniston or Hawkshead - Hospitals within reach

Better links between holiday home owners and the Parish Council - Welcoming more tourists

A hub of a community supporting and encouraging a range of visitor/guest (low environmental impact) activity and ownership of the area through knowledge and engagement - No Tesco, please.

## 9. What have we missed?

Nothing - Thank you for asking for comments - Is it designated a "village" now? - A wildlife focus

Organise farming concepts - Natural trees and flower promotion - Wildlife habitat enhancement

Investigate a nature warden concept - Encourage holiday cottage owners to become part of the community

Torver website with question and answer forum - Water supply for graveyard, perhaps at Schoolroom

Strengthen links with Coniston - Not a lot - Nothing – good questionnaire

## 10. Demographics

10.1 How many people are there in your household between the following ages? Please indicate if they are male or female by putting M or F next to the age. If, say, there are 2 males of the same age, put MM. *Not enough returns indicated M or F to enable viable analysis: numbers substituted.*

	Residents	Non-Residents	Total
0-4		1 ( 2%)	1
5-16	12 (16%)	10 (24%)	22
17-24	3 ( 4%)	4 (10%)	7
25-44	10 (13%)	7 (17%)	17
45-64	32 (42%)	13 (32%)	45
65-74	2 (16%)	6 (15%)	18
75-84	8 (10%)		8
85+			
Total	77	41	118

10.2 How long have you lived in the parish of Torver?

	Res.		Non-res
0- 5 yrs	5	14%	2
5-10 yrs	5	14%	1
10-15 yrs	4	11%	2
15-20 yrs	5	14%	1
20+ yrs	13	35%	3
No response	5		5

10.3 Please put a tick next to each of these descriptions for each person in the household to whom they apply. Choose only one description for each person:

*Not enough returns indicated M or F to enable viable analysis: numbers substituted.*

	Residents		Non-Residents	
• Employed full-time	15	(21%)	7	(21%)
• Employed part-time	3	(4%)	1	(3%)
• Self-employed	11	(15%)	3	(9%)
• Combining 2 or more part-time jobs	2	(3%)	1	(3%)
• Not employed	1	(1%)	0	
• Combining part-time work with childcare	2	(3%)	1	(3%)
• Looking after family	1	(1%)	0	
• In full-time education or training	9	(13%)	8	(24%)
• Retired	23	(32%)	9	(27%)
• Other	1	(1%)	0	
• No response	3	(4%)	3	(9%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>		<b>33</b>	

10.4 Do you regularly carry out voluntary work? **Yes 21 No 23 NR 7**

10.5 Do you run a small business in Torver? **Yes 16 No 31 NR 4**

If so, what type of business?

Holiday let (3: NR) (1: R) - Guest House - Priestley Centre - Financial Consultancy  
Agriculture (3) & Forestry - Pub - Electrical Contractor - Motor trade (2);

Is there anything that would help to support your business?

Mutual advertising (1)

10.6 Is where you live in Torver your main residence? **Yes 37 No 14**

## Appendix II

### Torver Housing Survey

This survey was conducted in August 2007 through questionnaires delivered to every village resident.

**The results:** *(All percentages taken to the nearest whole number.)*

#### Question 1. Should there be affordable housing built in Torver?

YES up to the Torver Survey requirement. (7 homes)	70%
YES more than Torver Survey requirement.	28%
NO	under 2%
NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST	0%

#### Question 2. Are you happy for houses to be built in Torver to meet some of Coniston's requirement?

YES	60%
NO	33%
NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST	7%

#### Question 3. Are you in favour of the proposed site and plans next to Green Cottages?

YES	73%
NO	17%
NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST	10%

#### Question 4. Can you suggest any other sites for affordable housing?

44% of respondents suggested the Goods Yard opposite Green Cottages as a possible site for development. This is the area of land that lies on the corner between the A593 and the A5084 in the centre of the village. We do not know what plans the owner has for the site.

# Appendix III

## Torver Parish Plan - Business Survey Results

A total of 14 questionnaires were sent out with 11 completed forms returned.

Of the three unreturned one declined and two did not reply despite prompts. Hoathwaite Camping declined because of the changes at the farm.

Cumbrian Rustic were consulted although they no longer trade but their experience of twenty years was considered important.

Farming businesses were not consulted unless they have business diversification.

The numerous holiday lets were not consulted apart from Brocklebank Ground as they are a resident business. However, it is important to recognise the numerous holiday lets and second homes do create both employment and income locally for other businesses.

The types of business found in Torver include two public houses, an hotel, three campsites and static caravans. There is a blacksmith, an electrician, garage and car dealership, electronics company, timber yard and a riding stables.

### The questions:

#### 1. How long have you been established in Torver?

Businesses are well established with some existing for forty years plus. Some current owners of businesses may only have been here a few years but the businesses have been here longer.

#### 2. How many people including yourself does your business employ?

The majority of businesses are sole traders, husband and wife teams or employ a small number of support staff. The pubs and hotel employ more staff with a mixture of fulltime and part time roles. The largest employer is Hadwins with 84 staff.

#### 3. Do you have plans to expand your business in the future?

Two businesses plan to expand, Hadwins and Brocklebank Ground.

#### 4. Will expansion create jobs?

New jobs will be created from the expansions.

#### 5. Do you consider special benefits to your business by being located here?

There was a mixed view on this but tourist based businesses certainly saw advantages to being located here.

*The abundance of woodland key to some business ventures.*

*Beautiful, unspoilt, peace and quiet, lots of other attractions close by, plenty of off road riding – all attracting visitors, key factor to success.*

#### 6. Has your business experienced difficulty by being located here.

Two businesses commented on difficulty getting staff and said locals didn't want work.

Others commented on distance to shops for goods but accepted it was part of living here. Both also said internet was a god send.

#### 7. Are there any points you would like to share with the steering group.

Much under used woodland.

Fear of authorities to allow businesses to run for the benefit of the owners.

Lack of coherent planning for local needs.

Planning wholly unhelpful and oppositional.



## Appendix IV Consultees

*The following groups and individuals were consulted in the development of this Parish Plan:*

Amanda McCleary, Parish Liaison Officer, CALC  
Mr A Forsyth, Executive Director, Friends of the Lake District  
Councillor Anne Hall, SLDC  
Peter Evoy, Manager, South Cumbria Rivers Trust  
Clive Wickham, Community Enabler, Lake District National Park Authority  
Glynn Vaughan, Area Manager, Environment Agency, Penrith  
John Moffat, The National Trust, Coniston  
Judith Deft, Locality Public Engagement Lead, Cumbria Primary Care Trust  
Judith Derbyshire, Cumbria Rural Housing Trust  
Judith Quigley, Local Strategic Partnership Officer, South Lakeland District Council  
Mary Earl, Affordable Housing Officer, South Lakeland District Council  
Nikki Wingfield, Sustrans Area Manager, Allonby  
Jason Yates, Neighbourhood Development Officer, Cumbria County Council  
Emma Nicholls, Policy Officer, South Lakeland District Council  
Julia Wilson, ACT

## Appendix V Lake District National Park Proposals and Policies Affecting Torver

Torver is specifically identified in The LDNPA's **Local Development Framework (LDF)**. Passages in quotation marks are taken directly from the LDNPA's "Local Development Framework" document, which guides planning policy. Numbers are paragraph numbers from that document.

The proposal is to develop Coniston as a **Rural Service Centre** - a hub for business, retail, and transport development – and Torver as one of its **Cluster Communities**, which look to the **Rural Service Centre** for employment and services.

*“The role of rural service centres is to:*

- *demonstrate strong linkages with its wider hinterland*
- *reinforce community cohesion, and sense of identity*
- *provide the basis for self sufficiency to live and work, minimising the need to travel*
- *provide or have access to a range of basic services*
- *provide local employment opportunities*
- *provide a range of housing types and tenures*
- *act as a transport hub for the area by enabling access to a range of transport types such as rail, bus, boat, cycling and walking*
- *enable public transport provision and linkages with other towns and villages inside and outside the National Park*

*Cluster communities are defined as smaller settlements/hamlets which are in close proximity to and are easily accessible to the services provided by a rural service centre by sustainable forms of public transport, walking or cycling*

*3.25.2 Coniston... will continue as (a) vibrant communit(y), providing a range of local services and public transport. In particular, we want the John Ruskin Secondary School in Coniston to have a secure future. We want to protect the vitality of Coniston... centre by retaining retail development.*

*We recognise Torver's close links with Coniston, and Torver has capacity to accommodate small scale development that will sustain both settlements.*

3.25.3 *We want to broaden the economic base, by supporting a range of local employment opportunities that do not rely on the tourism industry. In particular, we want to promote enterprise and innovation by identifying new employment sites...(we will) give priority to the provision of local affordable housing to help redress the housing imbalance. We will allocate housing sites in Coniston and Hawkshead where the need is most acute, to provide a mix of housing types and tenures appropriate to meeting the identified needs of these communities.*

*...(we will) develop opportunities for sustainable tourism focussed at Coniston..... where they enable the economic and physical regeneration of the area.*

*We will work with partners to support the improvement of sustainable transport modes to provide better links with areas outside the National Park such as Barrow, Ulverston and Kendal.....and improve the level of sustainable transport including lake-based transport on Coniston.*

***We will protect the Coniston to Foxfield railway line from development to maintain its potential for use as a sustainable transport route...***

***We will consider allocating housing land in Torver to contribute towards meeting the identified housing need of Coniston, as Torver can accommodate growth without adversely affecting the integrity of the landscape. It may also have a role to play in accommodating some small scale development for employment use."***

Other issues in the Local Development Framework relevant to our Parish Plan include:

***Policy CS14: Sustainable transport solutions*** which proposes reducing car travel and promoting other forms of transport;

***Policy CS16: Generating renewable and low carbon energy*** which proposes small-scale renewable energy generation from woodfuel, biomass, hydro, wind and other sources with community engagement.

***Policy CS19: Community, health and education facilities*** which supports improvements to community, education, and health facilities , and, encouragingly, says *"We will use Parish Plans ..(and some other means)... to assess local community need for services and facilities."*

***Policy CS21: Open space and recreation***, which says, *"We want to meet community needs for open spaces, sports and recreation facilities....Where housing development creates additional demand for open space or children's play areas....., we will require new housing development to make appropriate provision.*

***Policy CS24: Delivering sustainable tourism*** : *" Any future tourism development must balance visitor demands with the protection of the landscape that it ultimately trades upon, and must benefit the communities that host it....A key element of this is to focus new development in the thirteen rural service centres.... We will only permit significant new tourism development in other locations where it improves the transport infrastructure... Tranquillity is a key part of landscape character: an emotional or spiritual quality difficult to assess by standard methods..."*

***Policy CS26: Geodiversity and biodiversity***

*"We will protect the important geodiversity of the Lake District National Park, and encourage a significant enhancement of ...habitats and species, unique water environments, and trees and woodlands. We will seek opportunities to expand, and strengthen the integrity, resilience and network of habitats, enhance priority habitats and species, re-establish appropriate native species, and promote and restore natural processes."*

**Related document:** Torver Parish Plan - Draft Action Plan.



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