

# Crigglestone

Community-Led Plan

2011





# Map of Crigglestone Parish



# CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COMMUNITY-LED PLAN 2011



## Foreword

No community is immune from change, but by developing a community-led plan we can ensure that we have a say in managing changes that affect us.

This plan is a true representation of the thoughts and opinions of residents of Crigglestone parish, of what changes we would like to see happen, what aspects of life here we would like to improve and what we would like to maintain. These are summarised in the Action Plan at the end of this document and the responsibility for achieving each action is included. Some rest with the local authority, some with other agencies, but many rest with the community of Crigglestone parish itself.

It is important to remember that this is not a set of instructions imposed on our community from elsewhere, this is our own 'to do list'.

The challenge facing us now is how to ensure we breathe life into this plan and realise the many initiatives contained within it – from setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme, to establishing Park and Ride and everything in-between!

This plan is a guide to how we manage the future of our community and, as such, needs to be referred to and reviewed regularly. To make sure that we get where we want to be, we need to pull together to achieve our aspirations.

*The Community-Led Plan Steering Group  
Crigglestone Parish*





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# Methodology

The Plan has been prepared by the Crigglesstone Community Plan Steering Group which was set up in January 2010. It is designed to replace the 2005 Parish Plan. By June funding had been secured from Rural Action Yorkshire and the Big Lottery Fund. The Group entered into a Service Level Agreement with Rural Action Yorkshire which provided advice and practical assistance with the Community Led Planning process.

The first steps involved a series of consultation events to identify local issues. These were held at Hall Green Community Centre, Pennine Camphill Community, St John's Church Hall and Crigglesstone Village Institute. The events featured activities to encourage local people to demonstrate issues of concern and aspirations for the area such as an ideas tree, flip charts and an issues wall. Despite publicity, attendance at the events was disappointing but, when put together with input from focus groups and ballot boxes at shops and pubs, a significant body of information was gathered to inform the questionnaire process.

It appeared that the most pressing issues across the parish area related to travel & transport, crime & safety, community activity, young people, the environment, facilities & services and housing. The questionnaire was therefore designed to gain information on these topics as well as basic



**Presentation to prize draw winner by Cedar Court Hotel General Manager, Hayleigh Parkhurst.**

details of how many residents live where and a breakdown of age and gender. The questionnaire included factual queries and boxes for comments. Residents were encouraged to return the questionnaire by the use of Freepost envelopes and a prize draw, sponsored by the Cedar Court Hotel. A total of 959 questionnaires were returned representing 23% which was considered excellent for such an exercise.

Contact was also made with the three junior schools in the parish who were encouraged to conduct internal surveys of pupils. Feedback for the youth page of the questionnaire was particularly disappointing and the group therefore conducted an interview session with a small focus group of young people.

Following analysis of the data received, partners at Wakefield MDC, the Police and other service providers were consulted and the final report prepared including an action plan.



# Community profile

Crigglestone Parish lies to the south west of Wakefield city, in the District Council's Rural Ward. There are ten distinct settlements within the parish: Crigglestone, Calder Grove, Chapelthorpe, Great Cliff, Hall Green, Durkar, Hollingthorpe, Newmillerdam, Painthorpe and Dennington. The locality is mainly residential, with an industrial estate, a business park, two country parks and areas of open land between the settlements.

Local facilities include three primary schools, a nursery and two playgroups; three post offices (two in shops); six other shops; a dentist and two osteopaths; four churches (three with church halls); two community centres (one currently shut) and a village institute; seven public house/restaurants and eight take away/restaurants. Other businesses include a farm shop, car repairs, hairdressers and a tattooist. For recreation, there are football, rugby and cricket clubs as well as guides/brownies / rainbows and cubs/scouts/explorer scouts. Notably there is no medical centre in the parish, the nearest being the Chapelthorpe Centre, in Kettlethorpe. The only library facility is the mobile library which visits Crigglestone, Durkar, Hall Green and Newmillerdam.

In 2008 the parish had a population of 9,205 with 16.8% children, 63.4% of working age and 19.9% of pensionable age. This age profile is very similar to Wakefield as a whole and the region. Of those included in the questionnaire responses, 13% were 17 or under, 63% were 18 to 65 and 25% were 66 or older. Crigglestone is not typical of the region in terms of ethnicity, however, as the 2001 census showed that most Crigglestone residents were White British (97.8%) compared with 91.7% across Yorkshire and the Humber.

Generally speaking the residents of Crigglestone parish are less disadvantaged than people in



Wakefield and the region. It should be borne in mind though, that many of the statistics below are sourced from the 2001 census.

There were more married and co-habiting households in Crigglestone than in the region in 2001 (53.5% compared with 46.1%). Lone parent households, pensioner households and lone pensioner households all represented a lower proportion in Crigglestone than the area around.

More people in Crigglestone are economically active: of the 6,890 people of working-age in Crigglestone 71.0% were in work compared with 65.2% in the region. 'Worklessness' indicators (people unemployed or unable to work due to sickness) in 2009 show 7.7% receiving Jobseekers Allowance and Incapacity Benefit in Crigglestone, considerably lower than in Wakefield (12.7%) and the region (10.9%). In 2001 4,685 people were in work and of these 17.7% were managers and senior officials and 9.7% were in professional occupations, both proportions higher than Wakefield. 11.7% were in elementary occupations, lower than in Wakefield.

# Community profile

Adult skill levels in 2001 were better than the surrounding area with nearly 70% of people in Crigglestone aged 16 – 74 having some qualifications and 16.6% qualified to degree level and above (both higher than in Wakefield).

Again, measures of social exclusion show better results for the area with 12.3% of working age people in 2009 receiving some form of Dept for Work and Pensions benefit and 8.4% were living on a low income - both lower than in Wakefield and the region. Health can significantly influence quality of life and indicators for Crigglestone show 11.2% of people had a limiting long term illness (2001), 11.2% people received Attendance Allowance and 4.4% received Disability Living Allowance (2009). These are all lower than the Wakefield statistics.

Lack of transport can inhibit people's quality of life but this does not appear to be the case in Crigglestone.

17.5% of households had no car or van in 2001 in Crigglestone compared with 30.6% in Wakefield. Of residents completing the questionnaire in 2011 less than 10% had no vehicle.

Again in terms of housing facilities Crigglestone fares better with only 6.0 % of households lacking central heating and 2.9% being overcrowded (6.6% and 4.4% in Wakefield)

The relative affluence of the parish may be reflected in the fact that 82.5% of households were owner occupied in Crigglestone in 2001 compared with 66.1% in Wakefield. In terms of dwelling type, whilst the proportion of semi-detached housing was similar to Wakefield, there was a higher proportion of detached houses and a lower proportion of terraced houses and flats.

Source: Parish Profile for Crigglestone (Parish) ACRE OCSI RCAN



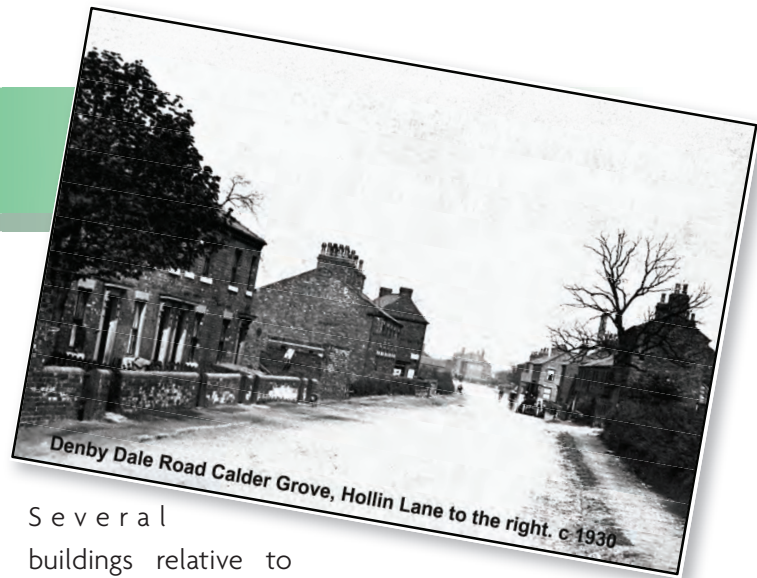
# History

## *The farmstead on Cryc-hill: A short historical profile of the ancient Township of Crigglestone*

Crigglestone is a Domesday Village, sharing with Orberie, its neighbour across the Calder, joint recognition in the comprehensive land survey of King William in 1086. Until recent times, little had been known comprehensively about the history of our village, but recent discoveries, especially those unearthed in the development of the Calder Park Estate at Durkar, have set to prove that life did exist on the old Calder Plain north of Crigglestone, for here, small quantities of flint and artefacts of Mesolithic date including cores and tools were discovered. More recently, Romano-British field boundaries and enclosures containing fire-pits and hearths were also exposed with remnants of pottery also being recovered from exposed ditches.

It has been said that Crigglestone is a 'hotchpotch' of ancient hamlets, unique to the Metropolitan District of Wakefield. These ancient hamlets include Durkar, Hollingthorpe, Painthorpe, Dennington, Newmillerdam, Chapelthorpe and Crigglestone village itself. These areas of habitation, mainly Viking in origin, have one uniting factor – they all (with the exception of the east bank of Newmillerdam) unite to form the Ancient Township and Parish of Crigglestone, the tun on Cryc-hyll.

The old Manor House at Little Cliff and the original ancient Parish Church at Chapelthorpe have long since vanished from the landscape – the present Parish Church being a replacement dating from 1773. The title of oldest habituated building in the parish is enjoyed by the cottage on Boyne Hill which can trace its origin back to Tudor times.



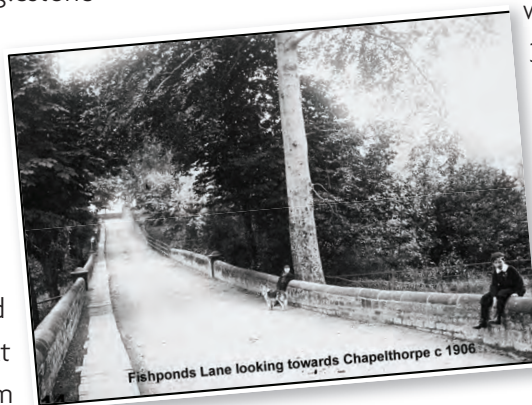
Several buildings relative to the 17th century farming industry survive in the parish of which the Blacker Hall complex and aisled barn at Durkar are prime examples as are the ancient farmhouses at Boyne Hill, Hollingthorpe and Humley. In all, the Parish of Crigglestone contains nineteen buildings scheduled as Grade Two Listed, with 31 buildings listed as buildings of Local Interest.

First known reference to any form of education in the parish dates from 1595 when Thomas Leake the local chaplain was paid a 'small amount' for the 'teaching of schollars'. His school was situated in the old chapel grounds in Chapelthorpe.

In 1743 Chapelthorpe Chaplain William Vevvers had 30 children under instruction at the same school. For those children who did not attend the chapel school the choice of four Dame's Schools was available in the parish. The schools were run by elderly women

who charged usually 3d or 4d a week. The 1851 census describes the existence of a boarding school in Chapelthorpe with placements for eleven 'young ladies'. The first public school in the Parish

was that provided by the Pilkington Family on School Hill, Newmillerdam in 1850, and this was followed by the National (Church) School in High Street, Crigglestone in 1863 and the British School in Painthorpe in 1876.





# History



To the vast majority of our great grandfathers the only livelihood they knew was farming, most of them working on the estates of the gentry. For those ancestors who lived in Crigglestone, the district which they occupied formed an expanse of rich farm and woodland which stretched from the heights of Woolley Edge to the banks of the River Calder, an area much more heavily wooded than today and one with a very sparse population.

The enclosure of the final tracts of open common land, for generations occupied and tended by local inhabitants, took place in Crigglestone in 1799/1800. The Act of Enclosure set out the positions of many of our present field boundaries and the network of footpaths, a legacy from which we benefit today.

The discovery of coal in the Parish, (first known reference of which dates from 1316) was to change the appearance of the landscape and the social well being of the parish for all time. Coal seams outcropping in abundance at surface level and easily accessible were exploited from these early times, much of the labour provided in these shallow mines providing an alternative form of occupation to that of the agricultural worker.

At Crigglestone the colliery supported a significant range of coke-ovens – fed by coal produced from the adjoining mine.

Many areas in the parish suffered the inconvenience of opencast mining over the years. The site of the Cedar Court Hotel and much of the development at Calder Park are situated over such former backfilled workings. The water lakes at Pugneys also owe their existence to former opencast workings.

Sand and gravel extraction has for years been a major industry on the floor of the Calder Plain, open lagoons and wetland areas being a constant reminder of former shallow surface workings in the area.

Stone quarrying provided a stable occupation in the Newmillerdam district for centuries, and much restoration work on Wakefield Cathedral was completed using the hard gritty sandstone from the quarries at Woodmoor. In our own parish, the Church at St James was constructed in 1773 from stone which was quarried there.

Other former industries in the parish included a large paper works which was situated in Broad Cut Road at Calder Grove and provided employment for over 100 and two local breweries which provided adequately for the needs of the local hostleries.

The second half of the 20th century saw great changes in the parish with the demise of the coal industry and its associated industries. There has been much housing development in the district, new schools, an industrial estate, business park and hotel development all contributing to what should be a bright and successful future for the parish and future generations.

*Contributed by Parish Councillor Keith Wainwright*

Exhaustion of the shallower seams of coal and improved technical knowledge led to the sinking of deeper mines in the parish:- Cliffe Colliery 1840 – 1887; Durkar Colliery 1844 -1906 ; Crigglestone Colliery 1873 – 1968 and Newmillerdam Colliery 1923 – 1981. Cliffe Colliery at Daw Green, Painthorpe was to support

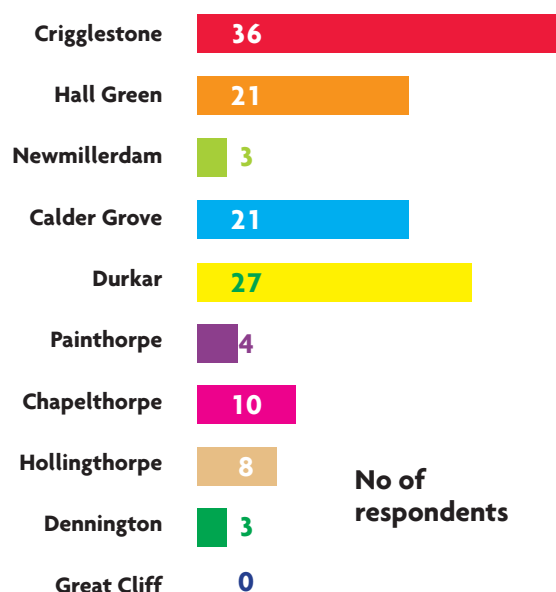
a sizeable terracotta clay and chemical works, the district becoming known locally as 'The Chemic'.



# Crime & Safety

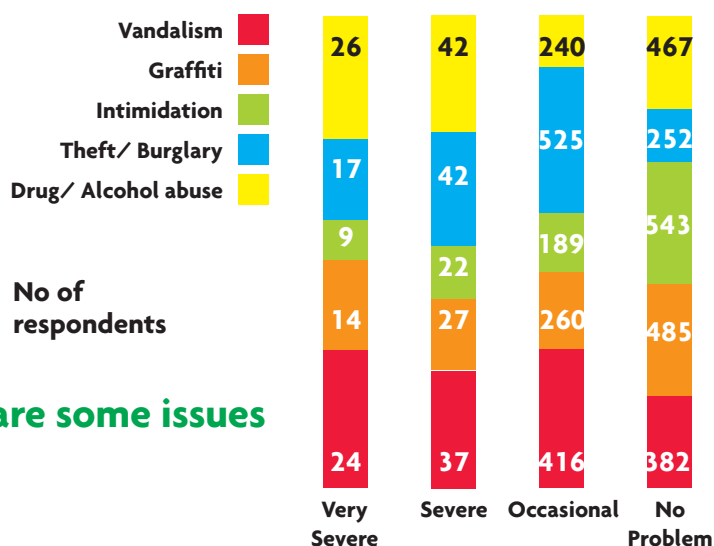
Discovering that the majority of respondents reported that they feel safe where they live (96.6% during the day and 85.7% at night) is most certainly something to celebrate. It is equally unsettling to discover, however that some of our friends and neighbours do not feel safe in our parish: 32 people say they feel unsafe during the day and 134 feel unsafe at night.

## Those feeling unsafe at night where they live



Although many people indicated that certain issues are no problem where they lived, the majority clearly perceived the situation differently where vandalism and Theft/ Burglary were concerned. Significant concern is also expressed about other issues: graffiti, intimidation and drug/alcohol abuse for these problems to warrant attention.

## Overall, how severe are some issues considered to be?



Looking in more detail at opinion by settlement, we gain a clearer picture of where it seems concern about certain issues tends to be focussed. Drug & Alcohol Abuse, for example, appears to be of greater concern in Painthorpe (36%), Hollingthorpe (34%) and Hall Green (20%).

Intimidation also appears to be a more significant worry for respondents living in Hall Green (50%), Painthorpe (45%) and Chapelthorpe (41%).



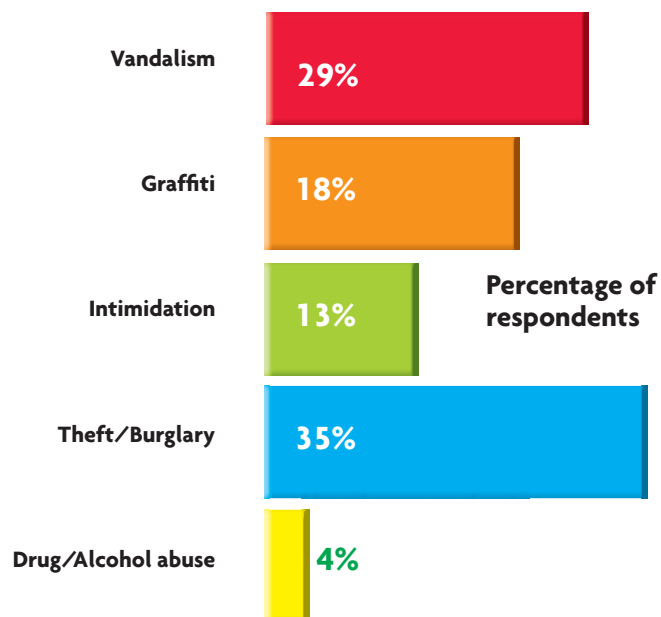
# Crime & Safety

Issues highlighted as 'Other' concerns by respondents, include speeding cars, dog fouling, and litter - these are covered elsewhere in the plan. A significant number of comments relate to aspects of anti-social behaviour, which is dealt with below in this section.

As Crigglesstone Parish Council invests in additional support from West Yorkshire Police, the questionnaire asked how satisfied residents are with the level of policing in the parish. While the overall majority of respondents (68%) say that they are satisfied, there are marked levels of dissatisfaction with the service in Dennington (43%), Calder Grove (42%) and Hollingthorpe (40%).

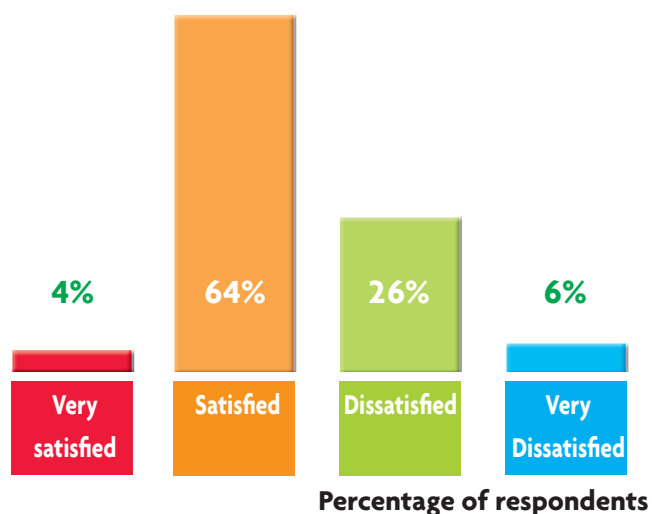


To further assess the prevalence of crime and provide useful feedback to the police on community perception of their service, questions were asked to establish whether those who had suffered crime in the parish within the last 12 months had reported incidents to the police and how satisfied they were with the outcome.



**Problems identified as 'Very Severe', 'Severe' and 'Occasional' throughout the parish**

**Overall levels of satisfaction with policing within the parish**



# Crime & Safety

Of the 296 respondents who say they had suffered a crime, only 124 say they reported it and just 56% were satisfied with the outcome. Comments received by the dissatisfied include:

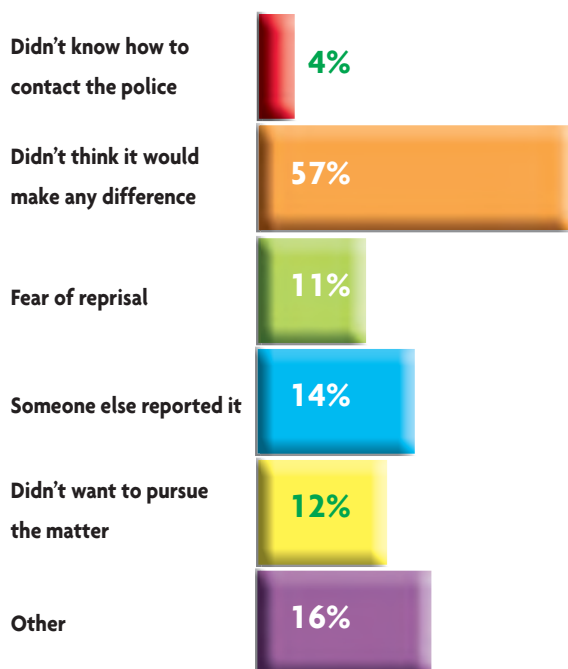
**"Telephoned police while car was being broken into. Police rushed to the scene 12 hours later."**

**"Did not hear back from police after giving statement."**

**"No confidence police do anything but provide a crime number."**

By far the most common reason given for not reporting crime (given by 56% of respondents) was that they feel it wouldn't have made any difference.

## Why people did not report crime



Percentage of respondents

From feedback at the initial consultation events and focus groups, there was a clear indication that Anti-Social Behaviour is a growing concern within the parish. The questionnaire therefore sought

to establish the extent and nature of the problem as well as where the 'hot-spots' might be. 238 respondents say they have witnessed anti social behaviour, a significant number referred to rowdy and intimidating gangs of youths drinking and causing criminal damage to property. Particular mention was also made of motorbikes being ridden on footpaths and in parks.

Police action in confronting and dealing with this problem is one obvious course of action, but the action of local people could help too.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes can provide a measure of reassurance and mutual support for communities to combat problems like anti-social behaviour and help facilitate closer more effective working with the police.



*Trees damaged in Betty Eastwood Park*



# Crime & Safety



If you have concerns about crimes and safety in our area, why not attend one of the regular PACT meetings at Hall Green Community Centre?

Visit the WYNPT website for more information about policing in Crigglestone parish.

[www.westyorkshire.policeuk/npt/area](http://www.westyorkshire.policeuk/npt/area)

## Top 10 ASB Hotspots

9	Painthorpe
7	Painthorpe Lane
10	Denby Dale Road/Denby Dale Road West area
6	Hall Lane/Stoney Lane area
6	Hollingthorpe Estate/Marshall Avenue
7	Hall Green Community Centre
10	Durkar Lane/Howard Crescent area
9	Betty Eastwood Park
8	Durkar Low Lane area
4	Woodmoor Estate
5	Haveroid Lane area

No. of comments

## Actions:

1. Progress consultation with Wakefield Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (WRNPT) on addressing all issues arising from the questionnaire data.
2. Work with WRNPT to support interested residents in forming new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes within the parish.
3. Increase publicity on parish website & newsletter about PACT meetings to promote community involvement.
4. Support promotion of WRNPT 'drop-in' sessions currently held at ASDA.

# Local Economy

The end of the 1970s saw the demise of the local coal industry and associated businesses in the parish, but the decades since have witnessed the emergence of a new economy.



The old pit site at Crigglestone was replaced by an industrial estate and more recently a business park has been developed at Calder Park in Durkar. Crigglestone Industrial Estate houses some ten businesses and there are more than 45 companies at Calder Park, employing around 2,000 people. There are also a number of 'free-standing', small, independent businesses and retailers throughout the parish.

## Crigglestone Industrial Estate

Responses to the questionnaire showed that, despite the proximity of a large ASDA just outside the parish, local community facilities are well-used. 97% of respondents said they regularly use their local Post Office and 92% said they supported a local corner shop. The garden centres, local pubs and restaurants, takeaways, garages, and the farm shop are all used regularly by over 50% of respondents.

Comments made by those not using the facilities indicate that they weren't easily accessible, or surprisingly, they did not know where they were! Fortunately, the questionnaire canvassed opinion from local independent businesses on whether they would be interested in promoting themselves on the parish website and 92% say they would.

## Action:

### 1. Develop dedicated page on parish website as a directory of local services and businesses



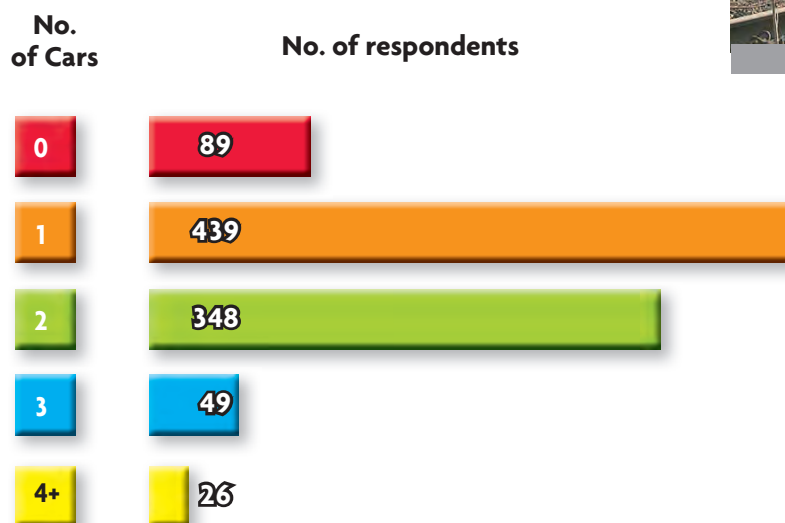


# Travel & Transport

From the strength of feeling about travel, transport, traffic and road safety issues shown at the initial consultation events and focus group meetings, it was no surprise that this subject within the questionnaire attracted plenty of comments and ideas. The answers given and comments received also reveal the all too familiar conundrum regarding car dependency, high volume of traffic (and associated dangers) and inadequate public transport.

From the 90% of households responding to the questionnaire, each owns at least 1 motor vehicle and, of these households, 9% own 3 or more.

## Number of motor vehicles owned per household



Although car sharing (eg. to work or shopping) is not necessarily a practical option for some, only 75 out of 907 respondents said they currently car share and, out of those that don't, just 30 said they would be interested in doing so.

Support was much more encouraging, though, for the provision of a Park and Ride (P&R) facility within the parish: 453 out of 880 households said they would

use one. As part of establishing the level of support for a P&R, there is also, of course, the volume of car drivers commuting into Wakefield from outlying rural areas, towns and villages from the south-west to consider- their use of such a facility would also contribute to the reduction in congestion on roads within our parish and beyond.



Re-opening a local railway station is at present a remote possibility. The financial investment this would involve could only ever be made if reliable evidence for its sustained use can be produced. Whilst 39% of respondents would use a local railway station less than one day a month, if it were re-opened, it must be noted that 25% of respondents are retired. Of the 1249 (63%) respondents of working age, 100 (8%) said they would use the station 5-7 days per week. As with a P&R facility, we should not discount commuters from outside the parish and an action has been identified to address this. It should be noted that some respondents found it difficult to answer this question without knowing the destinations trains would travel to.

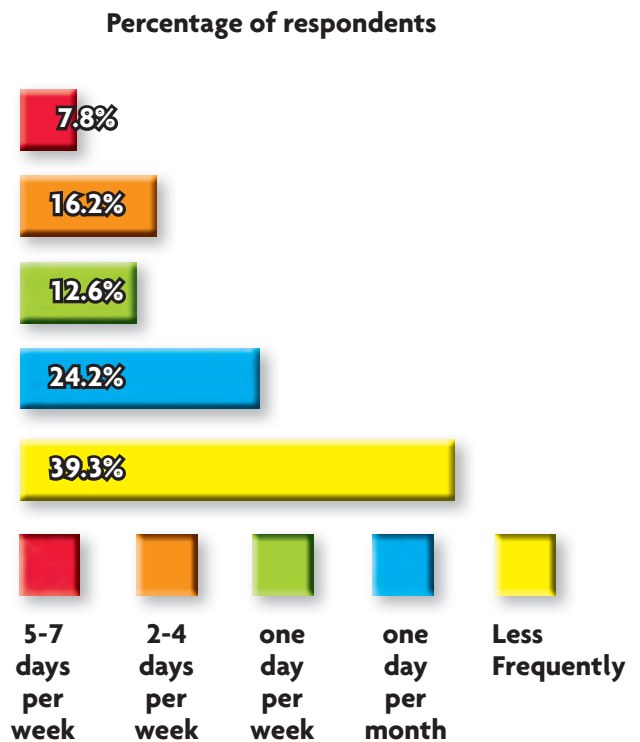
# Travel & Transport

## How frequently would people use the train if a Crigglestone station was re-opened?

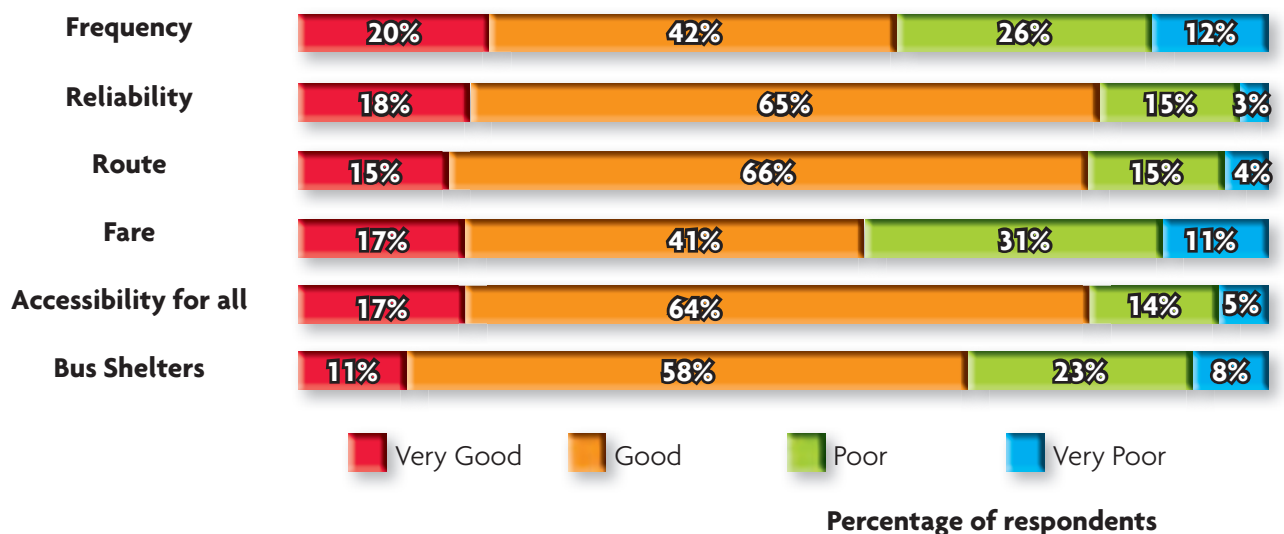
Exactly half of the working population of the respondents travel to work by car and, if this is indicative of all residents within the parish, this amounts to a staggering 2000+ vehicles on our roads from this parish alone. Whilst more encouragement is needed regarding car sharing, a railway station and P&R could reduce the number of cars on our roads and congestion by an estimated 25%.

### Bus Service

390 of respondents say they only use the bus service occasionally; 277 never use it and, only 139 use it most days. When responses are further broken down into the ten villages that make up the parish, it is apparent that those areas with a good bus service attract most users, e.g. Crigglestone, Chapelthorpe and Hall Green. It is clear that some areas of the parish enjoy a very good service, whilst it is poor in other parts of the parish.



## Overall levels of satisfaction with the bus service





# Travel & Transport

Overall, the frequency and reliability of the bus service is considered good. However when assessed by village, reliability only appears good where there is a frequent service but poor where it is not so



frequent. Of the 554 respondents, 364 feel the routes are good and suggestions have been made to improve some current routes and address the areas that 81 respondents

felt were poor. Opinion was split almost evenly as to whether fares were good or poor. The majority of those who consider them good, however, fall within the age brackets that receive free bus travel! 320 respondents feel that accessibility for all is good. Of the 92 respondents rating accessibility for all as poor/very poor, their comments relate mainly to access with buggies and wheelchairs. 316 respondents feel that bus shelters are good, whereas 168 respondents feel the condition of bus shelters are poor/very poor and that more shelters are needed, particularly in exposed areas.

A huge number of comments were made and suggestions given on how the bus service could be improved. These cover the following issues:

- the lack of timetabling co-ordination by the different operators
- the need to improve/change routes
- increased frequency on Sundays
- more competitive fares
- greater reliability
- improved customer service
- improved accessibility
- disruptive passengers
- better/more bus shelters

Of the 910 respondents 102 drive children to school within the Parish. This however is not a true reflection of the Parish overall, as 25% of respondents were over 65 years of age and we know from questions relating to traffic congestion, danger spots and parking (featured later in the survey), that many more children are taken to school in vehicles.

In an effort to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools, it is very encouraging to see that almost half of respondents would support a walking bus scheme. A yellow bus scheme has also been suggested as a means of reducing traffic.

## Actions:

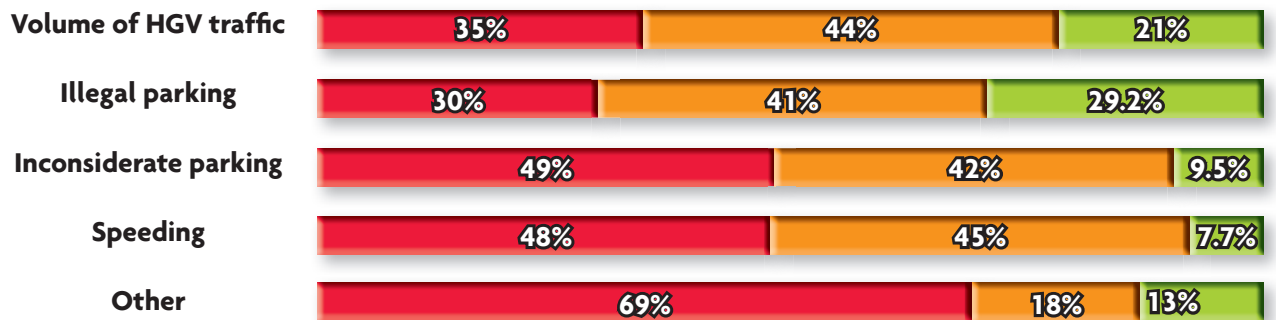
1. **Call meeting of residents interested in car-sharing to consider existing schemes (e.g. Carplus and Liftshare) and establish a locally-based scheme.**
2. **Initiate awareness raising & promotion of car-sharing via local media and community venues throughout the parish.**
3. **Consult WYPTE & METRO on the need for a better integrated public transport system.**
4. **Consult WYPTE to improve routes and timetables and press for improvements regarding fares, accessibility and shelters.**
5. **Work with local schools & Council School Travel Officer to survey parents as to how pupils travel to school and raise awareness with parents of best practice.**
6. **Work with local schools and Wakefield Council's Road Safety Officer to establish more walking bus schemes.**
7. **Investigate Yellow Bus Scheme with Wakefield Council.**

# Traffic & Road Safety

The majority of respondents had some comments to make about most areas of traffic and road safety.

■ Severe Problem    
 ■ Occasional Problem    
 ■ No Problem

## How people view traffic issues



Percentage of respondents

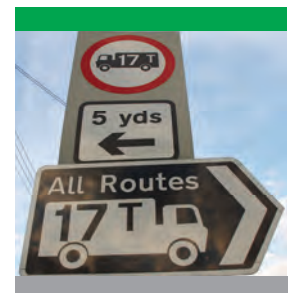
The main industrial area is situated in the middle of Crigglestone village and, whilst the businesses do employ many local people, the volume of HGV traffic across the Parish is considered a problem by 610



out of 789 respondents. Respondents stated HGV vehicles driving past their properties at unsociable hours and drivers ignoring weight restrictions on certain roads are the main causes of concern.

Illegal parking is considered a problem by nearly 500 respondents, many of whom asked why this isn't dealt with more vigorously. 750 respondents consider inconsiderate parking a problem. Many examples of inconsiderate parking were given: around respondents' properties, schools, retail outlets and takeaways - where drivers seemingly abandon their

vehicles. Double-parking, parking on pavements and blocking residents' access were cited as the most annoying practices. Respondents asked why drivers don't use existing car parks when appropriate: at the retail businesses, takeaways and the Village Institute, for example.



Though speeding is a universal danger, Crigglestone parish is particularly vulnerable. Our area has its fair share of thoughtless and irresponsible drivers but, it is also bisected by the M1 and receives all the traffic leaving the motorway from Junction 39. It is unsurprising then that 774 respondents (92%), consider speeding in our parish a particular problem.



# Traffic & Road Safety

Many respondents chose to give their concerns about traffic issues extra weight, by adding comments. Others focussed on related concerns: pedestrian safety, joyriders and the state of the roads.

Respondents took the opportunity to voice their opinions of the major danger spots within the parish:- areas around schools, retail outlets and takeaways.

**"Cedar Court roundabout - cars & lorries leaving the M1 southbound rarely stop at the junction. A camera at this junction could fine drivers, especially HGV drivers that drive dangerously"**

**"Cars cut the corner into School Hill"**

**"Leaving Edgemoor Road to join Stoney Lane can be dangerous due to poor visibility and speeding"**

**"Durkar Lane by St James School - cars parking at school times"**

When it comes to traffic control measures, respondents are clearly not in favour of speed plateaux/humps, which they feel can damage vehicles. Chicanes are not favoured much either, with many respondents considering them dangerous. Traffic lights are considered effective by 16% of respondents but the majority consider flashing speed signs and enforcement of vehicle weight restrictions as much more effective measures,

polling 40% and 41% respectively. Where other suggestions were given, pedestrian crossings are also considered an effective way to slow down traffic.

Opinion was split 50/50 as to whether there is adequate safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the parish, though when asked what measures would most improve safety for these two groups, 56% of respondents would like to see more pedestrian crossings - the parish currently has just one pedestrian crossing! 46% respondents also said more cycle paths/lanes would help.

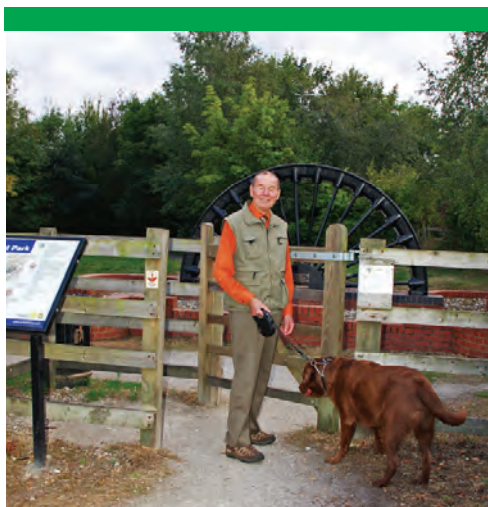
In summary, there is no doubt from residents' feedback that our area needs an improved and integrated public transport system, ideally supported by a P&R facility, with both being accessible to commuters from outside of the Parish. There are also measures some of us could take to help the situation – perhaps we need to start asking ourselves whether every journey we make by car is absolutely necessary. Would sharing the occasional journey with a neighbour or friend make better sense all round? How long is it since some of us went by bus? Is everything really always so urgent? This is one measure that, instead of costing could actually save us money! There is no single solution to the traffic and transport issues we face, but a combination, and some, like the P&R, pedestrian crossings and flashing speed signs, will take time and money.

## Actions:

1. **Work with police & Wakefield Council's Road Safety Officer to enforce and educate drivers regarding speeding, vehicle weights and parking issues.**
2. **Consult and review dangers spots with Wakefield Council and Highways Dept.**
3. **Consult Wakefield Council's Highways Dept. on introducing effective traffic control measures, particularly at danger spots.**
4. **Consult Wakefield Council's Highways Dept. regarding effective safety measures across the Parish.**
5. **Contact the Highways Agency regarding provision of hedging for motorway traffic noise abatement.**



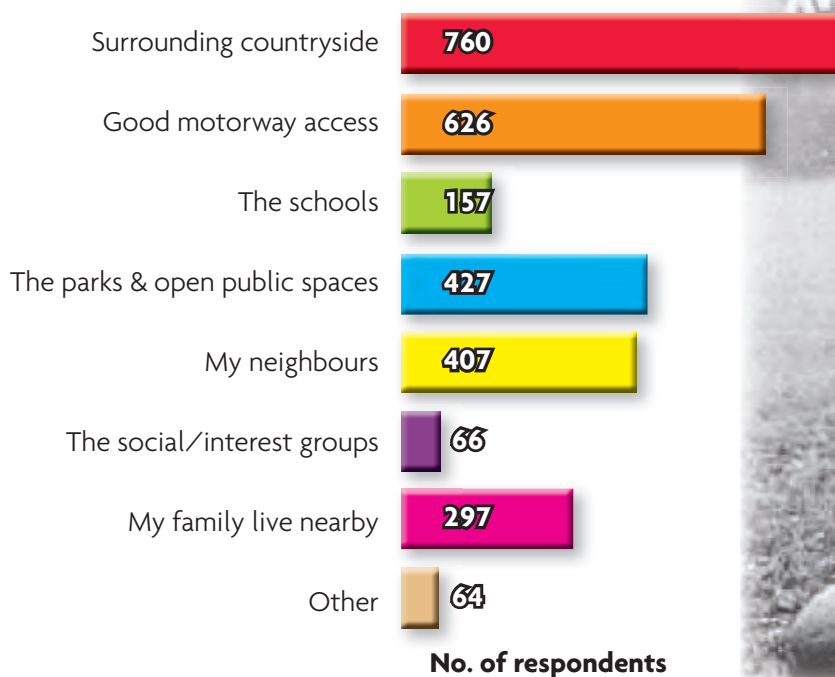
# Community Life



Ralph & Alfie off for a walk in Betty Eastwood Park

Throughout the parish area, the responses received show an overwhelming appreciation of the surrounding countryside, with the parks and open public spaces being popular places to enjoy. Two thirds of the replies see benefit from the easy motorway access. Neighbours (43%) and family living nearby (31%) are also valued.

## What we most like and value about where we live



Two thirds of households appear to be making the most of their free time in and around the parish. We are a community which loves the outdoors! Well over half of



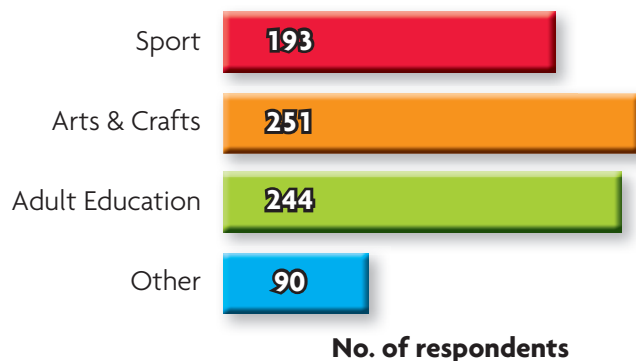
those responding give walking and enjoying the countryside as a leisure activity. Many enjoy other sports, like cycling, swimming, football, badminton and golf. In addition, there is keen interest shown for new activities, if it is possible to make them available.

Arts & Crafts (45%) and Adult Education (44%) were the most popular with Sport (35%) coming close behind.



# Community Life

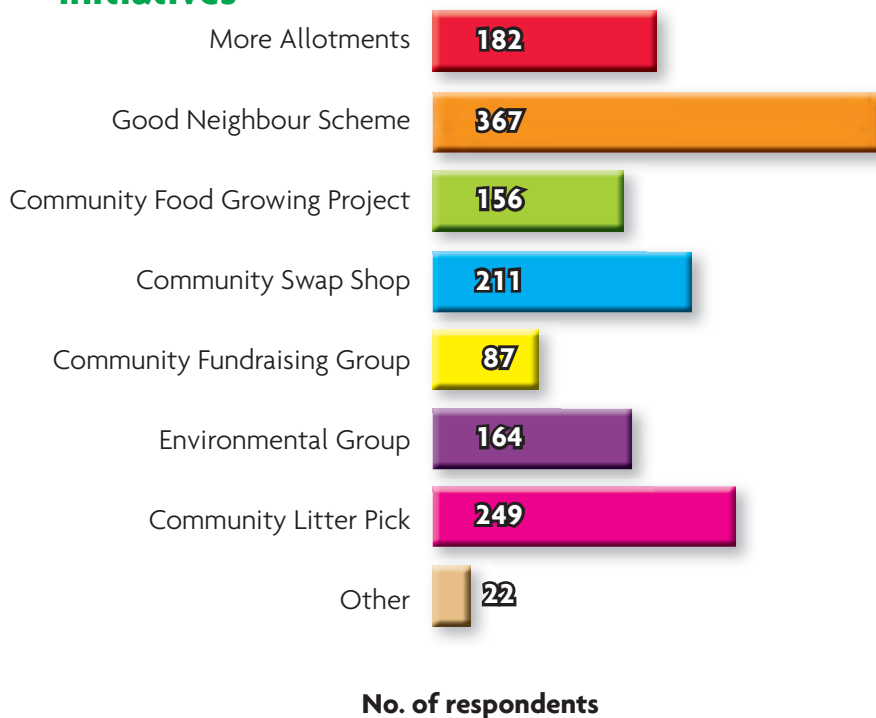
## The level of interest in possible new activities



Some of the other suggestions made carry promise of being developed further by those with get-up-and-go: - gentle exercise classes for the elderly, crown green bowling, dancing classes, guitar classes,....etc.

One of the most encouraging outcomes of the whole questionnaire is the level of interest shown in new, community-focussed initiatives:

## Interest shown in new initiatives



A total of 690 respondents expressed an interest in one or more of these – over half registering support in a Good Neighbour Scheme, with a Community Litter Pick and Community Swap Shop not far behind. Interest in provision of more allotment space and Food Growing Projects was expressed in over a quarter of the replies. The Council Allotment



Officer agrees our parish is comparatively under-provided with allotments; the only existing site being at Durkar. This, like the Kettlethorpe allotments, has a long waiting list.

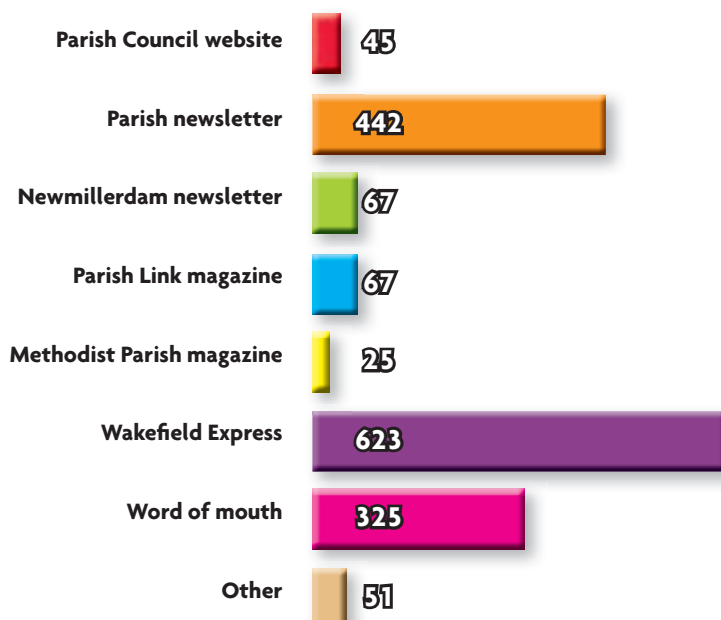
Many parts of the parish do not have a local Community Centre within walking distance from home, so it is not surprising to find that 67% of respondents say they do not use these Centres. Only 120 out of 900 respondents say they use them on a regular or occasional basis.

# Community Life

The national secular trend is echoed in the parish, with 57% of respondents never attending a place of worship and 21.5% rarely attending. Just 21.5 % of respondents are occasional or regular attendees. The figures show a slight increase in attendance where regular and occasional users live closer to the places of worship.

The Wakefield Express was the main source of community information throughout the area (68.5%), with the Parish Newsletter coming second. Friends and neighbours play a great part in circulating news. The Parish Link Magazine, the Methodist Parish Magazine and Newmillerdam Newsletter effectively inform their groups. The potential for the parish website remains untapped, with only 45 people saying they have used it.

## How people find out about community news & activities



No. of respondents

## Actions:

1. Progress discussion with Pennine Camphill Community at Chapelthorpe to organise sampler art/craft sessions to run during holidays and evenings. (Sufficient community interest would enable these to run regularly).
2. Increase promotion of existing local sporting groups, facilities and exercise classes.
3. Forward details of other community interests to community venues for possible development of activities.
4. Raise community awareness of current Kettlethorpe Community Learning Centre courses/activities and encourage residents to register expressions of interest in new courses there.
5. Request Parish Council to call public meetings with specific invitations to all those expressing an interest in new initiatives.
6. Engage Parish Council in identifying/securing suitable land for allotments.
7. Progress on-going discussions with Council Allotment Officer regarding possible development of new allotment site at Painthorpe.
8. Research community interest in developing a 'garden-sharing' scheme and/or 'street-growing' scheme.
9. Develop and actively promote parish website as a comprehensive community resource for news and information.



# Community Health Services

Crigglestone parish does not have its own medical centre, so residents must travel outside the area. The nearest is Chapelthorpe Medical Centre and two-thirds of respondents say they use this. 11% of respondents use Sandal Castle and the remainder use neighbouring centres, with a few travelling as far as Lupset and Middlestown.

When asked what, if any, difficulty people had using their health centre, one third of people said they have some difficulty getting through on the phone to all the local medical practices. Having made

contact with reception, 60% say they are satisfied with the outcome.

The majority had no difficulty in attending their centre, but a crucial 8% struggled with poor public transport arrangements.

Although 83% of respondents were satisfied with the service offered, many people gave details of those aspects of service delivery with which they were dissatisfied. Hopefully more patients will join the Patient Groups established by all health centres and help them to improve their service delivery.

**"It shouldn't cost you to make an appointment - it shouldn't be an 0844 number"**

**"Wish we could have a health centre nearer. I'm 80 and have to get 2 buses to reach Chapelthorpe HC, or get a taxi if the weather's bad"**

**"Extended opening hours and weekend services needed"**

**"Customer service needs to improve"**



Chapelthorpe Medical Centre

## Actions:

1. Deliver comments received from questionnaire regarding patients' concerns to Practice Managers at Chapelthorpe and Sandal Castle Medical Centres.
2. Relay evidence of patient difficulties reaching healthcare provision to WYPTE.
3. Consult Re-Connect Wakefield on possible support for older residents experiencing difficulty reaching healthcare.
4. Explore possibility of local taxi firms offering concessionary rate for older residents needing to access healthcare locally.

# Environment

Following issues raised at the consultation stage, residents were asked if the environment could be improved by increased maintenance of hedgerows, more street lighting and more public seating. 45% of respondents favoured more hedgerow work. Although the highway authority schedules some hedge cutting in certain sites twice a year, responsibility generally lies with property owners and farmers for hedgerows adjoining highways. Additional public seating would be an improvement for 40% of respondents. Wakefield Council has limited resources for new seating, but they can offer some simple seats at low cost for rural areas made from sustainable local timber, which might be funded by the Parish Council or other bodies. Street lighting was not considered an issue by the majority of respondents (46%), perhaps because the local lighting has been recently upgraded.



***“I wish people would respect the village and not throw their waste about”***

This comment given at the initial consultation typified a concern voiced by many, so the questionnaire sought to establish just how many people shared this view and where in the parish they felt the problems of littering, dog-fouling and fly-tipping existed. Litter was top of the list for 436 respondents.

Some named specific streets: Painthorpe Lane, High Street, Dennington Lane, Wood Lane, Stoney Lane and Durkar Low Lane, for example, and others said:



Roadsides, ginnels and around bus stops were also highlighted as ‘grot-spots’. Wakefield Council cleans public footpaths, pavements and ginnels, and empties litter bins according to a rota. The Council is, however, happy to support any community action to help deal with the problem, such as litter picks. Special mention (and thanks) is due to those respondents who put effort into trying to deal with litter around where they live, e.g. “We currently litter pick on Boyne Hill, Wood Lane, Almshouse Lane – 3 black bin bags full, each time we collect”.

Dog-fouling (irresponsible dog-owners) is a blight suffered by many communities and 435 respondents feel that our parish is not immune:



It is a sad consequence indeed that the thoughtlessness and irresponsibility of some makes caring dog-owners feel uncomfortable, e.g. “Terrible on Denby Dale Road – makes me ashamed to be a dog walker”.

# Environment

Fly-tipping was seen to be less of an issue, with 208 respondents saying where they feel this problem exists. Betty Eastwood Park, Broad Cut Road, Daw Lane and the All Blacks Playing Fields were some of the sites mentioned. Wakefield Council actively seek to identify perpetrators, but their efforts could be supported by residents reporting any incidents of flytipping.

## Refuse and recycling collection

The vast majority of respondents say they are either Very Satisfied or Satisfied with household refuse, garden waste and recycling collection (91%, 92% and 91% respectively). There were, however, 269 comments added about these services – only 6 of which were positive. Many people are unhappy with the household refuse collection only happening once a fortnight, though as we recently learned, cuts in public spending mean the likelihood of a more frequent collection is very slim, if not impossible for the time being.

A common complaint by respondents throughout the parish was the performance of the household refuse collectors and, in some cases, recycling collectors: refuse left to blow around the streets and refuse bins left strewn across pavements appear to be the main sources of frustration.

**“Litter left to blow around”**

**“Bins left anywhere. Pedestrians forced to move them – a serious hazard for them, also on windy days for drivers...”**

**“Dropped gardening & recycling waste when collected – we have to clear up every time”**

Many people also said that the recycling bins were too small, and some felt having bigger recycling bins could make less frequent collections possible.

Others, with limited space, say the number of recycling bins is impractical. Though only a handful of respondents say they find carrying or pulling heavy waste bins out to be collected is difficult, it is likely this may be a problem for many of our elderly or less able-bodied residents, who may not be aware that they can register to have their bins carried in and out.

It's good to know an awareness of the importance of recycling exists within our community. Some respondents ask when and if Tetrapaks and a wider range of plastics will be collected and a suggestion was made about setting up a community composting scheme. To encourage more recycling, it is important to recognise that accessing existing recycling points may be a problem, particularly for those without a car. When asked if there are enough convenient recycling points, the majority of respondents (76%) state that there are. Comments made by those feeling more are needed (24%) reveal that existing facilities are considered too far away. “Somewhere nearer than ASDA” and “more close to hand” are prevailing sentiments. Finding suitably convenient sites that are accessible for collection vehicles and residents alike and that are not prone to vandalism, however, may prove to be a challenge.





# Environment

## Roads, pavements and footpaths

One issue prompting particularly strong feeling from the questionnaire is that of maintenance of roads, pavements and footpaths. The standard of road



**Potholes!**

maintenance prompted a high level of dissatisfaction – 767 (82%) of respondents say they are either

Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied about this. Comments received from all areas of the parish show that potholes, their inadequate repair and the danger they pose for motorists and cyclists are, by far, the main source of complaint.

**“The Paths are covered in litter & dog mess”**

**“Pavements are in a dreadful state”**

**“The local paths are dangerous for elderly people”**

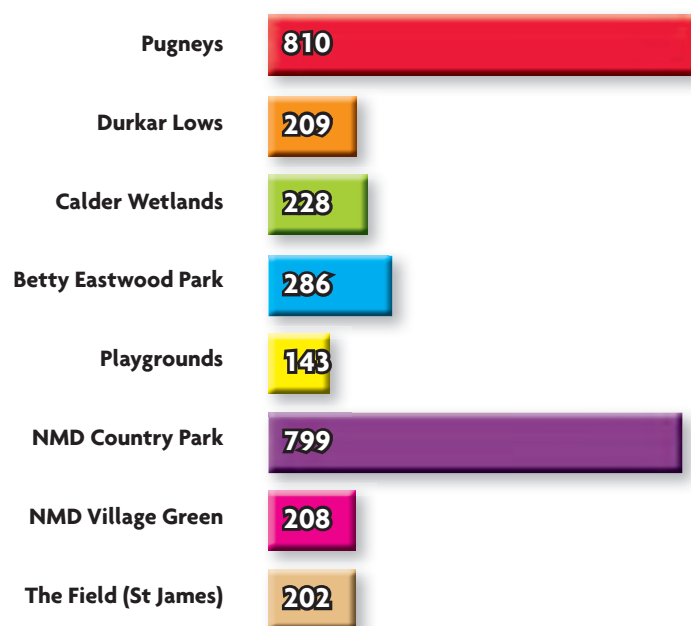
**“Bad conditions everywhere - difficult for pushchairs and wheelchairs”**

By contrast, just over two-thirds of respondents say they were Satisfied/Very Satisfied with the level of maintenance of pavements (61%) and footpaths (62%). Concerns expressed by those who were dissatisfied include uneven and dangerous pavements and overgrown and dirty footpaths. Some recognition of the task facing the Council's Rights of Way Department is needed when we learn it has 350km of public footpaths to maintain (clearing weeds and obstructions) throughout the district. Perhaps there is scope to 'blitz' the worst paths within any community litter pick action?

## Parks and green spaces

We are especially fortunate in the parish of Crigglestone to have the number of parks and amount of green space we do. To gauge just how much such resources are valued, people were asked how frequently they visited them. Responses received suggest Pugneys and Newmillerdam are the most popular, but it is good to learn that all these venues are regularly used.

## Often and occasional use of our parks & green spaces

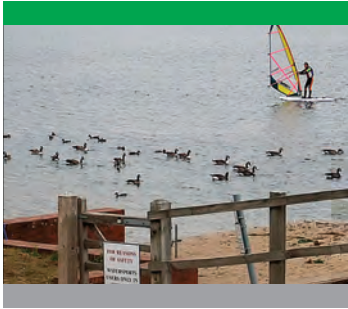


## No. of respondents visiting often or occasionally

To ensure these places continue to be enjoyed by as many of us as possible, people were asked what improvements they would consider of greatest benefit.

# Environment

Most respondents think free car-parking would be the greatest improvement, followed by better toilet facilities and then more bins. As this plan was being prepared, toilet facilities were in fact being improved at Newmillerdam.



Wakefield Council feels that people should be encouraged to take their rubbish home. Other areas for improvements which were suggested include: better accessibility, more seating, stronger enforcement against dog-fouling and better information signage at Calder Wetlands. There are also many calls for more and better equipped playgrounds throughout the parish.

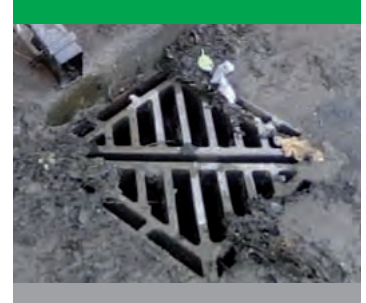


Pugneys Country Park

## Drainage/Flooding

Residents in various parts of the parish have experienced problems with drainage and flooding. Over 70% of respondents think drainage is adequate and well-maintained, but 192 people gave locations where improvements could be made. Many of these were in the Durkar and Crigglestone areas. Concern was also voiced about the frequency of gully cleaning. Gullies are currently cleaned annually and it seems unlikely that this will change. The Council advises that it regularly monitors problem gullies and a team is dedicated to dealing with these at short notice if problems arise.

The questionnaire asked if residents would like to set up watercourse monitoring groups like that established at Newmillerdam, but there was little (5%) support for this.



## Actions:

1. Encourage maintenance of hedgerows on private land bordering public highways.
2. Increase public seating throughout parish.
3. Tackle littering.
4. Tackle problem of irresponsible dog ownership.
5. Tackle problem of fly-tipping.
6. Improve provision of refuse and recycling collection.
7. Facilitate access to Council repair schedules.
8. Improve existing and investigate provision of new playgrounds within the parish.
9. Explore provision of signage/information boards at Calder Wetlands.
10. Support prompt action on drainage/flooding incidents.

# Housing

Housing development is quite often a thorny issue for rural communities to deal with. It is beset with conflict. Many people treasure green space and view any development on such land as unconscionable: as the current campaign to protect

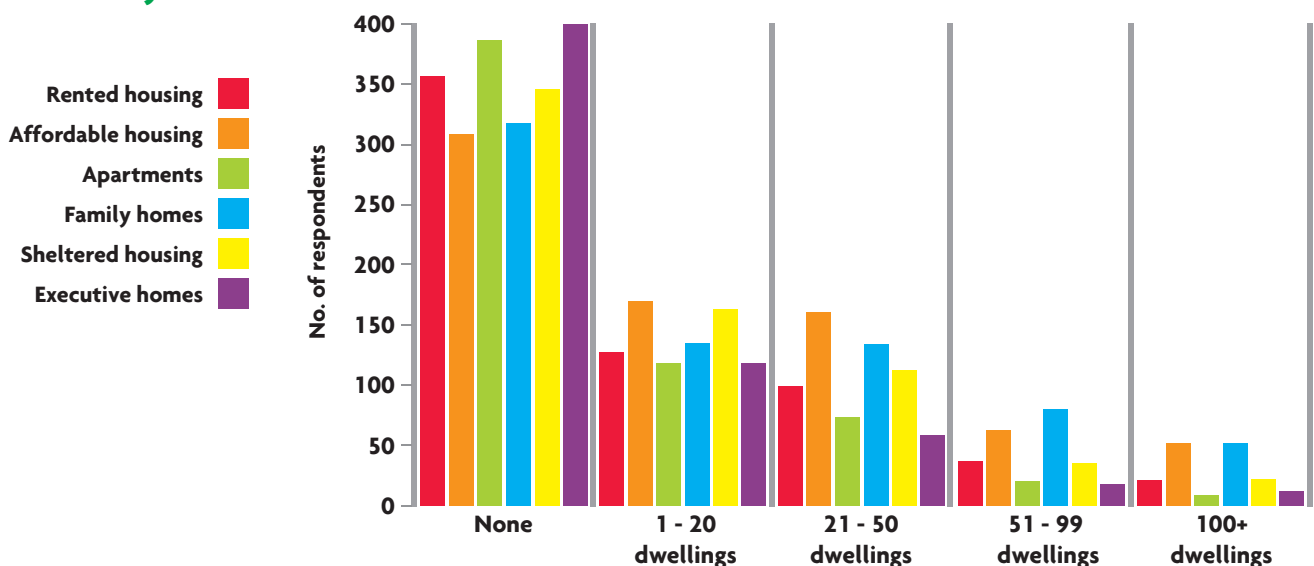


St James's Field illustrates. Another serious concern for many smaller settlements is the pressure such extra housing would place on already inadequate infrastructure (eg. roads, schools, healthcare). On the other hand, with housing prices rocketing, some young people are being forced away from their home

communities to seek affordable housing elsewhere, most usually in urban centres. With new legislation about to come into force (The Localism Bill) which gives communities a greater say in planning their area, the questionnaire sought to identify where opinion lay at a fundamental level – i.e. what size and type of housing do people think appropriate for Crigglestone parish over the next 15 years?

The majority of respondents to the questionnaire (53%) come down firmly against the need for any housing development within the parish, with particular disapproval shown for executive homes (66% against) and apartments (64% against). Some, however, feel certain types of development are appropriate. Developments of between 1 and 50 affordable dwellings are deemed acceptable by 44% of respondents and a similar sized development of sheltered housing appears acceptable to 41% of respondents. Perhaps forming a group of residents interested in taking a more pro-active, rather than reactive stance, i.e. to work more closely with the Council's Planning Dept. may be a positive step?

## What size & type of housing development is appropriate over the next 15 years?





# Housing

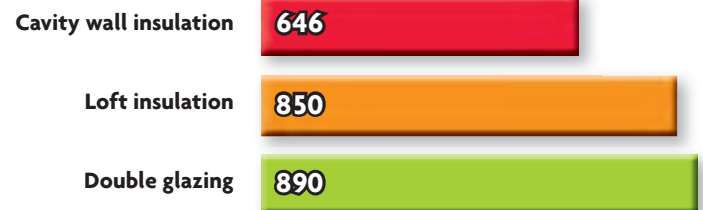


To address growing awareness of the impact any sort of development has in both the short and long term to the environment, residents were asked whether any potential development within the area should conform to the highest possible rating within the Code for Sustainable home (eg. materials used and energy efficiency)). A resounding 93% of respondents said 'Yes'.

As we all know too well, fuel and energy prices are continuing to rise and this will undoubtedly be a worrying concern for some of our community. Asking what type of energy saving measures people had installed in their homes (eg. cavity wall insulation) and to what extent renewable energy technology had been taken up, would give a simple snapshot of accessibility to and awareness of such resources. One simple initiative that could be undertaken is to provide advice on more affordable means or grants available to improve our homes' energy efficiency. A small number of respondents

appear to have had the capital to have invested in renewable energy technology (and to take advantage of the government's Feed-In Tariff Scheme) and the greater majority have insulated their homes. Though to assume that everyone has double-glazing (for example) would be wrong – 7% of the 956 respondents who answered this question, don't.

## Home insulation installed



No. of respondents



## Actions:

1. Forward questionnaire response data to Wakefield Council Planning Dept. and establish dialogue regarding community involvement in future planning.
2. Invite interested residents to form Crigglestone parish land use group.

# Junior & Infants Schools

We are grateful to the staff and children of Mackie Hill, St James and Dane Royd Schools who conducted a survey asking for the children's views on their surroundings; what was good, not so good and how things may be improved for them and others.

It is noticeable that the children's concerns for their surroundings and safety match those of the adult responses. They are very conscious of the needs of older people and offered many ideas how life could be improved. They emphasised the need for peace and quiet.

## Here are some of their thoughts and ideas:

"Have a football ground with artificial surface and lights"

"Tidy up roads and paths! Don't litter!"

"Keep the fields and countryside we have – don't build on it"

"Social clubs that are friendly and not run down"

"Solar panels, less pollution"

"More police around because strangers can mug you"

"It will be more joyful for older people to see younger kids playing. It will make them feel happy"

Dangers from inconsiderate motorists, irresponsible dog owners and those who litter and cause graffiti attracted strong criticism.

These children are quite clear on what is needed to improve their lifestyle such as a stadium, ice rink and swimming pool. More modestly, the provision of play areas suitable for their age group is high on their wish list. They also showed some forward planning by stating what is needed for teenagers and older people.

Although many of this age group are very active with sport in Crigglestone, an equal number travel outside the parish for diverse activities, such as pony-trekking and Thai boxing.



"Graffiti wall so that it is not on other things"

"Scooter parks for the old"

"Places to chill out"

"Tell people to pick up dog dirt"

"Take the big lorries away. Make them use main roads and not short cuts"

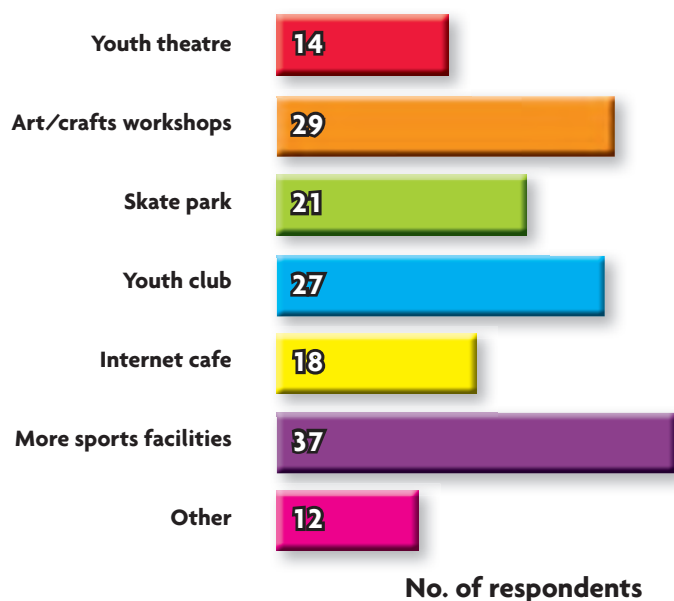
"Zebra crossing on Painthorpe Lane"

# Young People (11 – 17 years old)

There was, disappointingly, a very poor response to the questions asked in the Young People's section of the questionnaire. Just 117 people from this age group answered questions.

A number of respondents stated that they are not interested in attending community activities, though when asked what events or activities might improve the quality of life for young people, the majority said "More sports facilities"

## What events/activities would improve the quality of life for young people?



Arts & Crafts workshops, followed by Youth Club provision were cited by almost a third to improve their quality of life. A new initiative for young people is being introduced by Hall Green Community Association with teams from the Neighbourhood Police and the Council Youth Development Team. The aim is to set up out-of-school activities, with the emphasis on the young people themselves running and managing the scheme with support from local Youth Workers.

When asked how they thought young people's views on future improvements in the parish might be best represented for their age group, the most favoured choices were: a Youth Panel working in partnership with the Parish Council or a Youth Representative on the Parish Council (43 votes each).

Because a questionnaire may not have been the most effective way to engage young people, we asked a small group to share their likes, dislikes and aspirations for the future. Most of the group had spent all their lives in the parish and liked the area because ...."it's easy to go places", "I can visit my friends", "I feel safe".

These are interesting and interested young people, who, between them are involved in a wide range of groups and activities – from membership of the local Scout group, to Crigglestone School of Dance to volunteering at Riding for the Disabled to litter picking within the parish.

Two of the group are currently working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award and one recently travelled to Scandinavia to attend the annual World Scout Jamboree.

Their aspirations include: attending college, owning a large company ("like Cineworld"), travelling the world, "doing well", becoming an author, a career in music, and "taking the future as it comes". We wish them well.





# The Action Plan

## CRIME & SAFETY

The Action	Steps to Achievement	Priority	Responsibility (Lead & Partners)	Monitoring responsibility
Establish additional Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Wakefield Rural Neighbourhood Police Team (WRNPT) for support in establishing new schemes.</li> <li>Hold meeting for all interested local residents</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> WRNPT, interested local residents	Parish Council/ interested local residents
Promote closer partnership working between community and WRNPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and maintain information on parish website and in parish newsletter about PACT meetings.</li> <li>Provide links to WRNPT website.</li> <li>Publicise WRNPT 'drop-in' sessions held at ASDA</li> <li>Progress discussion with Insp. Helen Brear on community areas of concern identified from the questionnaire data: ASB, speeding and illegal off-road motorcycles.</li> <li>Encourage residents to report nuisance illegal motorcycles to the local NPT on 0845 60 60 606</li> </ul>	High	<u>Leads:</u> Parish Council, WRNPT	Parish/WRNPT

## LOCAL ECONOMY

Promote local businesses and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop dedicated page on parish website as a directory of local services and businesses</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Local businesses	Parish Council
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# The Action Plan

## TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

The Action	Steps to Achievement	Priority	Responsibility (Lead & Partners)	Monitoring responsibility
Encourage more car sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold meeting of residents interested in car-sharing.</li> <li>• Research existing schemes (Carplus/Liftshare).</li> <li>• Promote scheme via parish website, local media, community venues and signage on main trunk routes</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Crigglestone parish community, Wakefield Council Highways Dept.	Parish Council
Promote improved integrated transport system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain dialogue established with METRO and Lead Public Transport Officer at Wakefield Council.</li> <li>• Maintain community up-dates on developments</li> <li>• Raise community awareness of METRO policies and strategies.</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council Highways Dept, METRO	Parish Council
Promote improvement of all aspects of bus services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress dialogue established with METRO regarding questionnaire data.</li> <li>• Develop contact with Arriva, Huddersfield and Tates Travel bus companies to pursue improvements in line with community needs.</li> <li>• Publicise METRO public consultation <a href="http://www.wymetro.com/consultation">www.wymetro.com/consultation</a></li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> WYPTE, Arriva, Huddersfield Bus Company, Tates Travel	Parish Council

## TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY

Reduce traffic around schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with local schools &amp; Wakefield Council's School Travel Officer to establish more walking bus schemes</li> <li>• Work with schools and Wakefield Council's Road Safety Officer to raise awareness of Highway Code and best practice with parents.</li> <li>• Investigate provision of Yellow Bus Scheme with Wakefield Council</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Family Services, Boards of Governors, Wakefield Council Travel & Road Safety Officers, volunteers	Parish Council, schools, Wakefield Council School Travel & Road Safety Officers
Reduce speeding, improve adherence to vehicle weight restrictions and reduce illegal and inconsiderate parking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue consultation with WY Rural Neighbourhood Police Team (WYRNPT)</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council Highways Dept, Police	Parish Council
Review road danger spots and introduce control and safety measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share findings of questionnaire with Wakefield Council Highways Dept. to identify key issues and agree plan of action.</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partner:</u> Wakefield Council Highway Dept.	Parish Council
Address noise pollution from motorway traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Highways Agency regarding provision of hedging</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Highways Agency	Parish Council

# The Action Plan

## COMMUNITY LIFE

The Action	Steps to Achievement	Priority	Responsibility (Lead & Partners)	Monitoring responsibility
Trial arts & crafts sessions at Pennine Camphill Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Pennine Camphill Manager to draw up timetable of courses &amp; up-date community on progress</li> <li>• Publicise courses to community via community venues, parish newsletter and website</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partner:</u> Pennine Camphill Community	Parish Council
Raise awareness of existing local sports groups/ exercise classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness of existing local sports groups and facilities for exercise classes</li> <li>• Publicise full details of existing groups on parish website and in parish newsletter</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partner:</u> Local sports/ activity groups	Parish Council
Develop community use of community venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share questionnaire data of other community interests to community venues to inform future promotion and development.</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Community-Led Plan Steering Group	Parish Council
Raise awareness of Kettlethorpe Community Learning Centre courses/ activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide details of courses/activities on parish website and advice to register ideas for new courses there.</li> <li>• Provide link to KCLC website with information to register ideas for new courses</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partner:</u> Kettlethorpe Community Learning Centre	Parish Council
Start community owned initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Neighbour Scheme</li> <li>• Swap Shop</li> <li>• Litter Pick</li> <li>• Environmental Group</li> <li>• Allotments &amp; Food Growing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact all interested residents who provided email contact details.</li> <li>• Publicise meeting for all interested residents via parish website, local media, parish newsletter, community venues and community groups.</li> <li>• Request attendance at meeting by advisors at Voluntary Action Wakefield District (VAWD).</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Local residents, VAWD	Parish Council, Community-Led Plan Steering Group
Provide more opportunities for food growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue discussion with Council Allotment Officer regarding potential allotment site at Painthorpe.</li> </ul>	Low	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council	Parish Council





# The Action Plan

## HEALTH SERVICES

The Action	Steps to Achievement	Priority	Responsibility (Lead & Partners)	Monitoring responsibility
Address community assessment of current health care provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver comments received from questionnaire regarding patients' concerns to Practice Managers at Chapelthorpe and Sandal Castle Medical Centres.</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Community-Led Plan Steering Group  <u>Partners:</u> Chapelthorpe and Sandal Castle Medical Centres	Community-Led Plan Steering Group, interested local residents.
Improve accessibility of healthcare for the older/less-able-bodied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult Re-Connect Wakefield on possible support for older residents experiencing difficulty reaching healthcare.</li> <li>• Explore possibility of local taxi firms offering concessionary rate for older residents needing to access healthcare locally.</li> <li>• Relay evidence of patient difficulties reaching healthcare provision to WYPTE.</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Community-Led Plan Steering Group  <u>Partners:</u> Re-Connect Wakefield, local taxi firms, WYPTE.	Community-Led Plan Steering Group

## ENVIRONMENT

Encourage maintenance of hedgerows on private land bordering public highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote action via parish newsletter, website, community venues and community groups.</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council	Parish Council
Increase public seating throughout parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify sites and seek funding</li> <li>• Explore provision of some seating from Wakefield Council</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council	Parish Council
Tackle littering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publicise meeting for residents interested in a community litter pick group.</li> <li>• Request details of support available from Wakefield Council (training &amp; equipment).</li> <li>• Link up with schools to encourage education around environmental responsibility.</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council, Local residents  <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council, Local Schools	Parish Council
Tackle problem of irresponsible dog ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request additional signage, targeted distribution of dog waste bags and sprayed pavement notices from Wakefield Council.</li> <li>• Encourage residents to identify dog-fouling 'grot spots' and report witnessed offences to Council Dog Wardens on 0845 8 506506 or on-line to: <a href="http://www.wakefield.gov.uk">www.wakefield.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council, Local residents  <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council	Parish Council
Tackle problem of fly-tipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage residents to report incidences of fly-tipping to Wakefield Council on 0845 8 506506 or on-line to: <a href="http://www.wakefield.gov.uk">www.wakefield.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Local residents	Parish Council

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## ENVIRONMENT

The Action	Steps to Achievement	Priority	Responsibility (Lead & Partners)	Monitoring responsibility
Improved provision of refuse and recycling collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress request made to Wakefield Council for improved training and monitoring of refuse collection personnel.</li> <li>Encourage residents to condense their recycling (e.g. squash plastic bottles)</li> <li>Consult Wakefield Council on expanding the range of recyclable plastics.</li> <li>Research and contact charities to site recycling container in the parish (e.g. shoes/clothing).</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Local residents, Wakefield Council	Parish Council
Facilitate access to Council street repair schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request schedule for pavement and road repairs within the parish from Highways Dept. and publish on parish website.</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council	Parish Council
Improve existing and investigate provision of new playgrounds within the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Wakefield Council on playground improvements and detail of funding available.</li> <li>Research other sources of potential funding</li> <li>Invite interested residents to progress action.</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council. Local residents. <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council	Parish Council
Signage/information boards at Calder Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on sources of funding for new signage.</li> </ul>	Low	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> YWT	Parish Council
Support prompt action on drainage/flooding incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage residents to report drainage/flooding problems to Wakefield Council.</li> <li>Establish watercourse monitoring groups of interested residents.</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Local residents, Parish Council <u>Partners:</u> Wakefield Council	Parish Council



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## HOUSING

The Action	Steps to Achievement	Priority	Responsibility (Lead & Partners)	Monitoring responsibility
Develop closer working links between community and Planning Dept. including forming a community land use group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward questionnaire response data to Wakefield Council Planning Dept. and establish dialogue regarding future community involvement.</li> <li>Invite residents interested in learning more about the Localism Bill and new community rights to form a group to monitor planning within the parish.</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council <u>Partner:</u> Wakefield Council Planning Dept., Interested residents	Parish Council

## YOUNG PEOPLE

Increase participation of young people in community improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult with schools on developing School Council links with Parish Council</li> <li>Explore development of media (newsletter/website) for local young people</li> </ul>	Medium	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council, Community-Led Planning Steering Group <u>Partner:</u> Schools, local interest groups	Community-Led Plan Steering Group
Develop provision of facilities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with Wakefield Youth Development &amp; Support Service to clearly identify needs of young people.</li> <li>Establish Youth Club</li> </ul>	High	<u>Lead:</u> Parish Council, Community-Led Plan Steering Group, Wakefield YDSS <u>Partners:</u> Schools, community venues and local interest groups	Parish Council





# Members of the Community-Led Plan Steering Group:

## Cynthia & Len Binns

Cynthia and Len have lived in Hall Green for 28 years. Cynthia has recently become a Parish Councillor, is Secretary of Hall Green Community Association and is Chair of Wakefield Rural Arthritis Care Support Group. Len is a retired serviceman. He is Treasurer of Hall Green Community Association and Treasurer of Friends of Betty Eastwood Park.

## Jackie Craven

Jackie has lived in Durkar for 43 years. She is a Parish Councillor, a member of the Guides Association, Trustee to the Village Institute, Hall Green Community Centre, Worrills Almshouses and the 45th Durkar Scouts.

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Peter is a Parish Councillor, Trustee to Charlesworth Charity and volunteer at the National Railway Museum.

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## Gill & Terry Sykes

Gill and Terry have lived in Newmillerdam for 14 years, although nine generations of Terry's family have lived within Crigglestone parish. They are active with Friends of Newmillerdam Country Park (FNCP), Volunteer Tree Wardens and Newmillerdam Community and Conservation Association (NCCA) of which Gill is the Secretary. Terry is the Treasurer for the Community Plan.

## Marilyn Wood (Acting Chair)

Marilyn has lived in Calder Grove for over 20 years. She is the Training Manager at the Cedar Court Hotel and therefore represents both the residents and businesses within the parish. She is a responsible dog owner and enjoys the fabulous countryside and open spaces in which to exercise Molly with her supportive husband Ian.



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