

LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH PLAN 2021

QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

Cumbria County Council, South Lakes District Council and the Lake District National Park Authority are responsible for planning which supports and impacts our local community. However, we must understand our own specific needs and ambitions. Therefore, the Parish Council is preparing a Local Parish Plan to take into account our own priorities.

At the 2018 Lowick Show we ran a small stand inviting local people to put forward their ideas and concerns that they would like to see reflected in our local plan. Based on the responses we received we have worked to prepare a questionnaire to find out more on the areas and issues which appeared to be of most concern.

Since that time we have all been dealing with the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and our intentions for a new Parish Plan have been delayed. Nevertheless, it may well be that our experiences over the last 12 months have made us think even more seriously about we could and should be trying to do as a Parish.

This is the questionnaire we have now produced and your responses will guide us to produce a Parish Plan most relevant to our needs. We would like every household to complete and return a copy highlighting their views on the issues identified, together with any other issues which they think are relevant. ALL residents of all ages are encouraged to contribute to the questionnaire and can do so either by adding to a single household questionnaire or by completing an additional copy(ies). As well as understanding the needs and priorities of the existing population we are concerned to understand those of the up and coming generation. You can download and print additional copies of the questionnaire from the parish council website at lowick.org.uk More paper copies can be obtained from any of the Councillors.

Please return completed questionnaires by June 30th. You can do this on line by scanning your return and email to Lowick PC, by completing the questionnaire on line through the PC website or by paper copy returned to any of the Parish Councillors, the Lowick Green Telephone Box or the Red Lion. After we have analysed the results we will provide a summary to residents and use this as the basis of our Local Parish Plan.

Responses to the questionnaire may be anonymous but if you wish to confirm your identity, for example, for Councillors to follow up, then please do so. In all such cases individual identities will be kept in strict confidence in accord with GDPR regulations.

LOCAL HOUSING

The Parish is rural with no essential amenities such as a school or shop. It is also split by the National Park boundary with some houses in and some not. We would like to hear your views on how we can improve the housing:

1. Is there a need for more houses in the Parish?

YES

NO

2. If, yes what type of housing?

Low cost starter homes

Local occupancy

Family homes

Second / Holiday Homes

Other, please specify.

3. If there is a need for further housing in the Parish, what new infrastructure would you like to see?

	YES	NO
Local doctor surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Improved public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Local shop(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other, please comment:

THE ENVIRONMENT

SLDC will help residents reduce the amount of household waste and extend the range of recycled materials from the kerbside.

1. Thinking about how you recycle please tell us how we can improve, we can explore opportunities to increase the range and ways we collect materials, we can use our waste as a resource to improve the economic return from the reuse and recycling.

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Well maintained footpaths encourage residents to leave their car at home. Walking helps maintain your health and wellbeing. SLDC supports active travel, such as developing safer cycling and walking routes, they will promote cycle tourism.

2. Thinking about the non-vehicle routes near you, can we create new or improve existing paths. Tell us about paths which need maintenance so we can enhance the Parish's heritage and improve our environment.

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You have told us the outdated Parishes drains are being overloaded due to increasing precipitation or previous poor maintenance. Routine cleaning of road gullies is now being performed by SLDC in house and blocked gullies should be reported to Highways. We are interested in incidences which need more than just routine maintenance.

3. Thinking about public areas near you that are prone to regular flooding please tell us their location and suggest ways we can improve or prevent future flooding.

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You asked us to maintain and improve our local landscape. You have told us that footpaths and hedge rows are littered, road signs are dirty and faded. We need to know where the worst areas are and if you feel it is important for us to form a planned maintenance schedule, put up waste bins and signage.

4. Please tell us where littered area's and dirty road signs are and give some thought to ways, we can prevent this from happening, e.g. organise litter picks, signage.

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SLDC will make progress in reducing carbon emissions and become more energy efficient.

5. Please tell about schemes you would support to help reduce our carbon footprint, e.g. improved local transport systems, planting trees – carbon capture, electric charging points for cars, help and advice with solar panel, heat pump schemes.

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6. Collective action of residents could bring environmental and cost/efficiency improvements. Group purchase schemes for oil and gas or a joint scheme for septic tank cleaning are examples where both economic benefit and standards can be achieved. We would like to know what you think and what other areas might be of interest to you.

	Yes	No
Would you be interested in group purchase schemes for fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you be interested in a joint scheme for septic tank cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are there other joint schemes you think could benefit our Parish?

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TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

1. Do you feel that the 40mph speed limit is working on the A5092 from the Farmer's Arms to the old School? Yes No

Do you feel that the 40mph speed limit is working on the A5084 to Coniston by the side of the Green? Yes No

2. Should either of the speed limited sections of main road be extended?

State where

3. Should we as citizens actively utilise Speed guns from the police to monitor these speed limits? Yes No

Are you willing to volunteer your services? If yes please give your name

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4. Do you think we should be lobbying for a lower speed limit? Yes No

On what sections of road?

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Should any other sections of road in the Parish have a speed limit? Yes No

Where

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5. What do you think about the state of repair of the roads in Lowick?

Good OK Poor

Please indicate any locations which require particular attention

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6. What do you think about the state of repair/maintenance of the footpaths/pavements in Lowick?

Good OK Poor

Please detail specific problems with their location

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7. Have you any comments regarding the road signage in the Parish? If particular problems please state location

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8. Should we undertake a greater amount/more frequent grass cutting of verges during the summer months? (The County undertake a 1 metre stretch of cut verge twice a year. We are conscious that a number of local residents maintain during the summer a more frequent regime.)

Yes No

Do you feel that the grass cutting does improve the appearance of the village for visitors/passers through?

Yes No

9. Do you feel we have a litter problem in the Parish?

Yes No

Should we suggest a community day once a year for assistance with clearing litter?

Yes No

Are you willing to volunteer your services? If yes please give your name

10. Have you any further comments/suggestions regarding Transport and Highways?

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Although a small community we already have a lot of groups active within the Parish. We think it would be useful to publicise these more widely. Also, we would like to understand what additional groups could usefully strengthen and add to the social wellbeing of the Parish

1. Please list all the community groups you know of? (doesn't necessarily run in the Community Hall)

Please put a tick next to the ones that you use.

1. <u>E.g Lowick Show</u>	9. _____
2. _____	10. _____
3. _____	11. _____
4. _____	12. _____
5. _____	13. _____
6. _____	14. _____
7. _____	15. _____
8. _____	16. _____

2. How often do you use these groups?

Weekly
Monthly
Annually
Never

3. What groups would you like to see in the Parish?

4. Do you use the community hall?

Yes
No

If yes, how often?

Weekly
Monthly
Annually

Never

5. Do you feel the facilities in the Parish are sufficient to support these groups?

Yes

No

If no, what do you think is needed?

PARISH NEWSLETTER AND COMMUNICATIONS

With our parish being to spread out and with some in the National Park and other not, we feel that communication between us all is paramount to keep this Parish working as a whole. Recently, the various parishes along the Crake valley have combined to produce the Coniston and Crake Valley News. This has been delivered free of charge by volunteers to every household and is becoming the primary source of local news, replacing the Parish Magazine. It is also available on-line at conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk

Are you happy with the level of communication within our community regarding our parish?

YES NO

If 'no' please use the space below for comments and thoughts...

What information do you want to be kept updated with?

Local Politics

Relevant Planning

Road works/closures

Local Events

Other, please specify.

With initial response to the new Coniston and Crake Valley News being positive, what additional sort of communication, if any, would you find useful?

Local Lowick Newsletter through your door.

Local Lowick Newsletter via email

Facebook page

Lowick Parish Magazine

Lowick PC Website

Community meetings/drop-in

Parish Notice board

How frequently would you like to be updated with parish information?

Monthly

Quarterly

Bi-annually

Annually

We are very keen to hear how you think communication can be improved and can realistically be achieved. If anyone has any methods they have tried and tested- with good results, then we would love to hear about them...

For communications to be most effective, robust and fast internet connectivity is essential. How satisfactory is your broadband connection and would you wish to see it improved.

My broadband connection is currently

Very satisfactory

Adequate

Unsatisfactory

Please tell us what improvements you would like to see in future

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Emergencies, however unlikely, can and sometimes do happen. While we can always rely on the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, First Responders backed up by the Coastguard, Mountain Rescue and maybe coordinated by the County or local Council some input of local parish knowledge and information can be very useful.

Severe weather in the form of rain, wind, snow and ice or even heatwaves and drought can and does affect our community. There may be other emergencies which may also have a community wide impact. Although the impact of emergencies may be broadly felt across the community their specific impact will depend on local details such as proximity to rivers, access limitations, drainage as well as potentially vulnerable parishioners.

The purpose of this part of the questionnaire is to understand your concerns and needs in the event of an emergency affecting our Parish. This can help in both planning to avoid severe impacts and as an input to actions to help the emergency services should a significant incident occur.

Thinking of your house and its immediate surroundings (tell us your location please)

1. What hazards (eg flood, snowfall, ice, drought etc) could seriously affect you and your family?

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2. What steps do you think could reasonably be taken to avoid these hazard(s)?

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3. Would you wish to appear on a register of vulnerable households to help emergency services recognise priorities?

Yes

No

Thinking of the whole Parish

4. Are there any other hazards which you believe could affect other parts of the Parish?

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5. Finally, what information would you like to see published in respect of a local emergency plan?

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EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE LDNP

There have been public meetings concerning the proposal to extend the Southern Boundary of the National Park to include areas from Silecroft to Millom, around Askam and across to Cartmel and Grange. Part of the parish is already in the LDNPA, other parts remain outside. Our parish currently sides astride the southern boundary and so we would like to understand your views.

Are you	YES	NO
1. Broadly in favour of the proposed extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Broadly against the proposed extension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Undecided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Not concerned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

You may wish to express your view in words or identify particular advantages, disadvantages or concerns

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SUBMITTED BY

Please, personal information is requested only if you wish the Parish Council to respond directly to you on any issues you raise. Otherwise providing such information is your choice but will only be used by the Parish Council in respect of the production of this Parish Plan and will be kept in confidence between you and the Parish Council

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE.....

EMAIL.....

It would help us in analysis of the results to have an idea of age, please tick if you wish

AGE 16-25 26-40 41-60 61 and over