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# Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Plan May 2005



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## Acknowledgements

This Parish Plan comprises one element of a consultative exercise to ascertain the views and opinions of residents in Upper Wensleydale and in particular the parish council areas of Askrigg, Aysgarth, Bainbridge and Hawes. Individual plans have been prepared for each area together with a “cluster” plan covering issues of general interest to the upper dale. The plans were prepared with the financial support of The Countryside Agency and each parish council.

The Hawes & High Abbotside Plan is founded on the response of the people of the parish to a questionnaire distributed throughout the parish and thanks are due to those residents who found the time to complete and return the forms.

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Hawes, Town Head.

# What is a Parish Plan?

Parish Plans were introduced in the 2000 'Rural White Paper', setting out the Government's plans for the countryside. They are part of the Countryside Agency's 'Vital Villages' initiative.

A Parish Plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over the years; it reflects how the community sees themselves and future development. It considers employment, social and environmental issues and the built environment. It cannot decide planning policy, but can influence it with the community voice of the Parish Plan.

The Plan should:

- Reflect the views of all sectors of the community.
- Identify which features and local characteristics are valued.
- Identify local problems and opportunities.
- Spell out how residents want their community to develop in the future. Prepare a plan of action to achieve this vision.

In order to be influential and effective it is important that the Parish Plan complements and addresses policies in local strategies, such as the Richmondshire Community Plan, the National Park Local Plan.

The approach taken by the Upper Wensleydale Parish Plans steering group was to survey the whole of Upper Wensleydale to receive views on services and issues that are common across all of the parishes within the area of benefit. Each parish then consulted within it's own resident only communities to identify those views and community services that are unique.

## Introduction

The Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Plan Questionnaire comprises of 22 questions arising from four months of community consultation. It was posted to 566 households on the electoral role over the area (see Appendix 3). There are 734 recorded dwellings in the Parishes, 572 have recorded residents <sup>1</sup>. The completed forms were returned by householders to collection points three weeks later.

There was a **21% return**, (based upon the number of questionnaires sent) representing the views of 115 **households** over the area of benefit.

The following is the analysis of the data from the Questionnaire.

Factual conclusions have been included; recommended action is listed in the Action Plan.  
KEY: Highlighted text refers to additional information to be found on individual questionnaires.

<sup>1</sup>: ONS, Census 2001.

## The Public Consultation Results Summarised

### 1. You & Your Household

Of those who answered the questionnaire, 41.6% (47) are Male and 58.4% (66) are Female with 2 no response. 27% of those completing the questionnaire are in the 55-64 age group, 22% are in the 45-54 age group and 19% are in the 65-74 age group.

### 2. Leisure, Sports & Amenity

On the whole Community vitality, the extent to which people participate and interact with their neighbours, is fairly good for the adult members of the community. Within households, 33% play an active part in attending a place of worship.

Leisure/Recreational activities are the second most popular amenity, with 23% involved in leisure or recreational groups and 17% of households active within a form of club. 15% play an active part in the Village Hall and 13% are involved in evening classes.

Participation in youth activities is low at 5%, not withstanding there is a low level of population under 18 in the parishes.

43 households indicated which activity and local clubs they already use in the area. There is a good range of clubs and activities attended over the area; the most popular are drama, walking, Gayle ladies and bowls.

### Improvement of social and community activities

There are 47 responses on things that could be done to improve social and community activities in the town/village or parish. 34% of the responses raised a desire for more sporting facilities in various forms; swimming pool, indoor gym, sports centre, tennis courts, designated sports hall and ten pin bowling.

Sports Hall with changing / showering facilities. Gym.

There is certainly identification of issues around existing provision of sports activities. There is also

identification of underlying issues around community life, such as transport, housing, care for the elderly, out of hours GP services.



Community Resource Centre, Hawes.

**Recommendation:**

**As Action REF 4 in the Cluster Action Plan.**

**Action REF 2.1:** Support improvement of publicity in on community/social amenities; this may improve community involvement in participating in event organisation.

**Action REF 2.2:** As part of retaining existing activity provision, explore the sustainability of Christmas Lights and Activities; investigate possibility of Parish Council support.

### 3. Community Communication

64 households indicated a desire for the town/village to have it's own website, this represented 73% of those who responded to this question. There were 27 who did not respond, and 24 who indicated a 'No'.

**Recommendation:**

**Action REF 3.1:** Parish Councils consider introduction of Community website with strong links in with existing sites that promote the area.

### 4. Environment

There is general concern with litter and rubbish dumping from 73 households and concern over dog dirt/fouling by 64 households.

Noise is of concern for 28 households.

Positively there is only a low level of concern regarding stray dogs in the parish (9 households);

however the widespread concern over dog fouling highlights a need for publicity regarding this issue.

**Hawes has far too many street signs (self-defeating). Wheelie bins (& recycling bins) would be welcome. There is a real need for organised youth activities, far too much of an under-age 'pub culture'.**

51 households were interested in taking part in a clean up of the parish area and cemetery once or twice a year, a positive 49% of those who answered this question. Only 29 households (28%) gave a definite 'No' and a further 25 (24%) households were unsure.

### Things that would improve surrounding environment

A total of 66 suggestions and comments are listed on things that households think would improve the environment where they live.

A large number of the comments concern Hawes and re-iterate some of the issues raised in the surrounding parishes, parking, traffic management, litter and dog waste.

Traffic Management is by far the area where the community feel the most improvement to the environment would result. Conflict with traffic in various forms is common throughout the parish. This covers the full spectrum, from parking, heavy lorry use, speeding motorbike, trail bikers and other off-roader's using 'green lanes'.

Road usage by heavy goods vehicles features as things the community wish to see improved in both Hawes and Hardraw responses. Improvement of parking facilities is particularly important at peak times such as weekends and Bank Holidays in both Hawes town and Hardraw village.

There is an issue over Motorbikes within the parish that is ongoing, both with speeding (along the A684 and B6255), noise and parking in the centre of Hawes town.

Specific issues within Gayle village are the state of the village green.

Other improvements suggested through Appersett, Burtersett, Cotterdale, Lunds, Sedbusk and Simonstone villages are largely single comments.

**Recommendation:**

**Action REF 4.1:** Consider provision of Off Road Parking area at Hardraw in response to increasing tourism 'honey pot'.

**Action REF 4.2:** Encourage greater enforcement of speed and parking restrictions.

**Action REF 4.3:** Assess possible aesthetic improvements to Gayle village green, lowering of transformer, restoration of green, provision of litter/dog bins.

## 5. Traffic Issues

### Parking

As a whole both resident and visitor parking appear to be an issue over the parish. Visitor parking is an issue for 67% of households who responded to this question. 59% have an issue with residential parking.

### Speeding

As already highlighted above there is widespread concern over speeding vehicles on the parish roads, with Motorbikes as the main concern. 93% (103) of households who answered this question are concerned about speeding Motorcycles.

Regarding speeding HGV's and Cars the response rate was lower, but the level of concern was still in the majority that 'yes' speeding is of concern.

### Danger spots in the parish

Danger spots within the parish are identified by 60 households, some recurring many times, in particular the speed of vehicles, specifically motorcycles, along the A684 Hawes to Bainbridge and A684 Hawes to Ribbleshead.

Also highlighted is the junction at the chapel as vehicles go through Gayle to Kettlewell.



Hawes Town Foot.

The road layout in the Town Foot area of Hawes is of concern with a few households; the 'sleeping policemen' in relation to parking vehicles obscuring the signs and traffic parking/speed around the children's play area.

Major 'danger spots' within Hawes & High Abbotside are listed in Appendix 1, where a particular danger was mentioned, this has been recorded also. The recommendations cover those areas of widespread concern to the parish householders.

**It is more a question of young drivers doing 'speed circuits' on summer evenings - random police checks would help.**

#### Recommendation:

**Action REF 5.1:** Assess whether there is a need for crossing point at Town Foot to become pedestrian right of way. Consider ways in which pedestrian safety can be improved during the Tuesday Market. Consider assessment of existing parking provision in areas where there is identified hazard to other road users/pedestrians; specifically at the Health Centre junction, at Hawes children's playground and corner by Laura's Teashop.

**Action REF 5.2:** Consider assessment of existing parking provision in areas where there is identified hazard to other road users; specifically at the Health Centre junction. Highlight concerns over parking and conflicts with motorcycle users to relevant authorities with a view to influencing future policy. Explore establishment of motorbike only car park.

## 6. Services

### Provision and maintenance

Level of response to this was fairly high. The level of satisfaction with winter gritting is the 'good' to 'satisfactory' for most households; most of the households who completed the survey are well served in this area.

Largely the rating levels are satisfactory for all service provision, however a minority of households have specific issues with maintenance of minor roads, verges and drains/sewerage systems.

Rating of the maintenance of minor roads by 41% (44) of households is recorded as low.

#### Recommendation:

**Action REF 6.1.** Strategically review the maintenance of minor roads throughout parish with a view to improvement. Review of maintenance of roadside verges.

**Action REF 6.2.** Review of drainage and sewerage provision.

## 7. Use of Community Halls

Use of the Hawes Market House is fairly high, with 43% of households using it occasionally, and 42% of households using it most times there is an event on.

Only 5 households who responded have never used the Market House.

Households were then asked which events they liked to attend at the Hawes Market House. In particular, what shows is that community events are

well supported; these span a whole range of typical activities occurring within the Market House. It also shows the importance of the Market House as a community resource.

73 households identified Hawes Market House as being their local community hall, in addition some households indicated they used other community halls. 32 households identified Gayle Institute as being their community hall, 8 households identified Burtersett Institute and 8 identified Hawes National School .

Use of local community hall was reduced in comparison to the feedback on using Hawes Market House as a venue for activities. 39% of households use their hall most times there is an event, or occasionally. 12 households indicated they had never used their local community hall.

Level of events in the village institutes is typically lower than that occurring in Hawes town, however the feedback on this question shows that support is good for institutes such as Gayle.



Hawes Market House .

**Recommendation:**

**Action REF 7.1.** Strategic support for development of activities within outlying villages to ensure continuation of community use of village facilities. Continued support to Hawes Market House as a focal point for activities and events in the parish.

## 8. Social Issues

### Likes

90 comments are recorded for this section.

The most important thing to households about living in their town/village is the strong community cohesion, the community spirit and support from the local community. There are 48 feedback comments received that specifically mention this aspect of community living.

Second to this is the rural setting, peace and

tranquillity. There are 46 feedback comments received regarding this aspect of living in the parish. Also mentioned is the feeling of safety within the communities, from crime and to bring up a family. Close proximity of services is also something that households like about the area.

### Dislikes

83 households left comment on dislikes about living in their town/village, 21 of these had no dislike.

Of those that had issues or areas of discontent, some of these re-enforce earlier concerns and concerns within the Cluster Parish Plan. Traffic issues are raised within most of the comments. Issues also raised are:

- Motor Bike/vehicle speed/noise.
- Litter.
- Dog fouling.
- Lack of police presence.
- Out of Hours GP provision/distance to Hospital.
- Lack of sporting facilities.
- HGV traffic.

Other areas arise from conflict between residents and tourists; car parking, free parking for residents away from shops, no off road parking in tourism spots, inconsiderate parking.

Linked in with this is the quiet discontent with housing in the parish; high house prices, 'affordable' housing, high council tax, restrictive planning on conversions, restrictive planning on 'new build', loss of young people, too many holiday/second homes.

### Things that would improve quality of life

This covered Better Environment, Better facilities for children and youth, Better facilities for the elderly, Better health and welfare services, Better housing/housing services, Better schools, Less crime, More money/resources from government, Better jobs and Better transport links. All of these were ranked 1 to 4, most important to least important.

The things that people most felt would improve their environment were improved health and welfare services, better housing and housing services and better facilities for the elderly, children and youth.

In some areas there is a high level of 'no response'; this is a reflection of the high proportion of the community for whom that particular area is of no

direct interest, for example school provision is usually only of interest to those with children/grandchildren and provision of public transport is usually only of interest to those who rely upon it as their sole means of travel. Similarly crime had a high level of 'no response', however it is rated as the most important thing that would improve quality of life by 32 households, 53% of those who responded to this question.

In percentage terms, of those who responded, 65% rate the provision of better health and welfare services as most important. 58% rate better housing and housing services as most important, 55% rate the provision of better facilities for the elderly as most important and 54% rate provision of better facilities for children/youth as most important.

### Improvements/changes the community would like to see in the next 3-7 years

This is an area where households can voice opinions that may not have been captured in other areas and re-iterate issues and solutions in their own words.



Hawes.

The comments covered a wide range of areas, traffic management, housing, improved facilities for young and elderly. Some of these comments are widespread concerns within the community that they would like to see improvements in.

Key areas the community would like to see most improvements and changes are as follows:

- Better sports facilities.
- Low rent and affordable housing provision.
- GP Out of Hours care.
- Better parking.
- Sheltered/supported accommodation for the elderly.
- Restriction of holiday/second homes.

Although the area is relatively low crime there is a fear of crime. The community would welcome an increased police presence in the area, perhaps this is also related to the general disquiet over level of public service that is currently offered not being seen as value for money compared to urban areas.

There are issues with tourism and tourist related activity, spanning parking, holiday/second homes, traffic congestion, lack of permanent residents. These areas of discontent are widespread and vocal throughout this Parish and the area of the Cluster Parishes.

### Additional suggestions to improve life in the area

49 additional comments are recorded, most of which are positive in their approach.



Hawes Market.

There is praise for the newly built Community Office/Library, the exhibitions run at the Dales Countryside Museum and the village bus. Individual suggestions include:

- Restricting lorry deliveries on Tuesday Market Day.
- Floral displays around Hawes Town.
- Improved collection of recyclable material.

**Better help/home care for elderly. Someone to ensure they get a social life & get out?**

#### Recommendation:

#### As Action REF 2 to 8 in Cluster Parish Plan

**Action REF 8.1:** Endeavour to ensure housing needs of particular sectors of the community, i.e. the elderly, are recognised and solved by appropriate means.

## ACTION PLAN

**In conjunction with the Upper Wensleydale Cluster Parish Action Plan.**

**LEGEND:** A&LA PC: Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council, A&D PC:Aysgarth & District Parish Council, BPC: Bainbridge Parish Council, H&HAPC: Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council, LSC: Learning and Skills Council, NYPA: North Yorkshire Police Authority, NYCC: North Yorkshire County Council, RDC: Richmondshire District Council, TBA: The Business Association (Wensleydale) Ltd, UW: Upper Wensleydale, UWCP Ltd: Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership Ltd, UWPC: Upper Wensleydale Parish Cluster, YDNPA: Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, YSDA: Yorebridge Sports Development Association.

**PRIORITY:** 1: high (up to 6 months), 2: medium (6-12 months), 3: low (within 2 years).

REF	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	TIMESCALE	LEAD
2.1	<b>LEISURE,SPORTS &amp; AMENITY</b> Pass suggestions for improvements to relevant committees and organisations.		2	UWSRA RDC	12 Months	UWCP Ltd
2.2	Christmas Lights Assess long term sustainability of the Christmas lights initiative		2	Hawes Christmas Lights group	12 months	H&HAPC
3.1	<b>COMMUNICATION</b> Website Explore set up of community website for Parish		1	NYCC	6 months	H&HAPC
4.1	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Parking Assess parking provision in Hardraw with view to improvement.		3	Local landowners	2 years	H&HAPC
4.2	Traffic calming Encourage enforcement of speed/parking restrictions		2	NYPA NYCC	12 months	H&HAPC

4.3	Gayle Green Assess possible aesthetic improvements		3	Gayle Improvement Trust, YDNPA and Trustees of the Lords of the Manor of Bainbridge	2 years	H&HAPC
5.1	<b>TRAFFIC ISSUES</b> Pedestrian/User Safety Encourage safety improvements at Town Foot, Hawes and at the corner of Laura's Teashop, Hawes.		2	NYCC	12 months	H&HAPC
5.2	Parking Review motorbike parking in Hawes Town Centre.		2	NYCC, NYPA and frontagers and businesses	On going	H&HAPC
6.1	<b>SERVICE PROVISION</b> Roadside Increased maintenance/cleaning of minor roads and roadside verges		2	NYCC	On going	H&HAPC
6.2	Drainage/sewerage Review of provision throughout parish		2	NYCC, RDC, Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency	On going	H&HAPC
7.1	<b>USE OF COMMUNITY HALLS</b> Importance of activity provision and continued community use to be passed to the relevant committees.		2	UWCP Ltd	12 months	H&HAPC
8.1	<b>SOCIAL ISSUES</b> Housing Review housing needs of the elderly Hawes community.		2	RDC	On going	H&HAPC

# APPENDIX 1: Replies to the Questionnaire

## 1. You and Your Household

Q1 and Q2:

Of those who answered the questionnaire, 41.6% (47) are Male and 58.4% (66) are Female with 2 no response. The age group of the person filling in the survey is as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Responses</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
25-34	5	(4.4%)
35-44	13	(11.4%)
45-54	25	(21.9%)
55-64	31	(27.2%)
65-74	22	(19.3%)
75-84	15	(13.2%)
85+	3	(2.6%)
No response	1	

## 2. Leisure, Sports and Amenity

Q3. Do you play an active part in the town/village in any of the following groups?

AMENITY	YOU	YOUR PARTNER	MEMBER OF FAMILY	MEMBER OF FAMILY	MEMBER OF FAMILY
The Women's Institute	5	10			
Parent and Toddler/Playgroup	7	3			
Village hall	17	3			
Place of Worship	38	6	1		
Evening Class	15	5			
Clubs	20	4	2	1	
Sports Group	9	2	3		
Leisure/Recreational Group	27	6			
Youth Activities/Club	6	3	3	1	1

Q4. If you or your family use any local clubs in the area, which ones do you use and for what activity?

LOCAL CLUB/ACTIVITY	AGE RANGE								TOTAL
	None	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
Drama Group/Club	1				3	3	1		8
Walking Group				3	4	1			8
Gayle Ladies				1	4	2			7
Bowls Club				1	4	2			7
Friends of Dales Countryside Museum	1			2	1	1			5

Youth Club				2	1		1		4
Football/Indoor Football				3	1				4
Art/Craft group					2	2			4
Hawes Amateur Operatic	1			1	1				3
Hawes Gala Committee	1								3
Play Reading (Gayle Inst)				1	1		1		3
Dominoes/Darts					1	1	1		3
Hawes Conservative Club/Bingo/snooker				1			2		3
Talks	1				1				2
Friends Of Gayle Mill				1		1			2
Yoga				1	1				2
Hawes Celebrations Group					1		1		2
Leyburn Bowling/Squash/Gym					2				2
Badminton Club					2				2
Gayle Institute/Gayle Methodist Chapel						1	1		2
Band/Choral society					1	1			2
Dale End Club over 60's									1
Garsdale Ladies					1				1
Fishing					1				1
Brownies				1					1
Quoits Club				1					1
Dancing					1				1
Kings Club summer school					1				1
WI					1				1
Cricket Club		1							1
Swaledale Mountain Rescue					1				1

Q5. What do you think could be done to improve social and community activities in your town/village/parish?

Responses included:

- Cubs / scouts.
- Clearing of general litter and superfluous street furniture.
- More youth workers.
- Provide reduced cost housing to encourage youth to remain in the area after full time education.
- More carers and home helps.
- More sheltered housing.
- Police are individually excellent but far too thinly spread.
- Some doctor responsible for Bank Holidays and weekends.
- Better publicity (3 Comments).
- Parish Council adopt Christmas lights and activities.
- More interaction between farming community and 'incomers'.
- Setting up of an Art Society and afternoon events in community halls .
- More activities in Hawes Market Hall such as cinema film nights.
- Functions for older people in village hall.
- Improve transport (2 Comments).

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Regular meetings - say 4 times a year.

Have a swimming pool at Hawes.

Sports centre, swimming pool, youth group.

Leisure Centre.

Designated sports hall, indoor gym.

More for children, teens, young adults.

The biggest let down in Hawes was our failure to secure funding for the swimming pool/sports centre which every age group would have used.

Adequate for our age group.

Swimming pool or more sports facilities.

Membership in the 20 - 35yrs age group.

Improved sports facilities.

Encourage youths to participate in 'constructive' activities - not entertain them.

More adverts on what is available.

More involvement from residents.

Try again for a swimming pool - it couldn't hurt!

If people could have a respect for where we live, especially the young to get together and put the walls back up along Gayle Lane.

Get the sports complex built.

Swimming pool.

Not a lot! Local people tend to do their own thing.

Swimming pool / leisure centre, gym.

Develop a village 'committee' to oversee and explore opportunities.

I'm very satisfied with activities in and around Hawes due to a number of noble volunteers.

More exercise facilities. No keep fit.

A tennis court would be appreciated ? at Askrigg.

Whist the Dales bus service is quite good, the Garsdale bus could be more frequent.

Ten pin bowling. Market hall.

More sports / dance / gym facilities

More activities / social / sports for young people. Cinema would be good.

### 3. Community Communication

Q6. Do you think the town/village should have its own community website?

Yes	64	(72.7%)
No	24	(27.3%)
no response	27	

## 4. Environment

Q7. Are you and your family concerned about any of the following?

There is general concern with litter and rubbish dumping from 73 households (79% of those who responded) and concern over dog dirt/fouling by 64 households (69% of those who responded).

Noise is of concern for 28 households (30% of responses).

Positively there is only a low level of concern regarding stray dogs in the parish (9 households, 10% of responses); however the widespread concern over dog fouling highlights a need for publicity regarding this issue.

Litter/rubbish dumping	73	(78.5%)
Stray dogs	9	(9.7%)
Dog dirt/fouling	64	(68.8%)
Noise	28	(30.1%)
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total	174	
no response	22	

Q8. Would you be prepared to take part in a clean up of the parish area and cemetery once or twice a year?

Yes	51	(48.6%)
No	29	(27.6%)
Don't know	25	(23.8%)
no response	10	

Q9. What do you think could be done to improve the environment where you live?

\*Hawes/Gayle/Burtersett/Sedbusk/Simonstone/Hardraw/Appersett/Lunds/Cotterdale/Widdale

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Road usage by heavy goods vehicles features in both Hawes and Hardraw responses. Improvement of parking facilities is particularly important at peak times such as weekends and Bank Holidays.

There is an issue over motorbikes within the parish, both with speeding (along the A684 and B6255), noise and parking in the centre of Hawes town.

Areas that get a particular mention for Hawes town are dog fouling on Beulah Bank, suggestions that more bins are introduced and that existing bins are emptied more frequently. Other areas are the street lighting from Town Foot to the cemetery, floral displays is suggested in the town foot roundabout (perhaps with local business sponsorship), and there is a request for regular skips in Station Yard or Bruntacres. Introduction of a part time dog warden is suggested as a means to combat the conflict with dog owners lack of consideration for other community members. Improvement of transport links covers the reintroduction of a rail link to Hawes.

Specific issues within Gayle village are the state of the village green. Other improvements are largely single comments. Traffic management areas that are suggested are speed bumps through Gayle Lane.

Suggestion is made to lower to ground level the transformer mounted on 2 posts near Gayle Bridge.

For Burtersett, a conservation Action Plan was produced in 2004, in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's 'Private spaces public places' (PSPP) initiative and was attached to the questionnaire as feedback on 'improvement ideas'.

Main areas where environment could be improved                      Response

**HARDRAW**

Improve/Off road parking parking	4
Stop motor bikes using the Pennine Way	1
Lack of Community seating	1
Stop HGV's through the village	1
Slow speeding traffic	1
Kerbside draining	1

**HAWES**

Fewer motorbikes/speeding/noise	6
Reduce dog fouling	5
Clear up litter	3
Flowers/planting around town	2
Restrict/stop HGV through traffic through town	2
Ban Off Road use of 'green lanes', Roman Roads	2
Tidy around Agricultural buildings	1
More Speed Traps	1
Evening opening of Library	1
Reduce number of Road Signs	1
More litter bins	1
Commitment to sport/leisure facilities	1
Doorstep collection of glass for recycling	1
Stopping travellers using common land	1
Improve Hawes centre parking	1
Reduce High Street congestion	1
Do more/promote Industrial estate	1
Better Street Lighting	1
Better street/pavement cleaning	1
Regular provision of Skips	1
Improve public toilets	1
Improve transport links	1
Reduce Light Pollution	1
Smelly Drains	1
Mains gas	1
Removal of unused builders/road company signs	1
Return the green to previous state	1
Encouraging people to tidy up outside their own homes	1
Ban on smoking in all public places	1

**GAYLE:**

Restoration of the Green	3
Reduction of motorbike/vehicle noise/speed	2
More litter bins/clean up of litter	2
Parking concerns once Mill opens	1
Converting Gayle green into a car park	1
Removal of derelict vehicles	1
Under-grounding of overhead wires	1
Stop dog fouling	1
Clean up old huts on roadside	1
More community seating	1
More recycling	1
Extra street lighting at west end.	1
More variety of shops for LOCAL needs.	1
Sensible parking area as many homes border the roadway	1
Tubs of flowers and more seating; hanging baskets	1
A single direct bus route to Darlington or Northallerton	1

Better play facilities for children	1
More dog bins	1
River cleaned up	1
<b>BURTERSETT</b>	
Dog fouling on privately owned land	1
Better controlled parking in village centre	1
<b>SIMONSTONE</b>	
Under-grounding of lines, removal of telephone poles	2
<b>WIDDALE</b>	
Plant nature & shrubs along roadside	1
Agricultural litter	1
Repair of stone walls	1
Minor roads need resurfacing	1
Litter a problem	1
Traffic -too fast and too noisy	1
<b>APPERSET</b>	
Conversion of redundant farm buildings for local people	1
Too many derelict buildings	1
<b>COTTERDALE</b>	
Better 'gritting' service	1
<b>LUNDS</b>	
Stop off road motorbikes using bridleways / green lanes	1
Access to more public amenities, services & transport	1
<b>SEDBUSK</b>	
Landscaping work to the entrance to the village	2
Fill in the potholes	1
Plant trees	1

## 5. Traffic Issues

Q10. Do you see car parking as an issue where you live?

As a whole both resident and visitor parking appear to be an issue over the parish. Visitor parking is an issue for 67% of households who responded to this question. 59% have an issue with residential parking.

### (a) Resident Parking

Yes	60	(59.4%)
No	38	(37.6%)
Don't know	3	(3.0%)
no response	14	

### (b) Visitor Parking

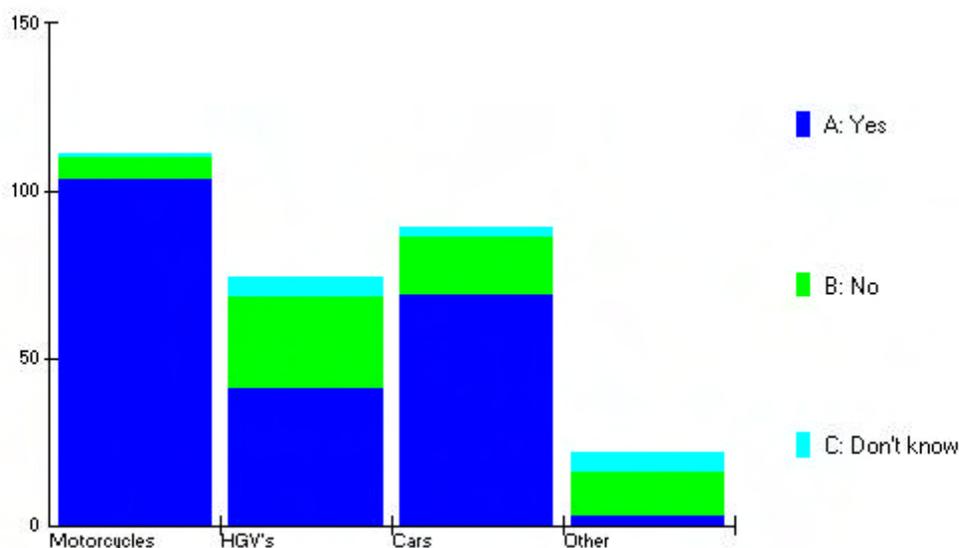
Yes	62	(66.7%)
No	26	(28.0%)
Don't know	5	(5.4%)
no response	22	

Q11. Are speeding vehicles of concern on the parish roads?

Motorbikes are the main concern. 93% (103) of households who answered this question are concerned about speeding Motorcycles, there were only 4 'no response'.

Regarding speeding HGV's and Cars the response rate was lower, but the level of concern was still in the majority that 'yes' speeding is of concern.

55% (41) of households is concerned about speeding HGV's, with 41 'no response' and 78% (69) of households were concerned at speeding cars, with 26 'no response'.



11. Is speeding traffic problem in area

Q12. Do you think there are any major 'danger spots' on the roads in the parish? If so, where are they?

**A684:**

- Junction by Health Centre, vehicles obscuring line of sight, speeding down the Holme.
- Hawes to Bainbridge length, speed of vehicles.
- Hawes to Garsdale length.
- Bend entering Appersett from Hawes.
- Speed of vehicles on all approach roads to Hawes.
- Appersett Bridge before junction to Hardraw, bad visibility.
- Speed bumps on approach to Hawes Town Foot, visibility of signs, vehicles parking on them.
- The 'new' junction at Bainbridge in front of the Rose & Crown.
- Junction for Middleham, motorists overtaking.
- Junction of Mire Bank Lane, Burtersett.
- Whole one way system through Hawes.
- Halfway corner.
- Crown of hill east of Thwaite bridge.

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- Near Tarney Force.
- At junction to Snaizeholme, 70m from Widdale Chapel.
- From Turfy Top to green lane end (Ingleton Road) – bends, motorcycles.
- Turfy Hill through to school hill.

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- Hardraw bridge.
- Use by HGV's to Askrigg.

- T junction from Hawes to Hardraw, Sedbusk, give way signs too close to junction.

#### Gayle

- Gayle Bridge/Chapel Junction.
- Gayle Lane area of Little Ings.
- Gayle Lane to Burtersett Road, speed restrictions, particular concern once Gayle Mill opens.

#### Cotterdale

- First cattle grid going to A684, blind spot.

#### Burtersett

- Main street through village, speed restrictions as at present is not even a 30mph.

#### Pedestrian concerns in Hawes:

Some areas are highlighted a few times, such as pedestrian issues within Hawes crossing the A684 in the town, with cars obstructing clear view of oncoming traffic, specifically at the junction by the HSBC bank and Laura's Tea room.

- Market Stalls on Tuesdays setting up so that pedestrians have to stop on road with backs to traffic.
- Pedestrians having to step into the road around cars parked to the edge of the road at Laura's Tea-shop corner, into fast coming traffic.
- Crossing the A684 in Hawes from HSBC.
- Crossing point at play park gate, being used as pedestrian right of way.
- Roadside parking around play park, danger to children running into the road.
- No pedestrian way by Town Head at Steppe Haugh.

#### Other areas

Ellenbeck corner.

Blind bend on Beckstones.

Far bridge.

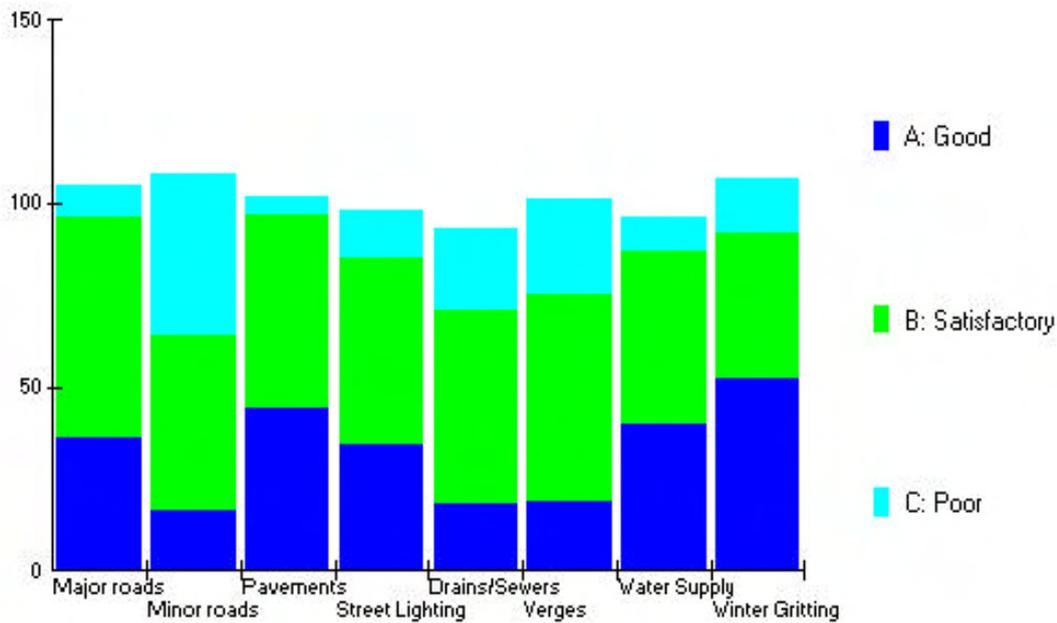
Junction of Rein's Hill top.

## 6. Services

### Q13. How do you rate the maintenance of the following?

Level of response to this was fairly high. Largely the rating levels are satisfactory for all service provision, however a minority of households have specific issues with maintenance of minor roads, verges and drains/sewerage systems. Responses are presented in tabular and graphical form.

HOW DO YOU RATE MAINTENANCE OF?	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	POOR	NO RESPONSE
Major roads	36 (34.3%)	60 (57.1%)	9 (8.6%)	10
Minor roads	16 (14.8%)	48 (44.4%)	44 (40.7%)	7
Pavements	44 (43.1%)	53 (52.0%)	5 (4.9%)	13
Street Lighting	34 (34.7%)	51 (52.0%)	13 (13.3%)	17
Drains/Sewers	18 (19.4%)	53 (57.0%)	22 (23.7%)	22
Verges	19 (18.8%)	56 (55.4%)	26 (25.7%)	14
Water Supply	40 (41.7%)	47 (49.0%)	9 (9.4%)	19
Winter Gritting	52 (48.6%)	40 (37.4%)	15 (14.0%)	8



13. Maintenance ratings

## 7. Use of Community Halls

Use of the Hawes Market House is fairly high, with 43% of households using it occasionally, and 42% of households using it most times there is an event on.

Only 5 households who responded have never used the Market House.

Households were then asked which events they liked to attend at the Hawes Market House. In particular, what shows is that community events are well supported; these span a whole range of typical activities occurring within the Market House. It also shows the importance of the Market House as a community resource.

Q14. How often do you and your family use Hawes Market Hall on average?

Whenever there is an event	12	(10.7%)
Most times there is an event	47	(42.0%)
Occasionally	48	(42.9%)
Almost never/never	5	(4.5%)
no response	3	

Q15. What events and activities do you and your family like to attend at the Hawes Market Hall?

What events and activities do you like to attend?	Responses
Indoor Market (Tuesday)	38
Pantomime	33
Auction Sales	27
Concert/bands	27
Craft Fair/shows	23
Table top Sales	20
Local shows/exhibitions	13

Musical events	11
Disco/dances	10
Community/Fundraising events	9
Private functions	9
Sales/bake sales	8
Theatre/drama	6
Indoor sports	5
Bowls club	5
Local Operatic Group	4
Christmas Lights Event	4
Booksale	4
Film/cinema	3
Playgroup	3
Brownies	2
Youth club	2
Badminton	2
Meetings	2
Church events	2
Library	1
Coffee morning	1
Talks	1

Q16. Which is your local community Hall?

Included within individual responses.

Q17. How often do you or your family use your local community hall?

Whenever there is an event	11	(10.3%)
Most times there is an event	42	(39.3%)
Occasionally	42	(39.3%)
Almost never/never	12	(11.2%)
no response	8	

## 8. Social issues

Q18. What is the most important thing to you and your family about living in your town/village?

90 comments are recorded for this section.

The most important thing to households about living in their town/village is the strong community cohesion, the community spirit and support from the local community. There are 48 feedback comments received that specifically mention this aspect of community living.

Second to this is the rural setting, peace and tranquility. There are 46 feedback comments received regarding this aspect of living in the parish. Also mentioned is the feeling of safety within the communities, from crime and to bring up a family. Close proximity of services is also something that households like about the area.

Comments are recorded below:

The lovely view over the dale, and the beautiful rural setting.

Convenient for work/shops/school/pub without having to drive at all.

Peaceful. Tranquil. Peace and quiet. (3 Comments).

Good community, scale suited to older people, good shops etc.

We live on a farm & have no choice of where we live. It is the place where we make our living.

A sense of community and a willingness to contribute when appropriate.

Close community ties. Friendly people - diverse age groups. Low level crime.

Access to fantastic scenery all year round.

The views, the people.

Town is small enough to retain a sense of community.

Freedom, being safe on our streets and our children being able to play outdoors.

The beautiful countryside and the friendly people.

Environment & community.

Lack of crime, peace and quiet, community spirit.

Community spirit (4 Comments).

The close knit community in a beautiful area of the country. A sense of belonging.

Friendliness of residents, scenery, close to family, quietness, relative lack of crime.

Peace & quiet. Access to local post office, bank and shops. Access to local surgery.

Good sense of community. Easy to get to know people. Quite a lot of social activity. Good service in shops.

Being part of a close knit community.

An active caring community.

Peace & quiet (mostly) after frenetic pace of life in towns & cities.

Natural / wildish countryside.

Sense of community, countryside, local shops.

Quiet and safety. Ability to leave your door open during the day time.

Fantastic surroundings, friendly people.

Peaceful environment, beautiful countryside, friendly community. Improved bus services, good level of shops and services for such a rural area.

It's position in the countryside and it's lack of crime.

Our family live here, our friends are here, and everybody is friendly towards everybody.

The people.

Community feeling and knowing everyone.

Freedom from crime.

Closeness of community.

Peace, friendly neighbours, community spirit.

Neighbours, quietness, safety.

No hustle and bustle. Knowing who's who, lots of friends.

Peace and quiet! The surrounding countryside.

There is very little crime.

A friendly community, knowing there will be someone to turn to if needed. Shops, doctor etc.

Peace and quiet, low traffic activity, views down the dale.

The peace, the pure air to breathe, the friendship among neighbours.

Security; peace most of the time; pleasant people; helpful.

Safe, clean, friendly community.

Peace and quietness, lovely views, friendly people.

The slower rate of life.

Peace and very restrained modern living.

Family & friends.

Its a safe and pleasant environment to raise a family.

Everything is handy.

The people, the beauty of the villages and landscape.

That there is 'affordable' housing to allow those that want to stay and make their homes here possible.

Friendly people in a working village with terrific views and a lot of history.

Like the area.

Past connections.

Close community network, neighbours and friends. Everyone knowing each other and helping each other. Safety, countryside. Family near. Transport has improved and much easier to get about (as I don't drive).

Community spirit very good. The chapel, but most of all the people.

People are very friendly and helpful. other than more cafes and gift shops we need hardware shops and general household effects.

A close knit community. Very little crime.

Uniqueness of Hawes people and scenery. Friendliness of most people. Local businesses / shops - no charity shops (but all in favour of charity!). Good support from friends and neighbours.

The environment is good for raising the family in most cases. Feel safe.

Friendliness of people and sense of belonging.

Calm environment / away from traffic.

Being able to keep sheep, observe wild life, engage in conservation, study landscape evolution.

The countryside surroundings, open spaces, the river, the hills, lack of traffic.

I have lived here all my life and would not want to move as you say I am h\*\*ghed! But it is the people of the area.

The open countryside around.

Strong sense of community and mutual assistance. Excellent shops, plus proximity to Health Centre, fire station etc. Superb surrounding countryside.

1) The location 2) The local community friendship, kindness, help etc. i.e. the people. 3) Bit slower pace of life.

Safer than a town to bring up children.

The lack of crime compared to where we used to live. The peace and quiet, lack of traffic (usually!).

Relaxed atmosphere / community spirit.

The wonderful surrounding scenery.

We have most things we need, people are friendly and always ready to help each other.

Quality of living.

Good community spirit. Local shops - and can be accessed on foot.

Q19. Is there anything you dislike about living in your village/parish?

There are 83 respondents, 21 of these had no dislike about in the town/village.

Of those that had issues or areas of discontent, some of these re-enforce some of the concerns from earlier feedback and within the Cluster Parish Plan. Traffic issues are raised within most of the comments.

Some dislikes that are not featured in other areas are varied and with the exception of 'distance to facilities' are primarily single comments. They include:

- Noise from the pubs on summer evenings.
- Lack of agricultural workers.
- Discontent with planning decisions.
- Lack of enforcement of parking regulations, yellow lines.
- Low wages and few job vacancies.
- Most shops tourist orientated.
- Local food shops pricey.
- Long distance to facilities/cultural events/sporting facilities/colleges.
- Lack of transport to Educational establishments/supermarket.
- Youth behaviour.
- Odours outside the creamery and down the Market Place in Hawes.
- Lack of social care provision.
- Lack of childcare.
- Poor design on security lighting.
- Lack of blue bag recycling.

Comments are recorded below:

Nothing. It is the loveliest place on earth, we are very privileged to live in such idyllic surroundings.

Noise from the pubs on a summer evening when spilled out onto street! But if not too often I can tolerate it (If a

long hot spell it wears a bit thin!!).

Lack of police presence.

Sedbusk is largely a village of second homes.

Interference from outside agencies. Planning decisions don't always seem consistent.

The high council tax and the few services we get for it.

Noise from speeding motorcycles and dangerous driving by motorcycles; unsatisfactory out of hours GP cover; lack of local hospital, swimming pool, gym; more signs needed for problem of dog-fouling, especially round Brown Moor caravan site AND provision of dog refuse bins. At present dog refuse is stuffed in bags into walls near the caravan site. Fouling also near GP surgery and alongside new pavement at Brunt Acres road.

The drain away of young people because of high house prices. The deterioration in out of hours medical cover.

1) regret having to travel 30/40 miles for major weekly shop - unable to afford local shops and little variety. Most shops are tourist based. 2) Low wage area. 3) Few job vacancies. 4) Lack of social housing. 5) Poor TV/radio reception.

1) The fact that HGVs are diverted through Hardraw. 2) Lack of off-road parking for waterfall visitors.

Lack of: basic housing affordable to local people, transport - especially to educational establishments. Restrictive planning regulations excluding residents from converting existing buildings or building new housing.

Speeding motorbikes through village and over Gayle bridge.

Inconsiderate motor vehicle parking by visitors. Rubbish non disposal by visitors.

Motorbikes on a Sunday round the petrol station and the fish and chip shop in Hawes centre. NOT having mains gas.

Lack of classical music performances. Lack of a swimming pool nearer than 25 miles. Distance from hospital.

Limited resident parking. Bed & Breakfast advertising plenty of parking when in reality they only have parking for 1 / 2.

Too many motorbikes, speeding and very noisy.

Some youth behaviour.

Wasting funding on useless projects.

Noisy, cheeky children with no respect for residents gardens - I am talking about local children.

The annoyance of people complaining about house prices. If you live in a beautiful place you must pay a premium.

Lack of medical facilities i.e. part time doctors. 37 miles from nearest 'minor' hospital. Uncomfortable ambulance travel on poor roads.

Farm rubbish on verges - plastic bags!

Large influx of people/vehicles at holiday times.

Lack of social care provision.

Having to travel so far to swimming pool or to go shopping.

Now the weather . Too many holiday cottages.

The amount of motorcycles using the area - noise and distraction to other visitors driving into the area.

Far too many bikers at W/E's & B. Holidays - 'balance' has tipped. No railway link. Badly designed and installed security lighting. Weather (but there's not much to be done about this!).

Lack of entertainment. Distance to travel to get some.

Motorbikes blocking the market place and speeding in the roads around the town.

Lack of recycling e.g. 'blue bags'.

Yes - car parking. We can obtain a free permit for museum car park, why not one for the District Council, which is nearer to the two food shops? If you want to do a bigger shop, with free parking for trolley use, it is a lot less hassle at Booths in Settle.

No reasonable medical service after 6pm until 9am and none whatsoever Sats, Suns & Bank Holidays.

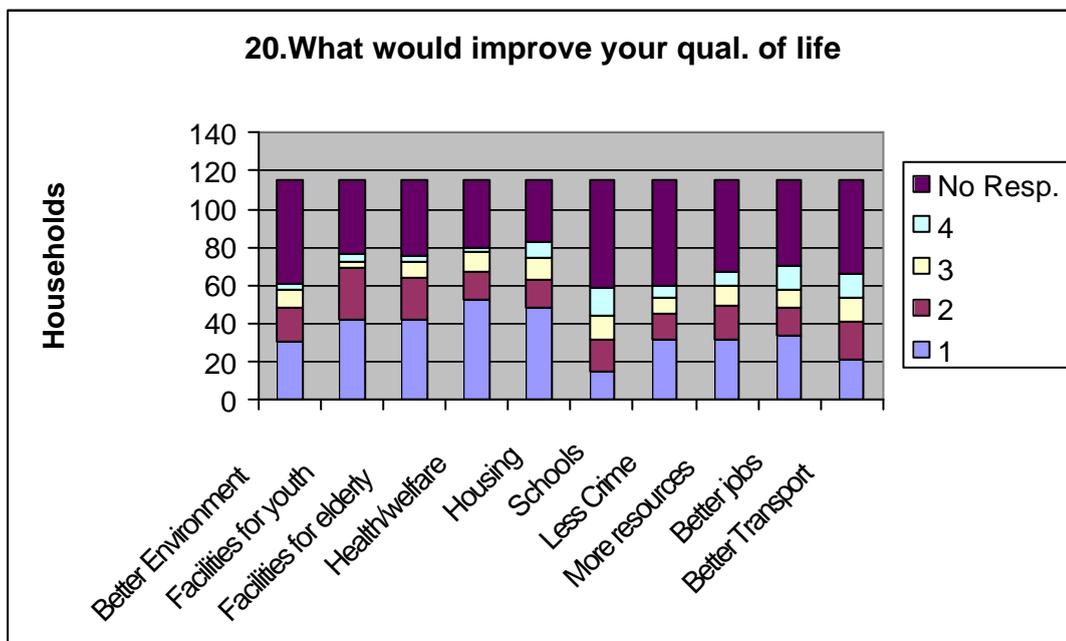
No, though yellow lines, sleeping policemen & street lighting do seem to be spreading, taking away some of the character of Hawes. Probably unavoidable though, given the volume of traffic these days.

The lack of facilities for children - sports centre / pool would be ideal.

Having yellow lines that are not adhered to by anyone, especially on Tuesdays and Sundays. Nobody to enforce them.

Parish surveys etc.

Q20. Please indicate which of the following are important to you in improving the quality of your life in your town/village/parish?



Q21. What changes would you like to see in your town/village in the next 3 to 7 years?

There are 77 comments in this section.

5 of these did not want to see any change or improvement within the community, requesting it be left as it is.

The feedback comments covered a wide range of areas, traffic management, housing, improved facilities for young and elderly. Some of these comments are widespread concerns within the community that they would like to see improvements in.

Key areas the community would like to see most improvements and changes are as follows:

- Better sports facilities, with specific references to Gym, Sports Centre and Swimming pool (18 Comments).
- Low rent and affordable housing provision for the local community (16 Comments).
- GP Out of Hours care (12 Comments).
- Parking areas to be rationalized, specific reference to motorbikes and the Hawes town centre (12 Comments).
- Sheltered/supported accommodation for the elderly, with specific reference to Hawes residents (11).
- Restriction of holiday/second homes (7).

#### HOLIDAY/SECOND HOME OWNERSHIP

- More permanent residents. Restriction on holiday / second homes, less reliance on tourism so that commuting can flourish & not decline. It is very sad that too many cottages are owned by outsiders & the fact that a lot are left empty for months. Less houses sold as holiday homes. Control \*\*\*\*\* holiday cottages /second homes to ease the local housing problems. It's too much tourism / holiday cottages. Fewer holiday and second homes, empty for most of the year.

#### HOUSING THE ELDERLY

- Sheltered housing for the infirm. Small bungalows for the elderly - warden controlled for local residents. Better care of the elderly. More sheltered accommodation for the elderly. Sheltered/supported housing for elderly in Hawes itself. Small homes for elderly so they don't have to leave Hawes. Some one and two little bungalows or ground floor flats. More sheltered accommodation for the elderly and more carers Improvement in social care provision. Improved facilities for residential care for elderly. Reserved affordable housing for those who have worked in the area.

#### HOUSING THE COMMUNITY

- Low-rent housing provision for young couples. More affordable housing. More property to rent for local employees. More houses for our young people. More affordable housing for local people. More low cost housing for local families. More young & 30-40 age group in the population which will only come through jobs and housing. Affordable housing. Better housing for locals. More LOCAL affordable housing. Planning permission also. Cheaper housing. Housing for local people is a huge issue which needs addressing for the good of everyone in this area. More affordable housing for young people from within the area. More affordable housing for young people and young families. More 'local' housing for the young and elderly. AFFORDABLE. A small development of housing for younger villagers Housing which is affordable for the young.
- A Relaxation of planning allowing new build or conversions for local occupancy (ownership NOT rental).

#### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

- More parking facilities More parking for cars at a cheaper rate than present. More parking (Gayle green). Off road parking for Hardraw waterfall visitors. Stop the motorbikes parking in the centre of the village on Sundays. Residents parking only. more parking (off the main street) for summer / weekend visitors. A designated motorcycle parking area. Better arrangements for weekend motorcyclists. Fewer motorbikes swamping centre of Hawes on Sundays. Less traffic More car parking in the next few years would change and also improve the town.
- Remove the speed 'bumps' approaching Hawes from the Auction Mart, as cars park next to them. They are ineffective. Stop the traffic coming up the cobbles. Curbed speeding.
- The Wensleydale Railway reinstated. Rail link between Garsdale and Northallerton. Rail link. I would love the train station to open again.
- Appersett bridge strengthened so that HGV's are not diverted through Hardraw.
- HGVs to use main roads. Re-route HGVs to avoid town centre.

- Transport provided at times when it would actually be used!! Transport to supermarkets for those without transport ie.elderly. Also to major shops once a month. Stopping through public transport system into Cumbria ie.Sedburgh better transport links. Better transport links.

#### PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

- Better health services; Better out of hours health care. Local GP availability 24 hours a day, every day. Better out of hours medical facilities. Better health care facilities - with NO long distance travelling. A return of out of hours GP care based at Hawes. Better health care service - 24hr cover needed. Dr.s on call, not having to go to Catterick. Doctors returning to traditional patient care. Improved out of hours health care. Restoration of out of hours medical services. Health care to be taken more seriously. A cottage hospital at Leyburn.

#### PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Better sports facilities. More sports facilities i.e. sports hall & gym. Some sort of sports facility e.g. tennis courts on community field. More sport facilities. Health/gym centre An outdoor bowling green in Hawes. Try again for a swimming pool to get Hawes fit. Have a leisure center. A Swimming pool. Sports complex built. Indoor sports for all ages. Under cover sports facility. Swimming pool. Golf course. Gym. Improved sports / leisure facilities. A gym. Building of a sports hall / pool.
- Make appropriate shops for local needs (not gift shops or tearooms) A general shop as used to be. Better quality cafes for discerning visitors.
- Better provision for collection of recycle goods.
- Something for the children to do on a night. Improved facilities for children.
- More seat benches on the green (opposite the school) and on the slope behind the chip shop.
- Better street cleaning (esp. outer roads) Maintenance of minor roads and verges.
- A resident police officer More police presence on roads. police house and policeman living in Hawes.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- Less street furniture. Less litter. Litter problem solved.
- Gayle Mill up and running offering job / apprenticeship opportunities and interesting visitor attraction. Gayle Mill being renovated as per the original scope (but not as is now apparently planned, as a key high profile tourist attraction).
- Improvement in range & type of jobs. Better jobs. Improving local wage rates which are abysmal. Some additional non-tourist, all year round industry.
- Gayle green restored to grass. Better use made of Gayle Green - possibly for residents parking. Removal of the transformer which is an ugly blot on a beautiful landscape Lowering the transformer presently mounted on 2 poles - near bridge.
- Roadside walls repaired.
- Removal of telephone posts and wires and electricity cables.
- Landscaping work to village green and entrance to village.
- Old dilapidated buildings restores e.g. mill on Mire Bank Lane; barn/building on right of lane to Low Gate.
- More involvement by younger people /parents in activities / events, esp. on organizational side.
- More grants for local businesses.

Q22. Do you have any other comments or suggestions you wish to make that would maybe improve life in the town/village/parish?

Have a 'motorbike only' car park without any fees, of course.

A lot of events are organised among ourselves eg. Children's domino drive, keep fit group - we get together and do our own thing. There is a lack of interest from the younger end to organise events / join committees. I have helped at youth groups / activities in the past but their general lack of respect for adults made it unpleasant to carry on. Hence the club folded because no one wanted to run it!!

There is not enough professional day care of rhte elderly (of whom the proportion is high). Out of hours medical provision is often unsatisfactory under the new system. The new Community Office / Library is highly commendable. The Air Ambulance Service is a crucial provision and needs protection.

If there are to be any changes to community life in hand it would be a good idea to have more public meetings to let people express their opinions and to feel that action may be taken to satisfy those community wishes more consultation is important. In the main local people don't want change for changes sake.

Provision of NHS chiropody/dentist/physiotherapy services; provision of local swimming pool - children and other people have to travel enormous distances to use a pool. Children above all need to know how to swim.

We appear to be becoming unbalanced in our village communities by the number of holiday cottages and 2nd homes. Could this be addressed by allowing young people to build 'low cost' homes on 'low cost' sites, even if these were on the margins of the village or just outside the local plan? The scheme at West Burton used a few years ago i.e. 'Kings Garth', appears to have been a great success.

As a postman in this area some years ago I did a straw poll - Holiday/second homes in Hawes & HA 33% overall. In some villages in excess of 50%. Are there more recent figures!!!

1) Resist modern traffic developments e.g. speed bumps, yellow lines, parking meters. 2) Better leisure facilities for Upper Wensleydale (e.g. sports hall, swimming pool, bowling green) 3) 'If it ain't broke - don't fix it'.

Better sports gym, swimming facilities. Larger concert hall (500 people).

I would like to have confidence in weekend medical care, particularly for doctor call out.

Promote positive youth activities which are based on the local environment. The distance travel to reach hospital services is excessive and taxing and the Out of Hours Doctors service is deplorable.

Encourage landowners to reinstate stock proof boundaries to their land. More obvious police presence. Discourage double parking in town.

Improve the market area - stall etc. Maybe 'free parking' on certain days or times, say 'first hour' free at all times, free day on market day. STOP lorries delivering on market day between 10:00 and 4:00 to improve traffic flow on Tuesday market day.

Tennis courts.

Hanging baskets in town centre and colourful gardens top & bottom of Hawes. Parking space in centre of Hawes as in summer have trouble parking (must be free). Have a doctor in Hawes on duty after hours. Policeman living in Hawes so we can call him if necessary. Mobile phone masts on some hill away from Hawes centre (not church) so we can use them.

The cottages/houses owned by outsiders - the occupants of many of these homes are very inconsiderate with regard to things like parking.

a) Reduce the size of the heavy goods vehicles traveling through town. b) Parish Council to provide some floral displays/tubs around the town.

Make the road bridges on the A684 safer so lorries don't have to come through Hardraw.

A swimming pool in Wensleydale.

Local housing a great need. Conversion of rundown barns to provide in keeping accommodation for local people who wish to live and work in the Yorkshire Dales National Park where they were born. Less traffic! Less litter!

We need more dog waste bins, there are none at all in Gayle. A lot of people dog walk in the West End part of Gayle - why are there so many signs about fines for dog fouling but no bins to go with the sign? What am I, as a dog owner, meant to do? Carry dog muck around with us?

At present there isn't even any protection for school children waiting for the school bus at the bottom of the hill at Burtersett. Better out of hours medical services and better emergency medical facilities.

Upkeep of dry stone walls and barns.

The seemingly increasing number of motorcycles at weekends parked in the market place does not enhance the area. The noise caused by these machines is horrendous. A designated parking area might be better for the bikes - possibly the Penny Garth or car park may be suitable? Comments heard from a number of visitors to the town about the bikes were not complimentary.

More 'Born & Bred' locals taking an interest in committees, work groups, and not leaving all the work to incomers.

Emergency services are worry as lack of them.

Nearer to the hospital.

More jobs for the young people to stop them leaving Hawes & turning Hawes into an old people town.

More cultural events esp. music. Improved parking for residents. Less speeding on roads esp. by bikers. Measures to stop Hawes becoming a bikers town at W/E's and bank holidays. Measures to maintain and improve public toilets and street cleaning which can set the 'tone' for a town esp. one so reliant on visitors / tourism. Rail link would improve transport links and encourage more visitors and perhaps decrease reliance on the car. More involvement by 'locals' with the Dales Countryside Museum which doesn't always get the recognition it deserves. More positive attitude to the philosophy behind the idea of the National Parks.

Recycling bin for plastics. Free parking for residents in council c.park. More input from police living in Hawes/Gayle.

Get motorbikes out of town at weekends. This can be done e.g. they park on double yellow lines round the school corner with impunity. Stop vehicles parking over footpaths / disabled route on Holme - especially at side of Lilac House.

Encourage people to travel to neighbouring swimming pools - e.g. there is a good pool at Settle, 30mins approx travel time.

Better gritting of roads and footpaths in winter. Better collection of re-cyclable paper, tins, plastic and bottles.

Medical cover - as it used to be.

I think that the round about at town foot has been wrongly outlined(?), who is going to look after the garden part? It should have been done away with, a lot of money spent for a road crossing.

Do appreciate the exhibitions at the Museum and library provision/service - good to have extended hours. Hope village bus keeps running beyond trial date.

