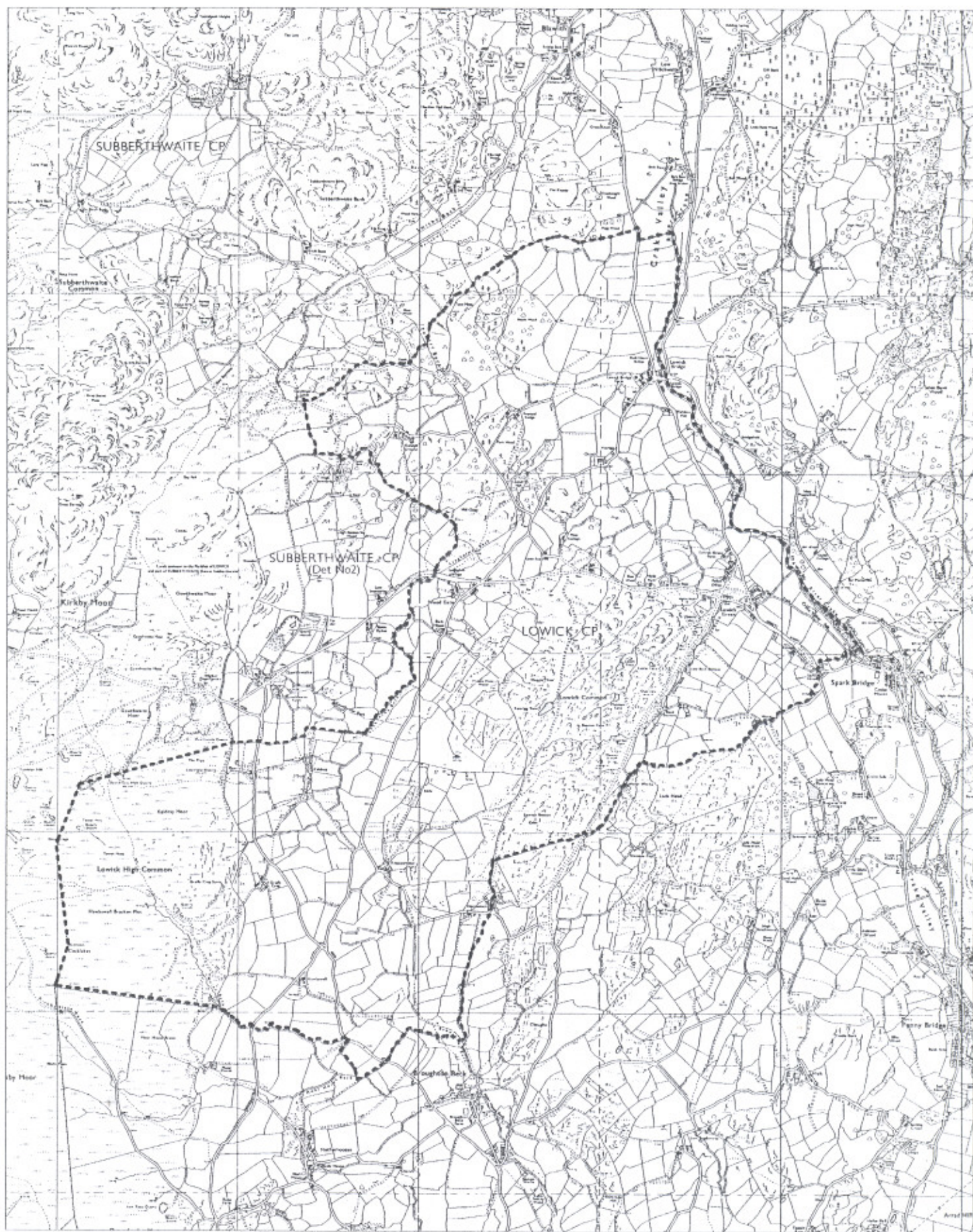


LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL Parish Plan Report



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Lowick Parish

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PARISH PLAN REPORT

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1 INTRODUCTION

Lowick is a small rural village in South Lakeland, on the fringes of the Lake District National Park. It has 125 homes of which 22 are second homes. Dwellings are scattered throughout the parish with the largest concentrations at Lowick Green and Lowick Bridge.

Lowick Green consists of a row of houses overlooking a section of the common traditionally known as 'the Green'. This now runs wild though it used to be kept mowed and had swings and also goalposts for the children to play football. Next to 'the Green' are the allotments which are highly valued and well used.

Lowick Bridge is a small hamlet clustered around The Red Lion Public House.

At the western edge of the parish, towards Broughton-in-Furness, lies Woodgate, another small hamlet.

There are several other clusters of dwellings and isolated homes some of which seem well away from the heart of Lowick;

Lowick still has a village school, though this has recently become independent. After a long battle Cumbria County Council closed Lowick CE Primary School at the end of August 2004 but the premises were re-opened at the beginning of September as Lowick New School, an independent co-operative school. It currently has two full-time members of staff and 9 full-time children and 11 children who attend part-time. At the time of the Parish Consultation the fate of the County Primary School was still unresolved.

Lowick-with-Blawith Church now shares a vicar with Colton and Egton-cum-Newland; the vicar is not resident in the village. Next to the church is a meeting room known as the Sunday School Room.

At the time of the consultation no developments were planned by the PCC but, perhaps due to the interest expressed in the Sunday School Room as Lowick's only public meeting place as well as the requirement to make the building suitable for use by the disabled, a major refurbishment is now being undertaken.

Farming is the main business of the village. There is also the public house, a high quality printing business, some small tourism undertakings and some people working from home.

Lowick has no shops or services except a visit from the Library Van and a modest bus service. There is a Post office and a couple of shops at Greenodd, 3 miles away, and doctors at Penny Bridge (3 miles) and Kirkby-in-Furness (5 miles). Lowick's nearest town is Ulverston, 6 miles away; it is 8 miles from Coniston and 16 from Barrow-in-Furness.

2 START OF CONSULTATION

In early summer 2003 Lowick Parish Council decided that Lowick would apply for funding to make a Parish Plan and asked for volunteers set up a steering group to do this.

The Steering Group consisted of individuals representing various aspects of community life: farming, school, tourist businesses, Young Farmers, Church, WI, Lowick Toddlers, Lowick Fellowship

The Steering Group would like to pay tribute to our friend, Noel Spendlove, SLDC Councillor for our area, who supported us most dependably both with his enthusiasm and his extensive knowledge of local government. Sadly, Noel died before the publication of our Parish Plan.

At the first Steering Group meeting in June 12 people were present. It turned out that a core group of 5 to 8 individuals worked consistently for the Steering Group; other members attended occasionally (for example, when matters touched on their particular interests.)

Overall the following interests were represented:

Community	4
Lowick and Sparkbridge WI	1
Lowick Fellowship/Parochial Church Council	1
Lowick School	1
Community/School	1
Community/ Farming	2
Lowick Show Committee	1
Lowick Young Farmers	2
Lowick Parish Council	1
Blawith Parish Council	1
SLDC	1
Lowick Toddlers	1

In particular, the Steering Group was pleased to welcome a member of Blawith Parish Council and it was hoped that, where interests coincided, the Parishes would work together. The Steering Group had also obtained a copy of Colton's Parish Plan and, similarly, Lowick Parish Council welcomed the possibility of joint activity.

The meeting decided to consult the people of Lowick with a questionnaire. Topics of possible interest for consideration were produced by the group and presented at Lowick Show to try to measure public interest.

3 LOWICK SHOW - SEPTEMBER 2003

At Lowick Show the Steering Group mounted a display at the Parish Council tent, explaining what a Parish Plan was and asking visitors to the tent who lived in the Parish of Lowick to sign a chart to indicate their interest in the topics under consideration for the consultation.

The display generated a fair level of interest and quite a lot of visitors spent time looking at it. The majority of visitors were from outside Lowick including a few who were from other parishes that had made or were in the process of making Parish Plans. Their comments were especially useful and made us aware of possible pitfalls, especially when constructing a Parish Survey.

The group also provided a map of the Parish and asked visitors who lived within the Parish to mark their homes on it. 22 people marked their homes in this way. This does not sound many but, in fact, represents 25% of the households in the Parish.

A chart showing the topic choice follows overleaf together with the number of names set against each topic. We made the assumption that, in each case, the number recorded was out of a possible 22.

Parishioners were also invited to suggest other topics of interest but none of them chose to do so.

The topics listed below have been suggested for consideration under the Parish Plan. To help us gauge which matters are of most importance to the community, please print your name against those which you think are important.

If you have other ideas you would like considered, please add them at the bottom of the list

Housing - affordable - social	9 names recorded at show
Education - school - nursery - library bus after-school club - evening classes/clubs	10 names recorded at show
Village green - grass cutting - swings	18 names recorded at show
Recycling - rubbish - litter	14 names recorded at show
Young people - transport - activities	7 names recorded at show
Elderly people - housing -services	8 names recorded at show

Transport - buses - minibus - Booths bus	5 names recorded at show
Roads - traffic management - road signs	5 names recorded at show
Footpaths - safe walking - care of roadside paths and hedges - path from Greenodd to Coniston	15 names recorded at show
Communications - village website – Broadband	5 names recorded at show
Tourism - tourism businesses	3 names recorded at show
Farming – other businesses	6 names recorded at show
Recreation	0 names recorded at show

4 PREPARATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE

After Lowick Show the Steering Group proceeded to put together a questionnaire. It was decided that the questionnaire should not be too long as this would put respondents off completing it. Some demographic information would be collected to supply a rounded picture of the village community.

As there were so few parishioners (206 on electoral roll) it was felt that individual comments and ideas could be accommodated in the survey so there would be opportunities for these and not only boxes to be ticked.

Questions should be:

- relevant to current issues

- specific enough to be useful

- open enough to allow people really to express their opinions

- not loaded!

- not too personal or intrusive

- allow opportunity for commenting on any aspect of village life even if not covered by the questions

The group's advisor at Voluntary Action Cumbria provided a copy of 'Compass for Windows'. This was a great help in getting the group started with making the questionnaire. In the end not many of the prepared questions were used but the programme was greatly appreciated for the easy job it made of setting out the survey.

The questionnaire was finalised gradually by a process of making drafts and taking them out in person to local groups for their opinions.

5 VISITS TO LOCAL INTEREST GROUPS

St Lukes, Lowick, Parochial Church Council

The PCC suggested some improvements to the questionnaire and wanted to add questions about the Sunday School Room (which, other than the school, is the only public meeting place in Lowick). These suggestions were welcomed and adopted by the Steering Group

Lowick Fellowship

Lowick Fellowship is a group meeting monthly in the Sunday School Room under the auspices of the Church. Two Steering group members received a warm welcome from this group who looked at the draft questionnaire and approved it.

Lowick Toddlers

A steering Group member had a lovely visit to the Mother and Toddler group; it was instructive to see the use being made of the Sunday School Room by this group. Some mothers usefully aired their views about life in Lowick. The mothers looked at the draft questionnaire as best they could with the toddlers around and had nothing to add to the questionnaire.

The Steering Group members were impressed by the fact that two of the mothers came to one of their meetings to express their appreciation of the Sunday School Room as a meeting place and their wish for it to be refurbished and its facilities improved. They were satisfied with that part of the draft questionnaire relating to these matters.

Lowick and Sparkbridge Womens' Institute

The WI members were consulted by one of the steering group and expressed themselves satisfied with the draft questionnaire.

Lowick Show Committee

The Show Committee were visited by two members of the Steering Group. They looked at the draft questionnaire and had no alterations to suggest.

Lowick CE School Governors

A Steering Group member attended a meeting of the School Governors who took time to look at the draft questionnaire. At the time they were heavily engaged in fighting to keep the school open. They were pleased to see the questions about the school in the questionnaire and had no alterations to suggest.

Lowick School

A Steering Group member had a very interesting visit to meet with the school children. She did not present them with the questionnaire but talked with them about the kinds of issues raised by it. So great was their interest and enthusiasm that it was decided to produce a special questionnaire for under-twelves

Lowick Young Farmers

The Young Farmers gave a generous hearing to two members of the Steering Group who attended one of their meetings to explain about the Parish Plan. They had very kindly agreed to trialling it to see if any problems were discovered. Most of them completed it with little difficulty in about 15 - 20 minutes and no major problems were reported.

In addition to the formal groups mentioned above two meetings were offered by the Steering Group to anyone interested in Housing in Lowick or in Business in Lowick. The latter elicited no response but a small group were keenly interested in the possibility of very modest and appropriate housing development in the village.

Once the above process was completed and the Steering Group was satisfied with the questionnaire, sufficient copies were produced by Lowick School for distribution in the Parish.

6 DISTRIBUTION OF QUESTIONNAIRE

The following decisions were made regarding the distribution of the questionnaire. It should:

- go to every individual in the Parish from secondary school age even second home owners where that was possible (though SLDC were not helpful in making contact with these) The children's questionnaire should be offered to all children of Primary School age

- be accompanied by the offer of help in completing if required

- be distributed and collected in person - 14 people helped with this

The distribution and collection of questionnaires was made in May 2004. 226 questionnaires were distributed and 188 returned – a return rate of 83%. The members of the Steering Group were delighted with this outcome.

7 ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Two members of the Steering Group worked on the questionnaire analysis which one of them wrote up. His work is included here as he presented it to the Steering Group.

Lowick Parish Plan Steering Group

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Participation.

1 Gender

Male	90	48%
Female	98	52%
Total	188	

2 Age Groups

11-16	7	3.7%
17-19	9	4.7%
20-26	10	5.3%
27-34	14	7.4%
35-46	31	16.4%
45-54	39	20.7%
55-64	31	16.4%
65-74	24	12.7%
75-84	19	10.1%
85+	2	1.1%

3 Residence in Lowick

Less than 2 yrs.	30
3-5 years	22
6-10 years	25
11-20 years	22
21+ yrs	60
All Life	22
2 nd home here	4

Housing development

Question 4

What sort of housing development do you think would be suitable for Lowick?
(tick more than one if required)

	No.	
Starter homes	95	51% of participation
Family homes	96	51% of participation
Holiday homes	6	3% of participation
Sheltered housing	10	5% of participation
Other	7	4% of participation
None	34	18% of participation
Total	248	

Question 5

Where might such development be made?

More than eighty comments were provided in response to this question . These are summarized as follows :

Policy matters	Conversion of barns & outhouses should be permitted. A" locals only" policy should be adopted. Affordable homes are required. Each proposal should be considered on merit. Only a few houses should be permitted, perhaps no more than 10, no "estates".
General location	Between A5092 & A5084. Lowick Bridge area. Close to existing dwellings. Agricultural land. The Fell. On the Common.
Specific Locations	Infill A5084 & A5092 Infill between the Red Lion and the Church. Opposite the Red Lion. School site and area. Methodist Chapel area Village Green area including "Council Yard" Bell's field. Near Lowick Church. Near bus route.

Housing need

Question 6

Is there someone in your family who would like a house in Lowick but cannot afford one? (tick one box only)

Yes	43	26%
No	124	74%
Total	167	

Question 7

Please explain if you wish.

More than twenty people , all of whom indicated yes, provided some explanations. These may be summarized as follows:

Parent of two adult children who work in the area but cannot afford to leave home.

Young adults on low income.

People who work in the National Park are unable to live in it !.

Affordable housing is essential for younger people brought up here who cannot afford to live here.

This is a national problem arising from too many people.

Village appearance / environment

Question 8

How would you describe the appearance of our village ? (tick one box only)

Good	74	43%
Okay/reasonable	83	48%
Poor	15	9%
Total	172	91% participation

Question 9

What do you think could be done to improve the environment in Lowick?

More than 90% of villagers describe the appearance of the village as good, ok or reasonable yet more than eighty suggestions for improvement were made!

The general appearance of main roads throughout the village is criticized due to inadequate trimming of verges, unrepaired damage to road edges, unsightly hard standing , lack of appropriate hedge trimming.

Similarly the footpaths adjacent to the main roads are untidy and their maintenance leaves much to be desired .

Litter is a problem to many people.

A sense of civic responsibility and pride is lacking; improved road signs which name the village would help with strategic flower beds and seats to provide a stronger village focus.

Traffic is identified as an environmental hazard, speeding traffic in particular causes concern and anything and everything that can be done to reduce this would be more than welcome.

By far and away the most numerous suggestions received, more than 50% of the total, concerned the village green and immediate locality. This area is perceived as unkempt, neglected and an eyesore by many. It requires "sorting out", "regeneration" and is a "grossly underutilized village amenity ."

"More wind turbines and solar panels" ; " no more windmills."

"Plant trees," "remove overhead wires", "preserve hedges"

"Do nothing" "Look after and maintain what we've got!"

Village appearance / environment contd.

Question 10

Would you be prepared to help with environmental improvement schemes ?

Yes	45	25%
No	40	22%
Possibly	95	53%
Total	180	96% Participation

Waste Recycling

Question 11

Do you have any problems recycling household rubbish ? (tick one box only)

Yes	38	20%
No	149	80%
Total	187	100% Participation

Question 12

If yes, explain

This question has been somewhat overtaken by events as the parish of Lowick has been "wheelybinned" since the questionnaire was issued!

Most of the problems identified by contributors have therefore been addressed at least to some degree. However the following are considered worthy of consideration :

A village based compost system would be an asset.

Neither card board nor plastic recycling is available.

Collection is erratic.

Ulverston tip requires difficult negotiation of steep steps.

Roads and Traffic

Question 13

What do you think about the state of repair of the roads in Lowick ?
(tick one box only)

Good	15	8%
Okay	114	62%
Poor	55	30%
Total	184	99% Participation

Question 14

Please indicate any spots which require particular attention.

More than 50 comments were received, those outside the Parish boundary are not listed here.

A5084	Lowick bridge toward Blawith, Entrance areas to Lowick House the Meadows and Lowick farm. Junction with A5092.
A5092	Junction at Lowick School, "hump" west of School. Flooding on main road adjacent to school. Cross roads at Woodgate.
U5101	(Lowick common to Nettleslack area) Drainage, edges and road surface generally.
Minor road	(Across Lowick Green from A5092 to A5084) Road edges damaged, evidence of subsidence and dangerous ramp formed by last resurfacing of main road (opposite Hopefield)
Minor road	(Red Lion, Church, Woodgate and beyond to Broughton Beck junction with A5281) Entire length generally in need of surface and edge attention.
Minor Road	(A5092 to Wood End/ Silver Lane) Surface and edge attention.

Roads and traffic contd.

Question 15

Do you think there are any major danger spots on the roads in this area?

(tick one box only)

Yes	131	76%
No	41	24%
Total	172	92% Participation

Question 16

If yes please give details below

More than eighty danger spots were identified .

A5092	This major trunk road passes through the village, a distance of 1.5 miles from boundary to boundary. Within this distance there are 10 road junctions, 25 residential properties, a farm and a school all of which have direct access to the road. There are two blind brows, at the school and at Hopefield and at least five blind corners. All of these hazards are identified as danger spots.
A5084	This main road passes through the village, a distance of 1mile from boundary to boundary. Within this distance there are 5 road junctions, 14 residential properties and a farm all of which have direct access to the road. The road has an adjacent pedestrian footpath throughout most of its length. All of these hazards are identified as danger spots.
Minor Road	Red lion via Woodgate crossroads to junction with A5281 is identified as having many blind corners, particularly "Vicarage Bend", which are danger spots.
Other	Although outside the Parish the Greenodd junction with the A590, Thurstonville S bends and road at "Little Dicks" were identified by many.

Speeding traffic

Question 17

Is speeding traffic a problem in this area? (tick one box only)

Yes	119	68%
No	62	32%
Total	181	96% Participation

Question 18

If yes, please give details below.

More than sixty comments received. Almost all reiterate the locations identified in answers to question 16 above.

The two main roads are mentioned more than 40 times with heavy lorries being the main culprits, motor cycles get a significant mention and Friday afternoons is identified as a particularly bad time on the A5092.

The absence of any regulatory speed limits within the village boundary concerns many.

Surprisingly several people identify speeding on the U5101 (fell road over Lowick Common) as particularly unacceptable.

Paths and Pavements

Question 19

What do you think about the state of repair of the paths and pavements in this area? (tick one box only)

Good	9	5%
Okay	115	67%
Poor	48	28%
Total	172	92% Participation

Paths and Pavements contd.

Question 20

Please indicate any spots which require particular attention.

More than 40 replies to this question were received which are summarised as follows

Footpaths adjacent to both the A5092 and A5084 are overgrown ,require hedge trimming and in need of surface maintenance.

FP Meadows to Spark Bridge requires hedge trimming.

FP/ bridleway at Beck bottom requires attention.

Many FPs are not wide enough to wheel a pram.

Many footpaths on Lowick Common are overgrown, sign posts defaced, damaged or missing.

There is little evidence of any structured maintenance programme for FPs in the village.

Question 21

Is there anywhere you would like to see a new path or pavement in the area?

More than 45 proposals were made in response to this question, these are summarised as follows :

FP adjacent to the A5092 should be extended to continue from Lowick Green to the School and beyond via Woodgate crossroads to Langholme Bridge.

FP adjacent to the A5084 should be extended to be continuous from the junction with A5092 to the telephone box on Lowick Green and from Hundow Hall to the Red Lion corner. It is suggested the latter requirement could be accomplished by a permissive path in an adjacent field . (An idea which could be beneficial in other proposals)

A FP from Lowick Bridge to the Church.

A FP from Parkgate to Gawthwaite

A circular path from Lowick Green to Lowick Bridge. (a proposal which would be achieved if others above were completed)

Other proposals strayed outside our Parish boundaries but are worthy of mention :

FP from Blawith to Spark Bridge

FP from Lowick Green to Greenodd

‘The Village Green’

Question 22

Would you like to see greater use made of the Village Green?

Yes	101	57%
No	5	3%
Don't Mind	72	40%
Total	178	95% Participation

Question 23

If yes please explain

More than seventy comments received, these comprise opinions about the current appearance. Suggestions regarding how the Green could be, what activities would be possible and how this might be achieved.

The green is clearly perceived as a centrepiece of the village which used to be a focal point now unused and overgrown. The current state is described by many as lamentable, neglected and uncared for, a disgraceful jungle. A few see it as an attractive nature reserve.

The majority of commentators would like the green to be a centrepiece of which the village can be proud. A communal area where children may play, where ball games are possible, where residents and visitors may sit and enjoy the delights of our tiny corner of the Lake District National Park.

Many activities are proposed, most of which have occurred in the past, a playground area, fetes, communal barbecues, school sports, rounders etc. Even a duck pond, perhaps an assault course and what about a skate park!

One comment points out that “the village does not have a village green” another that “what we don't own we can't use”

Another proposes the green be “acquired for the community as a public open space for leisure”

Offroad Parking.

Question 24

Do you have any problems with off road parking? (tick one box)

Yes	17	10%
No	156	90%
Total	173	92% Participation

Question 25

If yes please explain

Clearly this is not a major problem and only 15 comments were received.

Holiday homes cause parking congestion

More off road parking facilities would tidy up the village, contribute to safety and a well kept ambience.

Residential offroad parking should be firmly discouraged.

Lack of proper offroad facilities for parking has caused problems in the Hopefield , Red Lion and village green areas.

Increase of car ownership to more than one per household has exacerbated problem.

Occasionally obstructive parking occurs.

Too much unauthorized parking in areas declared dangerous by Highways Agency.

Not allowed to park on the common.

The road is too narrow for parking.

Business/ Internet

Question 26

Do you run a business locally?

Yes	43	24%
No	133	76%
Total	176	94% Participation

Question 27

If yes would you be interested in promoting your business by means of village directory or website? (tick one box only)

Yes	18	23%
No	47	58%
Possibly	15	19%
Total	80	42.5% Participation

Question 28

Do you have access to the internet? (tick one box only)

Yes	128	72%
No	51	28%
Total	179	95% Participation

Question 29

If no, would you like access to the internet? (tick one box only)

Yes	8	15.5%
No	36	70%
Possibly	7	14.5%
Total	51	27% Participation

Question 30

Would you be interested in Broadband? (tick one box only)

Yes	91	51%
No	48	27%
Possibly	39	22%
Total	178	95% Participation

NB three comments recd.

BT want at least 150 for Broadband... Little likelihood... we need Broadband!

Sunday School Room

Question 31

Would you like to see Lowick Sunday School Room refurbished? (tick one box only)

Yes	95	52%
No	6	4%
Don't mind	80	44%
Total	181	96% Participation

Question 32

If the Sunday School were refurbished might you be interested in:

Daytime activities/classes	41
Evening activities/classes	102
Evening social events	73
Private hire (eg parties)	51
Other	4

NB Comments: Big enough for badminton ? Any purpose for local need.

Difficult Journeys

Question 33

Are there any journeys which you find it difficult to make?

Yes	10	6%
No	154	94%
Total	164	87% Participation

Question 34

If yes please give details

Only eight comments :

- Walking to Greenodd is dangerous. Car essential – transport is bad.
- Buses to Millom way difficult. Don't drive, transport bad.
- School transport to Barrow difficult. Journey to Booths.
- Bus times during day irregular.

Help required/ offered

Question 35

Please tick appropriately if you ever need help with any of the following

Travelling	2
Your garden	12
Help in the house	5
Dog walking	3
Back up when away	18
Other	1
Total	41

Question 36

Please tick appropriately if you might be willing to help neighbours in any of the following ways:

Transport	38
Help in the garden	23
Help in the house	19
Dog walking	26
Back up when away	54
Other, specify	9
Total	169

Comments offering Baby sitting & shopping

Question 39

What more might we do to support our older residents?

More than forty proposals were received. Several reiterated the assistance listed in questions 35&36. Others as follows:

Home visits and care assistance... Be a good neighbour... maintain general vigilance... keep informed of local news... coffee mornings... improve comfort of Sunday School as a venue... Run a Booths bus... organize use of 'Home Farm Food' service... Compile a register of skilled, willing people... Arrange a rota to check needs and share work... organize a signal scheme to summon help.

Lowick School

Question 37

Would you like to see Lowick School continue? (tick one box)

Yes	119	68%
No	8	5%
Don't mind	48	27%
Total	175	93% Participation.

Question 38

Do you have any comments about this?

Almost eighty comments were received.

Far and away the largest group wish the school to remain open and comment on the undesirable consequences of closure

Early education should be near home... Vital focus in a scattered community... important community asset... school attracts newcomers... instils a sense of belonging... confident role will increase if school remains open... Heart of the community... young families essential to viability of the village... viability and need established therefore keep open.

The remainder allege lack of viability, identify erosion of local use, and criticize the age, size and location of the school as inappropriate in a modern education system :

Fear school is unviable... not sustainable in long term... Access is a nightmare... lack of confidence has led to desertion by some parents... past its time.

Question 40

Would you consider supporting the school:

By enrolling a child in the next 4 years	5
By attending evening classes/clubs	45
By helping with lunches once a month	7
By helping the children with a garden	20
Other	10

Childcare /childrens activities

Question 41

If the following childcare facilities were offered locally, please tick those that might interest you.

Nursery	5
Breakfast club	2
After school club	7
Other	1
Not applicable to me	121

Question 42

Do your children participate in any of the following activities?

Before/after school clubs	3
Holiday play schemes	2
Youth Clubs	4
Church groups	4
Uniformed groups	5
Sports clubs / teams	9
Others- please specify	5
Not applicable to me	123

Question 43

What other activities or facilities do you think are needed to improve the play and leisure opportunities available to children?

A total of 48 comments received.

The majority reiterating a requirement to have a village green fit for play use.

A second group require everything but the kitchen sink; Tennis courts... a football club... bike jumps... skate park... adventure playground (Lake district do?)... hard surface... the departed goal posts and swings get several mentions... an organized club.

A third group asks... do we need anything?... and answers ..everything is in place Lowick is a child's paradise... none, a wonderful area with a wealth of activities and places to go... adults should be less selfish and encourage kids to take advantage of what we have around us!

Parish Council

Question 44

Are you satisfied with the Parish Council? (tick one box)

Yes	126	89.5%
No	15	10.5%
Total	141	75% Participation

Question 45

Please comment on your answer.

A total of 45 comments received.

The questionnaire is a good idea, nice to be involved,... should allow focus of ideas to improve the community... allows PC to keep in touch... look forward to seeing results... will be more aware from now on.

The PC do a good job....Nice people, responsive and cooperative... energetic and enthusiastic... act entirely appropriately... not an easy job... kept well informed... deserve better support... try their best... glad they support school.

Know nothing about them or what they do... don't know what they do... don't know, no dealings... do they ever do anything for our village?

PC should seek 'quality status'... encourage more public meetings... provide better feedback (newsletter/internet)... should be more in touch... powerless.... need younger people with more ideas... passive, do not consult... need a ward system.... never a visit in 40 years! ... A waste of funds.

A final quote;

"The Parish Council has limited powers; it is a thankless task, credit to them for time and service, many thanks for all your hard work"

Likes and dislikes

Question 46

What two or three things do you most like about living in Lowick?

More than seventy comments received , top of the pops by a long way:

The quiet, peaceful environment and beautiful scenery.

In second place:

Friendly people and good neighbours

And in joint third place:

Low crime and good access

Also mentioned;

Lowick Show ... Village Green (2votes)...crossing the road successfully!

Question 47

What two or three things do you like least about living in Lowick?

More than fifty comments received, disliked by most and by a long way:

Traffic noise, speed and volume.

Joint second place:

Dangerous roads and lack of facilities

Also mentioned:

Public transport... Too many holiday homes, empty in winter... plastic silage bags... pebble dashing... lack of available housing for young locals.... untidy Little community spirit... crossing the road... closure of Methodist Chapel.. Reputation of school... Children's isolation... Decline of services affecting people with low mobility.

Ideas, Problems & Grumbles

Question 48

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If we have not dealt with matters you think important then please use this space.

Only a few comments received:

Is it not time a Crake Valley community was recognised to replace outmoded parish councils.

New farm buildings are unsightly.

We pay council tax but enjoy less facilities than urban areas.

A community web site would be a good idea. There is a lack of information which the Church Magazine does not fill.

Lowick Bridge bus stop shelter floods.

A shop, newsagent, post office or community shop required.

Excessive edge trimming damages flora.

There is little sense of community.

Lowick Bridge should have a sign.

Very concerned about the lack of concern shown by officialdom regarding the danger on A5092 at Hopefield brow/crossroad.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice opinions.

8 LOWICK PARISH PLAN – CHILDREN'S SURVEY ANALYSIS

	BOYS	GIRLS
	8	6
AGE		
5		
6	2	
7		2
8	1	
9	1	1
10		
11 and over	4	3

How do you think Lowick looks?

Good	6
Quite good	7
Not very good	1

Please write something to explain your answer

Negative

Litter on the roadside (3)

It looks horrible because it doesn't have many things on

Positive

It's kept tidy and neat

Lovely views out of our windows

The playground at school and the good view

I love the view (2) and the lake nearby

Quite a few footpaths

We do a lot to help Lowick look clean but we could make it even better. We could pick up rubbish and brighten it up with flowers

I like everything

Do you always feel safe on the roads and paths in our village?

Yes	8
No	6

If no, please explain

Not on A5092 (2)	On the main road drivers drive too fast and take risks
Traffic goes too fast	Busy cars
Roadsides overgrown	Only feel safe on concrete paths
...all the huge lorries and the cars that go whizzing past.	

Where do you play?

At home	14
At friends' homes	8
On the common	7
In the fields	8
On the road	
Somewhere else	3 On the layby

Do you wish for more play places?

Yes	11
No	3

If yes, please explain

A playground suitable for all ages (4) – or just some swings (2). Others wanted swings and climbing frames, slide and football goalpost

I wish there was a big play park for older children and a small play park for young children.

Park and fun place

I would like to play on the green. Roundabout and climbing frame (2)

A park in Lowick Bridge

A swimming pool

What activities do you attend regularly?

None in Lowick – various elsewhere (3)	Sunday School
Crusaders (2)	Rural Club
Farmers' Club	Brownies (2)
Rainbows	Swimming (4)
Tennis (3)	Football
Hockey	Netball
Racquet ball	Cookery Club
Dance, singing and music (I would love it if one of them was in Lowick)	
Piano	

Are there any further activities you think could be offered in Lowick?

Yes	9
No	4

If yes, please explain

Gym club, dance club (2), football club, fishing club, fencing club, kick boxing, swimming club, farmers' club

Mini-cinema in Sunday School and maybe pool tables etc

Foot ball on the green

Walks up the fell or something that everyone can do

A park

Can you think of any ways children could improve life in Lowick?

More children would keep the school open

Look after animals (2)

If no-one dropped rubbish and also if they go on a walk take a bag and pick up any rubbish (3)

Help friends and neighbours (3)

What do you most like about living in Lowick?

Not very busy (4)

Very quiet

Open space (2) and countryside (4)

Lots of room to do farming in

The common (2)

I like to hear the birds sing

Friendly people and neighbours (2)

Near my friend's house

Near the lake

Near the mountains

Lots of fields

Views (5)

Walks (3)

Ride horses

Big gardens (2) for my trampoline

Grandma and Grandad close by

There are lots of animals and creatures (2) The school (2) The school is like a family

What do you least like about living in Lowick?

Too many cars on the road means that animals get squished

Mum or Dad have to take us everywhere by car

Amount of traffic on the main road (4)

Not having a little shop

No park (2).

The bulls

Number of power cuts (3)

No children my age that live in Lowick

Not very many shops that I can walk to.

I have to walk far to meet people

No hard surface to bounce a ball

Nowhere to ride a bike

Not many buses to go to town

The common gate (2)

Anything else you wish to say

I really like living in Lowick and hope me and my brother can live here when we are adults.

School is really good and I like it. Animals can hide in all the trees.

Lowick show is really good

I am happy to live here because there are lots of tractors

I enjoyed filling this in

IN CONCLUSION

Like the young people and adults surveyed, the children of Lowick enjoy living in the village, in general, and appreciate the benefits of a rural life. The main features detracting from their satisfaction are the traffic on the main roads and the lack of some facilities. They would value more opportunities for getting together (clubs etc.) and would particularly like a dedicated play space. These results strongly echoed the findings of the Steering Group member who visited the children at Lowick School.

9 LOWICK SHOW – 2004

Once again the Steering Group put on a display in the Parish Council tent, this time showing the results of the Parish Survey and inviting comments. Again there were a fair number of visitors to the tent. The opportunity was also taken of making preliminary invitations to the Public Meeting which was planned for mid-October.

10 PREPARATION OF ACTION PLAN

The Steering Group considered the Action Plan using the headings adopted in the Questionnaire Report.

Two possible approaches to the Public Meeting were considered:

- 1 The Steering Group would draft an Action Plan, present it to the meeting, invite questions, comments and suggestions and amend the Action Plan appropriately. This is a safe and commonly used pattern but the Group was aware that when such an approach is used, it is usually only a few members of the public who speak and there are always some who go home feeling that their views have not been taken into account.
- 2 The Steering Group would prepare ideas for an Action Plan but would not present them formally at the Public Meeting. Those who attended the meeting would be arranged in groups of about 8 facilitated by Steering Group members. Everyone would be shown the results of the Survey, under the various headings, on an overhead projector and groups would be asked for suggested points for the Action Plan. Each group would then report back and all their suggestions would be noted. This was seen as a more risky strategy but one which would allow everyone to give their opinion and make their voice heard. This approach was chosen.

11 PUBLIC MEETING

It was decided that this meeting:

as well as being advertised in the Parish Magazine, should be notified by a personal invitation to every household; this was done by using the delivery method devised to distribute and collect the questionnaires

should be informal, friendly and relaxed allowing everyone to participate readily

should be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat

The Public Meeting considered the results of the Parish Survey under headings as follows.

The following 8 sections were not discussed for the reasons given:

- 1 BROADBAND. It was understood by the Steering Group that Lowick, along with many other parts of Cumbria, was to get Broadband, funded by the North West Development Agency by May 2005.
- 2 LOWICK NEW SCHOOL had launched out on its independent path as a community co-operative school at the beginning of September. There would be many ways for interested people to help and support this venture but the Steering Group felt it did not need further consideration at this time.
- 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM. During the time the Parish Plan was in preparation, the Parochial Church Council had decided to undertake the refurbishment of the Sunday School Room. Again, support would be required but further discussion was not thought to be needed for the present.
- 4 NEIGHBOURLY HELP. No discussion was necessary for this matter; all that was needed was to compile and publish a list of everyone willing to help neighbours.
- 5 RECYCLING. The Council had introduced its recycling scheme during the time Lowick Parish Plan had been under consideration so resolving some of the problems encountered by residents. There was still no provision for recycling cardboard or plastic.
- 6 OFFROAD PARKING) Proved not to be
- 7 DIFFICULT JOURNEYS) significant
- 8 ROAD REPAIR) issues

Topics left to discuss at Public Meeting

- 9 HOUSING
- 10 VILLAGE APPEARANCE, "VILLAGE GREEN" and VERGES
- 11 SPEEDING TRAFFIC
- 12 FOOTPATHS
- 13 VILLAGE WEBSITE
- 14 ROAD REPAIR
- 15 DANGER SPOTS and SAFE PARKING IN THE VILLAGE
- 16 PARISH COUNCIL

The Steering Group were very pleased with the evening which was cheerful and friendly. 34 people attended of whom 3 were from outside the Parish: a representative from Voluntary Action Cumbria, the Headteacher of Lowick School and a Church Warden. The remaining 31 represented 15% of the Lowick electorate, a very encouraging attendance.

The Steering Group prepared a draft Action Plan based on the ideas and opinions expressed at the Public Meeting.

Julia Wilson, our adviser at Voluntary Action Cumbria, was able to take Lowick's draft Action Plan to a meeting with David Sykes of SLDC and Stuart Pate of Cumbria County Council. They were interested in seeing an example of the plans produced by parishes as they were trying to work out a protocol for supporting parishes in the implementation of their Action Plans.

Their comments were recorded by Julia for the Steering Group and were encouraging, showing that the Action Plan was realistic and that some of the issues addressed were also under consideration by the authorities.

As suggested by Julia, the Group had decided to publish its Action Plan for Parishioners on an attractive leaflet made from a single A4 sheet rather than supplying everyone with a full report. However, a copy of the full report would be made available to any person in the Parish who wanted one.

A copy of the leaflet follows.

HOW CAN YOU HELP ?

Enquire at Lowick New School about ways
to support (phone: 885256)

Join the group that will investigate the
question of housing development
in Lowick (phone: 885245)

Join the footpath group (phone: 885633)

Support the Parochial Church Council as it
seeks to refurbish Lowick Sunday School
Room (see Parish Magazine)

Join a group to organise some social
activities in Lowick (phone: 885420)

Join a group to consider:
'Lowick in Bloom'
A garden visits scheme (phone: 885633)

Support activities that are arranged

Add your name to the 'Good Neighbours' list
(phone: 885633)

Let us have your e-mail address so that we
can add you to our mailing list (phone: 885633)

Attend Parish Council meetings to express
your opinions and criticisms of village matters.
(Dates and details are posted on noticeboards
and appear in the Parish Magazine)

Express an interest in becoming a parish
councillor (phone: 885420)

If you can't get through to any of the above,
phone school: (885256)

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Mrs Liz Vaughan (Chair)	885420
Mr Peter Jewell (Vice-chair)	885685
Mr Tommy Clegg	885676
Mr Matthew Rich	885249
Mr John Wickens	885633

Copies of the full Parish Plan Report are
available from your local Parish Councillors:
£4.00 each

Lowick Parish Council would like to thank
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LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN



*Get involved - we all have
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March 2005

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- Look into Lowick participating in 'Cumbria in Bloom'

THE GREEN

- Re-open negotiations with the landowners to recover the use of the green as before (need to cut grass and allow people to play)

WEBSITE

- Contact other parish councils in the Crake Valley with a view to creating a Crake Valley website

VERGES

- Acquire details of verge cutting and maintenance schedules for monitoring
- Lobby Highways Agency and CCC to keep verges, drains and footpaths in better condition
- Investigate the possibility of cutting and maintaining verges locally (Local farmers to cut; Parish Council to organise)

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

- Request County Council to do a Speed Survey and then to make an appraisal of appropriate speeds for these roads
- Request mirror at junction of lane at Red Lion, Lowick Bridge, with A5084
- Improve mirror at junction of Silver Lane and A5092

DANGER SPOTS

- Point out to the relevant authorities that existence of numerous danger spots supports our concern about the speed at which traffic travels

FOOTPATHS

- Request repair and proper maintenance to footways adjacent to main roads:
A5084 - The Meadows to the Red Lion
A5092 - Woodgate to Spark Bridge
- Work for provision of footpaths beside these roads, where none exists, so that there are safe, continuous paths
- Produce a map of the area, showing all footpaths and footways, and plan some events to use these

RECYCLING

- Seek a means for recycling cardboard and plastic waste

PARISH COUNCIL

- Investigate ways to communicate better with parishioners
- Make a plan to do more to welcome new arrivals in Lowick
- Contact other Parish Councils in the Crake Valley with a view to working together even more closely on matters of common interest

The following items included in our Parish Survey have been more or less settled and so they have not been included in the Action Plan:

SCHOOL - Lowick New School has now been established and is going on its independent path. Help and support are still needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM - The PCC is now working on refurbishing this room.

NEIGHBOURLY HELP - We are currently compiling a list of those willing to help neighbours.

BROADBAND - Shortly to be provided with funding from the North West Development Agency.

The following matters proved not to be significant issues: Offroad parking; Difficult journeys; Road repair.

12 ACTION PLAN

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13 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At the outset of this undertaking, Lowick Parish Council, which commissioned the Parish Plan, expressed their commitment to it by offering a financial contribution to its cost. The Parish Councillors have been watching the progress of the Plan as it has unfolded, and helping in various ways.

The Steering Group hopes that the Councillors will be pleased with the result and that they will find it helpful in support of the task they are called upon to do.

Throughout the process of developing Lowick's Parish Plan, the Steering Group has been supported by a number of outside bodies and these are acknowledged below.

Penny Raine has been our contact at The Countryside Agency. The Parish Council and the Steering Group wish to thank the Countryside Agency for administering The grant used to finance this project and helping those concerned to navigate the complexities of accessing it.

Julia Wilson (and Gail Knopfel) of Voluntary Action Cumbria have given the Steering Group much appreciated advice and support throughout the process. In particular, Julia advised us helpfully on producing a questionnaire, as mentioned earlier, and encouraged the Group to think in terms of sustainability as the plan was made.

David Sykes, Regeneration Officer for South Lakeland District Council, attended the second meeting of the Steering Group. He explained the importance of a Parish Plan for moving things forward in a community and outlined the particular interests of the Council. He warned that there was a risk that the making of a Parish Plan could unrealistically raise hopes of what could be achieved. The Steering Group heeded this warning and has throughout tried to propose targets that are realistic and achievable.

Rachel Bland, Community Development Planner for The Lake District National Park Authority, attended a meeting and advised the Steering Group regarding Housing Development within the National Park. She told the Group that government policy was changing to empower local communities and encouraged us to formulate and offer sensible plans. These might be accepted and could also influence policies which were in the process of being changed.

She encouraged the Group to contact and involve second home owners. Success has only been moderate in this regard and it was felt that SLDC could have given us greater assistance.

Anna Miller and **Nick Hayhurst** of South Lakeland District Council attended a further meeting of the Steering Group to advise on the matter of housing development outside the National Park. They suggested a possible way forward for the development of affordable housing taking into account the fact that Lowick had not been earmarked for any such accommodation.

Paula Allen of The Lake District National Park Authority has been interested in the progress of Lowick's Parish Plan.

When the making of Lowick Parish Plan was first envisaged contact was made with the following, as suggested by the Countryside Agency, to inform them of our plans:

South Lakeland District Council

The Neighbourhood Development Officer (Youth)

Cumbria Constabulary

Morecambe Bay Primary Care Trust

Cumbria County Council, Chief Education Officer.

Letters of support were received from

David Sykes, Regeneration Officer, South Lakeland District Council

The Superintendent, Cumbria Constabulary

14 IN CONCLUSION

The fact that Lowick is such a small community can be perceived as a disadvantage in some ways: its relative insignificance, powerlessness and lack of clout! And there is the feeling that 'we've seen all this before and nothing changes'.

In its favour, however, is the fact that people know each other and are warmly supportive of each other and village life. As they are few in number it has been possible to consult every individual and not to make a survey simply by household, which could mean some of its members not getting a proper crack of the whip.

Also, because Lowick is a small Parish, the Steering Group felt that it did not wish to employ outside consultants to construct or analyse the questionnaire or write the final reports. It was felt that these tasks could be done within the group. The hope of the Steering Group is that this has made the whole process very local, personal and 'hands-on' with the result that the Action Plan will indeed be recognised by everyone in Lowick as something which they had a real part in producing and which they will want to play their part in implementing.

The Steering Group presents this report confident that it has really engaged with the people of Lowick and the process has been as fair and democratic as possible. The Group believes that the open nature of the process lends strength to the Action Plan that has been produced. Of course, support will be needed from within the Parish to implement the Action Plan but it is hoped that the case we have made will also carry weight with those outside bodies who have the power to help Lowick parishioners achieve their objectives.

Lowick Parish Plan - Questionnaire

1. Gender
(tick one box only)

Male ☐
Female ☐

2. Which age group are you in?
(tick one box only)

11-16 ☐
17-19 ☐
20-26 ☐
27-34 ☐
35-44 ☐
45-54 ☐
55-64 ☐
65-74 ☐
75-84 ☐
85+ ☐

3. How long have you lived in Lowick?
(tick one box only)

less than 2 years ☐
3-5 years ☐
6-10 years ☐
11-20 years ☐
21 years or more ☐
I have lived here all my life ☐
I have a second home here ☐

4. What sort of housing development do you think would be suitable for Lowick?
(tick more than one if required)

Starter homes ☐
Family homes ☐
Holiday homes ☐
Sheltered housing ☐
Other - please explain ☐
None ☐

5. Where might such development be made?

6. Is there someone in your family who would like a house in Lowick but cannot afford one?

(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐

7. Please explain if you wish

8. How would you describe the appearance of our village?
(tick one box only)

Good ☐
Okay / reasonable ☐
Poor ☐

9. What do you think could be done to improve the environment in Lowick?

10. Would you be prepared to help with environmental improvement schemes?
(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐
Possibly ☐

11. Do you have any problems recycling household rubbish?
(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐

12. If yes, please explain

13. What do you think about the state of repair of the roads in Lowick?
(tick one box only)

Good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Okay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Please indicate any spots which require particular attention

15. Do you think there are any major danger spots on the roads in this area?
(tick one box only)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. If yes, please give details below

17. Is speeding traffic a problem in this area?
(tick one box only)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. If yes, please give details below

19. What do you think about the state of repair of the paths and pavements in this area?
(tick one box only)

Good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Okay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Please indicate any spots which require particular attention

21. Is there anywhere you would like to see a new path or pavement in the area?

22. Would you like to see greater use made of the village green?
(tick one box only)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't mind	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. If yes, please explain

24. Do you have any problems with off-road parking?
(tick one box only)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. If yes, please explain

26. Do you run a business locally?
(tick one box only)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. If yes, would you be interested in promoting your business by means of a village directory or website?
(tick one box only)
- Yes ☐
No ☐
Possibly ☐
28. Do you have access to the internet?
(tick one box only)
- Yes ☐
No ☐
29. If no, would you like access to the internet?
(tick one box only)
- Yes ☐
No ☐
Possibly ☐
30. Would you be interested in Broadband?
(tick one box only)
- Yes ☐
No ☐
Possibly ☐
31. Would you like to see Lowick Sunday School Room refurbished?
(tick one box only)
- Yes ☐
No ☐
Don't mind ☐
32. If the Sunday School Room were refurbished might you be interested in:
(tick more than one if required)
- Daytime activities / classes ☐
Evening activities / classes ☐
Evening social events ☐
Private hire (eg children's parties) ☐
Other - please suggest ☐
33. Are there any journeys which you find it difficult to make (eg for shopping in Greenodd or Ulverston, to attend the doctor's or evening entertainment) ?
(tick one box only)
- Yes ☐
No ☐

34. If yes, please give details

35. Please tick appropriately if you ever need help with any of the following
(tick more than one if required)

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Travelling | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Your garden | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Your house | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dog walking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Back-up when you are away | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other - please specify | <input type="checkbox"/> |

36. Please tick appropriately if you might be willing to help neighbours in any of the following ways:
(tick more than one if required)

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help in the garden | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help in the house | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dog walking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Back-up when people are away | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other - please specify | <input type="checkbox"/> |

37. Would you like to see Lowick School continue?
(tick one box only)

- | | |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't mind | <input type="checkbox"/> |

38. Do you have any comments about this?

39. What more might we do to support our older residents?

40. Would you consider supporting the school:
(tick more than one if required)

by enrolling a child in the next 4 years ☐
by attending evening classes / clubs ☐
by helping with lunches once a month ☐
by helping the children with a garden ☐
other - please specify ☐

41. If the following childcare facilities were offered locally, please tick those that might interest you
(tick more than one if required)

Nursery ☐
Breakfast Club ☐
After school club ☐
Other - please specify ☐
Not applicable to me ☐

42. Do your children participate in any of the following activities?
(tick more than one if required)

Before / after school clubs ☐
Holiday play schemes ☐
Youth clubs ☐
Church groups ☐
Uniformed groups ☐
Sports clubs / teams ☐
Other - please specify ☐
Not applicable to me ☐

43. What other activities or facilities do you think are needed to improve the play and leisure opportunities available to children?

44. Are you satisfied with the Parish Council?
(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐

45. Please comment on your answer

46. What 2 or 3 things do you like MOST about living in Lowick?

47. What 2 or 3 things do you like LEAST about living in Lowick?

Perhaps we have not dealt with matters you think are important. Please use this opportunity to explain your ideas, problems and grumbles.

48. THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

Lowick Parish Survey - Primary Children's Questionnaire

1. Gender
(tick one box only)

Male ☐
Female ☐

2. Which age group are you in?
(tick one box only)

5 years ☐
6 years ☐
7 years ☐
8 years ☐
9 years ☐
10 years ☐
11 years ☐

3. How do you think Lowick looks?
(tick more than one if required)

Good ☐
Quite good ☐
Not very good ☐

4. Please write something to explain your answer

5. Do you always feel safe on the roads and paths in our village?
(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐

6. If no, please explain

7. Where do you play?
(tick more than one if required)

At home ☐
At friends' homes ☐
On the common ☐
In the fields ☐
On the road ☐
Somewhere else - please explain ☐

8. Do you wish for more play places?
(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐

9. If yes, please explain

10. What activities (clubs, classes, uniformed groups) do you attend regularly?

11. Are there any further activities you think could be offered in Lowick?
(tick one box only)

Yes ☐
No ☐

12. If yes, please explain

13. Can you think of any ways children could help improve life in Lowick?

14. What 3 things do you like most about living in Lowick?

15. What 3 things do you like least about living in Lowick?

16. THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. If there is something else you would like to say, please write below.

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. The land is divided into numerous irregular, patchwork fields of various shades of green and brown, separated by dark lines representing hedges or stone walls. In the upper portion of the image, a small cluster of buildings, likely a village or farmstead, is visible, surrounded by trees. The overall scene depicts a peaceful, agricultural environment.

'...quiet, peaceful environment...'

'...beautiful scenery...'

'...friendly people...'

'...good neighbours...'

'...Lowick Show...'