

Bainbridge Parish Plan November 2005



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Bainbridge Village

INTRODUCTION TO THE PARISH PLAN

By Councillor Brian Brown, Chairman, Bainbridge Parish Council

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our Parish Plan which has been drawn up in the main from the replies you kindly gave to the questionnaires sent to all parish households in the springtime. There has also been input from the public meeting in November and from your councillors.

The plan sets out how the residents want to see their community develop. It is unique in that individual parish residents are able for the first time to express opinions which will be seen by local, regional and central government without having to go through elected representatives. It is important that in this plan you have identified problems which need to be brought to the attention of statutory bodies by your Parish Council. You have also told us of facilities, features and characteristics of the parish that you find of value.

Two years ago the Parish Councils of the four parishes in Upper Wensleydale met to discuss the preparation of their parish plans. It was decided that important concerns such as housing, transport and health-care would be better addressed and carry more weight if they appeared as one document from all four parishes. In Countryside Agency terminology a grouping of parishes is called a 'cluster'. The separate Cluster Plan is an important document which can be seen at the Community Office or may be borrowed from the Parish Clerk. What you have here is the Bainbridge Parish section of the overall plan for Upper Wensleydale.

The Parish Plans are sent to the Countryside Agency for DEFRA. Included in the first part of our plan is a description of the parish and its infrastructure, information that may help informed decisions about our locality to be made at governmental level.

We follow that section with a brief analysis of the majority opinion of what you thought about elements of parish life such as social facilities and the local environment. (The full list of comments is included later as Appendix 1). As Chairman and having lived here all my life I found many of the comments particularly interesting for they put on record concerns that we knew about at the back of our minds but had not actively pursued. Bainbridge is an active and sustainable community but your comments clearly identified a wish to improve community involvement in the co-ordination and organisation of local events, with young people playing a greater role. Strong concerns were also expressed about highway safety, the growth of holiday-lets and second homes and the importance of retaining local services by using them.

On a positive note you liked living here with the good community spirit, quietness and safety. Through your Parish Council we will try to maintain these aspects and through the Parish Action Plan (pp 15-17) hope to resolve the issues which concerned you.

What is a Parish Plan?

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

The Government wants local communities to be more active in the control of their neighbourhoods by having a say in the shaping of them and engaging with other powers to help achieve their aspirations and to work with appropriate organisations and partners in order to deliver these aspirations.

A Parish Plan is a vision of how the community sees itself developing over the next few years.

The Plan should:

- Reflect the views of all sections 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;

It also gives everyone a chance to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting their community, and how they would like to see it improve in the future.

The Countryside Agency is a government agency working to improve the quality of the countryside and make life better for people living in rural areas.

In order to be influential and effective at strategic (County, District, Regional Government) level it is important that the Parish Plan complements policies in local documents and strategies such as the Richmondshire Local Plan, the Richmondshire Community Plan and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan.

Although the Parish Plans have no formal status as yet, it is hoped that they will influence a wide range of organisations that provide services to rural communities and help shape the future of these rural areas. The Parish Plan will also help when trying to access funding for parish projects.

As mentioned in the Chairman's Introduction, our Bainbridge Parish Plan does not include the big issues for Upper Wensleydale, such as housing, employment and health and social care. These are covered in the Upper Wensleydale 'cluster' Plan.

How has the Parish Plan been prepared?

The main method of consultation with residents was a questionnaire survey of every household carried out by post in the spring of 2005. There were separate questions for Bainbridge and Upper Wensleydale. In addition, the views of individuals were sought through notices and by discussion with their parish councillors. Initial findings were made the subject of further discussion at a public Parish Meeting in November 2005.

What was the response?

Questionnaires were distributed to the 200 households in the parish and about one third were returned. However, when coupled with verbal comments from local people known for their reluctance to commit pen to paper, then this is considered to be a fair representation of the views of the community.

What happens next?

The publication of the Plan is not the end of the process but rather a means of informing the community about the issues which have been identified as important and some of the changes it would like to see in the parish.

It is a community document and as such it is important that the community is involved in its implementation. Whilst lead responsibilities are identified in the Action Plan, success will depend on people joining in and helping to achieve the desired results.

How will progress be monitored?

It is intended that the Parish Council will hold regular reviews of the Action Plan and report on progress in the Parish Newsletter. But if you think that things are not happening or taking too long, don't hesitate to take it up with the people responsible and with the Parish Council.

Want to find out more?

Everyone is invited to join in to make the Plan work. Which point in the Action Plan is of interest to you? Contact any of the councillors or the Parish Clerk to express your interest in a particular area. You will be able to find out more from the Parish Newsletter and from the regular Plan updates on the Parish notice boards.

Copies of this Plan are available from the Parish Clerk, from whom you may also borrow the Upper Wensleydale Cluster Plan.

Introduction to our Parish

The civil parish of Bainbridge is a sparsely populated upland area of Upper Wensleydale. It lies to the south of the River Ure and is of 60 sq km. The nearest town is Leyburn, 13 miles to the east along the A684. The whole of the parish lies within the boundaries of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and it's administrative district is Richmondshire.

The principal village is Bainbridge, a Conservation Area situated on a limestone terrace above the rivers Bain and Ure. There is a well documented Romano-British fort of AD 100 overlooking the village, which itself dates from the early middle ages when it was a settlement of foresters looking after the hunting forest of Wensleydale. There is a large village green, the property of the Lords of the Manor of Bainbridge, trustees for the parish residents. Medieval 'strip farming' fields surround the village.

A mile east of Bainbridge lies the farming hamlet of Worton, mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was a leadmining centre in the 19th Century.

Countersett is a small hamlet two miles south of Bainbridge, overlooking the glacial lake of Semerwater. The hamlet has a long religious history of non-conformity, with a very early Quaker Meeting House in use to this day.

Marsett is a small farming village a further two miles south. The farms are situated around the village green, exploiting the fields of the flat valley bottom before it rises steeply into the upland areas where there is now much commercial forestry.

Stalling Busk is a small farming community of Norse origin, clinging to the hillside above Semerwater. Although in itself old, there are extensive remains of very old settlements close to the village, principally Iron and Bronze age with some now identified as being as old as Mesolithic. A preserved ruined chapel dates from 1603.



*Stalling Busk
School House, Farm
and Workshop - first snow
L.C.J.*

The Community

The total parish population at the 2001 Census was 438, made up as follows:

0-4 yrs	21
5-15 yrs	39
16-24 yrs	41
25-44 yrs	99
45-64 yrs	114
65-74 yrs	57
75 plus	67

The average age was 46.5 years.

The age profile of the parish shows a higher than average population of people over 65, 28% compared with the UK average of 18%. The same age profile, although not as marked, is seen in Richmondshire District. The profile may be distorted for Bainbridge as it is the site of an NYCC elderly persons home and a Richmondshire District Council sheltered housing facility.

By comparison with the UK figure of 18%, only 14% are of school or pre-school age. This may be accounted for by the outward migration of young people for wider employment opportunity and the high cost of housing.

Housing

In 2001 there were 242 dwellings in the parish of which 192 had resident households.

71 of these were one-person households and 52 households had children.

47 properties, that is 20% of the total parish stock were second homes or holiday accommodation.

There was a high level of home ownership, 67%. 28% of the properties in the parish were either rented privately or from the local authority.

In terms of income and employment, the parish is apparently well-off. However the Government now uses a statistical tool to measure deprivation to see how 'well-off' people actually are. One measure relates to barriers to housing and services which includes geographical barriers and other issues in access to housing such as affordability. Addleborough electoral ward, which includes Bainbridge, is one of the 10% most deprived in England, ranked as the 21st most deprived of the 32,000 in England.

Housing policies for the Dales and the parishes were considered in the Upper Wensleydale Cluster Plan. Bainbridge is shortly to have a 40 room elder-care facility and 17 new houses for local need.



Countersett

Employment

There is a high level of full or part-time employment in the parish and very low unemployment.

Over the years there has been a drop in the number of people directly employed in farming, but a significant number of parishioners are still employed supporting agriculture.

10% of those employed are in professional occupations, 10% in personal services. A large number, a third of those working, are in skilled trades occupations.

No figures are available as to where people work, but many work away from the parish as may be deduced from the average daily distance to work of all employed as being 18km.

Health Care

Parishioners are registered for NHS medical GP care with the Central Dales Medical Practice, which has surgeries at Aysgarth and Hawes. This is a dispensing practice, but will also deliver medicines to local collection points. Out-Of-Hours medical care, if a visit to a medical facility is required, is provided at the Primary Care Centre at Catterick Garrison, 20 miles away.

The nearest hospital is the Friarage at Northallerton, a small district general hospital with A&E and maternity services. Specialist care is by referral to Middlesborough, 55 miles away.

NHS dental care is available from a visiting dentist in a dental surgery in the Hawes medical practice or from the main clinic in Leyburn.

There is no nursing home in the parish, but there is now a fully manned ambulance station.



Ambulance Station

Education

Children of the parish attend the primary school at Bainbridge, dating from 1980. There is an expanded nursery section but the numbers of children aged 5-11 has fallen.

At the age of 11, children move on to the secondary school, the Wensleydale School at Leyburn. Most children travel on a school bus to Leyburn. School taxis are also used to transport children living on the fringes of the parish to school or to the school bus.

There are no facilities in the parish for general further education, with parishioners travelling to the next parish for their tuition.



Bainbridge School

Roads and transport

Bainbridge parish extends to the south of an east-west trunk road, the A684, running from the vale of York to the Lake District. Although classified as an 'A' road, it is winding, liable to flooding and the site of a number of fatal accidents. The minor roads of the parish can be narrow, with obstructed views and difficult in winter conditions. Because of the distance from services (eg. Hospital, 35 miles), poor public transport and the necessity for work transport, there is a high car/van ownership. There were 242 cars registered in the parish and 26% of the households had two or three cars. Only 14% of the households had no car.



Churches

The only C of E church in the civil parish of Bainbridge is at Stalling Busk, where there is a small church which has a joint benefice with Askrigg, sharing a vicar. The original church, dating from 1603, is a listed ruin.

Wesleyon Methodist Chapels are found at Bainbridge and Marsett.

Quakerism enjoys a long history in Wensleydale and there are Quaker Meeting Houses at Bainbridge and at Countersett.



Quaker Meeting House, Countersett

Amenities

The parish is particularly fortunate that so many village amenities have been retained. They are mainly based in Bainbridge village, where there is a butcher and a Post Office/Shop open 6 days a week, and a garage/filling station open 7 days a week. Newspapers and milk are delivered daily. A Fish & Chip van calls once a week and the mobile library stops in the village every three weeks.

In the parish there is now just one hotel, the Rose and Crown at Bainbridge, which provides accommodation, meals and a function room, and one public house, the Victoria Arms at Worton. There are a number of B&B premises in the parish and one café at Bainbridge.

Bainbridge village hall is owned and run by a Trust. The building is nearly a century old and in need of modernisation. The village hall at Stalling Busk, the old school, is likewise run by Trustees.

The village green is used for community activities and in one corner is a children's play area and public toilet.

A number of clubs and societies flourish in the parish which now has an arts teaching facility, Bainside Arts Barn, which provides art and cultural courses at Bainbridge.

Semerwater Lake, privately owned, is used extensively for leisure pursuits such as fishing, canoeing, sailing and adventurous outdoor activities.



Leisure activities on Semerwater



Bainbridge Cemetery

Elderly Care Provision

At this time there are two facilities for elderly care provision situated in Bainbridge. High Hall is an NYCC Elderly Persons Home which is no longer providing suitable accommodation. Almost adjacent is a Richmondshire District Council sheltered housing facility which incorporates an elderly persons Day Centre. Clients of the centre are transported in a specially adapted minibus, provided and run by an Upper Wensleydale charity.



High Hall

As this plan is being written, work is ongoing to construct a new 40 room elderly care facility, to be run by a Housing Association. On completion, both old facilities will close, with High Hall being converted to housing for local need tenants.

Finally (!), there is a Chapel of Rest and a cemetery at Bainbridge, which is run by the Parish Council.

The Public Consultation Results Summarised

1. You and Your Household

The gender balance of the respondents to the questions was equal. Respondents recorded their age and their responses are as follows:

25-34 yrs	5%	35-44 yrs	7%
45-54 yrs	18%	55-64 yrs	20%
65-74 yrs	24%	75-84 yrs	18%
85+ yrs	7%		

Most responses came from the 65-74 age band.

2. Leisure, Sports & Amenity

Improvement of social and community activities

Community vitality, the extent to which people participate and interact is reasonably high for specific activities such as participation in worship and being part of a voluntary organization.

The level of participation in 'Youth activities/club', 'Parent & Toddler/Playgroup' and 'Sports Group' is very low; this is to be expected given the age range of the households responding and the overall elderly population.

An encouraging feature is the wide range of local groups and activity that is going on in the area.

It is also clear that households do not just take up activities in their parish, but travel outside the area to access the facilities that appeal to them.

Suggested improvements include better advertising of what is going on in the parish, through notice-boards, provision of a visible notice board, a community website and local advertising.

There is also the issue of getting more people involved in organising events and activities, whether new faces or different age groups or genders.

Improvements (structural, facility and activity) and modernisation to Bainbridge village hall are supported.



Bainbridge Millennium celebrations

Recommendation:

In addition to recommendations in Cluster Parish

As Action REF 7.1 within Bainbridge Action Plan

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

Action REF 2.2: Seek level of demand for provision of a village notice board in Worton as a means of supporting community cohesion.

3. Community Communication

There is no majority support for a community website, perhaps because access to the Internet is not very high or because households are informed through other sites. 45% of households were in support of a community website.

Suggestion was made that the Parish Council could link with existing web-sites that inform the community in this area.

The Parish Council Newsletter

Five years ago the Parish Council introduced the newsletter, compiled by the Clerk to the Council. Distribution by hand was dealt with by the Clerk and Councillors, assisted by volunteers to deal with the outlying areas. However, due to problems in recruiting a Parish Clerk, production has lapsed over the last year or so.

93% of respondents supported the Newsletter, considering that they were well informed. Some had suggestions as to how it could be improved, in particular with regard to distribution and frequency of publication.

Suggestions about the Parish Council Newsletter

- Leave some copies in the local shops for those who do not live in the immediate village
- Publish more regularly.
- Post to all households
- Disseminate newsletter information online.

Recommendation:

Action REF 3.1: Parish Council links with existing web sites that inform the community in the area, through dissemination of the Parish Council Newsletter information online for example and consider further exploration of introducing a Community website.

Action REF 3.2: Seek more formal arrangements for distribution/publication of the Parish Council Newsletter. This is so as to be more inclusive over the Parish. Activity could be advertising publishing dates, leaving copies at central points (and advertising that copies can be collected from those points), considering postal distribution.

4. Environment

82% of households which took part in the survey described the appearance of their village as being tidy.

The appearance of Bainbridge village is considered to be untidy by a minority.

There was praise for the condition that the public toilets are kept in.

Areas that are considered untidy are:

BAINBRIDGE

MILLENNIUM ISLAND: Untidy advertising boards.

VILLAGE GREEN: Condition of the posts and chains, litter and condition of the bus shelter.

WORTON

Untidy overhead power lines/cables.

MARSETT

Parked farm machinery on the village green.

A selection of feedback relevant to this is included in Appendix 1.

Further Development in Bainbridge Parish

There is strong support for further development for houses for permanent occupation (over 80% of households). 70% of households favour further development in the form of elderly persons homes and over 60% favour further development of sheltered housing. Over 40% of households support

business development.

There is little enthusiasm for further development of housing for part time occupation and holiday lets, over 60% are against this type of development.

Conservation Area

Much of Bainbridge village is in a conservation area and in the parish there are 40 Grade II listed buildings ranging from Manor houses to telephone boxes.

Households were asked if there were any other features that should be protected within the village where they live or within the parish. It is obvious that most are unaware of the extent of the conservation area and what is already listed. Other features the community wish to be protected are the 'swizzy' stones at the top of Bainbridge village green, the narrow rights of way between the houses in Bainbridge and the stones up the Bain River beyond Ivy Cottage.

Specified areas of Environmental concern

The highest community concern is with low flying aircraft, of concern to 64% of those who responded. Over half of households are concerned with dog dirt/fouling and just less than half are concerned with litter/rubbish dumping.

Clean up of Parish area and Cemetery

27 households were interested in taking part in a clean up of the parish area and cemetery once or twice a year.

Provision of additional disposal facilities

There is strong support for provision of glass and paper recycling facilities and additional recycling facilities across the board.

Given the high level of concern over dog dirt and fouling the adequate provision of dog waste bins is a matter that should be addressed.

Things that would improve the surrounding area.

In many ways this is the 'wish list' of the community and some suggestions are outside the means of the Parish Council to deliver. There

is a wide variety of positive suggestions relating to things that would improve the surrounding parish environment.

General Comments:

- Control speeding vehicles/motorbikes.
- Better traffic/pedestrian management in Bainbridge village.
- Provision of a visitor car park.
- Improve mobile phone reception.



The Bridge at Bainbridge

Recommendation:

Action REF 4.1: Review litter bin size/provision/ siting and maintenance of public areas in Bainbridge village. Seek to support a working group to co-ordinate a clean up of the parish areas.

Action REF 4.2: Review existing parking provision in Bainbridge village and ways in which it could be rationalised so as not to detract from the village.

Action REF 4.3: Lobby for improved recycling facilities, introduction of doorstep collections, sorting.

Action REF 4.4: Review pedestrian access through Bainbridge village. Seek to maintain pedestrian rights of way between dwellings. Seek to improve pedestrian access throughout Bainbridge village, safety issues accessing the shop and Post Office and at Bainbridge bridge.

Action REF 4.5: Advertise within newsletter demarcation of 'Conservation Area'.

Action REF 4.6: Support provision for permanent resident housing, based upon identified demand/ need. Ensure housing needs of particular sectors of the community, i.e. the young/elderly, are recognised.

5. Traffic Issues

Parking

Resident parking does not appear to be a great issue over the parish with 29 households (58%) happy with the level of residential parking. Visitor parking is an issue for 51% of households who responded to this question, mostly within Bainbridge village.

Speeding

There is widespread concern over speeding motorcycles on the parish roads (93%of households). Only 50% (18 households) have concerns over speeding cars and 47% (20 households) regarding speeding HGV's.

'Danger spots' in the Parish

The speed of vehicles along the A684 is causing 'danger spots' at various locations and in many cases drivers are not observing the speed limits going into and through the built up areas.

The issue of speeding, coupled with congested parking means that traffic calming measures on through roads should be reviewed as a priority, both for road user and pedestrian safety. There are 'danger spots' for pedestrians crossing the bridge in Bainbridge village and the A684 road to the shop; this is highlighted as a priority concern.

There is also concern about safety in Back Syke at Bainbridge, both at the school and where it joins the A684



The hill eastwards out of Bainbridge. A684.

Recommendation:

As Action REF 4.4: Pedestrian Access in Bainbridge village.

Action REF 5.1: Explore traffic calming schemes to further reduce vehicle speed on the A684 approach to Worton and A684 into Bainbridge. This could be extending speed limit further out of both villages. Assess traffic flow speed through parish at peak times; this is of community concern . Consider weight restrictions in areas of highlighted concern, such as Worton/Askrigg road, through Worton.

Action REF 5.2: Consider assessment of existing parking in areas where there is identified hazard to other road users/ pedestrians; specifically at the Millennium stone junction.

Action REF 5.3: Consider one way system for Back Syke with clear indication of direction traffic must turn exiting to A684

Action REF 5.4: Monitor traffic use at Old School T Junction. Continue to monitor one way system around Rose & Crown junction.

6. Services

Provision and maintenance

Parishioners considered that service provision such as dustbin collection, road drain clearance and main highway maintenance was satisfactory. The level of satisfaction with winter gritting is 'good' to 'satisfactory' for most households; 9 households who completed the survey rated it as 'poor'.

However a fairly high number of households have specific issues with maintenance of minor roads, verges and drains/sewerage systems.

Rating of the maintenance of minor roads by 40% (19) of households is recorded as 'poor'; maintenance of the verges is recorded as 'poor' by 39% (18) households.

Recommendation:

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

Action REF 6.2. Review drainage and sewerage provision.

7. Use of Community Halls

The questionnaire highlighted the value of Bainbridge village hall as a community resource, with potential for flexible use and more service to the local community. The appearance or access to the hall does not deter people from using it. 53% (29) of households make use of the Hall occasionally, 11% (6) use it most times there is an event.

For the majority who do not use the hall it comes down to lack of advertising of what is on offer locally (or lack of households noticing the advertising). 56% of those who almost never use the Hall do not know what events/activities are happening there.

How facilities could be better used

Suggestions from parishioners included providing a wider range of activities, particularly for children and youths, which need improved advertising.

A number of people commented that there were constraints on the use of Bainbridge village hall due to poor access through a kitchen, poor toilet facilities, décor, parking and lack of disability awareness.

Stalling Busk Village Hall is used for a number of hamlet activities and is well supported by local residents.



Bainbridge Village Hall

Recommendation:

Action REF 7.1. To seek to ensure improvement of Bainbridge Village Hall amenities, specifically toilet, access, disability awareness , décor and parking.

8. Social Issues

Likes:

The most important thing to households about living in their village is the community spirit and friendliness of the local community. Also of importance is peace and tranquillity of the area and the environment itself.

The availability of local services is also something that households like about the parish. Bainbridge has retained a good selection of community amenities: church, school, Post Office and shop, butcher, garage, hotel, café, public telephone and toilets, cemetery, Arts Barn, play area and village green. In addition households like the fact that their village is well maintained.

A selection of these comments can be found in Appendix 1.

Dislikes:

23 Households raised issues or areas of discontent. Some of these reinforce concerns from earlier feedback and within the Cluster Parish Plan, others are areas of discontent that are not revealed elsewhere.

Dislikes range from:

- Lack of service provision across a wide range of services some statutory, some more amenity.
- Traffic/parking issues arising from conflict between residents and tourists; car parking, inconsiderate parking and speeding vehicles through the villages.
- Increasing numbers of holiday lets, lost opportunities for local housing provision.
- Difficulty in providing affordable housing provision for the local community.
- Shortage of organised children and youth



The Stocks on Bainbridge Village Green

activities in Bainbridge village.

- Shortage of childcare for pre and school age children.

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 A to D, most important to not important.

The things that people most felt would improve their environment were improved health and welfare services, more money and resources, a better environment and better transport links.

Residents were asked for suggestions on changes they would like to see in their village and parish in the near future.

Most replies reinforced comments made elsewhere and covered areas such as traffic management, support for local businesses and access to services.

A number of respondents did not wish to see any change made to where they were living.

Recommendation:

As Action REF 3 in Cluster Parish Plan

As Action REF 4 in Cluster Parish Plan

As Action REF 5 in Cluster Parish Plan

As Action REF 6 in Cluster Parish Plan

As Action REF 8 in Cluster Parish Plan

Action REF 8.1: Support formation of a Community Association to encourage increased children & youth activities in the villages in coordination with the local school.

ACTION PLAN

LEGEND: AiR: Arts in Richmondshire, BPC: Bainbridge Parish Council, RDC: Richmondshire District Council, LOMOB: Lords of the Manor of Bainbridge, NYCC: North Yorkshire County Council, UWS&SA: Upper Wensleydale Spots and Social Association, YDNPA: Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.
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	LEISURE, SPORTS & AMENITY Use Support community involvement in leisure, sport and cultural activities for all ages. Improve publicity to increase usage and in order that suggestions for improvements be passed to relevant organisation.	BPC to coordinate by seeking views and advising on funding	Medium	UWS&SA RDC Sport Coordinator AiR	Ongoing	BPC
2.2	Amenity Notice-board Review siting of Worton village Notice-board.	Consult residents	Low	NYCC Area Committee	Soon	BPC
3.1	COMMUNICATION Consider use of Web links Use existing web sites to display Parish Council Newsletter and other information	Consult residents	Low	Existing local websites	Soon	BPC
3.2	Parish Council Newsletter More formal approach to production/distribution at regular intervals.	BPC	High	Investigate alternative provider rather than BPC	Now	BPC
4.1	ENVIRONMENT Litter & Maintenance Review bin size/provision/siting in Bainbridge village. Organise volunteer bi-annual clean of village area.	BPC	Medium	Community working party and RDC	Soon Ongoing	BPC
4.2	Parking Monitor and control parking within Bainbridge village for residents and visitors.	BPC	High	NYCC, YDNPA	Ongoing	BPC
4.3	Recycling Improve recycling opportunities.	BPC to assess demand	High	RDC	Soon	BPC
4.4	Access Improve pedestrian access through Bainbridge village.	BPC to talk to relevant householders	Medium	Householders	Soon	BPC

4.5	Conservation Area Advertise demarcation of Bainbridge village 'Conservation Area'. Undergrounding of power & telephone lines	BPC to consult with YDNPA as there is no formal Conservation Area Action Plan	Low	YDNPA Tel & Elec Companies	IDC	BPC
4.6	Housing Support provision for permanent resident housing meeting the needs of identified sectors. (Already covered in Cluster Plan)	BPC to continue communication with relevant bodies	High	RDC, YDNPA, Housing Associations	Ongoing	BPC
5.1	TRANSPORT Traffic calming To reduce accidents along all parts of A684 in the parish. Extension of speed limit out of Worton village and Bainbridge village. Consider weight restrictions on Worton/Askrigg road.	BPC	High	NYCC, Police, Community Safety Partnership	Soon	BPC
5.2	Parking Control of parking at the Millennium stone junction, Bainbridge.	BPC	High	NYCC Highways	Actioned 09/05	BPC
5.3	Traffic Flow Highlight issues for traffic using Back Syke, Bainbridge village.	BPC	High	NYCC	Soon	BPC
5.4	Monitor traffic use at Old School T Junction. Highlight issues for one way system around Rose & Crown junction.					
6.1	SERVICES Roadside Increased maintenance of minor roads and roadside verges.	Consult with NYCC Highways	High	NYCC Highways, contractors	Ongoing	BPC
6.2	Drainage/sewerage Review of provision in Bainbridge village.	BPC	High	Yorkshire Water	Soon	BPC
7.1	USE OF VILLAGE HALL/INSTITUTE Improvements Improvements to be passed to relevant committee/s	BPC to inform VH committee of parishioners concerns	Medium	RDC, Village Committees	Soon	BPC
8.1	SOCIAL ISSUES Increase participation and use of community facilities Encourage formation of a (children & youth) activities group. Consider formation of Community Association.	Bring interested parties together	Medium	All local groups, Education Authority Bainside Arts Bainbridge School	Soon	BPC

APPENDIX 1: Replies to the Questionnaire

1. You and Your Household

Q1 and 2:

The gender balance of respondents to the survey is 50% (27) Male, 50% (27) Female with 1 no response.
The age group of the person filling in the survey is as follows: Most responses came from the 65-74 age band.

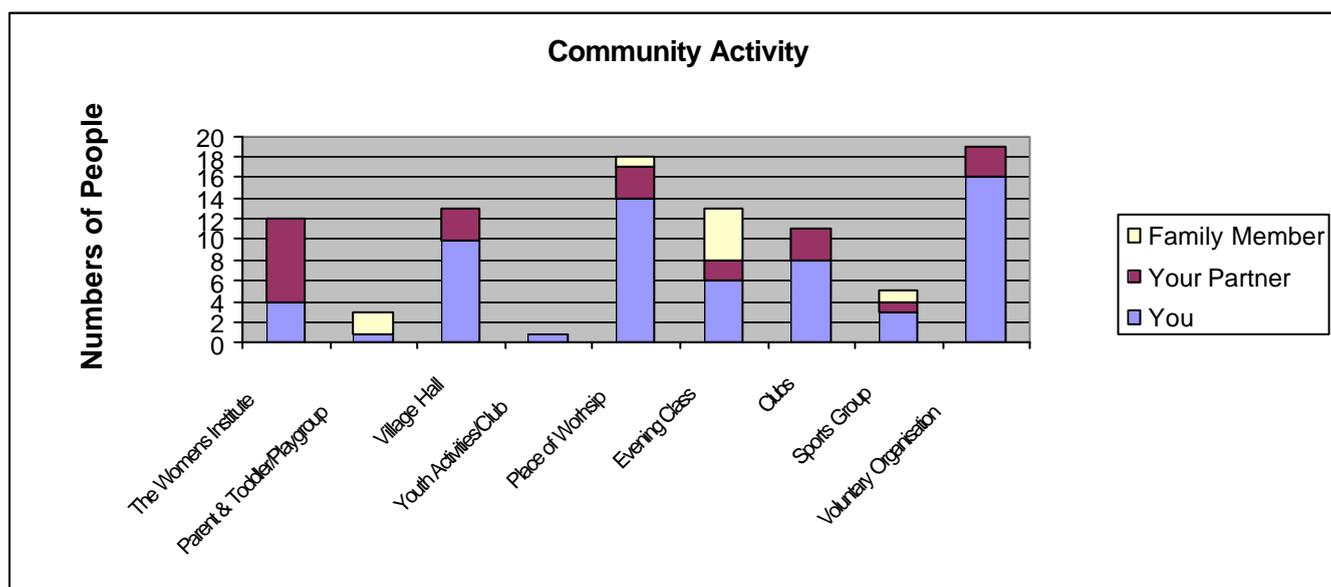
Age	Responses	Percentage
25-34	3	(5.5%)
35-44	4	(7.3%)
45-54	10	(18.2%)
55-64	11	(20%)
65-74	13	(23.6%)
75-84	10	(18.2%)
85+	4	(7.3%)

2. Leisure, Sports and Amenity

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

Feedback on the number of persons who play an active part in selected groups within the communities is illustrated below.

AMENITY	YOU	YOUR PARTNER	MEMBER OF FAMILY
The Women's Institute	4	8	
Parent and Toddler/Playgroup	1		2
Village hall	10	3	
Youth Activities/Club	1		
Place of Worship	14	3	1
Evening Class	6	2	
Clubs	8	3	
Sports Group	3	1	1
Voluntary Organisation	16	3	



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

People in the area go to a wide variety of clubs/activities, often outside the Parish. 20 households gave feedback on which local clubs they use in the area and for what activity.

LOCAL CLUB/ACTIVITY	NUMBERS
Friends of Dales Countryside Museum	5
Badminton Club	3
Bainbridge Motor Club	2
Hawes Amateur Operatic	2
Friends Of Gayle Mill	2
WI	2
Askrigg Youth Club	2
Hawes Drama Group	2
Catterick Golf Course	2
Wensleydale Angling Association	1
Football Club	1
AiR (Arts in Richmondshire)	1
Bainbridge Ladies	1
Leyburn Youth Club	1
Old Time Dance Club	1
Mining Group (YMCG)	1
Luncheon Club	1
Wensleydale Industrial & Provident Soc.	1
Walking Group	1
Swaledale & Wensleydale Chorus	1
Muker Band	1
Wensleydale Adult Education Class	1
Bainbridge Sports	1
Dominoes	1
Hawes Market Hall Indoor Bowls	1
Yore Club	1
Askrigg Village Hall Snooker/Cards	1
Hawes Youth Club	1
Village Hall Exercise Class	1

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

26 comments give suggestions on what individuals think could be done to improve social and community activities in their village and the parish. 5 of these felt community activities needed no improvement and they are well informed of what is occurring.

Improvement suggested by 7 households was better advertising of what is going on in the parish, through notice-boards or provision of a notice board, a community website and local advertising.

5 comments raised the issues around getting more people involved in organizing events and activities, whether new faces or different age groups or genders.

4 comments are regarding the Village Hall, improving the range of activities on offer and improvement and modernisation to the facilities.

Given the range of this parish response some feedback is relevant to specific villages, where households specified a location the suggestions are recorded below.

WORTON

- A Street light
- Restrict heavy traffic through the village
- A village notice-board.(2 Comments). The present notice-board is located within the bus shelter, unless households use public transport they may not be aware it is there.
- A Community website

STALLING BUSK

- Earlier notice of dates for functions in Stalling Busk School.

BAINBRIDGE

- More use of the village green, return of the bonfire, Bainbridge Sports made into a full day event for everyone.
- An improved or modernised village hall, provide a larger village hall. Improved hall facilities.
- Have some dances and mobile cinema in the village hall and exhibits of photos, paintings etc.
- Village hall for more uses - i.e. games afternoons, concerts, fitness.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Needs a community group or association to co-ordinate activities and publish a diary so events do not clash. Find some way of getting young people involved.

More female members of sports committee

I think we do very well for social activities, as for community activities perhaps a committee to pool ideas?

I could be informed of village events and fundraisers. It seems to be a closed shop for any decisions or organising.

To get more people involved - it seems to be the same faces organising events

Some activities for 20yr generation.

ADVERTISING

Better notice boards so that events can be advertised well round the parish - on road corners etc.

Advertise locally and more widely what is actually happening e.g. badminton, WI, Motor Club etc. and not rely on word of mouth.

Activities in Bainbridge rarely advertised in Worton. A village notice board would be a very useful acquisition.

OTHER

Better medical services.

3. Community Communication

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

19 households indicated a desire for the village to have it's own community website, this represented 45.2% of those who responded to this question.

There were 13 who did not respond, and 23 (54.8%) who indicated a 'No'.

Q7. Do you find the Parish Council Newsletter useful?

50 Households, 93%, find the Parish Council Newsletter useful.

Q8. Have you any comments or suggestions about the Parish Council Newsletter?

20 households feedback comments or suggestions about the Parish Council Newsletter. 7 of these had no comment to make.

4 households took the opportunity to express support for the newsletter as a useful, clearly written and informative publication.

7 households raised issues here ranging from not knowing how to get one to not receiving one often enough/at all.

Improvements that may solve these issues are suggested:

Not always delivered to us. Leave some in local shops for those who do not live in immediate village.

I do not either receive one or know how to obtain one.

I have never received it.

Don't receive one often enough.

Would like to see one!

Don't get one any more

Make sure that it is published regularly and gets distributed to all households, preferably by post.

No, it's always very clearly written and very much to the point.

Informative, fills you in by keeping you up to date with happenings, would be good to have if re-introduced.

Could be more detailed.

It should be neutral, not reflect political views of certain councillors.

It is useful but if you read the D & S Times you get most of the news first there. A website would be useful.

4. The Environment

Q9. How would you describe the appearance of the village of

*Bainbridge/Marsett/Countersett/Stalling Busk/Worton? (*Please delete as appropriate)

The majority (45) of those households (82%) who took part in the survey described the appearance of their village as being tidy. 18% (10) described the appearance of their village as being untidy

There are 14 comments received on why households felt that the appearance of their village was untidy. 7 of these are concerning the appearance of Bainbridge. General concerns are with litter, the state of the post and chain fence in the village green, the appearance of the millennium island ('A' boards and 'suburban look') and the derelict shed/farm machinery into Bainbridge along the A684.

There is praise for the condition that the public toilets are kept in.

Q10. If you have ticked the 'Untidy' box in the previous question, please explain why you think this is so.

It is only made untidy by the many very ugly power and telephone poles and the associated network of wires.

Otherwise Worton is steadily becoming tidier.

The verges never seem to be cut in the village by the council.

The bus shelter is dirty, lads use it as a toilet, they keep breaking the seat, there are tins & papers about the green.

Posts and chains on green falling to pieces. Derelict shed on A684 Bainbridge Hill. Roadside litter. Run-down house at Holm brae. A Boards untidy. Broken seats.

Not untidy but unsightly! The millennium roundabout looks suburban, the lettering is appalling. The wooden contraption near Cupples Field is ugly and detracts from the magnificent landscape.

Not everyone keeps the village tidy, lots of crisp pkts etc. bottles & bags from RDC. Play area often as dropped papers etc, which I often pick up and the odd one or two lets the rest of the village down. We would like to see tidy front gardens. We would win best-kept village every time if everyone put themselves out from time to time.

Some rubbish bins not substantial enough overturned by dogs etc. Advertising A Boards on Millennium Island gives a poor first impression - see board not island - shouldn't be so. Whilst I don't think 'B' looks untidy overall I think it does look 'grey cold' - compared to a continental village or others in the dale, which display more flowers & shows a more uplifting impression. Entrance to village – old tractors etc. before garage looks dumped. Either make a feature of it or move it.

Farming equipment (at times).

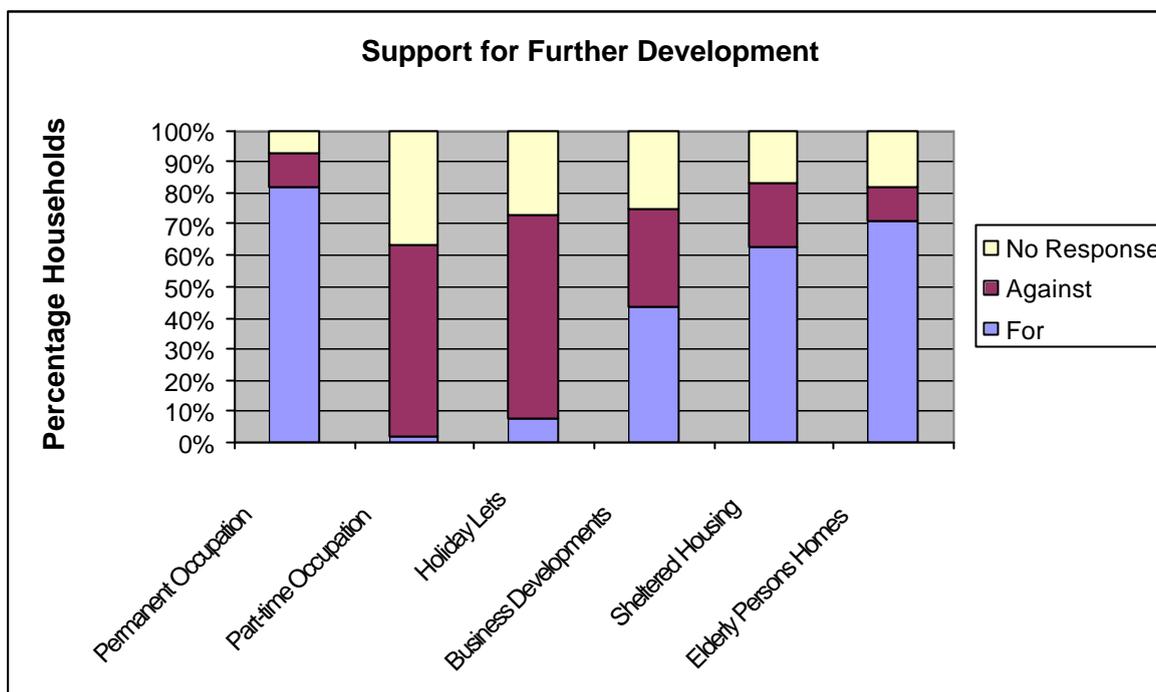
But only in respect of the condition of the main attraction - the stocks - desperately needs looking at and sorting the post/chain fence.

Litter on roadsides

The village green is cluttered with parked tractors & farm machinery and scarred with mud tracks. Plastic covers are allowed to disfigure the area when their useful life is ended. Plastic feed & fertilizer bags are allowed to blow about.

Further development in Bainbridge Parish

Q11. Are you for or against more development in Bainbridge parish?



Q12. Much of Bainbridge is in a Conservation Area and a number of parish buildings and features are listed. Are there any other features in your village or the parish which you believe should be protected? If so, which ones?

This question did prove difficult for households to reply to; it is obvious that most are unaware of where the conservation area covers and what is already listed.

26 comments were received in total, 3 were unsure of what is protected at present, 8 concerned the village green and associated features such as the stocks, trees and post and chain fencing.

Other features include:

- St Matthews in Stalling Busk
- The public telephone, with a request to restore it to the red style (Bainbridge)
- The existing village boundary as at 14/04/05
- Rights of way between the houses (Bainbridge) (3 Comments on this)
- The 'swizzy' stones on top of Bainbridge village green (3 Comments on this)
- The stones up the Bain river beyond Ivy cottage (Bainbridge) (2 Comments on this)
- Bainbridge Upper Mill Race
- The roman ruins (Bainbridge)
- The Mill (Bainbridge)
- The old school, chapels
- High Hall (Bainbridge)
- All 3-storey buildings

Comments are listed below:

Village stocks and green. (2 households mentioned this)

Be sure to protect St Matthews, Stalling Busk.

Public telephone box, but get the old red one back.

Unsure of what is already protected so difficult to comment on 'more'.

The village green should have full protection against any further development.

The whole village green and trees.

The village boundary as existing 14/04/05

Village green and stocks if not already listed. Maintain rights of way between houses - being used for parking etc. Bainbridge Upper Mill Race.

The 'swizzy' stones on top of the village green. The stones up the Bain just beyond Ivy Cottage. The post & chain around the low green.

The green and stocks, the roman ruins and the mill.

River banks kept clean & free of dumping.

Possibly old school, chapels. High Hall

Rights of way in the village. Small snickets like from back Syke to road. Village post and chains.

Rights of way i.e. passages between houses. White posts & chains. Swizzy stones, large boulders in river.

I think the common ground should be noted and no further erosion allowed, or used for some residents own use. This has been happening for a long time and been allowed to happen.

All 3-storey buildings. Swizzy stones.

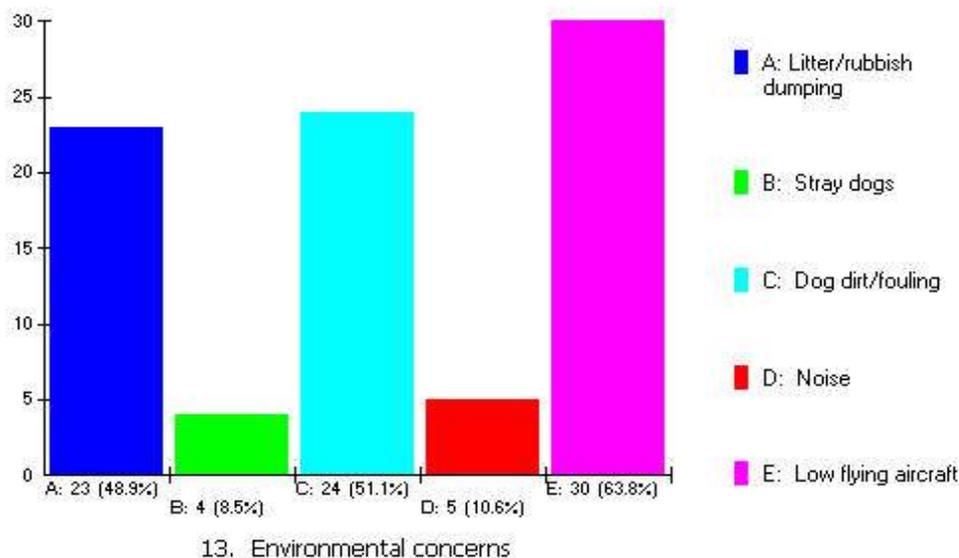
Q13. Are you and your family concerned about any of the following?

Concern	Response	Percentage
Litter/rubbish dumping	23	(48.9%)
Stray dogs	4	(8.5%)
Dog dirt/fouling	24	(51.1%)
Noise	5	(10.6%)
Low flying aircraft	30	(63.8%)
total	86	
no response	8	

There were only 8 households who did not respond to whether they are concerned about specific environmental issues.

The highest concern is with low flying aircraft, of concern to 64% of those who responded.

Dog dirt/fouling is of concern for 51% of those households who responded and litter/rubbish dumping is of concern to 48% of households. Full results are shown below:



Clean up of Parish Area

Q14. Would you be prepared to take part in a clean up of the parish area and cemetery once or twice a year?

27 households were interested in taking part in a clean up of the parish area and cemetery once or twice a year, a positive 50% of those who answered this question.

Only 17 households (32%) gave a definite 'No' and a further 10 (19%) households did not know.

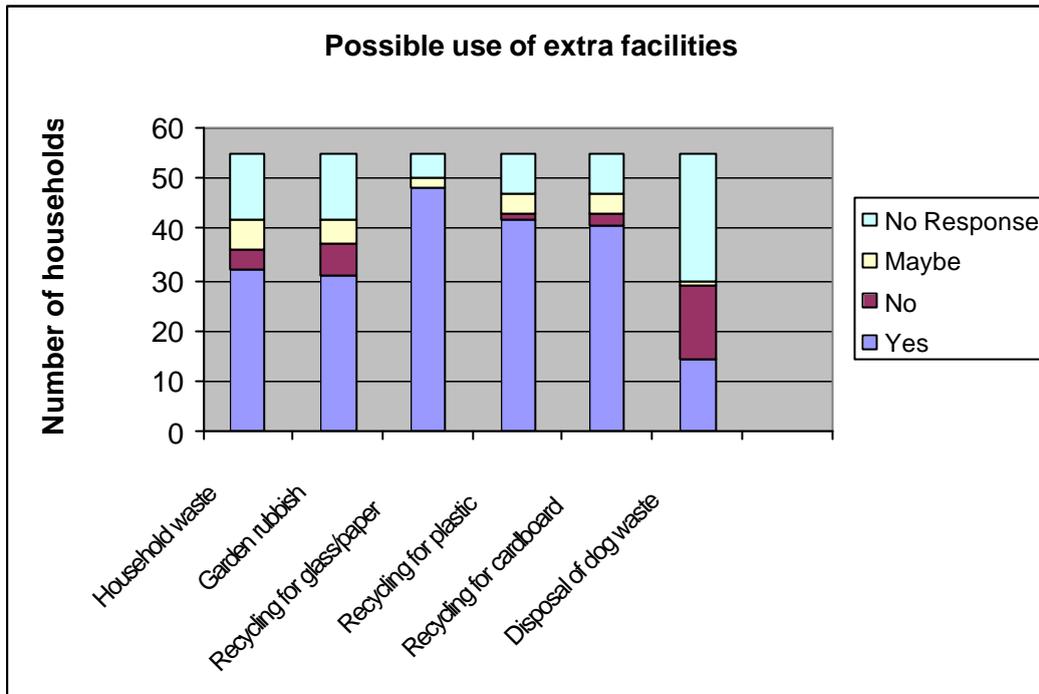
Provision of additional disposal facilities

Q15. If more facilities were available locally for the disposal of rubbish/recycling would you use them?

There is strong demand for extra disposal facilities, glass and paper in particular.

The level of no response is fairly high over the provision of dog waste bins. Given the high level of concern over dog dirt and fouling, this is an area that needs to be addressed.

Full results are presented below:



Q16. What do you think could be done to improve the environment where you live?

A total of 29 suggestions and comments are listed on things that households think would improve the environment where they live, Bainbridge, Worton, Countersett, Marssett and Stalling Busk. Suggestions that relate to the wider Upper Wensleydale area have been fed into the Action Plan of the Upper Wensleydale Cluster Parish Plan.

Bainbridge. Control speeding vehicles. Better village shop.

Benches at end of **** Pass. Think environment here is pretty perfect. Mobile phone reception and mains water would be fantastic up Raydale!

Putting telephone & power cables underground. Curbing numbers of very low-flying and extremely noisy jet aircraft. Garbage separation

Odd bits of litter on way to Yorebridge - spoil it a bit. Litter prob dropped by locals walking onto Breconbar/Askrigg. Odd few beer/drinks bottles dumped by late night pub revellers also take sheen off what is a pretty village. (locals, not visitors) Worton.

Removal of unsightly overhead cables & posts. (Replace underground?)

Bainbridge. Lower weight restriction on vehicles. Farm vehicles clearing up silage spillage on roads. Farm litter & waste.

Bainbridge. Less motorbikes, low flying aircraft and in some cases tourists (there are too many of all of the above)

The control of A Boards for advertising purposes.

Bainbridge. Maintain stonewalls and barns. Explore cleaning of roads by farmers - muck is very dangerous to cyclists/m/cs. Underground cables where possible.

Swimming pool in Hawes!!!

Bainbridge. Prevent cars parking on slip road to children's playground as this is particularly dangerous.

Reduce the number of ugly road signs.

Slow down the motorcyclists.

Kerbstones on small road.

Bainbridge: well maintained public seating e.g. on green village hall: floral displays: more substantial litterbins: released land for garaging? ? improvements to road Back Syke.

The overall appearance of the area is deteriorating as more barns are becoming derelict & walls not being properly repaired. Underground the electricity and telephone wires. Remove the 'unapproved' mobile home on the lake at Low Bleen. Bainbridge. Foot bridge needed over the bridge. Car park for visitors. Update all the streetlights and provide a couple more. Provide parking for visitors using part of the area near the playground and restrict parking round the rest of the green. Litter a problem on the way to Leyburn. The right of way between houses should not be blocked as much as they are. I think you should be able to push a pram through if not a car through. Bainbridge. Drains. Tidying up and parking of vehicles & machinery off common land. Gritting of the Newkin in winter, most residents are elderly and need to walk to the shops etc.

5. Traffic Issues

Q17. Do you see car parking as an issue where you live?

As a whole both resident parking does not appear to be a great issue over the parish; 18 households (36%) had an issue, with 29 households (58%) happy with residential parking.

Visitor parking is an issue for 51% (24) of households who responded to this question. Given that most respondents live in Bainbridge village, it is likely this specific area is causing the issue.

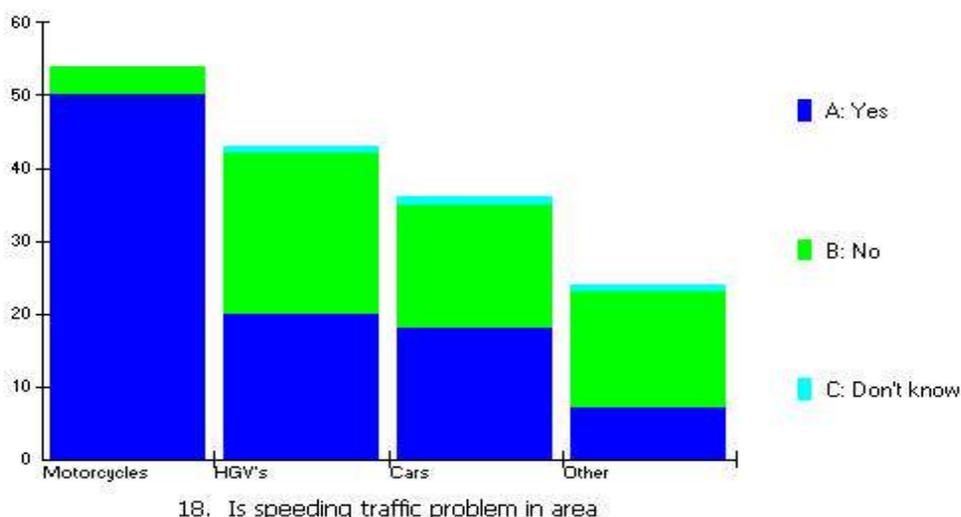
Q18. Are speeding vehicles of concern on the parish roads?

There is concern over speeding vehicles/motorbikes on the parish roads.

93% (50) of households who answered this question are concerned about speeding motorcycles, there were only 4 'no' and 1 'no response'.

Regarding speeding HGV's the response rate was lower, with a 47% (20 households) having a concern and 51% (22 households) having no concern about this. There are only 13 'don't know' or 'no response'.

Speeding cars is of concern for 50% (18 households) who responded to this question. There is however a high level of 'no response' and 'don't know' to this area, by 20 households.



Q19. Do you think there are any major 'danger spots' on the roads in the parish? If so, where are they?

32 households identify danger spots within the parish.

In particular, the speed of vehicles along the A684 is causing 'danger spots' at various locations, the issue in a lot of cases is that drivers are not observing the speed limits going into the built up areas and through the built up areas.

The issue of speeding, coupled with congested parking on the main street means that traffic calming measures on the through road should be reviewed as a priority, both for road user and pedestrian safety.

In addition, there are 'danger spots' for pedestrians crossing the bridge in Bainbridge village and the A684 road to the shop; this is highlighted as a priority concern.

The junction/corner by the island and butcher's shop, Bainbridge village side of bridge - particularly for pedestrians. Also difficult for pedestrians to cross the bridge.

Major 'danger spots' within Bainbridge Parish are identified below as follows. Where a particular danger was mentioned, this has been recorded also.

A684

- Bainbridge to Worton, motor cycles speeding (2 Comments)
- Cupplesfield road – speeding motorcyclists. (2 Comments)

BAINBRIDGE VILLAGE

- The A684 junction/corner by the Millennium stone, and butcher's shop/Post Office, hazardous crossing for pedestrians. (5 Comments)
- Bridge by butchers (5 Comments)
- Crossing the Bainbridge village bridge, hazard to pedestrians as there is no footway (4 Comments)
- The one-way system - particularly outside Rose & Crown- pub parking exit and Give Way. (3 Comments)
- A684 into/out Bainbridge to/from Leyburn, speeding into village, speed limit too close to village (3 Comments)
- Speeding through/out of village (2 Comments)
- Parked vehicles at the junction/corner of Millennium stone, blocking line of sight. The Newkin entrance. (2 Comments)
- T junction by old school opposite 'Bill's place', potential hazard with increase in traffic to High Hall development, National Park Offices (2 Comments)
- Speeding vehicles from the bus shelter towards Askrigg
- Vehicles turning right from Back Syke onto A684, this is an assumed one-way road at this point from all road users at the Askrigg/A684 junction.
- Back Syke road, congestion, and hazard to pedestrians using school.
- Through Holmbrae/Holmbrae Crescent.

RAYDALESIDE

- Notices should be placed well ahead of flooded areas of road

WORTON VILLAGE

- Junction from Askrigg on to A684, blind spot, traffic still speeding from long straight on A684 (2 Comments)
- Traffic ignoring 40mph limit through village (2 Comments)
- Junction from Thornton Rust on to A684, blind spot.
- Worton Hill

OTHER AREAS

- Verge from Bainbridge to Askrigg, hazardous for pedestrians as is rough and uneven at the old railway bridge
- Hill coming from Countersett past High Hall
- Black Rocks road not gritted on a morning for school time

Comments as they appear in the Questionnaire are listed below.

Whole of road network in Raydale as visitors do not appreciate they are country lanes. Notice, well in advance of lane when road is flooded would help.

Both junctions on to the A684 from Worton. (Blind spots). Even though there is now a 40mph speed limit, this is exceeded regularly.

Hawes -> Askrigg round by Rose and Crown - pub parking exit and Give Way. Locals tear round assuming it's clear.

For people walking from Bainbridge to Askrigg the verge is very rough & uneven by the old railway bridge near the water treatment works.

Yes, particularly at junction A684 with the minor road to Askrigg at Worton (long straight stretch from Hawes entering narrow bend) What about further speed restrictions? Road markings? Rumble strips?)

Bridge by butchers. Approach to garage on A684. Hill coming from Countersett past High Hall, Cupplesfield road – motorcyclists tend to use as racetrack.

Cars travel too fast from the bus shelter towards Askrigg.

Around the Newkin entrance and on the triangle of the village green. The roundabout at the left hand side of bridge - it is difficult to cross from the main road from village green on the r/h side.

The bridge over the Bain. No footpath.

1) Crossing A684 at Bainbridge PO/shop. 2) Bainbridge Bridge badly needs pedestrian footway separate. 3) A684 Bainbridge hill -> Leyburn needs white lines and speed limit at CEMETERY, NOT at bottom of hill. 4) Back Syke should be one-way S -> N. Danger spot where cars for Back Syke turn onto A684. Some turn right into what most people assume is one way.

A684 Bainbridge to Worton (motor cycles)

Yes, throughout Worton - 40mph is NO GOOD.

POTENTIAL: T-junction by old school opposite 'Bill's place' particularly with potential increase of traffic High Hall development. ?going over bridge.

The one-way system - particularly outside Rose & Crown. The river bridge.

Hill out of Bainbridge A684 past the ambulance station.

No we must ensure we keep traffic moving. I would NOT want a less than 30 mile per hour.

The road layout in Bainbridge (Rose & Crown) is very confusing and was much better as it was before.

The hill east bound out is dangerous as is the bridge but that is part of the geography. It would be good to make back Syke one-way to assist the school parking situation & pedestrians.

Aysgarth road to Bainbridge from Hawes - presence of hill encourages excess speed coming into the village. M/cycles also seem to go 'hell for leather' as they leave village heading to Hawes.

Access to Post Office from green.

Not yet (a problem) but when the parks move their new office then there will be.

(Bainbridge) Bridge approaches.

Through Holmbrae/Holmbrae Crescent. The village as a whole as far as motorcycles are concerned.

Crossing from the shop area near bridge into the Newkin - also blind spots when leaving the Newkin mainly due to cars parked around the island.

6. Services

Q20. How do you rate the maintenance of the following?

Level of response to this was fairly high, except for provision and maintenance of pavements.

The level of satisfaction with winter gritting is the 'good' to 'satisfactory' for most households; 9 households who completed the survey rated it as 'poor'.

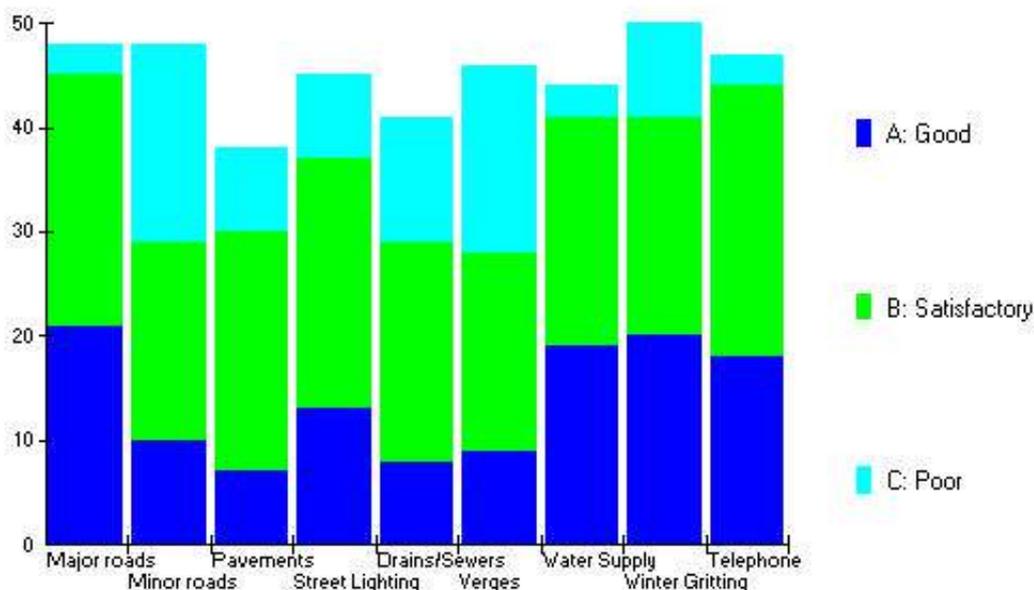
Largely the rating levels are satisfactory for all service provision, however a fairly high number of households have specific issues with maintenance of minor roads, verges and drains/sewerage systems.

Rating of the maintenance of minor roads by 40% (19) of households is recorded as 'poor'; maintenance of the verges is recorded as 'poor' by 39% (18) households.

Responses are presented in tabular and graphical form.

Full details are included below:

HOW DO YOU RATE MAINTENANCE OF?	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	POOR	NO RESPONSE
Major roads	21 (43.8%)	24 (50.0%)	3 (6.3%)	7
Minor roads	10 (20.8%)	19 (39.6%)	19 (39.6%)	7
Pavements	7 (18.4%)	23 (60.5%)	8 (21.1%)	17
Street Lighting	13 (28.9%)	24 (53.3%)	8 (17.8%)	10
Drains/Sewers	8 (19.5%)	21 (51.2%)	12 (29.3%)	14
Verges	9 (19.6%)	19 (41.3%)	18 (39.1%)	9
Water Supply	19 (43.2%)	22 (50.0%)	3 (6.8%)	11
Winter Gritting	20 (40.0%)	21 (42.0%)	9 (18.0%)	5
Telephone	18 (38.3%)	26 (55.3%)	3 (6.4%)	8



20. Maintenance ratings

7. Use of Community Halls

Q21. How often do you and your family use Bainbridge Village Hall on average?

There was a 100% response to this.

27% (15) of households have almost never/never used Bainbridge Village Hall.

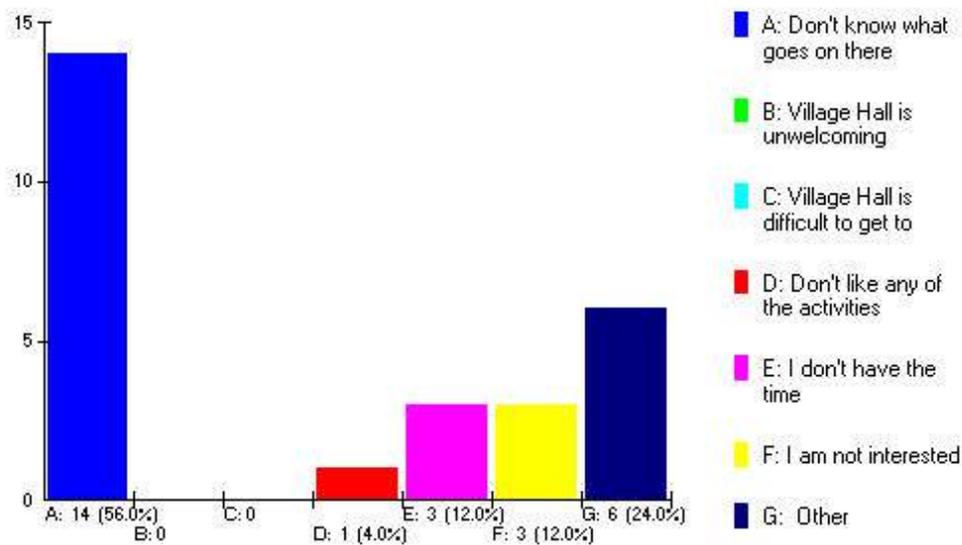
A further 53% (29) makes use of the Hall occasionally, 11% (6 households) use it most times there is an event and 9% (5 households) use it whenever there is an event.

Q22. If you do not use Bainbridge Village Hall, why not?

All of those who indicated that they almost never/never use Bainbridge village Hall were then asked to give an indication why. For the majority it again comes down to more advertising of what is on offer locally. 56% of those who almost never use the Hall do not know what events/activities are happening there.

The welcome of the Hall and access are not an issue.

6 households (24%) marked 'other' for this question.



22. Why never use Bainbridge Village Hall

Q23. How do you think *Bainbridge Village Hall/ Stalling Busk School Room could be improved?

There are 31 responses. 10 comments were positive and expressed satisfaction with existing facilities. This question was interpreted in terms of structural improvements and achieved a selection of improvements relevant to Bainbridge. In particular 7 households commented on the toilet facilities. Other feedback included the provision of a Loop system, parking facilities for the hall and improvement on access into the hall (currently through the kitchen)

Bainbridge:

- A full list is included below, in no particular order.
- Better toilet facilities (5 Comments). Should not have toilet off kitchen (2 Comments).
- General up-dating and improvements, decorate (2 Comments)
- Parking facilities (3 Comments)
- Access through kitchen poor (2 Comments). Other access (side door) v.dangerous.
- No coat hanging area.
- Provide a Loop System (3 Comments)
- Keep it cleaner
- Improve outside lighting for when hall is in use
- Provide more kitchen tools (water jug, knife, freezer)
- Rebuild with better acoustics, lower windows, kitchen, cloakroom, make larger

Stalling Busk School

There are positive comments regarding Stalling Busk School room, with no suggestions for improvements

Full feedback comments on this question are listed below:

- Bainbridge. Better toilet facilities, general up dating and improvements, parking facilities.
- Use Stalling Busk as our local B***. It is excellent.
- Activities for 20-yr generation
- Bainbridge. It is very well looked after & used.
- Bainbridge. Access through kitchen poor. Other access (side door) v.dangerous. Should not have toilet off kitchen. No coat hanging area.
- Demolish it in order to improve access to the proposed housing & National Park Centre. Rebuild with better

acoustics, lower windows, kitchen, cloakroom etc.

a) Decoration b) less stark - new curtains c) parking facility? council yard?

Only kept up to the good standard achieved.

Quite adequate for the needs of the village.

Bainbridge. Not having to enter though the kitchen AND not having toilet access the same way.

Loop system or similar for the hard of hearing. Better outside lighting when the hall is in use.

8. Social issues

Q24. What is the most important thing to you and your family about living in your town/village?

48 comments are recorded for this section.

Community spirit. Being part of a friendly community. Community life.

Tranquility. Friendly community. Good neighbours. Peace & quiet.

Combination of people & place. A delightful environment, full of very friendly and companionable people. The friendliness of residents. The environment. So pretty and friendly.

A small well run community.

Peaceful. Beautiful surrounding country. Safe. Welcoming people. Has PO/shop; garage; butcher; play area; toilets; tidy cemetery. We maintain our shops. The people who live here also the school, business and the village green. Village community / school / village shop / garage. Quiet and beautiful place, good neighbours. Excellent garage, good post office & butcher.

Pleasant, quiet village. Lets not have it turned into a holiday-let ghost town.

Peace, quiet and friendliness.

Fulfilment of a dream to live in the dales. Clean air, view, tranquillity, pleasant neighbours, our home.

My home, it has an affordable rent, and is near to my work, there is good regular public transport, the village people are generally quite nice.

It is a beautiful village in a beautiful area that I have been coming to since I was a child.

The environment i.e. countryside.

We are very lucky to live in such a lovely village and I hope it stays this way. People often comment how lucky we are to live here.

We have made our living in it & our family continue to make their living here. It is home and we are very happy here.

Quality of life.

Back to my roots.

Scenery, peace & quiet.

Everyone gets on and enjoys village life.

Good neighbours. Good views. Peaceful environment.

Peace & quiet & easy access to countryside for walking.

We love it (up to moving up here we only had lived in locations for less than 8 years)

Beauty, peace of mind. A very special place.

Being part of a caring community. Being involved in village activities.

Small amount of crime, community spirit, pleasant village green. No vandalism, no unruly youths, safety when going out at night and good neighbours. location, safety, family

Fresh air, openness, good light.

Because it is friendly and well looked after.

Peaceful & lovely to look at safe environment.

Q25. Is there anything you dislike about living in your village/parish?

There are 40 respondents, 17 of these had no dislike about in the town/village.

Lack of service provision across a wide range of services are disliked by 9 households, some statutory, some more of a business nature.

Traffic/parking issues are raised within 8 of the feedback comments. These arise from conflict between residents and tourists; car parking, inconsiderate parking, speeding vehicles through the villages.

Increasing numbers of holiday lets, lost opportunities for local housing provision were raised as a dislike by 3 households.

TRAFFIC/PARKING

Speeding motorcycles. Motor bikes.

Speed of vehicles through village

Only the parking issues as above

Indiscriminate visitor parking at weekends.

Lack of parking for residents.

SERVICES

Lack of water/sewerage as we are not in an immediate village.

The village pub is no longer part of the community like it used to be.

The lack of a welcoming and friendly pub. The dirty signs and outdated notices.

No collection of waste paper by RDC.

It is very unhandy having to travel to the nearest town to pay bills, go to the bank etc. Also expensive.

No, but sometimes it would be nice to live a little closer to a main town for better & more varied shopping

Not being able to use mobile phones - need more masts.

HOUSING

Increasing number of holiday lets in proportion to permanent residents.

Too many holiday lets.

The building of the National Park Office on land which should have been used for local housing.

TOURISM

The 'drive' for more and more tourists.

Unappreciative and thoughtless visitors when it comes to noise, parking, and them not spending their money where they are enjoying the environment.

LITTER

Amount of farm litter left in fields and roadsides.

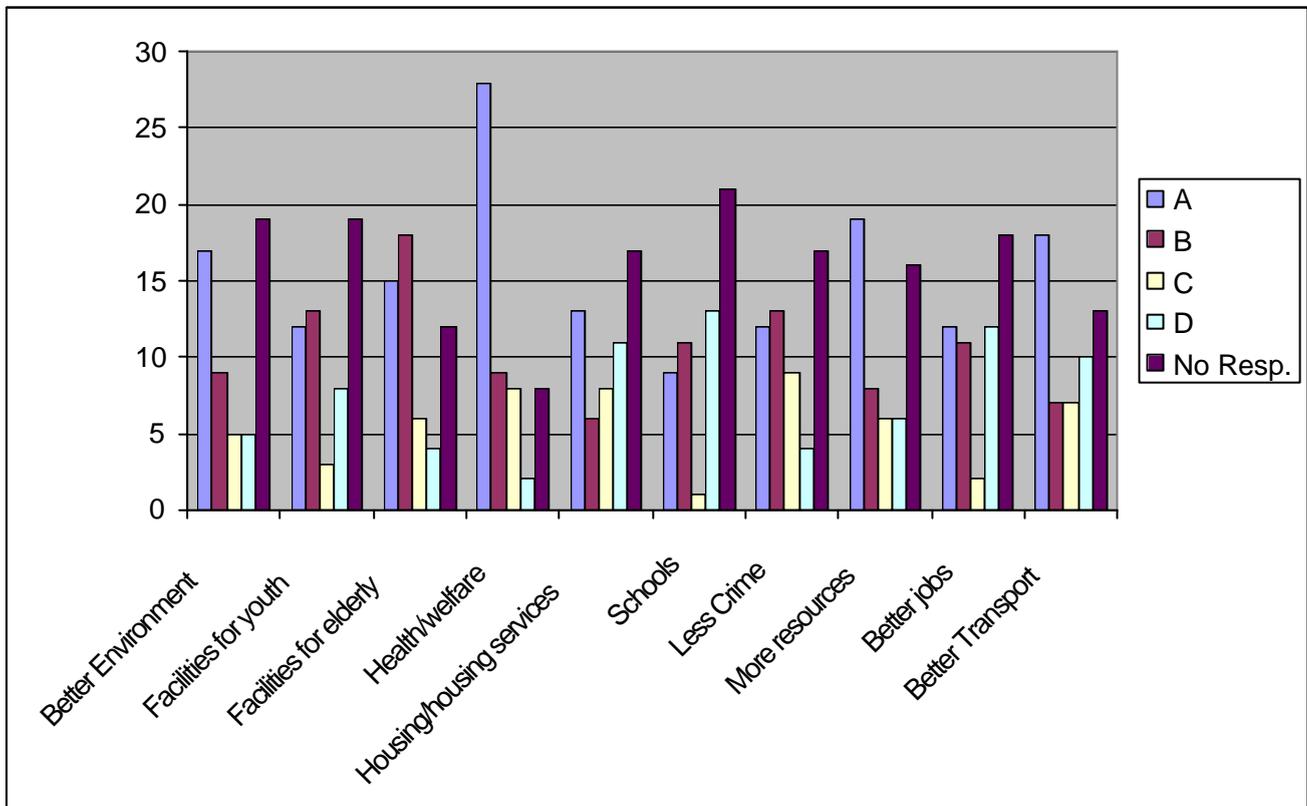
FEATURES

The Millennium Stone.

The dogs that are allowed on the village green.

Q26. Please indicate which of the following are important to you in improving the quality of your life in your village/this parish?

Full results are illustrated below:



Q27. What changes would you like to see in your village in the next 3 to 7 years?

This is an area where households can voice opinions that may not have been captured in other areas and have the opportunity to feedback where they would like to see their community in the near future.

There are 36 feedback comments in this section.

8 of these did not particularly want to see any change within the village.

The feedback comments covered a wide range of areas, traffic management, housing, improved facilities for young, access around the village, support for local businesses, and access to services.

These comments are listed below.

HOUSING THE COMMUNITY

- Affordable housing for locals (2 Comments).
- Affordable houses to rent for 'local' people
- One or two unoccupied properties brought into use.
- New development being sensitive to the beauty of the area even council new buildings More housing for lower paid workers to enable local young people to stay in area
- National Parks disbanded and their offices converted for local and elderly housing. Could look like traditional cottages not new modern.
- Control number of holiday accommodations
- Fewer holiday homes
- No holiday homes.
- Permanent residents - no holiday lets.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

- HGV's and coaches barred from Worton-Askrigg road.
- Greater restriction on heavy vehicles and coaches using the narrow road between Worton and Askrigg (presumably as a short-cut!) The hill leading to Worton Bottoms is particularly unsuitable for such vehicles. Could we not have either a smaller weight restriction or an 'unsuitable for.....' notice?
- Lowering of weight restrictions on roads.
- Less heavy vehicles - weight restriction? But this may not be achievable 'A' road. Improved parking facilities.
- Less road signs in village. Reduce speed limit in Worton to 30mph.
- Stop messing with traffic lay out.
- Better minor road repair & maintenance.
- Parking for visitor's cars.
- Clearer signs for no through road into Newkin & perhaps 'no turning' on private property.

PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

- Better evening and weekend GP cover.
- Proper 'out of hours' medical cover.

PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- Facilities for youth teenagers especially.
- More community activities.
- A bus running up Raydale. Greater awareness of disability.
- Lighting (only one needed) by main road (A684).
- More streetlights - it is very dark and dismal walking at nighttime.
- Street light near telephone box at Worton near junction with A684
- The promised street light (6 years) materialise (Worton).
- Removal of aboveground power and phone poles (re-siting of cables below ground).
- As little as possible (except for the wires!)
- Improvements to local hotel/pub!
- Verges cut at least annually.
- Better sewage systems
- Pavement along A684.
- All telephone lines put underground.
- Kerbstones around verges.
- Difficult to walk around village - repair track BT box -> toilet & shop to toilet.
- Less potholes on the way to the public WC
- More people using village shop/PO - 'use it or lose it' as is often quoted.
- Better village shop.
- Minimal impact from the National Park development EXCEPT for their employees using garage/butcher. PO/shop and NOT internal shopping facility.

OTHER FEEDBACK

- Funding for parish to maintain its assets e.g. village green, play area etc.
- Support for local businesses.
- Less litter
- Less aircraft noise.

- Village boundary to be kept as now (14/04/05).
- Lots more people having more say in village life, not run by the odd one or two. I know for a fact more people would take a lot more interest, if this was so, everything is always cut & dried so a lot don't even bother.
- Environmental changes as outlined to make village more attractive - tidy, litter free.
- More & better jobs
- Less litter on sides of the roads.
- Completion of NP office & Sycamore.
- Facilities for doorstep collection of items

Q28. Do you have any other comments or suggestions you wish to make that would maybe improve life in the village/parish?

26 additional comments are recorded, 20 of which are positive in their approach. This is an area where households can comment on anything they did not feel was covered adequately.

Comments are listed below:

Improved recycling facilities. More 'smart' litterbins around the village, especially near the village shop.

We have local shops & post office, we ALL need to use them. There are many in the village who are unable to order ONLINE to Tesco's!

It would be nice to see the village green put to more use such as for local activities, and especially the return of the bonfire. After all it's not just to look at. It would be nice to see the return of Bainbridge Sports or something similar i.e. the children's sports made into a full day event - something for everyone.

Low grade speed traps as in the road approaching Hawes by the village green.

A reduction in the number of HGV's passing through the village.

Encourage more people to join those running social activities; at present a very few control village activities. Community Association/ Provide local 'tied' housing for local essential workers. Try to make the ***** the genuine village pub it once was. Take positive action to make roads safer & slower. Charge an increased local parish tax to pay for village and settlement maintenance instead of having to beg for it.

We live out of the village and found the winter weather severe. The road down to Bainbridge was not cleared of snow and ice until quite late in the day preventing my children from attending school. We were personally snowed in for 4 days and were told by the county council they would not move the snow from our long drive, which was 4ft deep, to allow us out. In a more severe winter this might prove to be more than just inconvenient. As people like ourselves in the countryside do not benefit from the services others receive I think they should help on occasions like these.

The lights in the disabled toilets blaze all night, making light pollution and wasting electricity. I have NEVER seen anyone use them in the evening

Would like to see less litter, especially on sides of roads, farmer's bags, bin liners & rubbish. As you get down dale it gets worse. We should have litter pickers.

I assume that the new Parks office when finished will have a large staff car park? If so, suggest it be designated and signposted as a walker's car park at weekends/bank holiday - thereby reducing number of cars parked around green. (If current practice at YDNP office is anything to go by, staff will not be parking there at weekends)

Second homes should pay at least double council tax, and young families should be encouraged to stay in the village.

Given that dog walking without pavements so difficult perhaps the public footpaths - e.g. by the school, could be resurfaced instead of being mud. In general the minor roads are very poorly finished with potholes - blocked grids, poor lighting. The main feature, the stocks, need urgent attention & maybe encourage people to stop (& use shops etc) by putting in a lay-by.

Childcare facilities for children under school age and also childcare facilities for children of all ages during school holidays, before and after school club.

Brass band on the green more often. Much more use of village hall. Entertainment.

Money towards the upkeep of the greens & cemetery – this would overcome relying on volunteers to do the work & relieve having to rely on fundraising for mowers, wages etc. Maybe question No 26 part 8 could be looked at.

