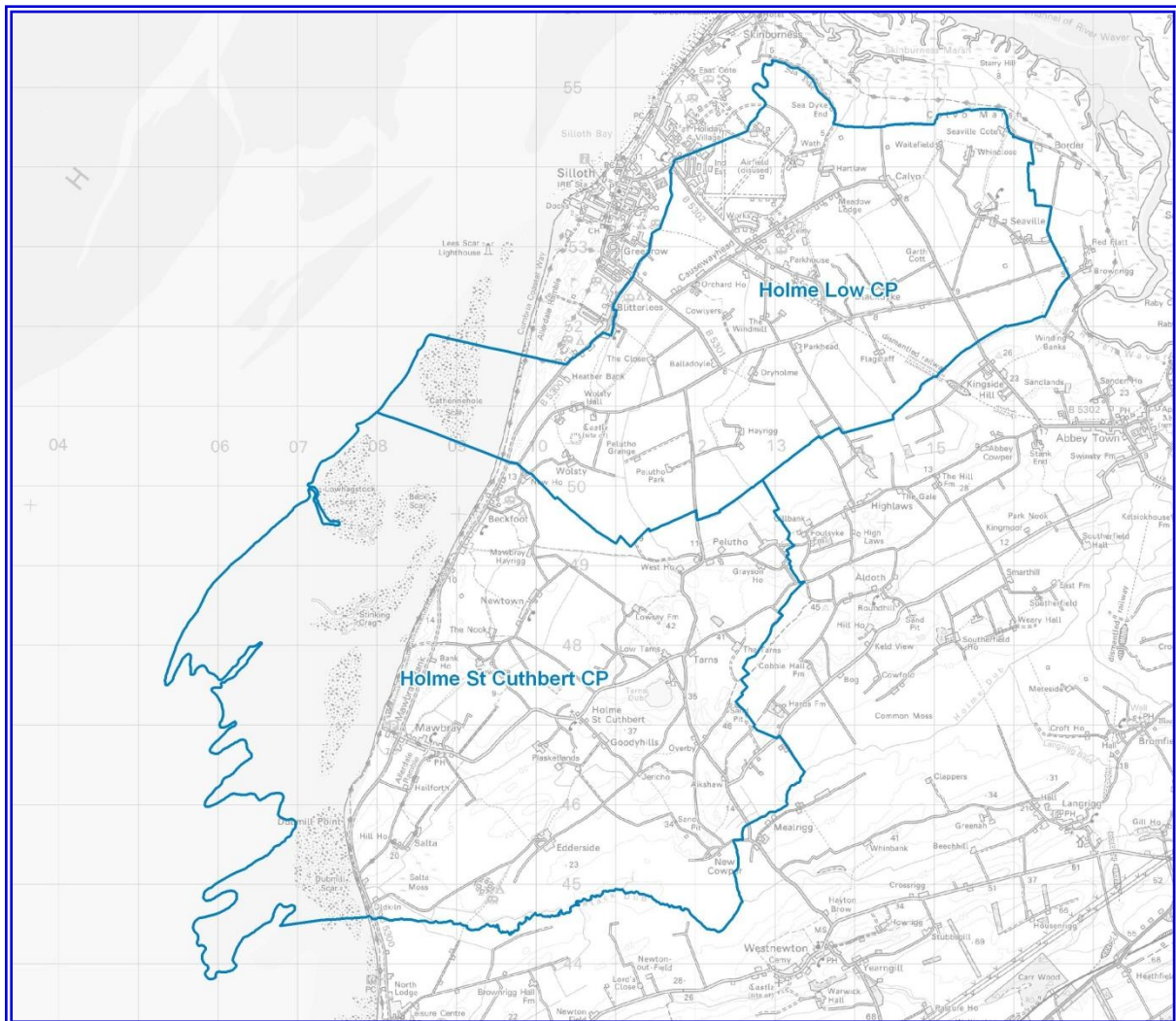


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The first group meeting to discuss devising a community plan was held in the Silloth Community Centre in June 2010.

Jeff Downham from Action with Communities in Cumbria met with members representing both Holme Low and Holme St Cuthbert's Parish Councils to discuss the practicality of producing a joint plan.

The Parish Councils came together in the belief that a joint approach of providing a Community Plan would increase the influence on how services could be delivered to both communities.

We are sure that the aims and ideas mentioned in the plan will help to benefit our local environment and improve the community spirit within these two somewhat spread-out, rural communities.

The Community Plan reflects the needs of both Parishes and we hope the joint communities will help to support the plans objectives.

Moira Knoery

Chair: Home St. Cuthbert's Parish Council

John Graham

Chair: Holme Low Parish Council

Introduction

As both Parishes are scattered over a wide area it was decided a questionnaire to each household would be the best way of gathering the views of as many people in the parish as possible.

Questionnaires were sent out to both Parishes in February and March of 2011. The information collated from both questionnaires will be used to format the joint plan.

A website for each parish will be created in the near future, where updates of the plan can be seen as they are reviewed at parish meetings. Useful contact details of services in the area will also be put on the website.

Recently the Hellrigg Wind farm was completed and a fund for local communities within the surrounding parishes was set up by the wind farm's operating company. This fund amounts to £15,000.00 per annum and is managed by Cumbria Community Trust. Groups within the parishes can apply for funding from this for projects they wish to undertake. It is to be hoped that some of the ideas within this plan may find the necessary funding from the Hellrigg fund.

Holme Low Parish

Holme Low Parish is in the Borough of Allerdale and is now made up of small hamlets; Barracks Bridge, Blackdyke, Blitterlees, Calvo, Causewayhead, Green Row, Seaville and Wolsty. This area was mainly a farming community until the airfield was built in 1939. After closure of the airfield in 1960 some of the land reverted back to agriculture, the rest to industry.

Written in the History of Cumbria it would appear that a Roman road passed through the Parish from Maryport on the way to Bowness on Solway.

Very little remains of the ruins of Wolsty Castle constructed in the first half of the 14th century.

Holme Low was once part of the Parish of Holme Cultram until a Church dedicated to St Paul was built in 1845. The Sunday school, (the building known as the Mission Hall) was converted into two houses in 1980

The Church is the only remaining communal building left in the Parish.

The Colt Park School was erected by the school board in 1875; it was closed in the summer of 1940. The School was later demolished leaving the house and one of the school porches.

In 1933 the field opposite the school was purchased and a Trust was formed to provide a playing field for the scholars of Colt Park School and for recreation of the villagers. In 1955 the Parish Council took over as trustees for the field

Holme low questionnaire

Of the one hundred and forty six sent to households, forty two were returned completed of which twenty five were named

Listed are the most mentioned comments.

All comments will be considered by the Parish Council.

1. Environment

Of the returns, 34 rated the appearance of the locality, good to reasonable. Many mentioned; *wonderful countryside, peace and quiet and good neighbours*. They did not like *speeding traffic, heavy goods vehicles, stench from the sewerage works, litter and dog fouling*.

Suggested improvements included:

Stop HGVs and buses using the West Causewayhead road.

Signs "take your litter home"

Roads to be swept and the road sides kept tidy.

Reduce dog fouling by the placement of more bins.

Stop building Wind Turbines.

2. General

Age ranges in Parish according to questionnaire:

	<u>0-11</u>	<u>12-18</u>	<u>19-30</u>	<u>31-50</u>	<u>51-65</u>	<u>66+</u>
Male	4	2	4	12	12	12
Female	3	4	5	12	12	15

Housing suggestions were:

Starter homes: 17

Family homes: 18

Holiday homes: 1

Other: 1

3. Information and communication

19 replies felt they were adequately informed about what was happening in the Parish, 17 did not.

23 knew how to contact the Parish Council, 12 did not.

14 knew where the Parish Notice Board is, 25 did not

It was suggested that more than one site was needed

The Parish Notice Board is in the church porch.

29 received copies of the Solway Buzz, 12 did not.

29 homes have access to the internet at home, 12 did not.

As to the Parish providing information on a web site;

Replies were Yes 27, No 8.

There were no one interested in being part of a team to build a web site.

4. Transport and Accessibility

Replies describing the state of the roads:

Good to Reasonable 20, Poor 20.

Problems with road surfaces and drains:

Replies: Yes 23, No 16.

Several roads were mentioned where improvements were needed.

Parish requiring more speed limits and safety measures:

Replies were Yes 22, No 22.

Suggestions included:

Extent 40mph to Calvo: between B5302 to B5301 (West Causewayhead Road): Green Row to Balladoyle.

The limiting of HGVs;

Signs, " Beware hidden exits"

On using the bus service that runs through the locality:

Replies: Yes 16, No. 23.

As to the service being adequate;

Replies: Yes 18, No 13.

Improvement suggestions included:

A bus going into Silloth from Barracks Bridge: Later service to and from Carlisle.

Better Connections required:

No returns had problems getting transport either to the Doctors or to Hospital however bus service proved inadequate.

To having more cycle ways:

Replies: Yes 19, No 15.

Suggestions were:

Use existing bridle ways, Make minor roads more cycle friendly.

As to footpaths and bridle paths being well signed:

Replies were Yes 25, No 10.

As for being well maintained and safe:

Replies were: Yes 19, No 11.

Replies interested in compiling a local walks booklet,

Yes 4, No 31.

5. Tourism and Local Interests

3 replies were involved in tourism, 37 answered No.

To forming a local history group, 2 answered Yes, 32 No.

Various facts of information were given; these will be passed on to the people interested in setting up the local History Group.

6. Emergency Services

The majority of households felt safe in the area, 14 answered Yes, to being affected by crime
23 No,

As to being satisfied with the service provided by the Police:
Replies: Yes 24, No10.

Most knew how to contact the police but very few knew how to access the local Police News
letter.

To the emergency services having difficulty finding and accessing properties:

Replies Yes 7. No 25.

No suggestions were given as to how improvements could be made.

On awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme;

Replies:

Yes 12, No 22.

7 replies were interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

To having a working smoke alarm fitted:

Replies:

Yes 34, No 5.

All information and comments regarding Emergency Services have been forwarded to the
Police and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service.

7. Social and Community

St Paul's church:

In favour of closure;

Yes 0, No 31, with 2 impartial.

Requiring off road parking:

Yes19, No 17.

Using the church for public meetings and entertainment;

Yes 24, No12.

*All information and comments regarding the Church has been forwarded to the Church
Parochial Council*

The Solway Community Technology College:

Attending clubs or activities;

Yes 9, No38.

Interested in what was on offer at the moment;

Yes 8, No 28.
Attending “Spinning” or Fitness sessions in the Sports Hall;
Yes 4, No 34.

A wide range of subjects for future courses were suggested.

*All information and comments regarding the **Solway Community Technology College** has been forwarded to the Head Teacher*

*Involved in activities suffering due to lack of volunteers:
Yes 1, No34.
Stated were;
Church related activity, children/youth etc., Community Bus*

Indicating anything to specifically meet the needs of retired people:
Replies were
Yes 4, No 29.

Indicating anything to specifically meet the needs of young people:
Replies were
Yes 7, No 26.
Suggestions included:
*Bus shelter actually on bus route
Safer roads for walking/pushchairs*

Realistic suggestions for changes or improvements:
*Better use of school field; as previously suggested, restrict HVG access between B5302 and B5301;
Other suggestions were added but unfortunately were not associated with this Parish.*

Other general comments included:

*Trees to screen out industrial estate on approach into Silloth from Wigton.
I think there is a significant problem regarding the amount of heavy goods vehicles using small country roads in and around the Blackdyke area.
Verges are chewed up and mud is spread across the road surface consequently the area looks really untidy.
People on community service could help to tidy areas.*

Opposite the airfield entrance is an eyesore piece of land. If this is the responsibility of Cumbria County Council could they perhaps tidy it up, it does nothing at all for the approach to Barracks Bridge and the town.

Thank you for the opportunity to supply “Feed back”. Some of the suggestions might sound a little” daft” but at least you have given us the opportunity to have a say – we might only be a little society but you have helped us to feel just that little bit better, Thanks

Conclusion

The Parish Councils intend this community plan to be a 'working document' and have already (summer 2012) taken steps to try to initiate some of the objectives made in the plan. Regular reviews of the plan will be made at council meetings to ensure that the detail of the plan is fulfilled.

The Parish Councils would like to thank Jeff Downham of ACT for his considerable help in producing the plan and Wilson Lui of Allerdale Borough Council for e-mailing us the parish maps, also Andy Ridgeway for already implementing part of the plan by producing guides for two parish walks, Holme St. Cuthbert's parish clerk, Mrs Linda Housby for her work in collating the questionnaire, Holme Low parish clerk for creating the Holme Low website, all of the parish councillors who contributed to making the plans and, finally, thanks to the people of both parishes who have taken the time and trouble to respond to the questionnaire.

July 2012

HOLME LOW PARISH PLAN

ISSUE	AIMS	RESPONSIBLE BODIES	ACTION/FIRST STEPS	PRIORITY	TIME SCALE	REVIEW
1.Environment						
Airfield	Tackle Sunday Litter Problem	Parish Council Allerdale Borough Council United Utilities	Meet with market organizer Notices to reduce litter Work with United Utilities Silloth Town Council	High	Immediate/ Ongoing	Annual
Sewerage Plant	Work to alleviate smell Greater road safety	Parish Council Allerdale Borough Council Cumbria County Council	Working with police Highways Department Request general litter and doggy bins	High/ Medium		
Speeding traffic	Limited use on minor roads	Parish Council Allerdale Borough Council Cumbria County Council	Promote use of bins by signage	High/Medium		
Heavy Vehicles	Provision of signs bags and bins	Parish Council Allerdale Borough Council AONB	Work with Local authorities Work with Allerdale and AONB and Parishioners	Medium		
Mud on roads	Not in favour of further development					
Dog Fouling	Find appropriate areas					
Litter						
Wind Turbines						
Seating						
2.General						
New Housing	Encourage the provision of affordable houses for local families	Allerdale Borough Council Cumbria Rural Housing Trust	Work with the Borough Council Housing Department	Medium/Low	Immediate/ Ongoing	5 years
3. Information and Communication						
Contacting Parish Council	Provide information Up -to -date web site	Parish Council	Contact details of Clerk How to access web site	High	Immediate/ Ongoing	Quarterly
Parish Website	Provide where needed	Parish Council AONB	Where they are			
Parish Notice Boards	Availability	Solway Buzz	How to access it			
Solway Buzz						

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4. Transport and Accessibility Roads Speed limits and road limitations Bus service, community bus Cycle way footpaths and bridleways	Keep the roads in good order and as safe as possible	Cumbria County Council Parish Council	Contact CCC /Highways Department	High	Immediate/Ongoing	Annual
	Encourage use of public and community transport	Parish Council	Work with: Cumbria County Council / Integrated transport Team	High/Medium		
	Provide safe clear and well signposted routes	CCC HL and PCs	Identify routs and where improvements are required Contact Parish Paths Initiative			
5. Tourism and Local Interests History Group Walks booklet	Provide information	Allerdale Borough Council Solway Plains Parish Councils Individuals	Collect information: Allerdale borough Council Solway Plains Parish Councils Individuals	High	Ongoing	
	Provide information	Police Fire service Parish council	Contact: Police Fire service	High	Ongoing	Annual
6. Emergency Services Contacting Police Fire Service						

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7. Social and Community St Pauls church Solway Community Technology College Older People Youth Improvements for the Community	Help to keep the church open Keep community informed of services and accessibility of groups in area	Parish Council Church Parochial Council Solway Community Technology College Age UK Silloth Youth Club Abbeystown Youth Group	Maintain in contact with Parochial Church Council Maintain contact with Solway community Technology college Contact related groups	High	Ongoing	Annual
Information Contact details : Parish Clerk: Telephone: 01697331128 mobile: 07775686857 Email: parishclerk@holmelow-pc.org.uk Market Organizer Telephone: 01228526007 mobile: 07860289296 Police web site: Cumbria Constabulary/ your neighbourhood Police Numbers: (non emergency) Telephone: 101 Email: AllerdaleRuralNPT@cumbria.police.uk Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service: (non emergency) Telephone: 01606 868990. Cumbria County Council Transport and Roads: Integrated Transport Team Telephone : (01228) 226014 Email: integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk Highways Hotline on 0845 609 6609 (answer phone service evenings, weekends and public holidays). Email: contact@cumbriahighways.co.uk Allerdale Borough Council: Telephone: 01900 702702 United Utilities: 08457462200 Solway Buzz: www.solwaybuzz.co.uk Telephone: 01697332180 Email: office@solwaybuzz.co.uk						

Parish Map

