

Appleton le Moors, Lasingham & Spaunton

Parish Report 2013



Background

You may remember the Government's 'Vital Villages' initiative that funded research into the needs of rural communities. As a consequence of that programme "Parish Plans" were produced by Appleton le Moors in 2004 and Lastingham in 2005.

Rural Action Yorkshire suggested we update the plans and combine our efforts because three villages (including Spaunton) would have greater potential to influence the decision makers and obtain funding for projects in the future. Another important benefit will be to provide feedback which informs our local volunteers on the Parish Council and at Parish Meetings.

There has not been a grant this time but Ryedale District Council provided administrative support and we have been supported by Margaret Farey of Rural Action Yorkshire. We are grateful for their contributions.

Method

The 2013 Parish Report was produced by Janet Hayton (Appleton le Moors), Sir Michael Carlisle (Lastingham) and John Cawley (Spaunton). The group informally consulted community and local voluntary networks before compiling the questionnaire which was largely based on previous questionnaires. It was then circulated by hand to each household. There were also options to complete the questionnaire on-line through the RDC website or via the Appleton le Moors website.

RDC collated and input your responses, including transcribing the comments. They also produced the graphs and the final format of the report. 80 questionnaires were returned and many of you took the time to write in more detail about particular issues and offered your ideas. The 2013 Parish Report consolidates your responses and summarises the results as "Potential Areas for Improvements".

Your responses demonstrated how much we value an outstanding natural environment. Also apparent is the great deal of pleasure and enrichment which comes directly from the kindness of neighbours and the work of local volunteers.

Thank you to all who participated.

Next steps

With the publication of this Parish Report there is now a framework for improving our experience of living in the 3 villages. There are also businesses, village halls/churches that will benefit from your feedback particularly through better communication of their services.

Some improvements can only be addressed by local government or the Parish representative body but others could be taken up by a local action group or volunteers. The volunteers who undertook this Parish Report will ensure a copy is sent to every relevant body.

They are not however responsible for furthering the issues raised - if you want to see an action point progress, look at the "Partners" section to see how you might get involved.

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Responses

Householders were given the option to combine answers on one questionnaire or submit individual responses. Based on the age/gender questions 166 residents replied through 80 questionnaires. In multiple occupancy households some of the questionnaires were on behalf of all, some represented the view of only one person. If we had had more resources we would have printed a questionnaire for every person and the response rates would have been clearer. However, statistically the response rate we obtained is “good”.

There will be a bias when we interpret the data but we can reasonably assume that the respondents who were a voluntary, self selecting group were motivated to provide thoughtful and representative feedback.

The 1911 census column is there for general interest only.

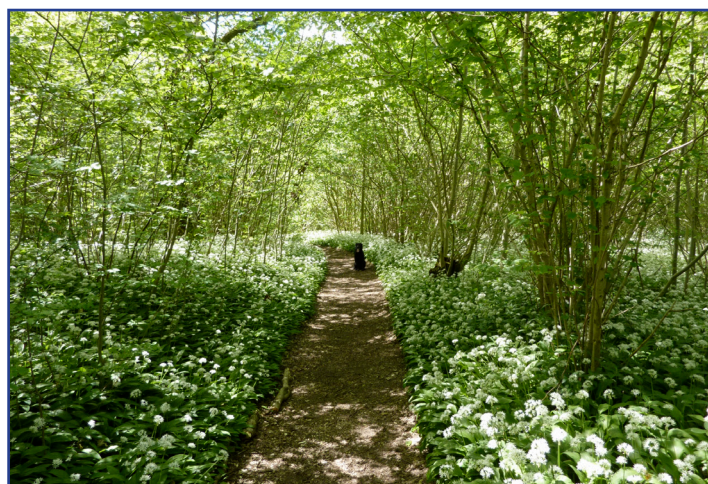
	Village houses	2013 Residents	Response rate per occupied home	No. of questionnaires returned	Response rate per person	1911 Census For information only
ALL	172	312	66%	166	53%	
Appleton	79	139*		75	54%	208
Lastingham	65	101		52	52%	135
Spaunton	28	72		35	61%**	78

Notes

*2011 Census for Appleton parish includes 12 outlying dwellings in the headcount, questionnaires were not issued to all these homes so the residents figure has been adjusted down by 25.

Lastingham and Spaunton 2011 Census data was collected with Hartoft so could not be used, the volunteers provided population data.

** based on adult Spaunton population only, there are 14 children in the parish ; Appleton and Lastingham includes all ages because there are few under 16.



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First, a little perspective.....

Appleton le Moors

The first recorded mention of Appleton was in 1086 as 'Apletun', in successive centuries the name evolved with mentions of Wodapleton, Dweldapleton, Woodapleton.

Flint tools and arrow heads indicate the presence of people since the last Ice Age. Bronze Age farmers settled here on the fertile free draining soil. At least 8 barrows or burial sites were constructed at the bottom of Appleton Common. 2,000 years later the Romano-British occupied the area as evidenced by pottery and coins, a burial cist was unearthed at the northern parish boundary with Spaunton.

In Anglo-Saxon times the settlement became properly organised along the spring line at the south end of the village. Evidence of a mediaeval communal oven and chapel has been discovered. Appleton evolved as single main street; the houses that create the L-shape down to the common are relatively late additions.

There are many 'garths' in Appleton which are houses with strips of land of the same length, extending to the back lanes. Spaunton Common and the area around Hamley lane continued to be densely wooded areas. Appleton Mill has been harnessing the waters of the river Seven to mill corn from at least 1236 right up to 1940.

The outlying dwellings in the Parish tend to have been established in the 18th century following the enclosure of land. In the 19th century the fortunes of Joseph Shepherd and wife had a significant effect with 'new' buildings such as the Village Hall (originally a school), Christ Church, the old Parsonage (originally a school), and their home, Appleton Hall.

Older residents can recall a time when there was a pub, three shops, a post office, a school, a blacksmith, and even a fish and chip shop in the village. Not forgetting the famous Appleton brass band whose drum is in the village hall along with lots of other material collected by the Appleton History and Archive Group funded after the original Parish Plan of 2004. (www.appletonle Moorshistory.btck.co.uk)

Spaunton

Passing through Spaunton on the edge of the North York Moors today it is hard to envisage that this now small village was once a significant ancient dwelling site and for seven or eight centuries the historical centre for the Manor of Spaunton and home to the Lord of the Manor.

Archaeological finds at Spaunton have produced more evidence than any other village in the district to suggest there was once a stone-age settlement. Excavations revealed remains of a Hall first mentioned in a 12th century document and successive Halls, three in total, the last of which fell into ruin in 1690. Pottery finds on this site date from the 12th – 17th centuries and the presence of a Hall is still remembered in local names – Hall Ings Lane and Hall Ings Wood.

Land owned by the Manor shows evidence of cultivation from ancient times and today this is continued by the four working farms in the village. The site of Messuage Farm is documented in the Domesday Book.

The windmill on the east side of Lidsty Hill has disappeared, the blacksmith's demolished and the pub that once served bottled beer to locals and ironstone miners from Rosedale has closed it's doors and become a private dwelling but there are still reminders of the past to be seen.

The newly restored Pinfold stands at the west end of Hall Ings Lane. Across the road next to Messuage

Farm is Woodman's Cottage. Originally of Cruck Frame construction and thatched until 1913 the cottage has a date stone from 1695 and is a fine example of a 17th century yeoman's house.

At the east end of Hall Ings Lane a sign on the fingerpost directs visitors to Victoria Cross, a short walk from the road. A proposed new bench alongside the newly restored cross gives an opportunity to sit and take in the view of Lastingham and the moors beyond. Both restoration projects have been made possible through funding via North York Moors National Park Authority.

The land fronting many of the properties in Spaunton is common land. This is where past meets present. Grazing rights on common land still exist, the definition and maintenance of which, including fines for access to properties, are overseen by the Court Leet which meets with the Lord of the Manor (currently George Winn-Darley) once a year in Spaunton Manor on the site of the old Manor Halls.

The population has a balanced mix of young people of school age, employed young people and adults and a small complement of retirees.

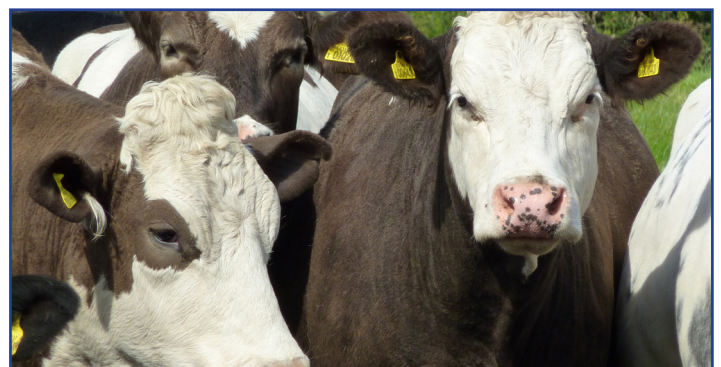
Lastingham

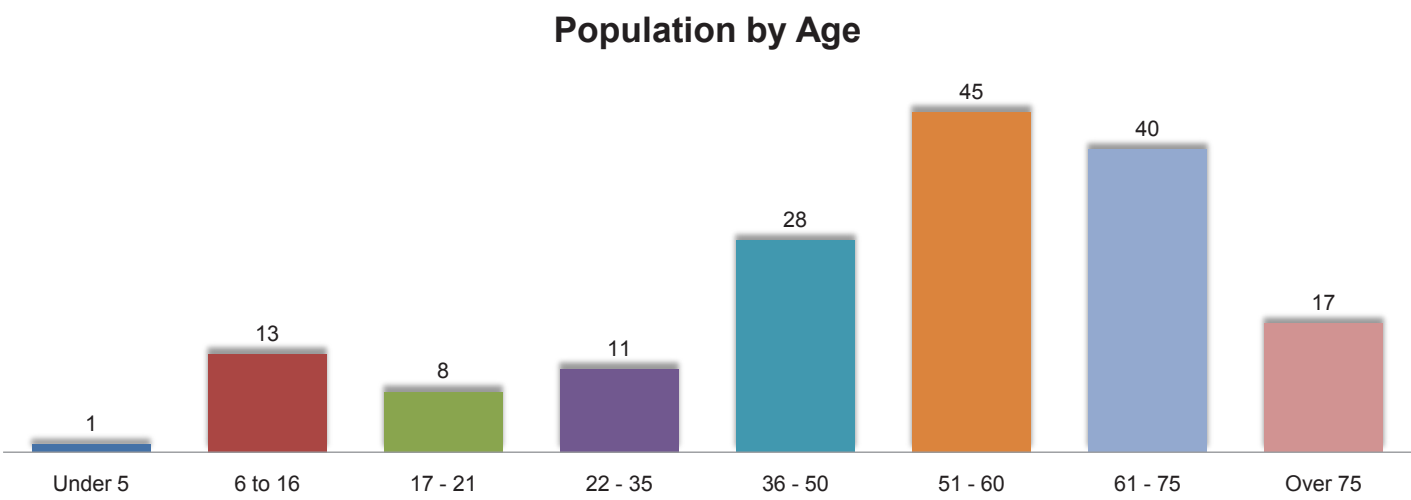
Lastingham is particularly noted for its ancient Church that was founded by Cedd in about AD654, as a monastery in the Columban or Celtic tradition. After the Viking invasions in the 9th and 10th centuries, it was re-founded as a Benedictine Abbey in 1078 by Stephen of Whitby. The Crypt, where Cedd was buried, is a particularly interesting visitor attraction with a great deal of history available about the Church.

In the 19th century there were two further restorations, in which the building reached its present form, including the wonderful vaulted roof which gives the building such good acoustics.

Other areas of interest in the village are St Cedd's Well and three other ancient stone wells. There is a Village Hall that was previously a small village school.

Lastingham is frequently used as a base for walkers, and about 50,000 annual visitors, who admire the local scenery, and enjoy history and the local pub!

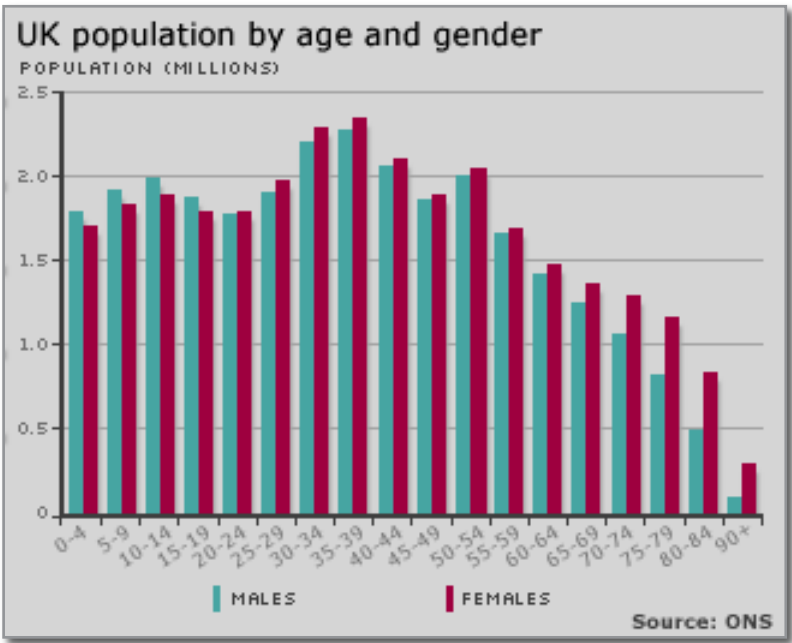




Some respondents declined to assign an age bracket.

When we compare our graph to the UK population (below) we can see why some issues raised in the report particularly affect our villages and reflect rural and regional concerns about the aging population.

- Lack of good employment opportunities
- Low wage rates, Ryedale is ranked around the 35th percentile nationally
- Health and transport particularly for our older population
- Lack of affordable housing
- High living costs for minimum wage households and on those on fixed incomes
- Poor communications networks that undermine development of business's
- Lack of services like effective broadband and mains gas



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

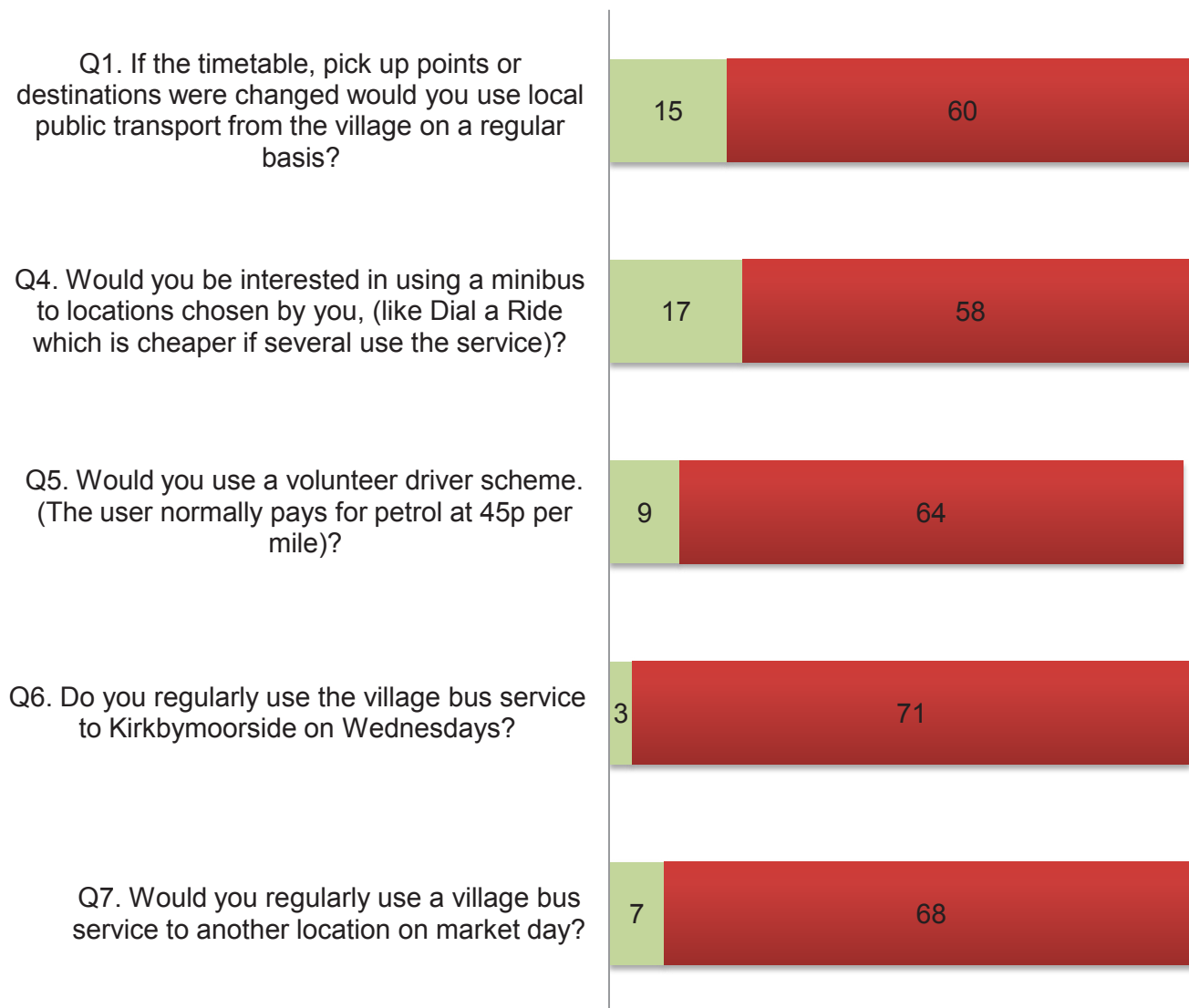
Most respondents had sole use of a car, 13 shared a vehicle and 2 had no means of transport. The car is essential in our isolated villages.

However there is significant interest in community transport (not public) which can be organised to meet the needs of individuals. Services are provided by Ryedale Community Transport www.ryedalect.org. Tel: 01653 699059 or Email: post@ryecat.com. A volunteer group could coordinate a transport project.

This data will be shared with RDC and NYCC.

Transport

■ yes ■ no



TRAFFIC & ROADS

Q9 Traffic within the villages

All the comments regarding traffic will be shared with the Parish meetings/ Councils. Several potential Action Points will be forwarded to NYCC for their review. When we have their views on the feasibility of the suggestions we will post them on the website and forward them to the Parish meetings/council to decide whether they and /or a Local Action Group liaises with the Highways department.

Appleton

There is little support for introducing road humps but repositioning of speed restriction signs further out of the village is supported by 76% of respondents. Speed checks have been done recently and recommendations are that 40 MPH signs are introduced before the present 30 MPH. Some suggestions are in the section “Your comments”.

Lastingham

A significant majority of respondents did not want to see any changes to current arrangements

Some suggestions are in the section “Your comments”.

Spaunton

There was a definite lack of support for speed humps, 80% against. A majority (62%) are in favour of speed restriction signs. Some suggestions are in the section “Your comments”.

Q10 Local Roads

All responses will be passed on to the local Parish Meetings and Councils.

Passing Places

Hamley Lane to Lower Askew emerged as the local road in need of passing places with 24 respondents supporting. 9 supported passing places on the road south/down to Appleton.

Road repairs

Appleton and Lastingham residents were more satisfied with the road from Spaunton to Hutton, but 60% of Spaunton residents felt it needed repairs for example the bridge at Spaunton Bank foot. Opinion was split on the need for repairs on the other local roads regardless of which village you lived in. See also Q.13 about local services.

Appleton	Satisfactory	In need of repair	In need of passing places
Appleton to Lastingham / Spaunton	15	16	1
Hamley Lane to Lower Askew	9	5	18
Spaunton Bank to Hutton le Hole	19	10	0

Lastingham	Satisfactory	In need of repair	In need of passing places
Appleton to Lastingham/Spaunton	13	6	6
Hamley Lane to Lower Askew	8	11	0
Spaunton Bank to Hutton le Hole	16	7	0

Spaunton	Satisfactory	In need of repair	In need of passing places
Appleton to Lastingham/ Spaunton	7	7	2
Hamley Lane to Lower Askew	2	3	6
Spaunton Bank to Hutton le Hole	5	10	1

Main Road Junction with A170

Q11

All the comments regarding traffic will be shared with the Parish meetings/Councils. Several potential Action Points have been forwarded to North Yorkshire County Council for their review.

71% of Appleton and Spaunton respondents felt that changes to the junction would make the turning safer, 39% of Lastingham respondents agreed.

Other suggestions from villagers included; keeping the verges regularly trimmed, a specific turning lane, better earlier signage, improved visibility in dark or poor conditions.

There was no majority support from any village to introduce measures to slow down the speed on the A170.

PUBLIC SERVICES

This section provided residents with an opportunity to raise issues, all of which will be copied to the relevant public organisations.

There were issues about the recycling service. Serious concern about the gritting service particularly the frequency and timing which was too late for people driving to work and the school buses. Other important issues were poor drainage causing problems after rain because drains and gully were not cleared. Many complaints of potholes and lack of road repairs.

	Satisfied	Outstanding issues	Description
Parish Council/ Meeting	71%	7 %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of new street lights in Appleton
Ryedale District Council	62%	16%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villages not consulted on development of market towns • Lack of contact with local councillor • Rates too high for services provided. Single person discount should increase • Premium rate on empty homes

North Yorkshire County Council	60%	14%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus service irrelevant . Should offer dial a ride • Road conditions dangerous
North York Moors NP	67%	15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too slow at times in resolving issues. • Mobile phone areas causing residents and tourists problems • Concern maintenance and issues with rights of way e.g. bridleways will become responsibility of NYCC and have low priority • Maintenance of pathway, rights of way • Introduce speed limit in Park. All dogs to be on lead in the Park • Have never understood their stance on planning • I don't know what they do • Local people should not have to pay to park at Hutton le hole and other NYMNP car parks • No controlling measures on industrial levels of pheasant release to detriment of wildlife etc
The Court Leet	54%	32%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this a secret society? No idea what it does (6 other similar comments) • Not accountable. Undemocratic. Sporadic communications. Needs greater transparency • Villages need primary contact education about authority and powers • Outdated. Ridiculous system. Anachronistic, Feudal and unrepresentative Needs removing as in other parts of country • Common not well managed, condition of sheep disgraceful. More care of injured and removal of dead sheep • "The law locks up the man who takes the goose off the common but lets the greater villain loose that takes the common from the goose!"



CRIME AND SAFETY

Q14 – 19

This section gave residents with the opportunity to raise issues all of which will be copied to the relevant police authorities.

The majority of respondents (94.8%) did not know the local Police Officer or how to contact him/her directly. Only 56.2% of responses indicated that the resident participates in an organised Neighbourhood Watch scheme (i.e. displaying signs and reporting to a local representative). In the last three years 9.3% of responses reported being victims of crime.

An increased police presence would be welcomed in 68.1% of the responses and 40.8% would appreciate public talks and advice from the police.

		ALM	Lastingham	Spaunton
Do you know who your police officer is?	No	31	23	16
	Yes	1	3	
Do you know how to contact him/her directly?	No	31	23	14
	Yes	1	3	1
Have you been the victim of crime in the last 3 years?	No	29	23	14
	Yes	2	3	1
Do you think we need a greater police presence?	No	21	17	10
	Yes	10	8	4
Do you think we need public talks & advice from the police?	No	17	14	9
	Yes	15	9	5
Do you participate in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme? e.g. display signs, report to local rep.	No	25	6	9
	Yes	8	17	6

CONSUMER SERVICES

Q20- 23

The most used services are Fish, and Fruit and Vegetables. The latter is greatly used in Appleton, and there might be an opportunity to extend this to Lastingham, with good communication of this service, if the supplier would agree. Post boxes are heavily used in all the villages, but telephone boxes are rarely used by residents.

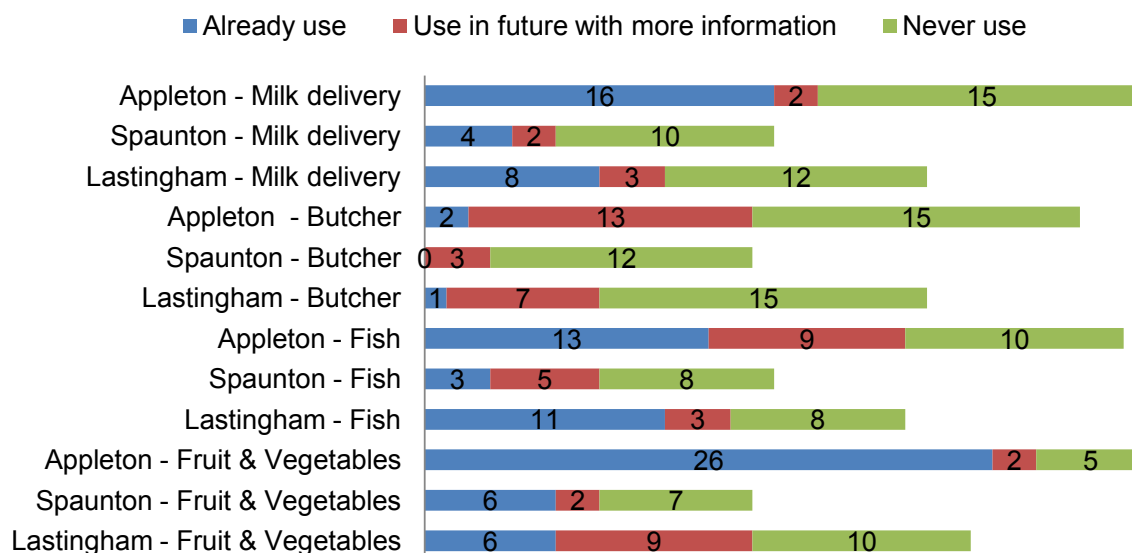
Interest in internet shopping services was expressed in Lastingham, and this is already available from several supermarkets.

Mobile Shopping

Fruit and vegetables, fish and milk deliveries are currently used most by residents. Only 3 (4.5%) use the mobile butcher service but 22 (32.8%) felt they may use it given more information. Generally, more information on mobile services for fruit and vegetables, fish, milk, butcher and bread collection may encourage more households to use them.

There were 14 suggestions made for other mobile services if there was a supplier willing to travel to the villages.

Q20. Mobile Shopping Service



Which other mobile services would you use if there was enough demand and a supplier willing to travel?

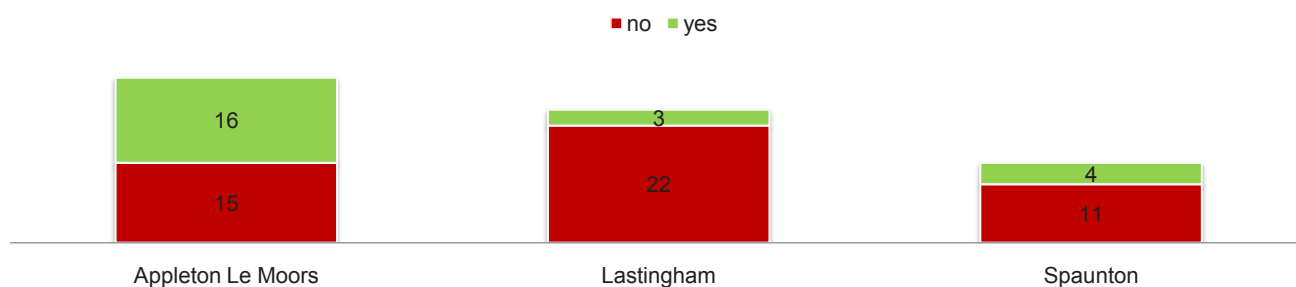
Response	Village
Occasionally use Fish & chip van. Would use paper deliveries to Ingelbys if we could get our act together!	ALM
There is a communication problem not knowing which mobile shopping is available and when.	Spaunton
There is a fish & chip van which hasn't been mentioned above - I use it frequently.	ALM
Possibly a mobile shop - if not too expensive - as supermarkets will now deliver to Appleton.	ALM
Newspapers from Pickering	ALM
Library	ALM
We use Ringtons tea/coffee delivery once a month	ALM
Library.	Lavingham
As very elderly and can't even get to the bottom of the village the only way I can shop is by the Ryedale Car Scheme and that is getting more expensive every year.	Lavingham
Would use fish and chip van, occasionally meat	Spaunton
Morrisons /Sainsburys - internet?	Lavingham
A plant stall on the village green once a year in Spring - a garden centre stall or a community stall - everyone can swap a plant for one they need.	Lavingham

Articles for sale

The majority of respondents 48 (67.6) indicated they would not offer items for sale, items wanted or services locally. 23 (32.4%) said they would and 25 suggestions were made on how this could be achieved via a newsletter, website or village notice board etc.

A volunteer group might wish to take this forward.

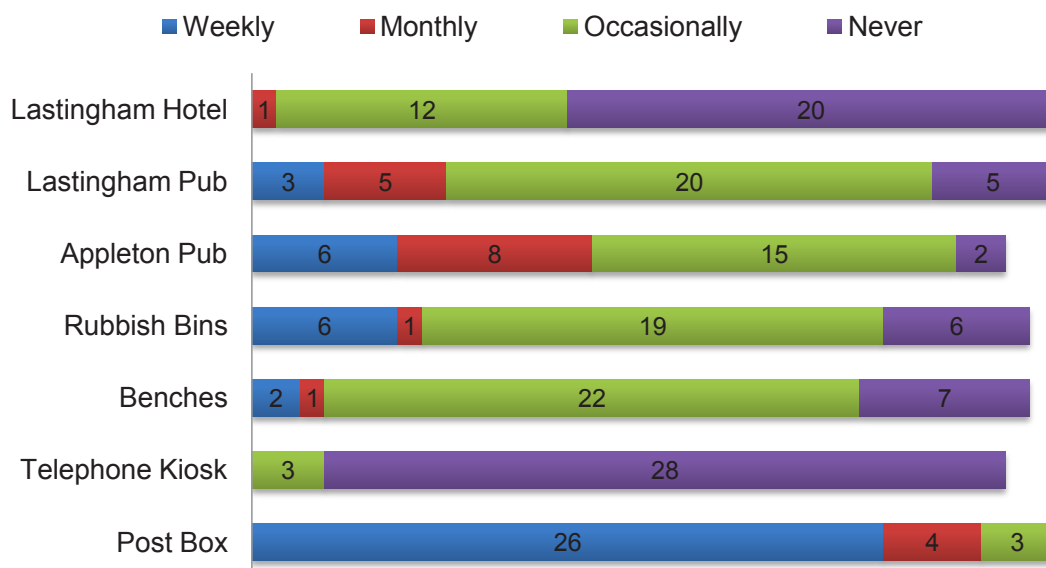
Q22. Do you have articles for sale, items wanted, services to offer, etc. that you would advertise locally?



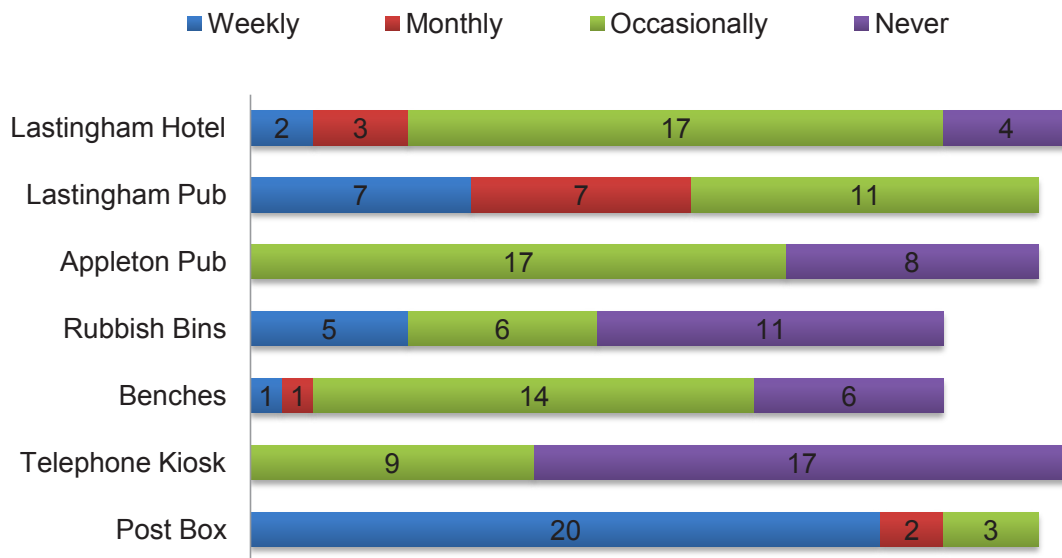
Q23 OTHER FACILITIES

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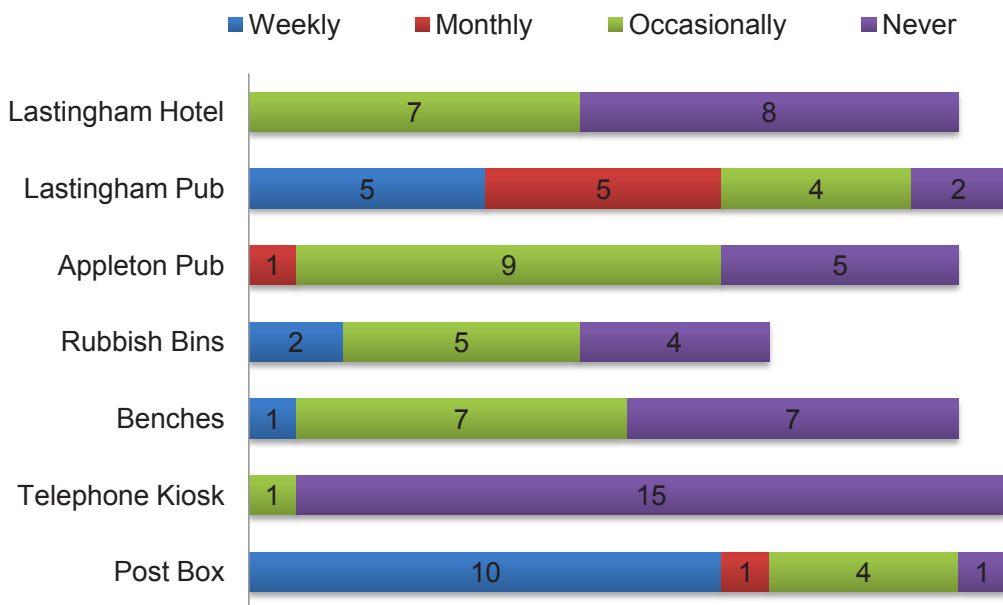
Which facilities do you use and how frequently? (Appleton Le Moors)



Which facilities do you use and how frequently? (Lavingham)



Which facilities do you use and how frequently? (Spaunton)



MOBILE & BROADBAND

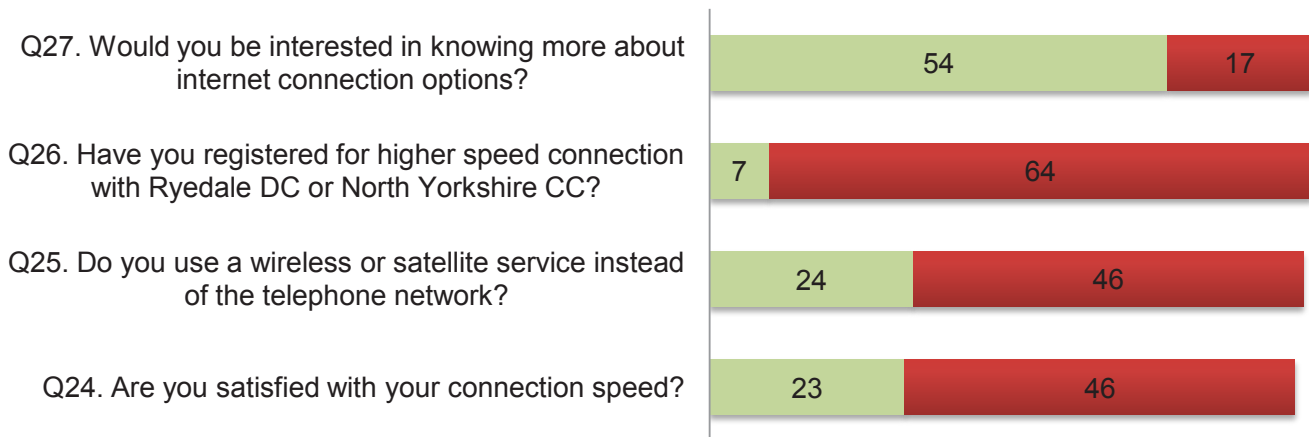
Q24 – 27

There is virtually no reception in Lavingham, except for a few houses situated on high ground. Also there is dissatisfaction with Broadband and connection speed in all the villages. There is keen interest in solutions to these problems which concern both residents and visitors.

The responses are also shown by village.

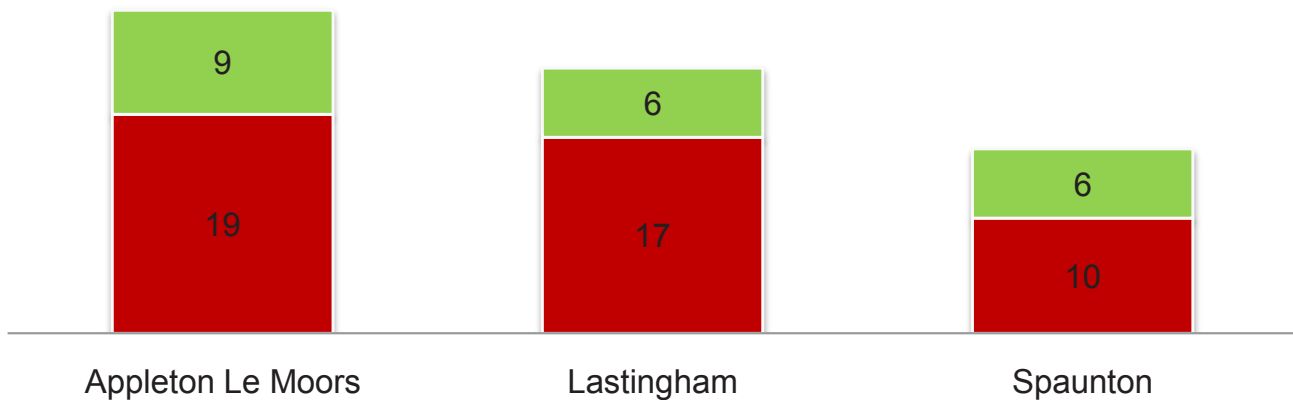
Mobile & Broadband Services

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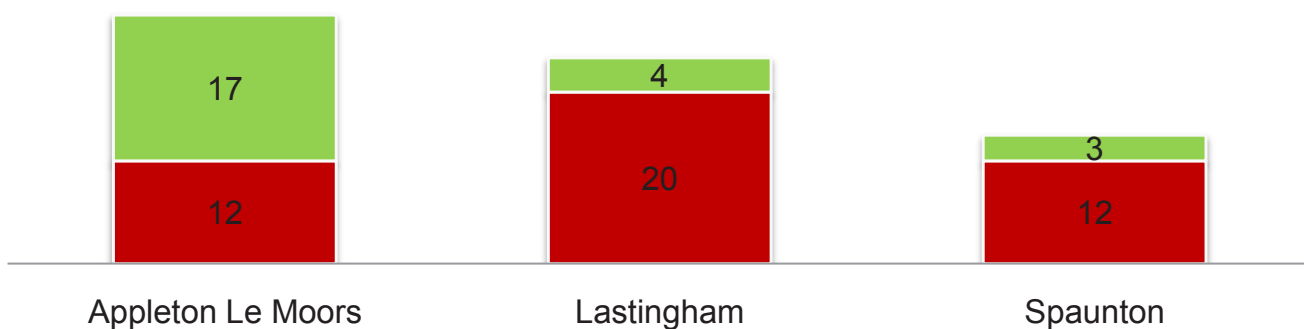
Are you satisfied with your connection speed?

No Yes



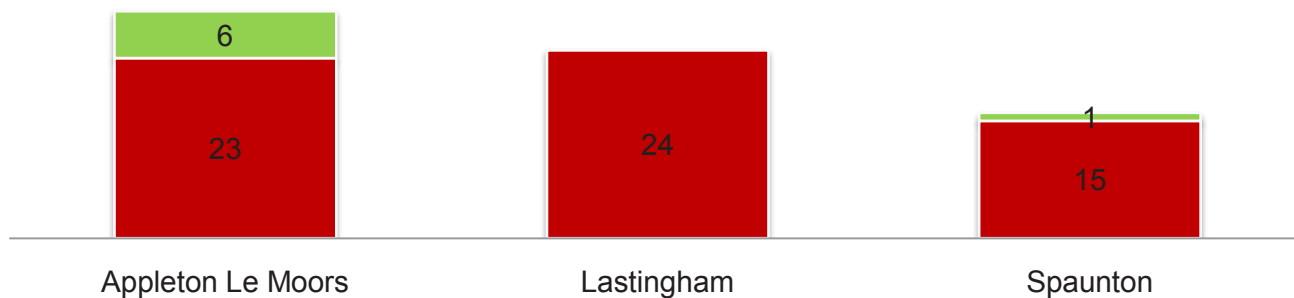
Q25. Do you use a wireless or satellite service instead of the telephone network?

No Yes



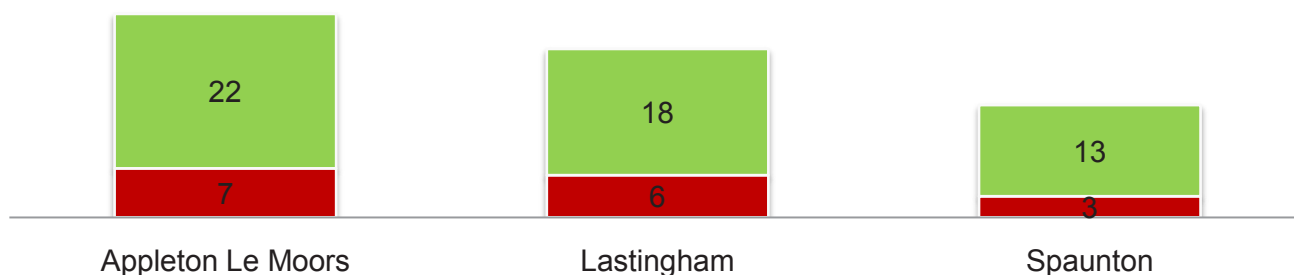
Q26. Have you registered for higher speed connection with Ryedale DC or NYCC?

■ No ■ Yes



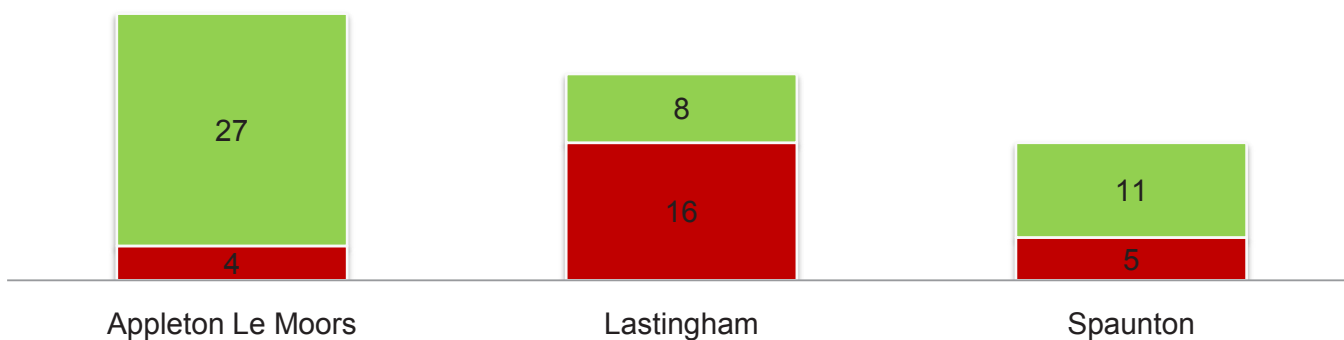
Q27. Would you be interested in knowing more about internet connection options?

■ No ■ Yes



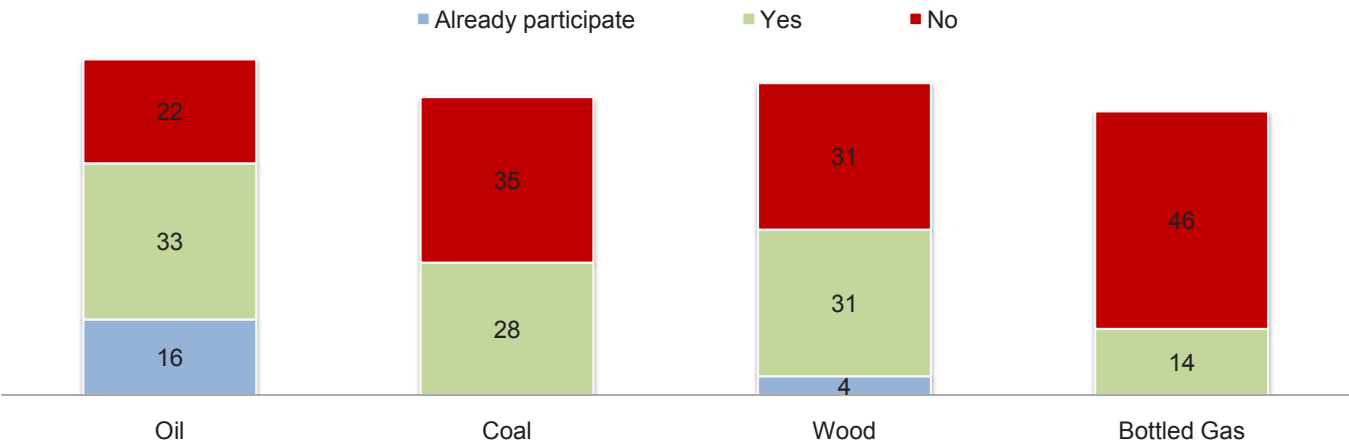
Q28. Do you or members of your household use a mobile phone at home?

■ No ■ Yes



Q 28 – 30 Mobile Reception

Q35. Would you be prepared to switch supplier to obtain lower priced fuel through collective discounts?



Q31 Fuel Supply

Whilst many residents benefit from the group coordinated in Hutton Le Hole the organiser feels that a new group should be formed, perhaps with some residents transferring into it. Assistance can be given to new volunteers willing to coordinate for the three villages.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Q32 to Q38 Appleton Playing Field

All the comments and feedback will be sent to Fields in Trust who ‘own’ the field as an asset for the community.

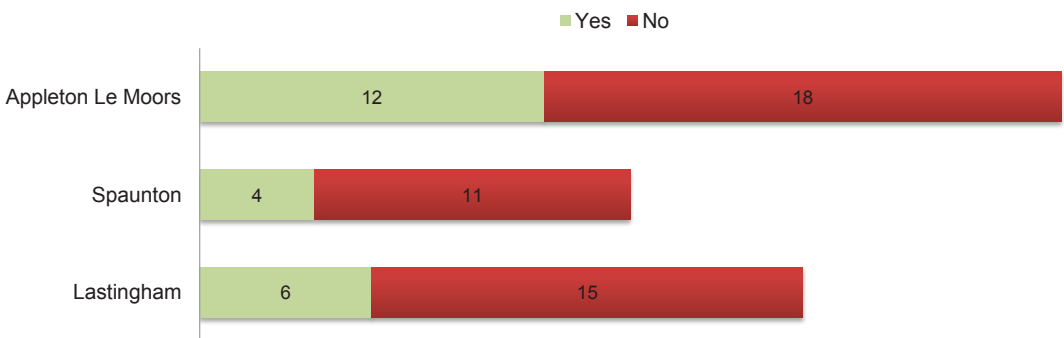
Field Usage

33 Appleton residents answered questions about the playing field; 26 had not used the field in the last 12 months, 7 had used it. The responses indicate that even if improvements were made to the play equipment this would not encourage Appleton residents to use the field more.

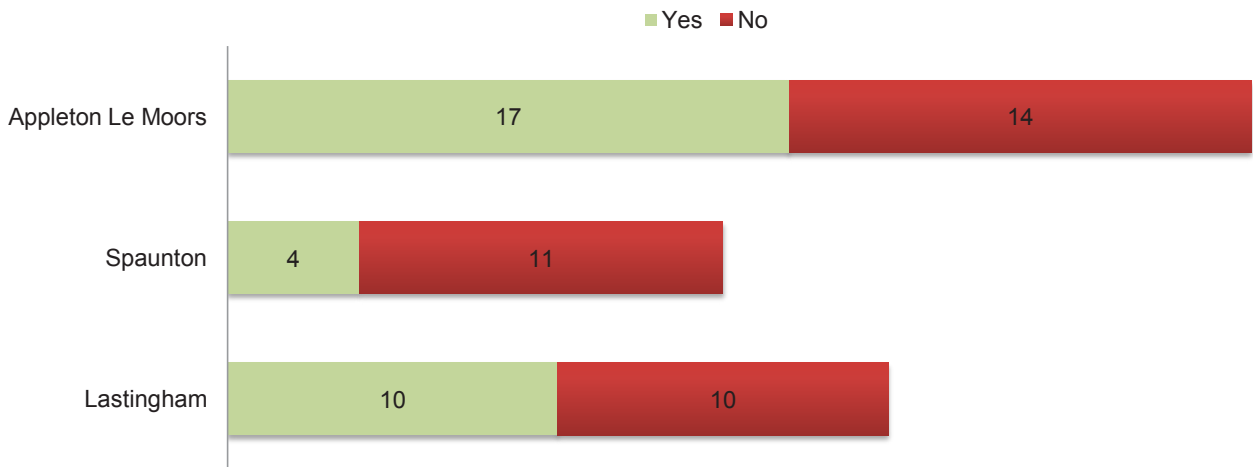
Tennis Court Usage

Only 3 Appleton residents had also used the tennis court. However 12 residents say they would use the tennis court if they had a key. There seems to be up to 22 potential new users based on those all responding. This could form the basis of rejuvenating interest in the tennis court and people willing to contribute to it’s upkeep.

Q35. Would you use the tennis court if you had a key?



Q36. Would you consider an increase in your Parish Precept (part of the Council Tax) to fund regular maintenance and insurance?



Q39 Church and Chapel

All your comments and feedback will be sent to each organisation.

As expected Lavingham’s focus was on St Mary’s in terms of usage and Appleton’s on Christ Church. Spaunton was split 50/50 in attendance. However over 50% of Appleton’s residents also valued St Mary’s as an historic building whilst few residents of Lavingham and Spaunton saw Christ Church as having historical importance despite it being a Grade 1 listed building and regularly visited by the Victorian Society and JL Pearson admirers.

Q40 & Q41 Appleton Reading Room

All comments and feedback will be passed to the Reading Room Committee.

As expected most users come from Appleton particularly for the film nights and the exhibitions. However at least 23 visits were made by Lavingham and Spaunton respondents in the past 2 years. Lack of toilets and the location were mentioned as barriers for older residents. The new roof sponsored by the National Park should help with heating which was also mentioned in the feedback. There were 5 requests for more information about ‘what’s on’ and how to hire it. The usage of the Reading Room has steadily increased over the years, it was hired 56 times in the last year by the Film Society, Parish Council, Book Club and other private events. The committee also hosted fundraising events to supplement the hiring fee income.

Q42 & 43 Village Halls

The two village hall committees will be provided with all the comments and feedback. It is clear from the feedback that villagers value their community buildings and would support them more with better, more timely information. Access by foot was an issue for 4 users of Lavingham’s hall. Fund raising, local fairs, produce shows and local meetings are popular at both venues. The halls are also well used as polling stations. There are more concerts and theatre visits to Appleton but only 4 Lavingham and Spaunton respondents had attended.

Q45 &46 Children's Activities

In response to these questions 8 suggestions were made for indoor activities and 9 for outdoor activities that could be enjoyed by young people and their families.

Based on CIF funding (Community Investment Funding) £450 was donated to organise a number of family events for young people in Lavingham, Appleton-Le-Moors and Spaunton. The grant can be used towards the hire of a village hall, to purchase items such as indoor play equipment and art and craft materials, and to fund one-off events etc. Activities ideally should be decided by the families attending. "Fundraising events would be held to support any new clubs or groups set up from this project in order to keep them sustainable in the future."

Two events have already been organised to encourage young people and their parents to participate. The first was the Lavingham and Spaunton Annual Sports Day when families from Appleton-Le-Moors were invited to join in the events.

The second event was a Bush Craft course for young people (6-16) yrs and their parents. Due to a high response two courses were held on 1st September and 13th October 2013 run by local expert Mark Barker. The events allowed 16 young people and 10 adults the opportunity to experience and enjoy the outdoor activities on offer.

These events have been an opportunity for the young people and families from the three villages to start to get to know each other and form a basis for discussions to arrange future activities.



HEALTH SERVICES

Q47 – Q53

There is general satisfaction with the services provided by both Kirkbymoorside and Pickering surgeries, but several areas of concern were highlighted by residents in all villages.

- Long appointment times to see a GP
- Concern about poor Out-of Hours services
- Better organisation of District Nurses and joint working with Social Services staff
- Improved liaison between hospital discharge and District Nurses and GPs
- Strong support for the retention of certain key services such as Minor Injuries and Physiotherapy, at Malton Hospital
- Concern about transport problems to both GP surgeries and Hospitals, especially when residents become elderly and cannot drive. This contrasts with replies given in Q1 -Transport!

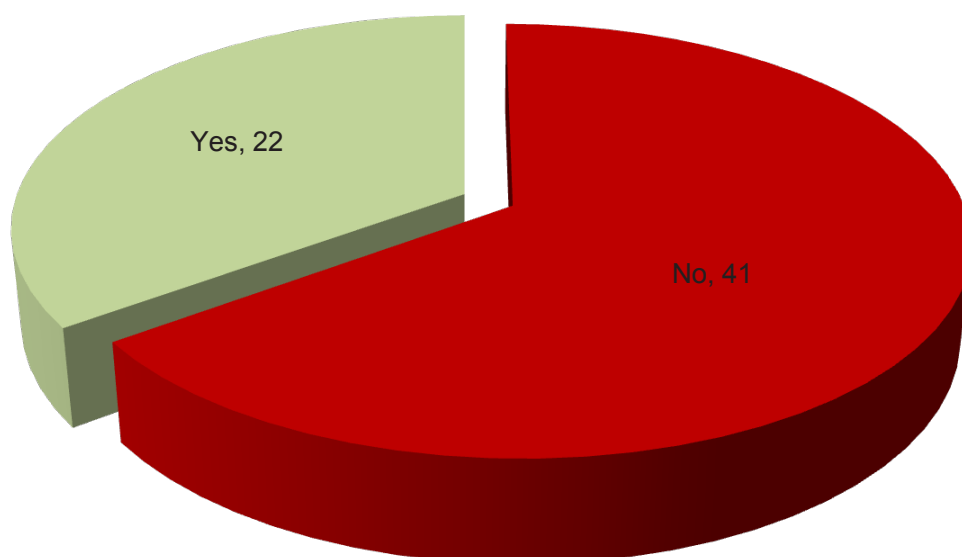
TOURISM & ENVIRONMENT

Q54 Tourism

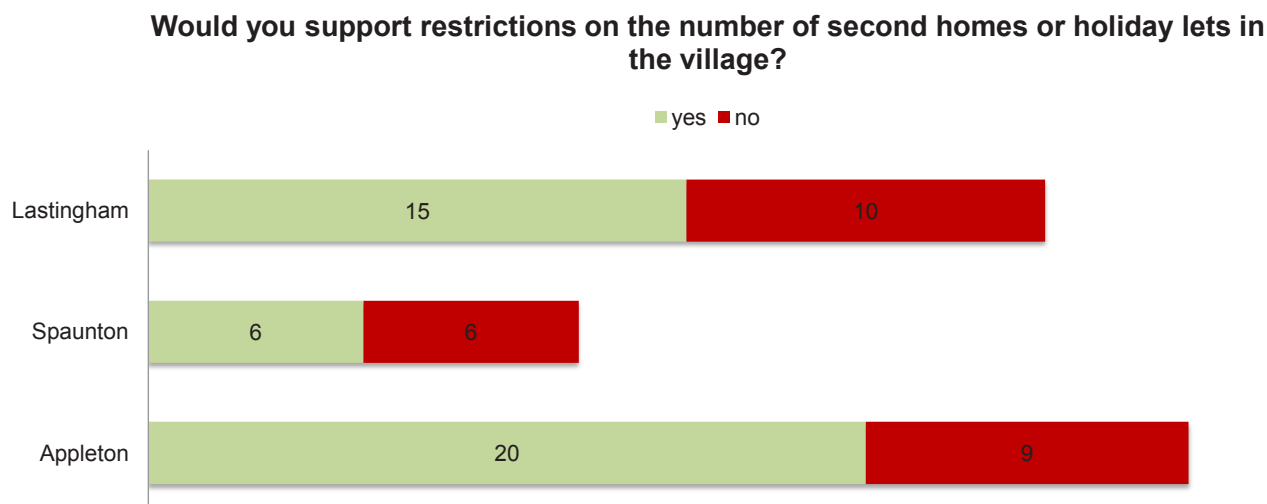
Overall 65% of all villagers are against increase in the levels of tourists, Spaunton was 82% against.

Of the 35% who supported tourism some suggested better mobile phone services and encouraging walkers who would use local pubs. Increased tourism was seen an opportunity to raise funds for community and church buildings.

Would you support initiatives to increase tourism in the villages?



Q55 Second Homes & Holiday lets



We estimate;

Appleton has 1 second home, 4 holiday cottages, 2 vacant properties.

Lavingham has 18 second homes, 4 holiday cottages, 3 vacant properties.

Spauldon has 1 second home, 1 holiday cottage, 3 purpose built lets.

62% of all respondents supported restrictions on properties which weren't permanent homes, 70% in Appleton and Lavingham. There were many comments about how empty homes were bad for community spirit, the local economy, restricted affordable property for locals and undermined the sustainability of villages.

There were suggestions of premium rate bands for holiday lets and second homes or a maximum percentage of houses allowed which are not permanent homes. (Since April 2013 Council Tax is now at full rate)

"It is not for a village to decide who buys a home in the village!!!" was a counter argument and several respondents couldn't see how to change the trend."

RECYCLING AND POLLUTION

Q56

Overall 67% would use new recycling of clothes and books facilities. Based on levels of support, Appleton is the most enthusiastic at 78% and Spauldon the least 53%.

Q57 & 58

Fouling by animals was not a serious concern. Spauldon had 50% of residents unhappy on the subject of dog fouling and this may be linked to their response on roaming dogs where 71% of respondents said it was a problem compared to 24% across all villages.

Q59

Local footpaths are not a significant issue but overhanging trees and gates left open were mentioned by 44% of residents.

Q60

For the majority there were no problems with fallen stock or pollution however the sight of dead stock left on the common was mentioned several times. Appleton newsletter has provided the local farmers contact details to report fallen stock.

LOCAL HERITAGE

Q61 Appleton Pond

There is strong Appleton support for this potential project with 26 positive responses out of 27. A further 23 Lavingham and Spaunton respondents were in favour. Overall 71% in favour. There is a recently formed volunteer group trying to progress the idea.

Q62 Appleton Sheepfold

There is strong Appleton support with 27 positive responses out of 32, overall 69% in favour. This project appears in “areas for improvement” summary as a potential project for the future.

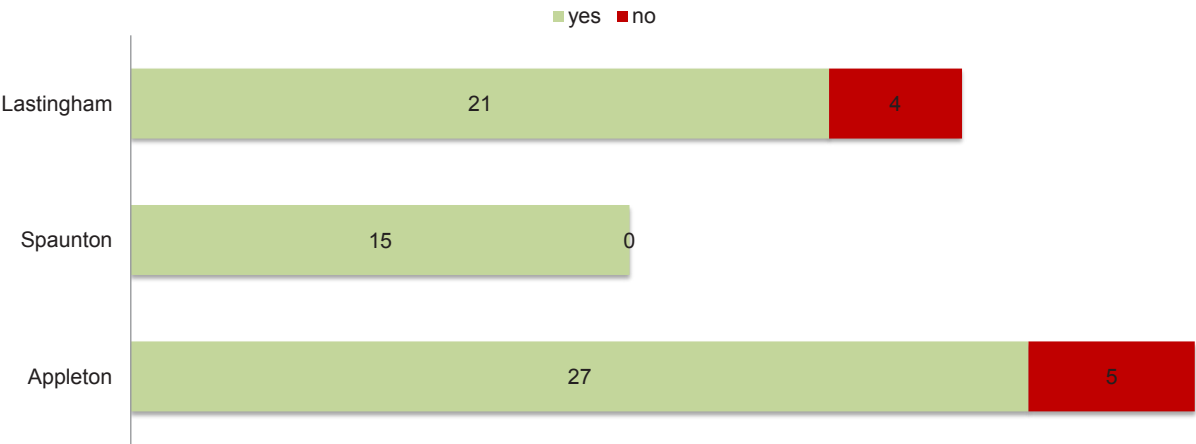
Q63 Restoration of Hamley Pond

The current practical issues concern the lack of drainage into the silted up pond which causes run off after rain which continually erodes the road and Ings lane. 53% are in favour. This project appears in the Action Points as a potential project for the future.

LOCAL PLANNING

Respondents were very interested in local planning applications. Rights over common ground and paths had the most concern 82%, followed by change of building use (76%) and new housing (74%). However most villagers, 88%, were satisfied with current arrangements for notifications and approvals. Least satisfied was Appleton where 16% were negative about the process.

Are you satisfied with the notification, access to planning application and communication of approvals in your area?



GENERAL FEEDBACK

These sections allowed residents to make suggestions and comment freely.

Q66 What do we like about living here

59 of all respondents made positive comments about life in the villages. The following selection captures the spirit and types of comment.

- Peace & quiet Rural surroundings Community spirit
- The wonderful views, peace and quiet and the community spirit. Village events
- Appleton is a friendly village where we can always find someone to talk to and of course it is a beautiful village and I feel privileged to live here
- The villagers are so friendly and helpful. The Blacksmith's Arms is so nice and helpful. The village is beautiful
- An active and lively village, which is greatly enhanced by the few people who go out of their way to do things for the benefit of us all. A good mix of interesting people from all walks of life
- Good community atmosphere, interesting mix of people the care and concern people show for their elderly more vulnerable neighbours
- Peace and quiet, community, landscape and natural beauty. Connection to active farming.
- Silence, darkness at night, clean air, timelessness

Q67 Is there anything you dislike?

The following section lists all the comments made about each village.

Appleton

- Affordable properties being changed into high market accommodation – 2 respondents Change of character of houses making them less affordable
- Village is becoming a retirement destination and not a family village
- Threat of wind turbines, unsightly recycling bins etc
- Too many horses, riders and inconsiderate horse transports
- Increase in inconsiderate road parking restricting access to property
- Too many visitors cars parked in the village
- Increase in the amount of speeding traffic through the village
- Increase in traffic - a 'rat run' for drivers from Lasingham, Spaunton to the A170
- Winter roads are a worry
- The new lamp posts
- Need better local supermarket
- Broadband speeds and mobile coverage make working at home very difficult. More investment needs to be encouraged to bring both broadband and mobile up to the same levels as towns and cities to avoid the digital divide
- Poor communications, we pay same council rates as towns but get a fraction of services

- Over the years the loss of everyday facilities of a village shop and post office which creates problems
- Deficit in community; isolationism
- Only a small pool of supporters for village activities - needs to be more involvement
- The cost of living here in terms of expenditure on domestic fuel. We are considering moving because we may not be able to afford to live here
- People who don't respect their neighbours
- The wind!

Lastingham

- Number of holiday homes/second home - 4 respondents
- Those living in but not taking part in the community
- No mobile phone signal
- Local politics
- Inconsiderate parking by visitors
- Car parking on green verges and obstructing the road, both within villages - at times this village is overrun by parking particularly by off road cyclists who could easily park outside the village especially as they are going to cycle for miles anyway
- Few young adults in village
- Horrible yellow grit bin (colour)
- The noise of garden equipment at the weekend

Spaunton

- People trying to change things
- Suburbification e.g. lack of connection with land based employment and thus lack of understanding
- Cars parked on pavements and common land where there are driveways that could be used.
- Increased traffic/increased commuting
- Tractors (not village farmers) racing through with loads to be dropped and returned (maybe contractors)
- Mowing the common
- One large and aggressive dog
- The acrimony that indigenous villagers create when possible
- Fewer people to maintain things and services/activities on regular basis



Q68 Do you have any suggestions for facilities or improvements

Appleton

- Larger notice board
- The pub to have more imaginative facilities there - eg Wi-Fi, good coffee machine, maybe a daytime 'club' for home-based workers
- Informal ways of sharing -e.g. expensive equipment like ride-on mowers, veg seed-sharing for gardeners (a gardening club?)
- If the playing field is not utilised, use it as a green/renewable energy site with a small windmill and some solar panels - that could generate energy/income for the good and benefit of the village
- - villagers could buy a share in the facility. Also consider this site for placing a village recycling facility
- Small memorial to those killed as a result of a wartime training flight which collided over the village in WW2
- Village design statement
- Everyone that has currently been allowed to put UPVC windows in the front elevation of their properties should be forced to change back to wood and same goes for any other planning that has spoilt the charm of the village

Lastingham

- A small general shop
- Village shop/post office
- Picnic benches on the green, dog poo bin, litter bin
- Sign posts to indicate 'Defibrillator' location
- Encourage younger families into the village
- Clearance of road drains
- Posts rails repaired and painted
- Better care of banks of the beck and other areas of "common " land
- Improved designated parking but no car park
- Car park/field to park for walkers
- A noise free day eg. a Sunday, read and listen to the birds and even snooze in a hammock

Spaunton

- More water pressure
- Paint signs in village 'SPAUNTON' Keep it 'unspoilt'
- Playing field for young people

Q69 Things you don't want changed

Appleton

- Rates for community buildings hire kept at reasonable levels and more offers to have people use them
- Appleton is not a tourist hot spot like Lastingham or Hutton, we would not like that to change.
- The character of the village
- Humps in the road
- It needs to be kept as a real country village in the full sense of the word
- Uncontrolled expansion. I bought my house for the location and view
- The size of the village - conversions & renovations -yes but no more new buildings Phone box
- Do not change anything
- Do not really want change but have to accept some progress
- Retain pub/reading room/village hall/church/chapel as focal points for the village.
- Relaxing of any planning restrictions

Lastingham

- Don't lose the telephone box, or what's left of the old street lamps.
- No to street lights
- The village of Lastingham, except 2nd homes/holiday lets - too many.
- Lack of street lighting
- Street signage in Lastingham
- No street lighting. Changes to the village vista. No beautification to the village.
- Do not want a car park or parking restrictions
- Overall ambience of the village
- The pub
- The beauty of the village
- The recycling collection
- Level of Tourism - keep at status quo
- The sheer bliss factor



Q69 Things you don't want changed

Spaunton

- Do not want road widened - passing places maybe
- Happy with NO street lights
- The opportunity for walkers tourists from elsewhere to come to this area and enjoy what it has to offer
- Size of village
- village life
- Everything to maintain character of a moorland village. We chose to live here without facilities etc to get away from suburbanisation. People travel miles to share what we have here, don't want to spoil it
- Re - planning- The 'building line' in Spaunton. NO FURTHER BUILDING

Other general statements

- Some form of welcome pack would be good for new residents to help understand such as Court Leet!
- The villages should not need to beg for grants from NYMNPA and RDC and NYCC
- The authorities should be proactive and know what communities may need, seek out
- Open a general store in one of the villages
- Concerned about transport, facilities and activities for those who are young or elderly and require them



2013 Parish Report - 3 villages - Potential areas for improvements

Q	Topic	Village	Action Point	Suggestions	Community Support	Priority	Partners	Next steps
1 to 7	Local public transport	ALL	Investigate the cost 'Dial a ride' schemes, communicate findings and support those wanting to use.		17 residents interested, possibly more.	medium	RDC - Ryedale Community Transport, NYCC and Local Action Group (LAG).	Send Parish Report to Transport at NYCC & RCT. Form a LAG.
		Appleton	Investigate moving of speed signs further out of the village. ALM PC have already contacted Highways.	yes	76%	high	ALM PC with NYCC.	Send report to Highways at NYCC. Suggest ALM PC write cover requesting action.
9	Speed signs	Lastingham	Investigate costs of speed & "no heavy goods" signs.	yes		low	Lastingham PM with NYCC.	PM decides whether to take further.
		Spaunton	Investigate official signs, "Children playing", "Farm vehicles" and 40mph.	yes	62%	high	Spaunton PM with NYCC.	Suggest PM write cover requesting action.
9	Speed management	Appleton	Investigate flashing signs, request speed catcher.	yes		low	PC or LAG with NYCC.	Check action already undertaken by ALM PC Cost £3,000 each sign.

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10	Local Roads - Passing places	ALL	Visit route and assess problem Hamley to Lower Askew.		40%	medium	Joint PC/PM's with Highways at NYCC.	Ask PC/PM's to draft request to NYCC.
	Local Roads - Repairs	ALL	Investigate repairs required - Appleton to L&S.	yes	41%	medium		
		ALL	Investigate repairs required - Hamley to Lower Askew.	yes	40%	medium		
11	Slow cars down on A170	ALL	Investigate possibilities with Highways at NYCC.	yes	46%	medium	PC/PM with NYCC.	Ask PC/PM's if they need a LAG, then draft request to NYCC.
	A170 turn off & visibility	ALL		yes	60%	high		

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Q	Topic	Village	Action Point	Suggestions	Community Support	Priority	Partners	Next steps
13	Local services	ALL	Road gritting issues to relevant authority. Particularly Appleton (64%) & Spaunton (69%).	yes	58%	high	PC/PM with Highways at NYCC.	Ask PC/PM's if they need a LAG, then draft request to NYCC.
		ALL	Road repairs issues to consolidate and present to the relevant authority.	yes	69%	high		
		ALL	Sewerage & drainage issues, present to relevant authority. Particularly Spaunton (60%).	yes	40%	medium/high	PC/PM with RDC, NYCC or Court Leet.	Ask PC/PM's if they need a LAG. Investigate 'village caretaker' role.
		Spaunton	Pavements were a concern to Spaunton. (30%) for Appleton and Lastingham.	yes	62%	high		

2013 Parish Report - 3 villages - Potential areas for improvements

Q	Topic	Village	Action Point	Suggestions	Community Support	Priority	Partners	Next steps
14 - 19	Crime & Safety	ALL	The villages would benefit from a local talk by Police.		29 expressed an interest (41%)	medium	LAG or Neighbourhood Watch with Police.	Send report to each village Neighbourhood Watch representative.
20 - 22	Shopping	ALL	Village volunteers to communicate and consolidate information.		76 expressions of interest in existing services.	high	Service providers	Form a LAG.
26 & 27	Broadband speeds	ALL	Inform & encourage villages to register dissatisfaction with services through NYCC, RDC, BT.		Only 10% registered	high	RDC & NYCC	Send report to J. Holmes at RDC and NYCC. Form a LAG.
31	Oil buying	ALL	Potential for new buying syndicate, (LAG). 16 already in HLH. 33 interested.		60%	high	LAG	Form a LAG.
	Coal buying	ALL	Potential for new buying syndicate, 28 interested.		44%	medium		Form a LAG.

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Q	Topic	Village	Action Point	Suggestions	Community Support	Priority	Partners	Next steps
45	Childrens Activities	ALL	Continue Family activity events.		yes		LAG	Support volunteers.
55	Second Homes & Holiday Lets	ALL	Potential for new LAG to investigate policy & planning.(70% support in Lastingham & Appleton).	yes	62%	high	RDC	Form a LAG.
56	Clothes & book recycling	ALL	Appleton is en-route for other villages and shows strongest support. But no public parking or council land available presently.		67%	high	PC/PM, LAG, Court Leet.	Form a LAG to investigate practicalities inc. planning issues.
57 & 58	Animals	Spaunton	Spaunton has local issues with fouling & roaming dogs.		50% & 71%	medium/high	Local dog owners.	Spaunton PM.

2013 Parish Report - 3 villages - Potential areas for improvements

Q	Topic	Village	Action Point	Suggestions	Community Support	Priority	Partners	Next steps
61	Appleton Pond	ALL	79% in Appleton support. Local project group formed, currently investigating.		71% all villages	high	LAG, CL, NYMNP.	Support local volunteers.
62	Appleton Sheepfold	ALL	84% in Appleton support.		69% all villages	high	LAG, CL, NYMNP.	Form a LAG.
63	Hamley Pond	ALL	58% in Appleton support. The drainage channels could be opened up as an interim measure. Investigate 'village caretaker' role.		54%	medium/high	ALM PC, CL, NYMNP.	Reinstate rain water run off channels. Form a LAG to explore pond project.

KEY **NYCC**
RDC
PC
PM
LAG
CL
RCT
NYMNP

North Yorkshire County Council
 Ryedale District Council
 Parish Council
 Parish Meeting
 Local Action Group (voluntary)
 Court Leet
 Ryedale Community Transport
 North York Moors National Park

High Support over 55%
Medium Support 40 - 55%
 Low Support under 40%

YOUR COMMENTS

There were many thoughtful and detailed comments that we have included in this section so they can be shared not just locally but with the various public agencies that provide our services.

LOCAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - APPLETON

There is little support for introducing road humps but repositioning of speed restriction signs further out of the village is supported by 76% of respondents.

Speed

Random speed checks.

Vehicles speeding through the village is a MAJOR PROBLEM.

Require speed checks to be done from time to time.

More police speed traps.

Position of Signs

Ensure speed limit signs can be effective before the vehicles physically reach the houses.

Extend restriction signs for 100 yards or so at both ends of the village so motorists are made aware of approaching and not almost entering the village.

Locate signs further away and introduce additional sign on the right hand bend within the village.

Re-site speed restriction below Reading Room at Appleton le Moors.

Take the 30 mph signs further back.

Move 30 mile sign further north beyond first house and further south beyond the reading room.

Further up north of Hamley Lane.

(New) 40 mph signs located further out of the village.

Extend speed limit sign beyond Reading Room and Cropton junction.

Additional signs

Installation of flashing 30 mph signs at either end of the village.

Flashing light warning. People drive too fast through village to livery at Askew Hamleys.

LED signs that measure speed and flash warning up to drivers.

Flashing speed restriction signs are excellent and make you very aware of the speed limit.

Electric signs displaying vehicles speed.

30 mph warnings on the road - road red or speed activated signs.

Add sheep hazard signs.

People do not think of animals on the road.

Permanent 'sheep on road' signs where applicable.

Drivers who choose to speed will continue to do so, signs will not stop them.

It is a rural village and does not need any more ugly signs, speed humps etc.

Drivers ignore traffic signage in general, more signage = increased 'blindness'.

Humps

Road hump as road is used more like race track.

Road humps or physical traffic calming do work.

A chicane at each end of the village.

Please no road humps - would be a nightmare to those living adjacent to them.

Road humps, although they do tend to slow traffic, cause damage to cars, even at low speeds.

LOCAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - LASTINGHAM

Speed

Because of the short straights and narrow roads we do not have a speed problem in Lavingham Village - the surrounding lanes do occasionally suffer inappropriate speeds.

Introduction of village speed limit.

A speed restriction into the village.

Additional Signs

"Slow" "Children Playing" in Spawnton.

Stop parking on roadside verges within the villages. These green verges enhance the beauty of the villages but not when littered with cars.

Parking on roads also needs control to prevent obstructions.

A slow down sign at the point of turning up towards Spawnton from the top of Lidsty Hill.

A heavy goods vehicle restriction through the village.

Other

Need for a car park! To relieve dangerous congestion around the pub and village centre.

Reduced speed limit throughout the National park, maybe 40mph and 20mph through villages.

LOCAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - SPAUNTON

There was a definite lack of support for speed humps, 80% against. A majority (62%) are in favour of speed restriction signs.

Position of Signs

Slow down for children and animals move to a position with more prominence.

Speed

Slowing down 'speedy drivers' car, vans, tractors.

Additional signs

No parking on the pavements.

Slow down children playing. Larger visible signs.

Children playing.

Farm vehicles turning.

40mph speed limit across moor & elsewhere in N.P to prevent sheep deaths.

Humps

Traffic calming road humps on straight road through Spawnton but allowing for tractor use.

Other

Cattle grid at Lavingham/Cropton and Hamley Lane to control sheep.

HEALTH SERVICES

How could local health services be improved?

GP Services/ District nurse

Open at weekend or later during week.

Pickering Practice excellent!

Shorter waiting times for an appointment.

They should be more willing to make home visits.

Being available at weekends/out of hours rather than the NHS number.

Content with existing service.

10 days for a GP appointment is too long but this is happening here. Kirkbymoorside doctors need to rethink their strategy.

Out of hours provision poor.

Be able to get appointments more quickly.

Waiting time at surgery for GP appointment and obvious time pressures on consultations. Better liaison between hospital discharge and district nurses. Better out-of -hours/weekend cover by GPs and district nurses.

Due to being all pretty healthy we have yet to try out these services!

Shorter waiting time to get an appointment.

They should remember that their remit is to provide a medical service to the community not provide a service that suits the doctors external priorities.

District nurses need a much wider job description/training.

Need to open outside of 9-5pm.

There is no Macmillan nurse to serve Pickering Practice.

We have found the Kirkbymoorside Doctor Surgery to be excellent.

Integration of District Nurse with Social Services.

The ability to get an appointment on day required.

Easier to get an appointment.

Have visits from GP when necessary to home.

Go very infrequently to GP, but when I do would perhaps want to discuss more than one issue, but never enough time i.e. 10 minute slot too short or too inflexible.

Ability to see specific doctors more quickly.

The out of hours service is dangerous.

Transport to attend.

Availability of appointments which then run to time.

Very happy with KMS surgery.

Adequate at present time.

Improved appointments system.

24/7 at least local clinic due to rural.

Currently very satisfactory.

Hospital & Out Patients

Market town shuttle bus.

York ok but a long way!

No A&E at Malton on a weekend?

Keep Malton, retain option of Friarage (Northallerton) for open hours.

Content with existing service.

Malton more service - York/Scarborough too far for emergency.

Liaison and information sharing with primary care.

I do not want to be allocated to Scarborough in an emergency - York or James Cook Please!!!!

It is important that Malton hospital minor injuries stays open.

Communication could be better.

Have to be taken to Malton Hospital for eye problems.

Keep Malton Open.

Keep services at Malton hospital.

Keep minor injuries unit open at Malton.

Difficulty getting to appointments regularly on the day especially in the Winter (roads etc).

Parking and cost even A & E.

Rarely use but waiting times an issue.

Physiotherapy/ occupational

Pickering Practice ok.

Barely exists, worthless in reality, mere box ticking.

They should be more willing to make home visits.

Not used.

Physiotherapy poor at Kirkbymoorside, so have had to pay privately for treatment. Will be unable to afford this when I retire.

Good.

Better access to physiotherapy, reduce waiting times.

Waiting lists too long.

Very happy with service at KMS Surgery.

Mobile Chiropodist and podiatry.

Satisfactory.

Transport from hospital

Regional hospital bus from market towns.

Not needed at the moment.

Will be a worry when we cannot drive.
Not used - own transport.
Without own car, those without family would have difficulty getting to hospital for treatment, or to visit spouse.
Better Transport.
Only by the help of a good friend.
Very difficult to arrange.
Information to what is available.
Taken by ambulance to Scarborough, York, Northallerton, Leeds - How to get back £120 taxi from Leeds.
Transport to Malton and Scarborough hospitals from the hospital to the village.

Transport from home

Regional hospital bus from market towns.
Not needed at the moment.
As above.
Not used - own transport.
See above.
Better Transport.
As above.
As above.
Information to what is available.
Transport a bus that goes to Malton and goes to the hospital.

Home Carers

More will be needed in a village with an ageing population.
Not used.
More time for appointments. Recognition of problems with travel times between clients in rural areas and strategies to deal with delays & failures to turn up, especially in times of bad weather.
No help required.
Better training for agency carers.
Difficult to arrange reasonable exact times and time allowed to do care. Transport problem in Winter.
More information needed.

Midwifery

Not used.
Malton services.