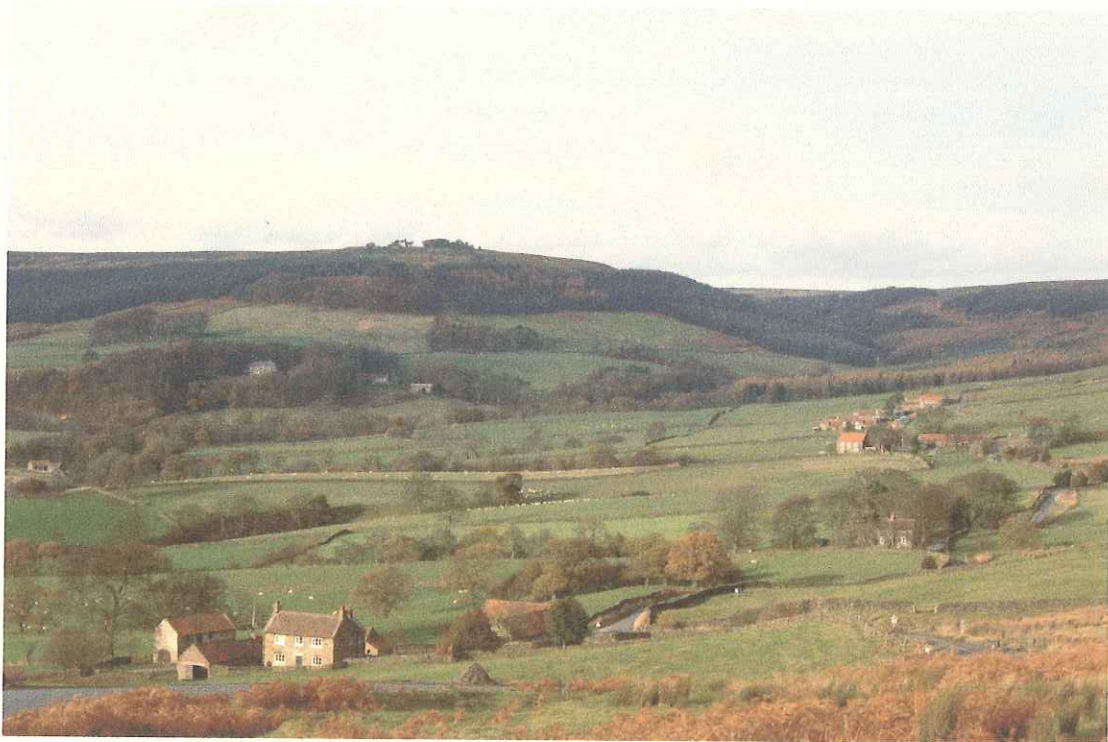


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**2003-2004**

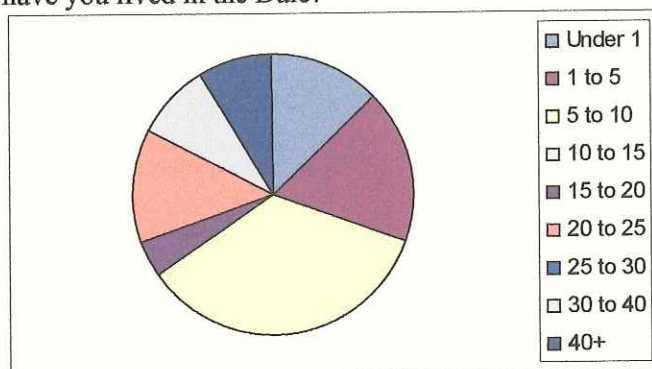


## Bransdale Parish Questionnaire Results

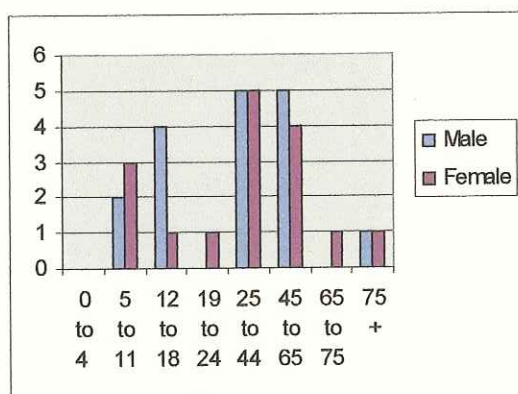
**39 Respondents** 65% of questionnaires sent out

### About you

How long have you lived in the Dale?



Please indicate your age group and gender



### 1. Housing in the Dale

**Have you any comments on housing, future development, the use of old buildings?**

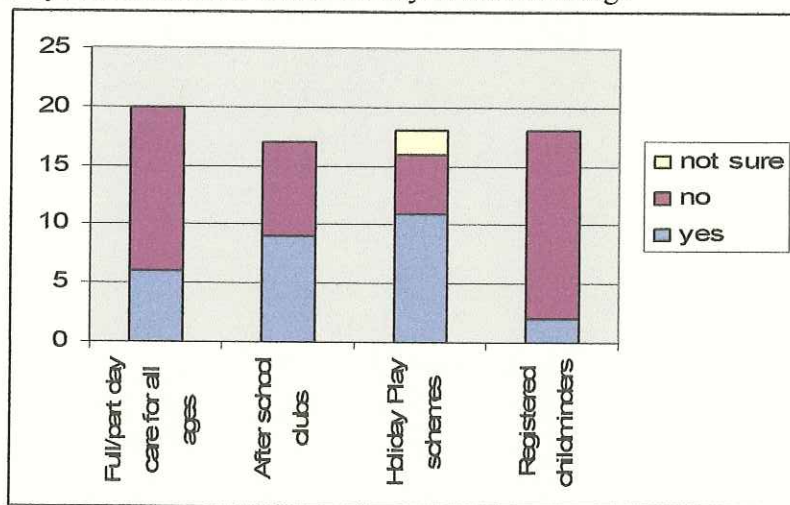
**Housing** – The overriding concern is that there should not be a proliferation of new residences/dwellings in the Dale and a number of responses indicated a wish that homes should be occupied full-time.

**Future Development** – It is recognised that the character of the Dale needs to be preserved, whilst maintaining viable businesses for residents, whether it be farming/tourism etc, however some respondents expressed concern over the construction of modern agricultural buildings in the Dale

**Use of Old Buildings** – Responses are equally split between those who support the conversion of redundant buildings for holiday homes/B&B's etc and those who support the preservation of old buildings for their original uses

## **2. People Care in the Dale**

Do you think there is a need for any of the following?



**Any comments or ideas on child care and play facilities in the Dale?**

A number of play/activity facilities have been suggested including adventure playground/climbing frame/football/basket ball facilities

It is also recognised that it is not only children's needs that should be met, but also the needs of other residents.

## **3. Health & Safety in the Dale**

**Do you have any concerns?**

A small number of comments were received covering a range of issues which include concerns associated with living in isolated areas, such as the response times to incidents/accidents. One suggestion to assist this would be a neighbour call-up system. A number of comments received relate to road & traffic safety and are reported under this heading.

## **4.Recreation in the Dale**

**Would you be interested in a combined sports, outdoor recreation area? Or any other recreation facilities. Please comment**

A number of suggestions have been made ranging from a recreation area to bike trails and re-instating the cricket field. It has been suggested that it would be good to get involved with Gillamoor/Fadmoor.

**Do you have any comments about footpaths/bridleways/cycle trails in the Dale?**

**Footpaths/bridleways & cycle trails in the Dale**

The main concern is the lack of paths/trails available in the Dale and those that are available need to be better maintained and signposted.

A number of respondents expressed a desire for a better network of permissive paths/cycle routes/bridleways for a variety of uses.



## 5. Leisure/Education in the Dale

Would you be interested in any of the following?

	Yes	No
Clubs (if yes please specify) Table tennis 1 Talks 1 Nature Club 2 Football 1 Cricket 1 Playground 1 Sports 3 Social 1 Art 1 Kid's Club 1	9	11
Evening classes (if yes please specify) Cooking 1 Computer 1 First Aid 1 French 1 DIY 1 Gardening 1	9 Maybe 1	12
Training/skills courses (if yes please specify) Joinery 1 Walling 1 Computer 4 DIY 1 Gardening 1	9	11
Fitness classes	6 Maybe 1	15

## 6. Bransdale past & present

Would you be interested in helping to collect & compile a living history of Bransdale?

Yes	No	Maybe
13	6	15

Would you be prepared to become involved in a working group to take this project forward?

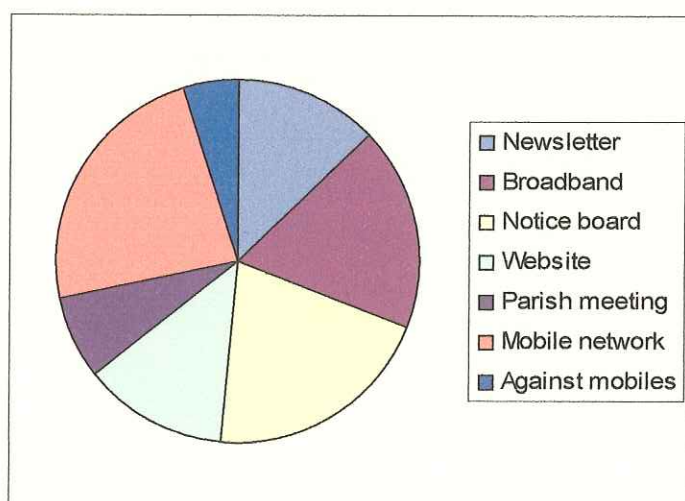
Yes	No	Maybe
7	10	15

## Communication in the Dale

Do you have any comments about communication in the Dale?

Eg; notice boards; parish meeting; newsletter; local paper; would you use a Bransdale website  
Broadband or a mobile phone network, if available?

Interest expressed in the various forms of communication.



## **8. Traffic & Road Safety in the Dale**

Do you have any comments to make on any of the following?

### **Road Warning Signs**

13 positive suggestions including: blind summits, mud on road, let local traffic past, children playing & livestock

### **Traffic Calming**

Respondents identify the need for measures such as sleeping policemen & speed limits but recognise it is difficult to enforce speed restrictions

### **Danger Spots**

A number of danger spots have been identified

### **Speed Restrictions**

See comment relating to traffic calming

### **Identification & Use of Passing Places**

11 identified a need, particularly for signs to encourage tourist traffic to allow local traffic past.

**Cattle Grids** – Do you think there is a requirement for additional cattle grids in the Dale?

Yes	No
22	13

If yes, where?

Location	No of respondents
Helmsley Moor Road	15
Lidmoor	2
Near main farms	2
Not stated	2

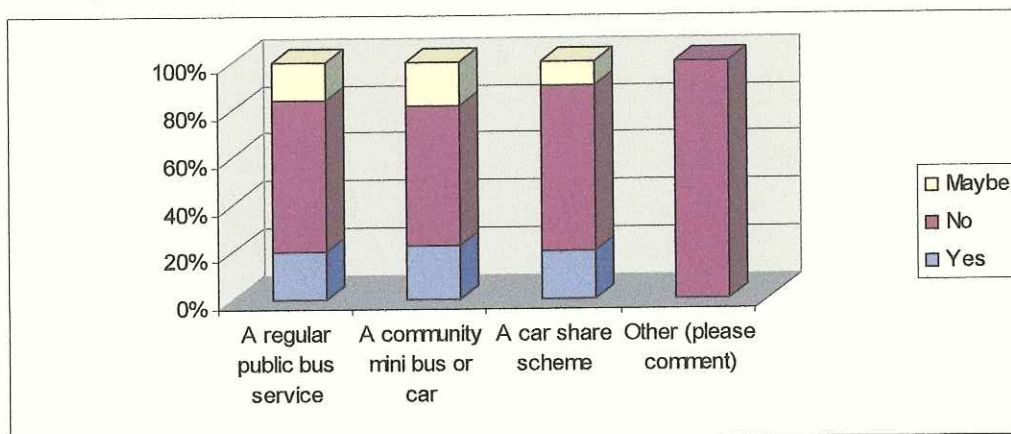
## **9. Transport in the Dale**

Do you experience any difficulties in getting to services outside the Dale?

Always	Sometimes	Never
0	11 <b>4 of these under 18</b>	11

The majority of difficulties experienced are associated with poor weather conditions, and some with slow moving vehicles.

Would you use any of the following?



## 10. Crime and Policing in the Dale

Have you been affected by crime in the Dale?

Yes	No
10	20

Are you happy with the quality and effectiveness of local policing?

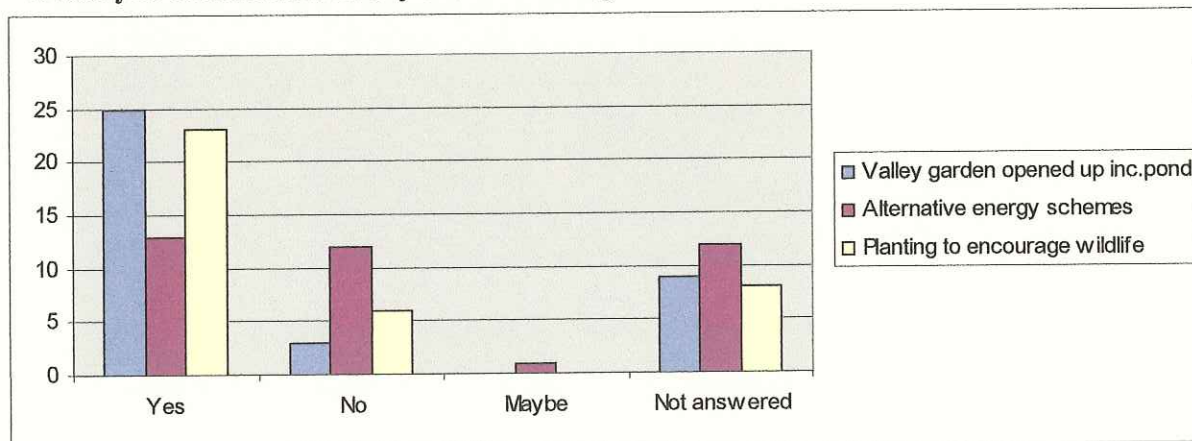
Yes	No
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Any other comments on crime & policing in the Dale?

Although the majority of respondents were satisfied with the quality & effectiveness of local policing a number of comments were made about the lack of visible policing in the Dale.

## 11. Conservation & Wildlife in the Dale

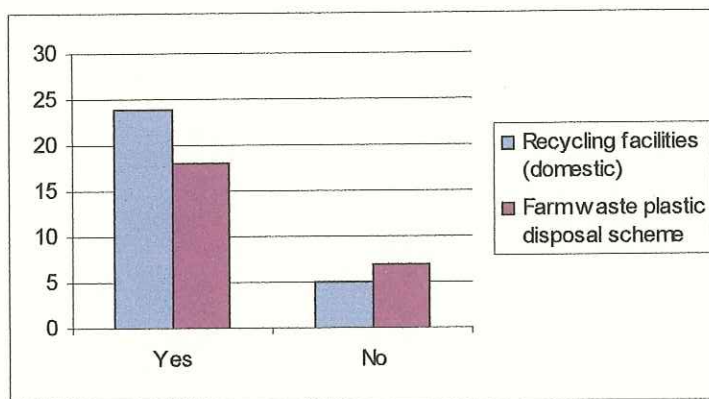
Would you be interested in any of the following?





## 12. Recycling & Waste Management in the Dale

Would you be interested in either of the following?



## 13. Bransdale Produce

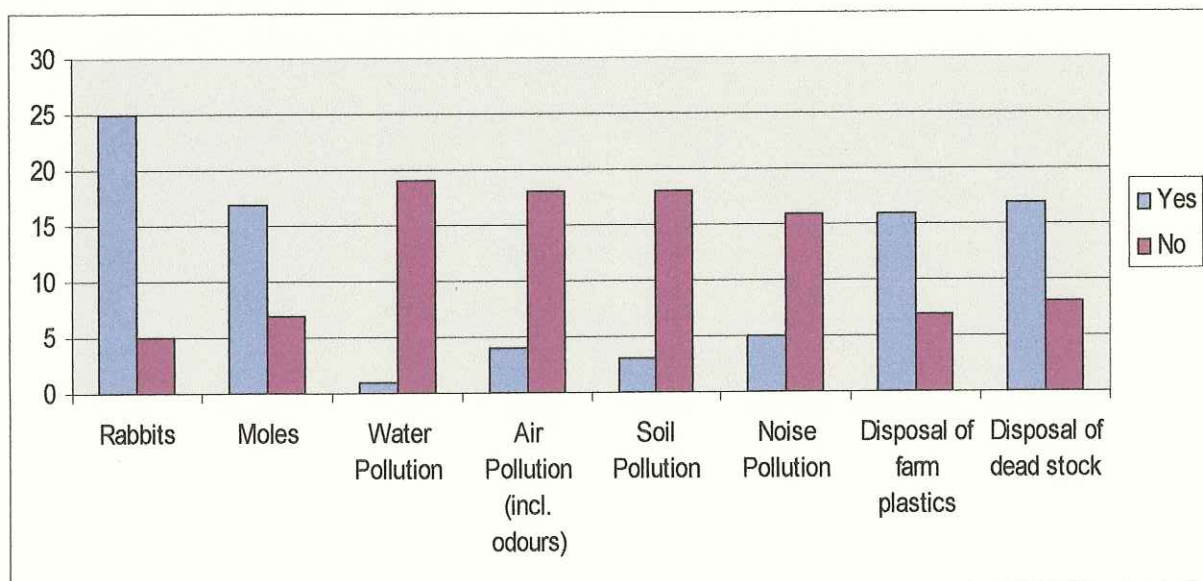
Would you be interested in developing a project to market Bransdale produce e.g crafts, meat, vegetables etc?



A number of positive suggestions were made including the idea of organising a small show next year and the suggestion that a local website could be used to promote local produce.

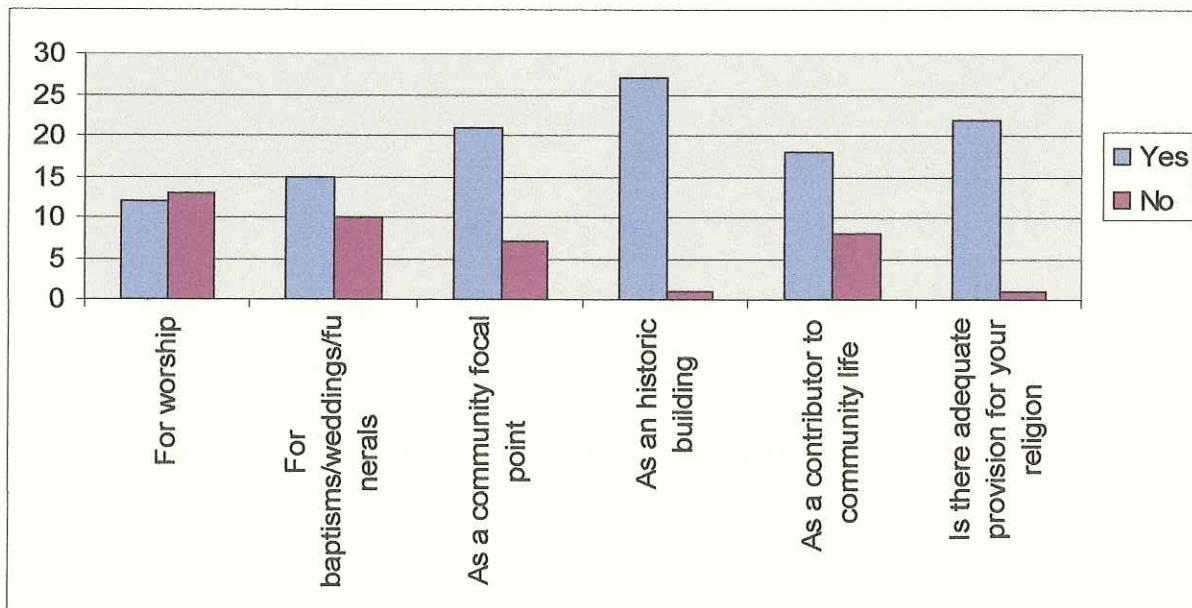
## 14. Environmental Problems in the Dale

Do you consider any of the following to be a problem in the Dale?

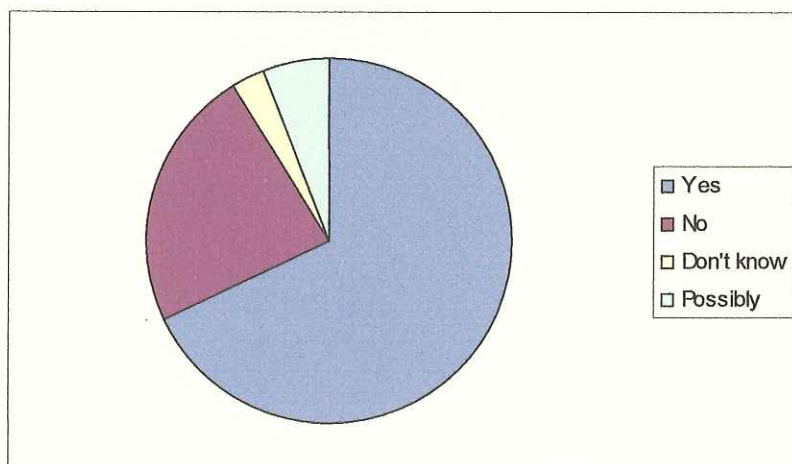


### 15. Community Facilities in the Dale

Is St Nicholas' Church important to you?

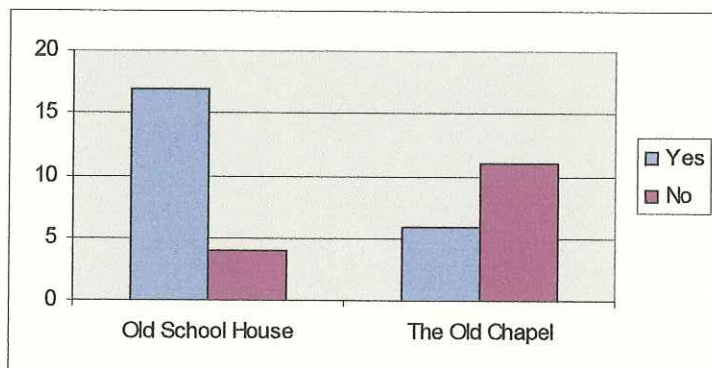


Do you think there is a need for a community hall in the Dale?





**If yes, would you like to see either of these buildings renovated to provide this facility for the Dale?**



**Or, would you like to see an entirely new community facility in the Dale?**

**Many not answered**

Yes	No
1	3

**What part do you think the various landlords in the parish have to play in the development of our community plan?**

**Role of Landlords in the Dale** – People appreciate that the landlords need to be onboard with the Parish Plan and should have an understanding of the needs of the Community

#### **16. Special Qualities of the Dale**

**What do you consider to be the special qualities of the Dale:-**

**In Landscape Terms** – All respondents highlight the outstanding natural beauty of the Dale; the peace & quiet; the isolation; the flora and fauna; the traditional buildings etc as being the special qualities of the Dale.

**In Community Terms** – Although it is recognised that there are issues within the community of the Dale, there is still a sense of community spirit that people would like to build on for the benefit of all residents.

**Do you have any additional ideas/suggestions/projects that you would like to see included in the Parish Plan?**

There have been a number of suggestions made that would increase community involvement, which could be taken forward by the Parish Plan.

**40. How should the results of the survey be made known?**

	Yes	No
By a public meeting	2	1
By an information sheet through every door	10	
Or both	17	1

<b>Leisure/education in the Dale</b>	Organise a range of activities to suit the interest of the residents	Residents, YRCC	Dependant on available premises	YRCC, COMMED		Objective 2	A significant number of residents expressed an interest in a range of classes/clubs etc
<b>Recreation in the Dale</b>	Consider opportunities for recreation/sports facilities as part of the overall community hall development	Residents, NT, NYMNP, YRCC	Not a priority	Residents, NT	Not known	Various sports funders incl. Lottery, RDC	54% expressed an interest in a combined sports/recreation area
	Arrange meeting with NYMNP Rangers Service to discuss improvements to PROW network	Residents, NT, NYMNP, other Landowners	ASAP. RT to contact NYMNP rangers	Residents, NYMNP	Not known	NYMNP, CA	A number of residents expressed concern over the lack of paths available in the Dale and those that exist need to be better maintained/signposted
	Discuss with NT possibility to develop network of permissive paths	Residents, NT, other landowners, FC, NYMNP	ASAP	Residents, landowners	Not known	NT, NYMNP, CA, FC, other landowners	A number of residents expressed a desire for a better network of permissive paths/cycle routes/bridleways in the Dale
<b>People Care in the Dale</b>	Consider possibility of holiday play schemes and after school clubs	Residents, Ryedale Child & Youth	Low-priority, dependant on venue	Residents	Not known	Ryedale Child & Youth, RDC, Local Network Fund	A number of residents recognise a need for a variety of child care options in the Dale
<b>Communication in the Dale</b>	Investigate possibility of Broadband for the Dale & also the development of a community website <i>Peter suggested satellite Broadband was available for min of 5 subscribers for approx £25/month/household</i>	Residents, YF, Service Providers	Dependant on providers	Residents	Not known	YF, Objective 2, Service Providers	A need for better communication opportunities has been identified
	Install new notice boards in the Dale <i>One board at Spout House; Bob to see one already made by Roy</i>	Residents, NT, NYMNP	Immediate	Residents, NT Tim to submit application to small grants	Moderate	Objective 2 Small grants fund	A need for an improved notice board facility has been identified
	Investigate possibility of introduction of mobile phone network in the Dale, principally for safety reasons. Visual & health issues need to be considered	Residents, NYMNP, Service Providers, YF, landowners		Residents	No installation costs for residents anticipated	Service Providers	A need for improved communication in the Dale has been identified, whilst recognising that the character of the Dale must not be compromised
	Ensure that the Parish Meeting continues, providing a democratic voice for the whole community	Residents	Ongoing	Residents	No cost	N/A	It is recognised that the Parish Meeting provides an important function for the whole community
	Discuss with NT possibility of expanding content of NT newsletter and widening distribution to cover the whole Dale <i>Agreed to except offer from Bob to use the present NT newsletter</i>	Residents, NT Bob to distribute NT newsletter to all Parish	Immediate	NT	Minimal	NT, Objective 2	The wider distribution of a community newsletter is recognised as an important form of communication



Heading	Action	Partners	Priority/ Timescale	Lead	Resource/ cost	Possible Funders	Evidence
Environmental problems in the Dale	Arrange meeting with Forestry Commission to discuss rabbit problem <b>Tim to discuss with Bill Walton of Forestry Comm.</b>	Residents, Estates, NT, FC	Meeting to be arranged asap	Tim, Bob – contacted FE	Not known		65% of residents consider rabbits to be a problem
	Consider solutions to the disposal of farm plastics <b>Peter contacted Econoplas of Scarborough who provide a farm plastic disposal service for farmers</b>	Farmers, NP applying thro sustainable dev fund for plastic collection	On-going	<b>Farmers</b> NYMNP	Approx £7 per tote bag collected or free if taken to Scarborough	DEFRA	41% of residents consider the disposal of farm plastics to be a problem
	Consider solutions to the disposal of dead stock i.e. incinerator in the dale	Farmers, DEFRA	Scheme starting in Autumn	Farmers	Not known	DERFA	44% of residents consider the disposal of dead stock to be a problem
Conservation & wildlife in the Dale	Restore the Valley Garden	NT, Residents		NT	Not known	LHI, REACT Fund, NT, BTCV	65% of residents would like to see the Valley Garden opened up
	Planting to encourage wildlife <b>Possibly by managing verges (except first 1.5metres) &amp; field corners and Church Banks (inc disables access to the Church)</b>	NT, Residents, NYMNP NYCC (draw-up long term plan)	<b>Approx 2 months to get plan together</b>	Bob & Residents <b>Set up working group</b>	Minimal	NT, NYMNP, BTCV	59% of residents expressed an interest in planting to encourage wildlife
Traffic & road safety in the Dale	Arrange meeting with Highways to discuss traffic & road safety issues <b>Regarding signs/blind summits etc, &amp; as matters arise</b>	Residents, NYCC Highways, NT	ASAP	Tim,	Not known	NYCC Highways	42 comments made on a variety of traffic & road safety issues
	Consider possibility of installation of off-set cattle grid on the Helmsley Moor Road <b>Find possible funding, contact NYMNP</b>	Residents, NYCC Highways, NYMNP (Michael Graham) NT		Tim	In excess of £30,000	NYCC Highways, CA, YF. Needs further investigation	57% of residents identified a need for additional cattle grids in the Dale. 39% highlighted this location
Recycling & waste management in the Dale	Consider options for domestic recycling in the Dale <b>RDC to start door-step collections early 2005</b>	RDC, Residents, NT	Scheme could be starting soon	MF to contact RDC	Minimal	RDC	59% of residents expressed an interest in a domestic recycling facility
Community facilities in the Dale	Arrange meeting for residents to discuss with NT options for community hall in Dale <b>Peter to get tenders for feasibility study for Old School House</b>	NT, Residents NYMNP YRCC	Meeting arranged for 10/11 Jan 04	Bob MF Residents	Not known as yet <b>100% grant from Obj 2 small grants</b>	Various incl. Lottery Fund, NYCC, DEFRA Obj 2 Small grants fund for a feasibility study	67% of residents consider there is a need for a community hall in the Dale



and add extra articles, and distribute to the whole parish							
Bransdale Past & Present	Establish a working group to develop the idea of the Bransdale Past & Present Project	Residents	Dependant on venue	Residents	Minimal - moderate	LHI, REACT, Objective 2	72% of residents have shown an interest in this project and 57% would consider being involved in a working group to take this project forward
Bransdale Produce	Investigate the possibility of developing a Bransdale Produce project	Residents		Residents	Minimal - moderate	Needs investigating	70% showed an interest in developing a project to market Bransdale Produce eg crafts, meat, vegetables etc.
Health & Safety in the Dale	Investigate possibility of developing a neighbourhood call up system	Residents, Primary Care Trust?		Residents	Minimal	Primary Care Trust?	There were some concerns expressed concerning the problems associated with living in isolated areas i.e. response times to incidents/accidents
Transport in the Dale	Consider the possibility of developing a community transport scheme & investigate further the transport needs within the Dale	Residents, NYCC, NYMNP		Residents	Not known	Objective 2	A small but significant proportion of residents highlighted this a problem in the Dale

**Key:** NT – National Trust

NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council

GK – Game Keepers

YRCC – Yorkshire Rural Community Council

LHI – Local Heritage Intuitive

NYMNP – North York Moors National Park  
DEFRA. Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs  
RDC – Ryedale District Council  
YF – Yorkshire Forward  
REACT – Ryedale

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