

# Sherburn

A WORKING RURAL VILLAGE



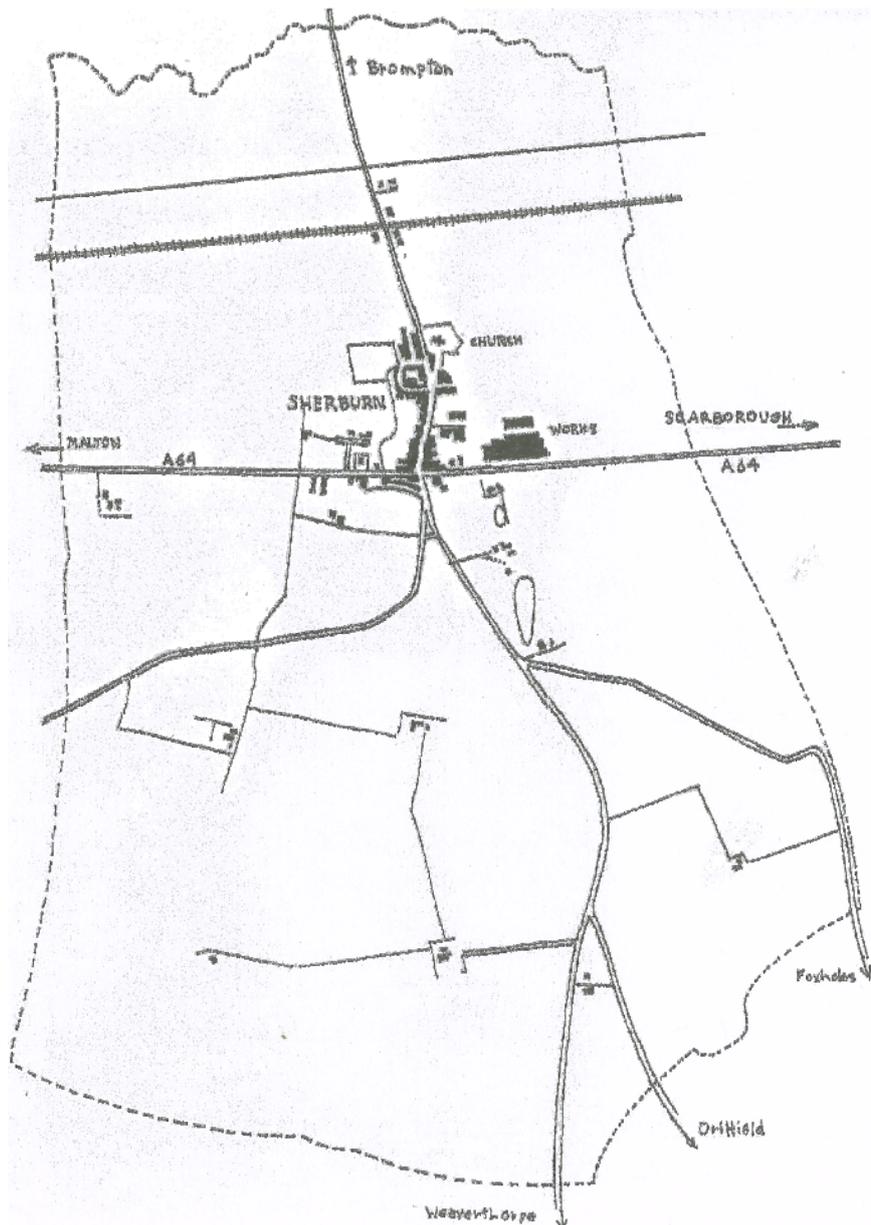
## Parish Plan 2009



# Where We Are



Sherburn Village





*Sherburn to Weaverthorpe Road*

*St Hilda's Street looking North and Atlas Ward's Manufacturing Facility*

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# Foreword



*St Hilda's Street*



*Sherburn Forge, formerly Sherburn Brewery*

The purpose of a Parish Plan is to represent the community's views and propose a way forward to address its concerns and aspirations.

Our Parish Plan has been funded by the Rural Social and Community Programme and the Ryedale Local Strategic Partnership. It has been supported by Yorkshire Rural Community Council with advice from their Development Officer, Mrs Maggie Farey. Sherburn Parish Council has also offered its full support to the project.

The Parish Plan Project has been led by a group of people volunteering from Sherburn community following an open day in May 2008. The open day was the launch of the Parish Plan and attracted over 60 interested individuals of all ages.

The Parish Plan Steering Group was jointly chaired by Mr Shaun Flinton and Mr Simon Cousins. The next stage of the project was to design a questionnaire, for households, young people and the children of the village.

The household questionnaire was delivered to the 360 properties in the parish, with the youth questionnaires. The children's questionnaire, designed by members of Sherburn School Council, was delivered via the children to complete with their parents at home.

The return rate was excellent, with 70% of households completing the main questionnaire; 49% returning the young person's questionnaire and 63% returning the Sherburn School children's questionnaire.

This document outlines the findings from the returned questionnaires, and some of the proposed actions to bring about change.

# Sherburn - Its People



Church Restoration Memorial

Darts & Domino Team in the 1950's

In terms of the age mix of the population, Sherburn has some important factors related to its long term future. 52% are in full time employment, a further 17% work part time, and 12% are self employed. Among the working population, 45% are men and 55% are women.

Of the children and young people, 76% are in full time education and 24% are in part time education.

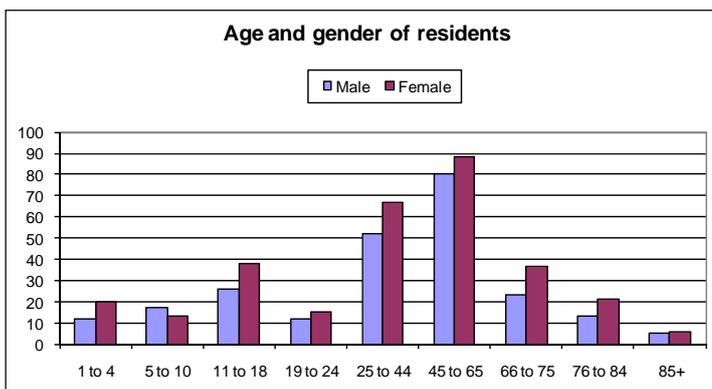
The viability of facilities within the village rely heavily on Sherburn being seen as a vibrant village of working people, who could attract young and growing families to secure its future.

When asked whether the size and population of the village should be maintained, many people recognise the link with maintaining service and facilities such as shops and the school. However, comments were mixed with concerns about the size of developments being built, and the involvement and integration of new people into village life.

## Some comments:-

“Expansion of the village would have a positive effect”

“Facilities would disappear if the population declined”



## Actions

1. Sherburn Parish Council should respond to planning applications in a positive manner, but ensure developments address community facilities and that concentration of new build projects do not become isolationist by their size.
2. Ryedale District Council, when considering further housing development within the village, should access the impact of this on current village facilities and services.

# A Brief History



## Sherburn Historical Sites

Sherburn people depended on agriculture for their livelihood until Wards factory was founded in 1949. Several farms were served by three mills, two S-E of the village powered by the East Beck and one in Mill Field powered by wind. Manor Farm, S-E of the cross roads, was built in 1850 on the site of the Manor House. A plaque bears that date and the initials of Marmaduke Langley, whose family owned most of Sherburn from c1750-1857 when The Rt Hon Mary Isabel Viscountess Downe of Wykeham became part owner, followed by her successors to the end of Victoria's reign. In 1957, the remains of a 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>C Manor were discovered south of the school. Sir Robert de Everingham was Lord of the Manor in the 13<sup>th</sup>C when King Edward ordered regular checks on Crown Land and on 7 August 1287, at a village Court hearing, William de Sherburn, Robert Fornel, Adam de Duggleby, Reginald de Mennil, Robert de Langtoft and others swore on oath *they held nothing of the King*. Sir William Constable was Lord of the Manor during the 15<sup>th</sup>C.

Until the 1920's, most homes were 2, 3 or 4 roomed cottages which were often damp and unfit for habitation, causing frequent epidemic illnesses. From 1840-1920, the Court Langley No 784 Ancient Order of the Foresters Friendly Society helped poor people in times of sickness and death. Victorian dwellings include Pasture House (St Hilda's St South), Westbourne House (opp village hall), Blanche Villa (opp East Riding) and Burnside (once Roseville) on High St has always been the doctor's home. The small building on its N-W corner was the surgery until the 1980's when a house built for the district nurse was converted into today's surgery. During the 1920's, Sherburn RDC provided 12 houses opposite today's surgery, 8 on Vicarage Lane and 24 on Springfield Terrace. During the 1930's, Nos 1-20 Church View were built and let for 3/- (15p)/week, Nos 29-40 were built just after the war during a shortage of bricks, and Nos 21-28 in the 1950's. West Garth's council houses, pensioners' bungalows and the private bungalows opposite the church were built in the 1960's. The demolition of Elm Tree Farm in the 1970's made way for Elm Grove and St Hilda's Farm opposite the school was knocked down in the 1980's. Vicarage Farm Close recently replaced a derelict hostel built for WW2 land army girls.

Farmers and cottagers brewed their own beer until c1820, when William and George Ravis began brewing on Pigeon Pie premises. Around 1840, Matthew Ravis of Wykeham, converted buildings alongside the West Beck into the East Riding Brewery. In 1857 Ravis sold the brewery to James Kirk of Leeds and Sherburn Ales became famous throughout Yorkshire and beyond. The brewery closed in 1923 and stood empty for several years. It was subsequently bought and used by Cundalls, farmers, to store corn and breed pigs and then from 1970's to mid-1980's it was head office of Wells Cundalls' estate agents/auctioneers. Sherburn had two pubs, The Pigeon Pie N-W of the cross roads was in business from c1820 to mid-1990's and the East Riding Hotel (once the New Inn) has served since c1840.

# A Brief History (cont'd)



War Memorial Plaque



Methodist Church

Until the late 1940's, village businesses included grocers, butchers, bakers, tailors, dressmakers, cobblers/boot/shoe makers, carpenters, blacksmiths, carriers and cycle repair shops. The Post Office, established c1870, has been a grocer's from the 1700's and Central Stores since the early 1900's. The first steam train passed through Sherburn Station on 7 July 1845, but because of the other Sherburns, the name was changed to Wykeham Lane. This caused confusion with Wykeham across the valley so in 1882 the name was changed yet again, to Weaverthorpe. Sherburn's garage opened in the 1920's, the fire brigade was formed in the 1930's and in 1932, a new water main served by natural Wolds springs, enabled communal taps to replace old pumps. By the 1950's, most homes had running water and electricity and by 1960's all homes had water toilets.

The Church, named after St Hilda, Abbess of Whitby (6thC) dates back to Norman times. The 1086 Domesday Book says Sherburn had a Church and Thomas de Nesson was priest in 1280. An earlier church may have stood between today's building and an ancient Anglo-Saxon Cemetery discovered in 1866 on the banks of the East Beck nearby. In 1857, more seats were added when England was experiencing Christian revival and in 1859, five stained glass windows were fitted, one in the chancel showing the institution of the Blessed Sacrament presented by Mary Ravis of Wykeham. In 1873, William Ravis, her brother, fitted another chancel in her memory, depicting scenes from the life of Christ. Sir Tatton Sykes of Sledmere (1825-1913) paid for restoration work from 1909-12 when the present village hall was built as a temporary place of worship. The cross at the junction of St Hilda's Street with Vicarage Lane commemorates that event. The Wensleyan Methodist Chapel was built in 1813. A primitive Methodist Chapel, demolished in the 1950's was built S-E of the cross roads after 1811 when Primitive Methodism was founded by Hugh Bourne after he was expelled from Wesleyan Methodism.

Sherburn had no school in 1737 but by 1774, records reveal there was some form of education and in 1857 there was a boarding school for young gentlemen possibly on the site of today's school built in 1893. Sherburn Brass Band was formed in 1880 and in the late 1800's/early 1900's, sports clubs included Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Bowling, Hockey and Rifle.

Sherburn Parish Council was formed in 1894. In 1891, 688 parishioners occupied 139 homes (4.95 per dwelling) and in 2005, 710 parishioners occupied 333 homes (2.13 per dwelling).

# Community & Involvement



*Playground Opening and Ceramic Plaque Sherburn School*

*VE Day Celebration 1995*

The majority of residents get their information regarding village events and services from the local shops and the notice boards in the village. When asked if the village needs a general notice board, 68% of residents agreed. The parish newsletter and the local newspapers are also considered to be a useful resource, and many appreciated the 'mail drop'.

Although less relied upon for community information, the Church magazine, village meetings and local activities were also considered to be a useful source of information for many. A few residents also stated that they got their information by 'word of mouth' and the village school.

Almost two-thirds of households who answered have access to the internet. There was support for the introduction of a village website from 43% of respondents stating that Sherburn would benefit. However 21% disagreed and 36% were undecided.

A significant number of households (44%) currently do not get involved in any village activity. Of the 54% who do participate, 22% are involved in one or more activity with a further 26% involved in two or three and 8% in four or more.

The Village Hall, Village School, Playing Field and Children's Play area were all considered to be of great benefit to the community. These were closely followed by the Church and Chapel and then the Children's Play Group.

The majority of households stated they would not use a pre-school nursery, but a significant number of 55 said they would, with a further 35 stating they did not know, and only 5 saying the question was not applicable to their household.

There was strong support for the outdoor Portacabin-style classrooms at Sherburn School to be replaced with a brick building linked internally to the main school. 69% of respondents either strongly agreed or agreed with this, 28% had no opinion and 3% disagreed.

The most used and appreciated village facilities were the Doctor's surgery, which is used by 243 households, followed by the village shops with 231 users, closely followed by the Post Office services (222). Although many of the other facilities were used less, they were still valued by many and this included the Fish & Chip shop (134) and Village Hall (116) and the Pub (102). Not surprisingly the same three, the Doctor's surgery, village shops and post office services would cause the most concern if they closed or ceased to be available.

# Community & Involvement cont'd



VE Day Celebration 1995

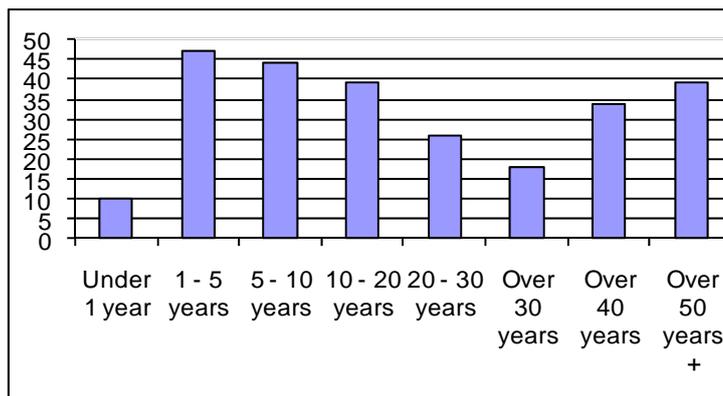
Youth Club and Village Noticeboard

It was interesting to note that more households would be concerned about the loss of the village telephone box and the Toddler group than actually use them.

There were a number of suggestions for additional retail services and facilities in Sherburn, including a butchers shop, a cash point facility, a bakery, a petrol station, hairdressers and a takeaway food outlet.

A large number of respondents (84%) said they would like to receive a monthly newsletter. However, to make this possible, there would need to be a group of volunteers to help with the collection of articles and distribution of the newsletter, and either a sponsor or funding would need to be found to cover the cost of production.

The introduction of a mains gas supply in Sherburn is supported by just over half the 245 households who responded to this question.



## Actions

1. The Parish Council should site a new community notice board in Sherburn.
2. The Parish Council has commissioned a website for the parish which will publish all matters relating to the Parish Council business. ([www.sherburnparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.sherburnparishcouncil.org.uk))
3. The Parish Council are exploring the setting up and finding funding sources for a Parish Newsletter. A volunteer for editorship would be welcomed.
4. Residents are asked to join in Clubs, playing field events and other activities to help foster community cohesion.
5. The Parish Council should write to the gas supplier to ascertain the likelihood of a pipeline being developed this side of the Vale of Pickering.
6. Sherburn C of E School has bid for replacement classrooms for 2011/12 and has a capital development in the early stages to improve facilities for meeting with parents.

*How long have you lived in the village?*

# Housing



*The Old Prisoner of War Camp*

Within the questionnaire returns, 46% of households own their property outright and a further 28% are in the process of purchasing their homes. A further 26% indicated households in rented accommodation.

Overall 91% are happy with their life in the village. This is further reinforced by the 77% who have lived in the village for more than five years, and 45% of these individuals have been in the village between twenty and 50 years.

Sixty four people are considering leaving the village within the next five years. However, only six (10%) indicated that they can't access appropriate housing. A further seven individuals have left the village in the last five years because of a lack of suitable housing. This is a concern for the village in that these individuals or families could be supporting the sustainability of the village.

A Housing Needs Survey, carried out in July 2007, showed that the need for social rented accommodation has more than doubled in Ryedale since 2002: the greatest need being for two and three bedroomed houses. In Sherburn Parish it showed a shortfall of nineteen affordable homes over the next five years, but only seven of these were needed by people without an existing home. Most were needed by growing families.

The majority of responses to the questionnaire believed that local people should be given preference when housing association rented accommodation becomes available.



*Vicarage Farm Close on the former Prisoner of War Camp*

Second homes and holiday lets are very few in Sherburn and don't appear to distort the local housing needs.

New housing developments must now include a percentage of affordable housing. With the present financial climate, it may be there is more opportunity for houses to be purchased that come onto the market to provide that increase in rented properties.

The needs of senior citizens were addressed in the questionnaire, three individuals indicated a need for sheltered housing in the next three to five years. There is pressure to allow building outside the village development envelope to meet demand for extra housing. This is not supported by the Parish Council at present.

## **Actions**

- 1. The Parish Council should take into account the housing needs of its local population when reviewing planning applications.**
- 2. The Parish Council should work with the Ryedale Housing Enabler to identify what type of housing is required.**
- 3. The Parish Council should liaise with Ryedale Housing Association to ensure they understand the results of the Housing Needs Survey and the views of parishioners.**
- 4. Ryedale Housing Association should ensure that households know how to register for social housing and how they can be informed of vacant properties to let.**

# Sport & Leisure



*Youth Club Activities*

The present Playing Field committee was formed in 2001. The initial plan was to renew the play area which had fallen into a dangerous state, then to build a new sports pavilion. In 2003, the committee were approached by Ward's Sports & Social Club to re-site the clubhouse and bowling green into the playing field and purchase extra land to accommodate this. This was agreed and plans were drawn for a new clubhouse.

Following an archaeological survey, an extra three acres of land was purchased. The existing banks were levelled and a new play area created at a cost of around £35,000. The tractor shed was relocated and the new land worked and re-seeded to provide a second football pitch.

The committee are now awaiting quotes for the new clubhouse in order to apply for grant funding. Hopefully the play area will be extended to provide a roundabout and a rocking rocket. It is also planned to install a Multi-Use Games Area to accommodate tennis, netball, basketball and 5-a-side football.

When asked if any members of the household were involved in local sports, only 15% of the 236 who responded said yes. The large majority of households (85%) are not currently involved in local sport. The reason for this high number could be down to the lack of football teams in the village and the loss of Ward's Sports & Social Club which had a Bowls Club, which catered for all age groups.

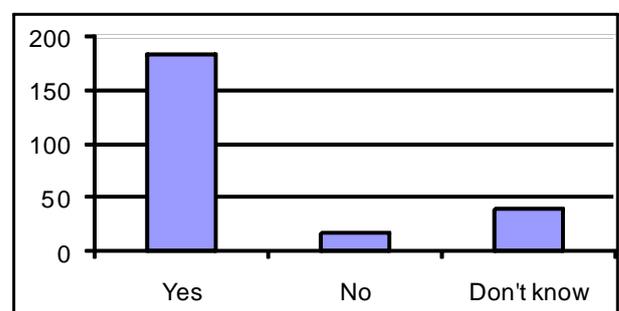
*Sherburn Cricket Club*

There was a high response rate to the question regarding the plans to build a new sports clubhouse on Sherburn Playing Field. Nearly every household answered this question and 77% said they are in favour of the plans. However 16% are undecided and only 7% are against.

When asked about the facilities they would like to see in the new clubhouse, all the proposed ones are supported. Additional facilities will also include a youth room and outside toilets for use by families using the play area.

## Actions

1. **The Playing Field Committee is to bid for funding and pursue the building of the new clubhouse (plans on display in the village hall).**
2. **The Playing Field Committee should bid for funding to increase the play area, and the provision of a Multi-Use Play Area.**
3. **Residents are encouraged to use the playing field regularly, and support the two village cricket teams (Cricket Secretary; Mr Steve Walker), and the new football team.**



**Who is in favour of building a new sports clubhouse?**

# Young People - Four to Eleven Years



*Opening of the Children's Play Area*

*Youth Club Activities*

Of the 38 questionnaires sent out to children aged from four to eleven years, there was an excellent return of 66%. Children were helped by their parents as needed. In this group of children, the bias was towards a male view as there were fifteen male and nine female returns. The greatest number of children were seven or eight years old.

The questionnaire was developed with the children of Sherburn Church of England Primary School, with the Pupil Council which had a representative from each age group. As with the older children in the village, they focused on activities and amenities, but this group of children also commented on traffic issues within the village.

**Activities:-** There was very strong support for a youth club available at least once a week if not twice, but they did indicate age separation from the over eleven year olds, showing they were thinking about their future needs.

School clubs were supported by two thirds of the children, focusing on exercise and music. Other activities such as swimming were supported through using school facilities outside Sherburn. The breakfast club is also a very successful, well-used resource that the school provides.

Activities that the children would like to see supported were 'organised games', football, computer, table tennis and dance/exercise. The organised games is interesting as there has been very good support for the North Yorkshire Holiday Activity events held on the playing field. The girls did indicate that they felt the sports already catered for ie. cricket, golf and football, were for boys. Their comment, "we need something for girls", was perhaps valid.

**Traffic:-** The children's council wanted questions on traffic issues, 88% thought traffic travelled too fast through the village. The suggestions for dealing with this included speed cameras, better speed bumps and flashing speed signs. Traffic was mentioned again by 25% of children, when asked what they disliked about the village, so this is obviously a real concern for young children. Bullying by older children on the playing field was mentioned.

**What the children like about their village:-** This was uplifting reading, "feeling safe when out", "everyone looks after you", "lots of friends", "having the playing field" made up most of the comments. The children would like to see an enlargement of the children's play area on the playing field.

# Young People - Twelve to Eighteen Years



*Modern Young People*

*Sherburn Football Club c1940's*

A total of 38 young people returned the questionnaire, an excellent return from the youth of the village, giving their views on what it is like for the younger generation living in a semi rural community. The views may be biased toward females as there were 14 male and 24 female returns. It is not known if this is the demographic gender balance of the group or the fact that more females took the time to fill in the questionnaire. The age range was fairly well spread with a slightly higher level of 15/16 year olds. 76% of the young people who returned questionnaires have lived in the village all their lives.

**Youth Activities:** - The questionnaire for this age group focuses on activities and amenities. The information given by these young people may not be surprising. Statistics give a clear indication that the lack of sporting and cultural activities in rural areas lead to less active pastimes. The following pastimes were by far the most common activities; hanging out with friends, play stations, TV and the Internet. It is clear from the questionnaire that many of the sports activities that are participated in are not available in the village, the most prominent ones being swimming, clay pigeon shooting, dance and gymnastics. The numbers that indicated they were interested in sports, but did not currently participate and would if they could, was a high proportion, which could suggest that transport or parental assistance may be a factor. There was also an indication of strong interest in country activities such as Young Farmers, horse riding and clay pigeon shooting as well as football and cricket, which have traditionally been the main sports activities in Sherburn.

**Village Amenities:-** There was strong support from the youth of Sherburn for some of the existing amenities such as the bus service and shelters and also the playing field. Surprisingly, there was a high level of support for the surrounding countryside and walks.

**Village Safety:-** It was extremely reassuring to find the vast majority of the youth of Sherburn feel safe when walking and cycling in their village by day and night. This will not be the case in many other towns and communities, and particularly in large cities.

**The Future:-** Two activities with strong support from the youth of Sherburn, which it may be able to accommodate in the future, are tennis and a youth club. There also appears to be support for dance, aerobics and gymnastics. It should also be able to contact sports clubs in the local towns and advise them that there is interest in certain sports by the youth of Sherburn and ask them to post a recruitment advert in the village. The main club activities where interest was shown, but not currently catered for, are Army/Air/Sea Cadets, Young Farmers and horse riding. 22 young people in Sherburn supported the idea of a Youth Parish Council and 13 were interested in membership. Of the 38 respondents, 27 are currently at secondary school, 7 at 6<sup>th</sup> Form or in further education, with a further 4 in either part or full time employment.

# Young People - Actions



Children of Sherburn Primary School



Sherburn Ceramic Plaque

The production of a village plaque by Sherburn Primary School is part of the community engagement of the Parish Plan and was delivered by Angela Hall of Rural Arts North Yorkshire (RANY) and funded by the Ryedale Parish Planning budget and Ryedale District Council.

The pupils, their families, village organisations and businesses all helped to design and make over 70 individual ceramic plaques. These depicted well known landmarks in and around Sherburn as well as community groups such as the local cricket club, Church, Chapel and Village Hall. Many of the local business also sent a representative to the school to make a plaque. The pupils made plaques that represented their family and, in many cases, their pets were included.

A series of three 'all-day' sessions were held at the school to design, make and paint each of the plaques. The plaque can be viewed on the external wall of Sherburn Church of England School.

## Actions for Young People Aged Four to Eleven

1. A youth club has been started within the village, run by parents and members of the Playing Field Committee.
2. The Playing Field Committee will approach the Ryedale Summer Play Schemes to repeat the Play Ranger days during the summer holidays.
3. Speed cameras are being trialled within the 20mps zone during the summer. NYCC Fire & Rescue team will report on its effectiveness to the Parish Council in the Autumn.

## Actions for Young People Aged Twelve to Eighteen

1. The Playing Field Committee have redesigned the Multi-Use Games Area to include facilities for a tennis court.
2. Youth Club for older children is now up and running with parental support.
3. The Parish Council to explore the option of a Parish Council or a number of councillors to be recruited from the youth of the village by 2010.

# Adult Education



The Village Hall

When asked if they would be interested in undertaking an Adult Education course if it were available in the village, 35% of respondents said yes and 32% no, with a significant 33% being undecided. A majority would prefer them to be run on weekday evenings.

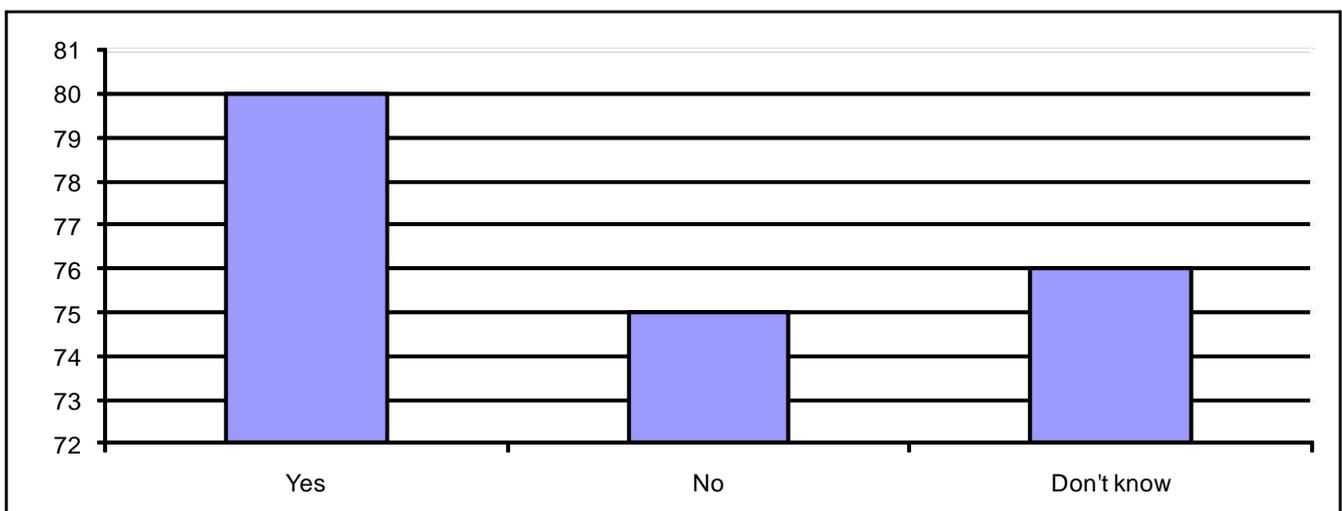
There was a wide spread of areas of interest expressed, the most popular proving to be computer skills, foreign languages and history. Other subjects ranged from gardening, arts and crafts and local geology to car mechanics and various DIY skills.

Almost three quarters of households supported the idea of providing First Aid training in the village.

## Actions

1. The Parish Council to recommend potential adult learning courses to North Yorkshire Learning Committee, to be provided in the village hall.
2. The Parish Council to contact St John's Ambulance Service, with regard to providing a first aid course for residents.
3. Residents to inform the Parish Clerk of their interest in adult learning, so they may be contacted when courses become available (also check the notice boards).

**Would you undertake a course in Adult Education if it were on offer in the village?**



# Local Economy



*Ward Bros*



*Modern Combine Harvester*

The local economy is extremely diverse, but is dominated by the size of two companies on the Ward's site, that is Atlas Ward and Kingspan. The overwhelming majority of respondents (88%) felt that these two companies had a positive effect on the community, and even more agreed that they benefitted other local businesses.

When asked whether these large companies contributed to funding local amenities, the greater majority did not know whilst a quarter of respondents said they did contribute. As the overall view is positive regarding Atlas Ward and Kingspan's presence in Sherburn, it could be further enhanced if they communicated through the local media.

70% of respondents raised concerns regarding Kingspan and Atlas Ward and the entrance for heavy goods vehicles and shift change traffic. There is a strong desire that the entrance to this industrial site should be from the A64 rather than St Hilda's Street. As to the shift change traffic, many vehicles pass through the village on the Brompton Road, so this would need further exploration.

Within the village population there are a great many self-employed tradespeople, including builders, joiners, plumbers, electricians and hairdressers. If residents were fully aware of this extensive service list, then most required services could be provided within the community.

The main-stay of the village is its local shops, post office, fish and chip shop and public house which are highly valued by all residents and would cause great concern if they closed.

## **Actions**

- 1. Kingspan and Atlas Ward could contribute to a village newsletter, or communicate with the Parish Council and their website to publish their contributions to the community.**
- 2. Local tradespeople could advertise on a general notice board or agree to a list of their services being published in some form for local residents - Parish Council to write to individuals.**
- 3. Sherburn Parish Council should continue to be informed regarding the long term fate of the community "post office" service.**

# Local Environment & Amenities



St Hilda's Doctor's Surgery



Telephone Box

The countryside and open spaces in and around Sherburn are of great importance to local residents.

There were issues that residents felt have an adverse effect on village life and the appearance of the village. The three foremost areas of concern were dog fouling, litter and the condition of the local roads and footpaths.

Nearly all households gave a response when asked if more should be done to enhance the local environment by encouraging sensitive care of existing trees and the planting of new trees and shrubs on verges. A significant majority (79%) were in favour of this.

Over half of respondents (54%), agreed that a village green or duck pond would enhance the village environment, 18% disagreed and 28% had no opinion.

A majority of residents (68%) were of the opinion that additional, official field footpaths and rights of way would be an advantage to local people and visitors.

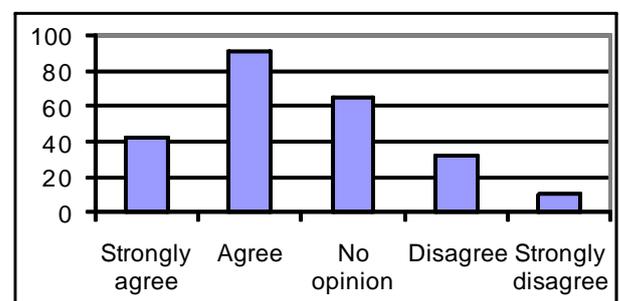
A resounding 88% of all respondents thought that the existing public footpaths were in need of continuing attention and maintenance and should be clearly signposted.

Of the 247 respondents to the question of whether provision should be made for off road cycling around the village, 47% were in agreement, 18% disagreed and a significant 35% were of no opinion.

## Actions

1. The identification of a site for a village duck pond is required (contact Mr Shaun Flinton).
2. The Parish Council should identify public footpaths and the quality of signage, and liaise with NYCC Footpaths Officer.
3. The Parish Council should explore the common use of paths around the village and explore the issue of formal designation as public rights of way through official channels.
4. The Community Dog Warden will take action against owners of dogs who foul the public footpaths and public areas, but does require information from the public.
5. All residents are requested to use the litter bins through the Village.
6. The Parish Council should explore the provision of cycling paths within the village. They already exist along the A64, but should be improved by the Highways Agency.

*Would a village green or duck pond enhance the village environment?*



# Community Safety & Security



Fire Rescue

Fire & Rescue Team

The residents of Sherburn, 71% of respondents, do not believe that crime is a problem and only a small number raised concerns. Sherburn has an active community liaison police officer who has responded sensitively and positively with regard to concerns raised by residents.

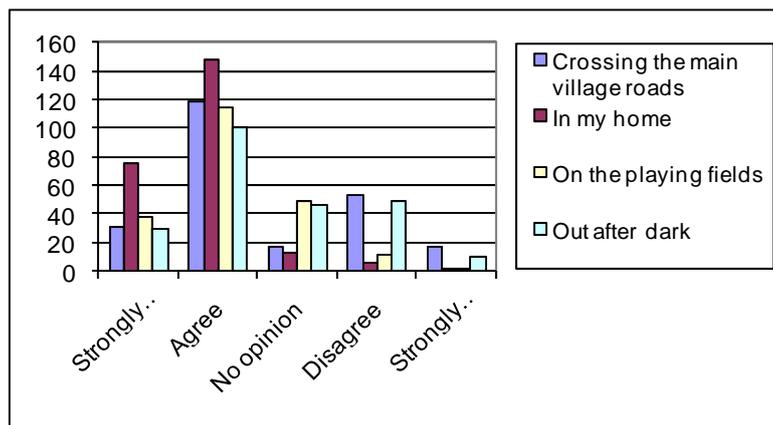
Although the majority of residences did not believe crime was a problem, they did clearly state that crime prevention should be a high priority, and there was support for neighbourhood watch type of initiatives. There is regular police liaison meetings held within the local vicinity, and the local police team are advertised in the local shops.

On the issue of feeling safe, various areas were covered, including being out after dark with 68% stating they did feel safe in Sherburn, however 31% said they did not. The majority, 91%, felt safe within their own homes.

In other community situations, the vast majority felt safe on the playing field, a public area with adjoining public footpaths used by residents for leisure, and the surrounding paths for dog walking.

On road safety, the concern was crossing the main village roads, and the replies showed 25% of residents do feel unsafe when crossing the road due to traffic.

## I feel safe when:-



## Actions

1. Leaflets to all households with names and contact details of the local police team and community officers. This could include advice on what calls should be routed to which level of service.
2. A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is being explored by the Parish Council and the Community Police Officer.
3. Local crime/public nuisance should be reported to Andrew Burkenshaw or Andy Grant on 0845 60 60 247.

# Transport & Access



A64 Trunk Road through Sherburn

88% of households in Sherburn have their own transport for personal journeys, although of all who replied to the questionnaire, 75% said a bus service is important or essential, with only 25% saying they never travel by bus.

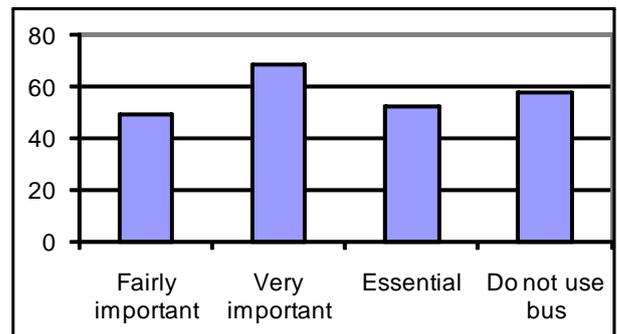
36% of respondents say they use the bus service for shopping to both Malton and Scarborough, and 27% travel on the bus to utilise leisure activities.

Residents have commented they would like to see an improved service to both Malton and Scarborough with a later service running, especially at weekends and a direct service to Pickering and Driffield.

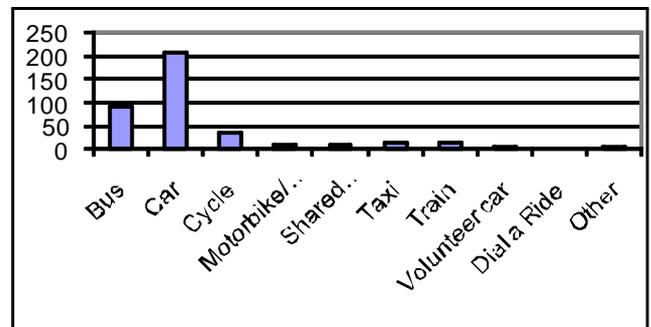
## Action

**The Parish Council should contact the local bus service provider to explore a later running service at weekends.**

### How important to you is the bus service?



### What types of vehicle do you use on a regular basis?



# Road Safety



Speed Bumps

20 Mile an Hour Sign

Through the questionnaire, the residents of Sherburn have raised their concerns on the road safety in the village. Speed and inappropriate parking are their main concerns.

Although speed restrictions are in place on St Hilda's Street and the A64 (speed bumps and speed limits), 67% of residents strongly agree or agree they are ineffective, and more needs to be done to slow down traffic.

The favourite choices were the extension of speed bumps, the use of flashing signs and 30mph limited area on the A64. Most residents were opposed to chicane kerbs to slow traffic.

The issue of yellow lines and parking outside the school divided those who answered this question, and comments were made as follows:-

- “Put back yellow lines at the top of the village”
- “Redirect traffic and remove all yellow lines”
- “Need yellow lines to improve visibility coming out of West Garth”
- “Illegal parking on yellow lines a problem”

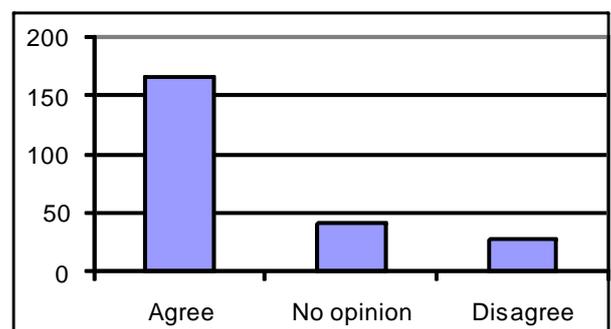
Illegal parking on yellow lines was a concern for 51% of respondents, whilst 17% disagreed. Parking outside the school was a concern for 41% but there was no further information as to why this was a concern.

There was strong support for improvements to pedestrian safety when crossing the A64. Comments included were, “camera's at the lights” - “to catch those that jump the lights” and “improve the lighting along the A64 in the village”.

## Actions

1. **NYCC Highways to make good the speed bumps in this financial year, to prevent vehicles speeding down middle of the St Hilda's Street.**
2. **A flashing 20 mph speed matrix sign is being trialled by NYCC Fire Service, and will report to the Parish Council in the Autumn.**
3. **Sherburn Parish Council, working with the Police and Highways Authority of NYCC. should review the issue of yellow lines within the village, and the policing of illegal parking, taking into account the level of concern expressed. Any changes would go to public consultation.**
4. **Sherburn Parish Council could re-open negotiations with concerned parties regarding a heavy goods vehicle access to the Atlas Wards/Kingspan site from the A64.**

Should Ward's have a separate HGV entrance?



# Green Issues



Mill Pond

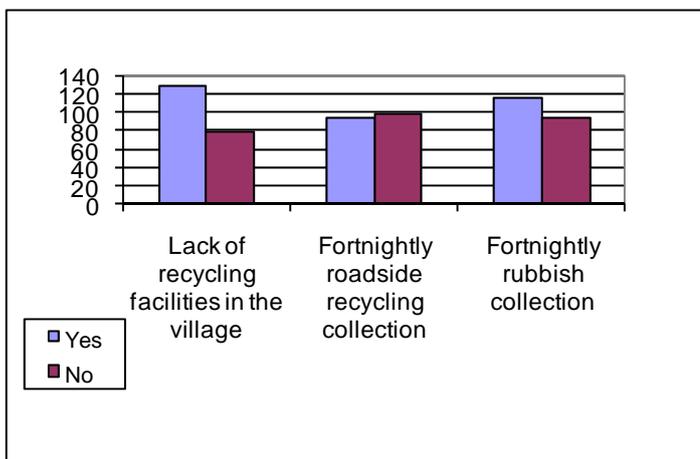
The responses to the questions in this section confirms that 'Green Issues' and recycling are important to many people, with 78% interested in plastic, recyclable collections. Of the 238 households 94% stated that they recycle material on a regular basis and only 4 households (less than 2%) saying they did not. There were 129 households, just over 50% of the responses, that were concerned about the lack of recycling facilities in the village, with 78 households (31%) saying they were not concerned.

The fortnightly roadside recycling collection was a concern to 93 households (37%), but of no concern to 98 households (39%). The majority of concerns were regarding the fortnightly rubbish collection, with 116 households (46%) stating they did have concerns, whereas 95 households (37%) did not.

When asked if they would be in favour of being able to recycle a greater range of materials in the village, 198 households stated they would like to have a facility to recycle plastic, 179 households would like to recycle cardboard with a further 134 households wishing to recycle textiles.

When asked if they would support alternative sources of renewable energy and/or energy saving devices which would benefit Sherburn in the future, 122 households said yes to household solar heating panels and 87 to community solar panels. 111 households would be in favour of a community wind turbine and 70 for household wind turbines.

**Which of the following are of concern to you?**



## Actions

1. The Sherburn Parish Council to liaise with Ryedale District Council regarding a local recycling facility for cardboard and plastics.
2. The Sherburn Parish Council to register the strong concerns raised about fortnightly household rubbish collections with Ryedale District Council.
3. The Sherburn Parish Council to explore future opportunities for improving energy efficiency within the community and to inform householders as appropriate.

# Conclusion

The Committee members would like to thank all households, adults, youth and children who took the time to complete the questionnaire on the future of Sherburn.

For this plan and its actions to bring about change, it requires the whole community to pick up the challenge. The Parish Council will adopt the plan and circulate the plan to other official bodies. It will also review its progress against identified action (in the plan) 12 months after publication.

We do, however, require support from individuals; to support group activities and to lead and take on projects such as the editorship of a monthly newsletter (see Council Chairman Colin McGraft or Clerk Margaret Walker).

Action has already been taken to set up a Youth Club, once a week, for two age groups. This is supported and run by parents and adults within the village.

A key area of comment is that a majority of 91% are happy with their life in the village; the valued services and facilities of a medical centre, village shops and post office services received strong support in the questionnaires returned. There is a positive view of Atlas Ward and Kingspans' contribution to the life of the village, and a large majority feel safe and expressed that crime wasn't a problem.

Strong support was received for the new playing field clubhouse and the facilities it could provide in the community. The continuing strength of our two cricket teams, with two coaches with links to the village school, plus the recent development of a village football team, means there is sports entertainment and opportunity for involvement of adults and youth throughout the year. There is also strong support for tennis and exercise classes.

There are areas of concern, which also caused added comments as follows:

- \* Traffic speed and parking issues and safety for pedestrians
- \* Dog fouling and litter having an adverse effect on village life
- \* Comments on 'misunderstandings' between youth and adults in the village

Sherburn is a working village with a long history, with many residents representing family names throughout the ages. It is still developing and attracting new residents by the good facilities and transport connections to local towns and cities. Set at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds, it benefits from being situated in beautiful countryside besides a main trunk road, the A64 Scarborough to Leeds route.

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