

Creation of a new plan for the Beaumont Parish Community in 2022

Our old Parish Plan ran from 2013-2018 and so the time has come to renew it.

What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan is a community-led plan with the following purposes:

- To set out a vision of what is important to the community.
- To find out how to safeguard valued local features for the future.
- To identify key facilities and services.
- To set out any problems that need to be tackled.
- To demonstrate how distinctive character and features within the parish can be preserved.

Why do we need a plan?

A Parish Plan helps us, as a community, to shape the future of our Parish and to influence both the new Cumberland and County Council decisions in relation to its development.

It can also be used to influence a wide range of organisations that provide services and funding to rural communities.

How does the Plan come into being?

The Parish Council has set up a three-stage consultation process to ask parishioners what they would like to see in our community in the future.

1. A public consultation meeting was held at the Parish Hall.
2. A display stand was put into the Parish Hall, St Mary's Church and Monkhill Chapel to obtain responses from as many people as possible.
3. All the views expressed were collated and have led to the development of a questionnaire which was circulated in 2020, with very little response. We are therefore giving all households and organisations in the parish another opportunity to have a say in the future of our community.

The Parish of Beaumont covers an area defined by Bunkers Hill, Moorhouse Road, Hosket Hill, New Sandsfield, Holmes Mill, and Knockupworth and includes the villages of Beaumont, Grinsdale, Hosket Hill, Monkhill and Kirkandrews on Eden. If you live, work or own land in these areas **please take this opportunity to have your say in the future of your parish by completing the questionnaire.** You will be making sure that your opinions will be known and that the Parish Council will be able to continue the

development of the Parish Plan knowing that they have understood your views and have a mandate to continue.

We would like to have as wide a range of views as possible and so although we are only delivering one copy to each household, extra copies for other family members can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01228 522540.

Please continue overleaf or on a separate sheet of paper if you would like to make your answers longer or have any other comments that you would like to make. Your completed questionnaire(s) will be collected by your Parish Councillors.

Each completed questionnaire will be eligible for entry into a prize draw for a £25 voucher to be spent on food or drink at the Drovers Rest

Any information collected in the questionnaire will be used only to assist in designing our Parish Plan and its source will not be disclosed to any third party.

What will happen when the questionnaire is returned?

The answers and comments from each question will be analysed and used to produce a draft of the new Parish Plan with a summary of the feedback.

This draft will be available to view and for you to comment on at a Parish Meeting to be notified in the Parish Magazine. It will then be revised as necessary and agreed.

A new Action Plan will be created to instruct and inform the Parish Council and other community groups as to the actions needed to further the items in the Parish Plan.

The Plan and Action Plan will be shared with the City and County Councils, and any organisation identified in the delivery of the action plan, for their comment prior to publication.

If you would prefer to complete this document online then please visit the parish website www.beaumont-pc.org.uk and follow the link:

In order to help us analyse the responses, we would be grateful if one person per household could complete this section. Please highlight the gender and ages of all people in your household.

<i>Age group</i>	0-3	4-11	12-18	19-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	65+
<i>Male</i>									
<i>Female</i>									

1. What do you like best about living in the parish?

2. Is there anything that you dislike about the Parish?

3. What do you think should be protected from change?

Social, Culture, Religion and Heritage

We have 4 Community Buildings within the Parish:

- . The Methodist Chapel at Monkhill, with kitchen, toilet and small meeting room**
- . Grinsdale Village Hall, with kitchen, toilet and bar facilities, limited car parking, currently housing a Ukrainian family.**
- . Beaumont Parish Hall with kitchen, toilets, play area, wildlife garden and car parking.**
- . St Mary's Church, Beaumont Grade 2* on World Heritage Site, no toilet or kitchen**

4. Do you use any of the community buildings in the Parish?

5. Do you think they could be better integrated into community life, and if so, how would you like to see them used?

6. Do we need more places/routes to walk within the parish?

7. Do you consider it important that the network of footpaths and public areas be well maintained?

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8. Should this be funded through the Parish Precept (local element of Council Tax)?

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9. Do you regularly support/attend any of the social opportunities that are advertised in the monthly Parish News and on the Parish Council website?

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10. If not, why not?

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11. Can you suggest additional events/activity groups which you would like to be involved with?

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Services

12. What services and amenities would you make use of, or like to see in the parish for the following groups:

Children 0-3	
Children 4-11:	
Teenagers:	
Adults:	
Senior Citizens:	
Tourists:	

13. Do you think that we should have a defibrillator in the parish and if so, where?

14. Do you use the local bus service and are you aware of the transport service provided by Rural_Wheels?

15. Do you or your family use the Parish Hall play area? What would you like to see there?

16. Are you aware that the Parish Council provides a library service at the Parish Hall and is this something that you would make use of?

Housing and built environment

17. What, if any, development would you like to see in the Parish?

18. How and where can we provide suitable and affordable homes for young people and older residents in the Parish?

19. If you are (or would like to be) self-employed or run a small local business, what extra facilities would assist you?(eg office facilities in the parish hall)

Environment

20. What current environmental issues in the parish are you concerned about? eg size of hedges, verges, flooding etc?

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21. How do you think Beaumont parish could be more environmentally friendly?

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22. What, if any, environmental projects or improvements would you like to see in the Parish in the future? eg renewable energy sources

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Tourism

23. What do you think about the level of tourism in the parish?

Would like more	
Enjoy current level	
Feel overrun	
No strong feeling	

24. How can we improve the experience of tourists and visitors to the parish?

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Roads

25. Some parishioners have expressed concern about road safety and maintenance in the parish. Are there any areas that you feel need special consideration?

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26. How could we promote sustainable/low carbon transport?

27. Do you feel safe living in the parish (please give reasons for your answer)?

Economy

28. Is there anything in or about the parish that holds you back economically?

29. How can we assist parishioners with business start-ups or self-employment

30. Some parishioners have expressed an interest in having a local cafe/farm shop or craft workshops. Do you agree and, if so, would you be prepared to help make it happen?

31. Would you be prepared to become a Parish Councillor? If this is something that you would like to discuss further then please contact Isobel Davidson on 01228 552 540 or Bryony Kirk on 01228 576403

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

Completed forms will be collected by your parish councillors in approximately 1 week:

If you wish to be entered into the prize draw then please provide a name, address and a phone number or an email address below. This part of the completed questionnaire will then be entered into the draw at the Parish Council meeting in September.

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