

Staveley with Ings Community Plan - Action Plan 2023 - 2025

Introduction

If you talk to anybody in the locality, they say that Staveley with Ings is a great place to live with an active and vibrant community. In the parish there is so much enthusiasm and passion and so much to be celebrated, captured and developed.

But things change; residents come and go, some businesses leave and others set up, priorities change.

The community plan actions, agreed for 2021-2023, are being reviewed. The action plan is being updated in the light of things we have achieved together, and to reflect changes to our community and the wider environment. Significantly, Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council have been replaced with Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority. It is good to see that the priorities in our community plan can also be seen in the priorities of the new Authority.

Staveley with Ings has been at the forefront of national developments to tackle the sewage in our rivers and lakes. The national care crisis has not been addressed by central government but the Abbey Care Home building remains empty and the community has developed their own innovative approach to addressing the crisis. These local priorities and actions show how Staveley with Ings is working hard to tackle known issues, in partnership with those who can help us.

The updated action plan (2023 – 2025) should be read in conjunction with the Community Plan 2021 – 2031. The Community Plan itself is not being re-written – the information and ideas are still relevant. The Community Plan steering group and the Parish Council refer back to the conversations that it was built on and community and individual action to make progress on any action is celebrated. If you cannot see something in the updated action plan that you think ought to be there, please get in touch *if you can help to bring about the change*. Proposed actions have been taken out only where there is no group or person identified yet, to make it happen.

The action plan has been simplified. There are two overarching action areas which support all our work. They are 'Communication' and 'Keeping what we Value'. The rest of the actions fall under the headings 'Our Community' and 'Our Environment' reflecting the vision for the community plan, and the focus for proposed activities.

The Vision for Staveley with Ings, from the Community Plan is...

A flourishing mixed and balanced community where everyone is valued, cared for and listened to and can take an active role. A community that actively addresses the climate emergency, strengthens biodiversity and makes our built environment more resilient so that our locality is protected now and for the future.

Our Principles

Delivery of the Action Plan will continue to be guided by five principles:

- ✦ Responding to the climate emergency, placing an emphasis on creating and nurturing a sustainable environment
- ✦ Continuing to strengthen our community, and building resilience for emergencies such as flooding or a pandemic
- ✦ Improving communications, and encouraging and enabling greater community engagement and more participative decision making
- ✦ Working effectively with partners, aligning our priorities as far as possible
- ✦ Ensuring that our actions are economically and socially sustainable.

In putting the Plan into practice, we need to make sure that, where we can, we promote these principles, and that at the very least we do not undermine them.

STAVELEY WITH INGS COMMUNITY PLAN – PRIORITY ACTION PLAN TO APRIL 2023 - 2025

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OVERARCHING ACTIONS			
<p>1 COMMUNICATION Keeping in touch with each other, supporting active groups, helping new ones and giving useful information to visitors and residents.</p>	<p>Contact PC Communications coordinator (to be appointed)</p>	<p>1.3 Develop, change and improve current ways of communicating to ensure all groups within the community can engage and all parts of the villages are served. This will include a review and development of notice boards, social media, websites, face-to-face meetings/community hub and written communication. Continued development and extension of comprehensive and co-ordinated website and social media.</p> <p>1.2 Use census and other data to provide a profile of the demographics of the villages so that we can target communications more effectively.</p> <p>1.3 Liaise with local businesses to discuss the potential of developing an inventory within the new website.</p> <p>1.4 Offer support to our key services by disseminating information, encouraging volunteers and fundraising.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four newsletters re community plan and related things are distributed, digitally, on paper and on notice boards, each year. • The community hub (e.g. Warm Spaces) is attended over the winter and is open throughout the year each week. • The websites are used effectively. • Co-ordinated plan of events created and published through community communication networks.
<p>2 KEEPING WHAT WE VALUE AND DEVELOPING WHAT WE ALL NEED THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS</p> <p>Maintaining the essential character of the villages, balancing the needs of individuals and groups</p>	<p>Contact Mike Cambray Community Plan Group</p> <p>Possible Partners</p>	<p>2.1 Publish the Staveley with Ings Response to Planning Application Guide that is based upon LDNP regulations and other National Guidance and 3 or 4 agreed local priorities that include flood prevention and safety of the sewage system, balances the needs of all those who work and live in the parish and protects significant local assets.</p> <p>2.2 Complete a directory of significant local assets of the parish both in the built and landscape environment, based on clearly defined criteria. Using current information as a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guide will be produced and made available to all in the parish. • Evidence that the PC has used the Response to Planning Application Guide when making decisions • The PC will not have supported any planning proposals that risk increasing the incidents of flooding, overloading the sewage system, are not sustainable or

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<p>(including employers), and the needs of the environment.</p>	<p>LDNPA, SENS, Staveley History Society, UU</p>	<p>starting point and engaging with the community to further develop the directory.</p> <p>2.3 Apply for Asset of Community Value for key assets in the community.</p> <p>2.4 Identify key green spaces within the parish, negotiate/campaign with LDNP to maintain a Green Space designation where appropriate (e.g. the Big Meadow, Ayland) or where it has an Employment Designation campaign for it to be changed to a Green Space designation (e.g. the field opposite Danes Road)</p> <p>2.5 Support initiatives that ensure there is affordable and appropriate homes for local people of all ages. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exploring a scheme to develop independent living accommodation that frees up family homes for rent to local families, • new builds, • the use of local occupancy clauses and the supporting schemes to require planning permission for change of use to Airbnb. 	<p>are detrimental to the priorities of the Community Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key assets become Assets of Community Value • Consideration is given and accepted to changes of Designation by LDNP • Plans for developing the New Abbey Apartments completed and Planning permission granted. • Plans to ensure housing that is freed up are available as affordable family homes for local residents.

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OUR COMMUNITY			
<p>3 HELPING RESIDENTS THRIVE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY</p> <p>Supporting members of our community through difficult times.</p> <p>Ensuring that no one has to leave our community for the social care they need.</p> <p>Creating The New Abbey!</p>	<p>Contact Anne Salisbury, Deb Michel (Staveley with Ings Together)</p> <p>Contact Fran Richardson, Deb Michel (Staveley Community Trust)</p> <p>Possible Partners ACT, Age UK, Citizens Advice, W&F, Housing associations, Private developers, Lakeland Housing Trust Citizens Advice, CCC</p>	<p>3.1 Encourage people of all ages to meet together, between generations.</p> <p>3.2 Continue to provide access to food and sanitary requirements for residents in short term financial hardship including Food FareShare and an emergency food cupboard.</p> <p>3.3 Facilitate parish wide discussions, including those involved in tourism, to understand the pros and cons of visitors to the parish.</p> <p>3.5 Keep a 'watching brief' on behalf of the community, for possible changes to our vital local services.</p> <p>The New Abbey</p> <p>3.6 Develop a community hub where people can meet to combat loneliness and enhance wellbeing and access information about available support and social and volunteering opportunities. Including those who are elderly, are frail or infirm, those who live alone and people with young families.</p> <p>3.7 Explore approaches to ensure all residents have access to facilities and experiences on offer in the village. E.g. voluntary lift schemes and electric buggy project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or more multi-generational groups held. • Community cupboard and Food FareShare continues to run. • Links established with Age UK and Citizens Advice who have attended meetings and offered support. • Temporary community hub (based on Warm Spaces) facility in the Institute run throughout the year. • Plans to develop the New Abbey Hub prepared. • Lift scheme in operation. • Negotiations with carers or care provided. Plans developed within the New Abbey Hub.

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<p>Providing social facilities for younger people</p>		<p>3.8 Developing a Care Hub to co-ordinate and support those who need additional care in the community.</p> <p>3.9 Providing accommodation for carers within the village.</p> <p>3.10 Developing a home from hospital/respice provision to ensure that our residents do not remain in hospital for longer than necessary and provide respice for carers.</p> <p>3.11 Enabling community engagement in discussions about the New Abbey and develop plans that reflect the needs and wants of our community and work with W&F to achieve them.</p> <p>Facilities for young people</p> <p>3.12 Develop facilities that support social opportunities for young people, this should be designed collaboratively with the young people themselves and might encourage active involvement in the village once they leave primary school.</p> <p>3.12 Support the playgroup and activities for preschool children and their carers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations carried out with MBHA towards a commissioning contract to provide step up-step down provision. • Facilities and groups for young people that are run by the young people themselves with the support of adults. • The playgroup or similar provision continues. •

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<p>4 GETTING AROUND SAFELY AND EASILY Working with partners to help us get around stress free and safely without destroying our environment.</p>	<p>Contact Mark Kidd (Staveley with Ings Parish Council)</p> <p>Possible Partners W&F Highways</p>	<p>4.1 Work with W&F Highways, monitor and assess the speed and safety of traffic movement on Kendal Road, Crook Road, in Ings and on Moor Howe Road. Support and prioritise subsequent action.</p> <p>4.2 Monitor impact of new parking restrictions (including impact of parking restrictions in Mill yard and the potential impact of Crookfield if it happens) and campaign to change if appropriate.</p> <p>4.3 Support the continuation of the £2 bus fare.</p> <p>4.4 Extend and develop Ebike scheme.</p> <p>4.5 Analyse the accessibility of key route ways to vulnerable groups – children, people with disabilities and develop if needed, including the Miles without Stiles route along Hall Lane.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 20 mph speed restriction is in place <u>throughout</u> Staveley. • Speed restrictions on Moor Howe Road and Ings Village have been implemented, if recommended following monitoring and assessment.

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OUR ENVIRONMENT			
<p>5 FLOODING AND SEWERAGE Working with others to keep our rivers and streets clean and our communities safe from flooding</p>	<p>Contact Arthur Capstick (Sewage Task Group)</p> <p>Possible Partners W&F, CFMC, EA, UU, Housing associations, Private developers</p> <p>Contact Cllr Lesley Long Staveley with Ings Parish Council</p> <p>Possible Partners EA, LDNPP, SENS</p>	<p>Preventing Sewage Overspills</p> <p>5.1 Continue to work with the Task Group that includes United Utilities and the Environment Agency to mitigate sewage emissions and flood issues.</p> <p>5.2 With partners, establish a detailed, deliverable plan of action to resolve village and WwTW discharge issues</p> <p>5.3 Parish Council to agree a policy position on the introduction of private waste systems and apply it when considering planning applications, in the light of continuing inadequacies of the sewerage network.'</p> <p>5.4 Continue to work with W & F Highways on drain maintenance and clearance, including the setting up of a system to monitor and report blocked drains.</p> <p>Reducing the impact of flooding</p> <p>5.5 Institute a regular autumn road sweep and culvert check by W & F.</p> <p>5.6 PC maintains and regularly updates Staveley with Ings Emergency Plan which includes the community response to flooding, storms and damage to infrastructure.</p> <p>5.7 EA to involve the local community in discussions about their analysis of the options to reduce flooding and the risks of flooding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners actively engaged to resolve current and future issues • Detailed plan of action agreed, with timescales and resources identified • Reduction of incidents of raw sewage overflow • Future policy position implemented • System in place and active

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	<p>Contact Isobel Stoddart (CRKC)</p> <p>Possible Partners UU, EA, SCRT, FBA, LDNPA, W&F Council, media, other water-based groups</p>	<p>5.8 PC and EA to ensure that residents and businesses are aware of the action which they should consider to reduce the impact of flooding on their property, and the support available for this.</p> <p>Cleaning up the River Kent</p> <p>5.9 CRKC to continue to develop their programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen science building on CRKC 2022 publication on water quality, including the Gowan • Community engagement from Staveley to Sedgwick, extending towards Morecambe Bay • Work with partners including kayakers and anglers • Membership of the Kent Working Group, using the existing data more effectively e.g. developing a layered OS-based map • Develop links with the local farming community to understand the impact of agricultural runoff, the action required, and the support needed • Campaign for effective action by UU, and effective regulation by EA and Ofwat • Network with national leading-edge groups • Build media presence • organise river clean up days and other associated events 	
<p>6 CREATING WELCOMING ATTRACTIVE AND NATURE FRIENDLY VILLAGES</p>	<p>Contact Clive Johnson (Chair SVA)</p>	<p>6.1 Develop the all-purpose Ball Court following fundraising.</p>	<p>Plan consulted, in place and readily available.</p>

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<p>Creating lovely buildings and spaces to meet up, chat and play.</p>	<p>Mark Kidd (Chair of PC) Possible Partners CT, CWT, LDNPA, SENS, W&F, Church, Staveley C of E primary school</p>	<p>6.2 Refurbishment of the Pavilion Hall and Village Hall Bank Room and improvement to the kitchen facilities at the Institute. 6.3 Develop Alec Row to include a balance of recycling, car parking and attractive recreational space. 6.4 Continue to improve Jack's Corner as a social meeting space. 6.5 Develop the New Abbey – buildings and grounds to meet high environmental standards and increase biodiversity 6.6 Encourage a 'consciously biodiverse' approach to green and open spaces, including appropriate planting of shrubs, trees and flowers across public spaces. 6.7 Encourage development of pollinator-friendly wild-flower areas and considerate mowing regimes. 6.8 Put up more bird and bat boxes. 6.9 Hold workshops on relevant skills e.g. apple grafting, woodland management etc.</p>	<p>List of local assets consulted in place and available. A measurable increase in wildlife and an increased range of species.</p>
<p>7 TAKING REALLY POSITIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY Working together to respond to the climate emergency.</p>	<p>Contact SENS Possible Partners CAfS, CWT, LDNPA, SENS, SLDC, Staveley Primary School, Staveley WI, Young people</p>	<p>7.1 Develop a pilot project based upon a review of what has worked elsewhere and establishment of priorities. 7.2 This will extend and develop CDEC Green Spaces project with children at Staveley C of E school if grant funding can be obtained for evaluation. 7.3 Work with former pupils of Staveley C of E school to extend the project into the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two cohorts of children have benefited from the project. • Evaluation completed.

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8 PROMOTING GROWING AND DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL PRODUCE	Contact To be agreed Possible Partners Allotments Working Group, The Big Onion, CWT, SENS, Staveley CE School	8.1 Encourage growing of vegetables in the village, public spaces, allotments, school garden and resident gardens. 8.2 Extend the distribution of local food, based on Big Onion by connecting and communicating where and what food is available so that excess vegetables grown (gluts) can be made available to others during the season. Including allotment holders and school garden.	Big Onion increased trade in vegetables.

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