

The background of the cover is a photograph of a river flowing through a wooded area. The water is a deep blue-grey color with some white foam from rapids. The trees on the banks are mostly bare, suggesting autumn or winter. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is centered over the upper part of the image, containing the title and year in blue text.

# Tanfield Parish Plan

2008

### *Our ideas for West Tanfield*

*We are called Gemma Felton and Katie Kitching. We'd like West Tanfield to have more bins so more people will start putting their litter in them.*

*We'd also like a path down in the wood's and a map at the start of the wood and a piece of paper and a pencil and so they can write down what they can see. We would also like more footpaths around Tanfield so more people will walk,*

*In the park we would like some more play equipment so it is more fun. We would like it to have a slide, some swings, a roundabout, a see-saw, a climbing frame, a zip wire and some benches for the adults.*

*We would like some public toilets so that people don't need to rush home if they need to go.*

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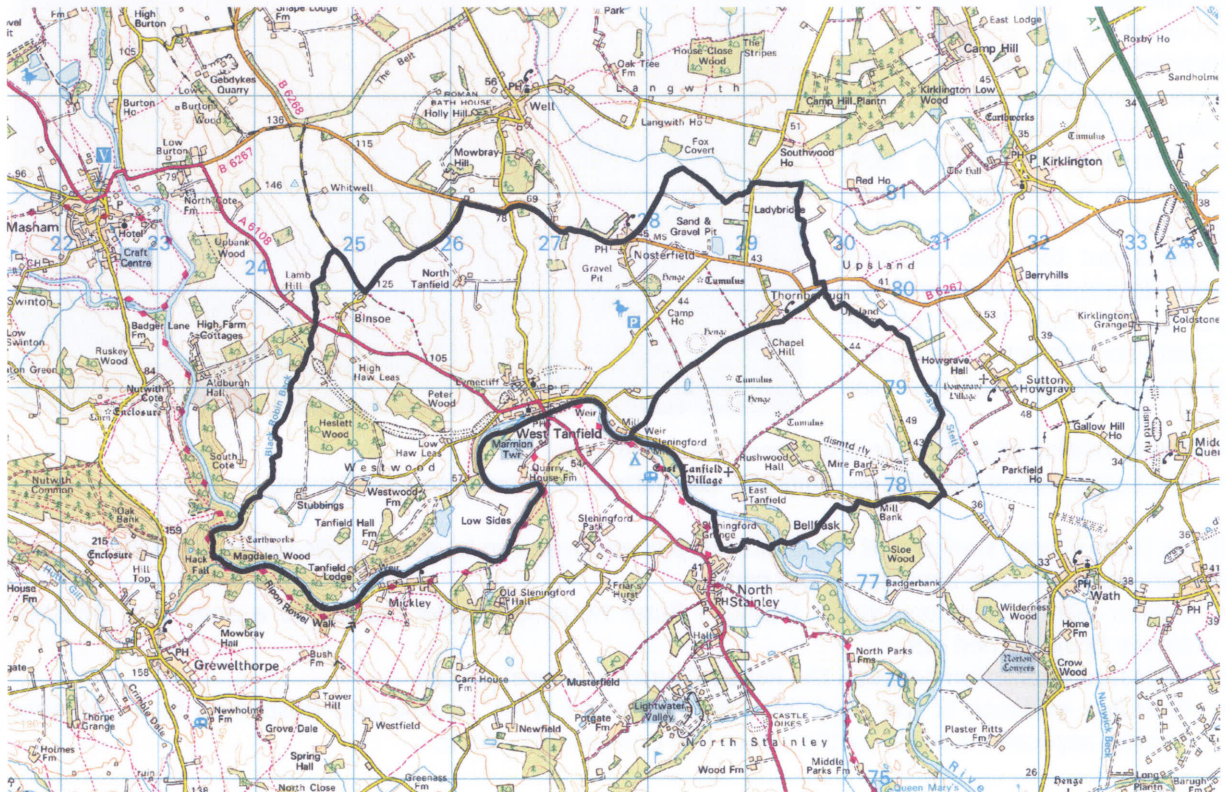
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### The Future - Action Plan

## Tanfield Parish



## 1. Background

"A Parish Plan should be a holistic document which brings together the views, needs and opinions of the whole community" – DEFRA

In 2005 the Yorkshire Rural Community Council (YRCC) were promoting the concept of parish plans giving local people an opportunity to express their opinion about the present state of where they live and how they would like to see their parish progress over the next few years.

Consequently at a public meeting in West Tanfield Village Hall in December 2005 sufficient interest was shown to agree that a funding application should be submitted to the YRCC.

In February 2006 the Parish Council backed the project by giving a £250 donation towards costs that would be incurred. A Parish Plan Committee was set up to prepare the plan.

Two consultation events were then held: one in February 2006 in West Tanfield Village Hall, when people were invited to come and stick 'flags' into maps to depict what they felt the main issues of the parish were; the second, in May 2006, was held in The Bull Inn at West Tanfield when people were invited to comment on and add to the results of the 'flag' evening.

YRCC gave £500 towards the funding of the project. A further grant of £250 from YRCC and a grant of £500 from NYCC Countryside Service have helped with the final costs of printing the plan.

The results of the first two consultations helped to determine the questions that would be asked in a questionnaire that was sent to every registered elector in the parish. Thank you to the 173 people who took the time to complete and return their questionnaires. They were distributed and collected between December 2006 and January 2007, then analysed and the results displayed at a public meeting in July 2007.

Since then the results from the questionnaire, together with local knowledge and information provided by the children of St. Nicholas C of E Primary School have contributed to the final plan. This will be made public at the Annual Parish Meeting 2008, when it is hoped that it will be adopted by the Parish Council as a document to guide not only their decisions in the next few years, but also those of the County and District Councils. Key points resulting from this plan are:

- The formation of a group to implement the action plan.
- The suggestion of forming an 'umbrella' committee to co-ordinate social events.

It has been a long, slow and at times difficult process overseen by a few dedicated individuals, but has already begun to reap benefits for the parish:

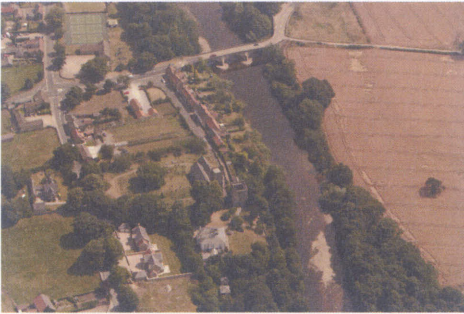
- Liaison with Hambleton District Council's Rural Housing Enabler leading to a secondary housing survey being carried out.
- Improved interaction between the Parish Council and local people.
- Providing evidence of the need for a path between West Tanfield and Nosterfield to accompany funding applications made by the Lower Ure Conservation Trust.

Quotations are taken from the questionnaire unless otherwise stated.



## 2. Introduction

The Parish of Tanfield lies between the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors at the edge of the Vale of Mowbray. It is at the southwest extremity of the District of Hambleton and is within the current constituency of the Vale of York.



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Its attractive landscape is characterised by two main types: to the west by a limestone ridge, deeply cut by the wild and beautiful river Ure at its southern boundary where the Capability Brown landscaped Hackfall Woods are situated. It is this once sacred river system which probably had the greatest influence on the development of the area from prehistoric times. Its land-use is mainly agricultural with well maintained field boundaries and woodland by the Ure. This area encompasses:



- the picture postcard village of West Tanfield, on the A6108 by the Ure;
- the singular settlement of Binsoe, a shrunken medieval village; and
- North Tanfield, a settlement on the eastern edge of the limestone ridge.

To the east lies a largely flat gravel plateau, a large proportion of which is either under mineral extraction or restoration; the remainder being agricultural, industrial and landfill. The old Nosterfield quarry is an important area for over-wintering and passage birds and is now the district's first Local Nature Reserve.



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This area encompasses:

- the once nucleated settlement of Nosterfield on the B6267;
- the village of Thornborough to the immediate south of the B6267; and
- East Tanfield, a sparsely populated area based on a deserted mediaeval village near the river Ure.



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As shown in the environmental section the parish is extraordinarily rich in cultural heritage.

Ripon, approximately six miles to the south from West Tanfield, is the nearest city. Northallerton, the county town of North Yorkshire, is some fourteen miles to the north east.

Although farming and local industries provide some work opportunities, many homes are occupied by commuters to West Yorkshire and counties to the north.

The people who completed the survey showed the majority age range to be between 55 and 64, closely followed by those between 45 and 54. It also indicated that there are more females than males living in the area. Tanfield Parish Plan sets out to illustrate residents' views of their environment and quality of life. It also aims to provide parishioners with opportunities to liaise with councils, working parties and other groups to improve the landscape, services and facilities in the locality.

The parish is generally of high environmental quality and this characteristic contributes to the culture and identity of Hambleton. Consultations on this plan reveal that residents feel a special *'sense of place'* and care very much about all aspects of their environment. They wish to maintain and improve its qualities: its services, cleanliness, overall appearance, historic environment and community security and they wish to be consulted about any decisions relating to it.

### 3. Community and Church

“Beautiful church, friendly people, thriving community”

West Tanfield is fortunate in having a substantial and well-maintained village hall which is used for a variety of activities such as:

- monthly meetings and workshops of The Flower Club
- weekly classes for Pilates, art and computer studies
- domino drives.



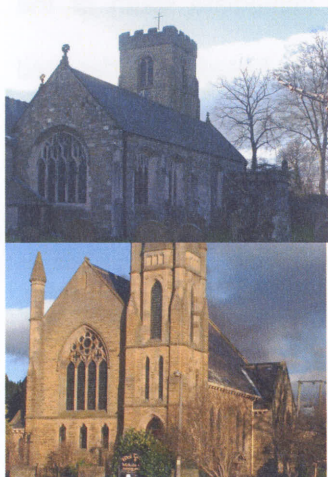
Adjacent to the hall, the tennis and bowling clubs meet frequently throughout the week. Both have a good membership covering a wide age range. Teams participate in league matches within the local area.

Over the years the Parish has benefited from a number of quarrying and landfill related funding sources. Tarmac, the local quarry operator, has provided a Visitor Centre and car park at its Nosterfield Quarry and contributed to a number of local causes such as West Tanfield Village Hall, St. Nicholas C of E Primary School and West Tanfield Football Club.



A soccer team plays on Sundays and the cricket club has its own ground.

An annual family sports day, and raft race, is held in West Tanfield, but is attended by residents from all over the Parish. The area is renowned for fishing and shooting.



There are two churches within the parish. St Nicholas Parish Church has been in West Tanfield for 800 years and the Methodist Church was founded in 1798. The old chapel, now the schoolroom, being replaced by the present one in 1901. Services take place on most Sundays - from time to time, these, along with united fellowship groups are shared. Both churches minister to many local families in the surrounding area. A range of community activities take place in both churches.

St Nicholas C of E Primary School draws children from a wide catchment area. It has a happy atmosphere and a good learning environment. Nicky's Nursery is also based in the school. Children, from two upwards, learn to play together, begin an education journey and grow in confidence for living. Soft play, for under five's, also operates from the Chapel, providing opportunities for play and early learning.



North Yorkshire Police Authority has the over-riding authority to police the parish. A neighbourhood police officer and a police community officer operate from Bedale and a team of response officers from Thirsk also cover the area.

The two main roads which pass through the area are heavily used, not only by local traffic but also by tourists and heavy goods vehicles.

## Views from the Questionnaire

Churches already do a lot of work in the community but younger people need to be more involved.

More pastoral visiting and united services.

Support national outreach programmes.

Churches should be central to the community and involved in secular activities.

Residents expressed concerns regarding homes and cars being targeted by criminals. There were also worries over drug related crime.

There were strong views regarding road safety, particularly in relation to speeding traffic.

63 respondents thought that a local history group would be a good idea.

The village hall is one of the area's most appreciated assets with excellent helpers.

Interest was shown in resurrecting the youth club, formerly held at West Tanfield village hall, with fifteen respondents offering to help as adult leaders.

Provide workshops for teenagers and holiday programmes.

More leisure facilities for young and old.

Bowling and tennis clubs need grants but are great assets.

Social events need organising particularly between villages in order to encourage more co-operation between residents. The preferred methods of publicising events were:



## Action Points for the Future

- Encourage churches to further develop activities in the community, particularly involving younger people.
- Consolidate outreach work of the churches.
- Pursue opportunities to provide workshops and holiday programmes.
- Forward information about the youth club to West Tanfield Memorial Hall's Management Committee.
- Form an "umbrella" committee to collate and publicise information about activities in the area.
- Encourage and support the activities of the bowling and tennis clubs. Develop inter-village social activities.



The following action points have been drawn up in consultation with the Bedale Safer Neighbourhood Police Team:

### Reduce fear of crime by:

- expanding the existing Neighbourhood and Farm Watch Groups
- setting up a regular police and community forum to improve the exchange of information
- increasing visible police patrols.

### Reduce crime by:

- providing a service to assess and advise on householders' crime prevention needs, particularly 'target harden' properties
- encouraging everyone to report suspicious incidents to the police when they happen.

### Improve road safety by:

- the police and parish council working together to identify calming needs
- the increased use of speed limit enforcement
- joint agency road safety initiatives.

## 4. Natural Environment

The protection of our rural settings and the historic environment are linked with mineral extraction therefore we cover the two topics together in this section.

The area has a unique and long history, for two millennia it was dominated by the three massive Thornborough Henges. These lie within the Southern Magnesian Limestone Ridge Landscape Character Area which is of known archaeological importance containing remains from the Mesolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages and Roman and Medieval periods. The Thornborough Henges and the surrounding ritual landscape are of a scale and complexity rare outside Wessex or Orkney making it one of the most significant historic landscapes in Europe.



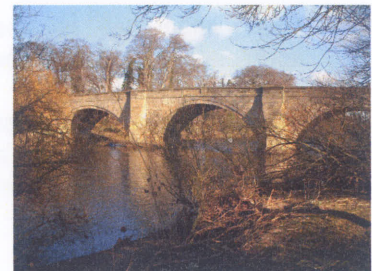
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The main historic features include 12 Scheduled Ancient Monuments such as:

- Tanfield Bridge
- The Three Henges
- Burial Mounds and Tumuli
- A unique cursus monument, pit alignments and Enclosures.



The River Ure, Nosterfield Local Nature Reserve (receiving 5-10,000 visitors a year), the wooded Northern Henge, Nosterfield Quarry, surrounding farmland, woods and verges and many gardens provide for good biodiversity.



The predominantly agricultural landscape has been altered through changing agricultural practices. Field sizes have changed although there are remnants of medieval and the earlier prehistoric landscape. Since World War II the gravel bearing areas have been excavated to produce a landscape which is now both industrial and agricultural. The consequence of this industrial use is the creation of large bodies of water, sunken fields, and the creation of bunds and the planting of screening. <sup>1</sup>

The future of the Thornborough Complex has been a source of controversy for many years now due to concerns over the impact of quarrying and agricultural practices on the setting of the monuments and further destruction of related archaeological remains.

There have been a number of consultations, plans, strategies, and statements all advocating protection for the historic landscape based on the Henges, but in 2004 there was reason for renewed optimism with a more proactive approach from North Yorkshire County Council with the creation of a Thornborough Henges Consultation and Working Group, and the funding and preparation of a Conservation Management Plan. The initial draft of the plan, commissioned and jointly funded by the County Council, Tarmac Northern and English Heritage was prepared by Atkins Global. It confirmed the importance of the monuments, identifying their setting and relationship to the wider historic landscape. It also advised on the future use and management of the landscape and the value of heritage based tourism and education.

The first and subsequent drafts of the Thornborough Henges Conservation Plan are held in abeyance by North Yorkshire County Council awaiting agreement of the respective parties. The Thornborough Henges Advisory Group meetings continue to provide a forum for individuals, groups and organisations with an interest in the Henges to exchange views, discuss issues and to formulate and discuss proposals for the management and interpretation of the Henges and surrounding landscape. The group meets twice a year and is supported by a part time project co-ordinator. Further detail on the work of the group is available on the County Council's website.

<sup>1</sup> Ref: Glen Kemp Consultants and Atkins Global.



## Views from the Questionnaire

An overwhelming majority of respondents valued the character of the environment they live in. Respondents were invited to comment on what they consider to be the best features of the area. A large number of these comments related to the natural and historic environment.

- West Tanfield respondents commented on the village's riverside location, clean and quiet surroundings, and country atmosphere.
- Nosterfield respondents commented on the village green, the rural location and the nature reserve.
- Thornborough respondents commented on the peace and quiet of the local area, the scenery and the village's rural location.

Of concern to respondents were the future proposals for quarrying and land restoration, preservation of the Henges and management of access to them.

Respondents expressed a desire to have effective consultation about important local issues.

88.3% of respondents to the parish plan survey indicated that they are happy with a low key approach to access, tourism and education at the Henges and surrounding area which is also advised by the Conservation Plan, but only 36.9% of people considered themselves to be fully aware of the issues and options surrounding the Henges.

The feedback from the Parish Plan has already been forwarded to the project co-ordinator at County Hall who is keen to work more closely with groups in the community. 13 respondents commented about concerns over traffic, damage to the monuments and intrusion into the local environment.

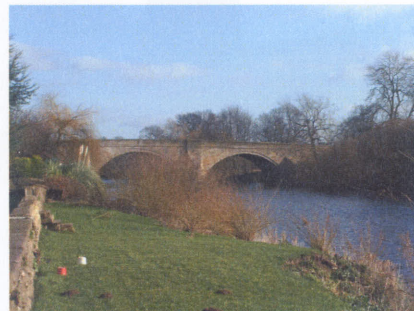
81.3% of respondents indicated that they are not affected by the current quarrying operations, however, when given an opportunity to make more detailed comments a number of issues were expressed.

24 comments were in favour of quarrying  
- "Accept need for supply and demand" and "Quarry has improved the area".

120 comments were opposed to quarrying on a number of grounds  
- "Quarry has ravaged landscape", "No further quarrying in the area", "No more bird reserves" and "Destroying important archaeological sites".

## Action Points for the Future

- Use the results of this survey to influence how Parish Council responds to future consultations about the Henges and planning applications/ consultations on quarrying issues.
- Should further quarrying take place, use the results of this consultation to request that the land be restored to a state which reflects and preserves the agricultural landscape character of this area and does not include restoration to wetland.
- Provide a copy of this Plan to the Thornborough Henges Advisory Group to inform their future work in the Parish.
- Ensure that local hedges are maintained at an acceptable level to increase safety on the roads and improve visual amenity in the parish.
- Encourage a low key approach to access and tourism at the henge monuments and associated landscape.
- Visitors to our historic environment should not have a detrimental impact on the community, its historic assets, landscape and biodiversity.
- Ensure effective consultation on important local issues.



## 5. Built Environment

“Lovely situation with nice old buildings”

Tanfield Parish comprises three main villages, two hamlets and a number of outlying farms and houses. There are 250 properties listed on the 2008 electoral roll.

The villages have an unusually high proportion of Listed Buildings (26 in total) including:

- St Nicholas Church - Grade 1 Listed.
- Marmion Tower - Grade 1 Listed.
- The Chantry buildings - Grade II listed.
- A number of other Grade II listed buildings.



Historically, and continuing to the current day, a large proportion of the land, buildings and surrounding farms in West Tanfield are owned by the Bourne-Arton estate. A number of the properties within West Tanfield are rented.

The new Local Development Framework (being prepared by Hambleton District Council) has identified West Tanfield as a 'service village'. It is therefore expected that development of up to 34 new homes (of which 13 would be affordable) and some development of employment land will be allowed in the years to 2021.

## Views from the Questionnaire

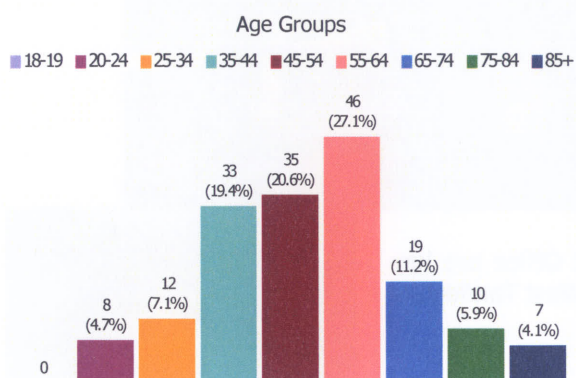
The views from the questionnaire revealed appreciation of the beautiful and peaceful Yorkshire stone settlements with their village greens, nestling in the rural landscape dotted with characteristic farms and hamlets brimming with history. This is what we are all proud of; this is why we love living in our parish.

The questionnaire asked seven questions specifically relating to housing provision in the parish. These questions were answered by one person in each household.

There was a response of 120 which identified that 94.2% occupied a house, with 4.2% owning a bungalow and 0.8% residing in a flat or other type of accommodation.

The survey aimed to identify the number of people making up the composition of households in the parish.

Of the 120 responses received the survey identified a total of 223 residents made up as follows:



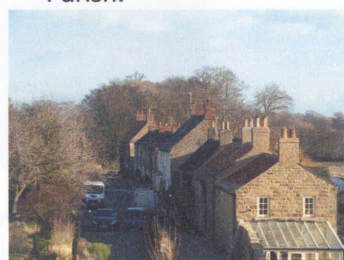
An essential part of the survey was to identify hidden need relating to those residents that may have moved out of the area and the reasons for them doing so.

Those questions revealed that only 18 of the 120 respondents had had household members move out of the area with the main reason given as personal reasons. Employment and the lack of affordable housing were identified as equal reasons for leaving. Two people indicated that their main reason for leaving was to attend university.

Only 21 residents indicated that they, or someone in their household, may be in need of alternative accommodation within the next five years. The majority of respondents identified that they would be seeking to be an owner occupier possibly through a shared ownership scheme. The remaining respondents identified that they would be seeking a rented property either privately or through a Housing Association. The majority of the households indicated that they would be in need of two or three bedroom properties, with only a smaller number wanting small starter units of one bedroom. Larger homes were identified by two families wishing to move due to the expansion of their family sizes.

## Action Points for the Future

- The villages have an unusually high proportion of listed buildings. West Tanfield is a Conservation Area and therefore development should protect and wherever possible enhance the appearance and historic character of the area through good design.
- Encourage the building/conversion of homes for local people.
- Use traditional materials on the exterior of houses.
- Development should respect our peaceful rural setting and should not be detrimental to the open spaces both within and outside settlements.
- Monitor and report condition of roads, hedges and verges, particularly in and around settlements.
- Work with Hambleton District Council's Rural Housing Enabler to carry out a secondary housing survey with a view to providing further, appropriate affordable housing units in the Parish.



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## 6. Services and Facilities

“People should organise themselves to help each other and the interests of villages, especially by encouraging businesses for local employment”



Farming is the main industry in the area however, a range of businesses have established themselves. These include: builders; camping, caravanning and water sports; catteries/kennels; electricians; engineering; garden furniture; furniture manufacturing and repairs; gunsmiths; haulage/logistics; mineral extraction and tourism.



The shop and Post Office are key facilities located in West Tanfield as is the garage.



The Bruce Arms, The Bull and The Freemasons Arms are highly valued hostelrys in West Tanfield and Nosterfield.



Hambleton District Council is responsible for refuse and recycling collection. Additional opportunities for depositing recyclable refuse in skips are to be found in the car park of the West Tanfield Village Hall.

The nearest doctors and veterinary practices are to be found in Masham and High Burton.

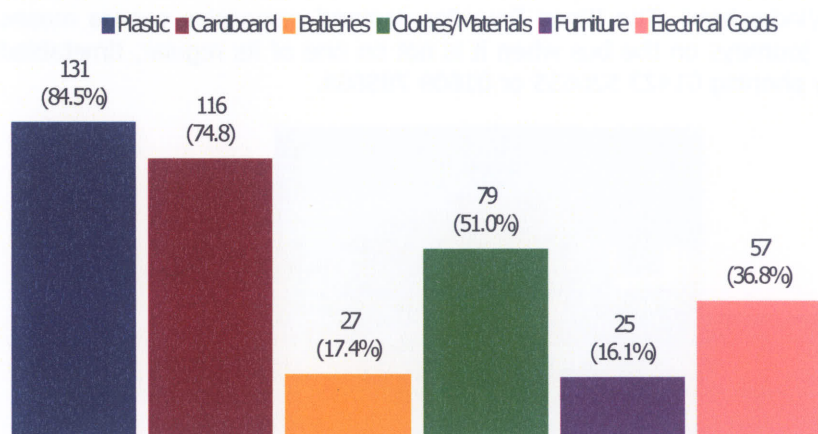
Opportunities to observe a range of wild birds, shrubs and flowers are to be found on riverside walks, nearby nature reserves and in the immediate countryside.

## Views from the Questionnaire

Rural Post Offices are under threat of closure from the government. Counter services, such as selling T.V. licences and car tax discs, have already been reduced as people are encouraged to use other facilities.

The shop and Post Office in the area is appreciated. 94% of respondents agreed that it is an important facility but there are indications that its services could be extended and improved. Ideas included a 'Hole in the Wall'; a bakery and a delicatessen.

The questionnaire asked people which other materials they would like to be able to recycle. The responses were as follows:



65% of respondents were in favour of investigating an eco-friendly/community power supply.



## Action Points for the Future

- Use results of this questionnaire to support post office services in future consultations.
- Investigate opportunities with local charity shops to facilitate the recycling of clothes, materials and furniture.
- Investigate ways of developing eco friendly/community power supplies.

## 7. Transport

“Roads in general require major upgrading”



Tanfield Parish has two, busy main roads running through it – the A6108 through West Tanfield and the B6267, through Nosterfield. Other, minor roads, link the four settlements of East and West Tanfield, Nosterfield and Thornborough to the surrounding area.

Bus service 159 runs between Ripon to Richmond via Masham and Leyburn. Route WT1 runs through West Tanfield between Hawes and Redmire. Timetables for these and other services are available at <http://www.northyorkstravel.info/index.html> The Ripon Roweller demand responsive service means members of the public can book journeys on the bus when it is not on one of its regular, timetabled routes. Bookings can be made by phoning 01423 526655 or 01609 785668.



The Parish has few public rights of way running through it. A short footpath runs from Binsoe to the A6108 road. Another footpath leads from Nosterfield to Well. This has recently been re-opened by Nosterfield Quarry. The third and final public right of way in the Parish is a bridleway that runs from East Tanfield mediaeval village towards the B6267. A new bridleway has been created along Spillman's Track. There are other less formal paths in the parish.



## Views from the Questionnaire

### Roads

Concerns were raised about the speed at which vehicles travel through the parish. There was strong support for the introduction of 30mph speed restrictions in Thornborough (84.3% of respondents), throughout Nosterfield (88.3% of respondents), the introduction of a 20mph 'Safer Routes to School' zone outside St. Nicholas School in West Tanfield (87.7% of respondents).

Respondents were also concerned about the maintenance of roads in the parish. The condition of the B6267 as being of great concern. This is due to the volume and weight of traffic travelling to and from the A1. There are concerns regarding potholes and roadside hedges on roads around the parish, particularly on the B6267.

Nosterfield residents identified concerns about car parking in the village, particularly on and around the village green.

The majority of respondents considered that the winter gritting of roads in the parish was either 'good' or 'adequate' (67.1%), although concerns were expressed that some minor roads are not treated.

Members of the public were invited to identify areas of roads in the parish that suffer from flooding. These will be forwarded to the relevant authority for appropriate action to be taken.

### Transport

A small number of respondents (16 people, 10.1%) said that they have transport difficulties getting to and from the Parish. 97.1% of respondents use a car as their main transport, 1.8% of respondents stated that their main form of transport is the bus. 31.8% of respondents are unsatisfied with local bus services. Popular options for improving public transport in the parish were:

- Increase the frequency of buses (63.4% of respondents).
- Provide a supermarket shuttle bus (40.6%).
- Provide early morning (32.7%) and late night (34.7%) bus services.
- Start a community taxi service (29.7%).

## Action Points for the Future

### Roads

- Liaise with Highways Department about the problems on the B6267 to identify improvements to help the road cope with volume and weight of the traffic travelling on it and address safety issues.
- Liaise with North Yorkshire Police, to ensure that a greater police presence targets speeding drivers.
- Obtain a 20mph 'Safer Routes to School' zone outside St. Nicholas Primary School.
- Carry out speed checks in Nosterfield and Thornborough to find out if 30mph speed restrictions could be introduced.
- Ask North Yorkshire County Council to consider amendments to the usual gritting routes to include those roads identified by respondents.
- Parish Caretaker to undertake jobs such as clearing grips at the sides of roads to improve surface water drainage, litter picking on pavements or clearing leaves in Autumn.
- Advise Highways North Yorkshire of roads that suffer from flooding.

### Transport

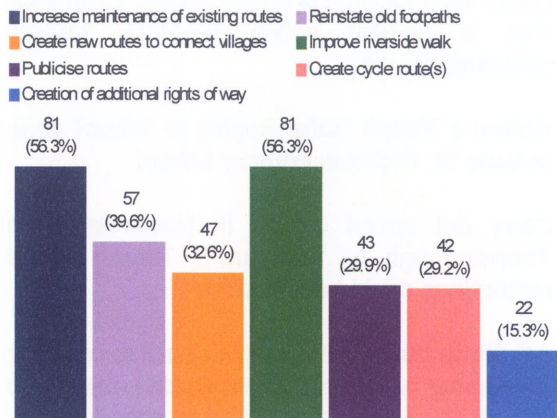
- Publicise the availability of the Ripon Roweller, demand led bus service.
- Provision of safe places to park for visitors to the area (link to Conservation plan and opening of Henges to the public).
- Investigate possibility of providing a supermarket shuttle bus.
- Use the questionnaire responses to respond to future consultations by North Yorkshire County Council about the provision of bus services in the Parish.

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## Views from the Questionnaire cont...

### Footpaths and Pavements

Members of the public were asked to identify how they would like to see the paths in the parish improved. The responses received were as follows:



The most popular suggestion for improving both local residents' and visitors' enjoyment of the area was the provision of circular footpaths. Proposals for these around Nosterfield and Thornborough have been put forward through the restoration strategy for Nosterfield Quarry and the Thornborough Henges Conservation Plan. The Ripon Rowel walk runs in close proximity to West Tanfield.

The majority of responses expressed the view that the maintenance of footpaths and riverside walks left a lot to be desired and were particularly concerned about dog fouling and litter being left on routes.



## Action Points for the Future cont...

### Footpaths and Pavements

- Ensure that the footpaths for the Nosterfield quarry are opened to the public at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Publicise routes as and when they are available.
- Work with Hambleton District Council's Dog Control Officer to reduce the amount of dog waste that is left on footpaths and pavements.
- Ensure better maintenance of pavements and footpaths, possibly through parish caretaker scheme and liaison with Hambleton District Council/North Yorkshire County Council.
- Ensure the path between West Tanfield and the Nature Reserve Car Park is opened.
- Ensure circular walks and quarry paths are installed and opened and then press for statutory status.









# The Future

At its meeting on 30 January 2008 the Parish Council agreed to regularly monitor the progress being made to implement the action points listed at the end of each section, and shown in the 'Action Plan' below.

It is proposed that a 'Local Action Group' (LAG) be formed to oversee the implementation of the Action Plan. It is envisaged that this group will meet regularly with the Parish Council.

As well as regular monitoring by the Parish Council and Local Action Group, the Action Plan will be updated at each Annual Parish Meeting, with progress made during the previous twelve months being reported to the local community.

This Action Plan is a 'working document' and will be completed, updated and added to as tasks are undertaken. The current version will be held and maintained by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

## **Guide to abbreviations used:**

- EH – English Heritage
- HDC – Hambleton District Council
- LAG – Local Action Group
- LUCT – Lower Ure Conservation Trust (responsible for management of Nosterfield Nature Reserve).
- NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council
- PC – Parish Council
- PCC – Parochial Church Council
- Social Committee – group to be formed as described in Community and Church Section.
- THAG – Thornborough Henges Advisory Group

# The Future

## Community and Church

Topic	Proposed Action Point for the Future	By Whom	Timetable	
			Start	Finish
Need to widen role of church in community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage churches to further develop activities in the community, particularly involving younger people</li> <li>▪ Churches should be central to the community and involved in secular activities.</li> </ul>	PCC / Rector / Methodist Church		
Lack of activities during school holidays.	Liaise with outside agencies to provide workshops and holiday programmes.	Village Hall's Management Committee		
Need to resurrect youth club.	Forward information about the youth club to West Tanfield Memorial Hall's Management Committee (including contact details of willing volunteers).	Village Hall's Management Committee	March 2008	
Lack of awareness of activities in the parish.	Form an 'umbrella' committee to collate and publicise information about activities in the area.	LAG	April 2008	Ongoing
More leisure facilities for young and old.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage and support the activities of the bowling and tennis clubs</li> <li>▪ Develop inter-village social activities.</li> </ul>	Social Committee	March 2008	
Reduce fear of crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Expand the existing Neighbourhood and Farm Watch Groups</li> <li>▪ Set up a regular police and community forum to improve the exchange of information</li> <li>▪ Increase visible police patrols.</li> </ul>	North Yorkshire Police / LAG	Consult with local P.C.	
Reduce crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide a service to assess and advise on householders' crime prevention needs and to target 'target harden' properties</li> <li>▪ Encourage everyone to report suspicious incidents to the police when they happen.</li> </ul>	North Yorkshire Police	Consult with local P.C.	
Improve road safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The police and parish council to work together to identify calming needs</li> <li>▪ Increase use of speed limit enforcement</li> <li>▪ Joint agency road safety initiatives.</li> </ul>	North Yorkshire Police / PC	May 2008	

# The Future

<b>Natural Environment</b>				
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Proposed Action Point for the Future</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Timetable</b>	
			<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Lack of consultation with local people.	Use results of Parish Plan survey to influence how the Parish Council responds to future consultations about the Henges and planning applications/consultations on quarrying issues. Provide copy of survey to PC, NYCC and THAG.	Parish Plan Committee	March 2008	Ongoing
Concern regarding future proposals for quarrying and land restoration, preservation of henges and management of access to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Should further quarrying take place, use the results of this consultation to request that the land be restored to a state which preserves the agricultural landscape character and does not include restoration to wetland. Provide results of survey to PC, NYCC and THAG</li> <li>▪ Provide copy of Parish Plan to Thornborough Henges Advisory Group to inform their future work in the Parish.</li> <li>▪ Encourage a low key approach to access and tourism at the henge monuments and associated landscape.</li> <li>▪ Visitors to our historic environment should not have a detrimental impact on the community, its historic assets, landscape and biodiversity.</li> <li>▪ Ensure effective consultation on important local issues.</li> </ul>	Parish Plan Committee	March 2008	March 08
		THAG / PC / EH / Landowners	Ongoing	Ongoing
		PC / THAG / Tarmac / LUCT / EH.	Ongoing	Ongoing
		PC and others carrying out work in the Parish.	Dec 2007	Ongoing
Hedge Maintenance	Ensure that local hedges are maintained at an acceptable level to increase safety on the roads and improve visual amenity in the parish.	PC / NYCC / Landowners	March 2008	Ongoing

# The Future

Built Environment				
Topic	Proposed Action Point for the Future	By Whom	Timetable	
			Start	Finish
Development should protect and wherever possible, enhance the appearance and historic character of area through good design.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Plan to be forwarded to Hambleton District Council's planning department to aid decisions on future development and planning applications.</li> <li>Parish Council to evaluate impact of future development on Listed Buildings.</li> </ul>	HDC / PC / Parish Plan Committee / EH	March 2008	Ongoing
Encourage the building/conversion of homes for local people.	Ensure views expressed in PP are taken into account in PC decision making	PC	Ongoing	Ongoing
Use traditional materials on the exterior of houses.	Produce a design statement for the villages in the parish to guide future development.	LAG	Ongoing	
Maintain open spaces in and around villages.	Evaluate impact of future proposals for development.	HDC / PC	Ongoing	
Monitor and report condition of roads, hedges and verges.	Liaise and consult with respective agencies / organisations on proposed activities.	PC / Highways North Yorkshire	Ongoing.	Ongoing
Lack of affordable housing units in the Parish.	Carry out secondary housing survey and work with local Rural Housing Enabler to determine need and method of providing affordable housing in Parish.	HDC / PC	November 2007	Ongoing

Services and Facilities				
Topic	Proposed Action Point for the Future	By Whom	Timetable	
			Start	Finish
Support the Post Office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the results of the questionnaire to support post office services in future consultations.</li> <li>Investigate ways in which PO/shop future can be safeguarded</li> </ul>	PC / LAG	Ongoing	Ongoing
Further recycling to take place.	Investigate opportunities with local charity shops to facilitate the recycling of clothes, materials and furniture.	LAG		
Investigate eco friendly/ community power supplies.	Consult with providers.	LAG	Target: January 2009	

# The Future

## Transport - Roads

Topic	Proposed Action Plan for the Future	By Whom	Timetable	
			Start	Finish
Condition of the B6267.	Liaise with Highways Department to identify improvements to help the B6267 cope with volume and weight of the traffic on it and address safety issues.	PC / Highways North Yorkshire	April 2008	
Speeding.	Liaise with North Yorkshire Police to ensure that a greater police presence targets speeding drivers. (see Community and Church above).	PC / Highways North Yorkshire / North Yorkshire Police		
Reduction of speed limit outside St Nicholas Primary School	PC to liaise with NYCC and Highways North Yorkshire regarding introduction of a 20mph "Safer Routes to School" zone outside St. Nicholas Primary School.	As above.		
Reduction of speed limit in Nosterfield and Thornborough.	Carry out speed checks in Nosterfield and Thornborough to find out if 30mph speed restrictions could be introduced.	As above.		
Lack of treatment of minor roads in winter.	Ask North Yorkshire County Council to consider amendments to the usual gritting routes to include those roads identified by respondents.	PC / Highways North Yorkshire	April / May 2008	
General tidiness of villages.	Parish Caretaker to undertake jobs such as clearing appropriate grips at the sides of roads to improve surface water drainage, litter picking on pavements or clearing leaves in Autumn.	PC	Ongoing.	Ongoing
Areas of roads that suffer from flooding.	Document to be prepared, listing those areas on roads that are subject to flooding and detail to be sent to Highways Department.	PC / Highways North Yorkshire		

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## Transport

Topic	Proposed Action Point for the Future	By Whom	Timetable	
			Start	Finish
Publicise the Ripon Roweller bus service.	Publicise availability of this demand led bus service in the Parish News.	LAG / NYCC / Parish News		
Lack of visitors' car parking areas.	Provide safe places to park for visitors to the area (link to Conservation plan and opening of Henges to the public).	Tarmac / LUCT / THAG / LAG		
Provide transport to supermarkets.	Investigate possibility of providing a supermarket shuttle bus.	LAG		
Consultation with community regarding public transport.	Use the questionnaire responses to respond to future consultations by North Yorkshire County Council about the provision of bus services in the Parish.	PC	As opportunities arise.	

## Transport – Footpaths and Pavements

Topic	Proposed Action Point for the Future	By Whom	Timetable	
			Start	Finish
Provide more footpaths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that the footpaths for the Nosterfield quarry are opened to the public at the earliest possible opportunity.</li> <li>▪ Ensure circular walks and quarry paths are installed and opened and then press for statutory status.</li> </ul>	Tarmac / PC / LAG / NYCC / THAG	Ongoing	Ongoing
Publicity for new footpaths and bridleways.	Publicise routes as and when they become available.	LAG / Parish News / NYCC / THAG	Ongoing / as opportunities arise.	
Dog fouling.	Work with Hambleton District Council's Dog Control Officer to reduce the amount of dog waste that is left on footpaths and pavements.	HDC / PC / LAG	Ongoing	Ongoing
Maintenance of footpaths and pavements.	Achieve better maintenance possibly through parish caretaker scheme and liaison with HDC / NYCC	HDC / NYCC / LAG / PC	Ongoing.	Ongoing
Path between West Tanfield and Bird Reserve car park.	LUCT to be urged to open the path between West Tanfield and the Bird Reserve Car Park.	PC / LUCT / THAG		Autumn 2008