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*This is longer than the eventual Action Plan will be, because it includes some feedback on the Survey and background information, both printed in Italics.*  
**The Proposed Actions are printed in Roman.** For abbreviations see page 6

### A. PARISH MAINTENANCE

No.	ISSUE	Comments and Proposed Actions	Priority	Date	Delivery Partners
A1	<b>Road Drainage</b>	<i>This issue produced the highest level of dissatisfaction with maintenance in the Parish Survey.</i> Action. 1. Report recurring problem areas to Cumbria Highways. 2. Publish advice on using the Highways Hotline to report new problems.		2019	1. CLP-SG 2. Individuals 3. CH
A2	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	Leaflet holiday homes about the health hazards of dog fouling and place similar items in the Tirril Times and the Parish Directory [see K4].		2019	CLP-SG
A3	<b>Pavements</b> <i>(see also under Safety)</i>	Report condition (and lack of) pavements on the B5320 to Cumbria Highways; raise the issue through the Highways Hotline, and through the Eden Local Committee		2019-2020	CLP-SG/PC/CH
A4	<b>Control of Hedges</b>	Circulate Highways Hotline complaints phone number (0300 303 2992) and web address.		2019	Individuals
A5	<b>Road Maintenance</b>	Report the level of dissatisfaction (24% of respondents) to Cumbria Highways; and publish advice on reporting problems on the Highways Hotline.		2019	CLP-SG/CH
A6	<b>Control of Grass Verges</b>	<i>83% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the condition of verges.</i> Comments on people parking & driving on well-kept verges, and the need for verges and hedges to provide habitat for pollinators and other wildlife, have been passed to the Parish Council.		done	CLP-SG/PC
A7	<b>Litter &amp; Weed Picking</b>	Establish a Group for the 65 people who volunteered for this activity to organise occasional litter and weed-picking.		2019	CLP-SG / APIT / Volunteers
A8	<b>Footpath and Bridleway Maintenance</b>	Establish a Group, following LDNP and LA protocols, for the 43 people offering help with footpath and bridleway maintenance.		2019	CLP-SG / APIT / Volunteers

### B. PARISH DEVELOPMENTS

<b>B1</b>	<b>Improved Sewerage</b> <i>71% of respondents rated improved sewerage important or very important.</i>	Draw on local expertise to make a formal representation to United Utilities about the inadequacy of sewerage infrastructure in Sockbridge and Tirril. The issue should also be raised as a material consideration in response to planning applications.		2019	CLP-SG / PC / United Utilities / EA / EDC
<b>B2</b>	<b>Planting of trees and bulbs in public spaces</b>	<i>163 people supported this suggestion with only 21 opposed.</i> As this idea raises issues of location, maintenance, and possible hazards, the Implementation Team will set up a volunteer group to make proposals to the PC for planting in specific locations.		2020	APIT (Action Plan Implementation Team) /PC
<b>B3</b>	<b>A Survey of obstacles to accessibility</b>	APIT will set up a volunteer group to report to the PC on obstacles to mobility and accessibility within the village, e.g. for users of pushchairs, wheelchairs and walking frames, or those with impaired mobility.		2019	APIT / PC

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<b>B4</b>	<b>A Heritage Board</b>	Set up a volunteer group to develop a proposal and apply via the PC to the Community Grant Fund to finance the design and erection of a Parish Heritage Board for the benefit of locals, visitors, and tourists.		2019	APIT / PC / Eden Councillors and ELC
<b>B5</b>	<b>Allotments</b>	Encourage those ( <i>over 25% of respondents</i> ) who expressed interest in allotments to set up a volunteer group to pursue the issue. The group could petition the PC for action (allotments are a statutory PC responsibility); and/or investigate the use of vacant lots elsewhere; and/or promote sharing of private gardens for mutual benefit.		2019	APIT / Volunteers / PC

### C. HOUSING AND PLANNING

<b>C1</b>	<b>Housing</b> <i>The Survey produced results broadly similar to the 2011 Housing Survey, but with insufficient detail to suggest a specific course of action</i>	<i>As the 2011 Housing Survey indicated, the unusually high turnover in the S&amp;T housing market creates regular opportunities for people wishing to downsize or upsize at market rates.</i> Consult the Housing Officer to ascertain precise needs within the Parish for low-cost homes, social housing for rent, or community housing, including smaller homes for the elderly. Individuals or families with specific needs should make their needs known to the EDC Housing Officer. If or when recent planning permissions materialise, representations should be made to EDC and developers to urge that any ascertained and quantified local needs are provided for.		2019	CLP-SG / PC / EDCHO
<b>C2</b>	<b>Planning Guidelines</b>	162 of 205 respondents agreed or agreed strongly that the village needs its own statement of planning guidelines. The full Plan will therefore include a statement incorporating all relevant survey responses, that villagers and councillors could refer to in supporting or objecting to future planning applications.		2019	CLP-SG
<b>C3</b>	<b>Planning Powers</b>	70.2 % of respondents wished the PC to have more say in planning matters but this would require development of a Neighbourhood Plan, which while S&T is classified among 'smaller villages and hamlets is not thought desirable. Action: to revisit this option in the event of reclassification as a 'key hub'.		2020-2030	PC

### D. TRANSPORT, PARKING AND SAFETY

<b>D1</b>	<b>Use of Transport</b> <i>94% of respondents depend on cars and 70% use them daily</i>	<i>Buses do not run at times needed for work or for evening leisure pursuits, and more use a bicycle than buses and only 40% admit to never cycling. Only half knew of the Voluntary Car Scheme and Rural Wheels and only 3% use them.</i> <u>Action:</u> publicise the Voluntary Car Scheme and Rural Wheels in a Parish Directory [see <b>K4</b> ], and in The Tirril Times. See also <b>G4</b> and <b>G6</b>		2019	CLP-SG
<b>D2</b>	<b>Public Parking</b> <i>The community has no public car park but more efficient use of available space may be the only practical option.</i>	<i>At present, creating a car park adjacent to the village hall as wanted by many respondents is not possible.</i> Proposed actions: (a) explore the possibility of a car park within 150 yards with landowners and Cumbria Highways as part of an approach to traffic problems [see <b>D3</b> ]; (b) consult CCC about the efficient use of available parking space on the B-5320 [see also <b>H1</b> ]		2019-2025	CLP-SG/APIT PC/EDC/CCC

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<b>D3</b>	<b>Road Safety</b> <i>69% of respondents were concerned with road safety, only 26% not.</i>	<i>A Community Speedwatch scheme has been implemented with Cumbria Constabulary. Further action:</i> The CLP will include a chart showing perceived danger points on the B5320 as identified in the survey. We will consult with Cumbria Highways and CRSP about each of the following proposals: radar speed signs at both ends of the village; a 20 mph limit in ‘the narrows’; pavement improvements where there is no pavement or defective pavements; a painted walkway in ‘the narrows’; extending the 40 mph speed limit from Yanwath to Tirril; appropriate protection for pedestrians crossing the road between both sets of bus stops and at Tirril Lodge.		2019-2025	CLP-SG / APIT / CC/ CH / CRSP
<b>D4</b>	<b>Crime or Nuisance</b>	<i>Only 7.3 % of respondents reported any experience of nuisance and the top issues were control of dogs on agricultural land and cold calling on the doorstep. We will publicise farmers’ concerns in the Plan and the Guidelines for Walkers [G7] and in the Parish Directory [K4] and publicise the availability of ‘no cold calling’ stickers.</i>		2019	CLP-SG > EDC

### E. UTILITIES

<b>E1</b>	<b>Interest in Mains Gas</b>	<i>Home Heating in Sockbridge and Tirril is by Oil (98%), Wood (56%); Electricity (39%), LPG (8.5%) and Other (9.7%), but 70% would prefer Mains Gas if it were available and the price were right. Action:</i> ask our EDC and CCC representatives to lobby Northern Gas for action, if recent planning permissions are acted upon, or in the event of any future developments.		Cont.	District and County Councillors, Northern Gas
<b>E2</b>	<b>Village Oil Group</b>	<i>28% of respondents said they would join (i.e. had not joined) the village oil group which communicates by email. Action:</i> publicise in the Parish Directory and the Tirril Times, and include information on the ‘oil buddies’ scheme whereby those with email help others to benefit from the oil purchasing group.		2019	CLP-SG to publicise

### F. OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

<b>F1</b>	<b>Assets of Community Value</b>  <i>Designation of Local Green Space can be made only by EDC but can be proposed by the PC or by an informal group of 21 people.</i>	<i>The most valued spaces, nominated by respondents as sites to designate as Local Green Space or Assets of Community Value are (1) the field behind the village hall (Moffat’s Croft) which is used for the Village Fair and other celebrations, (2) Tirril Croft (which runs beside the Ladybeck and between Sockbridge &amp; Tirril), (3) the Children’s Play Area adjacent to Sockbridge Green, and (4) the arable field between Ladybeck and Greenkiln. However, ‘Local Green Space’ (equivalent to Green Belt) can only be designated in a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan. The CLP-SG will invite concerned villagers to establish a Community Group to nominate one or more of the above spaces for designation by EDC as an Asset of Community Value.</i>		2020	CLP-SG / Community Group / EDC
<b>F2</b>	<b>A green space for Games</b>	<i>There has long been a lack of facilities for young people in the village. Action:</i> PC to request Yanwath School to make their playing field available to parishioners out of school hours and, if need be, apply to Eden for financial assistance.		2019	PC / EDC

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**G. FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS**

<b>G1</b>	<b>General</b>	APIT to establish a Footpaths and Cycleways Development Group to pursue <b>G2, G3, G4, G5, G6</b>		2019	APIT
<b>G2</b>	<b>A Parish Circular Path</b>  <i>84% of respondents claim to walk daily, weekly or monthly for their own or recreation or to show visitors around and admire the views.</i>	<i>This, one of the most popular ideas in the Survey, would be a long-term project, but with great benefits to the community. A continuous path would involve new permissive rights of way, reopening a historic route across three fields from High Field Kiln to Celleron Lane, and prospecting a new route from Barton to the Mill (a lower priority since there is already a bridleway from Kirkbarrow to Thorpe).</i> Action: (a) for Highfield to Celleron: supply plan of route and details of landowners to CCC Countryside Access Team; (b) explore with landowners whether there is any possible route from Barton to Sockbridge Mill (or Mill Lane) and if so, refer to the Countryside Access Team.		2032	APIT PC CCC Countryside Access Team
<b>G3</b>	<b>A link to Barton Church from the Bridleway</b>	Discuss with landowners to identify a route avoiding the main road. If the response is positive, pursue with CCC Countryside Access Team.		2025	APIT//CCC
<b>G4</b>	<b>A continuous Footway to Penrith</b>  <i>51% of respondents said they would walk or cycle more if safer routes existed.</i>	<i>The missing link is from Yanwath to Eamont Bridge, in Eamont Bridge Parish. A proposal for providing this is in the CCC 'Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2018/19: Local Area Transport Improvement Schemes', approved and funded by Eden Local Committee.</i> Action: PC to offer support to Eamont Bridge PC in stressing that this enhancement would be of value to both parishes. Investigate enhancement of this project for shared use by cyclists.		2025	APIT/ PC / CCC / Eden Local Committee
<b>G5</b>	<b>A Map and Guide to Parish Footpaths</b>	Produce a map of local footpaths and, because of the tourism benefit, explore possible funding from EDC.		2019	APIT / EDC
<b>G6</b>	<b>Cycleways to Penrith &amp; Pooley</b>	Consult Barton PC, Eamont PC, LDNP and CCC (Cycling Strategy) about a cycleway from Penrith to Pooley, or failing that, consult with Barton PC and the LDNP about enhancing the existing bridleway from Barton Kirke to Pooley Bridge via Mill Moor (all within Barton, but of value to Sockbridge & Tirril).		2032	S&T PC, Barton PC. Eamont PC/ CCC Cycling Strategy, LDNP
<b>G7</b>	<b>Farmland Guidelines</b>	On advice from local farmers and vets we will include guidelines on the safe use of agricultural grazing land in the Plan and the Village Directory.		2019	CLP-SG

**H. THE VILLAGE HALL**

<b>H1</b>	<b>Disabled parking</b>	Referred to the PC and VHC to consider possible solutions including preferential parking and a drivers' pool to take people to village events.		2019	PC/ VHC
<b>H2</b>	<b>Renewable heating</b>  <i>67% of respondents considered installation of renewable</i>	The Plan will report in detail on what options have been considered by the VHC in the past and why they have been ruled out. We recommend that the VHC contacts ACT and Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) for information on recent		Cont.	CLP-SG/ VHC / ACT / CAfS

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	<i>heating at the village hall to be a priority.</i>	Cumbrian installations; and that in view of rapid evolution of renewable heating technology, the VHC trustees flag the issue for quinquennial review.			
<b>H3</b>	<b>Heritage display in VH</b>	Arrange a new heritage display in the Village Hall, possibly including a permanent photographic element.		2019	VHC
<b>H4</b>	<b>Improved outside paving</b>	<i>Concerns relate to crumbling tarmac between the road surface and (a) the front steps, (b) the rear entrance, (c) the east wall.</i> Refer to VHC to consider action.		2020	VHC

### I. PARISH ACTIVITIES

<b>I1</b>	<b>Proposed Activities</b>	<i>The most popular of many proposed new activities were: Badminton, Table Tennis, an Arts Festival, a Village Mart, a regular monthly coffee morning and a monthly book-swap; a Choir and a d-i-y skills exchange.</i> As the VHC confirms that regular timetable slots are available, and that there is space for equipment, we will contact those who volunteered to run activities to take them forward.		2019	APIT / Volunteers
<b>I2</b>	<b>Children's Activities</b>	<i>10.7% were 'keen' to support TASCA but interest in new activities was low (below 6%, with Seasonal Parties and Children's Crafts the most popular) and none offered to organise them.</i> We will refer volunteers to TASCA to offer help, and refer to TASCA to consider what activities might be viable to support young families.		2019	CLP-SG / TASCA
<b>I3</b>	<b>Skill Development Classes</b>	<i>Respondents wished to attend new classes in languages, computing; dementia caring, and crafts.</i> Action: identify those willing to run such classes; advertise these and existing classes; and promote awareness of U3A and LEA classes (K4)		2019	CLP-SG to activate Volunteers

### J. HEALTH, WELFARE AND INCLUSION

<b>J1</b>	<b>Problems accessing health services.</b>	Communicate complaints about long waits for hospital appointments and treatment and /or the difficulty of making appointments at local GP practices in Penrith to the health authorities via the CCC/CLP liaison officer and to named GP practices.		2019	CLP-SG to file complaint
<b>J2</b>	<b>Meeting identified needs.</b>	See B3, D1, F2, H1, H4 for policies on young people and other groups.			
<b>J3</b>	<b>Help in a Parish Emergency</b>  <i>118 respondents offered help of various kinds in emergency conditions.</i>	Establish a Village Help Network with three volunteer co-ordinators to work with the many individuals who have offered practical help, to devise a plan for helping people in an emergency (e.g. floods, power cuts, storm damage, heavy snowfall); and through local knowledge, to identify those people who might be at risk. This network would supplement (not replace), existing emergency services, details of which will be included in the Parish Directory (K4)		2019	APIT to initiate

### K. GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION

<b>K1</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<i>Over 70% of respondents said that the PC communicates well, that they felt well informed on parish matters, and that the PC should have more influence on planning</i>		2018	CLP/PC/EDC
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		<i>decisions. 49% felt that their interests were well represented. Just 5.4% considered that Eden District Council is responsive to local opinion. Suggestions for possible improvement will be reported to both Councils and any responses noted in the Plan.</i>		
<b>K2</b>	<b>Parish Sources of Information</b>	<i>More relied on the Tirril Times (91%) and Noticeboards (63%) than on the village email service (49%) or Website (24%). Action is needed to (a) promote better use of digital information (APIT) and (b) provide a larger noticeboard in the East Tirril bus shelter (PC).</i>	2018-2020	(a) APIT/VHC (b) PC
<b>K3</b>	<b>Improving General Information</b>	<i>Most respondents felt sufficiently informed about clubs and regular activities in Sockbridge &amp; Tirril, but fewer about occasional events, and very few about regular activities in nearby villages. Only a minority knew how to contact council departments, or how report immediate problems. Action: The Parish should avail itself of any funding to enhance the website and welcome EDC initiatives to link parish websites with each other. [See also K4]</i>	2020	APIT/PC/ CCC Eden Team
<b>K4</b>	<b>Parish Directory</b>  <i>The survey established that there was a low level of information about a number of existing services, what's on in the locality, and how to get things done.</i>	<i>ACTION: Draft and produce a Sockbridge &amp; Tirril Parish Directory, replicated on the parish website, to be updated biennially, and delivered to all houses and all newcomers. This Directory will cover such matters as what to do about potholes, blocked drains, overgrown hedges, dog fouling, saltbins and verges; how to join action groups on litterpicking and footpath maintenance; what voluntary car services are available; the best broadband and mobile phone providers; the village oil-buying scheme and how it works; contact details for adult education classes and for existing and new activities in the village hall and in neighbouring villages; local footpaths; emergency contact numbers; voluntary services, etc.</i>	2019	APIT

### ABBREVIATIONS

**CLP-SG** the present Steering Group whose formal role ends in November when the Full Plan is completed.

**APIT** the Action Plan Implementation Team (including CLP-SG members) that will be set up in September / October to take the plan forward.

**CAfS** Cumbria Action for Sustainability

**CC** = Cumbria Constabulary

**CCC** = Cumbria County Council

**CH** = Cumbria Highways

**CRSP** = Cumbria Road Safety Partnership;

**EA** = Environment Agency

**EDC** = Eden District Council

**ELC** = Eden Local Committee (of CCC)

**LDNP** = Lake District National Park

**PC** = S&T Parish Council

**VHC** Village Hall Committee