

Burneside Action Plan Project Interim Report



What are we doing?

We are pleased to be involving local residents and community stakeholders of Burnside and Bowston in a conversation about the vision for the future of the village.

The project provides an opportunity for residents and community stakeholders to share their views about what the future of the village should be and what projects they would like to take place. Along with considering what people would like, we are asking people what makes the village special and what role they would like to have in realising its potential.

The aim is to identify priorities and projects that local people want to take forward in the short, medium and long term, and develop a community led Action Plan to enable these to be realised.

How are we doing this?

We have set up an interactive project website www.placed-engagement.org.uk/burnside, are delivering online workshops and have provided paper surveys which are available in the church. Ann Hall, who lives locally, is meeting people for a walk and feeding back conversations.

People can share their ideas until 4th July 2021. This document outlines what we have heard so far through our website and our workshops with community members and young people.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions meant we were not able to organise face-to-face events as we would have liked. However, we are planning an in-person event on 2nd July 2021 between 12 - 4 on Millennium Green. We hope to see you there!

Playground is good but sad as feels unloved. Especially when people ruin it by destroying things in it. Playground at Levens is amazing.

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shop with e-bike recharging. (Willink is NOT available for building houses, it was left as a resource for recreation for the village residents)

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A community center. A place for pop medical and support services A place for the older kids to have a chill out room A place for a coffee morning and accommodated other suggestions. Pilates yoga, in door football and sports

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I am of a young age and there seems to be a lack of things to do, I think that there should be a park/playground that is a set place to congregate. Young people don't have enough places to go and so, they get bored. The bike track in the wood by Boston is proof enough of this. There should be a more official place to congregate where people are less prone to get hurt since there are no rules. The bike track, although it is something for young people, is on private land, and could be dangerous.

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A new road for the mills HGV and staff to use. Avoiding the village centre. The increased damage to our road surfaces due to the heavy duty use is something the residents have to live with so maybe funding from the mill to counter this

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Housing needs to be assed for. Homes for local need and others for relocations. Low cost Starr homes and Bungalows really needed

How many people have we heard from?

So far, we received contributions from:

- 45 survey respondents
- 44 visitors to the website Ideas Wall page
- 97 comments on the Ideas Wall
- 2 teenagers on video workshop and 20 pupils from St Oswald's CE Primary School
- 12 local residents on an online workshop.

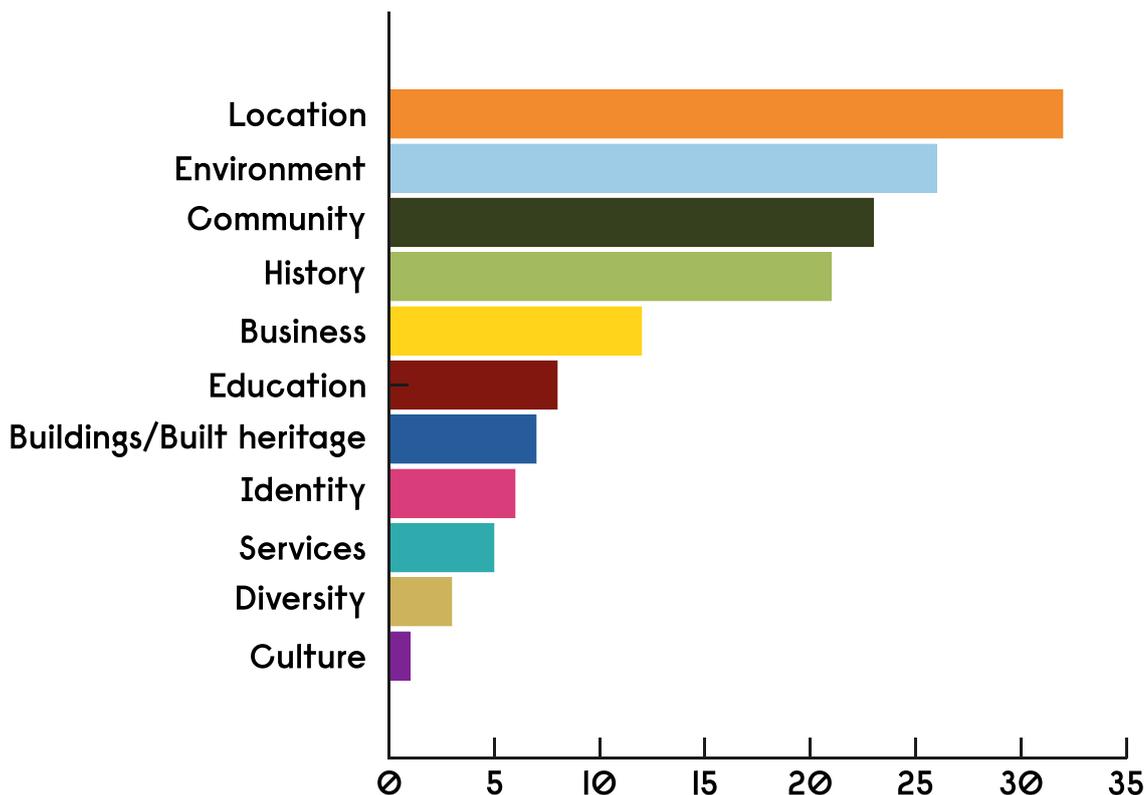
Who have we spoken to?

In addition we have had conversations with local organisations including Burneside Residents Association, the Parish Council, The Bryce Institute, Croppers, The Angler's Interest, St Oswald's School, SLDC and Cumbria County Council, St Oswald's Church and local sports organisations, amongst others. There have also been informal conversations taking place with Ann Hall.

What have we heard?

The following report show the findings from our online survey and workshops.

What makes Burneside special? What are its strengths?



What would you like to see more of in Burnside?

In the online survey, people were asked to select the types of improvements they would like to see happen from a selection of images.

The images below show the themes of activities and the number of votes they have received, shown in order of popularity.

The most popular ideas overall were for food and drink venues, youth provision, local shops, sport facilities and play spaces.



Food and drink venues - 35



Youth provision - 34



Local shops - 32



Sports facilities - 24



Play spaces - 23



Transport improvements - 20



Arts, culture and museums - 15



Community forums - 9



Adult education - 5



Business support - 2

What ideas are people sharing?

Across the website and workshops, the following are the most frequently suggested ideas:

- People want to see a thriving community centre that is well-designed and offers services and shops. Many people feel the current shop doesn't fulfil its' potential, and would love to see more local produce, fresh fruit and veg and seating outside so people can have lunch.
- People spoke about natural spaces that could be better used for recreation and community purposes such as the riverbanks, Millennium Green and Willink Field. Allotments are also a popular idea.
- Some key spaces are identified as being in need of repair and renovation, especially the playground which isn't considered to be somewhere you would stay for long.
- The public toilet and the school gate were also highlighted as things that could be repaired.
- Some participants stated they felt new housing is needed to fit various peoples' needs. Some talked about the wish to attract new people, but others disagreed.
- Young people would like to see an improved retail offer, cafés and activities such as music or a bike jump track. They also talked about needing some independence in the organisation and running of activities.

I believe that new housing development is crucial for a long-term , sustainable future. Housing, and commercial development should be designed and built to the highest carbon neutral standards, with green renewable energy at its heart. Housing cannot just be for local people. We need an injection of newcomers, with new skills (especially for our Mill and new businesses), imaginative, & creative ideas and attitudes.

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Something creative... where people of all ages make/create something together. Maybe an outside gallery or sculpture competition to celebrate belonging post covid.

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I'd like to see a pop up market selling local produce, regularly - also cafe, fresh local food and cafe, a few seats - say on a Saturday. Weekly over the summer

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We'd like to see: - decent bike lanes (designed with consultation from cyclists) with connected up routes, for everyone including children getting to school - more wildflowers in the verges and flowers in the village - allotments - a Tetra Pak recycling point - community litter pick - dog poo vigilance - a walks and history of Burnside guide in leaflet form sold from shop - a Festival of Paper/Paper Parade - skatepark - nicer park by the river

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- People are keen to see a better transport route including buses and cycling. In particular, people spoke about improvements to cycling routes, in particular a safer route to Kendal.
- There are varying views about the role of the Mill in the village. Some people feel it brings issues such as heavy vehicles and noise. However, others feel it should be celebrated as a key part of the heritage of Burnside, and that it also brings economic opportunities and jobs.
- The Bryce Institute was identified as a local asset and resource. Many people aspire for Burnside to be more like Staveley.
- Some people feel that it's hard to know what is on locally, that communication could be better and more diverse.

I want to see a vibrant, heart of the village (a village centre), where we can shop, eat, drink, socialise, welcome visitors etc. It should be highly attractive, well-designed, with green credentials. It could be a celebration of our paper heritage, with ur Mill as a backdrop, An award winning centre would attract new businesses, visitors and boost the locaoo economy.

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Yes. Agree

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I agree. A heart to the village is needed. Do not agree our mill needs be the identity of Burnside. Our theatre our sporting groups. Our wide range of music groups. That's What makes Burnside a community.

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Totally agree. This could bring so much to the village and support community initiatives where money could be put back to the community for projects/amenities. Burnside has so much potential to be a place people want to visit whilst retaining its heritage and identity.

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Project Ideas

To create a way forward and shape the Action Plan, we need to understand what ideas would make the greatest difference.

Some ideas could be delivered quickly by drawing on the skills, talents and resources that already exist locally and require few additional resources. Others are longer term ambitions which require specialised skills and larger budgets.

The following are the main ideas identified.

Short term

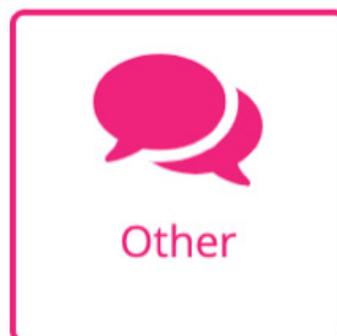
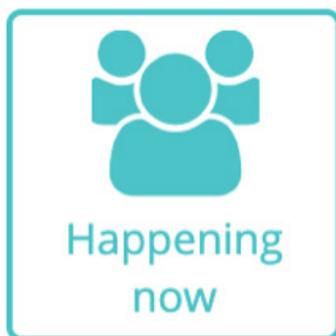
- Repair the school gate and refresh the paint of the public toilet
- Improve maintenance of Millennium green
- Plan a summer festival and/or pop-up market
- Organise events at the Bryce
- Improve communication in the village so people know what is happening

Medium term

- Renovate the public toilet and the playground
- Improve retail offer and encourage shop owners to open a business in the village
- Develop allotments
- Agree and plan for the development of the riverbanks and green spaces
- Open a youth facility
- Assess the needs for new housing

Long term

- Develop a dynamic and attractive “heart of the village”
- Reduce the village’s carbon footprint



Do you have other ideas and priorities that you would like to see happen? Or do you agree with those above? Visit the website and share your thoughts through the survey or Ideas Wall.

What happens next?

We have had productive conversations with a wide range of people from the community. There is clear potential and desire for the community to make things happen through a collective effort.

There is no set agenda about what will be produced, no budget committed and no fixed time-scale for when it will happen. It is hoped that future projects and developments will be defined by conversations with the community.

We are asking for your ideas until 4th July. At the end of the engagement period, we will put together a full report that will be shared publicly.

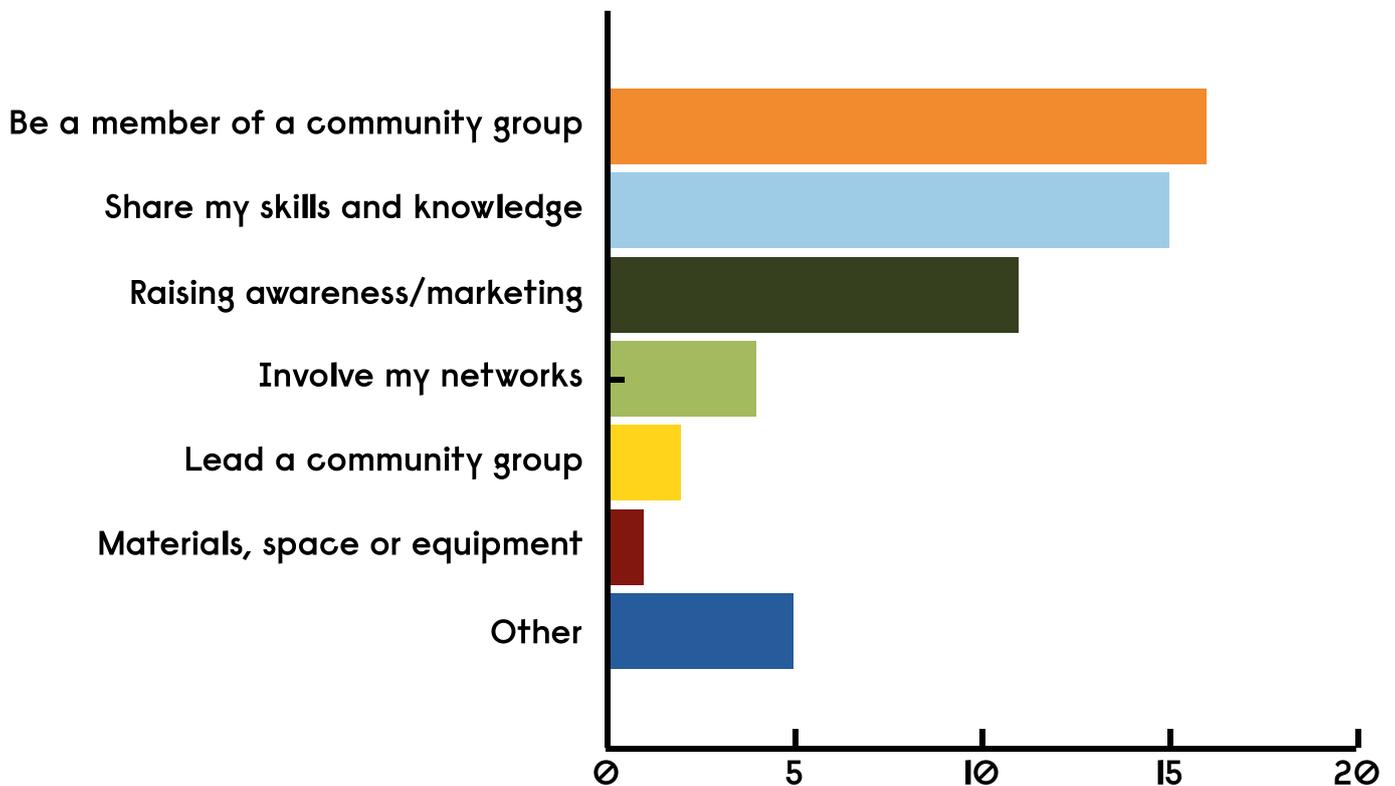
Following this, we will be creating an Action Plan, developed by community stakeholders, that indicates how key ideas will be taken forward, what resources are needed, what will be achieved as a result and who could make this happen.

We are not producing technical drawings, policy documents, or a masterplan. Instead, we aim to support local people in producing a community-led approach that can start to be delivered immediately with short-term projects, and to develop a strategy for more ambitious projects to be realised over the next ten or more years.

How can you get involved?

Change will only happen if local people get involved and there is community action. Through the survey and website, we have asked people how they could be part of transforming Burnside. People have said they can support in the following ways:

- Be a member of a community group
- Share my skills and knowledge
- Raising awareness/marketing



Sharing your views

This is an interim summary of what we have heard so far, but we are keen to hear from more local residents and community stakeholders.

We would love you to tell us if you agree with what has been said to date. What do you think is the most urgent issue? Have we missed anything?

You can share your views on our website www.placed-engagement.org.uk/burnside where you can post comments on the Ideas Wall and/or fill the survey. Paper surveys are available at the church in Burnside. You can do this any time from now until the **4th July**.

Please ensure you share your views to ensure that your ideas and suggestions can be considered as part of the Action Plan.

Thank you!

This report would not be possible without the generosity of the local community who have given their time to share their views and shape this engagement.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far, and shown their willingness to take these ideas forward in the future.

Any questions?

Please contact Sophie on sophie@placed.org.uk



Who is leading this conversation?

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Who is funding this engagement?

This consultation is funded by Ellergreen. The funding, at this very early stage, is for the sole intention of talking with members of the community and understanding what ideas they have for the development of Burnside. At this stage, this does not include allocated funds for the development of projects.

As one of the key stakeholders, Ellergreen might have some involvement in the realisation in some of the projects defined by the community in partnership with other stakeholders and funding organisations. This is yet to be defined and will evolve with the development of the project.



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