# **AUSTWICK PARISH PLAN 2**



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#### 1. Introduction

In 2002 Austwick Parish Council and Lawkland Parish Meeting, recognising that the two parishes share many interests and have similar problems, agreed to undertake the development of a joint Parish Plan. A successful application was made to the Countryside Agency and to the European Regional Development Fund for funding to support a 'Planning for Real®' exercise, facilitated by Yorkshire Planning Aid and involving public consultation and involvement in the drawing up of this Plan.

The resulting Plan, published in October 2004, formed the basis for improvements to the quality of life in the parishes over the next 15 to 20 years. The Plan was also designed to be updated periodically and for a full review to take place after three years, with new priorities identified and acted upon if necessary.

The 2004 Plan was reviewed by the Parish Council in October 2007 and it was agreed that the document would be assessed to see if the main issues were still relevant. Accordingly, a questionnaire was distributed to all the households in Austwick Parish via the parish newsletter in January 2008 asking parishioners to identify key areas of concern. A summary of the responses can be found in Appendix 1. The results were collated by the Parish Council and summarised at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2008.

#### The key areas of concern were:

- Planning Control, future development & loss of green space
- Road safety (traffic speed, parking & highways in general)
- Footpaths & verges
- Housing
- Support for school & shop
- Improved bus routes & times
- Waste disposal

Some of the key issues mentioned were identified in the 2004 Plan and indicate that there is still work to do, whilst some new concerns have arisen due to changes in the parish in recent years. The aim of the **Parish Plan 2 (2009)** is to reflect these new and on-going concerns and to decide on a plan of action. To consider which, if any, external bodies (Government, County Council, District Council, National Park etc) are involved. To decide what can or should be done about an issue; agree who is responsible for any action and approve a feasible time scale.

Because the Parish of Austwick lies partly within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the Forest of Bowland AONB and the North Craven area of Craven District, due consideration has to be given to the relevant strategy documents such as the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006, the Local Development Framework for Craven District outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park, the Craven Biodiversity Action Plan and the NYCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

## 2. Description of the area

People have lived in and around Austwick for over 4000 years. Archaeological finds date from the Neolithic era onwards and there is evidence of settlement dating back to the Bronze Age. Austwick Manor is mentioned in the Domesday Book, when it was clearly of considerable importance and the village once had its own market, as can be seen from the market cross which still stands on the village green opposite the church.

Austwick was formed as a distinct Civil Parish in 1894 in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Agriculture and quarrying were once the main occupations. Today farming is mainly pastoral but in the past arable farming was widespread, as indicated by the extensive terracing on the hillsides. Barley and oats were important crops. Quarrying has been a local industry since at least the thirteenth century. Weaving was important from the Middle Ages until the 1870s, moving from wool to linen and finally to cotton.

This is a strong community, with a strongly supported Church of England primary school, a well attended Parish Church, a Parish Hall and a busy shop and post office. There is also a popular and imaginatively managed public house and an award-winning country house hotel as well as several small businesses and bed and breakfast establishments. Local people have raised funds to provide their own playing fields complex and children's play area and there are numerous well supported clubs and societies.

There has been no doctor's surgery in the Parish since before the Second World War. The local general practitioners are in Settle or Bentham; the nearest hospitals are in Keighley, Kendal or Lancaster, all over 20 miles away.

There are a few holiday homes in the area, but the parish is seen as somewhere to put down one's roots and houses command high prices. In 2001 a professional housing needs survey identified an ongoing need for 'affordable housing'.

The Keighley to Kendal Turnpike was constructed through the parish from 1753; part of it is still in use today as the A65 between the Settle and Clapham bypasses. Plans to improve this notoriously dangerous stretch of road were shelved about a decade ago although the Parish Council continues to lobby for speed restrictions and better road markings.

The Parish of Austwick currently has an electorate of 412 persons and is situated in the north of Craven District and in the southern area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Apart from the village shop and post office in Austwick, local residents have to service their needs in Settle (6 miles), Bentham (7 miles) or Ingleton (6 miles). The village is 20 miles to the north west of Craven's principal administrative centre of Skipton.



Residents either work from their home base (farming, tourism or other small businesses) or travel to work in Settle and other centres (Skipton, Lancaster and Kendal) up to 20 miles away. A few work further away, (e.g. Manchester and Leeds). The Austwick Community Broadband Association was established in 2003 to provide a wireless broadband network, funded through grant aid from the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, for the village and surrounding communities and now has over 100 members. The community has its own web site, providing information on activities in the area, local organizations, accommodation providers and so on.

In 2000 a survey was carried out across Craven District to establish areas of greatest need, giving particular weighting to access to services. The ward within which Austwick is situated was recognized as one of Craven's three most economically deprived areas and among the worst twenty in North Yorkshire.

The character of the landscape is in three distinct parts. To the north, it is limestone upland, a part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. To the south, it is gritstone moorland and is a part of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In the valley between the two upland areas, it is pastoral. The farms have only small to medium sized fields with common grazing on the fell; the whole area is designated as 'Moorland and Heath, Severely Disadvantaged and Less Favoured Areas'. Farm incomes are low and many changes are forecast as Britain grapples with European agricultural policy. The local economy relies heavily upon the industries of farming and tourism, which often offer low returns and are under constant threat from the vagaries of economic cycles.

The Parish has grown little in terms of residential development, it has been mostly sporadic or as a result of barn conversions. There are limited opportunities for additional development due to the restrictive planning controls imposed by the Planning Authorities, particularly the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. Section 106 conditions, tying properties to agricultural use, are causing unnecessary restrictions to potential home owners. More recently, however, Austwick village has seen an unprecedented number of development approvals being granted. In the five years ended July 2006, consents were granted for 277 new dwellings in the entire Yorkshire Dales National Park,18 (6.5%) of which were in Austwick. From January 2007 to the present date, approval has been given for a further 14 new dwellings, with an additional 5 properties still awaiting a decision at the time of writing. This is a very large number of new houses in what is just one of 33 small Service Villages in the National Park.

There is heavy reliance upon private transport. There is a limited bus service connecting Austwick village to nearby centres, but otherwise, availability is very limited. Rail services run from Giggleswick and Settle, but the timetabling is such that the service is not suitable for commuting except for one train daily to and from Leeds. Poor timing of transport links limits the potential of the workforce to take up education or training and employment opportunities in other locations.

#### 3. PRIORITY ISSUES

## 3.1 Planning control, future development & loss of green space

#### *Interaction with other bodies*

The relevant external bodies are the respective planning departments of Craven District Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The Yorkshire Dales Development Framework will set out local planning policy for the National Park until 2021 and the Authority is required to prepare a statement of community involvement as part of the new process. At a recent YDNPA planning committee meeting, it was noted that Parish Council comments should be more fully taken into account and recorded in the planning officer's report. This is welcomed by the Parish Council.



#### **Current Position**

The village of Austwick has evolved over the centuries from the earliest settlements (at least Medieval) with dwellings scattered along the main roads with significant open green areas between. This inheritance is absolutely fundamental to the character of the village and must be taken into account in deciding the scale and location of any future development proposals.

The hamlet of Wharfe, although not recognised in the current Local Plan for the YDNPA as a development area, also has ancient roots and a historical structure which would need to be given due consideration for any development proposals in the future.

Recent new build residential development in Austwick has raised concerns about the potential loss of some of the characteristic green spaces in the village as well as the overbearing scale of multi-dwelling developments. There are also concerns as to the cumulative impact of development and the use by developers of incremental changes to a consented scheme, which must be carefully monitored by the planning authorities.

Consideration was recently given to Austwick applying for Conservation Area status for the village and surrounding areas in an attempt to have more control over continued residential development in the future. Following a preliminary assessment and as a result of discussions with the National Park Senior Planning Officer, the Parish Council decided not to pursue this avenue because it was felt that existing and proposed planning legislation for the National Park provided adequate protection.

#### **Aspiration**

The Parish Council needs to be satisfied that its concerns with regard to inappropriate residential development in the village will be taken into account by the National Park Authority planning department. Equally, it is the responsibility of this council to adequately represent the long term interests of the village and its residents in robustly pursuing any inappropriate development with reference to the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006, or the Yorkshire Dales Local Framework upon its completion.

#### Action required

The Parish Council must make full use of the legislation currently available from National Government, Local Government and the National Park Authority to enable it to challenge, where necessary, any planning issues which, in Councillors' and residents' opinion would have a detrimental effect on the historical and architectural integrity of the village.

Section 106 agreements could be negotiated when it is considered that a particular development could have a negative impact that cannot be dealt with through conditions in the planning permission. For example, new residential developments which place additional pressure on the existing social, physical and economic infrastructure in the village could have planning obligations attached to them to ensure that they make a positive contribution to the area.

The Planning Act 2008 contains enabling powers to empower local councils to apply a Community Infrastructure Levy on new developments in their areas to support the local infrastructure, thereby reducing the impact of new development.

The key documents that will assist this process are the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006, soon to be replaced by the Yorkshire Dales Local Framework and the Statement of Community Involvement in Planning produced by the National Park Authority.

Accordingly a copy of Austwick Parish Plan 2 (2009) will be sent to the respective planning authority development control officers for comment and a final copy sent to them for information and reference. In addition a copy of the plan will be on the Austwick Parish Council website and be lodged with the Settle library.

## **3.2** Road Safety (traffic speed, parking & highways)

#### Interaction with other bodies

The relevant statutory body, since the Order from the Secretary of State to de-trunk the A65, effective from January 31st 2009 is North Yorkshire County Council.

#### **Current Position**

In August 2006 traffic speeds through the village were monitored by North Yorkshire County Council. In the village centre the figure was 21mph and outside the school was 29mph. Although these speeds are within the limit of 30mph it was agreed that Austwick would be put on the 20mph Scheme Reserve List and is at present 5th on the list. Usually only one scheme a year is approved due to the costs involved.

Access to the A65, either from Graystonber Lane, Holme Lane or Clapham Road, is extremely dangerous due to the national speed limit of 60 mph prevailing on the highway as it passes through the Parish. The Parish Council has made numerous representations to both North Yorkshire County Council and the Highways Agency on this matter, with little success. There have been some improvements to the road surface and signage, but no response to our request for the imposition of a 40mph speed limit between the Settle and Clapham by-passes. In addition, the sightlines at the junctions with the A65 are severely restricted unless the verges are mown frequently.

General repairs to the secondary roads and signage in the Parish (Area 5) are carried out by the NYCC highways department, usually at the request of the Parish Council.

Concern has been expressed by Councillors and the Parish Clerk at the inordinate length of time that it takes to get anything repaired.

At present cars belonging to both residents and visitors park on the roadside in Austwick village centre. This causes congestion and is potentially dangerous. Since 2004, investigations have focused on the possibility of creating public parking places in or around the village but so far no practical solution has been found.

National planning guidance recommends that residential development requires only one parking pace per residential unit. However, car ownership is significantly higher in rural areas such as Austwick. The average ownership in the parish is 2.48 vehicles per household, so as the rate of development increases, it is inevitable that the problem will get worse.

#### **Aspirations**

Further investigations should be made in conjunction with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority planning department to explore means by which the planning system may be able to provide a solution to this problem.

#### **Action required**

The Parish Council will continue to press for a reduction in the speed limit on the A65 between the Settle and Clapham by-passes. Representations will also be made to North Yorkshire County Council to request that the grass verges on the Graystonber Lane, Holme Lane and Clapham Road junctions with the A65 be cut more frequently to improve the sight lines.

Contact will be made with North Yorkshire Highways to check on progress with the 20mph Scheme Reserve list to ensure that Austwick does not miss out.

The Parish Clerk will attempt to get the local highways supervisor to adopt a more 'hands on' approach to dealing with problems and repairs in the parish.

As regards car parking, there is a clear link between the parking issues around the village and development control. The Planning Reform Act 2008 has introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy which may in the future provide the means, together with Section 106 agreements, to reduce the impact of vehicles on the Parish. (see Planning control, future development & loss of green space).



## 3.3 Footpaths bridleways & verges

#### *Interaction with other bodies*

For footpaths and bridleways, the relevant bodies are the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Forest of Bowland AONB. For adopted verges the local body is North Yorkshire County Council Highways.

#### **Current Position**

Since 2006 sections of bridleway in the Parish have been upgraded as part of the introduction of the Yorkshire Dales section of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail. The National Park are responsible for the maintenance of all designated footpaths and bridleways, as well as repairing and replacing signs, gates, ladder and step stiles. This work is prioritised by the Ribblesdale and 3 Peaks ranger to ensure that an effective maintenance programme is carried out.

In that part of the Parish lying within the Forest of Bowland, there are moves to bring back many of the currently underused footpaths by improving access points, footbridges and signage.

There have been issues in the past with regard to motor/trail bikes using and damaging some of the footpaths and bridleways in the parish. It is noted that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is dealing with this matter through the imposition of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) on some of the routes. The Parish Council has written to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in support of the use of TROs to preserve the peace, tranquillity, environment and safety of the green lanes within and surrounding the parish.



In 2004, an initiative was launched by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to establish and fund the post of Community Warden, or 'Parish Lengthsman'. Since the introduction of this scheme there has been a significant improvement in the maintenance standard of verges, hedges, roadside trees and footpaths close to the village. The Community Warden also works in conjunction with National Park and Forest of Bowland rangers in helping to maintain the general infrastructure of the area.

Roadside verges in the village are mown by North Yorkshire County Council contractors 8 times a season (urban cut) and on the outlying roads 3 times a season (rural cut).

#### **Aspirations**

Narrow grass verges in walled lanes are an intrinsic feature of Austwick Parish. They need to be maintained sympathetically to encourage a diversity of indigenous flora, whilst still being managed so as not to appear unduly overgrown and neglected.

Outside the village, footpaths and bridleways should be safe but not urban or sterile. Care should be taken to ensure that habitat for indigenous flora and fauna is preserved to allow residents and visitors to fully appreciate the environmental and landscape qualities that epitomise the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Forest of Bowland AONB. Plans are currently in progress to establish a footpath/bridleway between Austwick and Clapham alongside the A65.

Similarly, roadside verges, whilst requiring maintenance to keep the roads safe should be maintained sympathetically and in such a way as to encourage a diversity of indigenous floral species. Work has been carried out recently by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, in conjunction with the County Council and the National Park Authority, to identify sections of roadside verge in the county to be included in the North Yorkshire Special Interest Verge Project. Once identified, these sites will be managed and monitored to maximise their potential as a habitat for wildlife and indigenous plant species. Thirty such verges were identified in 2007, some of which are in the neighbouring parish of Lawkland and in 2008, 30 more verges will be added to the scheme.

#### **Action required**

The Parish Council will continue to liaise with the North Yorkshire Highways department to ensure that an appropriate and effective maintenance regime exists for all verges in the Parish. In some cases, this will involve utilising the Community Warden to carry out some of the seasonal maintenance tasks such as cutting back roadside saplings and strimming narrow verges out of the village to remove dead vegetation.

The current dialogue between the Parish Council and countryside officers from the National Park and the Forest of Bowland AONB will continue, enabling optimum use to be made of the resources required to maintain the footpath and bridleway network.

The Community Warden Scheme will continue to receive funding from the Parish Council and some new, specific projects for the parish will be initiated to make the best use of this scheme.

The Parish Council will discuss with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust the feasibility of having some parish verges included in the Special Interest Verge Project.

## 3.4 Provision of Housing – Local Needs v Affordable

#### Interaction with other bodies

In discussions relating to the provision of affordable or local needs housing the Parish Council consult with the Craven Rural Housing Enabler or the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority planning department.

#### **Current position**

The Yorkshire Dales Local Plan 2006 stipulates that all new housing in Service Villages should meet local needs as defined by Policy H2, paragraph 4.39. Although the criteria employed to assess local need are well defined, the use of the term 'local needs' to support planning applications for new build residential developments is rather more contentious and a more robust process, managed by the National Park Authority, is requested.



In December 2008, the National Park Authority began the process of trying to identify sites within the National Park that would be suitable for both affordable and local needs housing, situated primarily in or on the edge of the larger service villages. Austwick Parish Council responded to this request, providing details of 4 sites that had been identified in a previous survey in July 2007. The point was made that as there are planning approvals for 7 new properties in the village, all for local need, the emphasis in Austwick should be on affordable housing.

There is some affordable housing in the village, managed by Craven Housing, but the turnover of residents is very low. A housing needs survey for Craven carried out in 2005 identified an overall need for 79 new dwellings in the area.

There are a few second homes and holiday lets in the village, but they do not have an adverse effect on the population dynamics.

#### **Aspirations**

Housing provision is a key factor in maintaining a healthy community mix, providing children for the school and customers for local businesses. This means that there needs to be all types of housing available and this Parish Council has long expressed the need for affordable housing rather than housing for local needs. Indeed, many residents expressed the same sentiment in the recent questionnaire to identify key issues (see Appendix 1).

Given that recent development has not been affordable (and little of it local need), the priority for any new development should be to encourage young people into the village, at a price they can afford. More clarity may be required as to the demand for affordable rented and affordable to buy demand.

This Parish Council considers that more weight should be given to its views on local occupancy needs and interpretation.

#### **Action required**

To liaise further with the Craven Rural Housing Enabler, housing associations and the Yorkshire Dales National Park planners to investigate their willingness to sponsor affordable housing development.

To continue to press the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to be more community focussed in implementing its local needs policy by, for example, including Parish Councils in local needs discussions.

## 3.5 School and Shop

#### *Interaction with other bodies*

Austwick CE (VA) Primary School and Nursery is under the control of the Local Education Authority, has close ties with the Parish Church, a board of Governors and an active Parent Teacher Association.

The shop is privately owned but the Post Office is governed by the Post Office Limited.

#### **Current position**

The school currently has some 40 pupils, with a further 6 children in the nursery, who come from within the Parishes of Austwick and Lawkland & Eldroth. In November 2007 an Ofsted inspection graded the standard of education as 'outstanding'. There are also numerous, well supported extra curricular activities, such as after school clubs run by residents as well as a wide range of sports.

The school also plays a very important role in Parish life. It is proposed that pupils will use the recently renovated Pinfold in the village to plant wild flowers, erect nesting boxes and bird feeding areas to carry out wild life surveys and projects.

There is secondary school provision at Settle.

The Shop provides one of the key focal points of the village, providing a wide range of products and services for local and visiting custom. The Post Office has a very important role to play in this rural community and the recent Post Office Limited review decided to retain it. The consultation which was initiated as part of the review elicited strong community support from residents and businesses in the parish.

## **Aspirations**

Any support from the Parish, particularly the welcome inclusion of the school into projects such as the restoration and upgrading of the Pinfold and any future Parish initiatives should be promoted. Although pupil numbers are healthy, the school has capacity for more and any opportunity to increase these through the provision of low cost affordable housing to encourage young families into the village should be pursued.

To continue to promote the use of the shop and post office by residents and visitors to the area so that it can continue to be a profitable business that is also of benefit to the community.



#### Action required

To enter into discussions with the school Head Teacher to establish whether there are any areas where the Parish Council or local residents can be of any further assistance to the school.

## 3.6 Public Transport

#### Interaction with other bodies

Transport authority: North Yorkshire County Council

Train operating company: Northern Rail

Bus operating companies: Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches, Bibbys

Bentham community (Little Red) Bus.

#### **Current position**

There is a bus stop in the village and a regular service (581) links the village to Settle, Ingleton, Low Bentham and Kirkby Lonsdale. However, the timetable does not aid onward public transport links (only a short time is allowed for transfer to the Skipton bus for example).

There are train stations at both Settle and Giggleswick which provide direct services to Leeds & Carlisle, or Leeds & Lancaster or Morecambe respectively.

Characteristically for a relatively remote village like Austwick, private car journeys are the most common means of transport, due both to the infrequency of public transport, the poor onward links and the distance that most parishioners have to travel to get to the bus stop or train station.



## **Aspirations**

This Parish Council would like to see a coherent, "joined-up" approach to timetabling to take account of realistic journey and transfer times, as well as providing a practical period of time at the final destination.

Local bus companies and train services should consider being able to accommodate bicycles (as do the Hebridian buses) to allow optimum use to be made of local cycle routes and the extensive bridleway system in the Yorkshire Dales and Forest of Bowland.

Given the fact that the majority of people using the local bus services are either elderly, or are carrying shopping or rucksacks, low level access on all buses should be considered.

#### **Action required**

The Parish Council is regularly appraised on passenger transport issues and the outcome of any subsequent discussions to assess residents' present and future transport needs should be used to press for the above aspirations to be heeded by the relevant authority and bus operating companies.

## **3.7** Dogs

#### Interaction with other bodies

Craven District Council dog warden, Craven District Council waste collection authority.

#### **Current position**

Since 2004 two dog waste bins have been installed at the village end of Flascoe Lane and Wood Lane and these have been well used. However, there is still an underlying problem of inconsiderate owners allowing their dogs to foul these paths and other areas in the village. Dog bags can be obtained free of charge from the shop. Following complaints from residents and the Parish Council, a member of the public was recently fined for allowing his dogs to foul the footpath, but incidents do still occur.

#### **Aspirations**

Dog fouling is so unacceptable that it is desirable to eradicate the problem altogether.

## Action required

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and, with the help of residents, will provide the dog wardens with any information they need to obtain a successful prosecution of anyone allowing their dog to foul the footpath.

Additionally, representations should be made to Craven District Council to ask if they will empty the bins on a weekly basis, a task which is currently carried out by the Parish Clerk.

## 3.8 Waste disposal

Interaction with other bodies

Waste collection authority: Craven District Council

Waste policy owner: North Yorkshire County Council

Impact on planning Yorkshire Dales National

& national park aspirations: Park Authority

#### **Current position**

Craven District Council currently provide a weekly refuse collection service in the area, with fortnightly collections of recyclable waste and garden waste for composting. Of the 26,000+ tonnes of domestic waste generated during 2007/08, 30.45% was recycled.

Comments have been expressed at Parish Council meetings about the number of wheelie bins in the village, which are a problem for those residents living in houses that do not have sufficient storage space. Also, the visual impact of clusters of multi coloured bins within the village environs leaves much to be desired.

Additional recycling facilities in the Parish are available at Orchard Leigh and near Austwick bridge on Graystonber Lane, which take tins, paper and glass. Recycling facilities for clothes, shoes, paper, cardboard and limited plastic recycling exist in Settle. The Settle swimming pool, the nearest facilities for the parish, collects paper and cardboard which is sold to raise funds for the upkeep of the pool.

#### **Aspirations**

A coherent approach to waste collection and recycling is needed.

## Action required

It is noted that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has raised the visual impact of wheelie bins on the landscape character of the national park (YDNPA Planning Committee – September 2008) and joint discussions with them may result in a stronger voice to the waste authority.

A centralised waste sorting system would reduce the number of different bins each household must use and this suggestion will be included in the Parish Council response to NYCC Mineral and Waste Development Framework consultation.

## 4. Monitoring and Reviewing

This Parish Plan 2 (2009) will be reviewed annually by the Parish Council on the anniversary of its publication. The action required under each priority issue will be re-appraised to see what progress has been made with that particular issue and to decide what further action needs to be taken. The outcome of these deliberations will be published in the Parish Newsletter and on the Parish Council website.

This plan has been produced not only to highlight the issues identified by Austwick's parishioners, but also to make clear the aspirations of the Parish Council in respect of the priority issues identified and to consider these in relation to the wider strategy documents for the Yorkshire Dales National Park and for Craven District outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

## 5. Appendices

## **5.1** Questionnaire results

A questionnaire was distributed to all the households in Austwick Parish via the Parish Newsletter in January 2008 asking parishioners to identify key areas of concern and 64 responses were received, highlighting the following criteria:

Planning control, future development & loss of green space	25
Traffic speed, parking & highways in general	15
Footpaths & verges	5
Housing for young families	5
Affordable housing	4
Support for school & shop	4
Improved bus routes & times	4
Dog fouling	4
A65 junctions	4
Wheelie bins	3

The second part of the questionnaire related to Conservation Area Status for Austwick & the surrounding area.

Of the 64 responses received, 35 individual forms were in favour of Conservation Area Status, 33 names on multiple name lists were also in favour, 2 were against and 1 respondent asked for more information.

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