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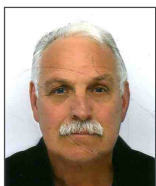
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would like to discuss the parish or the work of the council.



We currently have vacancies for parish councillors in  
Croglin and Newbiggin ward & Ruckcroft and Longdale area.



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## Ainstable Parish Council

Ainstable civil parish stretches from the banks of the River Eden to  
the summits of the North Pennines where it borders with  
Northumberland. It includes the villages of Ainstable, Croglin and  
Newbiggin as well as the communities of Dale, Ruckcroft and  
Longdales plus many individual farms and houses.

### **Volunteer Councillors**

The Parish Council consists of locally elected volunteer councillors  
who represent the various communities, together with a paid part  
time clerk. The Parish Council is a part of the structure of local  
democracy, and has many roles acting on behalf of the  
communities they represent including:

- Giving views on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish.
- Undertaking projects and schemes that benefit local residents.
- Working in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the parish.
- Alerting relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken.
- Helping the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities.

Town and Parish Councils have a wide range of legal duties and powers, including the maintenance of community buildings and land and much more. They have the power to raise a precept through the council tax to support local projects and activities.



### **Contacting Ainstable Parish Council**

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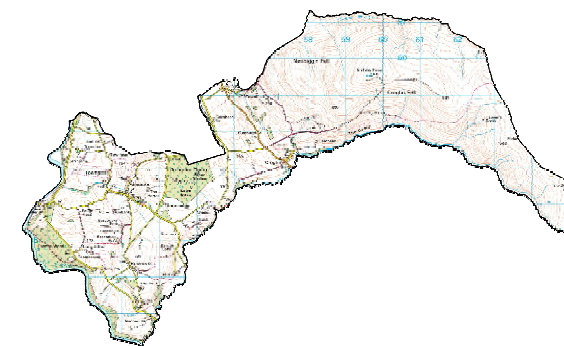
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## Ainstable Parish Council

# Parish Plan 2012



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and the surrounding farms and houses.

## 2010 Survey Results

Results of the parish survey conducted in 2010.

### **Parish Council Communication**

Suggested improvements include better communication of council notices and minutes. The development of a parish website to promote the parish and provide communication.

### **Housing**

The development of affordable housing, renovation of derelict property and sheltered housing for the elderly within the parish.

### **Parish Facilities**

The majority of people have asked that the parish council continue support for local facilities including village halls and playgrounds.

### **Travel & Transport**

Many concerns were raised about speed limits being ignored in the villages, particularly by large and agricultural vehicles.

There was continued support for the local bus services and suggestions for improved bus service.

There has been a number of requests for improved supplies of winter grit and grit bins, especially on the untreated roads.

### **Environmental Issues**

Cleaner roads with tidier verges, better planting to improve appearance, and less litter and dog fouling in the village areas.

### **Policing**

Most parish residents are satisfied with policing, but a common complaint was lack of visibility and presence.

## Summary of Events & Funding

The parish council has been involved in:

- Parish Council took over as the sole trustee of **The Millennium Green Trust**.
- Installing the Millennium Green play area.
- Working to try and keep the New Crown Inn open.
- Working to replace the loss of the recycling bins.
- Promoting the reopening of the Heather Glen Hotel.
- Improvements to footpaths in the parish.
- Funding the installation of 36 grit bins.
- Organising bulk winter grit supply to farms.
- Replacing vandalised benches by carved log seats.
- Promoting and supporting Eden Valley Flix.
- Funding repairs to Croglin Village Hall.
- Funding improvements to Ainstable Church Institute.
- Contributing to Armathwaite School Hall.
- Supporting Armathwaite Nursery.
- Organising litter picks in 2008 & 2010 & 2011.
- Supporting extension to the Ainstable Burial Ground.
- Maintenance of Croglin and Ainstable Burial Grounds.
- Supporting the Air Ambulance.

## Ainstable Parish Council ~ Action Plan 2012

Ainstable Parish Council has agreed the following action plan for 2012 onwards

This is based on the results of the 2010 Survey, previous Parish Plans and the Eden Local Plan.

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council will improve its performance by:

- Better communication both within the parish and with outside agencies, this will include a website, newspapers and parish magazine articles.
- Ensuring effective participation in:
  - Cumbria Association of Local Councils
  - National Association of Local Councils
- Participation on outside bodies which affect the interests of the parish.
- Undertaking to provide relevant training for councillors and the parish clerk.
- Considering increases in the parish precept to target identifiable projects.

### **Housing**

The Parish Council will:

- Promote and support the renovation of derelict property, the development of affordable housing, and sheltered housing within the parish.
- Consider how we can influence the Eden Local Plan to incorporate local views.
- Advise on all local planning applications.
- Help to preserve the rural nature of the parish.
- Be proactive in pursuing non-compliance with planning issues with the relevant authorities.

### **Communication**

The Parish Council will maintain good communication with the parish and outside bodies including:

- Agendas for meetings to be placed on parish noticeboards and the website 7 days before the meeting.
- Minutes for meetings to be placed on parish noticeboards and the website within 14 days of the meeting.
- Developing a parish website to promote the parish and improve communication.
- Reports on parish meetings to be sent to the relevant parish newsletters.
- Reports on parish meetings to be sent to The Herald.

### **Police**

The Parish Council will develop a maintain good communication with Cumbria Police Authority to:

- Take up issues of alleged speeding with police.
- Promote a higher visibility of police in the parish.
- Promote better reporting and news about crime and suspicious activity within the parish.

### **Local Facilities**

The Parish Council will:

- Work with neighbouring parishes wherever possible to identify areas of common need.
- Promote and support leisure activities and community events within the parish.
- Help the village hall committees by working with them to maintain them and increase local use.
- Continue to grant aid all village halls.

### **Millennium Green**

The Parish Council will:

- Continue to maintain, develop and publicise the Ainstable Millennium Green for community use.

### **Environment**

The Parish Council will:

- Work with Cumbria County Council and local land owners to improve the roads and footpaths in the parish.
- Support small scale local electricity generation but will oppose large scale wind farm developments.
- Work to develop a responsible approach to the problems of litter and dog fouling in the villages.

### **Young People**

The Parish Council will promote opportunities for all young people in the parish by:

- Protecting and maintaining the funds available through the use of Croglin School Land by the **Croglin Educational Foundation** for the young people of Croglin and Newbiggin.
- Consulting with young people to explore their ideas and views of the parish, and their aspirations.
- Supporting the provision of facilities and clubs to suit all ages within the parish.
- Working towards improving the existing children's play area on the Millennium Green in Ainstable.
- Working with young people to develop facilities and play areas throughout the parish.

### **The Elderly**

The Parish Council will promote opportunities and facilities for elderly people in the parish by:

- Supporting the Fell Runner and other public transport.
- Promoting and supporting parish events for the elderly.
- Supporting developments to local facilities to improve access for all people.
- Supporting the development of suitable housing.