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# **Community Public Event**

**Facilitated on behalf of Cranshaws, Ellemford and  
Longformacus Community Association  
(C.E.L.C.A.)  
on  
Thursday 19th May 2011 at 7pm  
Cranshaws Village Hall**

## **Summary Report**

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# Event Overview and Objectives

This report summarises the discussions that took place at the Community Public Event on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Representatives of Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus Community Association (C.E.L.C.A.) requested that Philippa Wetton from Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service (BAVS) facilitate the event. The main objectives of the event were to:

- Encourage informal open discussion
- Identify what matters most to the community
- Identify and prioritise community needs
- Draw up a list of community projects to meet these needs
- Consideration of community assets
- Share community expertise and skills
- Identify next steps

A survey had already been carried out, and the results were reported at the event. It was agreed that these should be incorporated into the discussions that took place on the night.

Approximately 17% of the community attended the event (based on an approximate area population of 150), with clear representation from each of the three community areas of Cranshaws, Ellemford and Longformacus. A varied range of age groups and length of residency in the community was also represented. Considering the rurality of this location and the travelling time involved between each community area, the attendance level was seen as very positive and a good starting point to build on for future public consultation events. In addition, the recently mailed survey was reported as having received a very positive return rate, (exact percentages still to be collated).

In summary the public event had been a success with its objectives being clearly met and positive feedback received at the end of night. The following pages of this report detail the information displayed at the event and the discussions that took place, along with a summary of recommendations for the community's next steps.

# Community Needs

## Subject Areas to consider:

- COMMUNITY & CITIZENSHIP
- HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT
- EMPLOYMENT & LOCAL ECONOMY
- EDUCATION & CHILDCARE
- HEALTH & CARE SERVICES
- SOCIAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / FACILITIES
- ROADS & TRANSPORT
- ENVIRONMENT & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- CULTURE & HERITAGE
- TOURISM & ECONOMY

## Questions Asked:

- What do you need?
- What matters most to you?
- What do you like?
- What do you dislike?
- What is your future vision?

## Things to Consider:

- Community Demographics
- Community Profile Report
- Local Development Plan
- Tourism Statistics / Trends

(Contact Philippa Wetton to gain access to these reports)

Please note that any text in blue, from here onwards, represents information gathered during the event.

## Needs and Wants Identified:

	<b>Need / Want</b>	<b>Solution Suggested</b>
1	Improve Communication & Identity – want to see more community spirit, supporting each other and generally being better connected as a community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More communication via website.</li> <li>• Improve the registration area of site, consider an “invite” campaign.</li> <li>• Welcome packs for newcomers, existing residents &amp; holiday lets.</li> <li>• Welcoming signs as enter &amp; leave 3 communities.</li> </ul>
2	Community Meeting Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pub</li> <li>• Village Hall quiz nights, social events</li> <li>• Village Hall to gain WIFI access</li> </ul>
3	Road Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snow plough more regularly and for driveways in winter.</li> <li>• Salt supplies to be addressed ready for next winter.</li> <li>• Investigate SBC Lorry routes – concerns over strains being put on old bridges in area.</li> </ul>
4	Transport Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enquire about potential for service bus to return to area – currently only school bus.</li> <li>• Consider car share, taxi or community transport options.</li> <li>• Weekly community transport facility to be investigated.</li> </ul>
5	Improved Phone Signal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile phone signal very poor – improvements to be investigated.</li> </ul>
6	Community Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Skip facility</li> <li>• Tree Shredder</li> <li>• Composting</li> <li>• Glass Recycling</li> </ul>
7	Extra Housing to attract more people to move into the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact planning department to find out future plans.</li> <li>• Keen to encourage more permanent newcomers to the community not just holiday lets.</li> </ul>
8	Encourage Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low impact visitors to be attracted.</li> <li>• Small Caravan / Campsite potential.</li> <li>• Improve picnic site area.</li> </ul>

# Consideration of Assets

## Questions Asked:

- What assets do you have in your community?
- Can any assets be developed?

## Things to Consider:

- Any buildings no longer fully utilised?
- Any buildings with potential for renovation / change of use?
- Any available land?
- Rivers
- Reservoirs
- Southern Upland Way
- Footpaths

# Project Ideas

A list of project ideas displayed on the Information Boards at the event can be found in Appendix 1.

## KEY Project Ideas identified:

(You will see some overlap with the Community Needs section of this report)

	Project Idea	Detail
1	Improve Village Hall Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve heating &amp; lighting.</li> <li>• Address facilities for children, (incl. outdoor play areas).</li> <li>• WIFI access.</li> <li>• Village Shop (sale of necessities)</li> <li>• Licensed café / restaurant</li> <li>• Drinks machine, vending machine in entrance for residents and walkers.</li> <li>• Purchase piano for hall</li> <li>• Glass recycling</li> <li>• Activities to include: Social events, pantomimes, concerts, film shows, keep fit classes, sewing classes, sports days, language classes (adults &amp; children), library / book swapping opportunity.</li> </ul>
2	Improve Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Signage</li> <li>• Post Box (for Ellemford area)</li> <li>• Notice Boards</li> <li>• Information Boards (Heritage Information, Southern Upland Way access paths, etc.)</li> <li>• Regular information updates to residents</li> <li>• Review website effectiveness</li> </ul>
3	Improve Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate community bus / taxi</li> </ul>
4	Improve Visitor Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add more seating areas and waste bins</li> <li>• Address parking for visitors</li> <li>• Consider river walkway and reservoir facilities (rowing &amp; windsurfing on reservoirs?).</li> </ul>

# Sharing Expertise and Skills

## Questions Asked:

- What are your skills and expertise?
- Consider current and past experience
- Consider other individual's expertise?

## Skills to Consider:

Joiner	Electrician	Plumber	Roofers
Farmer	Accountant	Finance	Project Manager
Secretarial	Administration	Computing	Planning
Artist	Social Care	Conservation	Musician
Teacher	Geology	Historian	Archaeology

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\*\* Happy to be involved in picnic site and river walkway projects!

# Recommended Next Steps

1. Communicate to members: Event Summary Report, Final Survey Results, Rural Case Studies, and the 3 Community Action Plan examples. This will help encourage more potential new projects ideas for the future and offer advice on how best to implement them.
2. Develop Project Ideas table (page 7) further to include any other suggestions highlighted in the community survey.
3. Meet to prioritise Project Ideas table.
4. Form a working group to research ideas further.
5. Draw up a Project Plan (short and long term).
6. Identify match funding opportunities for projects if required (Philippa Wetton can advise).
7. Implement first project, ensuring evaluate throughout process and continue to update community with developments, gaining community feedback on an ongoing basis.

## Key Considerations:

- Continue community consultations throughout, via website and face to face.
- Minute all meetings and community consultations for future reference.

# Appendix 1 – Other Project Ideas

This is a list of other potential project ideas that were listed on the display boards at the Community Public Event. Some were identified as prioritised project ideas at the event, others could be seen as future considerations.

Licensed Café / Tea Room / Restaurant  
Community Pub  
Walkers Bunk-house  
Walkers Shower facilities  
Campsite / Caravan site  
Youth Hostel / Bed & Breakfast Accommodation  
Nature Walks  
Riverside Walks (incl. Ellemford – Whiteadder Picnic Site)  
Walking Trail Information Boards  
Mountain Biking Trails  
Visitor Information Boards  
Reservoir Boating / Canoeing Facilities  
Reservoir / River Fishing Facilities  
Improved Picnic Facilities at Whiteadder  
Bird Boxes at Picnic Sites & along Riverside Walks  
Improved seating areas on Riverside Walks (i.e. Ellemford – Whiteadder Picnic Site)  
Wild flower planting along Riverside Walks  
Improved Car Parking Facilities  
Annual Walking Festival  
DVD – Promoting community facilities  
Community Minibus  
Childrens Play Area  
Improve footpaths and fencing  
Snow clearing equipment  
Livestock Processing Plant facility  
Cinema Facilities in Village Hall  
Community Handy Person  
Community Kitchen  
Community Woodland  
Community Workshop  
Micro – brewery  
Hydro – electric generation  
Allotments  
Music Lessons  
Community Bartering System / Skill Pool