

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY - ASSETS, ISSUES & VISION

SNAPSHOT

- 4305/8414 multiple deprivation index
- 12.3% growth in population 91-00
- 27% population over 60/65
- 18% population under 16 years
- 30% single person households
- 20% elderly people living alone
- 25% growth in house prices since 97
- 109 notified offences 2001
- 300+ B&B bed spaces CA17
- 232 hotel & B&B rooms CA17
- No cinema, theatre, art gallery, museum

TOWN & VILLAGES SURVEYS

- + Local people value TIC, Library, C&CC, YHA, health centre, community spirit, friendliness, safe environment, facilities for elderly, events, sports/recreation provision
- Limited police presence 24.5% KS pop
- Litter/dog fouling
- Vandalism/under age drinking
- Lack of Youth provision
- No drop-in centre for pre-teens offering pool, table-tennis
- Lack of Culture/Arts programme
- Lack of opportunity to buy hamburger, pizza
- Poor child play area
- High precept
- Poor swimming facilities
- Lack of sports hall
- No NHS dentist
- Limited availability of books and space to read outside school
- Affordable housing for locals

KSGS SURVEY

- Provide upgraded indoor swimming pool
- Provide "hang about" area
- Provide youth opportunities - youthclub/internet café/pool/snooker/table-tennis facility
- Need cinema
- Skate park needed
- Provide indoor sports centre
- Create access to football pitch
- Provide a Macdonalds
- Create opportunities for young people to have a voice in community

VISION

A good quality of life for all residents in which most of the day-to-day needs for services and facilities can be met within the town and surrounding villages. Health services which meet the increasing needs of local residents whilst addressing shortages within the service which place undue burdens upon practitioners. High quality emergency services and community policing. Enhanced provision for the young people of the town and a voice in town affairs. Affordable housing and specialist housing for local people. Opportunities for people to enjoy the arts, cinema, entertainment and sport both locally and outside the area. Preservation of a strong community spirit.

Strategic objectives:

- Safeguard and develop the range of services and facilities available to town and village residents to meet their daily needs.
- Build a network of support with statutory providers to enhance health care provision, particularly, addressing shortages.
- Lobby for high levels of emergency service cover and community policing for the area from service providers.
- Provide improved facilities for leisure and recreation for young people in the area and promote young people's involvement in town affairs and events.
- Develop opportunities for participation in sport.
- Initiate a focussed survey of housing needs in the area.
- Promote the formation of a culture and arts association for the area to facilitate visits by touring arts groups and a programme of cultural visits outside the area.
- Promote community events, access to community groups and associations, community networks and community information.

WORKSHOP

- + Value safe environment, caring community, childcare provision, elderly services, health services, mix of people, schools, voluntary activities, outdoor sports facilities
- Concern over youth provision
- Greater opportunities for youth representation in town affairs
- Need dedicated, dog free child play area
- Affordable housing
- Expand health centre provision
- Liaise with hospitals
- Need for family centre
- Need for drop-in centre for elderly
- Expand & educate re dog fouling – see Environment Issues
- Promote & publicise disabled access
- Need more carers for elderly

S1 POPULATION WORKSHEET

- 12.3% growth in KS Ward population since 1991 Census
- 1.6% growth in Brough Ward
- 3.4% growth in Ravenstonedale Ward
- 11.8% growth in Warcop Ward
- 27% of KS Ward population aged 60+ c/f 18.1% nationally – Brough, R'dale & Warcop nearer to national figure
- 18% of KS Ward under 16 years, same as Eden, national figure is 20.4%
- 9% of KS residents involved in HE in 1991, suggest a low managerial & professional working population with correspondingly low wages & income spend in the area
- In 1999, 25% of Eden and 27.2% of England had managerial & professional jobs
- In 1997 11% of KS parish households were single parents, Cumbrian average is 6.7%

S2 HOUSING WORKSHEET

- Property prices are high compared with wages (25% increase since 1997); Eden full-time income levels are 80.1% (m) and 65.8% (f) of GB averages. Property prices are 95% (det), 105%(semi) & 75% (terr) GB averages
- New shared ownership (2 semis) proposal at Westgarth
- Limited priority (1 point each year for up to 5 years) given to locals.
- Housing condition considerably improved at Westgarth & The Crescent & Brough since poor 1991 Census return
- Doubtful that supply of specialist housing for elderly people will meet demand in next few years
- Housing Associations required to bring rents in line with Council rents within next 10 years.
- No play area provided in Westgarth developments

S3 HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHEET

- Police achieved 82.13% of 87% target
- Fire Brigade achieved 100% target
- Ambulance Service achieved 67% on non-life threatening emergency calls target of 75%, however, some disquiet at recent incidences of 28mins & 45 mins
- Generally low volume of crime but high % of criminal damage crime
- No pollution blackspots – water, air, noise quality meet standards
- CueDoc service has improved Health Centre doctors' out of hours work
- No NHS dentist apart from 1 day per week term time for children; dentist suite lying idle for majority of time
- Standard Mortality Rates across deaths from cancers, ischaemic heart disease and strokes is higher in KS than national & Cumbrian rates
- More people moving into KS who need support – extra demands on health service
- Waiting times for CPN clinics not good
- Community nursing team managing their workloads only through regular overtime
- Health visitor just coping with extensive workload over huge geographical area
- School nurse not replaced in last 2 years
- Bed blocking occurring – occupational therapy assessments 6-8 weeks
- Waiting list for people to go into care locally
- Shortage of EMI (elderly mental) beds
- Acute shortage of respite care beds (2 at CH)
- Home carers in short supply – poor pay, hours
- No local nursing home
- Pressure on CH – no council home at Sedbergh or Kirkby Lonsdale

S4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WORKSHEET

- Access to C&CC for disabled & pushchairs difficult
- No signing to C&CC rear access
- Public awareness about C&CC services is variable
- Low income families disadvantaged by charges levied by some community groups
- Community involvement is relatively good but does not necessarily cover all sectors of the community, particularly, youth
- Need town notice board

S5 SPORT, LEISURE & OPEN SPACE WORKSHEET

- Many thriving sports clubs; KS to become an area coaching centre for hockey
- Several high quality open spaces, upgrading of Jubilee Park will add to this; access on foot unsafe near bridge
- Some outstanding sports performance levels, particularly, hockey & tennis
- Largest unmet demand related to swimming
- No dedicated badminton facility
- Waiting list at Appleby Golf Club
- Upgraded facilities needed for swimming, tennis, badminton, cricket, netball
- Cycling information not readily available
- Some clubs experiencing financial difficulties relating to travel, coaching, referee fees
- Bowling club lease expires 2004
- KSGS Extreme Sports Association committed to raising funding for skate park on KSGS land

S6 CULTURE & HERITAGE WORKSHEET

- Mobile library & local library are vital services
- No visiting professional theatre or arts events
- Distances to theatres, cinemas, art galleries and limited public transport militate against some residents availing themselves of cultural opportunities
- Annual events in town popular but need leaders and volunteers
- No dedicated community venue in KS – several halls serving different groups – church, masons, dog club.
- Brough & Pendragon Castles neither widely signposted nor marketed