

Questionnaire
LOCAL ACTION PLAN
Burwash – Burwash Weald – Burwash Common

Your community needs YOU!

We need your help to identify areas for action in our community.

Your answers will form the basis of the Action Plan for Burwash, Burwash Weald and Burwash Common.

Anyone who lives here, or works here, can fill in this questionnaire.

On the last page it explains what to do when you have finished.

Please complete any of the sections which matter to you and don't hesitate to add comments. If you prefer not to answer a question, just leave it blank.

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ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY.

1. In your opinion, is there a problem with speeding in the Parish?

Yes No

If Yes – please indicate where:

- 1a. In the village of Burwash (30 mph) Yes No
- 1b. In Burwash, the 40mph zone towards Burwash Weald Yes No
- 1c. Between Burwash and Burwash Weald (60 mph) Yes No
- 1d. In Burwash Weald (50 mph) Yes No
- 1e. Stonegate Road (60 mph) Yes No
- 1f. Other (please specify)

2a. What is the speed limit outside your home? mph

2b. What do you think it should be? mph

3. The Parish Council already has made progress in getting permission to create a safe place to cross in the Burwash High Street.

Do you think we also need a safe place to cross in Burwash Weald/Common?

Yes No

Note: traffic calming measures are not solely for the Parish Council to decide. However, the Parish Council can work with decision makers, and lobby on the residents' behalf. The cost of these measures will need to be paid for by Parish Council money, as an increase in your community charge.

4. Where do you usually park?

- 4a. On the main road? Yes No
- 4b. On your own drive? Yes No
- 4c. In the public car park in Burwash Yes No
- 4d. Other (please specify)

5. Should the parking restrictions in Burwash High Street be more strictly enforced?

Yes No

6. What is your opinion about street lighting in the different areas of our Parish?

Please tick the relevant box(es).

	Better without	Not needed	Would be nice	Essential	No opinion
Burwash					
Burwash Weald					
Burwash Common					

Note: street lights are paid for by the Parish Council, so indirectly by the residents. Each light costs £2,000 to install, then £100 a year in maintenance.

TRANSPORT.

7. Do you public transport (bus or train)?

Regularly Occasionally Never

7a. If Never, why not?

8. Do you travel by train?

8a. From Etchingam Station? Regularly Occasionally Never

8b. From Stonegate Station? Regularly Occasionally Never

9. Do you use another station?

Yes No

9a. If Yes, why?

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10. Are there enough parking spaces at your station?

Yes No

11. Do you use the bus?

Regularly Occasionally Never

If Never, could you explain why not?

11a. The timetable is not adhered to

11b. The times are not useful to me

11c. The bus breaks down too often

11d. The service does not get me where I want to go

11e. I would never use a bus in any case

12. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = very good) how do you rate public transport to and from Burwash?

(very bad) 1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6.....7.....8.....9.....10 (very good)

13. Did you know there was a Community Bus that runs from Burwash to Battle and back on a Friday? Yes No

14. Do you use this service?

14a. Regularly

14b. Sometimes

14c. Never

WALKING AND CYCLING

Cycling

15. Do you regularly use a bicycle? Yes No
16. If there were a better network of cycle paths, would you cycle more often?
Yes No

Note: in the initial questionnaire in February 2008 there was a demand for footpaths and/or cycle paths connecting our parish with neighbouring villages and the train stations. However, the current width of the A265 and the gradient of the land next to it make it impossible to add a footpath/cycle path alongside it. On the other hand the government is developing initiatives, and provides funding, to promote cycling.

Walking

17. Do you regularly use the footpaths in/around our Parish? Yes No
18. Are footpaths well marked? Yes No
19. Are footpaths easily accessible and kept clear? Yes No
20. Do you think Burwash and the surrounding villages should be connected by a footpath/cycle path? Yes No
21. Are you in support of developing *Quiet Lanes* for walkers/cyclists/riders?
Yes No

Note: Quiet Lanes are a Countryside Agency initiative, which has the support of the Department for Transport. Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads which are suitable for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and motorised users. The aim of Quiet Lanes is to maintain the character of minor rural roads by containing traffic growth, a widespread trend in rural areas.

SPORT AND RECREATION.

Burwash is very lucky to have so many clubs and societies organising a wide variety of sports and social activities.

22. Do you know how to access information about these activities?
Yes No
23. Would you describe yourself as somebody who actively takes part in sports and/or social activities?
Yes No
24. Would you be interested in a monthly film club in the Village Hall?
Yes No
25. Are there any new sports or activities you would like to suggest? (please specify)

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There are two children's play areas, one in Burwash, one in Burwash Common.

26. Provided you have young children/grandchildren, does your family use these play areas?

Yes No

If No, why not?

26a. The children/grandchildren don't like playing there

26b. It is too far from our house

26c. It is not well maintained

26d. Not enough parking spaces available

26e. Other (please specify)

HEALTH

27. Are you aware the following services are offered by your local GP surgery?

27a. Citizen's Advice Bureau (free of charge) Yes No

27b. Osteopath (fee applicable) Yes No

27c. Homoeopath (fee applicable) Yes No

27d. Acupuncture (fee applicable) Yes No

27e. Hypnotherapy (fee applicable) Yes No

27f. Anti-natal clinic (free of charge) Yes No

27g. Baby clinic (free of charge) Yes No

28. Would any of the following services from the Surgery be of interest to you?

28a. Dentistry? Yes No

28b. Sale of non-prescription medicines? Yes No

28c. Other/ (please specify)

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND THE FEAR OF CRIME

29. Have you been a victim of crime or vandalism in our Parish?

29a. In the last two years? Yes No

29b. Ever? Yes No

30. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = very safe) how do you rate Burwash when it comes to feeling safe at night?

(very unsafe) 1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6.....7.....8.....9.....10 (very safe)

31. Are you aware of the presence of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in the Parish? Yes No

32. Do you know what their role is? Yes No

33. Do you know how to contact them? Yes No

34. Do you belong to an existing Neighbourhood Watch scheme? Yes No

35. If No, would you be interested in belonging to such a scheme? Yes No

36. Do you receive the Rother Community Contact emails? Yes No

HOUSING

37. Are you, or is a member of your family, looking for housing in the Parish?
 Yes No

38. What kind of development does your household need over the next ten years, and would you rent or buy?
 Please tick the relevant box(es).

	Through a housing association	Private renting	Part rent, part buy (shared ownership)	Private purchase
Single person studio				
1 or 2 bedroom apartment				
Single level (bungalow)				
Small family house (max 3 bedrooms)				
Large family house (+ 3 bedrooms)				
Assisted, maintained or sheltered housing				

ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING

39. Is the door-to-door collection of recyclable material working for you?
 Yes No

39a. If No, why not?

40. Do you use the recycling points in the Parish? Yes No

40a. If No, do you use a recycling point elsewhere? Yes No

41. Are there other materials you would like to be able to recycle?

41a. Cardboard?

41b. Batteries?

41c. Others (please specify)

42. If you do not recycle at all, could you please explain why not?

43. Is the village sufficiently tidy? Yes No

43a. If No, would you be prepared to join in a twice-yearly community clean-up? Yes No

44. Is dog fouling a problem? Yes No
 44a. If Yes, do you think more dog waste bins would be a solution?
 Yes No

Note: there is a dog waste bin on the Burwash Playing Field.

SHOPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

45. Do you use the Burwash village shops on a regular basis? Yes No
46. On a scale from 1 – 10 (10 =very strongly) how strongly do you feel that the existing shops should be preserved?
 (not) 1.....2.....3.....4.....5.....6.....7.....8.....9.....10 (very strongly)

As you may know another business has left the High Street in Burwash. 'The Forge' is now empty. Similar locations have in the past been used to build houses.

47. Do you think a location such as this should be used to build more houses?
 Yes No
- 47a. If No, and you prefer to see another business there, please specify which type of business/shop you think Burwash High Street needs.

One of the ideas that came up in the first consultations in February 2008 is to create a 'Directory of Products and Services' to encourage people to buy locally.

48. If there were one, would you use it? Yes No
49. Do you run a business in the Parish? Yes No
50. Would you be interested in having your business listed in such a Directory?
 Yes No

Unfortunately BEATS, the Burwash Emergency and Action Team, has folded due to a lack of support.

51. Do you think we as a community are well prepared if a major disaster strikes our community? Yes No
52. Are you aware that 'The Friends of Burwash Surgery':
 52a. Operate a drivers' scheme? Yes No
 52b. Buy additional equipment for the Surgery? Yes No

The Mobile Library Service comes here every two weeks.

53. Do you use the Mobile Library Service? Yes No

Bateman's is important to Burwash. Bateman's also supports local initiatives like the annual village fete and primary school projects.

54. Is there anything else you would like Bateman's to be involved in?

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COMMUNICATION

55. Do you read:

- 55a. Burwash Broadsheet Yes No
- 55b. St Philips Parish Magazine? Yes No
- 55c. Local newspapers Yes No
- If Yes, which ones?
- 55d. Courier? Yes No
- 55e. Wealden Advertiser? Yes No
- 55f. Friday Ad? Yes No
- 55g. Battle Observer? Yes No
- 55h. Bexhill Observer? Yes No
- 55i. Notice boards in the village? Yes No
- 55j. A local website? Yes No

56. What information about Burwash would you like to receive on a regular basis? And how would you like the information presented?
Please tick the relevant box(es).

	newsletter	notice board	internet
Agenda Parish Council meetings			
Parish Council minutes			
Local clubs and societies			
Sporting events			
Social events			
Bus times and fares			
Services available at the surgery			
Village Hall activities/events			
Hall/Pavilion availability for hire			
Church services and activities			
Other information (please specify)			

Shaded areas: already available

57. Do you have access to the internet? Yes No

If you have any queries or would like any help in completing your questionnaire, please contact:

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Why not get other members of your household to give us their views as well? More copies are available from:

- The Newsagent in Burwash or from the Wheel Inn Pub in Burwash Weald, OR
- By downloading a copy from www.rothervoluntaryaction.org.uk,
OR
- Contacting one of the persons at the top of this page

To return the questionnaire:

Please deposit it in one of the collection boxes, clearly marked

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You will find the collection boxes at:

- The Newsagent in Burwash High Street
- The reception of the Doctors' Surgery in Burwash
- In the Wheel Inn in Burwash Weald
- In St. Bartholomew's Church in Burwash
- In St. Philips' Church in Burwash Common

If you are not able to return the questionnaire to one of the addresses mentioned above, please contact any of the people mentioned at the top of the page and we will come and collect it.

The results will be published in a Burwash Local Action Plan. This Plan will be presented to the Burwash Parish Council (BPC). The BPC will adopt it and use it to prioritise new projects or use it to bid for funding. Of course we should not expect overnight miracles. The job of a parish council is to represent the interests of the whole community. In some cases it takes considerable time to resolve certain issues; but then, other projects can be completed in a relatively short time.

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IF YOU WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED

The questionnaire is anonymous, but if you are able to help – if only with something small - we need to be able to contact you, so please write your name and contact details below. Your details will be held securely, and not disclosed outside of the work of the Local Action Plan.

I am interested in the following and would like to have more information about what is involved. Please tick the appropriate box(es).

- Helping with any of the projects that will be set up as a result of this Action Plan.
If there is any particular area you would like to be involved in, please indicate below which one, e.g. speeding committee, initiatives aimed at improving community spirit, village clear-up, footpath clearance, developing Quiet Lanes.
- Help with setting up or maintaining a Burwash/Weald/Common Directory of Product and Services
- Help anyone with transport difficulties to get to and from medical appointments by adding your name to the Voluntary Drivers Scheme of the Friends of Burwash Surgery?
- Becoming a volunteer at Bateman's?
- Becoming a Parish Councillor.

Name:

Address:

Tel No:

Mobile:

Email:

Particular area of interest:

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