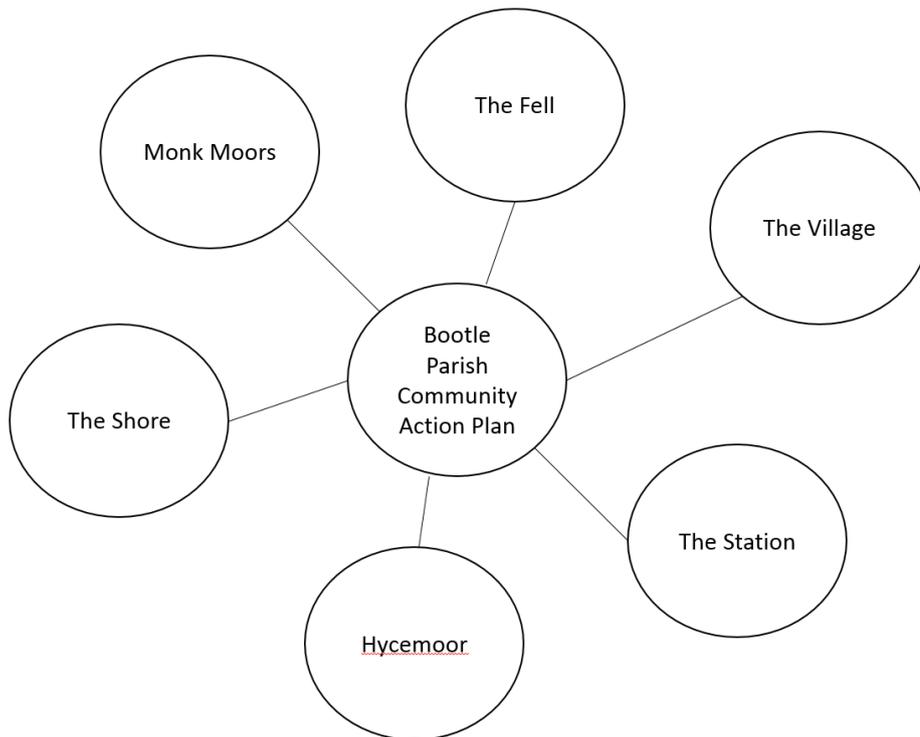


The Community Plan For Bootle Parish





Introduction

This community plan has been commissioned by Bootle Parish Council. A Parish Council is a civil local authority found in England and is the first tier of local government. The activities of the Parish Council may fall into three categories: representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs, and improving quality of life and community well being.

The aim of the Parish Council was to consult with the community to understand their concerns and aspirations. The focus of this plan is to consolidate these objectives in to a clear and agreed action plan that becomes the community plan moving forward. This plan can then be used to help lobby stakeholders/funders in fulfilling the objectives.

The plan is divided into three sections. Part One is looking at the historical perspective of the Bootle Parish and where we are now. Part Two is the quantitative analysis approach to obtain information from the community, by the way of a detailed questionnaire to each household, and the use of an interview/conversation approach to a cross section of the community. This approach was somewhat influenced by the Covid-19 outbreak which restricted any form of social gathering. Part Three of the work is the establishment of a community action plan.

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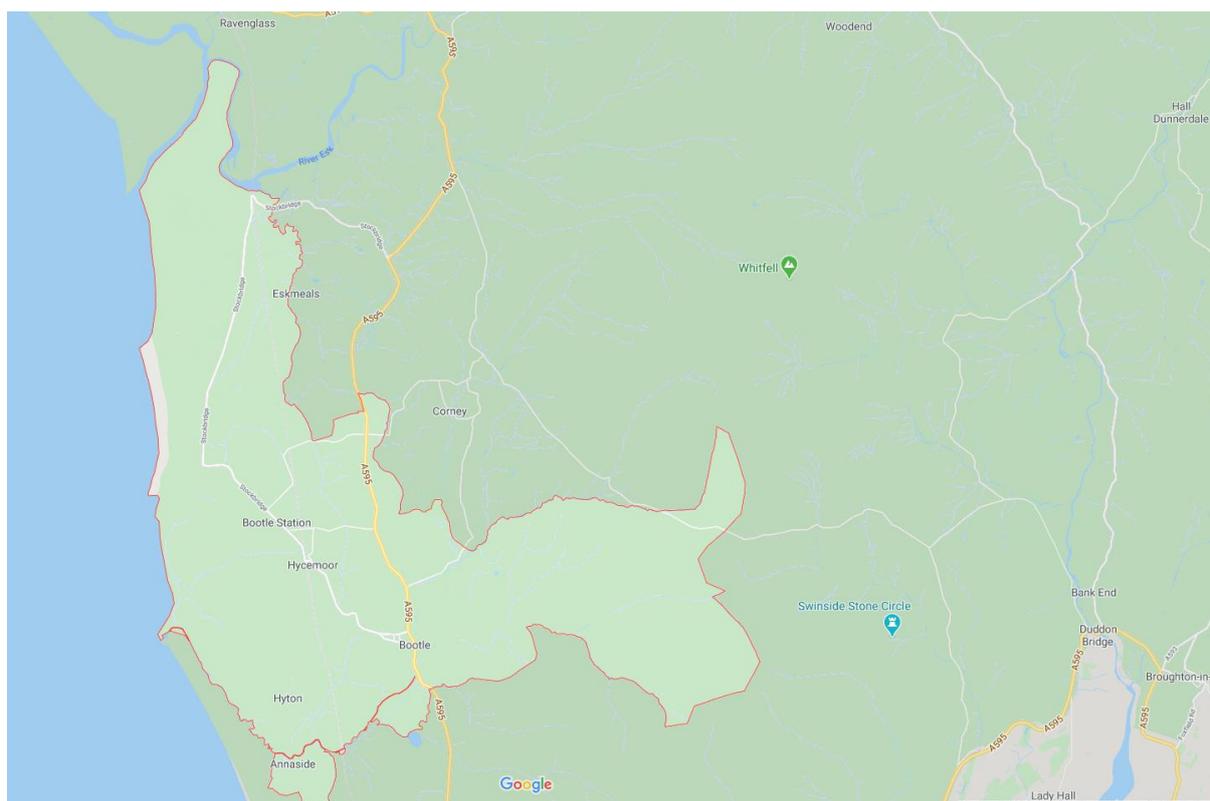
Part one

Location of Bootle Parish

Bootle Parish includes the settlements of Bootle, Bootle Station, Hycemoor, Eskmeals and many outlying farms and dwellings. It is situated in the south west corner of Cumbria in the southern part of the Borough of Copeland, wholly within the Lake District National Park, and between the parishes of Waberthwaite to the north and Whicham to the south.

Most of the parish of Bootle lies on a narrow strip of low lying land oriented north-south between the Black Combe fells to the east, and the Irish Sea and the Isle of Man to the west. The principal transport routes are the A595 main road and the Whitehaven to Barrow in Furness railway line, running north to south, with only a single track road leading over the fells to the east.

The nearest centres to Bootle are the small town of Millom (8 miles to the south), and the larger town of Egremont (20 miles north). Administrative centres are still further away with the Borough Council based in Whitehaven (25 miles north), and the County Council in Carlisle (65 miles north). Contact points for of their services exist in Millom.



The History of Bootle Parish

Bootle is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was the furthest point to which Normans penetrated into Cumberland. The history of Bootle Parish can be found within the book 'The History of Bootle.' Below a few facts about the Parish:-

- *Parish established in 1150 with the building of St Michael/All Angels church.*
- *During the medieval period Bootle was a busy town and in 1347 received its charter as the smallest market town in Britain.*
- *In 1651. George Fox, founder of the Quaker movement stayed at Millholme.*
- *William Wordsworth visited Bootle and Black Combe in the early 19th century.*
- *During the 18th century Bootle became prominent for its Magistrate Courts.*
- *From the earliest times farming has been the mainstay of Bootle.*
- *Captain Shaw's School was established in 1829 by Captain Isaac Shaw who fought at Trafalgar.*
- *The railway arrived in 1850. Electricity only became commonplace in 1964.*
- *The world champion Cumbrian wrestler, Bill Knowles, lived in the Parish.*

In the 1920s Bootle village had 28 shops, and Bootle Station had 7. These facilities have largely disappeared with the parish being served by one shop which also has a post office. The Kings Head pub, found on Bootle Main Street, closed its doors in 2015.

Structure of Bootle Parish

Bootle parish has a population of approximately 1315 residents (estimate2019).

The greater proportion of the population reside in **Bootle village**. The older houses in the village are located on Bootle Main Street, Beckside, Chapel Lane and Church Lane. The estate of Summerhill, which was built in the 1940s and 1950s, comprises houses some of which are now privately owned and some owned by Home Housing Limited for rental. Those houses belonging to Home Housing Limited recently had external insulation installed. There are bungalows on Combe View, and modern rental houses belonging to Impact Housing are located on Victory Gardens. A small estate, which has privately owned homes, can be found at Pikingthorn, off Chapel Lane. Some self-build homes are located on Chapel Lane. A mile from the village there is the settlement of **Bootle Station** where a small number of homes can be found, while further along the road is the estate of **Hycemoor** which was originally built to house service families. A series of private homes are located in this area, and there are a small number on the shore road. A small community group of houses may be found at **Monk Moors** which were originally built to house families working at **Eskmeals**. There are a number of farms within the Parish.

The hamlet of Annaside comprising mixed farms and private dwellings exists at the southern boundary of the parish.

Transport links.

Bootle railway station is situated a mile from the village. There has been a recent introduction of later train services on weekdays and Sundays. This provides connections to the north and south through Lancaster and Carlisle. The school children are provided with a bus service to Millom School and Captain Shaw's School has a mini bus for use to transport the children to activities. The Muncaster microbus scheme is also in use.

Education

The village has a Primary school which was founded in 1830 by Captain Isaac Shaw RN with an endowment of £290 and still bears his name. The building is listed under the Planning Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest. The school is a state school for boys and girls aged from 2 to 11. From age 11 children attend the state school in Millom which is 8 miles from the village.

Captain Shaw's building is also home to a small nursery which takes children from 2 years 3 months to school age. The school also has a small concreted play area, and opposite the back entrance to the school (off Chapel Lane) is a large field which is owned by the education department and has a small play park for children.

There is a large hall in Captain Shaw's school which is rented out for community use. Organisations such as the Women's Institute and charity organisations meet there and host fund raising and social events. The Parish Council hold its annual parish meeting there.

Employment and economic activities

The location mainly supports an agricultural work base with many agricultural workers now self employed and contracted out to land owners. Many residents from the Parish travel to nearby towns for work. Sellafield, BAE Systems, and Eskmeals are the largest multinationals offering employment, and career opportunities in the area. There is also a variety of SME businesses in the village and a directory of them and other amenities is included at Appendix x. There is a village shop which includes a post office. Health and social care offer employment opportunities.

Village Shop

This is located in Bootle Main Street. It sells most convenience products, groceries, meat, has a small deli, as well as a Post Office. The shop proved to be a lifeline in the Covid 19 outbreak providing the community with much needed supplies and delivery services for the vulnerable. It is a service centre for many of the neighbouring villages and hamlets.

Police, fire service and emergency services

Copeland Police service are operating a Copeland Focus Face group page which is designed to enhance engagement between the public and Cumbria Police. The main police station is situated in Whitehaven with a local hub in Millom Network Centre.

Bootle Fire station is staffed by on-call fire fighters and houses one fire engine in a purpose built facility constructed in 2015.

The ambulance service is covered by North West Ambulance Service from a base in Millom.

Bootle & District First Responders group provide a vital emergency service to the area. They are volunteers who work alongside the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) covering the

Bootle and District area. They are dispatched at the same time as the ambulance. They are trained by NWS to provide care for potentially serious and life threatening conditions and provide essential emergency support to the area. A network of defibrillators has been provided around the village and Hycemoor. These can be accessed by the public in case of emergency

Health Care

Bootle surgery (part of Seascale Health Centre) is located off Chapel Lane. This is a valuable service to the community giving access to patient centred healthcare under the NHS. There is also a community nursing service, midwifery care, dispensary and health visitor service operational from the surgery.

West Cumberland Hospital is the nearest district hospital in Whitehaven. This has an A&E department, outpatient and midwifery department.

Alexander House, Abbeyfield

Alexander House is part of the Abbeyfield Society which has charitable status. It can be found located in the heart of Bootle village on Chapel Lane. The home is small but perfect for people who want to maintain their independence whilst getting the support of staff and companionship of others.

Sports Field

Situated just off the main road, as you enter the village from the south is the sports field which has an active football club who support two football teams in two leagues. There is an active bowling club on this site. A pavilion is located on the site. This supplies changing rooms, toilets and has a small kitchen. There is a small children's play area next to the Pavilion. The Annual children's sports are held on this field. A BMX track is also available. This whole area is leased from the Parish Council by the Bootle District Sports and Social Club who coordinate activities on this site across the various groups.

Religious sites

St Michael's Church is situated in the village and is an active Anglican parish church in the deanery of Calder, the archdeaconry of West Cumberland, and diocese of Carlisle. The church is of historic and architectural interest.

There is an independent Chapel situated on the corner of Chapel Lane and Main Street in the village. The building is currently owned by Rural Ministries and used as an Evangelical Church. The Chapel room is hired out to community groups such as a seniors group who meet providing social interaction. There is also a toddler group who meet, and it is the polling station at election time.

Seaton Priory to the north of the village is the site of a ruined Benedictine nunnery .

Flood Resilience Group

The river Annas runs through Bootle village and has a catchment area of approximately 25 km². Approximately two thirds of the total catchment drains through Kinmont and Buckbarrow becks and into the River Annas from the Corney Fell area with the remainder draining through Crookley beck from the Bootle Fell area. The river continues to flow from Bootle south-westerly towards Annaside, then due to longshore drift is diverted northwards in parallel with the coast, to discharge into the Irish Sea near Selker. In 2012 and 2016 the river Annas flooded on to Mill Street, Main Street and into a number of homes. The 2016 flood also closed the A595 for a short period thereby limiting emergency access. The Flood Resilience group was born out of this disaster to develop and implement a short and long term action plan to hopefully mitigate any repeat of household flooding.

Working with the West Cumbria Rivers Trust (WCRT) the Flood Resilience Group has had continued engagement with a number of public bodies including, the Environment Agency, Cumbria County Council, Copeland Borough Council, Farmer Network, and Cumbria Wildlife Trust to develop and implement plans. Major short term measures implemented by the Group, with funding from the Parish Council, was to undertake gravel management of the river course through the village, by gaining permission from the EA and Landowners. The gravel management undertaken through the village area removed in excess of 500 tonnes of gravel, which immediately improved the rivers capacity through the area most effected by flooding. WCRT secured £160k to implement NFM (Natural Flood Management) features in the catchment area upstream of the village. Working together with landowners this has allowed the provision of many leaky dams, water storage areas and large run off retention bunds on the fell and surrounding land .Tree planting schemes have also been implemented to further enhance water retention and reduce the run off rate. Monitoring of all these features is now on going with the aim to secure funding and invoke further such measures in the future.

Car Park

This is located immediately on the left of the turn into Church Lane off Main Street, and is owned by Copeland Council. When Church Lane was resurfaced in 2017, some improvements to the worst parts of the car park were achieved but some issues such as drain blocking remain.

Public toilets

The Parish Council took over ownership of the public toilets in 2014 from Copeland Borough Council, and are located on Church Lane in the village. An interim improvement of painting the outside and adding floral hanging baskets was undertaken in 2018 by the Bootle in Bloom team. In 2020, works to refurbish and modernise the toilet facilities whilst creating a small commercial space in over half of the building were undertaken to reduce the ongoing

cost burden of this facility to the Parish. A cleaner is employed by the Parish Council to ensure these facilities are kept to a good standard.

Millstone Barn Complex

This is located just north of the village centre on the A595 and houses the following facilities

The Byre Café

Specialises in home cooking and is open every day except Monday. Usually open once a month on a Friday evening, and for special occasions. There is a gift shop next to the café. During the Covid 19 pandemic The Byre provided the community with take away meals and provisions.

Gym

There is a small gym with a range of fitness equipment which is privately run with a membership fee.

Buzz Cycles

This is a new start up business which caters for all cycling needs which includes road bikes, mountain bikes and ebikes, clothing. It also undertakes cycle repairs.

World Owl Centre

This office is the centre of operations for the Owl Trust who are conducting conservation projects in West Cumbria.

Blackcombe Country Fair

This is held in Bootle on an annual basis, usually in August, on the field adjacent to the complex. This is a traditional Lakeland Fair offering visitors an insight into Cumbrian life. There are a number of show classes for dogs. Judging also takes place for Cumbrian Walking Sticks, Vintage Vehicle, Agricultural Engine, Stationary Engine and Trikes. Traditional Cumbrian Sports are represented with a competition of Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling and a Fell Race. Terrier Racing takes place throughout the afternoon. The Blackcombe Country Fair offers something for all the family, with lots of trade stands refreshments and amusements.

Wellbank

Outline planning permission for a mixed development of houses, hotel and business units was granted in 2013 for this ex MOD site between the village and Bootle Station. Further work continued for this hybrid application in 2018/19 for the first 18 houses to be developed. Market conditions have delayed the start of building but the intention to develop the site continues. Demolition of most of the existing buildings took place in 2014, but the swimming pool was left on site, however, the lease was not renewed, due to contractual reasons, and it ceased operations at that time.

Path from the village to the station

The previous community action plan proposed the provision of a pedestrian and cyclist route separate from the road between the village and the station, as a safety improvement. This project has continued but not reached a conclusion yet, owing to funding and design issues. It is intended to work to complete this project but a timescale is difficult to predict.

A parallel existing right of way for part of the route has been examined and improvements agreed with the landowner. This has not yet proceeded due to funding issues given that it did not entirely meet the aspiration in the original community plan.

Village Hall

This is located near the Station. It is run by a charity and can be booked for events and other social activities. In 2014 the Village Hall Committee completed a refurbishment including reroofing the hall and improving the thermal efficiency. There is a children's play area next to the hall.

Bootle shoreline

Bootle shoreline is characterised by low cliffs which diminish in height towards the north and are replaced by sand dunes, forming the Eskmeals dune system. The cliffs and dunes are fronted by an upper shingle beach. The beach, an important amenity for the local community, has been compromised due to erosion of the frontage. There is evidence of erosion at Selker Point, and erosion on the C4027 road which is the road from Stubb Place to Eskmeals. If this erosion is to continue along this coast line, it could result in the loss of access to the Eskmeals Range. A number of attempts to protect the frontage have been made since the 1970s but have failed. The latest construction of pre cast concrete blocks were installed in 2010 as a short term measure to slow erosion, but these have progressively become displaced.

The Parish Council is not responsible for the shoreline management plan, so arranged a number of meetings between CBC and CCC in 2016 which resulted in a proposed short term scheme to protect the C4027. Cumbria County Council were willing to fund this with the support of Copeland Borough Council, unfortunately Copeland Borough Council were unwilling to commit sufficient funds to the proposals. These proposals have now been rolled into the Cumbria Coastal Strategy Plan (coordinated by Cumbria County Council) which is part of a full review of Cumbria's coastline and will highlight priorities. The final plan was due to be published in 2019 but as yet is still unavailable.

There has recently been a group from 'Beach Clean Cumbria' undertaking periodic beach cleans on Bootle beach.

Eskmeals

The MOD Eskmeals Range is situated about a mile from Stubb Place on the C4027. The Range specialises in large calibre ammunition systems and conducts proof, range and

accuracy trials, as well as hard target trials. The five firing locations on site enable overland equipment proving for short range, and over-sea for long ranges

Communication

Work was undertaken by CCC and BT in 2016 within Bootle, which has improved the availability of faster broadband to large parts of the village. The Parish Council has a website (bootleparishcouncil.com) which is used to display council documents, minutes, and financial information. Three notice boards which are located on the side of Captain Shaw's school in Main Street, near the station, and Hycemoor are available for the display of Parish Council information and other organisations' events. . The village shop also displays local information posters.

The village web site is called Bootle in Cumbria which displays local information. There are also a number of other Internet web pages which cover local information ie Bootle Cumbria Crack, Around the Combe, and Bootle Cumbria Memories. The Parish Magazine, produced by Western Lake District Churches and Communities, which connects the communities of Black Combe, Drigg, Eskdale, Irton, Muncaster and Waberthwaite is also a useful source of local information. "Around the Combe" are now distributing a paper edition which highlights news and information from around the locality.

Waste Recycling

Copeland BC have introduced a wider kerbside collection scheme of waste recycling in 2017. This includes cardboard, glass and most plastic. There is also a garden waste recycling collection.

Bootle in Bloom

This is a group of volunteers who enhance the appearance of the village by placing hanging baskets and tubs of flowers around the village. The scheme is shortly to be extended to the station. Funding for this project is in part from the Parish Council.

Lighting

Street lights in the village are owned by the County Council (on the A595) or by the Copeland Council (rest of the village and Bootle station/ Hycemoor). Copeland changed their policy in 2013 and as a result the Parish Council had to fund the replacement of 4 lamp standards (No 17, Mill st near to Beckside Farm, No 41 near to Underwood Cottage entrance, No26 Chapel lane Near Shannon Rise and No 62 at the entrance to Hycemoor way)

Currently all lights are maintained by CCC contractor but the notification that there is something in need of maintenance should reported to the owner . Contact details and CCC at <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway>

<https://www.copeland.gov.uk/parks-open-spaces-and-footway-lighting>

Negotiations are ongoing between CBC and others to change the ownership of their lights.

Bootle Fitness Club

Bootle Fitness Club was established in 2014 to provide, not for profit, accessible fitness to our community, but has developed into a sustainable unincorporated Fitness organisation. It offers up to 6 fun friendly group exercise classes per week and access to library of 'anytime fitness videos.' There is encouragement for charitable fundraising through social activities and spin off fitness friendship groups. The group exercise venues include Bootle Station Village Hall and Captain Shaw's School Community Hall. Since March 2020, all classes have been delivered virtually. For the future, provided access to an appropriate internet connection is available at the venues, it is hoped to offer a mix of virtual and venue bases classes.

Green areas around the location

There are a number of green space areas located within the Parish, and can be found by the car park off Main Street, in front of Combe View Bungalows and Hycemoor Way. These are maintained by Bootle Parish Council. The school field off Chapel Lane belongs to the County Council. The sports field on the main road is Home to a Football club , a Bowling club and BMX cycle track. A small play area is next to the pavilion.

England Coastal Path: Whitehaven to Silecroft.

Since April 2013 Natural England has been preparing proposals to improve public access along a 51 Km stretch of the Cumbrian coast between Whitehaven and Silecroft. This includes the coast line of Eskmeals and Bootle. The intention is for a coastal path for public use. It is hoped to be completed and opened for public use in 2021

Section Two

Section Two explains how the gathering of information from residents of the Parish was undertaken in order to develop a Community Led Plan.

Firstly, a review of the existing Bootle Parish Community Led Plan (2009) was undertaken which was to establish what had been achieved, what was outstanding and to consider some of the barriers to the implementation of any part of the plan. The findings of the review can be found in Appendix 1.

Secondly, ten interview/conversations were undertaken which considered 11 broad areas of interest for the residents of the Parish. This was undertaken to avoid the delays caused by COVID19 restrictions which prevented presenting to larger group meetings.

A third stage was to create a questionnaire from the findings identified in the 10 conversations (Appendix 3). 300 copies of the survey were distributed to each household within the Parish of Bootle. Some of the initial questions mirrored those asked in the questionnaire of 2006, such as 'what do you think of Bootle as a place to live,' and 'what do you like about Bootle Parish' so that comparisons could be made. The survey then went on to consider how important certain facilities were in the Parish, and then to consider what facilities they were satisfied with or not. There was room at the end of the survey to comment on things individuals were not satisfied with or would like to see included in the plan. From the 300 copies distributed 70 were returned.

From the 70 returns, the information was analysed using the grid see Appendix 4. This identified what was important to the community but low in satisfaction. What was moderately important, and what needs improving. It also identified what was important to the community and individuals were satisfied with. This helped formulate the actions set out in Section 3

Principle findings were that the community were very satisfied with the following:

- Village shop/post office
- The Byre
- Captain Shaw's School
- Fire Service
- Alexander House – Abbeyfield

The headlines of important to the community, but low in satisfaction were:

- Safety walking from the village to the station. New walk/cycle way from the Station to the Village
- Surgery opening times Very few face to face health care appointments
- Tidal defences
- Speed limit enforcement
- Litter collection
- Main Street maintenance

- Parking
- Lack of bus service
- Employment for young people

These form the basis of the Action Plan in Section 3

This information forms the basis of the Community Plan for Bootle Parish. This is a community plan led by the Parish Council which will formulate the way the Council works and engages with the Community. It requires the support of the Community to implement. A copy of this plan will be forwarded to Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council to be included in their local plans.

It is apparent from the surveys that some of the issues identified may be addressed by the community itself, such as tidying gardens, litter collection and beach cleaning. Such voluntary groups may be led by a Parish Councillor. At present, there are only 7 Parish Councillors and the Parish Council are keen to encourage more residents to become Parish Councillors and to lead on some projects. An example of a successful voluntary project undertaken by the Parish Council is Bootle in Bloom which is funded by the council.

Section Three

Action Plan

A. Communication

No	Issue	Proposed Actions	Target Date	Delivery by
A1	Lack of information for community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue to maintain the website and notice boards b) Publicise their existence . 	<p>New website by mid 2021</p> <p>New notices</p>	PC councillor
A2	Broad band Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Understand where FTTC is not available and what issues remain. b) Work with CCC and BT to improve broadband reception. Continue to monitor situation and look for opportunities for improvements 	Ongoing	Community and PC to feedback where problems arising
A3	Improve communication between Councillors and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide information about council members and contact details of the council by displaying on website b) Contact details provided of Borough Councillor and County Councillor. To be displayed on the website c) Update provided about projects being undertaken by the Parish via a Community Plan page on the website 	<p>Mid 2021</p> <p>Mid 2021</p> <p>Mid 2021</p>	PC
A4	Recruitment of Parish Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continue to work to recruit new councillors 	Ongoing	PC

B, Transport

No	Issue	Proposed Actions	Target Date	Delivery by
B1	No taxi service in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Understand demand and scope of service required. b) Increase publicity and support a drive to find more volunteer drivers for Microbus by providing a link on the website 	Early 2021	<p>PC</p> <p>Community involvement</p>

B2	Footway /cycleway to Station	a) Continue to work with CCC and landowners to reach a suitable agreed and costed design.	Mid 2021	Councillor
B3	Speed on Parish roads	a) Continue to Work with CCC and CRASH group with regard to road safety issues e.g speed limit enforcement measures within the Parish	End 2021	Councillor & CCC
B4	Safety improvement	a) Investigate provision of zebra crossing for Main Street to the village shop b) Develop proposals for consideration with CCC to overcome parking issues in Main Street, Chapel Lane and Church Lane.	End 2021 End 2021	CCC & PC CCC & PC
B5	Highway Maintenance	a) Work with CCC regarding road maintenance issues b) Publicise reporting route for damage drainage etc by providing a link on the website.	Ongoing Early 2021	CCC & PC PC

C, Environment

No	Issue	Proposed Actions	Target Date	Delivery by
C1	Support Bootle in Bloom	a) Continue to support the improvements and any new developments proposed as enhancements to the look and feel of the village environment.	Ongoing	Bootle in Bloom
C2	Less Litter	a) Work with CBC regarding keeping the Parish tidy – e.g. adverts with messages about keeping gardens tidy, litter and dog ‘poo in order to improve education of impacts and invoke higher moral responsibility. b) Review with CBC the need for installation of additional litter bins and collection and	Mid2021 End2021 End 2021 Mid2021 Mid2021	Councillor Councillor & CBC Councillor Councillor & CBC Councillor

		recycling. c) Help/lead on litter picking groups/weed collection and gain data of rubbish and affected areas to better target responses d) Work with CBC for the provision of dog 'poo' bags and further disposal sites as appropriate e) Investigate employment of a 'Lengthsman'.	End 2022 End of 2021	&CBC PC PC
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D, Amenities

No	Issue	Proposed Actions	Target Date	Delivery by
D1	Doctors surgery	a) Work with the doctors surgery to ensure that there is access to the surgery at Bootle	Ongoing	PC/Patient Group
D1	No pub in the village	a) Conduct a survey to review needs and decide if any action required	End 2021	Councillor
D2	Toilet block in need of improvement	a) Work to complete the upgrade project	End 2020	Councillor
D3	Replacement Swimming Pool	a) Work with the pool committee to help reach the funding targets and complete the project.	Ongoing end 2021?	Councillor &BDSC
D4	Footway Lighting	a) Monitor the provision of lighting around the Parish b) Lobby for improvements where necessary	Ongoing 2022	Councillor PC
D5	Car Park	a) Identify and develop additional parking areas.	2022	Councillor & CBC /CCC
D6	Defib Provision	a) Obtain funding to expand the network of Defibrillators over the whole of the parish.	End 2021	Councillor
D7	Safety	a) Work with owners of the play parks in both the village and	End 2021	Councillor

		the station to ensure adequate condition. b) Update of the BMX track.	2022	PC and BDSSC
D8	Prepare for future	a) Establish a demonstration electric car charging points	End 2021	Councillor
D9	Ongoing Maintenance	a) Work with Captain Shaw's School regarding maintenance of Book Bank	Early 2021	Councillor

E Others

No	Issue	Proposed Actions	Target Date	Delivery by
E1	Slow progress at Wellbank	a) Continue to liaise with the developer to help this project continue to completion	Ongoing	Councillor and Developer
E2	Improvements for beach access and erosion prevention	a) Continue to work with CCC and CBC to find the funding to maintain road access and improve pedestrian access to the beach and complete the proposed actions in the Cumbria Coastal Strategy. b) Work with beach clean group to reduce build up of jetsam and other debris	2022 Ongoing	Councillor CCC/ CBC Councillor
E3	Flood Resilience	a) Continue to work with WCRT and landowners to monitor the performance of the new installations. b) Continue to develop other enhancements for the resilience of the whole catchment.	Ongoing 2021	Councillor Councillor & WCRT
E4	Improve Housing Stock	a) Take advantage where relevant to ensure publicity of funding schemes to promote improvements to the energy efficiency of the existing housing. b) Continue to monitor holiday accommodation and local occupancy clauses to ensure that they do not	Ongoing Ongoing	PC PC

		become a difficulty in providing enough suitable housing for those who wish to live in the parish		
E5	Crime Prevention	a) Promote a neighbourhood watch scheme	Mid2021	Councillor

Appendices

Appendix 1: Review of Community Action Plan 2009

In the original plan of 2009 there were 14 projects identified. Some have been completed, some are in progress while others have not started. This review looks at developments since 2009 in 18 areas.

1. Transport Links

The introduction of a later train service on weekdays and Sunday services has improved the service. It is noted that the decision to cease the Bootle stop, along with some other stations on a few services each day has met with some criticism. There has been some major work undertaken on improving the line, especially the viaduct in 2020.

The taxi service which started in 2011 has ceased. The Muncaster microbus scheme is still in operation and has expanded to two vehicles . It sometimes struggles to engage drivers.

Action B1 Increase publicity and support a drive to find more volunteer drivers

2 Evening eating out opportunities

The Byre continues to grow in popularity and offers an evening eating out opportunity once a month on a Friday. During the Covid outbreak of 2020 The Byre offered a take away service. Other opportunities exist in Waberthwaite, Silecroft and Ravenglass When the Kings Head pub in Main Street closed, a micro pub was set up in the Millstones complex to test the market for opening a permanent pub to replace the Kings Head. However, this was not successful and closed after a short time.

Action D1 Conduct survey to review needs and decide if any action required

3. Church Lane affordable housing

This project was successfully completed in 2015 at Victory Gardens.

4. Wellbank

In 2013 outline planning permission for a mixed development of houses was granted for houses, hotel and a business unit. Demolition of most of the existing buildings took place in 2014 with the exception of the swimming pool, which ceased operation at the end of 2014. Full planning permission was give in 2018 for 2 phases of housing but market conditions have delayed the start.

Action; E1 Continue to liaise with the developer to help this project continue to completion

5. Bootle Greenways

The existing off road section of footpath from Wellbank to the Station via Inman's Farm was examined for improvement and costed by the LDNPA and agreed with the landowner, but delay to the final planning on Wellbank meant that the funds were not available to complete this together with the recognition that it would not provide any route

improvement for cyclists and others. Following a change in the position of the principle landowner, the section for Wellbank to the village was surveyed adjacent to the existing road, and a working proposal to design cycle/pedestrian path adjacent to the existing road is in operation with Cumbria Highways. Along with this it has become apparent that funding opportunities for this path are required.

Action B2 Continue to work with CCC and landowners to reach a suitable agreed and costed design which is available when funding from outside sources becomes available.

6. Beach Improvement Group

Work was carried out on the beach in 2011 to provide a small amount of protection but this was recognised as not being a long term solution. Meetings were held in 2016 with CBC and CCC which resulted in a scheme to protect the road. However, insufficient funds could only be made available from local government resources to carry out the proposed scheme. Coastal erosion and tidal advance onto the shore road continues to be an issue. A National Coastal Strategy which includes proposed action for Bootle area is being prepared. When it is published and when funding is available a scheme will be acted on.

Action; E2a Continue to work with CCC and CBC to find the funding to complete the proposed action in the National Strategy.

7. Bootle Groundforce and Bootle in Bloom

This group's purpose was to encourage the retention of our younger residents in The Parish of Bootle. The BMX track at the Sports Field was completed in 2013. As part of the revitalisation of Bootle in Bloom in 2016, the pupils of Captain Shaw's became involved in two projects. One involved planting of flowers in baskets around the playground and the provision of a raised boat bed for flowers on land adjacent to the car park. The second was the decoration of the bus shelter and turning it into an Art Gallery for pupil's work. Other enhancements in 2016/17 were to the floral displays along the riverbank railings and tubs throughout the village which has enhanced the look of the village.

Action; C1 Continue to support the improvements and any new developments proposed as enhancements to the look and feel of the village environment.

8. Flood Resilience Group

The river Annas flooded on to Mill Street and Main Street in 2012 and August 2016. Measures implemented to prevent repeats have yielded some successes. Working with West Cumbria Rivers Trust has developed and installed demonstrations of natural flood management techniques. Future works are planned to monitor these and review if any other measures are required at other locations in the catchment.

Action; E3 Continue to work with WCRT and landowners to monitor the performance of the new installations and any other developments which might enhance the resilience of the catchment.

9. Community information

Better ways to communicate plans and information to the community were noted as being needed. A Parish Council website now exists (bootleparishcouncil.com) and is used to display council documents, minutes and finance information as required. Other websites such as Bootle Crack, Around the Coombe, Bootle Memories, Cumbria Crack and Facebook pages have been set up to widen accessibility of specific information. The Around the Coombe group deliver a paper copy once a month to each household. The Parish Church magazine is also distributed to each house.

Action; A1 Continue to maintain these websites and information routes recognising that not all the community have the facility to receive this information.

10. Energy efficiency of existing dwellings.

Home Housing have installed external insulation to the houses on Summerhill still in their ownership. Schemes to make available renewable heating for all the properties have been examined but none could overcome the large capital cost of distribution networks. Currently, no schemes are being progressed.

Action; E4a Take advantage where relevant to ensure publicity of funding schemes to promote improvements to the energy efficiency of the existing housing.

11. Waste recycling

Copeland BC have introduced a much wider kerbside collection scheme in 2017 following a large scale review of their process. This includes cardboard and most plastic. Also after an approach by the Parish Council, improvements in the delivery of this scheme for Monk Moors estate have been instigated.

Action: C2 Continue to monitor the performance of these services and ensure publicity for improvements.

12. Tourist accommodation

The position of the Parish Council is to support any property owner who wishes to set up Airb&b or holiday rentals. Since the last community plan a number of Airb&b have been established.

Action; E3b Continue to monitor this and related issues like local occupancy clauses to ensure that this does not become a difficulty in providing enough suitable housing for those who wish to live in the parish.

13. New Hall refurbishment

The village Hall committee completed a project to reroof the hall to improve the thermal efficiency in 2014.

14. Bootle public toilets

Full ownership by the Parish Council was achieved in 2016 and plans are now in progress to refurbish and modernise them and create a small commercial space in part of the building. An interim improvement in 2018 was to paint the outside and add floral hanging baskets in line with the other floral improvements. This was carried out by The Bootle in Bloom team but funded by the Parish Council.

Action; D2 Work to complete the upgrade project

15. Swimming pool

Following the closure of the swimming pool at Wellbank a committee was formed to work on a new pool plan which, if funding can be gained, will build a new pool next to the Village Hall near the station. Planning permission has been granted and agreement obtained from the village hall committee to lease a small part of the field and renew the children's play area.

Action; D3 Work with the committee to help reach the funding targets and complete the project.

16. Resurface the car park.

The ownership of the car part is in dispute between CBC and CCC. The intention is for the Parish Council to take over the ownership when this dispute is resolved. In the interim, when Church Lane was resurfaced in 2017, some improvements to the worst parts of the car park were achieved.

Action; D5 Continue to work with CCC and CBC to transfer ownership.

17. Broadband

Improvements in the delivery of efficient broadband for the Parish has been an aspiration. Work by CCC and BT has been completed in 2016 to provide the connection of 3 cabinets in the village which has improved the availability of faster broadband to large parts of the village. Monk Moors is still experiencing poor delivery of broadband but work is ongoing to help this .

Action A2 Continue to monitor situation and look for opportunities for improvements.

18 Defibrillator installation

Following the installation of a defibrillator near Captain Shaw's school by the First Responders group, at the Sports Field by Bootle AFC and the fire station by the Fire Brigade, The Parish Council have installed one in the old phone box at Hycemoor.

Action; D6 Obtain funding to expand the network of Defibrillators over the whole of the parish.

Appendix 2: Review of 10 community conversations on 11 topic areas

The main topic of interest was found in the subject of employment and economic activities, closely followed by leisure and social activities. Most interviewees considered housing within the Parish was adequate and affordable. Also, most were satisfied with utilities, internet provision, waste disposal, recycling and lighting, with the exception of residents from Monk Moors who are experiencing difficulties with internet connection and collection of recycling. There was considerable interest expressed in environmental issues such as tree planting, litter, shore erosion and flooding.

	Total comments	Positive	Negative
EDUCATION	15	10	5
EMERGENCY SERVICES	23	16	7
EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES	46	37	9
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY	30	6	24
FOOD AND DRINK	34	24	10
HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES	29	25	4
HOUSING	12	11	1
LEISURE AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	45	34	11
TOURISM	23	13	10
TRANSPORT SERVICES	30	9	21
UTILITIES, INTERNET, WASTE, RECYCLING, LIGHTING	16	7	9

Appendix 3: Survey questionnaire and analysis

Bootle Parish Survey

Bootle Parish Council is preparing a 10 year action plan and would like to incorporate the views of the community. Please complete this survey representing the views of your household and return to the 'Bootle Parish Survey collection box' at Tethera House, Chapel Lane, Bootle by Wednesday 12th August 2020.

How do you rate Bootle Parish as a place to live? Circle one			
Excellent	Good	Average	Poor

What do you like about Bootle Parish?

What makes Bootle Parish special and different from other places?

What should Bootle Parish improve?

How IMPORTANT do you consider the following to be? Tick one box for each

	1 = Very important	2= Important	3= Moderately important	4= Not important
Abbeyfield				
Bootle Beach leisure improvements				
Bootle fitness group				
Bootle in Bloom				
Bootle Main street road maintenance				
Bootle Village football field				
Bowling club				
Bus service				
Captain Shaw's School				
Doctor's surgery in Bootle Village				
Employment for young people				

Electric car points				
Fire service				
Garden waste collection				
Holiday cottages				
Housing				
Internet connectivity				
Lighting				
Litter collection in public spaces				
Overhead wires improvements at The Station				
Parking				
Police presence				
Face to face health care appointments				
Pub in the Parish				
Public footpaths				
Public toilets				
Recycling services				
Safety walking to Station from Village				
Skills training/ classes				
Speed limit enforcement				
Station train services				
Surgery opening times				
Swimming pool				
Taxi service				
The Byre				
Tide defence improvements				
Tourist information				
Tree planting on the fell				
Village shop and post office				
Wellbank re-purposed to tourist/ leisure site				

How SATISFIED are you with the following? Tick one box for each

	1 = Very satisfied	2= Satisfied	3= Moderately satisfied	4= Not satisfied
Abbeyfield				
Bootle Beach leisure improvements				
Bootle fitness group				
Bootle in Bloom				
Bootle Main street road maintenance				
Bootle Village football field				
Bowling club				
Bus service				
Captain Shaw's School				
Doctor's surgery in Bootle Village				
Employment for young people				
Electric car points				
Fire service				
Garden waste collection				

Holiday cottages				
Housing				
Internet connectivity				
Lighting				
Litter collection in public spaces				
Overhead wires improvements at The Station				
Parking				
Police presence				
Face to face health care appointments				
Pub in the Parish				
Public footpaths				
Public toilets				
Recycling services				
Safety walking to Station from Village				
Skills training/ classes				
Speed limit enforcement				
Station train services				
Surgery opening times				
Swimming pool				
Taxi service				
The Byre				
Tide defence improvements				
Tourist information				
Tree planting on the fell				
Village shop and post office				
Wellbank re-purposed to tourist/ leisure site				

Please comment on anything you are not satisfied with or would like to see included in the plan.

In which part of the Parish do you live? Circle one

- Bootle Village
- Bootle Fell
- Bootle Station
- Hycemoor
- The Shore
- Monk Moors

How many adults are in your household? (age 18 or older) Circle one

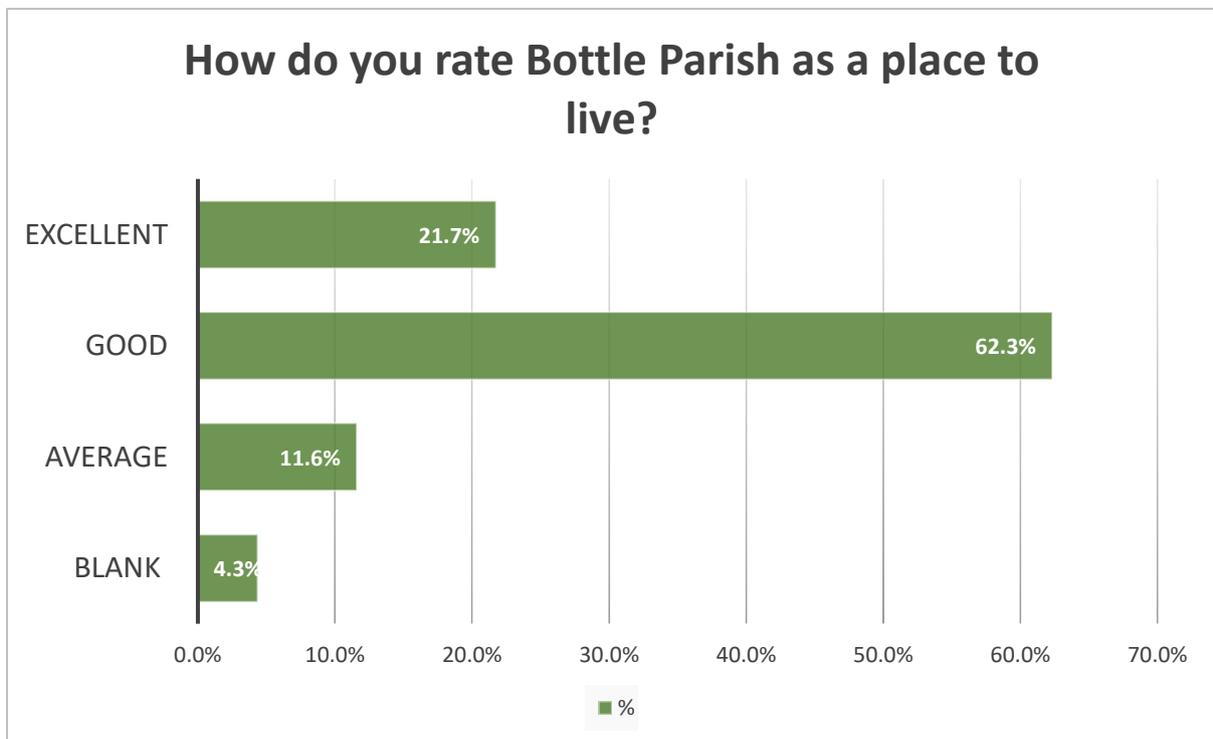
- 1
- 2

3
4
+5

How many children are in your household? (under 18) Circle one
1
2
3
4
+5

Of the 70 surveys returned none reported they considered Bootle Parish a poor place to live. 12 replies circled the 'Excellent' category, 50 circled the 'Good' category while 8 circled the 'Average' category. Many statements found in the first box 'what they liked about Bootle Parish' included statements such as 'community spirit,' 'low crime,' 'quiet,' 'friendly,' 'beautiful place to live.' Many of the comments found in the second box which referred to 'what makes Bootle Parish special and different from other places,' referred to the physical beauty of the location 'near the sea and fells,' 'good place for walks,' 'beautiful landscape.' There were many comments found in the third box which about improvements developed similar themes. These were 'reduce traffic speed through the village,' 'parking in the village,' 'weeds in the village,' 'litter,' 'more social interaction,' 'dog fouling,' 'no bus service,' and 'road safety for pedestrians and cyclists travelling from the village to the station.'

The survey returned the following response in rating Bootle as a place to live :-



The location of the returned number of surveys was as follows:

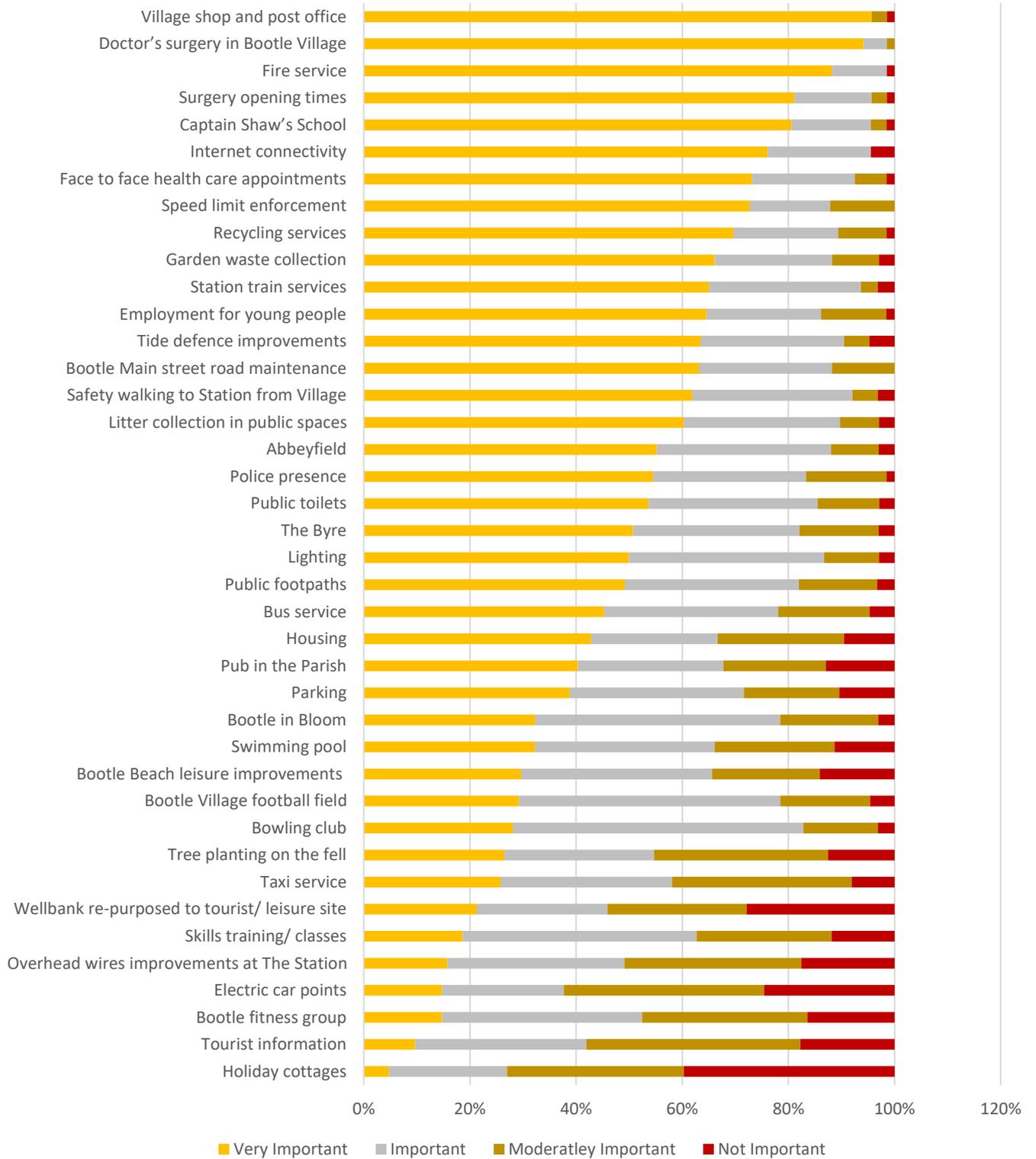
Bootle village	50
The Fell	4
Bootle Station	7
Hycemoor	5
The Shore	2
Monk Moors	2

Total of 70 returns out of 300 distributed.

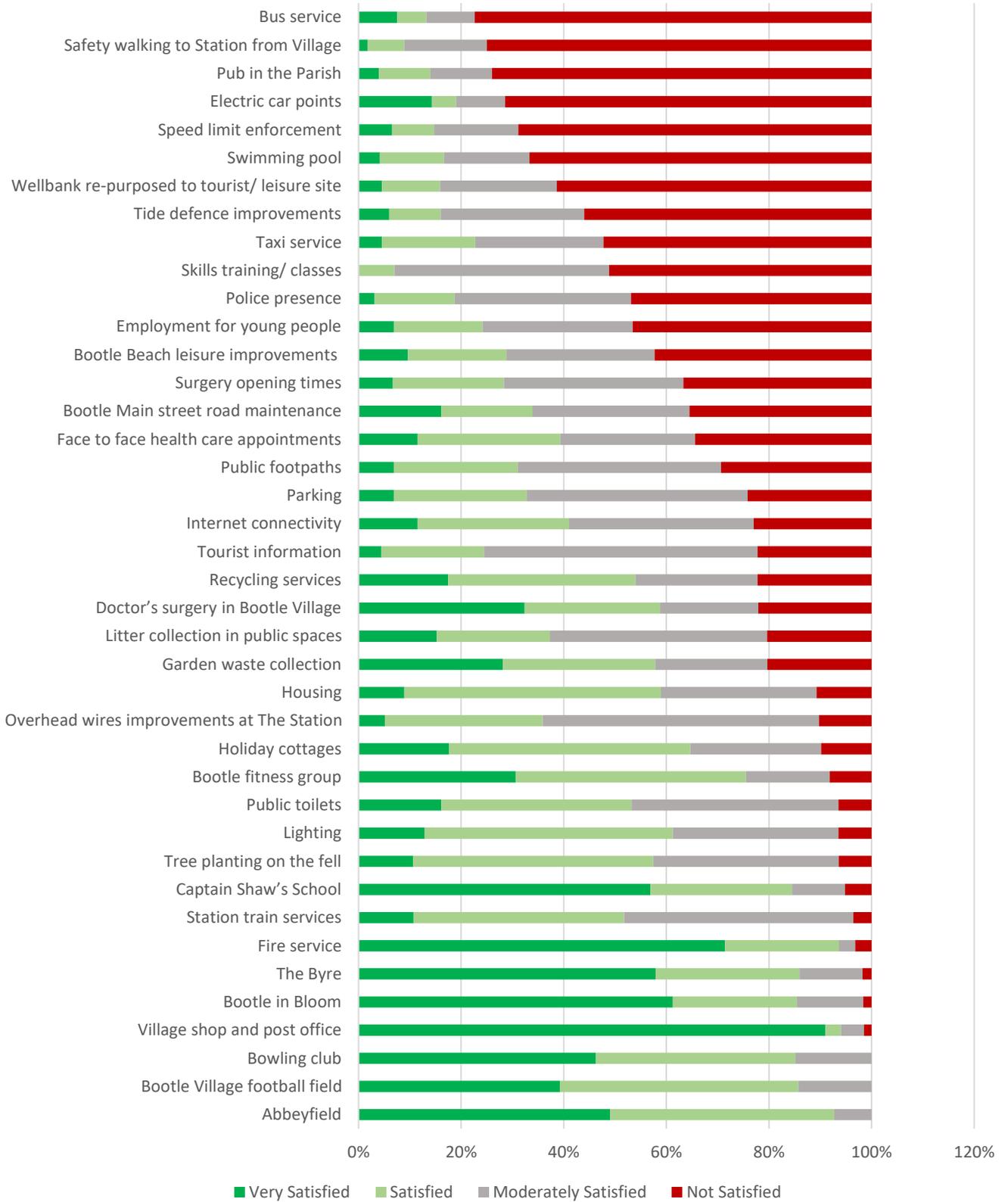
Data Analysis

The following two graphs summarise the satisfaction and importance surveys in order of importance and lack of satisfaction.

Importance Survey Results



Satisfaction Survey Results



Looking then at the comments box 'not satisfied with or would like to see included in the plan' revealed the following statements:

- New walk/cycle way from the Station to the Village
- Speed of vehicles going through Bootle Station
- Very few face to face health care appointments
- Public toilets closed for months
- No sign of swimming pool
- No taxi service
- What is happening with Wellbank
- No skills training
- Limited speed enforcement
- More information about Parish Council – members, current projects
- Speed of traffic along shore road, at times, excessive
- No taxi service
- Encourage younger families to live in the Parish
- Recycling boxes replaced by wheelie bins
- Litter in the hedgerows
- Further information about flood defences
- Poor service at the surgery – Dr availability limited
- Main Street road surface poor
- Dog fouling on pavements
- Speeding vehicles through the village – need traffic calming measures
- Poor quality recycling boxes – items blow away
- Limited opportunities for young people
- Internet service by BP is poor
- Road from the village to the station is dangerous
- People drive too fast
- Play parks need tidying up.
- Speeding from village to the station
- Parking on Main Street, Chapel Lane and Church Lane needs looking at – safety issues
- Tide defences are needed or road will be lost
- Electric charge points required
- No bus service
- More tidying up of the Parish required
- Pot holes in the Main Street
- Car park used by Sellafield workers
- Surgery does not accommodate working people
- Mobile signal poor
- None existent police service

- Ambulance may not be able to get through bridge at Monk Moors
- Recycling being missed at Monk Moors
- No lighting at Monk Moors
- Lack of seating at the beach
- Lack of flowers at Bootle Station
- Lack of car parking provision at the beach
- Reclaiming stretches of sand of the beach
- More road sweeping
- More speed detectors required
- GP available Monday to Friday
- Update children's play area
- Installing a gas supply
- Bus service at least three times a week
- Help if people would keep their gardens tidy
- Recycling boxes should be kept at rear of house
- Should be 20 mph outside school entrance.
- Return of a butcher shop
- Weather proof shelter on downline at station
- Dropped curbs throughout the village
- Older social house needs better maintenance
- Pub in village would be great
- Speeding on Chapel Lane – like a rat run.
- Parking on pavements
- Dog poo on pavements
- Some events such as films and music in village hall would be nice
- Untidy council grass maintenance
- Wellbank unsightly – vermin been seen
- Additional parking on Hycemoor
- Bring back recycling centre
- Garden waste not collected in June and July
- More litter bins around the village
- The Church yard is a disgrace
- Bootle beach is a disgrace – families struggle to get to the sand.
- Beach defence should be sorted
- More neighbourhood watch scheme required
- Flood defences – regular river maintenance
- Work to control beach erosion

The location of the returned number of surveys was as follows:

Bootle village	50
The Fell	4

Bootle Station	7
Hycemoor	5
The Shore	2
Monk Moors	2

Total of 70 returns out of 300 distributed.

All of this information forms the basis of the Community Plan for Bootle Parish.

This is a Community Plan led by the Parish Council but involving the whole of the Community to implement. The Action Plan will form the basis of the Parish Council's activities on behalf of the community for the next 10 years. As many of the recommendations and actions are outside the scope of the Parish Council and are the responsibility of Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council, a copy of Bootle Community Plan and it's Action Plan will be forwarded to each Council to be included in their own Local Plans.

It is also apparent from the surveys that some of the issues identified may be addressed by the community itself, such as tidying gardens, litter collection and beach cleaning. Such voluntary groups may be led by a Parish Councillor. At present, there are only 7 Parish Councillors and as a priority a recruitment drive is to be undertaken by the Parish Council to encourage more residents to become Parish Councillors and to lead on some projects. An example of a successful voluntary project undertaken by the Parish Council is Bootle in Bloom which is funded by the council.

Appendix 4: Survey grid

