



# **Colton Parish Community Plan 2024 Questionnaire**

**Please complete by 31st August 2023, should only take 5 minutes of your time!**

## WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Colton Parish Council is updating your 2015 Community Plan. The new plan needs to focus on how you want our Parish to change and develop over the next ten years and this questionnaire is one part of the consultation process. It is vital that it reflects your views and ideas and is our most important way to influence the strategies of Lake District National Park (LDNP) and the new Westmorland and Furness Council (W&F).

We need your views and ideas to produce a powerful and relevant document so please help us by completing and returning this questionnaire. If we have missed an issue that is important to you please highlight this!

If you want to look at our current Community Plan you can find this on the Parish Council website at [www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.coltonparishcouncil.org.uk) where you can also download additional copies of this questionnaire.

If you would prefer to complete this questionnaire online you can access it using this [link to questionnaire](#) or by scanning the QR code below:



**If you need help to complete the form, e.g. if you are blind or partially sighted, or need somebody to read the questions to you or if you require a large print copy please contact the Parish Clerk.**

**Thank you for your time, your input really matters!**

## **1. Communities, well-being and housing**

*Please score each of the issues below from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important) by selecting the appropriate option*

	Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Affordable housing for all ages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services and facilities for an ageing population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase in holiday homes etc and the impact on local communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of local services, e.g. buses, shops, post-office, schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High house prices and rent, forcing young people/families to leave the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public involvement in LDNPA planning discussions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## **2. Landscape and natural environment**

*Please score each of the issues below from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important) by selecting the appropriate option*

	Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Protecting the beauty, peace and quiet locally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Litter and dog fouling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-road traffic and use of green lanes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pollution in Windermere and Coniston	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pollution in local rivers and waterways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access to the countryside and lakes locally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conservation of flora and fauna	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving our local heritage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 3. Highways and access

Please score from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important)

	Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Keeping our verges "green" to support wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pot-holes in roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appropriate speed-limits on rural B and C roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gritting of B-road access for local villages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appropriate signage and (satnav) guidance for vehicles in narrow country roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Footpaths and cycle routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safe and reliable access into the area, e.g. A590	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keeping verges tidy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 4. Energy, sustainability and the environment

Please score from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important)

	Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Support for farming, diversification and landscape management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focus on improving biodiversity and supporting nature recovery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking decisive action on climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduction of electric charging points in rural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 5. The local economy and resilience

Please score from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important)

	Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Integrated public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community transport schemes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile phone coverage and reliability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fast broadband to support remote working	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local access to support during floods, power outages etc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of village halls to support remote working and acting as resilience hubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 6. Matters relevant to rural communities

Please score from 0 (not at all important) to 3 (extremely important)

	Option 0	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Parking and the impact of visitors to the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural crime prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fuel poverty and reliance on oil and LPG	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to GPs, dentists and hospital services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social isolation of an ageing population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 7. Potential projects

Various community events such as Green Sparks, Parish open meeting etc have identified other items for inclusion in the Community Plan. Please select your “top 3” that you think are worthy of consideration and action.....and that you might want to get involved with!

**Please select 3 options**

- ☐ Community contract to insulate stone-built properties
- ☐ Register of approved local installers of energy efficient heating
- ☐ Supporting local schools to stay open
- ☐ Register of landlords and AirBnB rentals
- ☐ Pilot of a biogas plant using cow manure
- ☐ Using old mill sites to develop hydropower
- ☐ Pop -up shops and cafes in villages
- ☐ Establishing a local community “taxi” service for isolated populations

**Please add anything else that you think is important that we may have missed**

## **8. Communication**

*How do usually receive information about local events and news?*

- ☐ Parish Council website
- ☐ Colton Link
- ☐ Parish magazines or local newsletters
- ☐ Noticeboards
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Local WhatsApp group
- ☐ Friends and family
- ☐ I don't know what's happening and feel out of touch
- ☐ Other (please state).....

**9. If you wish to get involved in the Parish Council and/or to contribute to developing the Community Plan and/or any projects mentioned above, please provide your name and an email address or phone number below**

## **10. What is your connection to the area?**

- ☐ Permanent resident
- ☐ Second home based in the Parish
- ☐ Work/own a business in the Parish
- ☐ Family ties
- ☐ Other visitor (please state).....
- ☐ Live or work in a neighbouring Parish
- ☐ Other (please state).....

**11.If you live, or have a second home, in the Parish which locality is it located in?**

- ☐ Bouth
- ☐ Colton
- ☐ Finsthwaite
- ☐ Lakeside
- ☐ Nibthwaite
- ☐ Oxen Park
- ☐ Rusland
- ☐ Spark Bridge
- ☐ Other (please state).....

**12.Have you completed this survey as an individual, household or business, please state below**

**13.Are you aged...?**

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 19-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-64
- ☐ 65-79
- ☐ Over 80

Please complete and return this form by 31<sup>st</sup> August, you can hand to your local Councillor, post at your designated local collection point or scan to the Clerk at [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk) .

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey, your input will be useful in helping to shape the updated Community Plan.