



# Parish Council Objectives 2019-2020

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## **Introduction**

In October 2018, the Parish Council launched a survey of local residents and visitors, to find out what mattered most to the people who live, work and visit Dentdale.

Entitled “Your Dentdale”, the results of this survey were announced at the Parish Council meeting in February 2019 with a promise that further information would follow in May when the council was restructured.

This document aims to set out the 4 main objectives of the Parish Council for the coming year and how this will be achieved.

## **The Objectives**

The results of the survey identified a number of concerns that residents and visitors share. Unfortunately, many of these were subjects that are not within the remit of a Parish Council. Roads and potholes, for example, are dealt with by Cumbria County Council and as such, the Parish Council can only attempt to “influence” the County Council and cannot undertake any repairs itself.

It was decided that the Parish Council should focus on 4 main areas where it does have a direct input to the work and the following 4 areas were identified:

**Housing** – This was the single biggest concern identified on the survey. The increase in Second Homes and the lack of affordable housing for young local families is a major issue. Whilst the building of new houses relies on input from SLDC and YDNPA there are things that the Parish Council can do to affect this.

**Promoting Tourism and The Dale** – These came up in the survey as two separate areas of concern but can be dealt with as one. Tourism is the biggest source of income to the dale and we should do as much as possible to promote tourism and the dale. There is much that the Parish Council can do in this area.

**Improve Health and Wellbeing and the Environment of the Dale** – A number of items came up in the survey which fall under this category. The Parish Council is committed to improving the environment we live in as well as the health and wellbeing of all residents and visitors.

**Support our School and Pre-School** – The future of the dale depends on the existence of the school and pre-school. Only by having a vibrant school will we attract young, working age families to live here (and to stay here for those who already live here). Without these families the dale will “die”, businesses will not survive and only second homes will be left. It is the council’s wish that this does not happen.