

# **Rudston Village Action Plan**

**2004**

## **Introduction**

Rudston Parish Council initially formed a sub-committee of both Parish Council and other village members. The amount of work done by this committee in putting together a Parish Action Plan has been most encouraging. Members of the village, representing their clubs and organisations, have been actively encouraged to contribute to the process, as is evident from the plan itself.

Part of the process was a questionnaire, efficiently printed, distributed and collected, which resulted in a 94% response. Members of village organisations as part of their input undertook this time consuming work. Care has been taken to follow procedures properly and all concerned have been kept informed of progress through the Rudston Newsletter. The village organisations have already benefited from payments for work in kind by their members and wish to continue along these lines.

Preliminary investigations have already begun into aspects of the provision of disabled access to the playing field, the provision of a replacement bus shelter after a recent demolition, the renovation and extension of the village hall and measures are ongoing to improve the environmental aspect of the Gypsy race in the village.

It is envisaged that there will be an annual review of progress, and I encourage all in the village to give their active backing to moving the whole plan forward into reality.

Tony Ezard, Chair, Rudston Parish Council

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## Executive Summary

This document provides background to the village of Rudston and its history followed by the actions the village believes are needed to hold to its vision, as stated below.

The process to create the Action Plan has broadly followed the recommendations of the Countryside Agency on Parish Plans, and has been coordinated by a sub committee of the Parish Council, the Rudston Community Action Team.

The Action Plan has the objective of improving the village for its inhabitants primarily through community action to make those improvements. A total of 20 actions have been identified.

The Vision Statement below summarises the consensus view of the village as demonstrated by the results of the Village Survey.

***Rudston wishes to keep its character as a rural village intact by holding on to a strong sense of village community, whilst at the same time allowing controlled development, both residential and small business, that acknowledges and blends with the environment of the village itself and its surroundings.***

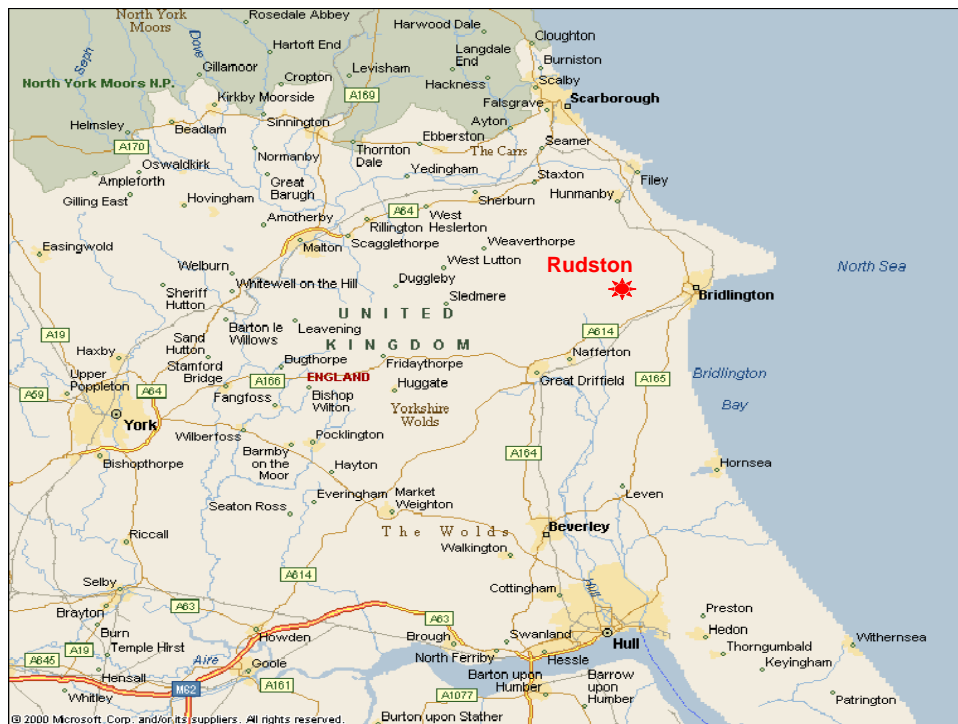


## The Village of Rudston

It is thought that the name Rudston originates from the monolith in the churchyard, which might once have had a Christianising cross fixed to it's top, and this might account for the damage there (currently hidden under a metal cap). In Old English, "rood" means cross and "stan" is stone, Roodstan – Rudston. Consequently, Rudston could be a good example of the Christian church converting a site that had already been sacred for millennia.

### Location

Rudston is a small rural English village of about 165 dwellings, situated in the Yorkshire Wolds, part of the county of the East Riding of Yorkshire. (The word "Riding" is Old English derived from Old Norse meaning "third part"). The Parish is included in the rural East Riding LEADER+ programme area.



Rudston is about 30 miles north of the City of Kingston Upon Hull, about 15 miles south of the town of Scarborough and six miles inland from the seaside town of Bridlington.

The village has a small shop (the Post Office facilities were given up in 2003), a family-run motor repair business, the Bosville Arms Country Hotel & Restaurant, the Tony Hogan Studio & Art Gallery and a hairdressing salon. The village playing fields and pavilion, leased to the village by Sir Ian Macdonald, are sited off Burton Fleming Road and support Football, Bowls, Tennis and Cricket teams. At Thorpe Hall, there is a popular Caravan and Camping Site. The village does not have a school, with children travelling to Boynton, Burton Agnes or Wold Newton for primary education and Driffield or Bridlington for secondary education.

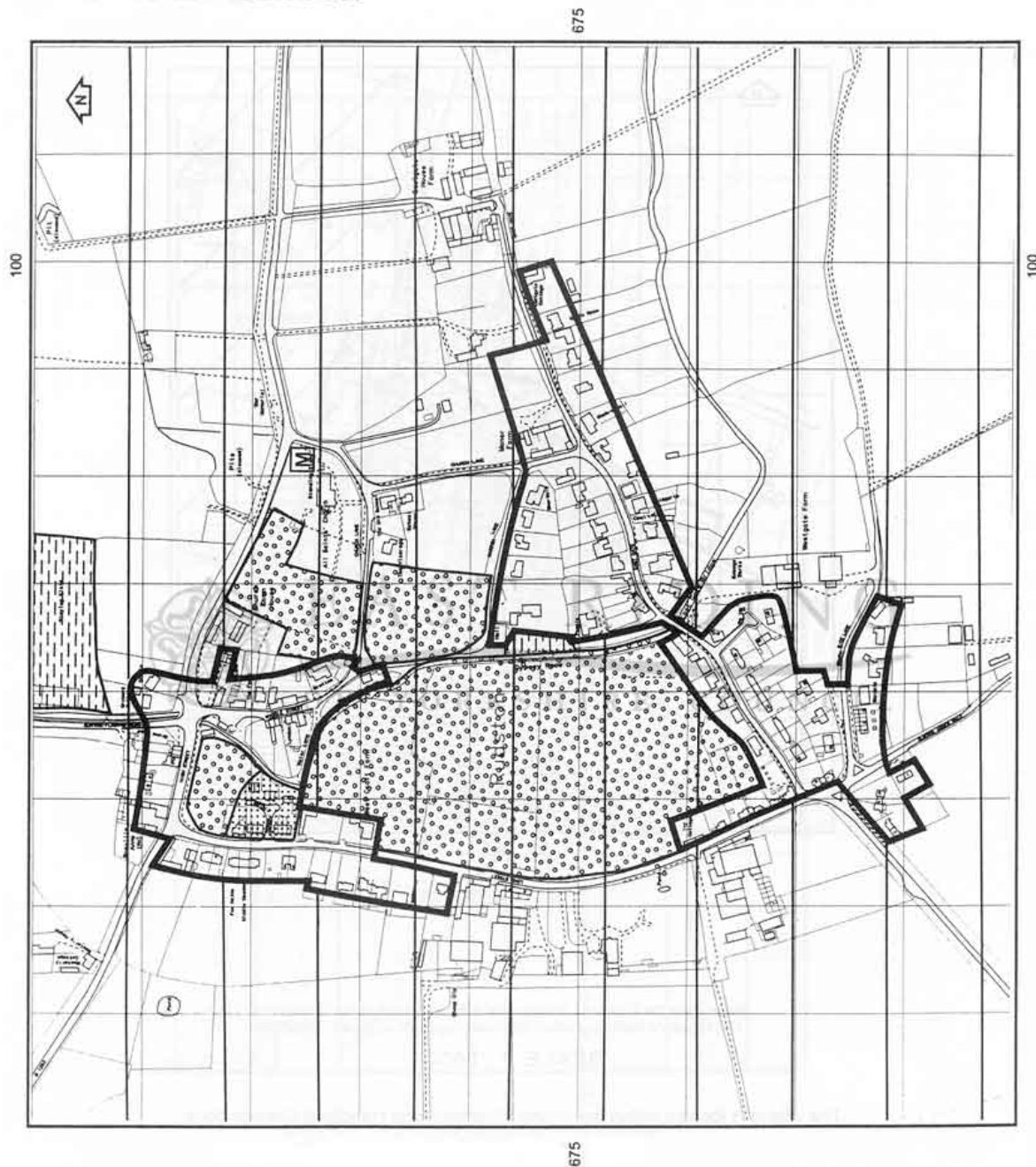
### The Geography

The village comprises two distinct areas of habitation separated by larger areas of open space that add significantly to the character of the village. These open grazed fields contrast with the highly manicured arable fields adjoining the village and allow uninterrupted views across the level ground between Long Street and the Gypsy Race. These areas are protected by the village development

plan, as is the open paddock to the north of Donna Farm. Rising ground immediately to the east provides further contrast and gives an important setting for the Church and monolith. Most of the parish is low-lying and the water table is only inches below the ground in places.

The village development limit drawn around the village (see below<sup>1</sup>) is intended to limit unnecessary extensions into the open countryside and prevent land drainage problems associated with the Gypsy Race (there is no mains sewerage in the village).

#### INSET B14 : RUDSTON



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<sup>1</sup> East Riding of Yorkshire Council web site

The main street passing through the village is an ancient track way, which has probably been in use since Neolithic times. To the south of Rudston, running along the top of the ridge, lies Woldgate, a Roman road (originally another ancient track way) running from Bridlington to York.

Bulmer's Directory of 1892<sup>2</sup> described Rudston as follows. *"Rudston is a parish and township comprising 5,550 acres; the estimated extent, according to the overseer's returns, is 5,258½ acres, and the rateable value £5,154. The population in 1891 was 578. Alexander Wentworth Macdonald Bosville, Esq., of Thorpe Hall; Sir Henry Somerville Boynton, Bart., of Burton Agnes (who is lord of the manor); the Earl of Londesborough, and the vicar in right of his glebe, are the principal landowners. The surface is boldly undulated and well wooded on the higher grounds, presenting some fine patches of sylvan scenery."*

## Demography

The following data has been taken from the 2001 Census<sup>3</sup>. As such it is slightly out of date, but is representative of the demographics of the village in 2004. There were 165 households and 390 people (the 1991 figures were 151 households and 370 people). There are slightly more females than males (51% vs 49%) and the average age (median) was 42.

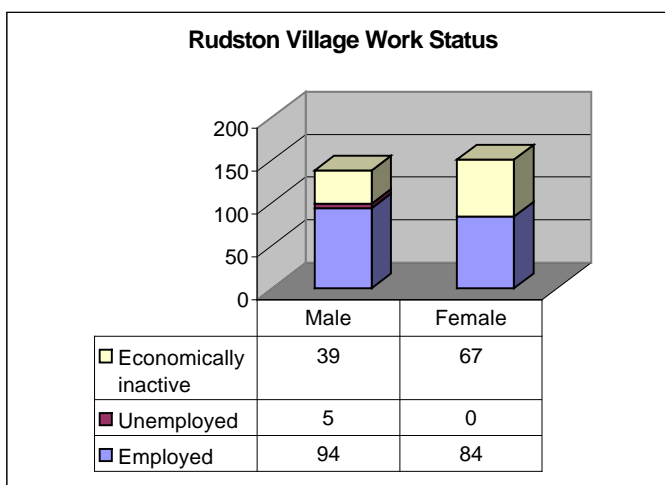
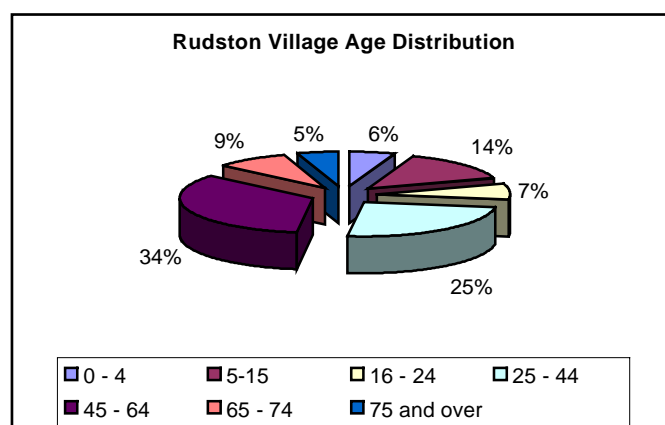
The village's age distribution is shown in the diagram. From this, we can see that the under 16s make up 20% of the village's inhabitants and the over 65s make up 14%.

60 people registered that they had a limiting long-term illness, and a further 60 people were providing unpaid care. 66% of the village considered themselves to be in good health.

The village does not have a major issue with unemployment (see Work Status chart), although it is interesting that men work on average 7.5 hours longer than women (43 hours/week vs. 35.5 hours/week). Very few people travel to work by public transport (a finding confirmed by the village survey), and around 25% of people work from home or within the village itself.

## Around the Village

The village is situated in the valley of the Gypsy Race, a spring fed stream with its source in the middle of the Wolds. Rudston is sited at a bend in the valley where



<sup>2</sup> Bulmer's History and Directory of East Yorkshire (1892)

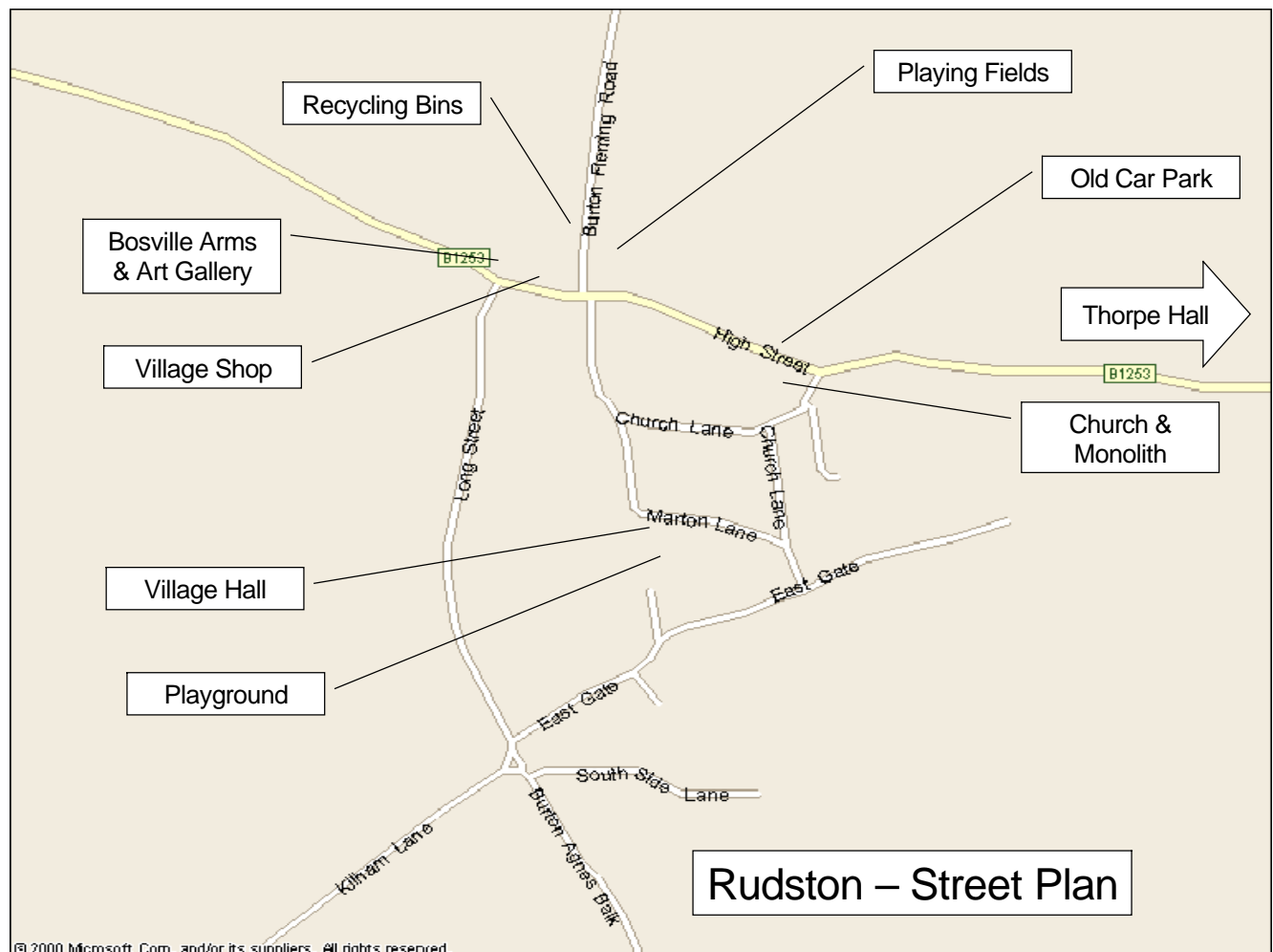
<sup>3</sup> Office of National Statistics, Census 2001 Neighbourhood Statistics at Parish level.



the Gypsy Race changes direction from South to East. The Gypsy Race has been widened out to form lakes at Thorpe Hall, to keep fish, and then flows east to the harbour at Bridlington where it joins the North Sea.

## Street Plan

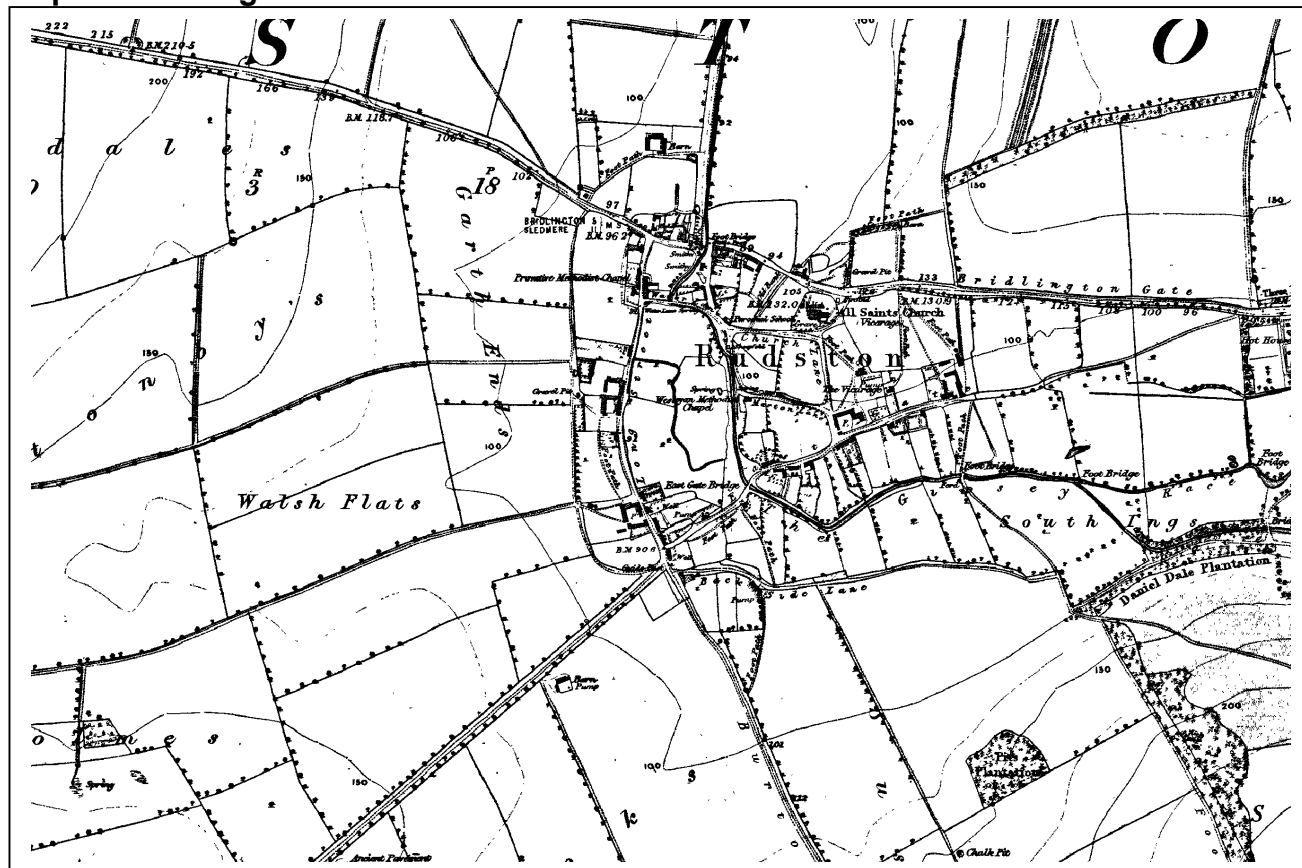
The map below shows the street plan of the village and identifies the location of some of the facilities of the village mentioned in the document.



The pattern of fields around the village results from the Enclosure Act of 1777, progressively altered, since most of the area surrounding the village is under arable cultivation. In addition to the Church, there used to be two chapels in the village. The Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in 1876 and converted for residential use in 1995. The Wesleyan Chapel was built in 1879 and is now used as the Village Hall.

The map below shows that the basic structure of the village has not changed significantly in the past 150 years, although building usage has changed, with buildings such as farms, chapels, blacksmith shops etc. being converted for residential use.

Map of the village c 1854



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## Archaeology

Rudston has evidence of continuous inhabitation for millennia and is thought to be the oldest continuously inhabited village in England. There are square and round barrows with numerous Neolithic and Bronze Age burials. Unfortunately, many of the excavations were carried out in the 19th century and due to the methods of “archaeology” used, little remains of the content.

To the north of the village are Argam Dikes, prehistoric earth banks that are quite difficult to spot nowadays. Of national importance is the the Woldgate Cursus, believed to be late Neolithic earth banks, which may have been track ways or procession paths<sup>4</sup>. Also discovered were many Iron Age graves to the north of Rudston towards Burton Fleming; much excavation was carried out there during the 1970's.

Evidence has also been found of the Roman occupation of the village. The remains of a Roman Villa, complete with a 9' by 4' mosaic floor showing Venus bathing, was uncovered during excavations in the 1930's. This pavement, comprising 1" square tesserae in blue, red and grey, is on display in the Hull & East Riding Museum in Hull. The lead archaeologists were Arthur Woodward and later Kenneth Steer. Various Roman artefacts were also discovered in the 1830s when the Thorpe Hall fishponds were excavated.

<sup>4</sup> An English Heritage project is currently being carried out to reassess the 150 identified cursuses in England and build an understanding of why they were created. Initial thoughts are that they were processional routes, designed to include the monuments and the events taking place into the natural world around them. A possible alternative is that they were routes for young men to traverse as a rite of passage – linking the name back to its William Stukeley's original thought of them as race courses. Further information can be found on the English Heritage website, [www.english-heritage.org.uk/archaeologicalinvestigation](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/archaeologicalinvestigation).

## **The Church**

All Saints Church was built shortly after the Norman invasion by William Peverel who was then Lord of the Manor. There is no mention of a church at Rudston in the Domesday Book, which was written in 1086, so it was probably erected about 1100 A.D. It has a 12<sup>th</sup> Century chancel arch and a Norman tower. The latest change to the church is the new stained glass window to celebrate the Millennium.



## **The Monolith**

This carved stone, made from a fine-grained oolitic grit, possibly sourced from either the northern moorlands near Whitby or from Cayton Bay, is situated next to the church. At about 26 feet high, it is the tallest standing stone in Britain and it is believed to have the same depth below the ground.

Along with the cursuses, the monolith suggests that Rudston was a significant location for pagan worship in the Bronze Age and is a good example of the Christianisation of a pagan site by the church being located alongside. The theory that the stone had a cross placed on it at some time in its history only adds to this possibility.

## **Thorpe Hall**

Thorpe Hall is the only house on the site of the former village of Thorpe and is situated ½ mile east of Rudston. It was built by the Bosvilles in the 1700's and is the family home of the Macdonalds of Sleat.

The house has 5 bays with a Tuscan door case. 2 wings were added in the 1700's and the house doubled in size in 1886. An octagonal larder and dairy stands near the house. The park and garden were laid out between 1814 and 1820 and survive in good condition, with some additions later in the 19C. 2 lakes were formed in the 19C by building weirs on the Gypsy Race.

The Thorpe Hall Caravan and Camping Site is located in the walled area which was originally the kitchen garden for the Hall.

## **The Village Hall**

The Village Hall was donated to the village by Sir Godfrey Bosville Macdonald on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1945 as a 'peace thanks offering' comprising the old Wesleyan Chapel, built in 1879, and some 500 square yards of adjoining land. These were vested in the Official Custodian for Charities. The possibility of adding a storey or second floor to the building to provide a reading room and billiard room was muted but, over the years, due to the perceived lack of external funding, the hall has remained largely the same.

16 second-hand tables were purchased in 1974 at auction paid for from donations given as a result of an appeal. These tables are still in use today! In 1979 a new Committee, the Beaumont Trust Village Hall Committee, was formed and its constitution defined to conform to the Charity Commissioners requirements.

In 1986 the rear of the Hall was extended to provide sufficient length to accommodate a Bowls mat. Much of this work was done voluntarily under professional supervision and Indoor Bowling commenced in the winter of 1986. Two storerooms were also added at this time. 4 new gas

heaters were installed in 1994, one of these has recently failed and the others are becoming unreliable. In 1999, at a public meeting to discuss suitable projects to commemorate the Millennium, Sir Ian MacDonald, the current holder of the Baronetcy, stated that in his view, when his grandfather, Sir Godfrey MacDonald gave the Hall to the village, it would not have been his intention that it should become a millstone around the necks of the villagers and that in his opinion the time had come to give thought to replacing it. The fabric of existing building had deteriorated sharply - a survey carried out in 1999 identified extensive works that were necessary to make the existing building good. He generously offered a plot of land on the outskirts of the village on which to build a new hall and subsequently a village survey was carried out to establish the needs of the village to inform the design.

Plans and costings for a new hall were drawn up in 2001, but it became obvious that the cost was going to be extremely high. At the time of the survey there was a strong feeling that the existing Hall was in a much more convenient position, being central to the village and within walking distance for most people, and also avoided the need for crossing the busy main road running through the village. There was also a desire to preserve the existing building that is part of the village heritage and blends sympathetically with its surroundings, so it was decided to explore the feasibility of extending and completely refurbishing the existing building. Funding, through grants, village fund raisers and other sources, is currently being progressed to provide a new kitchen, meeting rooms, upgraded heating, new toilet facilities and disabled access.

### **The Bosville Arms Hotel & Restaurant**

The Bosville Arms is the village pub, incorporating a restaurant, Sunday lunches being particularly popular. It also has 6 bedrooms which are frequently used to accommodate people attending painting courses run by the Tony Hogan Art Gallery.

### **Tony Hogan Art Gallery**

The Tony Hogan Art Gallery occupies a building next to the Bosville Arms. The Gallery permanently exhibits the latest works by artists Tony Hogan, Margaret Hockney, Ken Wathey, Glen Marshall, Rob Gobel, Robert Wyatt, Christine Wilson, Maggie Thompson and Dennis Chapman. Pieces by other artists are also displayed, along with works by featured artists on a regular basis. Tony Hogan also runs regular art classes, including Art Breaks in Yorkshire, four or five day breaks, based at the Gallery.

### **Winifred Holtby**

Winifred Holtby, the author of "South Riding", lived at Rudston House on Long Street, where a plaque commemorates her. South Riding used Rudston as the backdrop to the story. She died in 1935 aged only 37. Her grave can be found in the village churchyard. The headstone is in the form of an open book, and bears the inscription "God give me work till my life shall end, and life till my work is done."

### **The Newsletter & Web Site**

The village publishes a newsletter 11 times a year, covering matters of interest to the village. The Newsletter is one of the main ways of communicating information to the whole of the village. It is currently funded by donation allowing it to be distributed to all households free of charge. Archive copies of the newsletter are kept on the village website, [www.rudstonnews.supanet.com](http://www.rudstonnews.supanet.com), which also has further information about the village.

# **The Action Plan**

## **The process to create the Action Plan**

The objective of the Action Plan was to develop a vision for the village and identify the actions required to achieve that vision. It is expected that the Action Plan will be used to influence other bodies to support the village through policies, decisions, actions and funding to achieve the vision. The Action Plan has been developed through wide consultation with the whole of the village. The process broadly followed the recommendations of The Countryside Agency document "Parish Plans, Guidance for Parish and Town Councils".

## ***The Steps***

The Action Plan has been developed with the main steps below:

- ❑ Rudston Community Action Team (RCAT) was set up by the Parish Council.
- ❑ RCAT met with the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council
- ❑ Funding for the Action Plan development was gained from the Countryside Agency
- ❑ A public meeting was held in the village to identify issues and opportunities, including a presentation from the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council
- ❑ A questionnaire was designed and distributed to all households in the village
- ❑ The survey results were analysed
- ❑ The results of the analysis were published in the Newsletter of July/August 2003
- ❑ A draft Action List was created from the results of the survey analysis
- ❑ A public consultation was held to get feedback on the action list items
- ❑ The Action List was amended following the feedback session
- ❑ The formal Rudston Village Action Plan (this document) has been written

## ***Next Steps:***

- ❑ The Action Plan will be submitted to the Countryside Agency and East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- ❑ Following approval, a copy of the action plan will be distributed to each household
- ❑ Implement the Action Plan
- ❑ An annual review of the action plan will be carried out and the plan adjusted accordingly

## **The Action List**

The Village has identified a set of actions that would benefit the village. These plans are not set in stone and a key action within the plan is a regular review of the plan to amend it to meet the needs of the village over time. The following pages describe each element of the plan and give a guide as to how the item is to be progressed. The items are randomly sequenced and the position of any item in the list should not be taken as a level of priority.

The Parish Council has the responsibility to coordinate the management and execution of the plan.

No	The Action	How will it be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource implications
1	Retain Post office facilities in the village	Mobile Post Office in village hall on Thursdays. Advertised in Newsletter.	High	Village committee Hall	Start date to be advised.	Post Office Counters Ltd	ISDN line to be installed.
2	Village Hall refurbishment and extension to provide improved facilities	Planning permission passed; funding applied for; Expand cultural activities on offer	High		Work to start once funding gained.	Village Hall committee	Needs £200,000 funding.
3	Part time medical/social facilities in village	Use new village hall facilities to allow part time use by doctor, nurse, etc	Medium	Primary Care Trust, ERYC	Aim to achieve once village hall extension completed	Village Hall committee	
4	Better access to playing fields	Build replacement bridge, suitable for vehicles, across the Gypsy Race	Medium	Parish Council	?	Playing Field Committee	Funding
5	Upgrade the playground facilities	Gain consensus on what is needed; create action plan to implement	Medium		Cannot be started until after action 2.	Parish Council Playground Committee	Survey and analysis; cost of improvements
6	Maintenance of speed in the 30mph zone	Monitor vehicle speeds; apply for flashing signs if speeds persistently above 30mph	High	ERYC; Police	ASAP	Parish Council	
7	Improved facilities for under 16s	Form Action Group; Investigation of what under 16s want; produce action plan; gain funding; implement	Medium	Parish council; others as identified	Start in 2004	Action group	Survey and analysis; cost of improvements; people to lead

No	The Action	How will it be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource implications
8	Bus shelters	Identify suitable site(s); gain funding; implement	Medium	ER Highways		Parish Council	Dual purpose structure could help gain funding
9	Improved frequency of bus service	Review usage patterns; identify unsatisfied needs;	Low		Start review in 2004	Parish Council	
10	Broadband access for village	The Kilham exchange has reached its trigger level.		BT; others as identified	BT have advised 21 July		
11	Internet café / bus to allow non-computer owners access to internet	Form Action Group; identify whether there is a need and what security would be needed; identify sources of free/cheap equipment	Low	Village Hall Committee		Action Group	Cost of equipment, software, security and supervision
12	Community education	Form Action Group; investigate needs, desires, options.	Low	ERYC		Action Group	
13	Improve street lighting	Identify where new lights are needed; identify costs; lobby ERYC	Low	ERYC		Parish Council	Cost of new lights and running costs
14	Increase recycling options to include cans, plastic etc	Identify suppliers; negotiate provision	High	ERYC & others	ASAP	Parish Council	Reduces Parish Precept
15	Plant more spring bulbs around the village	Identify sites that give most opportunity for villagers to see them; plant bulbs.	Medium	Village	Autumn 04	Conservation Group	Donated bulbs
16	Maintain improvement to the Gypsy Race environment	Identify needs; get a team to do the work	Medium		Ongoing	Conservation Group	Cost of tools

No	The Action	How will it be tackled	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource implications
17	Improve the natural habitat around the village e.g. the old car park	Identify opportunities; identify costs; seek funding options;	Medium	Parish Council	Spring 04 and ongoing	Conservation Group	Cost of tools
18	Investigate a subsidised taxi scheme (links to action 9)	Form action group; review the need; identify the costs; assess whether improved bus service might solve need.	Low		To be decided	Action Group	
19	Support the Village Shop where possible	Review car parking options Support initiatives to maintain the sustainability of the shop	Medium	ERYC Highways; ViRSA	Ongoing	Parish Council	
20	Review the Plan regularly	Parish Council to review the action plan annually	High		Ongoing	Parish Council	



## **Appendices**

## Village Needs Survey

### Question 1

How many people including children normally live in your household?

### Question 2

Enter the number of children under 16 in your household who attend the following:

Play school	
Nursery school	
Primary school	
Secondary school	
School for those with special needs	

Other – please state:

### Question 3

Are any children under 16 unable to take part in after school activities?

Because of:

Lack of transport home	
Distance between home/school	
Expense	

Other – please give example

### Question 4

Do you have access to the Internet at home?

Yes	
No	

## Question 5

The road/street that you live in has an impact on your life. Litter, street cleaning, graffiti, noise, pollution, lighting, security, grass and hedge cutting, road and footpath condition, practical design and visual impact are some of the main aspects, which can contribute to this.

Identify your street\_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate the following for your road/street?

Please answer the following questions, by ticking the appropriate box.

	Excellent	Very good	Fairly good	Poor
General appearance of roads/footpaths/open spaces				
Standards of cleanliness of roads/footpaths/open spaces				
Quality of construction of road/street				
Quality of design of road/street				
Response to road/footpath repairs				

In particular, how would you rate the following services:-

	Excellent	Very good	Fairly good	Poor
Street Cleaning				
Highway Maintenance				
Street Lighting Maintenance				
Highway Grass Cutting – verges/open spaces (if appropriate)				

If you have any other comments, please state in this section.

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### Question 6

Each member of the family 11 yrs of age or older please choose a number and use that number box throughout the rest of the questionnaire.

Person	1	2	3	4	5	6
Male						
Female						

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### Question 7

What age group do you belong to?

Years of age	1	2	3	4	5	6
11 –15						
16 – 18						
19 – 60						
61 – 75						
76+						

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### Question 8

What is most important to you about Rudston Parish?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
The community						
The environment						
The situation						
Other						
Not sure						

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### Question 9

Please state which category you fit into

	1	2	3	4	5	6
An employee						
Unemployed						
Self-employed – employing other people						
Self-employed – not employing anyone						
In a government training scheme						
In full-time education						
Unwaged housewife/husband						
Retired						
Permanently sick/disabled						

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### Question 10

If you are seeking employment, are there any barriers that are preventing you from taking employment, training or study opportunities?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cost of provision of childcare locally						
Disability or ill health						
I lack the right experience						
I lack the right qualifications/training						
Lack of access to transport						
Lack of alternative care for a dependant adult						
Lack of information/advice						
Lack of public transport at the appropriate time						

Others (please state)

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### Question 11

If you run a business, is it located

	1	2	3	4	5	6
In parish						
Outside parish						

Into what category does it fall?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Agriculture/Horticulture						
Food processing						
Retail						
Construction						
Finance/Professional Services						
Manufacturing						
Transport						
Tourism e.g. hotels, catering, B & B						
Other services e.g. hairdressing						

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### Question 12

Do you experience any transport difficulties in getting out of Rudston Parish to other places and back again?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Often						
Occasionally						
Never						

If so, please give details and include your chosen number

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### Question 13

Which of the following is your major means of transport?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Car						
Bike						
Bus						
Moped/motorbike						
Taxi						
Medibus						

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### Question 14

What improvements would you like to see in the bus service?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequency						
Routes						
Information/Timetable, provision						
Cost						
Reliability						
Bus stop location						
Access for those with disabilities						
No opinion						

Other – please state and include your chosen number

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### Question 15

Do you think that there are any major 'danger spots' on the roads in Rudston Parish?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Yes						
No						

Where in your opinion are the major danger spots (include your chosen number)

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### Question 16

Is the standard of street lighting in Rudston Parish?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good						
Reasonable						
Poor						
No opinion						

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### Question 17

Is there a need for any of the following facilities in the Parish?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Adult evening classes						
After school club						
Holiday play scheme						
Homework club						
Registered child minders						
Play group						
Youth club						

Other (Please state and include your chosen number)

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### Question 18

What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in Rudston Parish?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
None						
Single dwellings in controlled locations						
Small group(s) of less than 10						
Carefully designed larger group(s)						
Conversion of redundant buildings						
Expansion of the edge of Rudston village						

Other (Please state and include your chosen number)

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### Question 19

Please indicate which of the following shops and services you use.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Post office and general store						
Farm shop						
Pub/Restaurant						
Mobile library						
Mobile shops e.g. butcher, fishmonger						
Garage						
Hairdressers						

### Question 20

Do you use the village shop because:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
The local shops give good value						
You like to support local shops						
You like the social contact						
It saves time						
It saves transport costs						
You don't have transport to go elsewhere						
You need 'last minute' items						

Other (Please state and include your chosen number)

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### Question 21

If you like the post office part of the shop please indicate what for:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Postal Services						
Pensions/allowances						
Girobank/savings etc						
TV licence						
Paying bills						
Information leaflets						

Other (Please state and include your chosen number)

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## Question 22

Are the facilities provided in the children's playground?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good						
Reasonable						
Poor						
No opinion						

How could the play area be improved? Please include your chosen number

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## Question 23

If you do not take part in any leisure/recreation activities, is it because?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Do not want to						
At unsuitable times						
Access problems (physical)						
No transport						
Too expensive						
Poor publicity						

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## Question 24

What are your views on local social facilities for

Children up to 16

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good						
Reasonable						
Poor						

Young people 17 – 25

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good						
Reasonable						
Poor						

People 26 – 60

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good						
Reasonable						
Poor						

People over 60

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Good						
Reasonable						
Poor						

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## Question 25

Would you be prepared to keep certain items of waste separate from your refuse for recycling if a separate collection was made?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Yes						
No						

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### Question 26

How important is the quality of the countryside around Rudston to you?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Very important						
Important						
Not very important						
No opinion						

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### Question 27

Would you like to see improvements made in the following areas?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Environmentally friendly maintenance of hedges						
Restoration of banks of Gypsy Race						
Areas of natural habitat defined for wild life						
More spring bulbs planted on banks and verges						
More seating around the Parish						
Provision of a cash machine (Hole in the wall)						
Availability of subsidised taxi fares						
Community internet access facility						

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### Question 28

Are there special problems in Rudston for people with mobility problems/disabilities/parents with pushchairs/small children?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access to playing fields						
Access to other community areas (if yes, state which below)						
Pedestrian areas						

Other (include your chosen number)

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## Question 29

In relation to local footpaths and bridleways:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Do you know where the local paths are?						
Can you use them without difficulty?						
Are they well signposted?						
Would you be willing to help maintain them?						

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Is there anything you would like to add that could improve the quality of life for people living in Rudston Parish? (Please indicate your chosen number)

## Survey Results

### 2003 SURVEY conducted by the RUDSTON COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The recent survey resulted in 162 questionnaires being returned from 177 distributed = 92%. The results therefore are representative of the present residents of the village.

#### RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

1. There are 32 single households  
76 households with 2 people  
28 households with 3 people  
20 households with 4 people  
6 households with 5 people
2. 64% of households have no children  
16% of households have children attending primary school  
13% of households have children attending secondary school  
The remainder are equally divided between play school, nursery school and mums and toddlers. There is one with a child minder.
3. 90% have no problem with attending after school activities  
5% have a problem with lack of transport home  
2% have a problem with the distance  
1% has a problem with expense
4. 47% have internet access  
53% have no internet access
5. Part 1
  - a) Average  
19% think general appearance of roads/footpaths is very good  
59% think general appearance good  
19% think general appearance poor  
3% did not answer
  - b) Average  
2% think the standard of cleanliness of roads/footpaths is excellent  
22% think the standard of cleanliness very good  
42% think the standard of cleanliness good  
30% think the standard of cleanliness poor  
4% did not answer
  - c) Average  
20% say quality of construction of street is very good  
50% say quality of construction of street is good  
22% say quality of construction of street is poor  
8% did not answer
  - d) Average  
1% says quality of design of street is excellent  
30% say quality of design of street is very good  
55% say quality of design of street is good  
14% say quality of design of street is poor  
1% did not answer

e) Average

4% say response to road/footpath repairs is very good  
30% say response to repairs is good  
39% say response to repairs is poor  
27% did not answer

5. Part 2

a) Average

9% rate street cleaning as very good  
34% rate street cleaning as good  
44% rate street cleaning as poor  
13% did not answer

b) Average

7% rate highway maintenance as very good  
41% rate highway maintenance as good  
39% rate highway maintenance as poor  
13% did not answer

c) Average

1% rate lighting maintenance as excellent  
23% rate lighting maintenance as very good  
33% rate lighting maintenance as good  
29% rate lighting maintenance as poor  
14% did not answer

d) Average

3% rate grass cutting as excellent  
30% rate grass cutting as very good  
39% rate grass cutting as good  
14% rate grass cutting as poor  
14% did not answer

6. 47% of over 11s are male  
53% of over 11s are female

7. In age group 11 - 15 there are 8 male and 13 female  
In age group 16 - 18 there are 9 male and 9 female  
In age group 19 – 60 there are 105 male and 103 female  
In age group 61 – 75 there are 37 male and 36 female  
In age group 76+ there are 5 male and 11 female

8. 41% say community is important  
55% say environment is important  
22% say situation is important  
1% says other factors are important  
6% are not sure

9. 38% of the population are employees  
9% of the population are self employed - employing others  
7% of the population are self employed- not employing others  
1% of the population are unemployed  
8% of the population are unwaged i.e. housewives etc.  
11% of the population are in full time education  
26% of the population are retired
10. 79% find no employment barriers  
13% have transport problems to employment  
3% have childcare problems to employment  
2% have disability problems to employment  
1% has qualification problems to employment  
2% have other problems to employment
11. 20% run a business in the parish  
12% run a business outside the parish  
68% do not run a business
- 11a) 12% agricultural  
2% food processing  
3% retail  
5% construction  
2% finance  
2% manufacturing  
2% transport  
5% tourism  
7% other
12. 9% have transport difficulties often  
63% have transport difficulties never  
22% have transport difficulties occasionally  
6% did not answer
13. 88% have a car as main transport  
3% have a bike as main transport  
5% have a bus as main transport  
2% have a motorbike as main transport  
1% has other means as main transport  
1% did not answer
14. 39% want an improvement in frequency of bus service  
15% want an improvement in routes  
15% want an improvement in information/timetables  
5% want an improvement in cost  
12% want an improvement in reliability  
8% want an improvement in bus stop location  
7% want an improvement in disabled access  
32% have no opinion



15. 77% think there are danger spots in Rudston  
19% think there are no danger spots in Rudston  
4% did not answer
16. 9% think the standard of street lighting is good  
38% think the standard of street lighting is reasonable  
45% think the standard of street lighting is poor  
8% did not answer
17. 18% think there is a need for adult evening classes  
11% think there is a need for after school club  
15% think there is a need for holiday play scheme  
3% think there is a need for homework club  
5% think there is a need for registered child minders  
8% think there is a need for play group  
26% think there is a need for a youth club  
1% thinks there is a need for other activities  
19% did not answer
18. 22% want no housing development  
37% would accept singles in controlled locations  
5% would accept small groups  
2% would accept larger groups  
44% would accept conversion of redundant buildings  
6% would accept expansion on edge of village  
3% have no opinion
19. 86% use the post office  
13% use the farm shop  
50% use the pub/restaurant  
6% use the mobile library  
22% use the mobile shop  
32% use the garage  
27% use the hairdresser
20. 11% use the village shop for good value  
62% use the village shop for local support  
18% use the village shop for social contact  
22% use the village shop to save time  
19% use the village shop to save transport costs  
6% use the village shop because of no transport  
39% use the village shop for last minute items  
2% did not answer
21. 64% use the post office for postal services  
19% use the post office for pensions  
5% use the post office for giro savings  
17% use the post office for TV licence  
22% use the post office for paying bills  
4% use the post office for information leaflets  
6% did not answer

22. 29% say facilities in the children's playground are good  
42% say facilities are reasonable  
4% say facilities are poor  
25% have no opinion
23. 50% do not take part in leisure activities because they don't want to  
14% do not take part in leisure activities because of unsuitable times  
1% does not take part in leisure activities because of access problems  
4% do not take part in leisure activities because of transport problems  
8% do not take part in leisure activities because of poor publicity  
23% did not answer
- 24 a) 0.5% say that facilities for up to 16s are good  
15% say that facilities for up to 16s are reasonable  
40.5% say that facilities for up to 16s are poor  
18% have no opinion
- b) 2% say facilities for 17 – 25s are good  
16% say facilities for 17 – 25s are reasonable  
36% say facilities for 17 – 25s are poor  
20% have no opinion
- c) 14% say facilities for 26 – 60 are good  
36% say facilities for 26 – 60 are reasonable  
13% say facilities for 26 – 60 are poor  
14% have no opinion
- d) 16% say facilities for over 60s are good  
31% say facilities for over 60s are reasonable  
14% say facilities for over 60s are poor  
14% have no opinion
25. 94% would keep waste separate  
6% would not keep waste separate
26. 84% say countryside around Rudston is very important  
14% say countryside around Rudston is important  
0.5% say countryside around Rudston is not important  
1.5% have no opinion
27. 60% would like to see improvement in the environmental treatment of hedges  
67% would like to see improvement in the environmental treatment of Gypsy Race  
58% would like to see an improvement in the areas of natural habitat defined for wild life  
65% would like to see an improvement with more spring bulbs  
34% would like to see an improvement with more seating  
26% would like to see an improvement with cash machines  
33% would like to see an improvement with subsidised taxi fares  
20% would like to see an improvement with community internet facilities

28. 33% say there is a problem with access to playing fields  
12% say there is a problem with access to village hall  
6% say there is a problem with access to community areas  
14% say there is a problem with access to pedestrian areas  
24% have no opinion
29. 83% know where the footpaths and bridleways are  
8% do not know where the footpaths and bridleways are  
9% did not answer  
64% say they can use them without difficulty  
8% say they cannot use them without difficulty  
28% did not answer  
48% say they are well signposted  
10% say they are not well signposted  
42% did not answer  
25% say they would help to maintain footpaths  
5% say they would not help to maintain footpaths  
70% did not answer

The major items brought forward from the comment questions are:

1. The need to curb excessive speed along the B1253. This makes crossing the road and each of the junctions a danger spot. The corner of Eastgate/Church Lane and the corner where Kilham Road meets Long Street were also a cause for concern.
2. There is need for much improved access to the playing field particularly for the disabled.
3. The problem of dog fouling needs to be addressed.
4. A range of measures including general maintenance, more seating, overhanging trees and additional facilities are needed in the children's playground.
5. There is a problem with parked vehicles along Eastgate.
6. The wish to restore The Gypsy Race and Water Lane to be attractive features.

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