

Warmsworth Village Plan



Results of Village Survey
2008

The History of Warmsworth

Warmsworth is a picturesque village with its cottages constructed with stone from the local limestone quarries for which the village was famous. Some of these quarries are still being worked both within and surrounding the village at present.

The entry for Warmsworth in the Domesday Book completed in 1086, in short, means "an enclosure owned by a person of the name Wermes".

In 1236 Thomas De Flaytop was presented to the living at Warmsworth and became our first Rector of St Peter's. This is probably when church life first began in the village.

There are many interesting features in the old village including the ancient Belfry built in the 13th century and standing at the entrance to Warmsworth Hall. The Hall, a stately mansion, has been used for a variety of purposes including most recently, a conference facility in the Holiday Inn complex. This continued the previous similar occupation of the Moat House hotel complex. Prior to this the Hall was used as accommodation for senior management of British Ropes who had their main office complex built alongside the Hall.

Colonel Anthony St. Ledger once resided at the Hall and gave his name to the St. Ledger horse race, the oldest of the classic flat races and run at Doncaster Racecourse. The first race was held in 1776.

Warmsworth was sold in 1668 to John Batti of Wadworth by the descendants of Thomas Bosville, the earlier Lord of the Manor. Warmsworth Hall was built on the site of an earlier manor House in 1702 by the Batti family, later to become Batti-Wrightson after marriage in 1748 into the Wrightson family of Cusworth. The Battie-Wrightson's became a great influence in the expansion of Warmsworth, not least in the development of the quarrying of stone for lime burning in the latter half of the 18th century which led to the establishment of the hamlet of Levitt Hag.

Another family of importance in the village was the Adams family who built the Quaker Meeting House and who suffered greatly for their faith. George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, later known as Quakers, often preached in Warmsworth in the tiny chapel which is situated in Quaker Lane. They were known as Quakers because George Fox preached with such zeal and enthusiasm that he physically quaked and trembled with religious fervour.

Warmsworth Cricket ground is sited on what was once common land where residents were able to graze their animals. This land was dedicated to the people of Warmsworth by the King George Field Foundation, set up to oversee the memorial scheme to King George V after his death in 1936.

Agriculture also played a significant part in the village with the majority of the "old"

village being built in the 19th century. A copy of the 1838 Tithe schedule is available in Doncaster archive which gives great detail of the village at that time.

The coming of the railway in the late 1840's also added to the influx of new families with the first large expansion of the village coming between 1910-1930 with the sinking of the Yorkshire Main Colliery in Edlington. The second expansion came after the Second World War and the village has been growing ever since.

The village is well served by road with easy access to the A1 and M18 motorways, however the construction of the A1M and subsequent improvement and upgrading of the A630 effectively resulted in the village becoming fragmented and divided by these two roads.

Warmsworth Village Plan

The Village Plan is an opportunity for Warmsworth residents to have their say on how their local area and services are managed. It can help make a real difference both to what we can do in their village and how we can work with others to improve the quality of our lives by:-

Identifying what makes Warmsworth a better place to live

Giving Warmsworth a voice

Influencing other organisations outside Warmsworth

Helping to encourage community spirit and action within Warmsworth

Providing the necessary evidence of need to help Warmsworth to seek funding bids

Providing decision makers with information about Warmsworth to help them draw up community strategies and plans for the village.

This village plan sets out the results of a questionnaire circulated to every house in the village with the individual percentage responses shown for each of the questions asked. We hope that by distributing a copy of the results of the survey to each household, residents will be aware of the feelings of the respondents to the questionnaire and will also feel involved in the process to develop the needs and aspirations identified in the Plan.

Copies are also being sent to the various agencies identified as being able to assist with the needs outlined in the Plan.

The Plan will be regularly monitored and reviewed as appropriate. It will be updated in approximately five years with residents being again consulted and informed of what

has been achieved.

It is acknowledged that this Plan does not paint the whole picture. It does not for example reflect any views from our younger residents. To avoid overly complex returns we deliberately targeted the questions at the adult members of households. This is not to say the views of our younger members are not important. We anticipate their needs and aspirations are somewhat different to their parents.

It is intended that a separate, smaller questionnaire will be circulated to our younger residents, which will form the basis of a "junior" village plan.

For those residents who are unaware of the process in preparing the Plan, it may be useful to set out how we reached this stage. In May 2007, the Parish Council was approached by the "Yorkshire Rural Communities Council" (YRCC) to ascertain whether there was any interest in producing a Village Plan for Warmsworth. The Parish Council were actively considering seeking "Quality Parish" status and it was recognised that the existence of a formal document identifying the needs of the village would be an advantage in achieving this status in the future. The Council on behalf of residents therefore agreed to embark on the project.

With the help and guidance of YRCC who provided the funding for the project and for which we express our sincere thanks, the Parish Council initially produced flyers announcing the start of the consultation. These were distributed at the 2007 village gala informing residents of the start of the process and inviting interested residents to join a steering committee to oversee the process. It was agreed that the Parish Council held the funding for the process, but YRCC advised that no more than 3 parish councillors should sit on the steering committee.

Eventually a core of 8 residents became involved on the committee which held its first meeting in August 2007. Temporary officers were appointed and a draft constitution agreed. It was also agreed to hold a launch event to further publicise the Plan which was held at the cricket club in late September. This took the form of a cheese and wine event with a village quiz and was attended by over 50 residents. The residents were briefly informed of the purpose of the Plan and asked to express their views and concerns by attaching post-it notes to posters around the room covering various topics e.g. housing, crime, shops, leisure activities, environment, transport etc. etc. Residents were also asked to identify their personal likes and dislikes about living in Warmsworth.

The evening was most productive in the responses provided by residents and the steering committee felt were indicative of the general feelings within the village. These were analysed and formed the basis of the questions to be used in the questionnaire circulated to all residents.

Mailing was eventually undertaken in January this year with a total of 1831 questionnaires being distributed to households within the village. A total of 255 were returned which represented a percentage return of 14%.

What is a Village Plan?

As indicated above, the Village Plan sets out what we need and what we value, how we would like to develop our quality of life and environment based on the opinions of the whole community. It is a tried and tested tool which is already being used by over 3000 Parishes. In our region alone there are over 150 Parishes with plans which are helping them tackle issues including local services, transport, affordable housing, and facilities for young people etc.

Village Plans are a successful way for our village to make our views heard and get things done locally. It is written evidence of resident's needs and aspirations which can be used to solve particular issues and help us to access the appropriate funding.

The Plan not only helps us identify the needs of Warmsworth, it will give us the evidence to help influence policy making by a range of organisations from the local planning authority to the police and health services. Only we as a community know what facilities and services are valued, which need support and improvement and what addition services would be of benefit. We hope that you find this document useful and informative.

Planning for Real

It may be appropriate and useful to remind residents of the last public consultation exercise which took place in Warmsworth.

Residents may remember that in late 2002 a "Planning for Real" consultation took place which was anticipated to highlight some of the improvements required in the village as identified by residents.

Mill Lane school produced a 3D model of the village on which residents were invited to express the issues which caused them most concern. Six consultation events were organised at which a total of 225 people attended and provided information on the concerns, problems and issues that faced residents in Warmsworth at that time.

Interestingly, the number of residents who attended the consultation events, was not that dissimilar to the 255 who returned the questionnaires in the recent Village Plan survey.

Generally, in the Planning for Real consultation, residents felt it important that any improvements or initiatives for Warmsworth attempted to:-

1. Reduce the traffic and transport problems in Warmsworth
2. Improve the appearance of the village by providing environmental improvements
3. Provide a range of activities and facilities for young people
4. Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour

5. Increase the variety of health and advice services locally
6. Provide more community facilities
7. Provide additional childcare and support for those looking for work

Under the various headings above, residents detailed more specifically what they felt was required to make progress in meeting their aspirations for the village.

It was considered that working in partnership with the Parish Council, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council and other agencies and also by developing a wider community involvement would be the way of providing the necessary solutions to the many issues which were raised at the previous consultation.

This consideration is still as appropriate today as it was then, but the village has moved on almost six years. Now may be an appropriate time for residents to have an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in the village since then on some of the initiatives and improvements requested by residents in the consultation. It may also be helpful if residents are made aware of the initiators of this progress.

1 Traffic and Transport Problems

- a. some additional bus shelters provided - DMBC and PTE
- b. one way system on Cecil and Wrightson Avenues - DMBC
- c. 20mph speed limits on some roads in the village - DMBC
- d. light controlled pedestrian crossing at Beech Grove - DMBC
- e. improved junction arrangements at Cecil crossroads - DMBC
- f. improved crossing patrols at Cecil crossroads - DMBC
- g. kissing gates installed at some locations - Parish Council(PC)

2 Environmental Improvements

- a. allotments improvements - Allotments Association with funding
- b. more litter/dog bins in parks and village - DMBC and PC
- c. quarry park being progressively cleaned-up - DMBC and Environmental Group(EV)
- d. additional tree planting around village - Funding from WBB Mineral
- e. Holiday Inn pond improved - Holiday Inn
- f. community involvement in general village improvements - EV, residents and PC
- g. Guest Lane park improvements - DMBC

3 Activities and Facilities for Young People

- a. new play area for children in quarry park - Warmsworth Community Partnership (WCP) with funding
- b. improved multi-use games area (MUGA) in quarry park - WCP with funding
- c. teenage shelter in quarry park - WCP with funding
- d. improved play facilities for children in Guest lane park - DMBC
- e. extended school facilities at Mill Lane School - "Buttons" - private funded

- f. extended and improved facilities at Community Centre - PC with funding
- g. improved and extended play facilities on cricket field - PC with funding

4 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

- a. Neighbourhood Watch scheme established-Residents and Community(NW)
- b. improvements in drug related behaviour-Police, Safer Neighbourhood Team(SNT)
- c. security camera's installed - Police, SNT, NW with funding
- d. improved street lighting in high profile areas e.g. Cecil crossroads and cricket field area - DMBC and PC with funding
- e. underage drinking problems being addressed - police and SNT
- f. vandalism incidents being progressively reduced - police and SNT
- g. ongoing high profile operations to reduce nuisance motorbikes - police, SNT, DMBC
- h. effective liaison between community and police and SNT-NW and community
- i. positive response from residents in reporting etc - NW and residents

5 Health and Advice

- a. baby clinic at Community Centre - Primary Care Trust(PCT)
- b. "super surgery" being built in Edlington - PCT and DMBC

6 More Community Facilities

- a. additional accommodation for community activities in Community Centre - PC with funding and village group
- b. improved waste and refuse collection - DMBC
- c. improved recycling facilities established - DMBC
- d. community newsletter established - PC with community group input
- e. village website established - PC

7 Childcare and Support

- a. improved nursery facilities at Community Centre - Residents Group and PC
- b. "Buttons" nursery established at Mill Lane School - Buttons and DMBC
- c. baby clinic at Community Centre - PCT and PC
- d. extended school clubs at Mill Lane School

It is acknowledged that the above represents only a small proportion of the many issues raised by residents since the Planning for Real survey was carried out. It does, however, demonstrate what can be achieved with goodwill, cooperation and effort and above all a shared commitment to improving our village for the benefit of residents.

The results of the latest survey are set out in the following pages and some of the issues raised by residents are similar to those expressed by residents in the first survey. Obviously, we have failed to deliver on these issues and continued liaison will be maintained with other agencies and community partners to respond to these and the other issues raised by residents.

Warmsworth Village Survey.

Results

Crime and anti social behaviour.

How well do you think the authorities do in policing the following?

	Very Good	Good	Neither Good or Poor	Poor	Very Poor
Tackling Under Age Drinking	3%	21%	36%	34%	6%
Youth Behaviour	2%	22%	34%	33%	9%
Vandalism	1%	17%	33%	39%	10%
Dog Fouling	2%	16%	24%	32%	26%
Burglaries	1%	26%	51%	17%	5%
Security Advice	8%	37%	36%	14%	5%
CCTV Coverage	2%	18%	34%	30%	16%
Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	10%	45%	30%	12%	3%
Crime Prevention	5%	29%	47%	15%	4%

Overall the figures show that Warmsworth is a safe environment in which we live offering a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with CCTV coverage and a policy in Crime Prevention. Areas of concern are Youth behaviour, underage drinking and vandalism as well as dog fouling in certain areas of the Parish.

Housing:

What are your views regarding existing housing and planning for new housing?

	More	Just about right	Less	No More
Security in alleyways	68%	29%	2%	1%
Maintenance of properties	35%	61%	3%	1%
3 Storey properties	4%	23%	32%	41%
Rental apartments	8%	31%	30%	31%
Houses	13%	49%	10%	28%
Planning restrictions	38%	52%	5%	5%

To the residents of Warmsworth housing is not an issue. Most people own their own houses and maintain their properties to a high standard. Issues regarding terraced housing with alleyways showed that a large majority considered security as their number one priority.

Shops and Retail

How do you rate the current or potential presence of retail outlets?

	Lot More	More	Just about right	Less	No More
Shops	11%	31%	55%	0%	3%
Pubs/ Clubs	4%	14%	56%	5%	21%
Car Parking Facilities	20%	47%	27%	2%	4%
Other Retail Outlets	5%	23%	47%	6%	19%

The general feeling regarding our shops and retail outlets was that Warmsworth had got this just about right although car parking at these facilities needs more consideration.

Warmsworth Primary School

Should Warmsworth School have provision for public car parking or drop off zone?

Yes	No	Don't Know
70%	22%	8%

Parks and Footpaths

What are your views on facilities offered in Warmsworth?

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor
Woodland Walks	12%	42%	32%	14%
Wildlife	9%	42%	38%	11%
Parks and playground equipment	16%	50%	28%	6%
Cleanliness of paths and roads	4%	26%	40%	30%
Litter and rubbish collection	10%	34%	36%	20%
Surface of Footpaths	4%	19%	45%	32%
Flower beds and maintenance	5%	41%	38%	16%
Tennis/Basket Ball Courts	14%	52%	29%	5%
Duck Pond (rear of Holiday Inn)	3%	13%	39%	45%
Drainage of Walkways	1%	19%	50%	30%

Warmsworth scored high in this category with our parks and facilities however room for improvement in the surfaces of roads, footpaths and litter collection.

Environment

How well is the environment of Warmsworth being looked after?

	Very Good	Good	Average	Not Good	Poor
Trees and shrub	8%	38%	41%	9%	4%
Grass Cutting	7%	42%	36%	7%	8%
Collection of Wheelie Bins and Boxes	24%	42%	21%	7%	6%
Bell Tower maintenance	5%	26%	49%	14%	6%
Drains, Road and Footpath	2%	11%	38%	27%	22%
Street Cleaning	4%	24%	41%	14%	17%
Recycling (all materials)	9%	31%	38%	9%	13%
Flower beds	5%	40%	40%	9%	6%
Noise reduction (A1)	2%	18%	49%	16%	15%
Prevention Grass Verge Parking	2%	6%	20%	27%	45%
Dog fouling enforcement	1%	10%	22%	26%	41%
Housing developments	2%	11%	62%	13%	12%
Littering enforcement	1%	9%	30%	25%	35%
Public seating areas	2%	12%	39%	28%	19%

Our environment in the Parish of Warmsworth is an important issue. Most scores here are in the category of good to average with some noticeable attention needed in the prevention of grass verge parking, dog fouling and littering

Transport

This section covers a wide range of issues regarding our transport and infrastructure within Warmsworth Village.

Speeding

What measures should be introduced to reduce speeding on our roads?

	More	Less	No More	Too Many	No Opinion
Speeds Humps	39%	5%	42%	4%	10%
Fixed Cameras	61%	2%	29%	1%	7%
Mobile Cameras	51%	4%	32%	1%	12%
30 MPH Signs	67%	0%	21%	1%	11%
Police Enforcement	78%	1%	11%	0%	10%
Traffic Chicanes	32%	8%	39%	2%	19%

There are no surprises as to the emotive subject of speeding around Warmsworth. It is clear that speed humps and chicanes are not the preferred option in dealing with this problem more that the authorities need to catch the offenders using various means of detection.

Car Parking

Do you have problems with cars parked outside your property on verges, footpaths, causeways or blocking your driveways?

Yes	63%	No	37%
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Double Yellow Lines

Should yellow lines be put 20 yards either side of the school gates to create a clear zone and prevent cars parking on Mill Lane?

Yes	84%	No	8%	No Opinion	8%
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What is your opinion of the new layout on Sheffield Road lights/Jctn?

	Much Better	Better	Neither Better or Worse	Worse
Traffic Queues	17%	34%	29%	20%
Lighting	23%	49%	26%	2%
Road Surface	23%	48%	23%	6%
Footpaths	16%	35%	45%	4%
Timing of Crossings	15%	30%	38%	17%
Layout	23%	35%	21%	21%

It was considered that most people welcomed the improvements made to Sheffield Road Junction

Crossings

Are you affected by the lack of crossings in your street or whilst moving around Warmsworth?

Yes 32%	No 43%	Not Affected 25%
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Public Transport

There are currently several bus services running through and around Warmsworth. Please place a tick against your preference.

Do you use the bus services?

Yes 68%	No 32%
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If yes what things would enhance the present service provided?

More buses covering more streets	20%
Less buses covering more streets	7%
More frequent service	43%
Cleaner buses	37%
Bio fuel buses	35%
Smaller buses	34%
New buses	31%

If yes what things would enhance the present service provided?

Would you be prepared to pay more for a better service?

Yes 29%	No 71%
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Whilst Public Transport is considered to be the way forward in getting from A to B there are concerns about what people require from their bus companies without increasing the cost of fares with the top answers being cleaner buses and more frequent services

There have been three suggestions put forward, at this moment in time, to enrich the look and give Warmsworth Village an identity?

	I Agree	I Disagree	No Opinion
Christmas Tree with Lights on Sheffield Road Junction	70%	13%	17%
More Flower Beds Maintained by DMBC	81%	8%	11%
More Blossom Trees Planted	73%	12%	15%

More people would like to see Warmsworth have its own identity with a strong message to further enhance the look of the village with more blossom trees more flower beds and a Christmas tree.

Below are the categories which asked for your opinions about Warmsworth Village. There was a fantastic response with too many to mention so to keep things simple we have included the top 10 in each question asked:

These are the suggestions you said would enhance the look of Warmsworth Village?

1. **More trees, flower beds and hanging baskets**
2. **Turn grass verges into lay-byes**
3. **Stop parking on grass verges**
4. **Maintain the feel of the village, leave as it is**
5. **Tighter control over planning, avoid over development**
6. **improve cleanliness, litter etc**
7. **Convictions for dog fouling**
8. **More dog litter bins**
9. **Knock down the Cecil Hotel**
10. **Improve / replace the Library**

Listed below what you most like about living in Warmsworth Village?

1. **Nice, safe and friendly**
2. **Quiet**
3. **Good transport links**
4. **Countryside walks**
5. **Access to facilities, parks, shops and buses**
6. **Cleanliness of village**
7. **Village character**
8. **Good school**
9. **Allotments**
10. **Green area in the middle of village**

Listed below what you dislike about living in Warmsworth Village?

1. **Dog fouling**
2. **Parking**
3. **Grass verges spoilt**
4. **Road surfaces**
5. **Mill Lane school access**
6. **Young persons behaviour**
7. **Lack of facilities**
8. **Village cleanliness**
9. **Traffic noise**
10. **Traffic control**

The facilities you would like to see in Warmsworth?

1. **More litter bins**
2. **More seats**
3. **Christmas tree lights**
4. **A supermarket**
5. **More activities for the young and old**
6. **Curb vandalism**
7. **Boundary and welcome signs**
8. **Preserve field near Cecil and Quaker Lane**
9. **Trees cut back**
10. **More lighting in alleys**

Do you think Warmsworth should have a website to inform residents of local news and events throughout the year?

Yes 78%	No 22%
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Warmsworth Village Survey Prioritisation Results

1. Crime and Anti Social Behaviour

Issue	Priority	By Whom
Tackling under age drinking	Med/High	SNT, Police
Youth Behaviour	Med/High	SNT, Police
Vandalism	High	SNT, Police
Dog fouling	High	SNT, Police, Residents
Burglaries	Med	Police, Residents
Security advice	Low/Med	Specialist Police
CCTV coverage	Med	DMBC funding
Neighbourhood Watch	Low	Residents
Crime prevention	Med	Specialist police

2. Housing

Security and alleyways	High	DMBC, Residents
Maintenance of properties	Med	DMBC, Residents
3 Storey properties	High	DMBC Planning
Rental apartments	Med	DMBC Planning
Houses	Med	DMBC
Planning restrictions	Med	DMBC

3. Shops and Retail

Shops	Med	
Pubs/Clubs	Med	
Car Parking facilities	High	DMBC
Other Retail outlets	Med	

4. Warmsworth Primary School

Public parking/drop off	High	DMBC
Double yellow lines in area	High	DMBC

5. Parks and Footpaths

Woodland walks	Low	
Wildlife	Low	
Parks/playground equipment	Low	DMBC, PC
Cleanliness paths and roads	Med	DMBC, Residents
Litter and rubbish	Med/Low	DMBC, Residents
Surface of footpaths	Med	DMBC
Flowerbed maintenance	Low/Med	DMBC, Community Group
Tennis/Basketball courts	Low	
Holiday Inn pond	High	Holiday Inn
Drainage of walkways	Med	DMBC

6. Transport and Traffic

Issue	Priority	By Whom
Tackling under age drinking	Med/High	SNT, Police
Speed Humps	High	DMBC
Fixed cameras	High	Police, DMBC
Mobile cameras	High	Police
30 mph sign	High	DMBC
Police enforcement	High	Police
Traffic chicanes	Low	DMBC
Cars parked on footpaths/verges etc	High	DMBC

2. Environment

Trees and shrubs	Med	DMBC, PC, Residents
Grass cutting	Low/Med	DMBC, Environmental Groups
Wheelie bins and Boxes	Low	DMBC
Bell tower maintenance	Med	PC, Holiday Inn, Residents
Drains, Roads and Footpaths	Med	DMBC, Utilities
Street cleaning	Med	DMBC
Recycling	Med/Low	DMBC
Flower beds	Med/Low	DMBC, PC, Residents
Noise Reduction	Med	
Grass verge parking	High	DMBC, Police
Dog fouling enforcement	High	DMBC, SNT
Housing development	Med	DMBC, Private
Littering enforcement	High/Med	SNT
Public seating areas	Med	PC, Resident Groups, DMBC funding

SNT **Safer Neighbour Team**
PC **Parish Council**
DMBC **Doncaster Metropolitan Council**

For the benefit of those residents who are not aware of the winners of the prize draw for the return of the questionnaires, details are set out below:-

1st Prize - £50 shopping gift voucher

Mr. J. Wardle, 44 Low Road West

2nd Prize - £25 shopping gift voucher

Mr. K. Hurst, 59 Cecil Avenue

3rd Prize - 5 x £10 shopping gift vouchers

Mrs. S. Barnes, 59 Mill Lane
Mrs. S. Millard, 5 Mayflower Crescent
Mr. J. French, 38 Mill Lane
Mrs. M. Simpson, 5 Beech Grove
Mr. T. Wren, 62 Ash Dale Road