

Beetham Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH REVIEW 2008/2009

The Annual Parish Review is intended to provide a comprehensive review of important events in the parish over the past year. A significant step was the formation and work of the Sandside Cutting Working Group which is responsible for managing the maintenance of Sandside Cutting. The local environment within the parish was much improved following the appointment of Bill Haddow as the parish's first Parish Steward. The contribution from the Parish Steward was supplemented by fortnightly visits from its Highway Steward, funded by Cumbria County Council. There had been significant progress with improving parish furniture – with the acquisition by the Parish Council of two new seats and new maps for the map boards and additional items acquired with generous funding from AONB/Landscape Trust. The Parish Plan was completed, the parish website became fully operational and a quarterly Parish Newsletter is now being published. The Clerk received an annual appraisal from the Chairman and his contracted hours of work were adjusted to conform to nationally accepted guidelines. Attention was now being given to the registration of several small pockets of parish land and to obtaining Quality Parish Council status. The council's full adoption of Freedom of Information requirements meant that virtually all information on the council's work was now available to the general public, either on the Parish Council website or on request from the Parish Clerk.