

Key Contacts

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Local Area Partnership

Your LAP will be coordinated by one of South Lakeland District Council's Partnerships and Communities Officers
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Community Led Plans in South Lakeland - How we can help

This leaflet sets out what groups working on Community Led Plans can expect from local authorities in South Lakeland and how they can work with them to try and influence strategic plans in the area.

ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) provides support and guidance on producing a Community Led Plan. Please contact us and we will help you in any way we can.



What is a Community Led Plan?

It's an Action Plan developed by the local community and based on widespread consultation. It sets out a vision for the future and how it can be achieved.

Starting Out

When you start your Plan please let the key contacts at ACT, District Council, County Council, Local Area Partnership (LAP) and, if relevant, the National Park Authority know (they are listed on the back of this leaflet). Each of the authorities has chosen one key contact to liaise with all Community Led Plan groups so that you don't have to try and work out which department to contact.

All the authorities would expect to attend an introductory meeting with the Plan's Steering Group to find out more about your project and to let you know about their own responsibilities and priorities.

Funding to Produce your Plan

ACT often has grants available and will be able to give you further information about funding.

While the Plan is Being Produced

While your plan is being drawn up ACT will be able to provide you with guidance and support and the key contacts in all the authorities can provide groups with any information they may need about their work. Both South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council may also be able to provide you with maps and plans of your area.

The key contacts at the Local Authorities and ACT all want to see, and comment on, your draft action plan as they may need to help deliver some of the projects in it. By seeing the draft they can let you know if any of the actions will be difficult to achieve or could be achieved in a different way. All the authorities will provide an initial response to your enquiry within 15 working days.

If possible please contact the Local Authorities by email as this allows them to circulate the information or enquiry easily and quickly to the relevant department.

When the Plan is Finished

When you have finished your plan please send an electronic copy to your key contacts at the Local Authorities, CALC, your LAP coordinator, your local councillors and ACT.

ACT will put a copy of your plan on their website and will add the actions from your plan to a county-wide database of community led plan actions. This database allows ACT and other organisations identify local priorities easily.

All the local authorities and ACT will be interested in helping you in any way they can to implement the action plan. They will circulate the finished Plan within their organisations too.

We also recommend that you take the plan to one of your LAP meetings to share it with other parishes in the area. There may be projects that you can work on together. Please liaise with your LAP coordinator to do this.

Funding Projects when the Plan is Finished

Producing a Community Led Plan is an ongoing process. When the actual Plan has been printed, work starts on implementing the action plan. Funding may be available through local authorities, depending on current priorities. Involving the key contact from each authority as early as possible in the process will help to get your community's needs recognised by them. Cumbria CVS (01539 742627) can also help you to identify suitable funders for your projects.