

THE BIG VISION - HAVE YOUR SAY

The Churches in Kirkby Lonsdale (St Mary's, the Methodist Church, and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church) have embarked upon a project called The Big Vision which we hope will involve, and be shaped by, the whole community.

Please tell us what you think by answering the questions below – you can post your answers in the post box using this form at the Tourist Information Centre on Main Street or download this form at www.thebigvision.org.uk and email it to reply@thebigvision.org.uk.

The church buildings and their setting are some of the town's most significant assets and the Churches' vision is that they should provide the greatest possible benefit to those who live, work and study here, and those who visit this very special place.

At the moment they are not used to their fullest potential and this is not only wasteful but it also raises questions about their future.

We aim to take seriously our responsibility to the environment in any development plans including energy efficiency and the use (or reuse of materials).

We also wish to make the best possible use of our heritage for the benefit of all. We recognise the special story and heritage of the buildings and their setting and feel these should be shared with everyone.

A. THE CHURCH BUILDINGS

- What do you feel about the Churches' vision for widening the use of the buildings and surroundings for greater community use and benefit?

 - How would you feel if for any reason the Churches in KL were no longer available to the community?
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B. THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE CHURCHES

The Vision is for the whole setting as well as the church buildings. This includes the churchyard, the Glebe Field (a large flat field accessed from the Brow near Ruskin's View) and Cockpit Hill/Motte (a scheduled ancient monument at the side of the Glebe Field).

- Are you aware of Cockpit Hill/Motte/Glebe Field?

- Should we look at creating access to Cockpit Hill given its historic significance?
 - How specifically could the surroundings be used in the future to meet the needs of the community and/or enrich the life of the community?
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C. THE RECTORY/COTTAGE/VICARAGE

The Vision also includes the Rectory/Cottage/Vicarage. There are high maintenance and running costs associated with these buildings but the congregations feel that they should be retained and that we should find ways of using them more effectively and efficiently. Any solution for these buildings will have to be financially self-supporting and we will also have to ensure appropriate accommodation for our clergy.

- Do you have any ideas as to how these buildings could be used in the future, bearing in mind any needs you see in the community?
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D. ANY OTHER COMMENTS

Please give any other comments on the Big Vision below

Many thanks for your feedback.

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