

Newbiggin by the Sea – Borderlands Place Programme Consultation Review

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Overview

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Newbiggin Borderlands Place Programme Consultation

Overview

Through the [Borderlands Place Programme](#), Northumberland County Council intend to target investment in places that will help boost economic activity across the region. Recognising the importance of our smaller rural market and coastal towns to the local economy, this programme will provide up to £50 million across the whole Borderlands region.

A series of Place Plans will be developed for both Newbiggin and Northumberland's other priority towns and town centres. Towns will only enter the Place Programme should their Place Plan contain projects eligible for Borderlands investment.

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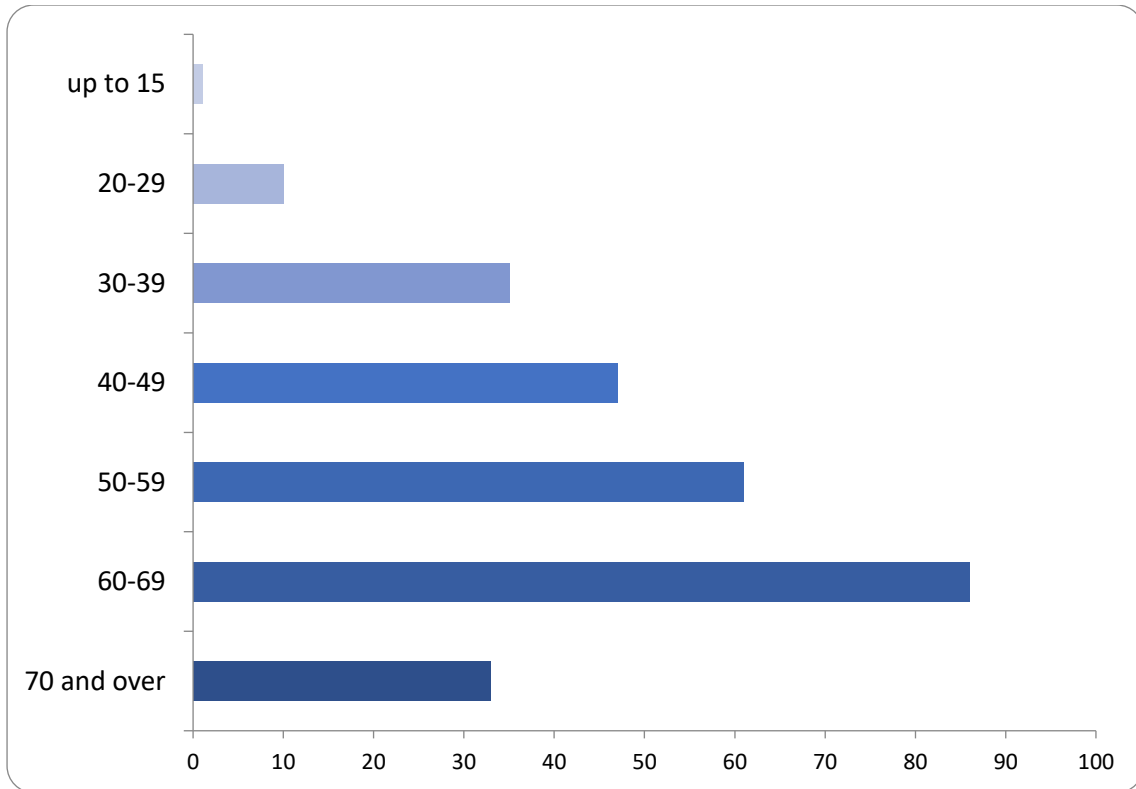
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Responses to this survey: 273

Demographic Questions

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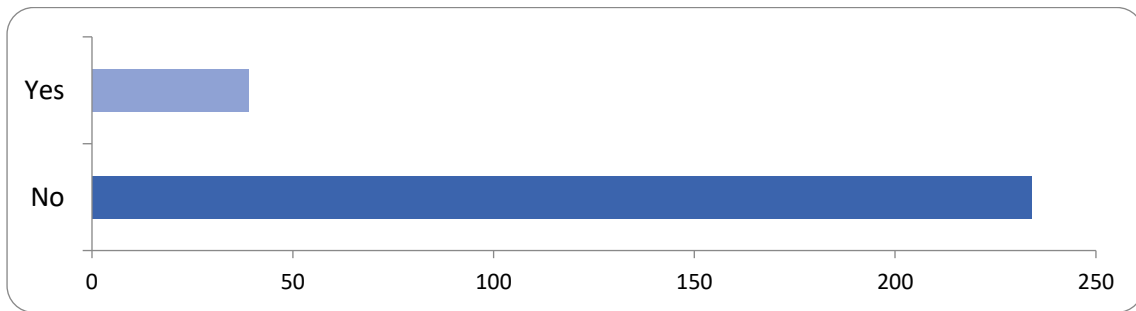
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Option	Total	Percent
up to 15	1	0.37%
16-19	0	0.00%
20-29	10	3.66%
30-39	35	12.82%
40-49	47	17.22%
50-59	61	22.34%
60-69	86	31.50%
70 and over	33	12.09%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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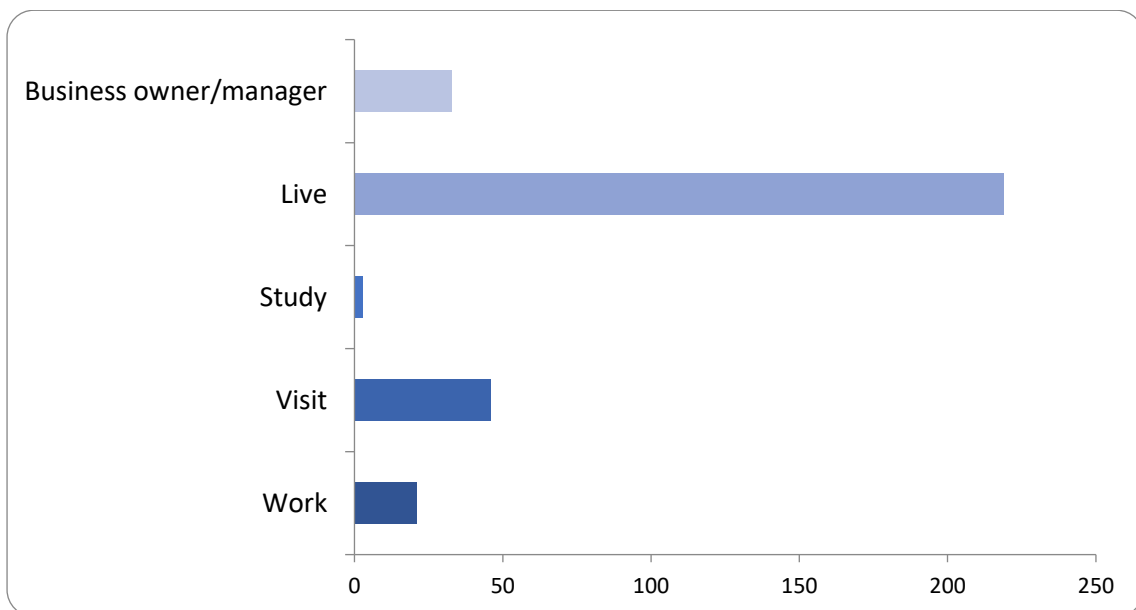
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Yes	39	14.29%
No	234	85.71%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

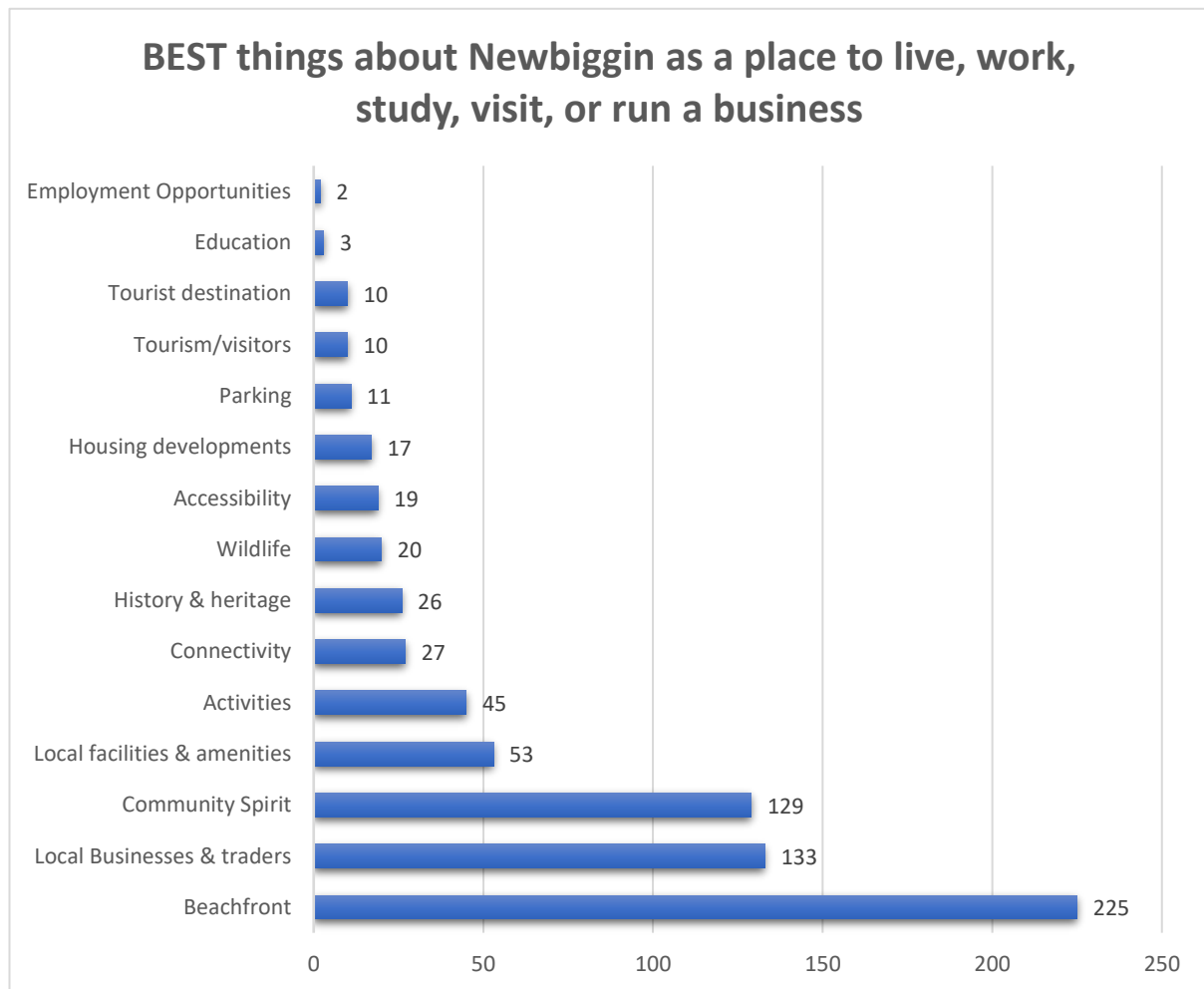
Why do you come to Newbiggin?

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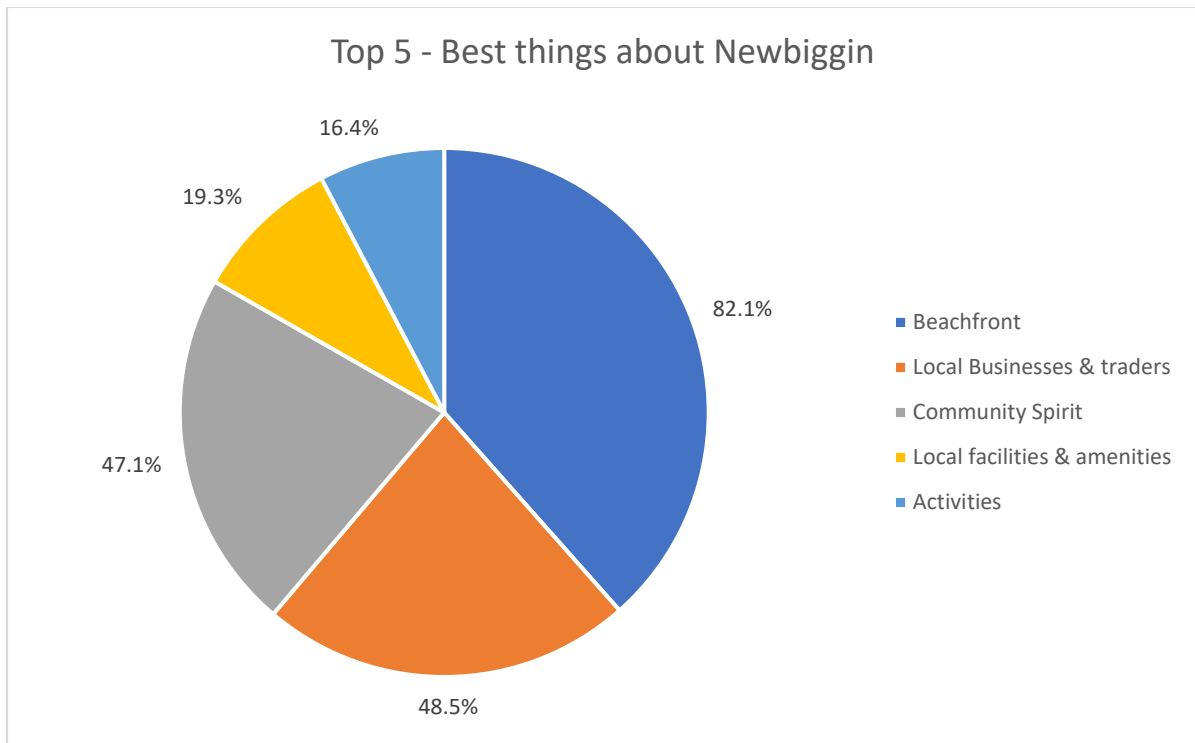


Option	Total	Percent
Business owner/manager	33	12.09%
Live	219	80.22%
Study	3	1.10%
Visit	46	16.85%
Work	21	7.69%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Currently what are the BEST things about Newbiggin as a place to live, work, study, visit, or run a business?



Topic	Frequency	%
Beachfront	225	82.1%
Local businesses and traders	133	48.5%
Community spirit	129	47.1%
Local facilities and amenities	53	19.3%
Activities	45	16.4%
Connectivity	27	9.9%
History and Heritage	26	9.5%
Wildlife	20	7.3%
Accessibility	19	6.9%
Housing/Housing developments	17	6.2%
Parking	11	4.0%
Tourism/visitors	10	3.6%
Appeal as a tourism destination	10	3.6%
Education	3	1.1%
Employment Opportunities	2	0.7%



Beachfront – 225 respondents

“The promenade and all the places to visit, or take refreshments in, along its length - and also on the Main Street. I love the mix of wild and cultured and the ease of moving between them, for example by walking north or south onto the coast path.”

“Walk on the beach and prom, tide changes, close to stunning beaches, sea view from my bedroom window.”

“Picturesque promenade, beach and south facing bay”

“The seaside. A town that has progress over the years but appears to be timeless”

“Very few places in the world have as much natural capital as Newbiggin by the Sea. The Town fronts on a horseshoe shaped bay with a mile long beach that is edged with a promenade. The Southern promontory boasts an iconic, ancient church with a history reaching back to Saxon times; fifteen hundred years ago.”

“I visit to walk along the prom, I suffer from MS, have poor mobility and walk with a rollator, and Newbiggin is one of the few places I can enjoy the coast, and to be able to walk on a flat surface”

“Newbiggin is generally a really friendly and positive place to be. It has a feel-good feeling about it. I love walking the dog along the 2 beaches and looking out at the gorgeous Bay”

Community spirit – 129 respondents

“The people are the best thing about the village. I’ve lived here 12 years and know loads of lovely people always stop for a chat”

“The niceness of the people who already live and work here. The jolliness of the visitors to our town and the welcome they receive.”

“A lot of community spirit reflected in the RNLI, The Biggin Box, the lending library at Glebe House, The Mother's and Toddlers group in the Salvation Army Hall and art groups name a few”

“Great community feel with friendly people”

“No. 1 the people who are so friendly and welcoming to strangers like me. The vast history and family connections make the town feel safe and solid and based on strong foundations. Most people have always lived here”

“The best thing about Newbiggin is such a close-knit community where everyone is there to help in any way whether you’re a local or a visitor. I own an Air B&B and the neighbours are just amazing and always so helpful. People just love staying here because of these reasons”

Local businesses and traders – 133 respondents

“The small unique shops, pubs and food places are all high standard”

“The promenade and the local shops just off are a lovely place to visit at any time of the year. The Maritime museum is always a pleasant place to stop off after a walk or as a meeting place with friends”

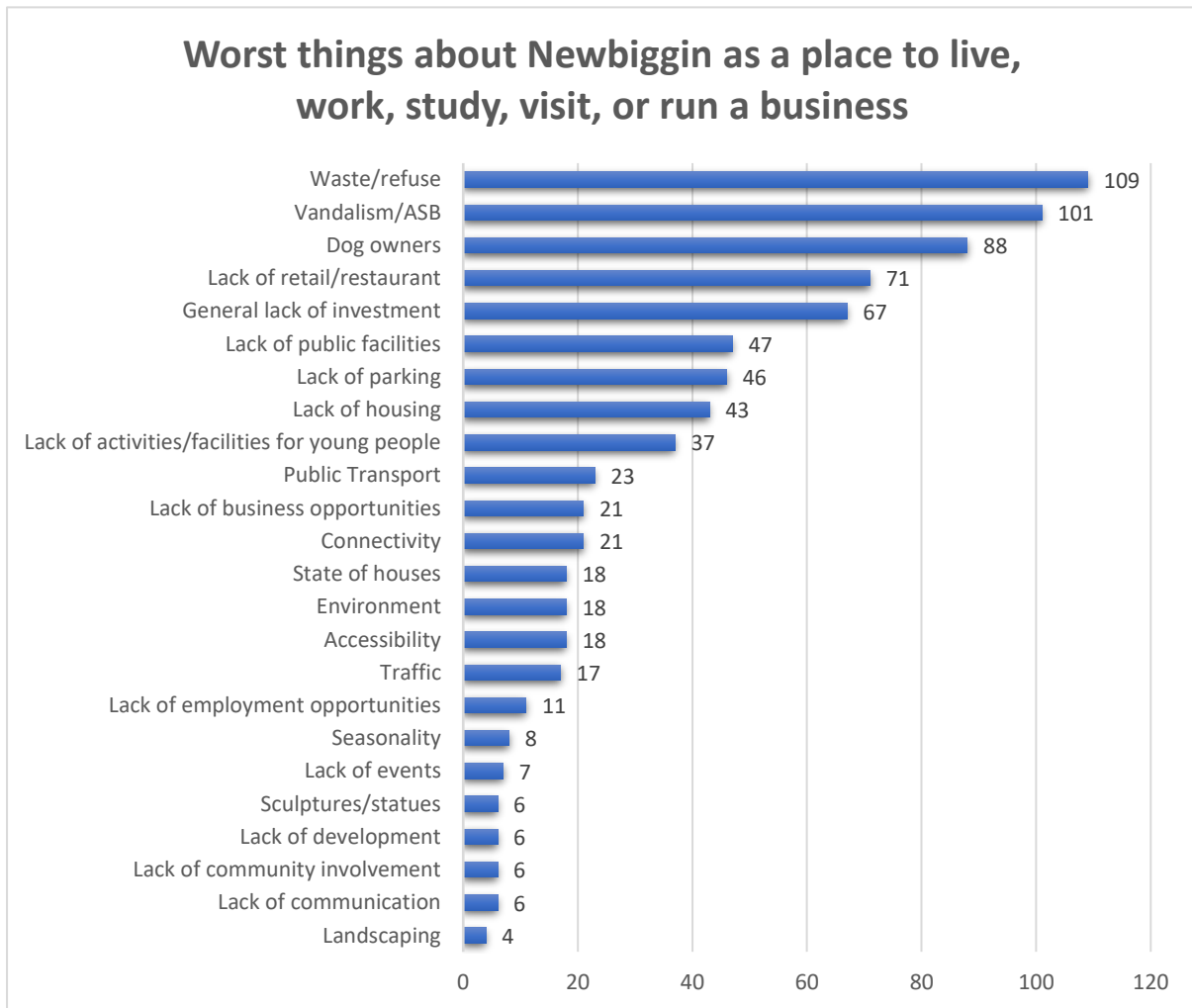
“The range of small shops who offer customers individual service in hard times”

“Given its size we do have a range of independent shops and cafes that do well and feel the town is on the up, and with an injection of investment spent in the right places could live up to its potential”

“Lots of small locally owned and run businesses providing good quality goods, unique to the village”

“Love living here. All local shops cater for need so for those that can't get out of Newbiggin. Butchers, fruiterers coop, baker, hairdresser all ideal. Over the last few years Newbiggin has come a long way”

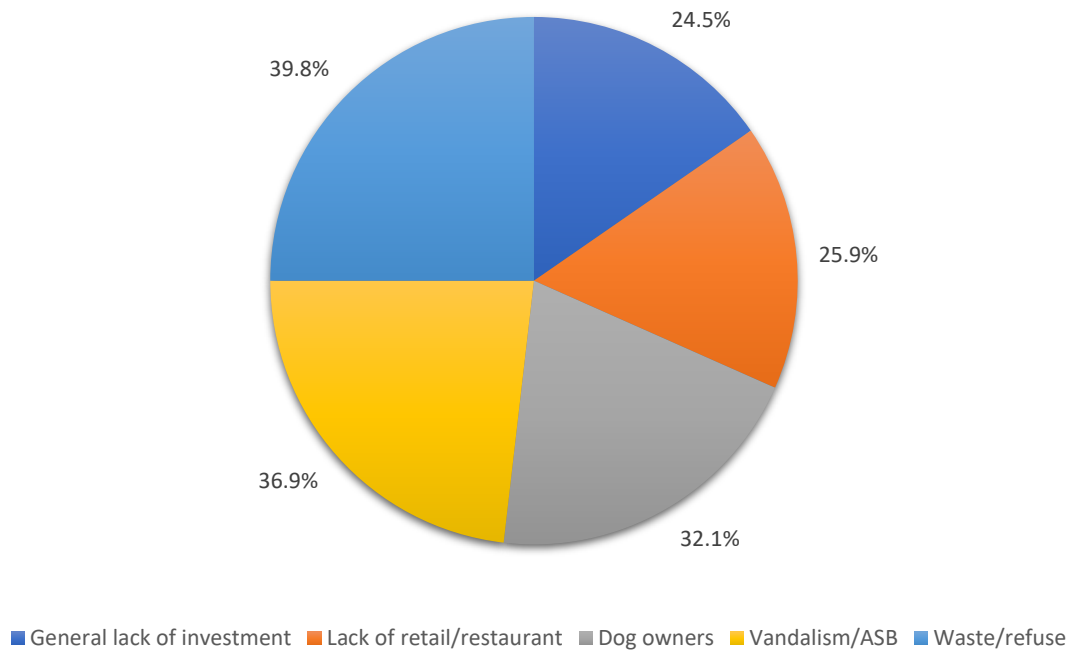
Currently what are the WORST things about Newbiggin as a place to live, work, study, visit, or run a business?



Topic	Frequency	%
Landscaping	4	1.5%
Lack of communication	6	2.2%
Lack of community involvement	6	2.2%
Lack of development	6	2.2%
Sculptures/statues	6	2.2%
Lack of events	7	2.6%
Seasonality	8	2.9%
Lack of employment opportunities	11	4.0%
Traffic	17	6.2%
Accessibility	18	6.6%
Environment	18	6.6%
State of houses	18	6.6%
Connectivity	21	7.7%
Lack of business opportunities	21	7.7%

Public Transport	23	8.4%
Lack of activities/facilities for young people	37	13.5%
Lack of housing	43	15.7%
Lack of parking	46	16.8%
Lack of public facilities	47	17.2%
General lack of investment	67	24.5%
Lack of retail/restaurant	71	25.9%
Dog owners	88	32.1%
Vandalism/ASB	101	36.9%
Waste/refuse	109	39.8%

Top 5 - Worst things about Newbiggin



Vandalism/ASB – 101 respondents

“The promenade and all the places to visit, or take refreshments in, along its length - and also on the Main Street. I love the mix of wild and cultured and the ease of moving between them, for example by walking north or south onto the coast path.”

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Waste/refuse – 109 responses

“Promenade often untidy covered in sand and in summer visiting period bins often overflow. Problem with rubbish on beach and dog poo on prom (could be helped by beach and prom employed warden). Parks not always kept clean and tidy for kids.”

“Broken glass on pavements & paths. Too many people not clearing up after themselves in the summer”

“The worst thing is the upkeep of the area, litter is kept on top of by a team of local volunteers but the lids of the bins on the promenade are all hanging off, blown over in the wind. Dog faeces all over and nothing or no-one to enforce fines, same as the dogs on the beach rule nothing there to enforce it”

“The town needs tidying up. The streets need to be regularly cleaned, the bins need to be emptied more often”

“I think sometimes the Prom looks very unkempt. Untidy & the beach sometimes is dirty looking with rubbish”

Dog owners – 88 responses

“Beach needs cleaned. People not picking up after dogs”

“Loose dogs on the prom”

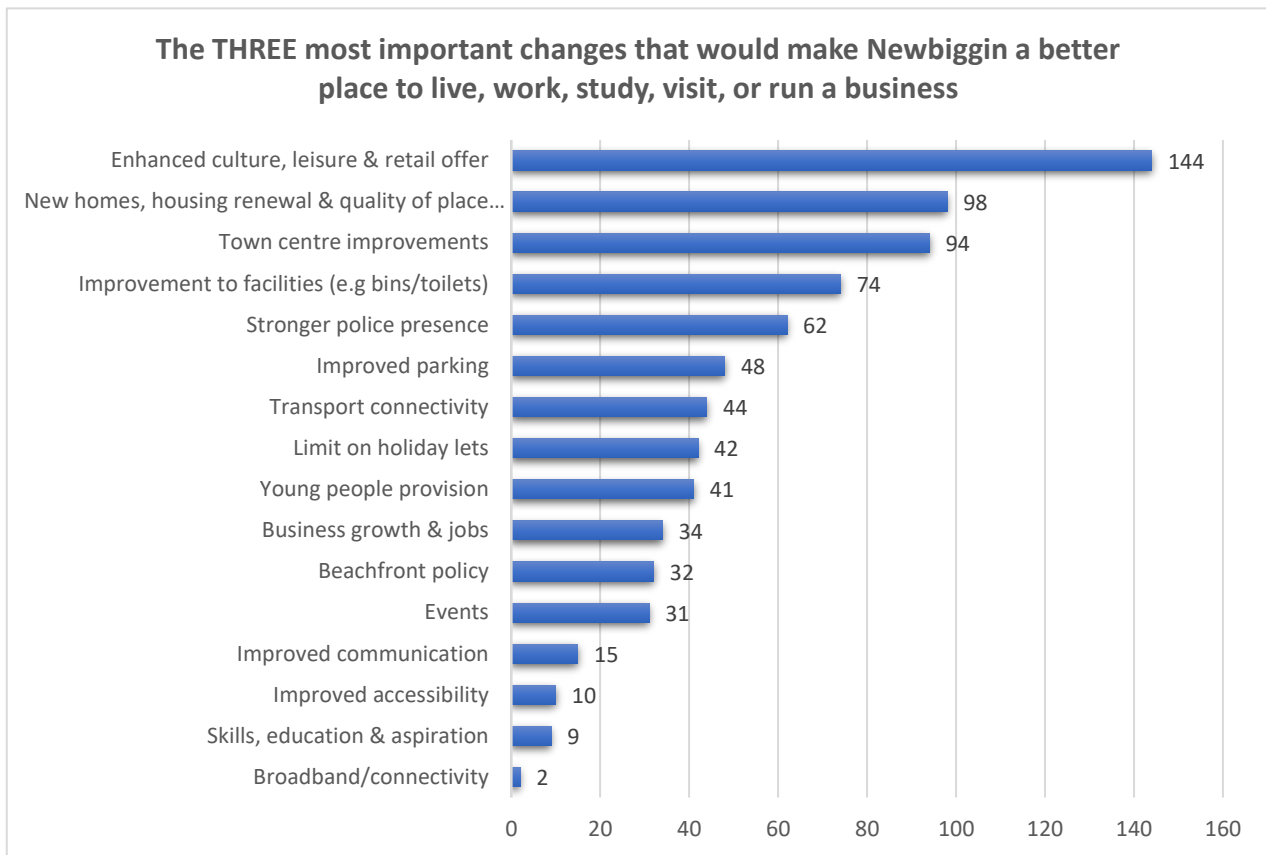
“Dog faeces all over and nothing or no-one to enforce fines, same as the dogs on the beach rule nothing there to enforce it”

“The amount of dog mess, not only on the promenade, the beach, but on all grass verges – it’s disgusting”

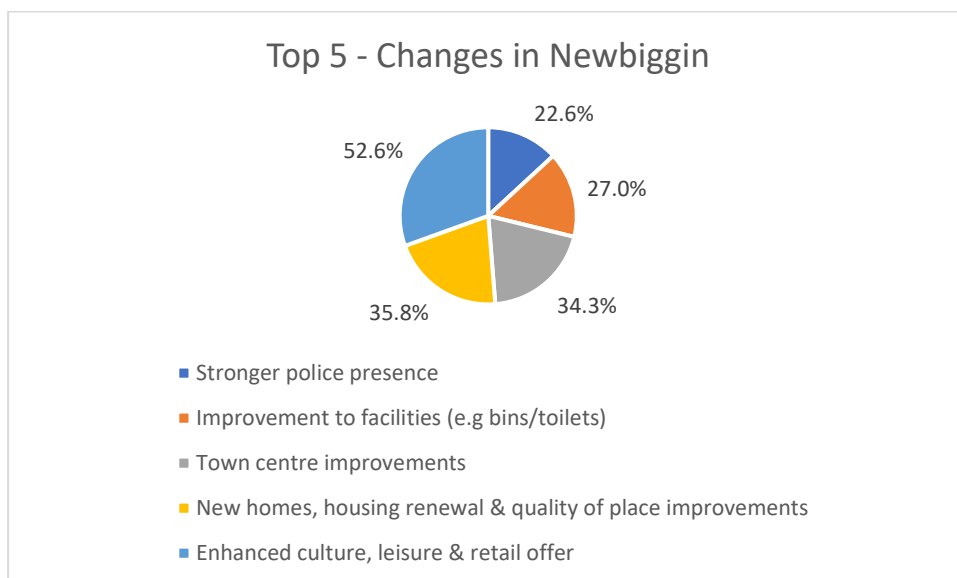
“Tackle the dog poo!!! Without fail at least once or more I have to clean dog poo from outside my front gate. The prom is also covered in poo it's like a game of dodge the dog poop”

“As a dog owner myself now I love the promenade for walking but the amount of irresponsible dog owners who don’t pick up is utterly disgusting”

What are the THREE most important changes that would make Newbiggin a better place to live, work, study, visit, or run a business?



Topic	Frequency	%
Broadband/connectivity	2	0.7%
Skills, education & aspiration	9	3.3%
Improved accessibility	10	3.6%
Improved communication	15	5.5%
Events	31	11.3%
Beachfront policy	32	11.7%
Business growth & jobs	34	12.4%
Young people provision	41	15.0%
Limit on holiday lets	42	15.3%
Transport connectivity	44	16.1%
Improved parking	48	17.5%
Stronger police presence	62	22.6%
Improvement to facilities (e.g bins/toilets)	74	27.0%
Town centre improvements	94	34.3%
New homes, housing renewal & quality of place improvements	98	35.8%
Enhanced culture, leisure & retail offer	144	52.6%



Enhanced culture, leisure & retail offer – 144 responses

“Updating shops, too many local shops still only deal in cash or have a limit on using a card”

“A family restaurant/pub to entice families from both caravan parks to come to Newbiggin”

“A Marina/Harbour in the South end of the bay to accommodate leisure vessels and create a spectacular backdrop from the seafront. This investment would transform the economy.”

“Increased investment to encourage more use of the opportunities that the bay provides such as beach hut style kiosks for crafts, marina and water sports facilities, swimming pool at the leisure centre”

“Pop-up eating areas: as per the stack in Newcastle, fish shack Tynemouth/Amble etc. Book and/or music festival (cultural milestones to encourage visitors and promote the village”

“More encouragement and funding for the arts. The Ink Spot and Pop Up are doing a GREAT job in this respect. We need to follow the lead of towns like Tynemouth and Whitley Bay and not just be encouraging pensioners and their water colours (though these have their place and shouldn't be discouraged!) More independent and DIFFERENT shops. Quirky, interesting places (such as the types you find in Amble's pop-up sheds) will encourage visitors much more than another restaurant or another hairdresser”

New homes, renewal and quality of place improvements – 98 respondents

“To build affordable housing and putting a stop on buy to let and on holiday homes”

“Provide Executive, Bungalows and affordable housing so people don’t have to move out of Newbiggin to find their next home”

“More affordable local housing. There has been a sign opposite leisure centre for many years building to start soon”

“New Houses (availability to residents first rather than people outside the village to buy for holiday lets)”

“Improvements to the village areas like the moor school. Total eyesore”

“Building houses on the site of the old school - 6years ago they were supposed to be built - now another eyesore!! Affordable housing badly needed here”

“More housing especially on the private sites already allocated for housing. Can't understand why they are building everywhere else but here. People will want them”

Town centre improvements – 94 respondents

“Updating the ethos of the town to enable it to become a place to encourage visitors and locals to visit and shop but keep the charm of the old town”

“I think general maintenance on what we already have. Great for something to happen at the tennis courts but I think we need to fix and look after what we have first”

“Have the council help tidy it up - keep the prom clean weeded. Improve the look make it attractive. Have electric charging points. Allow those looking to improve do help them support them. Listen to the people that live here.”

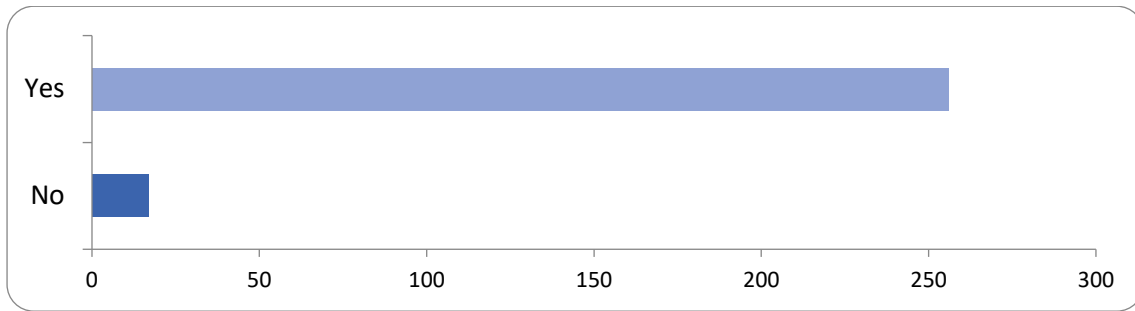
“Make the town more vibrant for people who are driving through the Main Street make the town feel welcoming for visitors and residents, keep the street clean and tidy and planted areas kept nice, keep parks clean and tidy”

“Make more of what we’ve currently got, enhance the beach/prom. Make more of it... paddling pool, better parks, improved sports facilities, things that would attract visitors but could be used by those that live here”

“I visit to walk along the prom, I suffer from MS, have poor mobility and walk with a rollator, and Newbiggin is one of the few places I can enjoy the coast, and to be able to walk on a flat surface”

Do you agree with the vision?

There were 273 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	256	93.77%
No	17	6.23%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Yes

“The vision, on paper, is perfect, action is now need rather than just writing it down”

“It’s a vision I have seen time and again for Newbiggin but so far that’s all it’s been - a vision. I’d love to see something actually being done / worked on / achieved”

“The vision needs to be borne out of the community not enforced onto it. Work needs to be undertaken so the whole community sees & feels the benefit for them not just tourists otherwise it will not work”

“Yes, the basic infrastructure of the village needs worked on for the vision to succeed. The look of the village is important. Driving past a derelict plot of land coming into the village is off putting”

“I am very concerned that houses are being bought in the village as holiday homes, and where this does support a thriving visitor economy it is becoming increasingly difficult for our children to buy or rent a home in the place they grew up. We need more affordable housing available in areas that are desirable and not just the run-down areas of the village. If we do not keep our youth & young families, we will become a place full of holiday homes & retired residents. Diversity is the key, young & old living together”

“Excellent. Our greatest assets include the bay and natural environment. We should retain and treasure these at all costs. Evolving the success of the small businesses and creating employment opportunities is exactly what is needed to go forward. It is vital that housing meets the needs of the community and enables people to live and work in the village. An exciting prospect”

No

“What does this vision say? There are lots of words here but no real substance. It doesn’t help me understand the plan. I understand more housing. What art and cultural offer? I love Newbiggin but it doesn’t have art and culture. The town centre is so small I can’t see how it can sustain employment for young people- it isn’t a young person’s town”

“We do not have a strong and resilient high street. It mainly caters for tourists. Cafés and gift shops. Plus charity shops. We need to focus on residents not tourists. One this is achieved people will automatically want to visit. We do not want silly projects: Marinas or silly playgrounds it has an older demographic. We need cheaper council tax or it will just be a holiday park. We are too small to be self-funding”

“The board should promote public ownership of housing, returning AI, rented housing to the council. The ambition seems to be to provide tourism related Jobs only. There should be an ambition to create high skilled jobs to attract businesses to the town.”

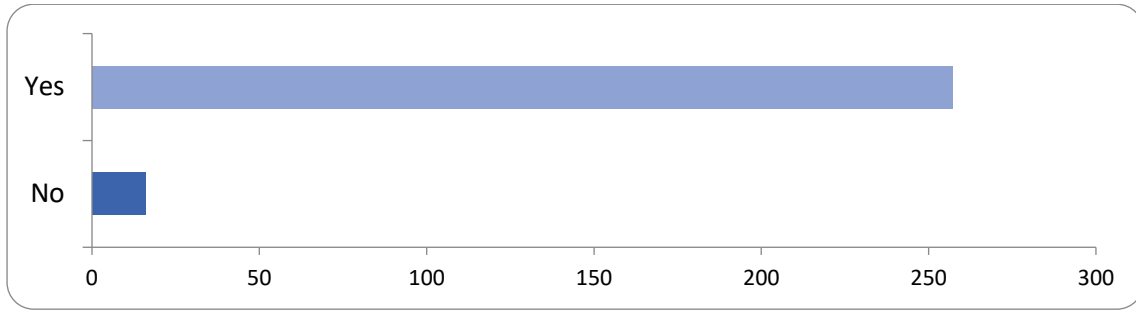
“Again, residents not even mentioned we just live here and don't matter”

“None of these aims have been met or are in any way being attempted to be met. It’s lip service at best. The traders do all they can, but they are independent and have had little support”

“Independent traders are not just on the high street. My business isn’t and it gets forgotten and left out, as many others do that are not on the high street”

Taken as a whole do you agree with these objectives?

There were 273 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	257	94.14%
No	16	5.86%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Yes

“New housing to be built to encourage young working families not to move out of Newbiggin so keeping income and spending g in our town. A must to look at new builds to also support our elderly who have lived in Newbiggin all their life and want to live in a bungalow. Desperate for an estate of private owned bungalows.”

“Supporting the workforce is fine but there needs to be local opportunities for people to access. These opportunities need to be accessible to local people otherwise they won’t believe they are for them”

“I think that locals should be just as important if not more so than trying to attract visitors, whilst I understand the importance of tourist income into our community, I equally think that the born and bred villagers should be equally catered for”

“The majority of Newbiggin residents do not like change, you have your work cut out to drag them into the 21st century. Good luck”

“These objectives will only be achieved when the suggested infrastructure is in place. That is the only way to accelerate the process. New blood is settling in NbtS now. The disastrous perception of Wansbeck and Newbiggin by the Sea is being left behind. The prospects are good. This document is testament to that”

“As with all these things they sound good. What’s lacking in my view is detail on how they will be achieved, what specific outputs will result and how will success be measured? Transparent reporting of progress and spend is needed. With so many of these initiatives too high a proportion of available funding is spent on ‘consultants’, processes and paperwork rather than concrete and measurable

No

“We need full time residents who want to invest in the village. Not a 2 week stay holiday maker who just uses the house to visit the rest of Northumberland. Limit Holiday lets. If you want holidaymakers build a campsite, create employment and a positive impact to the economy of the village, Without pricing locals out of the housing market”

“Concerned about the housing objective. Why do we need to increase the town population and where will these new houses be built?”

“The objectives do not have sufficient ambition. They look like a sticking plaster. If NCC do not understand the housing needs of Newbiggin yet I despair. I met housing officers over 18 months ago and they seemed to have a very clear view of housing needs in Newbiggin, I was impressed. I suspect that what this actually means is that you will be focusing on building new high value house s in prime locations overlooking the bay if possible to maximise profits for Tory supporting developers. That is not what is needed in Newbiggin. Education is the key to upskilling the local workforce. Improvements in this will attract good businesses to Newbiggin. That is the way to grow and keep the workforce in the town.”

“Again, just words that nobody is interested in we just want action. This is a small town, not a city and just requires small steps to improve it. You could be finished by the time you finish with your meetings and strategic planning.”

“I believe the housing situation will only worsen with many people out of the area buying property for holiday letting or second homes. There are few opportunities to develop Newbiggin residentially. The old school was knocked down only to lay barren for years. Not quite sure why the land hasn't been developed? Other than the green areas surrounding Newbiggin, which are few, there are not many other places houses could go.

“Newbiggin currently hasn't got enough to offer to attract visitors or residents, the latter of which was largely only attracted by cheap housing. There is not sufficient infrastructure to support people wanting to live and work in Newbiggin. That needs substantial attention first of all”

Ideas and suggestions

Enhanced culture, leisure & retail offer

“There are 2 fine restaurants, that serve food in the evening, Italian & Indian and takeaway kebab type outlets. Further sit-down food outlets, would enhance the town.”

“Some sort of refreshment station at west end of beach, everything is at other end”

“Improvements to the southern bay and businesses starting in that area. Hotel provision at the south end of the bay or at the North Seaton roundabout fringes.”

“A family restaurant/pub to entice families from both caravan parks to come to Newbiggin”

“A Marina/Harbour in the South end of the bay to accommodate leisure vessels and create a spectacular backdrop from the seafront. This investment would transform the economy”

“Cafe / eat in restaurant at Needles Point end of the Bay near at Bowling Club - will encourage people & tourists to walk the full length of the Bay to enjoy the best views over the Bay”

“Consistent availability of facilities. Broaden opportunities for visitors , interesting events etc. Promote businesses. I think we would benefit from a bigger range of some more upmarket places to eat and drink.”

“In partnership with Woodhorn colliery museum develop a woodland trail encompassing the Oakwood to Eastlea site and include a Newbiggin colliery historical archive in a woodland coffee and cake cabin. (Tea shop)”

“Build a splash Park for the families to spend time together instead of travelling to other towns”

“Make more of what we’ve currently got, enhance the beach/prom. Make more of it... paddling pool, better parks, improved sports facilities, things that would attract visitors but could be used by those that live here”

“More encouragement and funding for the arts. The Ink Spot and Pop Up are doing a GREAT job in this respect. We need to follow the lead of towns like Tynemouth and Whitley Bay and not just be encouraging pensioners and their water colours (though these have their place and shouldn't be discouraged!)”

“Updating the ethos of the town to enable it to become a place to encourage visitors and locals to visit and shop but keep the charm of the old town. Possibly some pods on the promenade to encourage people to visit”

“Pop-up eating areas: as per the stack in Newcastle, fish shack Tynemouth/Amble etc”

Town Centre Improvements

“Improvements to the southern bay and businesses starting in that area”

“Improvements to and maintenance of existing infrastructure, including the promoting of the bay for activities”

“Development of the ‘west end’ / ‘tennis courts’ such as more shops, children’s play areas (water park), cafes, restaurant, public toilets and car parking”

“Better sign-posting to encourage people off the prom and onto the high street to share footfall (although a new tiny sign has just recently been added)”

“Something done with the site of the former Moorside first school. The coming soon sign has been there at least 5 years”

“More shops a cleaner Newbiggin promenade it's a mess most of the time with weeds, sand, dogs mess and floods in parts when it's bad weather”

“More thought given to promoting the assets of the town. At least one new supermarket required. More investment in beach area which is the main attraction of the town”

“Cleanliness everywhere, including changing waste ground to proper parking. Maintain all promenade and beach areas to the highest standards. Upgrade all parks and flowerbeds, hanging baskets, Christmas lights and decorations to Morpeth standards”

“Additional seaside attractions. Improvement to the parks with good CCTV throughout the town”

“Some more investment into the Prom and Beach, there is a serious lack of facilities at the west end part of the prom/beach, this is actually the nicest part of the beach. Promotion of Newbiggin as a proper 'seaside village' it needs to look more the part”

Business growth and jobs

“More quality jobs in the local area. Big employers attracted.”

“More business opportunities thus creating jobs”

“Using some of the land where the Colliery school used to stand (approx 5.5 acres) to build a business park with small units so local people could produce crafts, food stuffs etc., or run small businesses such as typing services, carpentry etc, rather than having to travel to Ashington, North Seaton or even further. The rest of the land should have social housing built so there is a round the clock presence to help with security for the afore mentioned units and to help more people get the housing they need”

“Rates reduced on new independent business to town for first two years to encourage to town”

“Some new units for small or starting business to rent”

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“Trading pods on the seafront, like the ones at Amble”

“Get the basics up to scratch and develop our high street, maximise housing and retail opportunities and create more social places”

New homes, housing renewal, and quality of place improvements

“Housing for older people (bungalows with nice views and not overlooking the allotments!)”

“More houses and better transport links will bring more affluence to the village”

“To build affordable housing, putting a stop on buy to let and on holiday homes. More infrastructure in general”

“Build upmarket houses for the higher paid employees settling in the area to support the BRITISHVOLT investment. This will rebalance the social structure of the community, provide disposable income and contribute to the much needed cultural uplift”

“Provide executive, bungalows and affordable housing so people don’t have to move out of Newbiggin to find their next home”

“Upkeep, maintenance and improvement of public spaces and continuous cleaning to upgrade public morale and pride in the town”

“Housing in Newbiggin covers most budgets. However, there should be more rules for buying and residential housing rather than holiday homes this is a problem in all Northumberland coastal villages”

“New Houses (availability to residents first rather than people outside the village to buy for holiday lets)”

“Improvements to parks. Not just the new one planned for down near the needles eye”

“Make the town more vibrant for people who are driving through the Main Street make the town feel welcoming for visitors and residents, keep the street clean and tidy and planted areas kept nice, keep parks clean and tidy”

“Building houses on the site of the old school - 6years ago they were supposed to be built - now another eyesore!! Affordable housing badly needed here”

“More bungalows and starter homes - 4 and 5 bedroom homes are not in much demand”

“The land owned by the NCC at the end of the school field would make a great natural environment with the addition of a few pathways and tree/shrub planting. This area is currently being left as scrub/grassed area. There is a strong feeling in the village that we would like to stay as a distinct entity and not become a appendage of Ashington”

Transport connectivity (within town and with wider region)

“More parking with signs to direct people about the town”

“The addition of more parking around the village would be a great benefit. There are lots of areas of verge/greens that could easily add extra parking. Also, the area of the old school that is currently wasteland/ parking would be great if that could be made into an official car park with a proper surface”

“Better transport links from all bus stops”

“Quicker bus routes into Newcastle/Morpeth/Cramlington”

“Easier night-time travel”

“Shuttle bus to caravan sites”

“Seek to connect Newbiggin into the national rail network via the Northumberland Line”

“Put in chicanes coming into village at west end side for speeding cars, and the road that runs up through the village from carpet centre leading to Woodhorn village. Tragedy waiting to happen”

“Extending the Northumberland line into Newbiggin - the old alignment seems to be intact and could be restored”

“Direct transport links down coast to create a loop to Whitley bay, Tynemouth. Cullercoats”

“Improved transport links would be a start. I fear that the resurrection of the passenger service on the railway is doomed to failure, in part because it connects neither to Blyth or Newbiggin. If the town was reconnected in that way, business opportunities might follow. Brexit has curtailed our freedom of movement and made it more difficult to visit the Continent, so why not try to attract 'staycationers', by improving the local transport links?”

Young people provision

“To look and support local young people’s activities eg Boxing club, Scouts, Youth club, Art clubs etc to try and improve opportunities for young people to have interests they can join in our town”

“Engaging young people is absolutely key to having the next generation invested in the town for the long term”

“Providing opportunities for young residents to fulfil their potential by creating community based activities on a regular basis and accessible to all under 18s”

“Community centre cafe for young people. Recording studio for local talent”

“I think as long as you take notice of the residents that live here and listen to their opinions the vision looks good but take into account the opinions of the younger generation who would like things changed and brought into the twenty first century, some change is good for a community but obviously some of the older generation like to keep things as they are. We need to build a future for Newbiggin and it needs to be made into the seaside town that it should be and we need to work together to help the younger generation.”

“Young people need to have the opportunity to buy homes in Newbiggin, consider new builds and affordable homes on the site opposite leisure centre”

“Housing is key. If you want young people they must have affordable, rented housing”

“Please show support for the youngsters. More help for football and scouting activities for younger kids”

“Fantastic Arts Centre facility now lets do the same for football and younger kids. Also include extra funding for people trying hard to set up new businesses”

“Youth work & community provision for children & young people to tackle entrenched attitudes leading to antisocial behaviour”

“Places and spaces for children and young people. Clubs and parks. E.g. Similar to Ridley park in Blyth and the skatepark at Whitley Bay”

“Build a splash Park for the families to spend time together instead of travelling to other towns. Have somewhere for the younger generation to hang out”

“Provision for entertainment and education for children and youngsters”