

This topic paper has been produced to set out some detail about the list of community facilities that have been included in Policy ANP2 which seeks to protect the identified facilities for the benefit of the community as well as encourage their retention.

These facilities have been identified by the Steering Group and residents in the Parish in responding to the consultation events that have taken place in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan as playing an important role in the community. All the identified facilities are highly valued.

The identified community facilities are shown on the Policies Map for the Neighbourhood Plan

ACKLINGTON VILLAGE HALL



Acklington Village Hall was built in 1926. It has served the village adapting to the changing needs of the community for nearly a century and is still the focus of most community activities. From badminton and tea dances to live theatre and wedding receptions, it is where everyone has turned to bring the community together. The Acklington Community Team, Parish Council and other groups regularly meet there. The amenities have been upgraded over the years but the interior still has a traditional feel, with

wooden floor, stage, beams and a high wood-clad ceiling.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE



The Parish Church of St John the Divine in Acklington was built in 1860. It was designed by James Deason, for the Duke of Northumberland and is a Grade II Listed building. The Lych Gate to the church was built to commemorate those in the parish who were lost in the First World War and unveiled on 8th October 1921. It is easily the most imposing building in the village and an active congregation gathers there regularly.

RAILWAY INN



Originally a two up two down farmhouse in the mid 18th century, the building was extended in the 1890s to house guests and became an inn. One family, the Webb Brothers, ran the inn from 1923 - 1954, training racehorses on the site. It has been frequented by farmers using the nearby mart and during WW2 was visited often by airmen from the nearby RAF Acklington. More recently the business has changed focus to include a popular camping site for visitors to the county and is owned by

the White family. The Railway Inn is the only public house in the parish and as such is highly valued as a community facility.