



Welcome to St Bees



Parish Council Guide - Autumn 2024

St Bees Civil Parish – key facts



- Founded 1894, when English Parish Councils were created
- Elected by the public - Next election 2023
- 14 councillors, parish population 1,800
- Meets Monthly, usually 3rd Monday, in the Village Hall at 6.30. p.m.
- Corporate body with public accountability

- There are five packets of common land for which we are the custodian



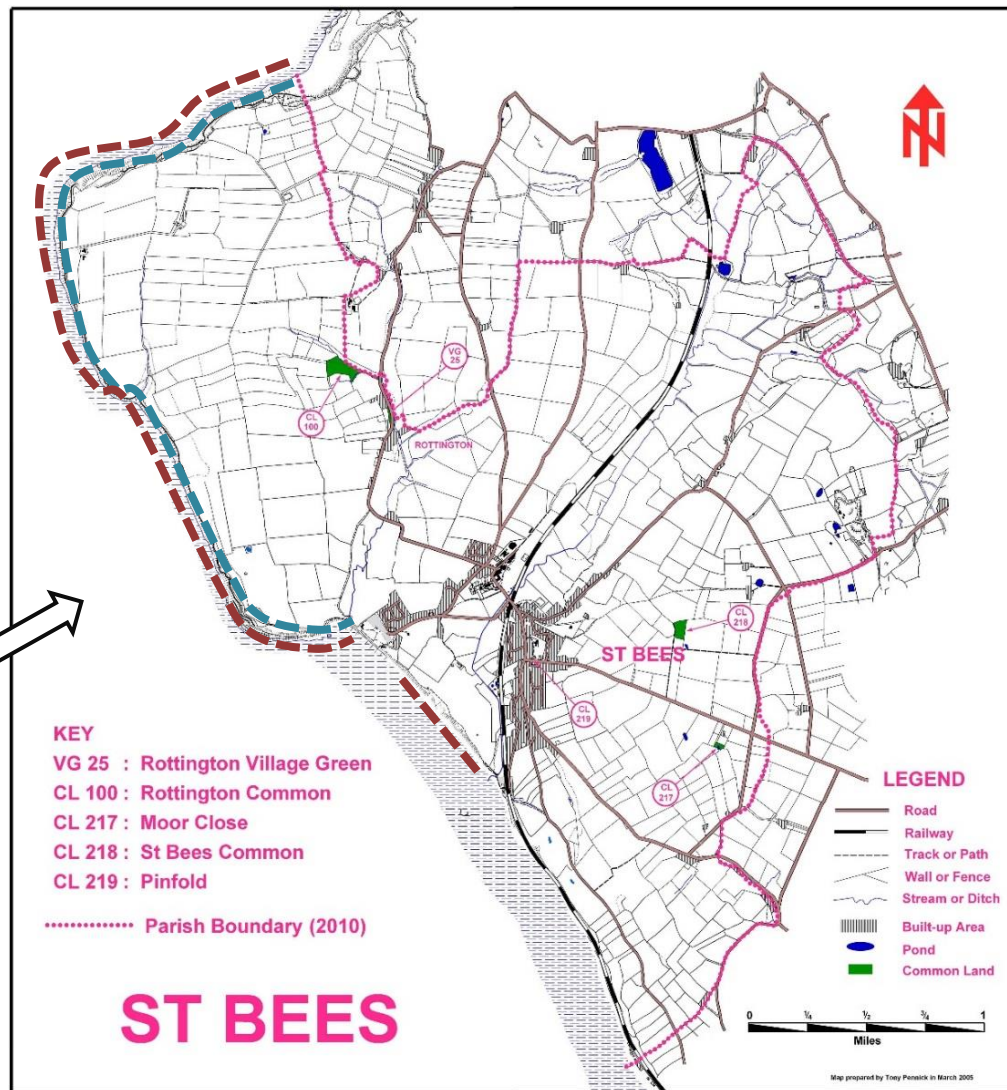
- We have the only **Heritage Coast** between Scotland and Wales



- Site of Special Scientific Interest



- Parish Boundary



What do we do?



Activities...

- Traffic calming committee
- Village in Bloom (VIB) is a sub-committee
- Run allotments
- Maintain war memorials
- Common land guardian
- Own Seamill and Fairladies car parks
- Lease station car park – free at point of use
- Provide and maintain seats
- Grass cutting of public areas
- Maintain and manage the beach toilets
- Maintain Beach and Outrigg play areas
- Run web site & facebook page
- Planning consultee under the 1972 L.G. Act
- Maintain/create Footpaths
- Yearly tree planting campaigns
- Village Hall custodian trustee
- Provide litter bins
- Manage dog fouling issues
- Provide defibrillators

We interact regularly with....

- St Bees Independent School
- Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)
- Cumberland Council
- North Copeland Coastal Communities
- RWM – Nuclear waste disposal
- St Bees Parochial Church Council
- Network Rail and Northern Rail
- Represented on:
 - West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG). *Nuclear scrutiny*
 - Sellafield local parishes forum
 - Village Hall Committee
 - Adams Recreation Ground Committee

Plus... our major and minor projects

Update on current challenges



- **Parking** – trying to get the station car park enlarged as part of the travel hub project. 30-40 more spaces in the centre of the village. Also, EV charging
- **“Valley Link” Cycle/walking track** – a near level link to Whitehaven, inland towns and national cycle routes. Would overcome the busy and steep roads out of the village for cyclists and walkers.
- **Through traffic** – Speed and density, working with Sellafield in helping to minimise through commuter volumes.
- **The beach public facilities** - Run beach public toilets and play park. Currently almost entirely funded by the Parish council precept (Council tax) .
- **Defibrillators** – Four now installed. Ongoing regime of management
- **Village planning** - an ongoing priority New local plan for the old Copeland area adopted by Cumberland in Nov 2024
- **Dog fouling and litter** - Groups of volunteers undertake awareness campaigns and direct remedial action. Provide dog bags.
- **Heritage Interpretation** – lobbying for heritage signs to the village, and providing interpretation signs in the village and at the beach.
- **Active Green and climate emergency agenda**



ST BEES PARISH COUNCIL



**FREE DEFIBRILLATOR
and
CPR TRAINING**

7 - 8.30 pm on Monday Nov 22nd
New College Hall
To book contact -
amylinton1983@gmail.com



Dutiful Dog Walkers



St Bees

St Bees Head Heritage Coast

RSPB Reserve 

12th Century Priory



Visibility & impact



Village In Bloom



Councillors



Village Hall



Play areas



Care of assets



Publicity



Village web site



St Bees - A Cumbrian Coast Village



England Coast Path - looking north to St Bees Head

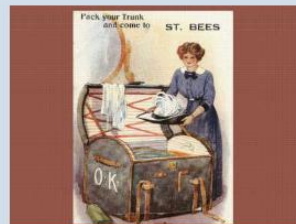
St Bees has been a popular holiday destination for over 150 years. The village sits beneath St Bees Head, the only Heritage Coast between Scotland and Wales and the most westerly point of Northern England. There is a long sandy beach with a promenade and visitor facilities, and it's the most popular beach resort on the Cumbrian Coast. It's also the start of the Wainwright Coast to Coast Walk to Robin Hood's Bay, and is on the England Coast Path.

The village's history goes back over 1,000 years. It has a Norman Priory dating from 1120 dedicated to our own Saint Bega, who is said to have landed here from Ireland in AD 850, and an independent school founded in 1583.

St Bees is only a few miles from the English Lake District National Park, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, making it an ideal base to explore the Western Lakes and the Cumbrian Coast.

Visitor information

How to get here? – What to do? – where to stay?



Beaches & Coast

There is a large sandy beach, with car park, cafe and play park at the north end.



Walking

Wainwright Coast to Coast, the England Coast Path, and other walks



Sport & Leisure

Indoor, outdoor, dry or wet, opportunities are many



History

The village has a history dating back over 1,000 years



Facilities

Village facilities; visitors, community, social and sporting.



Village Events

Throughout the year various special events are held. Regular ones are listed



Parish Council

Full details of all Parish Council activities are available here.



The web site has been running since the late 1990s. The domain name is owned by the Parish Council, and web design and content is managed by volunteers.

It gets about 150,000 page views a year.

Our Facebook page





St Bees Parish Council

Government organisation

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The minutes from the Parish Council's meeting on 18th October are now available to view here: <https://www.stbees.org.uk/.../Draft-PC-Minutes-18.10.21.pdf>

Topics discussed include:

- Parking issues on the roads around Seacroft Drive
- Requesting financial help from Copeland Borough Council for the

Major Project - The Valley Link cycle track proposal

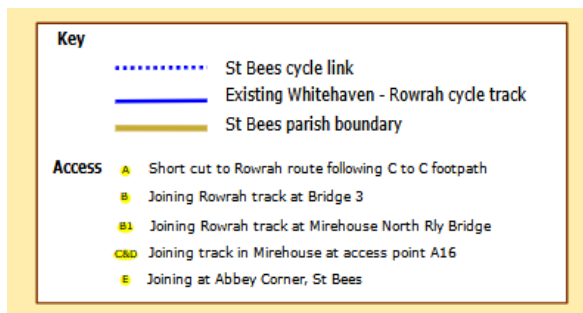


In 2016 St Bees Parish Council and Whitehaven Town Council contracted Sustrans to re-evaluate the 2000 plan.

The main options that are now being pursued are shown on the map

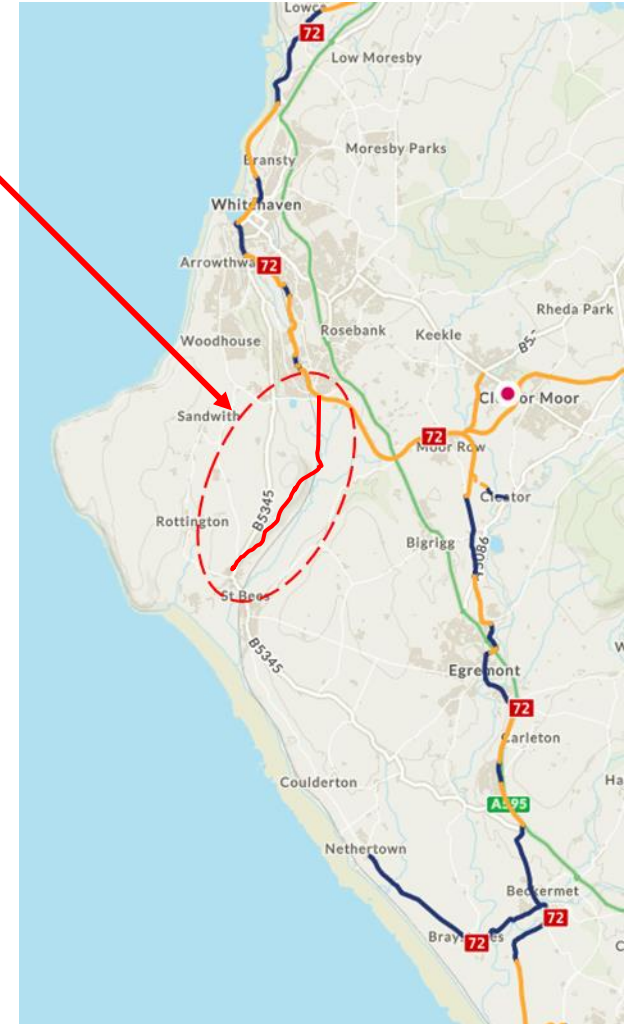
Preferred route South to North is:

1. Start from B5345, Abbey Corner, St Bees.
2. Proceed along Wood Lane, skirting Abbey Wood to Coast to Coast underbridge and proceed via green route to Mirehouse Road
3. Possibility of other direct feeders onto existing cycle route 71/72



Valley Link Cycle track Benefits

- Provide both **cycling** and **walking** off-road route from Whitehaven and Egremont/Cleator Moor/Frizington areas to St Bees, accessing coastal green spaces and St Bees beach
- Route is family-friendly with easy grading and no road traffic.
- Remove need to use existing dangerous narrow roads with long uphill sections and dangerous traffic conditions; particularly the B5345.
- Provide a near-level sealed surface path suitable for motorised disabled scooter and wheelchair use
- Provide a vital missing piece in the coastal cycleway jigsaw by providing a north-south near-level link avoiding the ascent via Egremont.
- Suitable for:
 - Cycle commuter use into Whitehaven and West Lakes from the south, and longer term, low level commuter access to Sellafield
 - Leisure use cycling for families and enthusiasts
 - Leisure walkers
 - Disabled persons with mobility vehicles



Major Project -The Station travel Hub

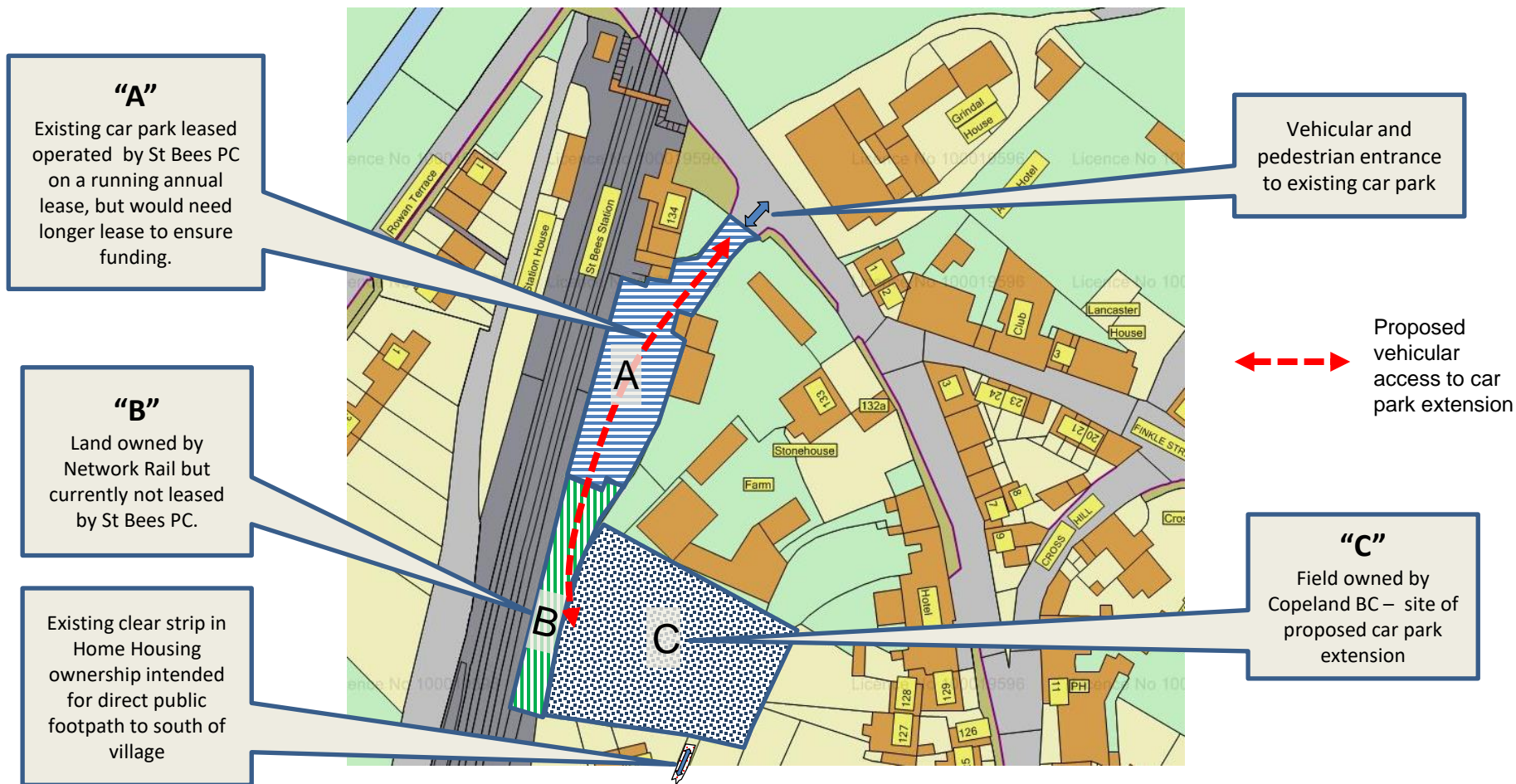


Creation of a transport hub at St Bees Railway station, by:

- Adding about 40 parking spaces to the existing car park using land that Copeland Borough Council owns that they are willing to allow the Parish Council to use for public benefit
- Using part of the existing car park for disabled parking, creation of better cycle parking and e-bike charging, and space for EV vehicle charging points.
- Opening direct access to the station platform to make ticketing more accessible for car park users



Travel Hub - Layout



Proposal is that both A and B would be leased by St Bees PC, and C would be transferred to St Bees PC from CBC

Recent defibrillator provision



- St Bees PC has bought three defibrillators for PUBLIC use. These are known as PADs - Public Access Defibrillators.
- Now installed at:
 - The Main (Seacote) Beach
 - Seamill Lane top
 - The Railway Station.

Road safety



- Speeding and careless driving is a challenge in the village.
- Where there are no road humps Chicanes and islands have been installed
- Also a speed gun campaign is ongoing every year
 - Volunteers trained and posted at key locations
 - Most people take note – deterrent effect
 - Numbers from speeding cars are sent to police
 - Warning letters sent



Traffic calming and Road safety



- On the PC agenda for 30 yrs.
- Success with chicane and speed bumps at Barony House - where there is poor visibility and people sped between Abbey Corner and the Railway
- Also traffic island at Fairladies to slow traffic and provide refuge
- Latest project with CCC is Outrigger pavement to improve pedestrian safety.

Barony House

Barony Crossing 2011 poor visibility leaving
St Bees School – high traffic speeds



Barony Crossing 2013 – visible pavements
and traffic calming



Our meeting venue – St Bees Village Hall, Finkle Street



**Meet normally 3rd Monday in
the month. Agenda on our
web site**

**All minutes are published
on our web site**

stbees.org.uk

