

## Keswick to Threlkeld Linking paths, public consultation results






The survey was open from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The survey was available online and people were also able to complete it at two drop-in sessions at the LDNPA Office (Threlkeld Quarry) and in Threlkeld Village Hall. Over 70 people attended these sessions. LDNPA officers also attended both Threlkeld Parish Council and St John's and Castlerigg Parish Council meetings during September to answer questions. Site visits also took place for members of the Local Access Forum.

344 people completed the form over the consultation period.



Below are the results from the survey:

### 1. Do you currently use any of the linking paths?

 Every day	34
 Every week	42
 Every month	57
 Occasionally	167
 Never	43



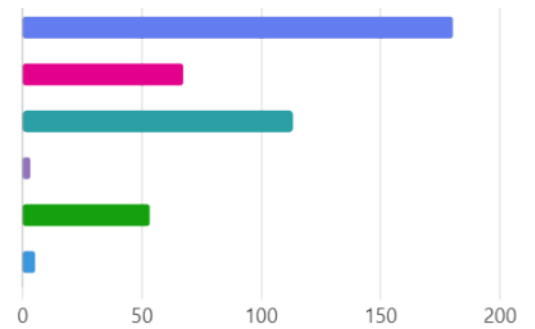
### 2. Do you currently use the linking paths shown on the map?

 Section 2 – Burns road to B5322	230
 Section 3 – B5322 to Newsham ...	191



3. How do you use the linking paths? Tick all that apply.

On foot, walking	180
On foot, running or jogging	67
By bike	113
Using a mobility aid such as wheelchair, mobility scooter or walker	3
On horseback	53
Other	5



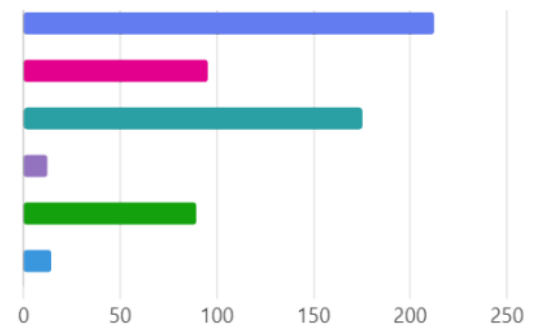
4. If improvement were made to the path would you use them...

Every day	24
Every week	55
Every month	108
Occasionally	135
Never	14

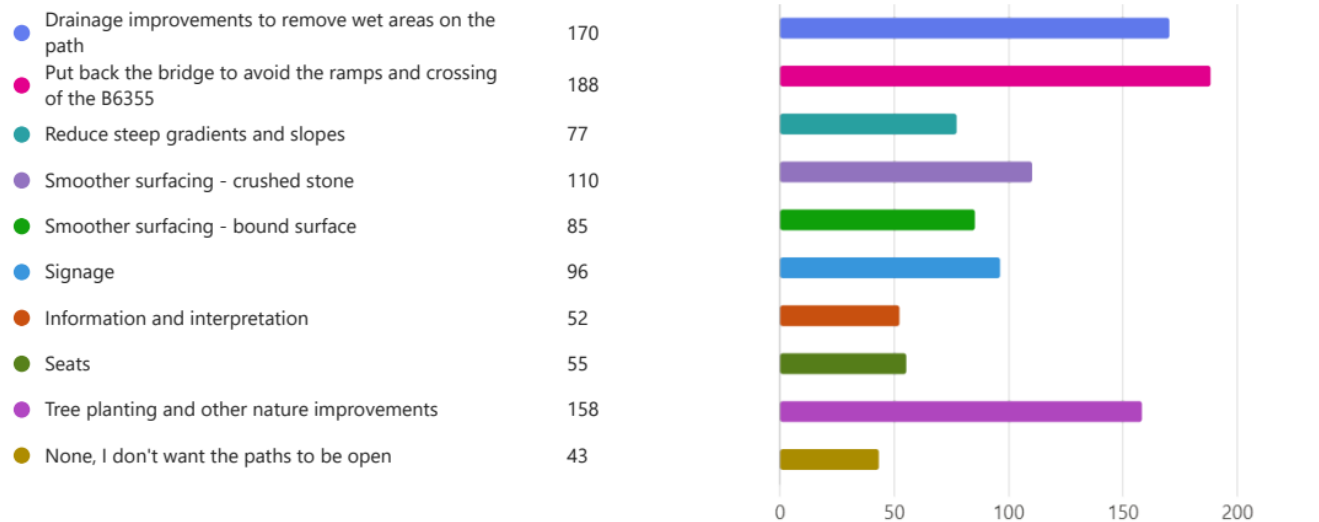


5. How would you use the paths in the future? Tick all that apply.

On foot, walking	212
On foot, running or jogging	95
By bike	175
Using a mobility aid such as wheelchair, mobility scooter or walker	12
On horseback	89
Other	14

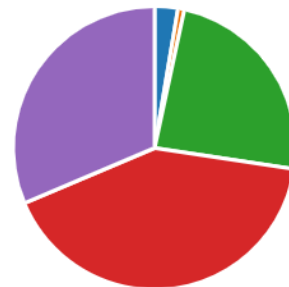


6. What improvements would you like to see on the routes? Tick all that apply.



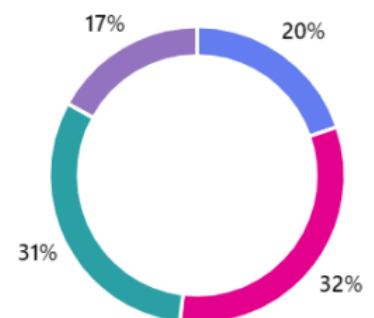
7. What would you use the paths for? Tick all that apply.

● Travel to work	18
● Travel to school or college	5
● Social	162
● Health, wellbeing or fitness	279
● Leisure or tourism	212

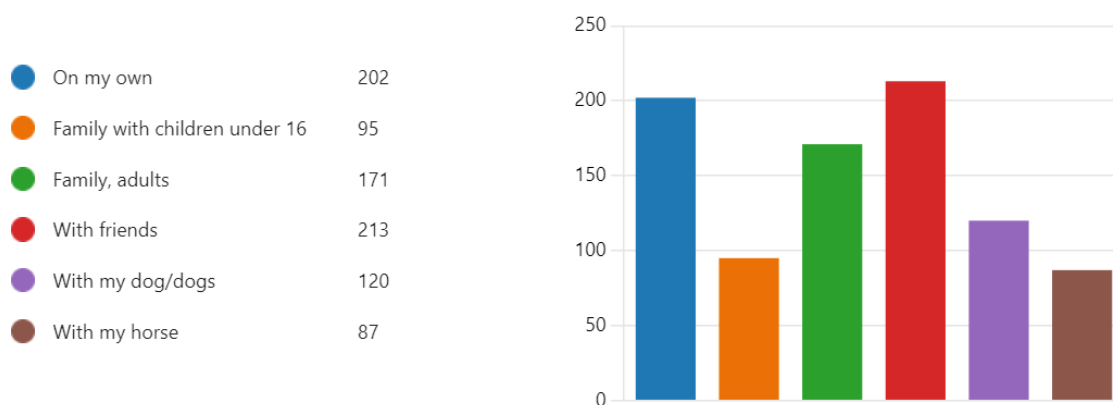


8. Would you use the paths for... (tick all that apply)

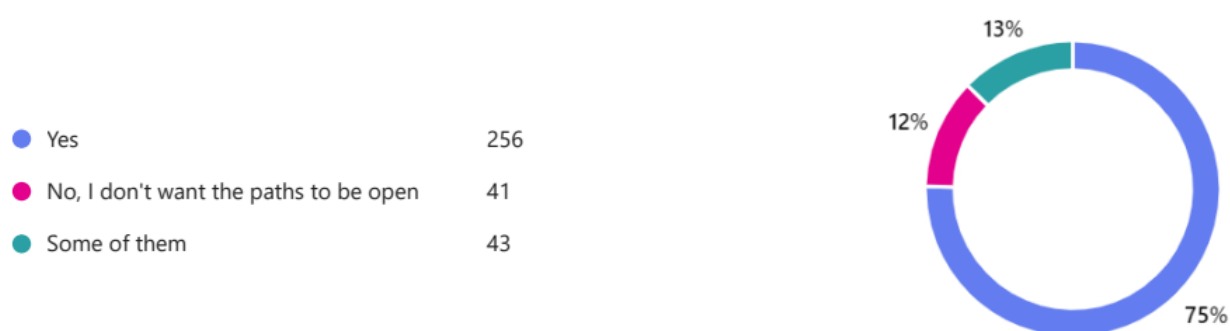
● Short journeys on these paths only	136
● Longer journeys linking to the K2T trail	222
● Longer journeys linking to other paths	215
● Longer journeys linking to roads	117



9. Who would you use the paths with? Tick all that apply.



10. Do you support the changes set out on the website?



11. What would you like us to do differently to make this better for you? (this is a selection of the comments chosen to reflect common themes)

*Just do it asap*

*Ensure that visibility at and therefore safety of the junction from Station Road into the Threlkeld Quarry road is improved as part of the new bridge works. Ensure fly parking on the Threlkeld Quarry Road is not possible..*

*Really appreciate the work that is going towards this and hope the consultation is a success as it would be great addition to our active travel network.*

*Leave them as is. For villagers these are quiet places quickly accessible from the village. Opening them up will spoil the peace and tranquillity*

*Open as soon as possible, widen path that passes LDNPA depot as quite narrow there*

*Link with other paths/bridleways*

*Make cycling into Keswick safer, there's too much contention with motorists*

*Develop a network of safe, segregated routes for active travel. The popularity and inclusiveness of K2T demonstrates how important this can be.*

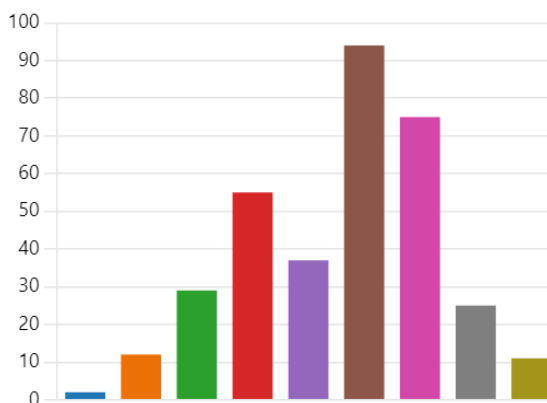
*Please, please do not resurface these paths with tarmac.*

*Bound surface, e.g., tarmac should be used. Not crushed stone. My elderly infirm mother uses the existing K2T for recreation which helps her health and well-being because it has a level tarmac surface. Crushed stone can become rough, muddy, and unpleasant.*

*You could use a flexi-pave type surface....porous, nicer to walk on for humans and dogs, perfectly good to cycle on ....*

12. What age range are you in?

Under 16	2
16-24	12
25-34	29
35-44	55
45-49	37
50-59	94
60-69	75
70-70	25
80+	11



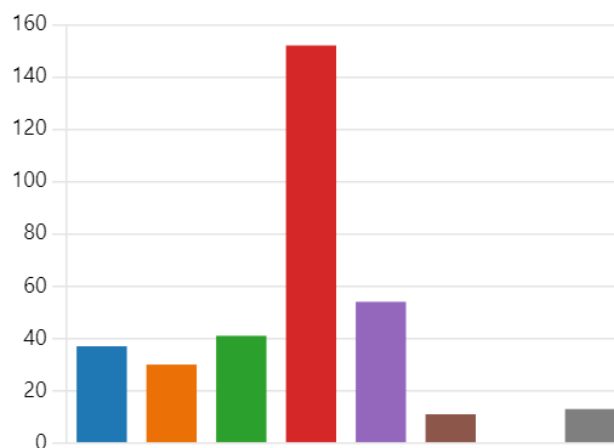
13. Do you or anyone in your household have a long-standing health issue or disability that limits your daily activities?

Yes	59
No	263
Prefer not to say	13



14. Where do you live? Tick the one that applies most closely.

Threlkeld	37
Threlkeld Quarry	30
Keswick	41
Elsewhere in Cumbria	152
Northern England	54
UK	11
Overseas	0
Other	13



15. Do you have any other comments? (this is a selection of the comments chosen to reflect common themes)

*Yes, we will be delighted to have a footbridge over the B5322. However section 1 should not be tarmacked, because it will only encourage 'tarmac enthusiasts' to diverge from the K2T for no good reason, and who would then find themselves effectively 'stranded' at Burns Road when the crushed-stone surface begins. Using the crushed-stone surface right from the start, at the zig-zags, will immediately send the right message to all users that the Threlkeld Quarry extension is something different.*

*Thank you for your hard work in the project, it's a brilliant bit of infrastructure!*

*Please make horse friendly. We don't like to ride on roads for safety reasons.*

*This is an excellent project. The link to parking capacity at the LDNPA office will mean we can easily park up and walk/cycle into Keswick. Will parking charges be cheaper than in central Keswick to support modal shift? Public toilet provision at end of the trail would be helpful.*

*Consider us locals*

*Think this is a great idea, use the path myself but would like to use it with my wife who has mobility issues*

*I think this is a brilliant idea as I hate taking the kids and walking down the road*

*This is nice local walking path, will be spoilt by excessive use. The Keswick to Threlkeld has brought problems to the village with parking etc.*

*I work regularly in the area as an outdoor instructor, leading guided walks, mountain biking and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. These links would be fantastic for making all of these activities safer and more accessible.*

*I regularly walk across the fields and through Settmabanning caravan site or if there is livestock in the field I continue up the hill and walk along the entire length of the existing path although following heavy rain it does get rather muddy so resurfacing with crushed stone/gravel would be a good idea.*

*It's a great scheme which will encourage more people to make use of the paths, potentially using public transport and can't come soon enough*

*I support the proposals, but care must be taken to protect the red squirrel population by controlling the invasive grey squirrels*