

Focus on Farnley Tyas - 9th to 22nd February 2026

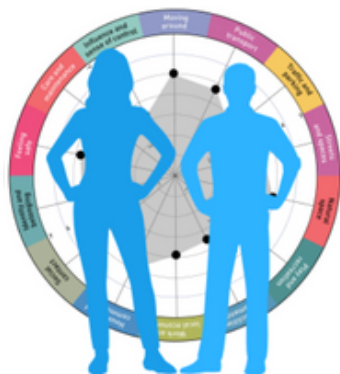
What we did:

We talked to people about life in Farnley Tyas. We used a tool called the 'Place Standard'. This is a way to get conversations going about any place (it could be your street, neighbourhood or town), by using some simple questions.

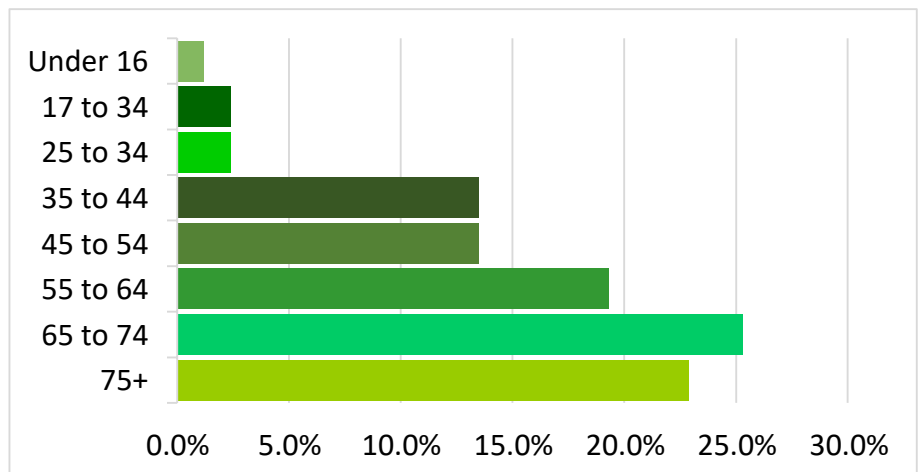
Who participated?

Volunteers from Farnley Tyas Community Group and Kirklees Council talked to people at the Community Group meeting, launch at St Lucius' Church, Community Cafe, Farnley Tyas Bowling Club, Art Group, Knit & Natter Group, Women's Institute, Recreation Ground. Farnley Tyas First School Council took part. Conversations took place on doorsteps and with neighbours. There were 26 group chats (79 participants) and 34 people took part online.

139 people took part, completing 83 Place Standard assessments in total.



Female 41% Male 43%
Other/unknown 16%



Introduction

The results of the Farnley Tyas Place Standard conversation provide an important and wide-ranging evidence base of residents' experiences of life in the village and priorities for future improvement. The conversation explored multiple aspects of village life, including movement, safety, housing, community facilities, green space, identity, wellbeing and infrastructure.

Many positive aspects of village life were identified including community spirit, character, green space and sense of belonging.

The results also highlight recurring concerns relating to movement, accessibility, traffic, parking, pedestrian safety and infrastructure pressures associated with growth and changing village patterns. In particular, themes relating to traffic speed, crossing safety, pavement continuity, parking congestion and the overall experience of moving safely around the village emerged consistently throughout the findings.

Importantly, references in this summary to potential interventions such as crossings, traffic calming, priority build-outs, gateway features, speed reductions, signage improvements or parking measures are drawn directly from themes, comments and suggestions raised by residents during the Place Standard conversations.

These should therefore be understood primarily as **participant-generated suggestions** and areas for future feasibility consideration, rather than predetermined technical recommendations arising from formal highways analysis.

This summary seeks to present those concerns and suggestions in a structured and constructive way to support further dialogue, assessment and partnership working with Kirklees Council and relevant agencies.

Overall findings

Farnley Tyas is widely regarded as an attractive, friendly and community-oriented village with a strong sense of identity and pride. High scores for natural space (6.1), feeling safe (5.6), social interaction (5.5), and identity and belonging (5.4) reflect the value residents place on the countryside setting, community cohesion, and active volunteer networks. Key community assets including the recreation ground, church, pub, bowling club and community groups play a central role in village life.

However, lower scores for traffic and parking (3.2), public transport (3.7), work and local economy (3.9), influence and sense of control (4.3), and moving around (4.4) highlight significant challenges that impact daily life and future sustainability. Key Challenges are:

Traffic and parking



Traffic and road safety are the top concern. Excessive speeding, high traffic volumes, rat running, and unsafe crossing conditions particularly near the school and recreation ground. There are no formal pedestrian crossings, and many feel roads are unsafe for children, older people and those with disabilities.

Pavements are narrow, uneven, not continuous or obstructed. Many footpaths are poorly maintained, muddy or flooded. Pavement parking and congestion at peak times restrict safe movement.

Concerns were raised about infrastructure and maintenance, including potholes, road damage from development traffic, drainage issues. And insufficient upkeep of pavements, hedges and dry-stone

walls. Many feel housing developments are not matched by infrastructure improvements, placing increasing strain on the village.

Public transport is valued but services are infrequent, limited coverage (no evenings or Sundays), and poor connections. This affects older residents and young people.

Facilities and amenities and social interaction



Farnley Tyas benefits from strong social networks and community participation. Volunteer groups play a vital role in maintaining green spaces and organising activities.



There are gaps in provision:

- Lack of a village shop and local services
- Accessibility barriers to community spaces for some residents
- Limited facilities for young people and teenagers

Natural space



The natural environment is a key asset, though concerns exist around maintenance, accessibility, fly-tipping and dog fouling.

Housing and community



Concerns were raised about growing pressure from development, affordability, loss of village character, and insufficient infrastructure planning. Residents would prefer more mixed housing, smaller and more affordable homes, and to limit further development until infrastructure improves.

Influence and sense of control



While the community is active and engaged, there is a widespread perception that local concerns are not being adequately addressed by the council particularly in relation to Highways, Planning Enforcement and infrastructure delivery.

Priority areas for improvement identified by residents



- Traffic calming and road safety measure
- Improvements to roads, pavements and footpaths
- Better parking management and provision
- Enhanced community facilities and infrastructure

What participants said

Moving around



Key issues:

There were over 30 comments about a good network of footpaths and walks around Farnley Tyas with access to countryside, green spaces and woodlands. 'Good public footpaths for people able to go off road.'

However, Field Lane is "atrocious", "dreadful", unsuitable even for horses. Many country footpaths are muddy, flooded, slippery or broken (stiles, surfaces). The woodland path to the recreation ground & school is unusable due to flooding. Some footpaths are blocked & signs are hidden. Paths are poorly maintained on Moor Lane, Manor Road, Woodsome Road & bowling club woods path.



Pavements are too narrow, uneven or poorly cambered (dangerous for prams, wheelchairs, bikes, slippery in winter, mossy) for example Butts Road. Pavements frequently change sides of the road or are 'missing' (Woodsome Road, Thurstonland Road, past the rec). They are blocked by parked cars, wheelie bins, weeds, overgrown hedges. Dry stone walls are collapsed & left on pavements. Poor access for disabled residents and those using sticks or mobility aids.

There are concerns about traffic speeding through and around the village. Giant tractors speed through the centre, race-track behaviour at night and difficult and dangerous crossings. Traffic speed is worse near the school, playground, rec, on entry to the village. Temporary traffic lights are causing congestion. There are no safe crossing points to the rec, pub, school, playground. Children, prams & wheelchairs are forced into the road. It was commented overdevelopment is increasing traffic. Footpaths and roads are not upgraded alongside development.

Pot- holes are throughout the village, especially on Field Lane. Roads are damaged by construction traffic. Poor road surfaces make cycling unsafe. There is no lighting past the recreation ground. Parking on the pavements near the school, church and junctions affects moving around the village.

Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

Wider, continuous pavements, repair and resurface, tarmac Field Lane properly. Improve accessibility for prams and wheelchairs. Safe footpaths on Thurstonland Road, by the rec, Woodsome Road.

Better maintenance (weeds, moss, sweeping, regular hedge and tree cutting, footpath drainage). Maintain walls and boundaries. Improve missing street lighting. Dog bag bins.

Better signage, printed routes, maps & information boards. Open up and properly maintain existing rights of way. Safe off-road cycling paths. More seating in village centre.

Reduce through traffic and volume. Traffic calming measures (speed bumps, cameras). Reduce speed limits (20–30 mph). Slow traffic near school, playground and Rec. Mirrors at blind bends. Safer pedestrian/ zebra crossings near school, pub, playground & recreation ground.

Create dedicated parking areas (church/school). Enforce no pavement parking. Reuse lanes (e.g. beside church) for pedestrians/parking.

No further housing permissions, better Planning controls. Infrastructure upgrades before development. Manage construction traffic better. Faster adoption of footpaths.

105 comments were made on this theme.

"Lots of lovely local walks and dog walks."

"The pavement camber on Butts Road is too steep for wheelchairs. My wheelchair has lost control and ended up in the middle of the road."

Public transport



Key issues:

There were 30 positive comments. 'There is a bus service. Good to know it's there, don't use it often, valuable bus service', and 'it's good we have a bus as some villages do not.' However, 33 people said they don't use public transport because it is not frequent enough or they travel by car.



44 people said the bus service every 2-3 hours is not convenient for daily needs. South Pennine and Stotts buses are very good but not frequent enough. 'Typical rural service... can't rely on it.' There is no evening or night service after 7.30 pm. No Sunday or bank holiday services. 'The last bus is too early for people to visit local villages; 'stops at 6 pm', 'none after 7.30 pm.'

Over 20 people commented on poor connections to trains and other destinations. Buses don't line up with trains at Honley or Stocks Moor.

Public transport could be better for young people and for older adults. There were 15 comments older people no longer able to drive are completely stuck. There are no buses on Woodsome Road. 'It is a long walk for elderly people in bungalows to the bus stops.' 'I don't know what I will do when I stop driving.' 'I have to book the Accessibility bus.'

Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

More frequent buses, smaller buses run more frequently, every hour would be nice, regular and reliable bus service. More flexibility over destinations. Double Deckers could easily be replaced with electric minibuses. Better online tracking of local buses so not waiting at bus stop.

Better links to local stations (Honley and Brockholes). Would be better if we could get to Holmfirth. Service that incorporates Kirkburton (Doctors), Skelmanthorpe, Shelley, Shepley. More buses to and from Huddersfield town centre. Parking at Huddersfield Railway Station.

86 comments were made on this theme.

"Friendly drivers - drivers often drop people off outside their homes."

"Couldn't really use it to get to workplaces."

Traffic and parking



Key issues:

There were 48 comments about traffic speed, volume and rat running through the village. 'Cars drive far too fast, night-time racing, fast HGVs, tractors and agricultural vehicles.' 'Traffic volumes are increasing due to new housing developments.'



There were 44 comments about parking. Most people park considerately. There are large car parks for the pub (used by village visitors) and bowling club. But there is no village 'public car park'. On-street parking causes congestion during school, church events and football matches. There is selfish or inconsiderate parking, particularly at school pick up time. Car parking on pavements, corners and junctions is restricting visibility. There is limited parking for disabled residents. Housing development has made it worse. Pavement parking blocks access for prams and wheelchairs, and forces pedestrians into the road.

There were 28 comments about pedestrian safety and crossings. Continuous traffic flows make crossing roads dangerous. There are no pedestrian crossings. It is dangerous to cross near the Recreation Ground, school, pub, church junctions. Blind corners and dips reduce visibility. Children, older people and disabled residents feel unsafe.

There were 23 comments about walking conditions. Some pavements are maintained and the village is easily accessible. There are no pavements on Woodsome Road & Farnley Moor, with high-speed traffic they are dangerous. Some pavements are narrow and have pinch points.

There were 17 comments about road maintenance and infrastructure. Potholes are throughout the village. Roads are damaged by volume and speed of traffic. Poor road surfaces make driving and walking unsafe. The new development entrance at Yew Tree Farm is poorly placed.

Suggestions:

Traffic calming measures (speed bumps, chicanes, angled gates by the rec) like in other villages. Traffic calming and chicanes between the school and the Rec. Speed ramps on Butts Road. Speed cameras and speed recording wires on Woodsome Road. Reduce speed limits to 20 mph in the village, 30–40 mph on approaches e.g. by the Rec. Repeat speed limit signage. Mirrors on blind bends.

Restrict/ discourage through traffic, better traffic control at peak times. Better enforcement and mobile Policing. Amazon locker to reduce delivery traffic.

Zebra crossings at key points (Rec, school, village centre). Safer crossing points at main junctions. Remove pavement parking at crossing points. Improve pavements and crossings for pedestrian safety. Safer walking routes near school and Rec. Yellow lines at junctions. Improve signage and road markings. Fix potholes and resurface roads.

Options for cyclists other than fast roads. Safer shared walking cycling routes. Car Club scheme. Electric vehicle charging points.

Create a village car park (church land, Rochester Trust land, next development plot). Residents, school and church purchase/lease land in/around the village. Improve bowling club car park. Residents' parking permits (e.g. Church Terrace). Time limited parking near school (8am–4pm). Reduce reliance on roadside parking.

Better design and location of development access points. Consider long term traffic impacts of nearby developments.

101 comments were made on this theme.

“Roads feel like a racetrack or crash zone.”

“Cars are forever damaging themselves along New Lane or smashing into walls.”

“As a working mum finding somewhere to park safely and respectfully of residents is very restrictive.”

Streets and spaces



Key issues:

There were 62 comments Farnley Tyas is an attractive, pretty, well-kept village with tidy properties and gardens. Strong historic character; heritage buildings (church, pub, war memorial) and conservation area. Hanging baskets, planters, Christmas tree, Tidy Tyas volunteers, well maintained church grounds. Views, countryside, village charm still present.



Sympathetic restoration of some older buildings. New housing is not always in keeping with heritage. There is some fly tipping in surrounding lanes.

Speeding through the village centre, on Thurstonland Road and 60 mph limit past the recreation ground makes access difficult. There are poor road surfaces, potholes and inadequate repairs. Cones are being used to block communal parking on Butts Close.

There were 41 comments about green spaces. The recreation ground is well used, loved, and maintained (by the community, not council). It's a good space & playground for children. But there is flooding and the changing rooms need upgrading. The community garden is appreciated. Kirklees Council is not maintaining communal space on Butts Close, trees are not cut back. School children will let Tidy Tyas know if any areas of litter are bad.

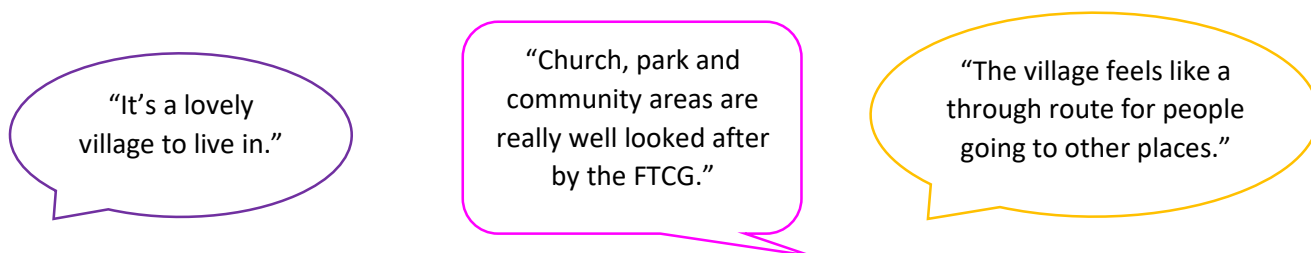
Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

Review narrow pavement widths. Wider pavements - safer for people with disabilities. Pavements on Thurstonland Road & Woodsome Road. Crossing point near the recreation ground. A surface on Field Lane that doesn't wash away. Maintain dry-stone walls alongside public highways. Clear foliage & weeds from paths (reduce need to walk in road with children). Repair stiles. Replace several rotten benches. More sign posts to footpaths. Map of walks & more information about public paths.

Entry markers on key routes to create more sense of arrival. Better lighting at entry points from Farnley Road & Thurstonland Road. Move 30mph signs on Thurstonland Road to before Moor Lane/Brockholes Lane crossroads. Traffic calming past the Rec should accommodate parking. 20 mph Speed limit in the village & 30 mph on access roads. Speed bumps outside school. Make the access road to the new estate safe. Less new housing. Ensure Planning stays on top of the conservation area – respect & preserve.

At the Rec more benches, improve the changing rooms, flooding, cameras to reduce damage & thefts, football teams take responsibility for clearing up their litter. A new children's space near Field, outdoor meeting space in village, more hanging baskets, Christmas lights. A community run shop. Clean pub, more welcoming for locals. More bins for poo bags - by the church path and by the woodland path next to school. Huge fines on tradesmen caught fly tipping. Beyond Tidy Tyas areas litter is bad e.g. Honley Road -a pretend camera to put people off. Recycle glass or communal glass bin in village.

101 comments were made on this theme.



Natural space



Key issues:

There were 51 comments about the beautiful countryside surrounding Farnley Tyas and good access to green spaces, woods, footpaths and walking routes. Plenty of field and woodland walks, it is good for dog walking. The welcome pack includes 3–4 local walks, which is appreciated.



There is no wheelchair access to fields and footpaths. Some private land & woods cannot be accessed. The footpath from Moor Lane connecting to Manor Road is overgrown. Woodsome Road is too dangerous for walking due to traffic speeds and stiles can make access difficult. Some footpaths are poorly maintained with broken stiles, poor signage, overgrown hedges & deteriorating dry stone walls. The lane between the church and Yew Tree Farm is very muddy. Litter from cars is a problem and footpaths are constantly littered by fly tipping. Dog fouling, dogs not on leads can be a problem.

There are lots of green spaces - recreation ground, community garden, children's play area. School wood, bowling club wood, and fruit trees on the rec are valued. The involvement of the Woodland Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife & Yorkshire in Bloom is appreciated. Community volunteers keep green spaces litter free and maintain plants. The Rec is well looked after by the garden gang and church yard by the eco-gang.

Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

Improve public footpaths for accessibility - better surfaces. Invest in footpaths & hold landowners to account. Maintain dry stone walls & walling between fields. Display walking routes - information boards. Dog bins on Public Rights of Way, next to the bus stop, by gate on Moor Lane. Council power to encourage private landowners to remove foliage overhanging pavements. Enforce ban on off road cycling in public spaces. Strategies to fly tipping/ Police presence.

At the Recreation Ground -wooden exercise equipment, tennis or padel court, more fruit trees, community vegetable patch. Bird house/ bird feeder. Bee hives. Maintain grassed area more often. Create parking along the recreation ground. Improve Butts Road. Reduce traffic speeds.

101 comments were made on this theme.

“We are blessed with this at Farnley Tyas.”

“There is a lot of nature around the school. When you go deeper into the woods you see birds and squirrels (school children).”

Play and recreation



Key issues:

There were 41 comments about the well-used facilities at the Recreation Ground; football, play park, general use. The football pitches are heavily used for matches and informal play. It is a good space for dog walkers, families, picnics and summer use. Community involvement is improving the space (volunteers, Tidy Tyas, litter picking, community garden). Some people commented on the need for repairs to play equipment, poor pitch drainage, changing facilities and toilets need urgent attention. Children said one swing at the Rec is broken and the big climbing frame needs monkey bars.



There were over 20 comments about play provision for children. The playground and football field are valued by families with young children. The playground is mainly suitable for under 5s or 7s. They enjoy the school playground, gazebo, & play behind the bowling club. There is a lack of facilities for scooters and learning to ride bikes. Very little for teenagers or older children, poor bus service leaves them isolated.

The Bowling club is welcoming and sociable. It is a community hub for meetings and activities. But it has access issues: steep, muddy car park, poor lighting, lack of disabled parking. The pub is a vital social space that can be used by groups.

The church has a strong programme of cultural and social activities: film club, knit and natter, art group, book club, WI, concerts, plays, talks, café, Tai Chi, pilates. It is an important social space, especially for older residents. Also, annual Farnley Festival.

Parking near key venues is limited. Some residents are unable to access activities due to road safety concerns or mobility issues.

Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

More facilities for children, teenagers, younger adults. Create a new playground or space for young people nearer the village centre. Reduce speed of vehicles near recreation ground and through village. Safe crossings and traffic calming would make access to facilities safer for children.

At the Recreational Ground - more exercise equipment, padel or tennis court. Hard surface play area or small court. An outside gym would be fabulous. A cricket pitch. Drain the football pitch. Toilets and changing facilities (and for walking groups).

A pétanque or panel court at the bowling club. Bowling club could makeover. It would be nice to have a pond (young person).

87 people commented on this theme.

“A lot is going on for a small village.”

“I am relatively new to the village and impressed.”

“All the current activities are for older people.”

Facilities and amenities



Key issues:

General comments were for or a small community Farnley Tyas is 'well serviced', has 'enough for a small village', 'adequate facilities', and 'reasonable amount for the size of the village, it's what you expect when you move here.'



There were 34 comments about limited shopping facilities. People travel for shopping and supermarkets do home deliveries. The mobile post office is useful, but it is only one hour per week. The village would benefit from a community run shop, grocery, farm shop or basic convenience store.

There were 23 comments about the friendly pub, bowling club, and café. People would like the café to be open more hours. The pub and bowling club are well used. The bowling club is 'important for the village community', its 'a hub with informal supportive networks', but it is up a hill, with no lighting and a small car park.

There were 20 comments about the church and community activities; Church tries hard to put on events, Church acts as a community centre, film club, Tai Chi, craft club, reading group. Some residents do not attend events; the cost of arranged programmes is expensive for some residents.

There were a few comments about having to travel out of the village to access healthcare services. Residents access doctors in Holmfirth, Honley, Kirkburton, and Almondbury. But those without cars struggle to access services. A few people commented on lack of recycling facilities. There was a comment about poor broadband (3mbs).

Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

A grocery, farm shop, local community run shop, sweet shop. Convenience store for provisions. Could the pub or café do bread, milk, eggs? A shop/post office at the club. Public toilets at the park. A village hall. More bins especially at each end of Field Lane (are emptied regularly). Mobile library.

100 comments were made on this theme.

"There is no longer a village shop. I rely on my daughter and neighbour."

"The Post Office van is a lifeline."

"It has always been rural, and most people accept that."

Work and local economy



Key issues:

People commented on key local businesses in Farnley Tyas; the pub, café, bowling club, joinery, riding school, trout farm which provide some work and contribute to the local economy. Opportunities for local work are limited, hospitality based, reasonable for the location and size. Jobs are available for local teenagers at the pub and café.



A lot of people in the village work from home or commute. The recent broadband fibre connection supports this. A high proportion of residents are retired.

There are good opportunities for volunteering; community café, reading friends at the school, litter picking, community gardening. 'There are groups of volunteers who support the overall appearance of the village.'

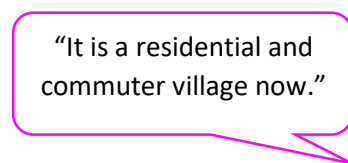
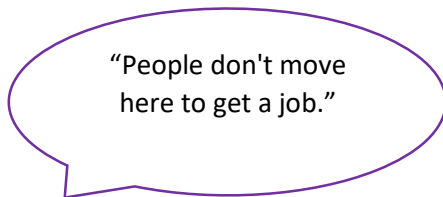
There were comments about lack of basic services such as grocery, butcher's, post office, library, barber or hairdresser. A local shop selling locally produced food would be a welcome addition. Planning constraints and local resistance are seen as barriers to growth. 'The locals don't allow anything to be built or brought to the village.' 'Too small a community for any meaningful businesses.'

Suggestions about how we could make it better in the future:

A shop maybe as part of the pub. Used to have a lock up for Amazon deliveries at the pub, it would save a lot of vans. A local shop selling locally produced food and items, make it attractive to a potential small business owner. Not charge extortionate business rates. Local childcare.

Small lettable units, more local business and employment development. Don't give Planning permission to build on farms or on fields that used to be grazed by farm animals.

62 comments were made on this theme.



Housing and community



Key issues:

There were over 30 comments the village is widely seen as expensive and unaffordable. 'There is a premium to live here.' Especially for young people, young families and older residents who wish to downsize. There are not enough mid-range homes.



'There are no affordable houses in the new developments. Older residents struggle to downsize locally due to lack of bungalows (outside social housing). There is social housing on Butts Close and Butts Way (Kirklees Council).

There were 19 comments about too much development in recent years for a small village.

'60% increase in homes in the village in last 7 years.' And 'nearly 50 new houses built in the last 12 years.' The village is 'in flux because of development and the change from a farming community to a residential, commuter village.' It was commented green fields will be lost if more homes are built.

New developments are seen as out of character, overly modern, and not sensitive to the village's conservation status. Smaller scale housing development built several years ago 'is commended.' 'All recent developments have been high cost, high impact, with very little sympathy.' 'Not sure we need more houses without better parking and road maintenance.'

Private homes are well maintained and attractive. Social housing is in good condition and well maintained. One person commented 'council housing is rubbish. Fittings are poor. They don't come out so I fix things myself.'

There were over 20 comments about a strong sense of community spirit in the village. 'Neighbours look after each other.' 'Community spirit is fabulous.' 'Friendly and welcoming community aside from a few cliques.' However, some people said community spirit is not as good as it used to be. 'Newcomers are mostly less interested in being part of a village community.' 'There is a community but not everyone is engaged in it.'

Suggestions about how we could make it better in future:

Better housing mix to suit young families, downsizing, retirees. Increase number of small houses & bungalows in future developments. More affordable housing. Turn Air B&Bs into long-term rentals.

In developments use old stone and slates instead of new. Some attractive lampposts, hanging baskets, flowerpots.

No more houses built for profit- provide appropriate parking for current residents. Stop allowing new developments so Farnley has time to build up community again.

80 comments were made on this theme.

"I would love to live here if I could, but it is not an option"

Social interaction



Key issues:

There were 38 comments the village is widely seen as friendly, caring and supportive, especially in times of need. People are friendly and welcoming. 'I would feel confident to be able to get help from friends and neighbours in a crisis, people help each other out.' 'Residents do check-ins if people aren't around for a while. 'Welcoming neighbours and social networks.' There were a few comments the village is clique, and new people are not welcome.



There were 44 comments about a good range of places to meet and socialise. The Golden Cock pub, bowling club, St Lucius' Church, the Community Café, Field Café, the Recreation Ground and dog walking chats. There were 41 comments about the range of activities and community groups, mostly for adults. Groups & activities mentioned were Farnley Tyas Community Group, Women's Institute, Knit and natter, Reading group, Gardening gang, Tidy Tyas, Cinema club, Farnley Festival, Church eco group, yoga and coffee mornings. 'There is a huge amount to get involved with.' 'People put their time and energy into organising.'

A few people said there is lack of diversity, it is 'skewed towards the older, white middle class.' Young people tend to meet outside the village. No activities outside of school for children.

There were 29 comments about good communications via the Farnley News newsletter, Community Facebook page and website, noticeboards, welcome pack and church news sheet. 'Farnley News is excellent at keeping everyone informed.' 'A lot of people spend a lot of time informing people of activities.'

Suggestions about how we could make it better in future:

Younger more proactive enablers to move the village forward. Better engagement from young people and opportunities for young people to interact. Places for children to read, story time at school or church with volunteers, breakfast club. Create a caring network for more vulnerable residents, elderly, lonely or housebound.

Village hall (would it be well-used?), library. Publicise the church and bowling club as community venues. Funding to improve the bowling club. Outdoor pursuits, organised walking group.

Maintain a bar area at the Farnley Cock. More hospitality-type development. Food & drink outlets, offer incentives by not charging business rates. Karaoke bar. A local farm shop.

83 comments were made on this theme.

"Very impressed as we are new to the village. Received flowers and a welcome pack."

"Best village in Huddersfield for supporting each other in need."

"Community café is very friendly, a great asset."

Identity and belonging



Key issues:

There were 47 comments Farnley Tyas has a strong sense of village community and belonging. 'It is welcoming and people all know each other.' 'If someone is in need e.g. accident or bereavement people help.'

There were 30 comments Farnley Tyas is widely seen as attractive with a strong identity. 'Farnley has a good reputation for being a nice place to live.' 'The Golden Cock is at the heart of the community.' It is a historic village. Residents value the rural character and community spirit. One person said 'so many new houses have changed the nature of the village. Kirklees Council needs to recognise that.'



Events, clubs and shared spaces are central to village life. Farnley Tyas Festival, street parties, football at the weekend, cinema nights, WI, shoot syndicate, plays in church, community orchard, community café, WI, film club, bouncy castle, sports days, socialising at the rec, pub and bowling club.

Long-standing residents express pride and attachment to the village. 'I'm proud to live in Farnley Tyas... I've lived in my current home 60 years.' 'We have been here for 30 years.' 'Good mixture of newer and people who have lived here a long time.' 'We were welcomed with open arms.' There were a few comments the village is divided and could be more inclusive and tolerant.

Younger residents and families are seen as less involved in the community. Some residents feel excluded due to location, transport, or safety. 'I don't feel I belong being 0.4 miles outside the village with dangerous roads and no bus service.' 'We aren't in the middle of the village and tend to drive past.' 'Wouldn't come to use facilities at night as we'd have to drive.'

Suggestions about how we could make it better in future:

Raise awareness of local history and traditions so it is preserved for younger generations. Encourage more people to engage with the community. Continued support for groups in the village, perhaps from the younger generation. Support the small group of organisers. Promote the bowling club more proactively.

More fundraising for our village, more village in bloom type activities and more responsibility from the local "landowner" to take action with their social responsibility. Opportunities for farmers to use the land for farming not housing.

Be more inclusive and tolerant in some respects. Certain camps have very conservative views, and greater diversity in respect of ethnicity would be welcome by all. Stronger sense of belonging by younger people. Support mental health issues.

74 comments were made on this theme.

"When friends come to visit, they think the village is really friendly."

"It is a privilege to live here."

"The community make the place nice."

Feeling safe



Key issues:

There were over 50 comments the village feels safe, friendly and secure. There is a strong perception of safety from all ages, it is a friendly, visible community with little crime reported historically. 'Most people feel very safe here due to the rural location' and 'many people are seen out and about at all times of day.'



However over 30 people mentioned a spate of break-ins in 2024-25 has caused some anxiety and worry that the village is attractive to burglars. There were mixed views on Police response, follow-up and visibility. 'Police were brilliant in response,' little in the way of follow up.' There were over 29 comments about an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Crime information is shared monthly. Neighbourhood Watch and the Police have attended recent community meetings. There is a good network in terms of crime awareness, people are aware and well connected. Neighbours look out for each other.

There were 41 comments about feeling unsafe due to speeding cars (especially at night), the village is used as a cut through and dangerous crossings (e.g. Butts Road). Risks to children, pedestrians and horse riders. 'Drivers racing their cars, motorbikes and quad bikes at over 50 mph.' 'In black ice they have gone too fast and airborne.' 'We fear for our children crossing the road.'

26 comments were made about poor lighting, lack of lighting and footpaths makes the village feel less safe after dark, especially when combined with traffic speeds e.g. Woodsome Road. Street lighting is not kept on top of by the council. No street lighting in new developments.

There were 16 comments about anti-social behaviour on the edges of the village. Joy riding (cars, motor bikes, quad bikes) and evidence of drug taking and dealing in lay-bys. There were a few comments the turnover and behaviour of some residents in social housing is unsettling.

Suggestions about how we could make it better in future:

More, occasional or increased Police presence in the village. Police to prosecute and deter teenagers racing cars and bikes. Reduce speed limit through the village & measures to discourage drivers using the village as a cut-through. Tackle anti-social behaviour & drug dealing in lay-bys.

Greater collaboration with Police to deter burglaries. Promote and strengthen Neighbourhood Watch, encourage private CCTV.

A bit more street lighting in some areas. Repair footpaths to make the area safer. Improve crossing Butts Road. Kirklees be more selective of residents in social housing.

80 comments were made on this theme.

"There has not been much crime during the 30 years I have lived here."

"We feel safe in the village."

"Neighbourhood Watch has made a big difference."

Care and maintenance



Key issues:

There were 38 comments about potholes and the condition of roads. Widespread dissatisfaction with road conditions; 'riddled with potholes', and repeated resurfacing failures. Field Lane is 'atrocious', heavy development traffic is damaging roads. Poor maintenance of unadopted roads, verges, road edges and wall. Positive comments that grit bins are refilled on request, some main routes are treated during icy weather. Kirklees road sweeper comes round regularly.



There were 32 comments about community pride and volunteering which contributes to a pretty, attractive and well cared for village. Buildings are generally neat and tidy. Volunteer groups such as Tidy Tyas, Garden Gang, and groups maintain open space, recreation ground, community garden, church and churchyard (eco-friendly). Regular volunteer-led litter picking (often monthly). Volunteers maintain bowling club environs, hanging baskets, flower displays, and verges. High level of pride in homes and gardens.

There were 29 comments the village centre is generally clean and tidy. Little regular litter or dog fouling in the main village. Fly-tipping is usually cleared quickly once reported to Kirklees Council. Street lighting faults and grit bins are dealt with quickly when reported. However, fly-tipping is a recurring problem on the outskirts of the village near fields, woods, and rural lanes and areas without street lighting. Litter thrown from cars is a persistent issue.

There were 16 comments pavements are in poor condition: mossy, uneven, or obstructed. Overhanging hedges, brambles, and collapsed dry-stone walls are blocking pavements. Poor or non-existent pavements in places. 'Verges are sprayed only once a year with glyphosate; it is not effective.'

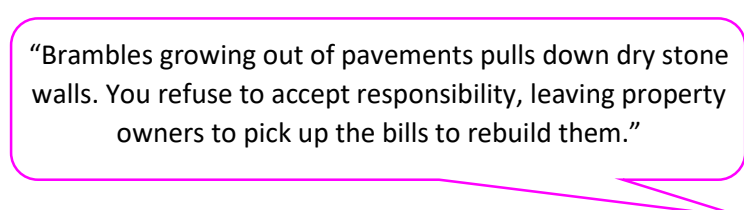
There were 17 positive comments about local ward councillors, good access to councillors via community groups and advocacy making a difference in resolving some issues.

Suggestions about how we could make it better in future:

Fix potholes in the village, attend to roads and footpaths more regularly, resurface properly. Repair walls (collapsed wall on Moor Lane is blocking the pavement). Remove trees & shrubs hanging over paths. Developers contribute to Highways fund to fix the road due to their heavy trucks. Get the drainage right - clean the gullies. More salt. Salt or sand Manor Road (bins were not emptied).

Work on the recreation ground. Visible litter bins, dog waste bins (lots of dog walkers leave waste bags). Strategies to discourage fly tipping and littering. A recycling point for bottles. Kirklees Council to be better at recycling, it is way behind other areas. Some actual Planning enforcement when developers breach conditions. Another defibrillator at the bottom of Manor Road.

88 comments were made on this theme.



Influence and sense of control



Key issues:

Comments overall were Farnley Tyas is an engaged, organised and motivated local community. The local community group is well attended and has good local connections. It voices public opinion and invites people to listen and discuss issues. 'The community is capable of organising when we have an issue.' 'Things get done in the community group. There is willingness locally to move things forward.' Residents step up to fill gaps and improve the village themselves e.g. litter picking, rec maintenance. Good, timely information; bulletin with updates and contact information, newsletter, email updates.



Ward and parish councillors are approachable, visible, and supportive. 'We are well supported by local councillors.' 'Ward councillors are easy to contact and good.' However, community voice is not acted upon at Kirklees Council level. 'Often the outcomes of the meetings fall on deaf ears with the council not taking any action.' The council pays lip service to consultations and does not really listen.

Planning service (particularly Enforcement) are slow to respond. 'No evidence of action taken over reports of conditions being breached.' 'Developers seem to be able to do exactly what they like with no repercussions.' 'Planning department don't seem to care.' 'The community voice was totally disregarded on Field Lane.' 'We have pointed out issues with traffic volume and speed through the village & been ignored.' 'Village was completely left out when surrounding villages got traffic calming.'

Suggestions about how we could make it better in future:

FTCG to continue to influence the council & other institutions for the benefit of the village. Younger people moving into new housing developments to become more involved.

Photos and contact details of councillors on the church noticeboard. The council could make more effort to engage with the community. More responsive to Planning concerns. Try harder.

More opportunity for residents to influence road safety decisions. The school to respect residents and work with them on parking before there is an accident, not after.

74 comments were made on this theme.

"We feel rural communities are less supported."

"Katy on the bowling club committee has been great liaising with Kirklees Council."

"See lots on Facebook from Cllr Taylor & he has been helpful."

"Adults can't always listen to us because they can't always afford to do what we are asking for (young person)."

Main issues and priorities

Some participants also identified their main issues and priorities, and suggested what actions could be taken to deal with these.

Priority	No. of comments
<p>Traffic calming through the village and improve road safety</p> <p>Better control over traffic in the village- village entry markers, gateways in white (plastic to reduce maintenance but looking like painted wood) Council to reduce car speed entering & exiting the village Controlling speeding traffic late evenings Speed Ramps on Butts Road Speed cameras Speed limits (signs), speed bumps Slow down signs for speeding traffic by the park Traffic calming near the Recreation Ground, on Thurstonland Road Traffic calming for the school that is simple and in keeping with the look and feel of the village Road narrowing (chicanes/ planters/ kerbs) Traffic calming measures that are not too loud for nearby residents Sleeping Policeman Safer crossing points – a central island & at the corner near the Rec. Pelican crossings, zebra crossing A small roundabout at the junction of Woodsome Road with The Village Kirklees to re-new and maintain road marking and signage One way system around 'the mile', All 60 mph roads to be reduced to 40 mph. 20 mph on Butts Road from playing fields to school and through the village centre.</p> <p>Reduce size of buses used in current bus services, call them a taxi Reduce traffic through the village - Highways could actually DO something about the traffic issues, following all the meetings they have had with us Response from the council (Highways, Planning Enforcement). The community is very proactive and would support the council, but the council needs to collaborate and work with us -there is too much falling on deaf ears, and little action, even with councillor support</p>	37
<p>Road, pavement and footpath improvements</p> <p>Field Lane surfacing Potholes on roads, not just to patch up, a permanent solution and complete the entire road/ regular attention to potholes Gritting on the bad corner Resurfacing the road once the building development is completed Better maintained roads to make them suitable for cycling Improved pavements, wider pavements Safe wiser footpaths, off road bike lanes Footpaths repaired by the council Council could listen and respond to letters Keep paths and verges clear of over- growth, overhanging hedges, broken down walls, fly tipping Extend public footpaths Put bark down on the boggy section of the path in the school wood</p>	28

<p>Parking improvements</p> <p>Policing of pavement parking Reduce cars parking on pavements that restrict pedestrian access, it is illegal, Police to visit regularly and issue appropriate penalties Parking restrictions Double yellow lines along parts of Butts Road to at least allow passing places for people to pull out so traffic coming the other way can pass. Prevent parking from causing hazards on corners & blocking people out in their drives, near junctions & blind corners</p> <p>Car parking created for church and school, speak to landowners/ council Parking for school, funerals etc on Butts Road A long lay-by constructed into the wood by the school Possibly residents only parking on Butts Close to help improve accessibility Removing traffic cones from Butts Close Parking in front of social housing bungalows makes it impossible for the elderly to get out of their paths- resident only parking on Butts Close Improve the bowling club car park</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>Community facilities and infrastructure improvements</p> <p>Improve facilities for young people, engage with young people about what they would want to see More open space for children and adults, encourage families getting together, more young people and villagers mixing together at village events A more united village, support group for hidden more vulnerable people Support for the village from younger generation Create a friendly forward-thinking positive community club</p> <p>Church or bowling club more of a community hub Funding for bowling club – a grant from the council, fundraising Investment in bowling club - a new building, it is still a wooden structure</p> <p>Improve facilities at the Recreation Ground, a hard surface play area, drainage of the ground Blue sky thinking - toilets and a kiosk at the park Convert park changing rooms to public toilets and space for hot drinks Better playground that is inclusive for older ages An outdoor gym A community vegetable garden, improve the district community garden More community tree planting - smaller trees, less pollution & litter on the road (don't litter around the village)</p> <p>Seriously improve recycling and refuse collection facilities, a series of large communal bins at the recreation ground car park area emptied at least once a week, would be a start Street lighting, from the Rec on Broadband!!! In the village and Woodsome Road. Better public transport Community/ farm shop, GP, pharmacy, more groups, filling station Some discussion about creating affordable housing for the young No more housing in the village. No more large housing sites in Kirkburton parish.</p>	<p>29</p>

Focus on Farnley Tyas

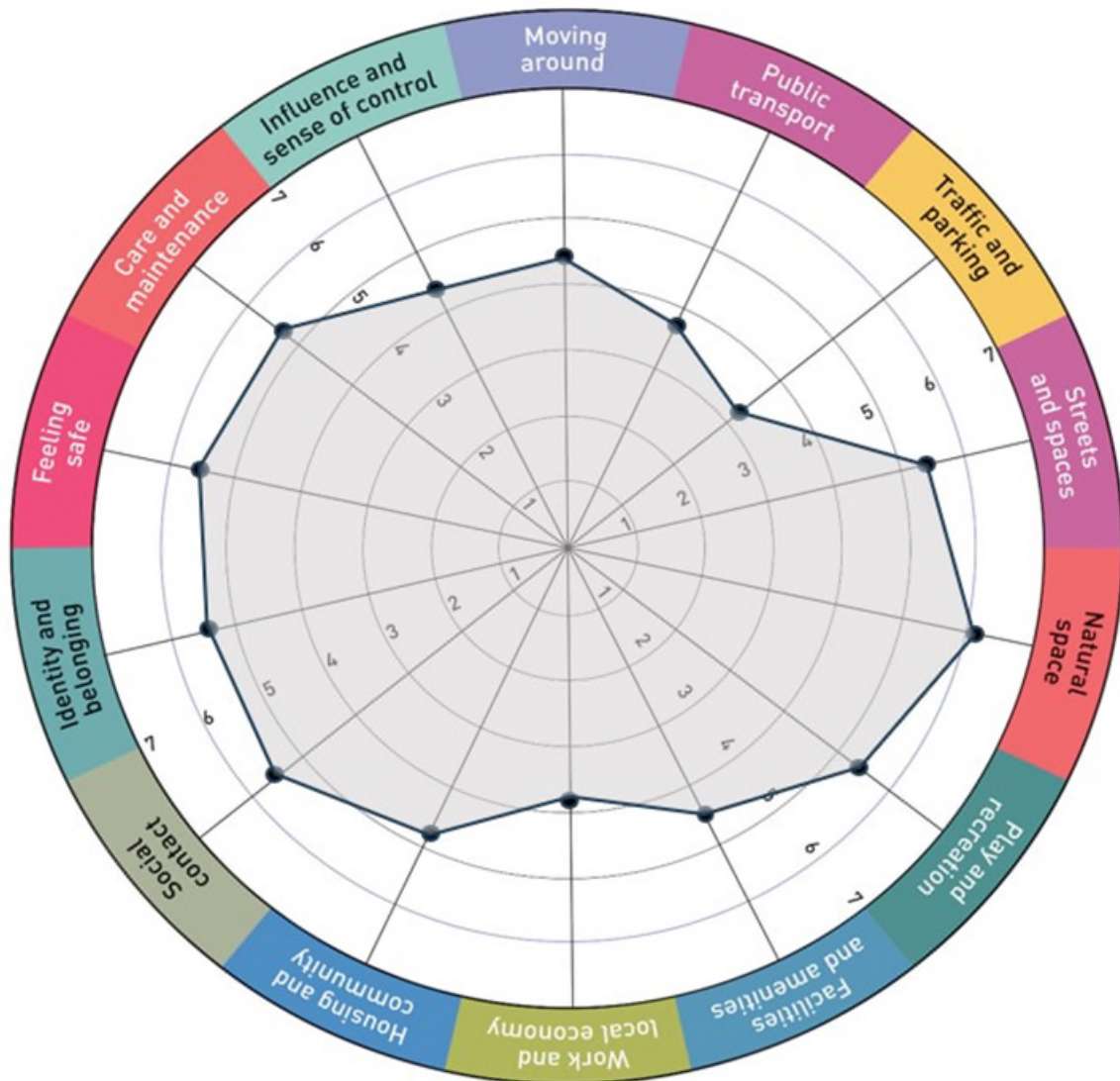
How people in Farnley Tyas scored their place, on a scale of 1 to 7, whilst talking about 14 different themes:

	Overall	Under 24	Age 25 to 44	Age 45 to 64	Age 65 to 75 +	Male	Female	Gender not specified
Moving around	4.4	2.0	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3
Public transport	3.7	1.0	3.6	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.9
Traffic & parking	3.2	1.3	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.0	2.9
Streets & spaces	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.8
Natural space	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.2	6.0	6.2
Play & recreation	5.4	3.3	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.7
Facilities & amenities	4.6	2.7	4.8	4.9	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.4
Work & local Economy	3.9	3.3	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.8
Housing & community	4.7	3.3	5	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.8	5.1
Social interaction	5.5	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.2	6.1
Identity & belonging	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.0	6.3
Feeling safe	5.6	4.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.9
Care & maintenance	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.8
Influence & sense of control	4.3	3.3	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.7

139 people participated in the Farnley Tyas conversations, completing **83** Place Standard assessments.

The overall scores are the **mean average** of the **83** assessments.

Overall scores for Farnley Tyas



Moving around	4.4
Natural space	6.1
Facilities & amenities	4.6
<i>Identity & belonging</i>	5.4
<i>Feeling safe</i>	5.6
<i>Social Interaction</i>	5.5
<i>Streets & spaces</i>	5.4

Public transport	3.7
Housing & community	4.7
Play & recreation	5.4
Care & maintenance	5.3
<i>Work & local economy</i>	3.9
<i>Traffic & parking</i>	3.2
<i>Influence & sense of control</i>	4.3

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