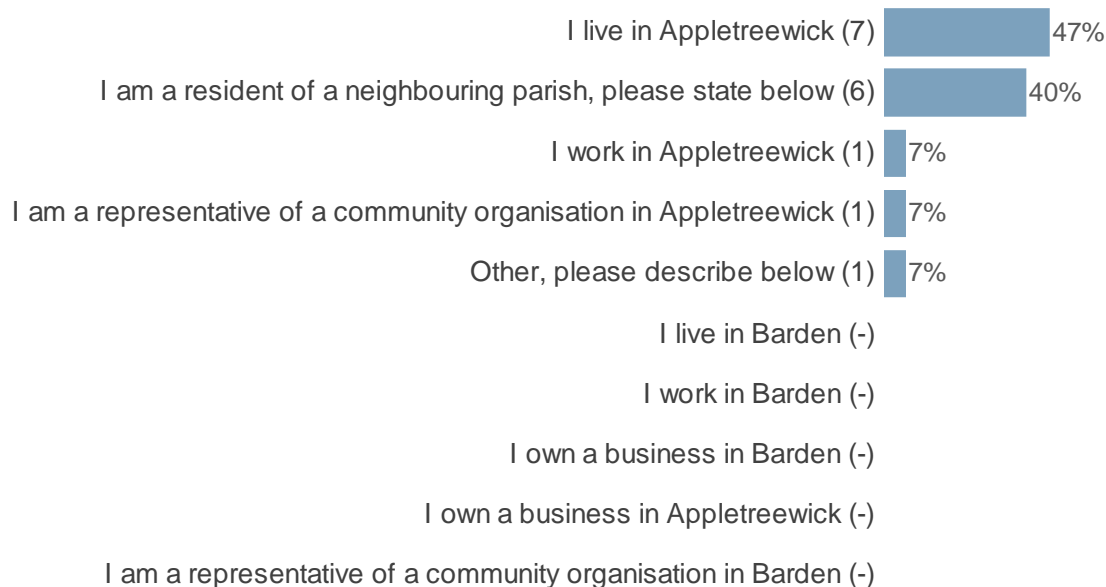


## 2025-26 CGR - Barden & Appletreewick

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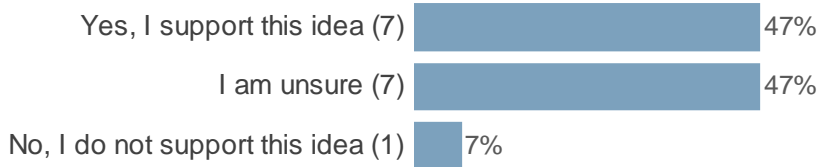
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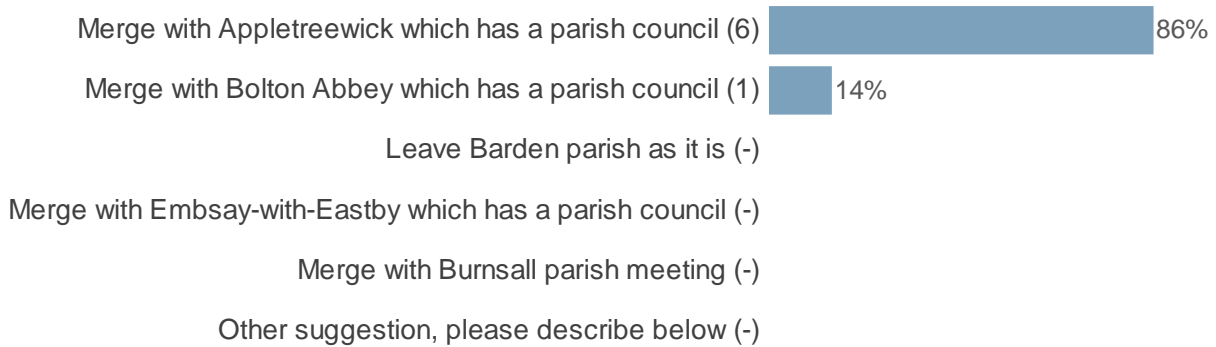
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There has been a request to merge Barden parish meeting with another neighbouring parish. What is your opinion?



If 'Yes', there are a number of potential options. Which do you feel would serve your parish better?



Why do you feel this is the most appropriate solution?

Merger of contiguous parishes with small populations should save effort and provide improved service. Barden and Appletreewick should be able to work well together, provided that the Council communicates effectively with residents.

The residents of Barden must decidex

I am not clear about what Parish Councils do. I do know what the governance is, who sits on the Parish Council, how Parish Councils are elected/formed, what the Parish Council powers/decision making is, what difference a merger of Councils may have etc...Nothing in this link tells me about what a Parish Council role is and how it could be improved by a merger. Some background information would be useful.

I do not think this is an appropriate idea

Appletreewick and Barden share community events, and highways.

Would there be a rise in council tax? How would the larger parish deal with a wider selection of issues?

I do not. I live in Embsay which is adjacent to Barden and Appletreewick, and whilst we are being consulted regarding this proposal I actually do not see it as being the business of anybody other than electors in Barden and Appletreewick.

Rural villages need to have local representation, merging into a larger council is not always beneficial.

## Why do you feel this is the most appropriate solution?

This is the first time I've been made aware of the thoughts of a merger ! One assumes the local parish councillors must have triggered this off. Due to these reasons I've ticked the " unsure " box. Will leave this up to the councillors and any others filling in the questionnaire who may have had more involvement than I have. Sorry that I cannot be any more helpful.

It's important to know the liabilities that Barden may bring. Who will have fiscal responsibilities... Would Barden residents join Appletreewick and Skyreholme for elections/ voting for councillors. There are a lot of questions that need answering before making a decision, so whilst in principle I am in favour....

Geographically it would work well.

In physical locality Barden and Appletreewick are close together and a merger is appropriate. Embsay etc are several miles away. As there are so many homes and holiday cottages a greater number of locals to work together for community benefit is important.

I personally feel that Appletreewick would be a good fit, in that they are adjacent.

## Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to governance in Barden parish?

No.

No

No comments as I do not understand what the Parish Council does ?

Why not merge with a smaller neighbouring parish,not embsay, as we are already paired with eastby

Please see my last comments

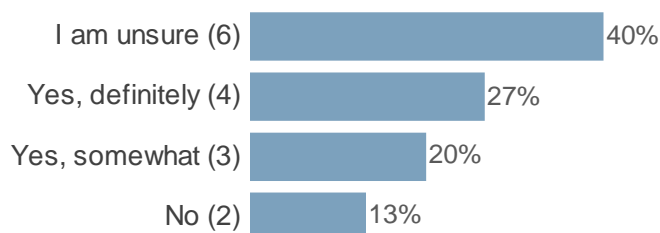
Not having any direct involvement in local politics I feel that I'm not in a position to contribute any further comments.

As previously stated. It's important to know the details. Is it just a matter of joining both parishes ( not sure if Barden has any councillors?) What will Barden bring to the parish of Appletreewick - both positive and negative. I am against a Parish Meeting. I feel that the Parish would need a "council" with some teeth, to bring things together - otherwise it is a case of parishioners turning up at a meeting - saying their part and not doing anything positive leaving it to others....and nothing really happening. With a council there is cohesion and some accountability. However, don't make small parishes overly bureaucratic...it's killing any enthusiasm for local governance.

NO

Currently they are a parish Meeting - joining Appletreewick would increase the demographic and pool for potential councillors.

## Do you think the proposed model will meet the needs of its community?



## Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

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No.

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No

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Please provide background information on role of Parish Council so that I can make an informed decision.

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I would like to see how a Emsay, Eastbu, Barden and Appletreewick council would work, surely a better match would be burnsall.

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You should not be consulting with people in adjacent parishes who are not going to be affected by any changes.

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Regarding the previous question I lack any information about " the model " Sorry I appear to be so negative but I feel that I have not been presented with sufficient information to answer the consultation very well !

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I believe that a Parish Meeting would 'dilute the local democracy' a parish meeting is an open gathering where all locals can attend and vote directly on parish affairs. This whilst providing a more immediate form of local governance - would create chaos and further encourages the domineering vocal sector of the parishioners - which isn't healthy. . The lack of formal structure may also make it harder to attract any dedicated volunteers. The parish would be no longer legally accountable, What would happen to their property and land? They can't bid for grants... Generally I am not in favour of just a Parish Meeting.

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Appletreewick has a good Village Hall - Seems very sensible the Review.

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The main problem with small parish councils is the small population they represent, the demographic - which is predominantly retired - second homes and distinct lack of youth etc and also a general apathy towards democracy until it affects....