**Village: Foxhole**

**Local Style:** Houses are typically Granite built cottages from pre 1900, all with slate roofs.

Newer additions have render, pebble-dash or slate front. Newer estates have

pockets of different styles, not all of which are in keeping.

There has been a couple of very recent addition clad houses which do not

enhance the local style.

Large traditional terraces throughout the village.

Houses are typically set back from the road with front and rear gardens, the

majority having off street parking.

**Scale:** Houses are one or two storey, any three storey have had loft conversions to

gain extra space. Flats have been made from larger old houses, the old spar

shop and chapel which still have their traditional exterior.

The village is long and thin bordering the main road with no centre. A few

estates branch off the main road most being within the north of the village.

There are also three caravan sites, the largest Gainsborough Park set high on

the East has fantastic views over the Parish.

**History:** The village was previously two villages of Carpalla and foxhole, which have

long ago merged to become foxhole.

It's a traditional clay village with many of the terraces being built to house

clay workers. Clay works can be seen on both sides through the Mica Dam

(west), Blackpool pit (east) and the tanks at Goverseth (north.) The clay

railway line boarders the village on the West side and almost follows parallel

to the road through the village.

The Engine house, which forms part of the Mica Dam had the last working

engine in Cornwall. This has since been removed.

The beacon is a key feature of the village and can be seen by nearly every

house within the village. Named St Stephen's Beacon it actually resides in

Foxhole.

The old Chapel has been converted into flats, which was the only religious

building within the village. The school, and shop-former post office are two

existing features still in use. The chip shop, social club and football club have

also been long standing features of the village.

**Identity:** The purpose of the village was for Clay workers and the clay village identity

still holds strong. The village has found itself to be three sections, Top, Middle

and Bottom due to it having no centre and the linear structure.

The large traditional terraces and individual granite houses are vital for

reinforcing the identity of the village.

Residents like the traditional nature and look of the village with good

connections to nearby towns.

**Setting, Skyline and views:** Foxhole is set on the side of a valley, with Blackpool pit to the east and the Mica Dam at the bottom of the Valley, on the west. To the North of the

village the beacon and clay tanks boarder the village of the west. Clay tips

and workings form a large part of the surrounding area. Also green fields can

be seen bordering the rears of the properties on the main road, something

many locals would like to see preserved. A windmill has become part of the

skyline at Carpalla.

**Green Space:** The Village Green, and old clay pit in the centre of the village is used by lots

of dog walkers and provides a great communal space that needs protecting.

The beacon as mentioned is another large green space that dominates the

village, although privately owned, right of way falls across it and the public

are allowed to use this, another area that needs protecting.

At the North is the football fields and recreation ground, which also has a

play park. The football club have been running for a number of years and

hold lots of community events.

Agricutural land that boarder the properties on the main roads are mainly

used for agricultural grazing or horses. Residents feel strongly that these

shouldn't be developed, especially with so much clay working and brown field

sites within the area.

Properties typically have private gardens to the front and rear. Hedgerows

boarder the roads on the way to and from the village and form areas within

the village along with a number of grass verges.

**Commercial Buildings:** The Shop-former Post Office, Chip Shop and school are the only commercial buildings left within the village. The larger spar shop and lots of smaller shops

that were within the village have now become residential properties. There

are two clubs, the social club and football club which provide entertainment.

The GP Surgery is in the centre of the village, but is only open part time.

**Connectivity:** Pavements throughout the village means within it, there are good walking

connections, along with lots of footpath routes.

Bus stops are frequent although the bus service is limited.

The two lane highway throughout provides the most frequently used service,

although parking along the main road, especially where new houses and

estates have not provided enough parking, can be an issue. Parking is an area

that could be improved through a village car park and something that should

be implemented in new developments.