

### Letter of Support Request

The Kirkbymoorside History Group has been working on preserving, recording and promoting the history and memories of places, residents and events since its creation in 2000. The group is a small working group, funded by grants and profits of its publications with the aim of encouraging all ages to become more aware and involved in our town's heritage and history.

We have worked alongside the library, schools, community groups and other individuals and are currently working on two joint books, a future publication; as well as assisting in bringing about two new projects and running bi-monthly exhibitions.

The Kirkbymoorside History Group is hoping to submit an application for a Heritage Lottery Grant to enable the group to purchase and equip a converted shipping container. This will form the basis for a recognisable archival storage facility for the history group, which is desperately needed if the group is to continue. The artefacts, material and documentation now held by the group have almost exceeded its ability to store and catalogue.

The application will be for the sum of £6,000 and will be to purchase, insulate and line a 20ft container, install a power supply and fit out with basic shelving, lighting and archival storage. The group is identifying ways to cover the rent and has raised enough to cover the first two years.

We would ask the town council to confirm their support for this project to create a permanent base for an archive within the town and for the ongoing work undertaken by the Kirkbymoorside History Group.

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Secretary KHG