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**KIRKBYMOORSIDE PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Ms Bolland

Your membership of Rural Action Yorkshire is due for renewal on 22/07/16.

We hope that you are able to continue supporting our work in this way. As a charitable organisation we depend upon grants, donations and other fundraising activities and try to ensure we have a wide variety of support across our area.

**Are you getting the most out of your RAY membership?**

**Our website** [www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk) is updated every week with new factsheets, funding ideas, online training and lots of sources of help and inspiration.

**Have you created an account with our website?** Members get access to more content. Click on 'log in' at the top to register; it helps us if you choose a username which relates to your organisation so we recognise you. Create as many accounts as your group needs: anyone can access the membership content, not just the secretary!

**Are you receiving our e-bulletins and Country Air?** We send emails once every month to our members, so you don't miss important news, or any new resources on our website. Country Air magazine is posted to you twice a year.

**Events and training workshops:** full details on our website. Come and meet other groups who are local to you- our events are great for networking. Don't forget our **AGM** is also a chance for you to vote and have your say about our charity.

**Tell us your news and stories,** we love to hear your success stories and share them with others. Hearing your updates helps us to keep in touch with you and your networks and to give priorities to our Work Programme.

**Fan of social media?** We're on Twitter (@RuralYorkshire) and Facebook.

To renew your membership please return the enclosed subscription form.

We look forward to working with you again this year.

Yours sincerely

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## Inspiring Members

**Hellifield** used a community led plan to attract funding to their village. They were able to turn a church hall into a youth facility. This has since grown into a community cafe.

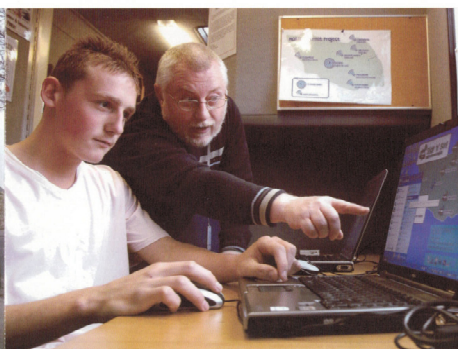
**Hovingham Village Hall** improved their facilities and upgraded their kitchen. Now they have an award-winning monthly market with an extremely successful community cafe.

Since its start, over £20,000 has been raised and ploughed back into the local community.

**Saltburn Methodist Hall** had an energy audit and received help with business planning and funding. They then replaced their boiler and introduced energy efficient lighting. The hall is now an inviting place to meet.

Visit the RAY website to learn more about these projects by reading case studies and watching our videos.

Meet other Members at RAY events - network with others and share ideas.



## Learn more online

Our website has inspiring ideas and practical advice. There are areas for community buildings, community led plans and our projects. Members can receive e bulletins.

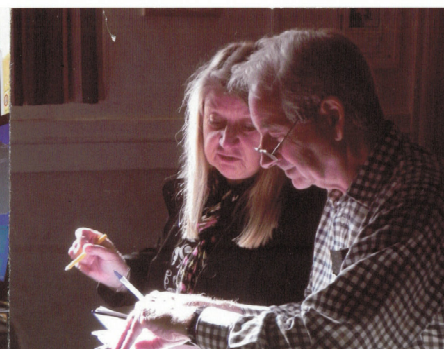
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We're on Facebook and share videos on You Tube and photos on Flickr.



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## Rural Action Yorkshire



Working to improve the quality of life for people living and working in rural Yorkshire

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## Securing the Future



**Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY)** is an independent charity which works with local communities to improve the quality of life for all people living and working in rural Yorkshire.



Rural communities face a number of challenges, from accessing services, and managing community buildings, through to keeping community spirit alive and getting residents involved in where they live.

**RAY** believes that community groups and buildings are invaluable assets which lie in the heart of a community.

**By becoming a RAY member you are helping to secure the future of your community.**



## Practical help For Members



**RAY offers members support and advice:**



- Business planning - from how to get the best from a building for the whole community, to how to maximise community engagement.
- Keeping up to date with new legislation, such as the Localism Act, licensing, or trusteeship.
- Know-how for community groups—how to secure funding, running committees and finding volunteers.
- E-bulletins, training events and more help online.
- Networking opportunities where you can share ideas and best practice.
- **RAY** represents rural communities at local, regional and national level giving you a say in decisions affecting you.