

# RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM

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Ms L Bolland  
The Town Clerk  
Kirkbymoorside Town Council  
The Shambles  
Crown Square  
Kirkbymoorside  
YO62 6AY

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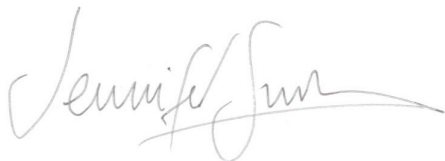
*Dear Ms Bolland*

In 2008, Kirkbymoorside Town Council agreed to loan Ryedale Folk Museum a funeral bier. I understand that it was found under the library in the cellars. It arrived to the Museum in poor condition and has been renovated by the Museum's volunteers. I have enclosed a copy of the object entry form, which shows the arrangements of the loan between the Town Council and the Museum. I have also enclosed a 'note sheet' which details what is known about the bier.

I am writing to ask if the Town Council would be prepared to donate the funeral bier to Ryedale Folk Museum. I think it would be a very appropriate addition to the Museum's permanent collection. I hope the Town Council members would agree that Ryedale Folk Museum would be a 'good home' for the bier both now and into the future.

I would be grateful if you can propose this idea to the Town Council members. If you or they have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. If the proposal is accepted, then we would simply need to complete a new object entry form which shows the permanent transfer of the bier from the Town Council to the Museum. A member of the Town Council, with authority, would need to sign the form. A copy is then retained by the Museum and a copy is given to you for the Town Council's records.

Yours sincerely,



Jennifer Smith  
Director

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**Ryedale Folk Museum in the North York Moors National Park**

Museum patrons: Lady Feversham and Eric Knowles

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**MUSEUM OBJECT ENTRY FORM**

<b>MUSEUM NAME:</b> <b>RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM</b> Hutton le Hole, YO62 6UA Telephone: (01751) 417367		<b>Form No:</b> 1113
Received from: Address: Mr Tony Clark 26 Westfield Mews Kirkby Moorside Tel No:	Owner (if different): Address: Town Council Kirkby Moorside Tel No:	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT/COLLECTION</b> (note obvious damage, & any related information eg. when, where, or how was it found or used; names, dates & details of the people who made or previously owned it, etc. <i>Continue on a new sheet if necessary</i> )  <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">           1x funeral bier, found under the library in the cellars.            arrived in poor condition - has been renovated            bought by town in the 1890's, used by all. Parish Bier.         </div>		
Total no. of items:		
<b>REASON FOR ENTRY</b> (tick as applicable, and sign) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Donation</b> - I offer to donate the object(s) listed above to the museum's governing body. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sale</b> - I offer to sell the object(s) listed above to the museum's governing body (price sought £.....). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Loan</b> - I offer to loan the object(s) listed above for the use of the museum's governing body for a period of ..... months. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Identification</b> - I leave the object(s) listed above for identification & undertake to collect these no later than 4 weeks from today. I confirm that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, & that I accept the terms and conditions described overleaf.  Signed: <i>h g Clark</i> Date: 20.5.2008		
<b>ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT (DONATIONS/SALES ONLY)</b> (tick as applicable, and sign) <input type="checkbox"/> I, the owner, confirm that I have undisputed title to the object(s) listed above, with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title to the museum's governing body. <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I, the depositor acting on behalf of the owner(s), confirm that the owner(s) have undisputed title to the object(s) listed above, with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title to the museum's governing body, & that I am authorised by the owner(s) to act on their behalf to that effect. The title in the objects listed above, & subject to the conditions overleaf, is hereby transferred to the governing body of the museum.  Signed: <i>h g Clark</i> Date: 20.5.2008		
<b>MUSEUM SIGNATORY</b> Receipt of the object(s) described above is hereby acknowledged.  Signed: <i>W K Sumner</i> Date: 20.5.2008 <small>on behalf of the museum's governing body</small>		

<b>RETURN OF OBJECT TO OWNER</b> (tick as applicable, and sign) I, the depositor/owner, acknowledge the return of the object(s) described above in a satisfactory condition following: <input type="checkbox"/> identification <input type="checkbox"/> the end of the period of loan <input type="checkbox"/> the museum's governing body declining to accept the donation, loan or purchase of the object(s)  Signed: _____ Countersigned (for museum): _____ Date: _____		
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## Notes on Town Bier

Parish meeting April 29 1897

Consider celebrations of Diamond Jubilee

1. Public urinal in Market Place where pump now stands.
2. A recreation ground
3. A public Bier
4. Repair footpath on West Field- Howelands to new road
5. Lay out Vivers Hill as a pleasure ground.
6. Secure Manor Vale and lay out as a pleasure ground.
7. Inaugurate a movement for erection of public baths and a Free Library.
8. Restore Market Cross.

Meeting Jan 12 1898

Mr. Harrison stated that Mr. Hugil West End would give £1 towards the cost of a public bier similar to those in use at Helmsley. Mr. Harrison proposed that the Clerk write to each religious denomination in the Town and ask them to fix a Sunday on which they will have a collection in aid of a fund to purchase a Bier to become the property of the Town and to be used free of charge by any parishioner desiring its use.

May 1898

View Helmsley Bier and get a cost.

Nov. 1898

Committee have viewed Helmsley Bier made by Mr. Chapman for £10 but an outlay of £1 more a top could be made to lift.

Council agreed that the Bier should be made in Kirkby and that the Yorkshire Drill Co. be asked to quote a price.

March 1899

Councillor Harrison stated that the public Bier was finished and proposed it should be kept in the same building as the Fire Engine and any one wanting it should apply to the person who has charge of the Fire Engine and that the Overseer make arrangements further.

Feb 1911

Proposed that the Drill Co. be asked to give an estimate of the expense of doing up the Parish Bier.

March 1911

Accepted estimate from Yorkshire Drill Co. To do up Parish Bier.

March 1944

The Clerks attention has been called to the bad state of the Parish Bier, but he said that the council not being a Burial Authority could do nothing to assist its repair.

Bier stored under Library 1943, Possibly not used after this date.