



26th January, 2019

Dear Cllrs,

To mark the Millennium a garden alongside the A170 was designed by Kirkbymoorside Junior School and funded by the Town Council. Initially the garden was also maintained by the school, but for a number of years now that maintenance has been carried out by Kirkbymoorside In Bloom group on a volunteering basis.

The time has come for that garden to be completely revamped; the current planting has totally outgrown its environment, is demanding in maintenance and is, quite simply, past its sell-by-date. We are very fortunate in having Joan Brewer as a member of our group who is a professional garden designer, also having owned and run her own nursery business. Joan has very kindly volunteered her considerable expertise in drawing up a design for the area, bringing all year interest and sensory elements to produce an attractive area with minimum maintenance. Joan and her husband David have also made the very generous offer of funding and completing the planting. I am happy to provide the design, which may be subject to some degree of change dependent on the cleared area, plant size and availability.

However, before work can start, the area needs totally clearing, involving heavy mechanics to clear roots. We have ascertained with NYCC Highways that this will not be an issue for them. We are also in contact with a contractor who is prepared to complete the work for us. It is anticipated that the cost will be a minimum of £500; we are awaiting confirmation of this figure. This work will need to be completed before the Spring to avoid the nesting time frame. The majority of the planting will be completed in the Spring. As Chairman, I have liaised with the Community Junior School who are fully supportive of the project. I would also liaise with the immediate neighbour prior to commencement of work.

Given our group's physical and financial input, principally with Mr and Mrs Brewer, it has been the decision of our members that the Town Council be approached to cover the cost of the clearing work.

This will be an area to be enjoyed not only by the many residents walking by, or sitting on the bench nearby, but by the passing traffic on the A170.

Should any further details be required please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Gaynor De Barr,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G.P. De Barr'.

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