Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 15 September 2025

Request to re-site the Memorial Bench near the junction of Old Road and the A170

I have been asked to contact you by James Draper the community safety officer at the council (North Yorkshire Council) regarding the repositioning of the bench at the bottom of old road, we have lived here 8 years and youths and girls and sometimes drunk adults congregated around this bench late at night and early morning often until 2:30am shouting drinking and playing loud music, which as you can imagine disturbs us the last year has got worse and I reported to the police. I asked the council (North Yorkshire Council) regarding if this Bench could be moved or removed, James asked my suggestion and I said end of road out of Keldholme onto A170 as there is a large area and no residential properties for them to disturb. The residents in the property just behind the Bench put up a fence as well as hedge to try to shield from noise but they have now relocated to Japan and the house is now rented and new tenants only been in 2/3weeks.

I know the bench has been there a long time and donated but unfortunately the lack of facilities and security cameras has now moved the young from playing field play park etc into finding new places to congregate and the repositioning of the bench would take the nuscience away from a residential area. Hope this explains the problem



Proposed new location of the Memorial Bench outside the sports field on A170.

Information

The proposed location is part of the already designated wildflower verge and would be in closer proximity to the road. In order for the Town Council to consider the relocation it would be necessary for NYC to confirm that a street furniture licence would be supported.

The existing location was chosen as it provided an opportunity for residents to rest when walking to and from Keldholme and the town centre. The seat is responsibly used by many residents. Should consideration be given to its relocation, in addition to confirmation by Highways that the proposed location is appropriate, the proposal would need to be supported, ideally by more than one household, in the interest of democracy.