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2025 CHRISTMAS REPORT

The Town Council receives a very generous financial contribution every year from Ravenswick Hall, designated to the town Christmas decorations. All costs are designated to Cost Code 5 as non-precept funds.

The Christmas lights comprise a Commercial element, installed by Blachere Illumination, and the non commercial element consisting of icicle lights, installed by the Town Clerk and Harry and Kane from Ravenswick Hall.

COMMERCIAL LIGHTING – A170 roundabout and motifs

Consisting of the festoon lighting display on the A170 roundabout. The lighting system was designed and supplied by Rosedale Lighting Ltd in October 2018, generously gifted to the town by Lesley Temple: 120 LED lamp set formed into 8 x 6mt looms with 15 lamps per loom to form a Christmas Tree effect supported from a specifically installed NAL socket and column with 150 watt weatherproof LED driver and distribution box.

Town tree lighting:

Star Christmas display for the town tree – TLE025R Star 0.70m x 0.50m

Town Christmas tree on Market Place - LED Sparklight 24V Pure White (L:75.00m) PW:30w *

There are 5no. cross road motifs on Howe End, West End, Tinley Garth, Crown Square north of the Memorial Hall and Crown Square o/s the Spar.

Motifs are mounted on the lighting columns for the length of Piercy End, Market Place, including 2no, on Chisholms Monument and 1no. on Church Street, and High Market Place.

NON-COMMERCIAL LIGHTING – Icicle lights

Icicle lights are installed, where feasible, outside the businesses on Piercy End, Market Place and High Market Place. The lights are connected by permission of those premises that can offer a convenient connection, indicated by * on the list below. The icicle lighting scheme includes:

Piercy End:

*Ginger Hall Café

*Scrumptious Deli

Rest, Relax & Restore and the Barbers (*flat above Rest Relax & Restore)

*Vault Studios

*The Lemon Tree to Wainds Butchers

Market Place:

*The Moorside Café to Kitching Walker Solicitors

*Boulton Cooper Estate Agents & Essential Beauty

*Home Decorating Centre to Essential Beauty

The Gallery (West End) to *Something Special

*Something Special, Jems Har Design, The Black Swan, Thomas's, George & Dragon

Penny Bank Café, Comb & Craft, The Moorside Store, Little Years Nursery to Love My Hair Premier and Children in Distress

*Memorial Hall, Rounthwaite & Woodhead and Age UK

Church Street:

*Towlers Chemist to Kitching Walker

*The White Swan, JB Spice to Towlers Chemist

*Smailes Goldie Group to The Looking Glass

*The Moorside Room

Crown Square

*Watkins Wright

*Charlotte Elizabeth, Studio E & Country Dog Groomers

*JRA

High Market Place

*Post Office to Kings Head

*Ing's Head

*The Library

It takes a team of two approximately 30 hours to put up the icicle lights and another 20 hours to remove them each year (100 hours labour) This exercise is done by Harry and Kane from Ravenswick Hall, at no additional charge. Their participation in this exercise is invaluable and hugely appreciated.

Traditionally there have been two town Christmas trees, One on the Market Place cobbles and one in All Saints churchyard. These have always (for lack of any documentation to indicate when the arrangement begun) been gifted to the town by Ravenswick Estate originally and then Holts Farms. Thanks to the enormous generosity of James Holt and family.

Unfortunately, this year there are no longer suitable trees on the estate to be able to continue this arrangement. Thanks go to the Holt family for their contribution of the town Christmas trees for the duration of this arrangement.

For the first time this year's Christmas trees have had to be sourced and in the interest of supporting the local economy they have been purchased from Sevenoaks Farm in Great Edstone. Five trees have been installed as part of the town decorations at a total cost of £225 + VAT including free delivery. The two main trees on the Market Place cobbles and in All Saints' churchyard, and one outside The Moorside Room on Church Street, Love My Hair on Market Place and the Library on High Market Place. The main trees are smaller than usual, at 12ft. However, this has allowed for them to be placed in the town tree planters, refurbished by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk has also provided suitable planters to accommodate the remaining three trees.

The main tree has been placed more centrally on the cobbles, outside Peter Illingworth Estate Agents and will be dressed by Blachere Illumination when they come to connect all the lights in good time for the Christmas market on 29 November. The lights will be connected to the nearest lighting column as opposed to the usual connection above the Spar. This will incur an additional charge of £125 + Vat for a double socket and extension mount.

Thanks to Steve Jacobs and Josh Shields for helping the clerk to install the Christmas trees on Sunday 16 November. Thanks also to Mark Robinson for installing the safety fencing around the Market Place tree.

The Town Council's Christmas decorations are fabulously complimented by the bracket mounted Christmas trees. This is an entirely independent scheme run by Julie Watson and Frances Woodhams.

Cost Code 5

Description	Net	Vat	Total
Icicle Lights	76.64	15.34	91.98
Icicle Lights	41.66	8.33	49.99
Icicle Lights	87.47	17.50	104.97
Bracket Christmas Tree for Moorside Room	16.00		16.00
Christmas Trees	225.00	45.00	270.00
Signwriting on 'Welcome to Kirkbymoorside' information panel- Xmas Market	20.00		20.00
	£466.77	£86.17	£552.94