WELCOME TO KIRKBYMOORSIDE

'Kirby', as it's known locally, is an historic market town with essential amenities and a population of around 3,500, giving it the feel of a large village. Its pretty market place, Memorial Hall and independent shops make it a charming place to visit.

The town's streets reflect its rich history, from the carved porch of the Black Swan and the 13th-century George & Dragon Inn to the Georgian and Victorian facades around the market place.

Surrounded by stunning North Yorkshire countryside, with the North York Moors to the north and the Howardian Hills to the south, Kirkbymoorside is an ideal base for scenic walks and cycle rides, including Manor Vale's ancient woodland and ruined castle, as well as nearby villages and market towns.

TOWN MARKET

Started in 1254, the weekly market is held on Wednesdays with a variety of individual stalls lining the cobbled main street.

MUSIC

There is a long tradition of music in the town, and our claim to fame is the Kirkbymoorside Town Brass Band whose performances are always sold out. The band, who celebrated their Bi-Centenary in 2015, has enjoyed success at regional and national competitions.

SPORT

The Sportsfield offers bowling, squash, tennis, football and a pigeon flying club, with covered padel courts at WePadel. Each spring, around 1,000 runners join the scenic and challenging Kirkbymoorside 10K.

SPOT THE TV LOCATION

Kirkbymoorside is home to Ryedale Auctioneers, run by TV's 'Yorkshire Auctioneer' Angus Ashworth, and Grace Lane Vets, featured on The Yorkshire Vet. The town has also appeared on Escape to the Country and Our Yorkshire Pub Rescue, while nearby Pickering hosts Mathewson's Classic Car Auctions of Bangers and Cash fame.

GOLF COURSE

Ranked among Yorkshire's top 30 courses, Kirkbymoorside Golf Club offers a challenging layout in peaceful rural surroundings, with immaculate fairways, fast greens and a welcoming clubhouse. The view from the 13th tee across the moors is one of the finest in the North of England.

WOODLANDS

Manor Vale Wood is an ancient semi-natural woodland and conservation site, rich in wildlife and ideal for walking. Highlights include a 17th-century ash tree and the remains of Neville Castle, once part of the Neville estate.

TRANSPORT

There are bus links to Helmsley (and from there onto York), and to Pickering (and from there to Scarborough and the Yorkshire Coast). In the summer the friendly Moorsbus service lets you explore the North York Moors, quaint villages, abbeys and visitor attractions across outlying areas.

For more information on what the town has to offer, local accommodation, events and attractions go to: kirkbymoorsidetown.co.uk. To explore more of North Yorkshire go to: visitnorthyorkshire.com

Look for the History Trail information boards around the town and discover Kirkbymoorside's long and rich history. History Trail leaflets and local information are available free from the library which is on the left as you leave the car park on foot onto High Market Place and from the SPAR shop in Market Place.

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