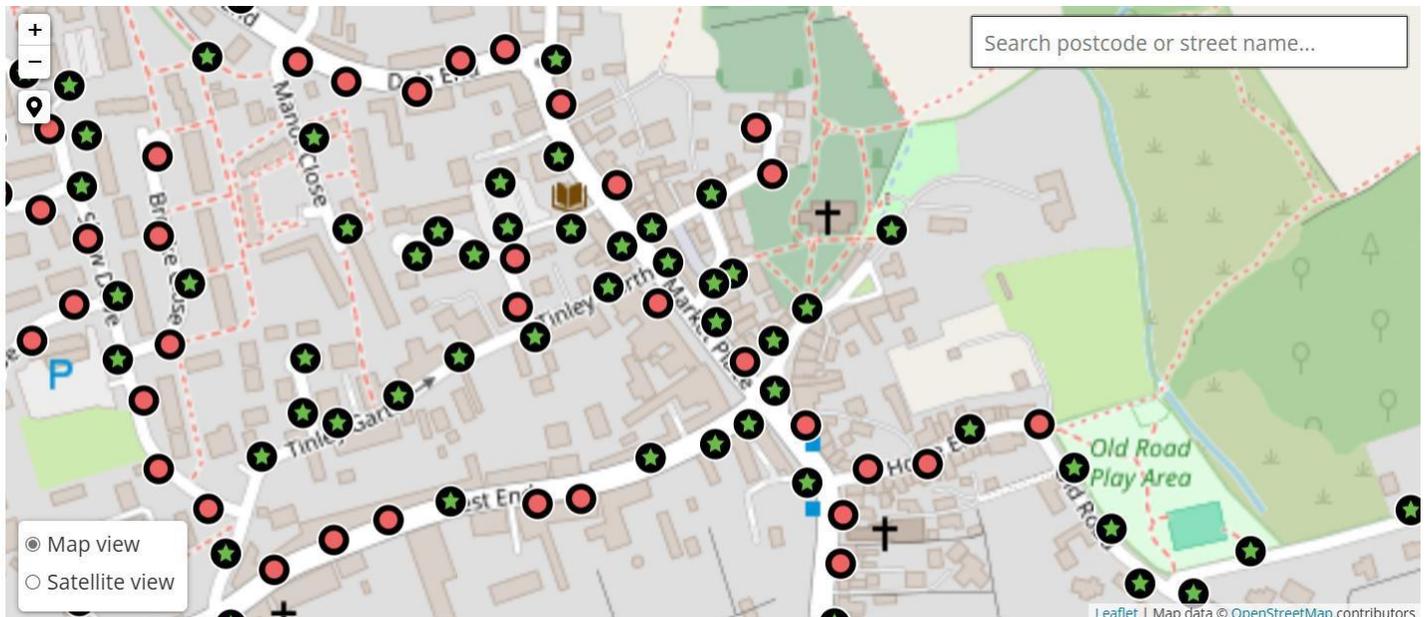


Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 16 March 2026

14. To consider reapplying to North Yorkshire Council for a review of the street lighting schedule with a view to reducing the number of all night lights in support of Dark Skies

Town street lighting schedule



● red indicates the lantern is already part night (off from midnight to 5am)

★ green indicates the lantern is on all night

North Yorkshire Council Street Lighting Part Night Photocell Selection Criteria:

A Street light can be part night lit provided NONE of these criteria applies:

1. Main traffic routes and road junctions.
2. Significant nighttime RTCs.
3. Hazards: traffic calming, bumps & crossings (except 20mph) e.g. chicanes, build-outs, but not traffic islands.
4. Town centers with nighttime activity.
5. Council or Police CCTV operational areas.
6. 24-hour operational emergency services (including hospitals).
7. Lights outside registered sheltered accommodation & warden controlled accommodation
8. Significant relevant nighttime crime or anti-social behavior.
9. Wayfinders.
10. Not Adopted yet.

Recommendation by Mike Hawtin, Head of Nature Recovery Projects, North York Moors National Park Authority, in the interest of supporting Dark Skies, is part night lighting which goes off at midnight and back on at 5am.

Information received 13 March 2026 from North Yorkshire Council Street Lighting.

Pursuant to Minute 25187 dated 16 February 2026 wherein ..'Cllr Dowie proposed that the Town Council's previous application to North Yorkshire Council for a review of the street lighting schedule should be revisited with a view to reducing the number of all night lights and requested an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting regarding Dark Skies. **Agreed.**'

In town and village centres we keep a number of lights on all night for public safety and would not promote part switch off in main areas of Kirkbymoorside.

This rationale was decided by councillors back in the mid 2010s.

In a wider context also the current decorative lighting within the centre has little control over upward lighting given the deep bowl style.

Its a balance between maintaining heritage style lighting or more functional lighting which can control upward light escape but the only way to fully control upward light would be to remove the exiting units and fit conventional style lanterns.

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History of enquiries relating to street lighting in support of 'Dark Skies'

Pursuant to Minute 24119 dated 18 November 2024 enquiries were made of North Yorkshire Council Street Lighting as to whether it would be possible to adjust the schedule to reduce the number of street lights on all night by a quarter.

The response received from North Yorkshire Council Street Lighting (reported at the meeting dated 20 January 2025) is as follows:



NYC have already been through the process of identifying assets in areas which can be switched to part night operation against the set criteria provided previously.

The pressure to reduce energy consumption meant the decisions taken at the time were more in favour of part night rather than all night operation with more assets set to part night than all night.

Likewise the same methodology was considered with former RDC assets now under our control.

Having looked at the current all night/part night locations I cannot see areas where we could reduce by 25% the number of all night assets, other than some small pockets.

The introduction of LED lanterns does mean upward light/sky glow is more controlled and we are due to assess the former Ryedale area in full as part of our LED replacement programme but surveys are still to be completed with works in this area not scheduled until 2026.

Those assets converted previously to LED will remain but any existing standard functional 'older style' lighting will be replaced with LED variants.

As we get closer to survey and planning I will include yourself in our plans moving forward.

Regards

Neil Jackson

Minute 24157 dated 20 January 2025 Agenda item 10. Street Lighting and Dark Skies

- a. Cllr Coughlan proposed to consider item e. in respect of concerns raised by a member of the public in respect of night light pollution from business premises in the town. Agreed.
The member of the public explained their concerns about the night light pollution from the industrial properties, particularly but not limited to the premises at the junction of Ings Lane and the A170. This is evidenced by the photographs provided (refer to the supporting document) which clearly evidence the amount of light emitted from Yorkshire Laundry, Sylatech, Ryedale Printers, Jet petrol station and Grace Lane vets. The intensity of the night light is impacting the local wildlife as demonstrated by the sound of bird song late at night when the skies should be completely dark. The member of the public asked if it would be possible to request the businesses to review their night light settings and commented that where lights are necessary for the purpose of security, motion activated lights are more effective than lights left on all the time as they provide an alert as to movement on the premises. This would also offer environmental and cost benefits.
Another member of the public added their observation that some of the premises at the business centre on West End also have high intensity lighting on late at night.
Cllr Riby commented that the night lights of many of the commercial premises are not for security purposes but for advertising. He considered it appropriate that the Town Council should make representation to the businesses concerned to voice concerns of the residents.
Cllr Dowie proposed the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council contact the local businesses to politely enquire as to the necessity of their night lights in order to bring to their attention the impact of light pollution and appeal to them, where possible to make adjustments. **Agreed.**
- b. It was noted that 6no. lanterns on Swineherd Lane require upgrading to LEDs. The allocation of a ceiling budget of £2,660 (£360 + VAT per fitting plus £500 contingency for replacement brackets and boxes if necessary) from cost code 30 to cover the upgrades was **agreed.**
- c. Information was **received** from North Yorkshire Council in response to the request for a review of the street lighting schedule. Cllr Dowie expressed frustration and disappointment that whilst North Yorkshire Council have determined that it would not be possible to reduce the all night lighting by 25% in Kirkbymoorside, consideration will not be given to a more modest reduction by addressing the 'small pockets' that have been identified as areas where the lights might be changed from all night to part night.
- d. Information on North Yorkshire Council's proposed streetlight upgrade to help protect dark skies was **received**. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crrwrwzqd2jo>
- e. Consideration was given to the Town Council making arrangements for a presentation by Mike Hawtin, Head of Nature Recovery Projects, North York Moors National Park Authority on Dark Skies. Cllr Dowie explained that the subject of 'Dark Skies' would be of interest to all local parish

councils and their respective environment groups and inviting attendance to a presentation will encourage an increased awareness of how to protect and promote dark skies. The proposal was **agreed** and the clerk will make arrangements with Mike Hawtin for a presentation to be hosted locally, courtesy of the Town Council.

October 2025 – Exchange of Information between Mike Hawtin, NYMNPA and Lisa Bolland, Town Clerk to ascertain any options available to Kirkbymoorside Town Council to promote Dark Skies:

MH NYMNPA - One option might be converting some lights to part night (they go out at around midnight and come back on at 5am) which Helmsley TC recently did (with NYMNP support) with all of their adopted lights. This could be applied to both NYC and TC owned lights.

LB KTC - The Town Council has already engaged with North Yorkshire Council and there is a programme of part night and all night lights. The Town Council has also asked if it would be possible to review the plan, specifically for the town centre where there are the most all night lights, and it was determined that there was no scope to adjust the current arrangements.

I will be interested to hear the response from your contact at NYC. On the basis of the information shared it seems that where possible the lights have already been programmed to part night and the upgraded lanterns minimise upward illumination. The other opportunities apply to private and commercial premises. If there are any other recommendations that could be considered by the Town Council please let me know.

MH NYMNPA - I haven't heard back from NYC on what else might be possible but given all/most of your lights are part night where possible but not in the centre – this is the same for Helmsley. I did wonder whether there was a better lower glare option for the heritage lanterns but I'll have to discuss with NYC.

Minute 25187 dated 16 February 2026 Agenda item 12.

The request by a member of the public to North Yorkshire Council Street Lighting for the addition of a shield to lantern LP3 on Crown Square was **agreed**. The request for reduced night light within the Conservation area was also considered. Cllr Dowie proposed that the Town Council's previous application to North Yorkshire Council for a review of the street lighting schedule should be revisited with a view to reducing the number of all night lights and requested an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting regarding Dark Skies. **Agreed**.

In the interest of expediency, Cllr Coughlan proposed to delegate authority to the clerk to respond on behalf of the Town Council in support of any/all future applications for the addition of lantern shades. **Agreed**.

Email issued by Town Clerk dated 18 February 2026

Please be advised that the Town Council have approved the request, detailed per Reference CS15/1496, for application of a shade to LP3 on Crown Square, Kirkbymoorside.

Please accept this email as instruction to progress with an order for supply and installation of the shade.

I look forward to confirmation of the same by reply.

Additionally, the Town Council would like to initiate a review of the lighting schedule with a view to reducing the number of all night lights. Please would you also refer this request to the appropriate personnel.

Response dated 13 March 2026 detail at top of article.