

THE Moorsider



SUMMER 2024

KIRKBYMOORSIDE TOWN COUNCIL

Kirkbymoorside Town Council is pleased to welcome Chris Bettany and Hilary Shields, who were elected by co-option at the Ordinary meeting in March. At this year's annual Town Council meeting on 20 May the Town Council elected Councillor Joe Coughlan Town Mayor and Councillor Jean Illingworth was elected Deputy Mayor.

TOWN MAYOR CLLR JOE COUGHLAN



Joe and his family have been based here now over twenty years. Joe works at Ampleforth College, drawing on his professional background working both in Britain and abroad, and applying his experience as a photographer and communications officer.

In a personal capacity Joe has been an active supporter of Scouts UK and has been Chair of 1st Kirkby Scouts and Ryedale District Scouts Council, the role for which includes responsibility as Chair of Trustees and Ryedale Scout Executive.

Joe has served on Kirkbymoorside Town Council since late 2007, bar a brief period in 2010 when the future of the old Library, now the Moorside Room, was under consideration. For the past 17 years Joe has been a stalwart member of the Town Council, serving as Town Mayor in 2010 and as Deputy Mayor in 2019 and 2023. As a long standing member of the Finance Committee he is familiar with the financial procedures and regulations applicable to the Town Council as a Local Authority and has been an active participant in the annual budget review and setting of the precept.

"In these challenging times it is a joy to work closely with local residents, groups and businesses to make a positive contribution to our community. It is not difficult to be proud of our town and together with my fellow Councillors, we look forward to doing our best for you, the people of Kirkbymoorside, and making our community stronger."

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR CLLR JEAN ILLINGWORTH

Jean has recently retired after a long career as a Chartered Health & Safety Professional. She is an author and photographer, actively promoting the town and local businesses.

Jean is passionate about community and the environment, is a local allotment holder and recently helped to grow and plant wild flowers on the grass verges in the town (see article on Page 3).

"It is essential that we all support each other. A strong, connected community is good for us all, and I'm proud to live in Kirkbymoorside which has such an amazing community spirit."



CLLR CHRIS BETTANY



Chris and his family have lived in Kirkbymoorside for more than twelve years and his extended family have lived in the area for over 35 years. He retired from the Army in 2000 and worked in the telecoms industry before starting a career as a professional driver.

Since settling in Kirkbymoorside Chris has been a volunteer on-call firefighter and having now retired from the Brigade is keen to focus on serving the community as a member of the Town Council.

CLLR HILARY SHIELDS

Kirkbymoorside born and raised, Hilary respects and cherishes the town and its community. She has owned and run a business in the town for more than 20 years, affording her an understanding of what the community values, as well as the challenges it faces and the opportunities that arise.





Town Celebration & Community Awards 2024

Kirkbymoorside: A Great Place to Live and Work

All of us that are lucky to live, work or shop in Kirkbymoorside know what a very special place it is, a real community with lots going on. Throughout the year, there are events where the whole town comes together and the strength and warmth of our community is obvious, with events like the 10K, the Eco Fair, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and the Christmas Market.

In the old days there was the joyous Kirkbymoorside Carnival, remembered very fondly by many, but we no longer have one event dedicated to just celebrating Kirkbymoorside and the amazing people who live here. Kirkbymoorside Town Council are, therefore, delighted to announce the 'Town Celebration and Community Awards 2024', the first of which will take place on **Saturday 12th October** in the Memorial Hall and town centre between **10.30am - 4.30pm**.

Kirkbymoorside organisations will be showcasing their contributions to the town, our wonderful Town Band will play and there will be children's activities and refreshments for sale. To add to the atmosphere in the town there will flower exhibitions in the churches, and local shops and business will be invited to compete for an award for the best window display.

Organisations based in Kirkbymoorside have been invited to have a stand in the hall during the day to celebrate their organisations and their contributions to the town. This could be for the purpose of fundraising, where stall holders can sell relevant items, for attracting new members and sharing information, or just as a social event.

If you are a Kirkbymoorside community organisation or charity you may already have received details of how to apply for a stall, but if not, please contact the Town Clerk by phone 01751432217 or email town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk. Spaces are limited so it may not be possible to allocate a space to everyone who applies.

On the evening of the same day, the event will step up a notch with the Community Awards Ceremony ('The Kirkby's'), with a short band concert and light refreshments for the invited guests. Awards will be for the following categories:

- The voluntary organisation / charity of the year
- The membership group of the year
- The 'quiet contributor' of the year
- The young person of the year,

There may also be a fifth award at the Town Council's discretion.

It's up to residents of Kirkbymoorside to nominate organisations / charities / groups and individuals for the four main awards, and the three shortlisted winners in each category, along with the first person who nominated them, will be invited to the event. A local well-known person will present the winner in each category with a certificate and a beautiful trophy to keep.

Award Nomination Forms and Guidance Notes are available in paper format from the library or you can download a form via the link on the Council's website www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk. Nominations close on Friday 6th September 2024, but for a chance to be at the award ceremony, don't wait to get your nominations in for the organisation, charity or person who you think deserves recognition for their contributions to our community.

THE MOORSIDE ROOM



Ideally located on Church Street, in the middle of town, this modern, open plan venue is equipped with wi-fi, AV projector and screen, accessible toilets and a catering counter. The light, space and acoustics make it an ideal venue for exhibitions, meetings, parties, exercise classes, fund raising events and is the venue for the North Yorkshire Open Studios.

HIRE CHARGES: Commercial bookings @ £15 per hour, 30% discount for Local Groups and Charities @ £10.50 per hour. Rates negotiable for block bookings and events such as exhibitions.

Email town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk for a Booking Form

TOWN COUNCIL GRANT POLICY

The Town Council has a modest budget for projects that can benefit the town. The Grant Policy has recently been reviewed and updated, as follows:

- The Town Council encourages applications not exceeding 10% of the budget, or £800, in order that it can support more local initiatives and wider community benefit. The Town Council has discretion to consider applications in excess of 10% of the grant budget in exceptional circumstances, subject to agreement;
- The Grant Budget will be divided across two awarding periods with 50% of the budget available for allocation between April and September and the remaining funds available for allocation from October to March. The Town Council may award funding outside of these time frames, under extenuating circumstances; and
- Successful applicants will not be eligible to submit applications in the next successive financial year. Applications will be accepted again in the next but one financial year.

The revised Grant Policy will come into effect from April 2025 to allow a period of transition during the 2024/25 financial year. During the period of transition there will be some flexibility concerning the additional conditions, to allow groups to prepare for any adjustments to their financial arrangements for the following financial year.

The grant budget for 2024/25 is £8000. To date £2,360 has been awarded to Ryedale Community Foodbank, Kirkbymoorside Horticultural Society, and Kirkbymoorside PCC.

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Email articles and pictures by 30 September to town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk

REWILDING THE VERGES

Following on from the previous feature about encouraging wildflower growth on the grass verges the Town Council is pleased to confirm it received many expressions of support and interest in the project. Subsequently the A170 verge at the junctions of West Lund and West Lund Lane have been planted and seeded with native wild flowers. Thanks to the volunteers and Cllrs Dowie and Illingworth for their participation in this exercise. These areas will now be left to rewild over the summer. Signs have been posted at each of the meadows detailing why the areas are being left uncut and the Town Council's intentions.



RESULT OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION



PROPOSAL: Installation of a raised table crossing on Market Place, Kirkbymoorside.

RESULT: Insufficient support

The last issue of *The Moorsider* featured a public consultation, wherein the Town Council invited views on whether a raised table crossing, from 25 to 26 Market Place would be supported by the community and a worthwhile investment by the Town Council. The request for a safe crossing in the town centre was pursued by the Town Council in response to requests made by residents at last year's annual town meeting. Taking into account the layout of the roads and supporting infrastructure, the Highways Authority (North Yorkshire Council) determined that the only feasible option would be a "raised table crossing", which would slow traffic and provide a designated safe pedestrian crossing point, from the west side of Market Place, outside 'Love My Hair' to 'Age UK' on the east side of Market Place.

The public consultation was the first step in the process. Unfortunately the responses submitted by residents did not demonstrate sufficient support of the proposal. Subsequently, despite the Town Council's best efforts, a raised pedestrian crossing will not be introduced in the town centre.

LOVE LIVE WHERE YOU LIVE



PLEASE would you consider doing as much of your weekly shopping as possible in our town?

Kirkbymoorside is one of the few small towns left in the UK where you can get most of your basic needs on the high street, but due to rising costs, some of our shops and cafés are really struggling.

Please think about this....if we don't use our local shops, we lose them!

You can make a real difference, even if it's only for part of your weekly needs.

Let's put our money into the local community, where it will circulate locally, rather than into the pockets of distant corporations!

The Local Shopping Guide, **published by Kirkbymoorside Environment Group** is available via the link on the Town Council website or visit kirkbymoorsideenvironment.wordpress.com



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OPEN SHOW

The Horticultural Society Open Show, supported by Kirkbymoorside Town Council, will be held on Saturday 21 September in the Memorial Hall. There are more than 100 classes including all varieties of vegetables and flowers, home craft, and photography. Entries are invited from adults and children.



Schedules will be available by mid July. The Society would welcome donations of prizes for the tombola. For more details please phone the Society Secretary, James on 01751 431189

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR LIBRARY



Located at Church House on High Market Place, Kirkbymoorside Community Library is run by a team of volunteers who have a wide range of skills and life experiences. North Yorkshire Council supply the book stock and seven hours per week support from a library supervisor. The volunteers are responsible for the library premises and actively raise funds to cover the costs associated with running and maintenance of the building. This involves a variety of activities including making and selling merchandise, organising and hosting a range of events and second hand book sales.

The library has an exceptional stock of books for all ages and all genres as well as specialist Reading Well and large print issues. The Home Library Service can bring books to your home if you are unable to get to the library. The recently refitted junior library area has become a focal point for families and collaboration with Kirkbymoorside Primary School offers encouragement for young readers. There are print and copy facilities, and you can also pick up bus timetables, get tourist information, and help with a variety of services such as applying for a bus pass or blue badge.

The Community Library is at the heart of Kirkbymoorside with many charities and community groups making use of the meeting rooms available.

Why not pop in to see what your library offers?

Whilst many towns have seen their libraries closed, Kirkbymoorside's Community Library remains open. This service provision is invaluable to the town and is attributed to the concerted efforts of the library volunteers. A commitment much appreciated by the Town Council and everyone who uses the library. If you're not already a member, please feel free to make the most of this fantastic local resource. Volunteers are also always welcome. Just pop in.

If you would like to receive further information about any of the articles in this publication please contact the Town Clerk.



Town Council meetings are held in the upstairs meeting room in Church House on the third Monday of every month, except August. The Planning Committee meeting is held prior to the full council meeting (if there are planning applications for consideration) at 7pm followed by the Ordinary meeting of the Council at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

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