

Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Information for meeting on Monday 20th July 2020

Agenda item 13 AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund

a. To receive information in respect of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund

I wanted to let you know that I have chosen to invest over £190,000 in safety projects across North Yorkshire to make the county's roads safer for everyone who use them and the communities, like yours, they link.

The money comes from the sale of the AJ1 vehicle registration, the first number plate used in the North of Riding of Yorkshire when marks were introduced in 1903. It was used on the then Chief Constable's car but was no longer in use. Alongside the Chief Constable, I agreed last year to sell it commercially at auction with the value invested for the good of North Yorkshire.

Part of the money has already been invested in improving the Memorial Garden in the middle of North Yorkshire Police Headquarters at Alverton Court. The remainder will be put into this new 'AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund' to fund community road safety projects.

A simple, one-off application process has been set up with a panel established to approve or reject bids and all the details can be found at www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/aj1fund<<http://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/aj1fund>>

Members of the panel will include representatives of the 95 Alive Road Safety Partnership, which is made up of North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council, the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Highways Agency.

Projects will be asked to focus on improving road safety for children and young people, cyclists, motorcyclists and older road users with bids invited from Councils and other community groups. One-off grants of up to £20,000 can be applied for and bids which include matched funding from other sources will be eligible to receive an additional 10 per cent on top of the amount requested.

Please consider what would make a difference to residents and road users in your community and make an application to this fund.

Please share this information with organisations and groups in your community who you think may be interested. The deadline for applications is 31 August 2020.

Julia Mulligan

North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

Office of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

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Additional information:

- Funding is only available to official/constituted organisations to with a bank account. Kirkbymoorside Town Council could submit a bid on behalf of the Ryedale Cycle Forum.

If successful, the Town Council would be awarded the funding and would therefore be the Grant Recipient. This means they would be responsible

for the management and expenditure of funding provided in line with the Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement, including all monitoring requirements and evidence of eligible expenditure in line with the Grant Agreement.

Nicole Hutchinson

Commissioning and Partnerships Manager

Commissioning & Partnership Services

For North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

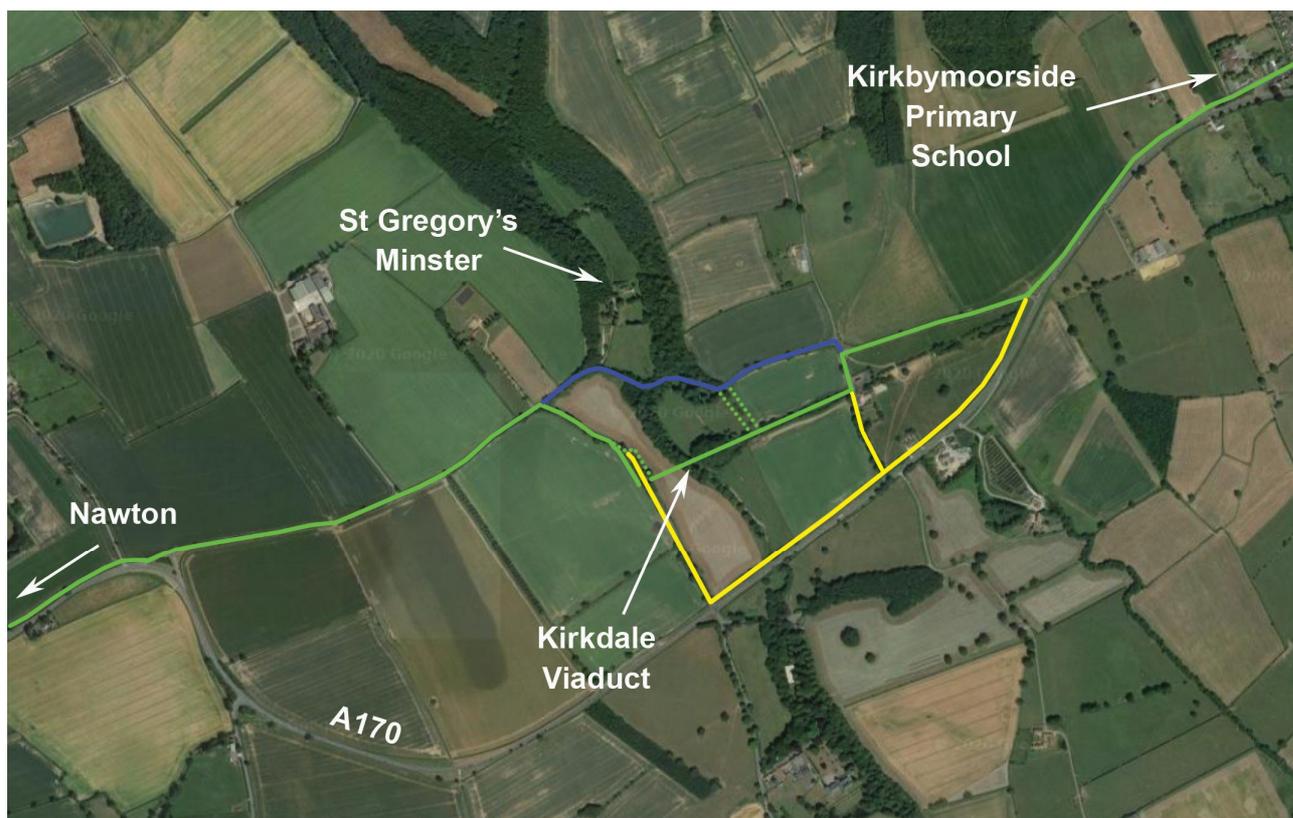
- Ryedale Cycle Forum are a forum, and do not have a bank account and are not a constituted body.
KMEG cannot apply because it is a small un-registered charity constitution with turn over not exceeding 5K in any one year.

Helen Gundry

Ryedale Cycle Forum

& Kirkbymoorside Environment Group

b. To receive information from Ryedale Cycle Forum in respect of the cycle route from Kirkbymoorside to Ryedale School



The section the Ryedale Cycle Forum are asking for funds for in the AJ1 application is the first stretch of A170 verge path up to the first junction, but the application makes more sense if you view this section in the context of the rest of the route to Nawton.

Ryedale Cycle are seeking funds to support walking and cycling, to help people maintain social distancing and to ease pressure on public transport, specifically a safe cycle route from Kirkbymoorside to Ryedale School. Social Distancing on crowded school buses is going to be impossible. It would be possible to achieve most, perhaps all of this route before the start of school

term in September, which would give an alternative mode of travel to some pupils, and so ease pressure on the buses provided for pupils out of the public purse. The route could also be used by many other people, bringing social, economic, health and environmental benefits.

1. If Area 4 highways could quickly cost this route, approximate figures would be OK, then we can immediately start work to find match funding from corporate and charitable sources. We only have a matter of weeks before the schools re-start in September. Match funding would help the funds you have bid for to go further.

2. The route has four sections:-

(a) a footpath to widen to become a dual cycle/footpath, from Kirkbymoorside West to the Kirkdale Road,

(b) there is then a very minor road that could be used in September, but it involves a steep road section and a ford and footbridge, so we would seek construction of an alternative cycle-way on the A170 verge during the next year.

(c) there is then another road-side footpath that needs to be widened and re-surfaced, from Kirkdale Road to the Nawton village 30mph limit sign

(d) there is then a final section through Nawton village, which would probably utilize the verge, with a short section on-road with road-markings just before the turning to the school lane.

3. Is it possible NOT to use WSP, but to use your in-house staff? It seems that WSP are a private company who would just gobble up vital public funds, and funds are not going to stretch very far anyway.

4. A support letter from the Ryedale School Federation is attached.

Helen Gundry

Ryedale Cycle Forum

c. To consider the request to work in partnership with Ryedale Cycle Forum to apply for funding and, if successful, administration of the project

Draft Application form submitted by Ryedale Cycle Forum for consideration by Kirkbymoorside at the Town Council meeting dated 20th July 2020

AJ1 Application, Kirkbymoorside Town Council, Route to Ryedale School

Name:- Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Purpose of your group:- 20 word max about Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Also (something like) “ for the purposes of this application, Kirkbymoorside Town Council seeks to work with other organisations who are, because of their varied expertise and resources, necessary partners “.

Name of project:- A Safe Route To Ryedale School **Location:-** Ryedale

Amount requested:- £22,000 **Timescale:-** In sections, when funds for each section secured

Match funding:- Kirkbymoorside Environment Group £2000

Contingency plans during on-going Covid-19 situation:- Installation may be delayed if contractors become ill. Communications will be done mostly by telephone or by email. Face-to-face meetings will be done outside, with social distancing, or by Zoom/Skype/Teams. Promotion and

safety messages will be relayed by Parish and School websites, plus social media, signs, banners and posters.

Explanation of the project (max 300 words):- Installation of multi-user paths and signs to form a safe route for cyclists of all ages, wheelchairs, walkers, mobility scooters and horse-riders, from Kirkbymoorside School to Ryedale School; approx 2 miles. In this application we continue the route description below the Parish Boundary of Nawton in the scenic area of the ancient St Gregory's Minster. We wish our neighbours at Nawton Parish Council every success to continue the further sections of the route to Ryedale School.

Route description:-

- (a) Westfields, Manor Woods entrance, a 3m wide A170 verge tarmac path to St Gregory Lane,
- (b) Appropriate signs to guide path users and slow cars for 400m to junction with Starfits Lane
- (c) Alternative, to continue along A170 verge, less pleasant but off road
- (d) Choice to go straight ahead at cross-road, down steep lane section, over Hodge Beck ford, up steep hill.
- (c) Alternative, necessary for less physically fit and daring; appropriate signs to guide path users and slow cars left for 200m on Starfits Lane to the railbed OR to the A170
- (d) Railbed feasible:- 3m wide path along railbed and over viaduct and field to Kirkdale Lane
- (e) OR railbed NOT feasible:- route continues on 3m wide A170 verge path to Kirkdale Lane, turning right, following Kirkdale lane to St Gregory's Lane, then turning left.
- (f) The route then continues into the Parish of Nawton.

Project structure:-

Kirkbymoorside Town Council has the necessary financial structure to accept grants and donations towards this project. We will work closely with partners at NYCC Highways, Ryedale Cycle Forum, Kirkbymoorside Environment Group, with schools and with residents, to find the additional funds needed and to achieve excellence in scheme design, and engagement in associated road safety concerns. (258)

Why is this project needed, what added value does it bring and what local evidence do you have to support this? (max 200 words)

This route is a fantastic idea that will make a massive difference to local people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, by giving them the opportunity to use a mostly off-road route between the communities of Kirkbymoorside and Nawton. The surge in cycling in these two communities, and all over the UK during Covid-19 lockdown, has demonstrated more clearly than ever before that people will choose to cycle, and use other active travel modes, when they feel safe to do so. Before lockdown, on most of our roads, most people did not feel this safety. To "build back greener", to reduce road traffic and increase active travel and physical activity, this route is essential. The AJ1 funding will put the wheels in motion so that other funders from Trusts, businesses and the public can also contribute, to achieve this route. The need for more active travel is already supported by Health experts, for physical and mental health of individuals, and to reduce pressure on stretched NHS resources. It is supported in the Kirkbymoorside Primary School Travel Plan. It is supported in Ryedale District Council key priorities, and in NYCC objectives. It also fits with L.E.P priorities for a low-carbon economy.

How will you know that your project has been successful and how will you measure this? (max 200 words)

This project will only be successful if many people and organisations get involved to support and fund this opportunity for active travel and physical activity. Education and engagement are essential, both to get the funds to install the path, and then to enable people to share it with consideration for other path users. People will also need information to

enable them to use the path in all seasons, such as cyclists needing mudguards, chain guards, helmets, panniers, high-viz clothing and bells. Once the paths and signs are installed, many young people will choose to cycle to school on a regular basis. Local people will be seen using the route at all times of day with bicycles of all shapes and sizes, including bicycles adapted for disabilities, and electric bicycles. Wheelchairs, mobility scooters, parents with prams, dog walkers, rambles, and horse-riders will also be seen regularly. Numbers will be measured by electronic counters. Numbers, reasons for travel, user age and mode, and quality of experience will be measured by volunteer surveys. (173)

How will your project deliver against the 95 Alive Strategic Priorities as identified in the 2016-2020 strategy, with a particular focus on Education and Engagement? (see on-line form for pdf link, 200 words)

To encourage active travel/physical activity, this project will need to encourage community engagement with, and people working together on, road safety considerations. The new path will help ryedaleschool.org to achieve cycling to school, and National Modeshift Stars Award Accreditation. Ryedale Cycle Forum, Kirkbymoorside Town Council, Nawton Parish Council, Ryedale School, Nawton School and Krkbymoorside School will work together with the NYCC Road Safety Team to share road safety messages concerning cycling, walking and other active travel modes, and will do some route publicity for Bike Week 2021.

This project will help North Yorkshire County Council to achieve an expansion of well-designed cycling infrastructure, by using the national Sustrans/DfT guidance. This will pull in funding from Trusts, fundraising and corporate giving that would not otherwise be available to North Yorkshire Authorities. This project will stimulate other Ryedale Parishes, working with Ryedale District Council and NYCC Highways, to consider where to install Sustrans National Cycle Network “Paths for Everyone”, so that more people feel safe to do more active travel and to benefit from physical activity. (176)

Road Safety Funding is non-recurrent. Please explain your plans for sustaining this work (including if via match funding) and how the project/service will continue once the grant has been spent? (100 words)

This is a capital project, supported by voluntary effort; the AJ1 funds are essential to attract further funds. After installation, the road-side sections will be looked after by NYCC Highways, and the off-road sections will be looked after by the NYCC Rights of Way Team. In addition to this, by achieving National Cycle Network status, the route will also benefit from the Sustrans national network of volunteer-led checks, litter-picking, maintenance etc.

Please provide a specific breakdown of how you will spend your AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund grant below.

Description,	AJ1 project	Match	Cost	Number	Total Cost
3m wide tarmac path (includes traffic management, during construction)	£22,000	£4500	£156/m, @3m wide	170m	£26,500

This means we are just over ¼ way towards section “a” with AJ1 funding.