

THE Moorsider



AUTUMN 2023

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Every year the Town Council allocates funds to support local projects and initiatives that benefit the community. The Town Council's £8000 grant budget for 2022/23 has been awarded as follows:

£3000 grant to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of the All Saints churchyard and Millennium Garden.

£1560 awarded to Ryedale Community Foodbank to contribute towards the cost of rent for the Kirkbymoorside centre based at the Methodist Church on Piercy End, 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursdays.

Ryedale Community Foodbank offers emergency long-life food and some household goods, such as toiletries and cleaning products, to people in crisis in the Ryedale area.



£2940 awarded to Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre to contribute towards the cost of rent for the Kirkbymoorside programmes for one year. Next Steps provides a safe haven where adults over 18 with mental/physical disabilities as well as those that are isolated and lonely can access a quality service. This service provides social activities, peer support, friendships, volunteer opportunities, learning, access to Information Technology, back to work opportunities and gaining qualifications.

Next Steps have been running a group in Kirkbymoorside for over 13 years. They are based in the Jubilee Room at the Methodist Church on Piercy End every Wednesday 9am-3pm.



£500 grant to the Moorsbus CIC to contribute towards the service provision of the Moorsbus.

The aim of the Moorsbus CIC is to work with communities and other groups to develop and promote local bus services and provide affordable transport to and around the North York Moors.

The Town Council will be preparing the budget for 2023/24 in the coming months and intends to review the amount of the grant budget in order to support more projects that will benefit the community.



Ryedale Community grants available from North Yorkshire Council

Funding is available to any community-based organisation or group, for projects that make a positive impact on community owned or managed facilities and activities in Ryedale.

What can you apply for? Applications will be considered for projects that make a positive contribution to at least one of North Yorkshire Council's stated aims.

You can apply for up to £5000, although the maximum grant will be capped at 25% of your project costs. Projects under £1000 are eligible for 100% of grant funding. The amount of grant being requested must be clearly stated on the application form.

Applying for a grant Application forms are available via www.northyorks.gov.uk. All applications will be appraised by North Yorkshire Council officers. The relevant ward councillor will also be consulted. The Councillor for Kirkbymoorside ward is Cllr Greg White.

Application and funding dates The next round for applications opened on 18 September 2023 and will close on 27 October 2023. A decision will be made on 1 December 2023.

Getting help If you need help filling in the form or require assistance with developing your application or group, please contact Ryedale Community Team. Officers can also direct you to other agencies and funding bodies who may be able to help with your project, including finding match funding.

For more information please contact North Yorkshire Council's Ryedale Community Team on 0300 131 2131, email communityteam.rye@northyorks.gov.uk or visit www.northyorks.gov.uk

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

Closing date: 31 October 2023



In response to requests made by residents at the annual town meeting the Town Council has been liaising with the Highways Authority (North Yorkshire Council) to determine the feasibility of installing a designated safe crossing place on Market Place.

The Highways Authority has determined that it would be possible to consider a "raised table crossing", which would slow traffic and provide a designated safe pedestrian crossing point.

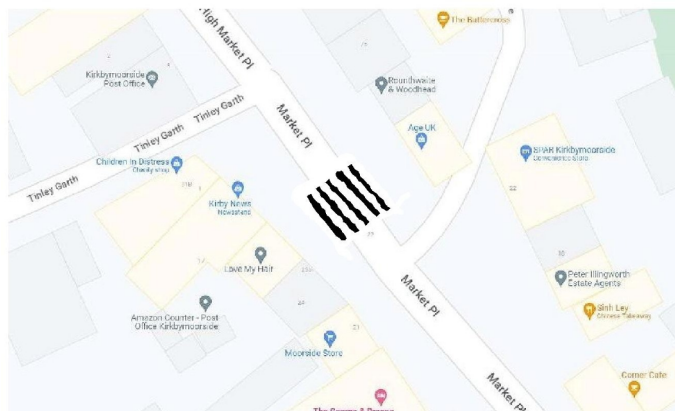


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The only location that has been identified by North Yorkshire Council Highways Authority as suitable for a raised table crossing is from 25 to 26 Market Place, i.e. crossing from the west side of Market Place, outside 'Love My Hair' to 'Age UK' on the east side of Market Place.

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North Yorkshire Council have confirmed that whilst it has no budget provision for projects of this nature the Town Council can pursue this initiative at its own expense.

The project processes, before construction, would involve:

- Site investigation
- Road Safety Audit
- Design - amendments to road drainage would likely be required
- Formal Consultation with members of the public, Emergency Services, Bus Companies etc.
- Legal Order

In the first instance the only element the Town Council would need to pay for would be the cost of the Road Safety Audit which would be approximately £1,500. The Road Safety Audit is necessary to determine if a raised table should be implemented and that the project is feasible, in which case works would progress to Design and this will determine the construction costs. There is a possibility that the determination of the Road Safety Audit does not support implementation of a raised table, in which case the £1,500 would have been spent without reward.

In the first instance, the Town Council would like to invite 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.

Please submit your views by email to town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk, by post to Kirkbymoorside Town Council, Church House, 7 High Market Place, Kirkbymoorside, YO62 6AT or provide your feedback at the library by **31 October 2023**.

Your views are important. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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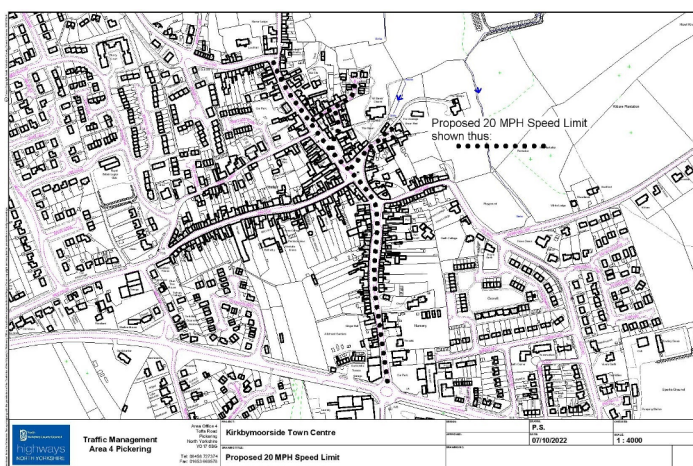
20's Plenty in Kirkbymoorside town centre



Extension to 20mph speed limit approved by North Yorkshire Council Highways Authority

In 2020 a 20mph speed restriction was implemented on Westfields from the A170 junction outside Kirkbymoorside Primary School to West End and Tinley Garth. This was as a result of the Town Council's application to North Yorkshire Council (the Highways Authority), in response to concerns voiced by members of the community about speeding traffic and the safety of pedestrians and other motorists alike.

Last year the Town Council embarked upon its pursuit to extend the 20mph speed restricted zone in the town centre to include the full length of Piercy End from the A170 roundabout, onto Market Place and High Market Place. All due process has now been completed and the Town Council is delighted to report that its application has been approved. The Traffic Regulation Order will come into effect on the 2nd of October and will also apply to Church Street, Crown Square and Ravis Square.



It is hoped that this reduced speed limit in the town centre will have a positive impact on traffic and enhance pedestrian safety.

The Town Council has also asked for a 20mph speed restriction elsewhere in the town, including on Howe End, Old Road and Gillamoor Road in Kirkbymoorside and Village Street in Keldholme but North Yorkshire Council have not been able to progress these applications.

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Re-wilding the Grass Verges

Whilst all the road verges throughout the county belong to North Yorkshire Council (the Highways Authority), the Town Council has responsibility for maintaining some of the verges in Kirkbymoorside. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, the Town Council is considering a review of its grass cutting schedule to include the designation of areas of the verges that will have less frequent mowing, in order to encourage wild flower growth to support a diversity of wildlife and insects.

North Yorkshire County Council have confirmed that this is an approach it would be keen to support. They have advised that from a Highways Authority perspective the key considerations are to ensure that visibility splays and areas adjacent to footways remain cut and it would be sensible to leave a margin of approximately 1.2m from the edge of the carriageway on areas adjacent to the A170. Aside from that, letting the grass grow and reducing cut frequency is encouraged.

One golden rule of encouraging wild flower growth is to make sure to collect or rake up the cuttings (these can then be removed for composting). This will gradually reduce the fertility of the verge soil year on year, and wild flowers thrive in areas of low fertility. Nettles, Thistle, Docks and coarse grass thrive in areas of high fertility. This approach will be more labour intensive and will require participation by volunteers to maintain. So, whilst it will have no financial benefit, it will have a positive environmental and visual impact.

The Town Council has designated the area of verge in proximity to the sports field at the junction leading from the A170 to Keldholme to trial this approach of management in the 2024 season. Town Councillors will kick start the initiative by sowing native wildflower seeds this autumn.

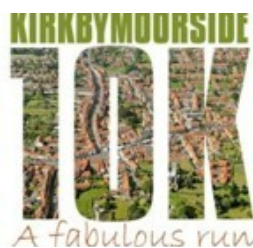
The Town Council invites your views on the proposal and any comments you may have. Please email town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or pop your thoughts on paper and deliver the same to the Town Council Office by 31 October 2023.

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Thank you in advance for your feedback.





Children's Poster Competition

Design the poster for the 2024 10k event.

Contact the Town Council office for details
town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk

Would you like to join the 10k team?

Email Kirkbymoorside10k@gmail.com

KIRKBYMOORSIDE WELCOMES THE RETURN OF ITS HISTORIC STONE SIGN



Development of the Manor Woods site necessitated the removal of the stone town sign from the A170 verge on approach from Helmsley.

The Town Council was mindful of the sign's historic significance and the importance of preserving its structural integrity so that it could be reinstated in its rightful place on approach to Kirkbymoorside. When the highways works commenced the appointed contractors were under strict instruction to remove the sign with as much care as possible and it has been kept in storage for the duration of the works.

With changes to the road layout it has been necessary to determine a new location for the sign. In liaison with In Bloom, North Yorkshire Council Highways Officers, and the contractors, Applebridge, it was determined that the stone sign will return to the A170 verge on the raised area where the footpath forks, immediately to the west of the Manor Woods entrance. This location is close to the original town boundary line, which is of topographical significance, and will be clearly visible to everyone approaching the town.

Now that the development is nearly completed it is hoped that the sign will be reinstated in the coming months. Once re-established it will again be accompanied by a flower bed and the fabulous floral displays, courtesy of the tireless efforts of Kirkbymoorside In Bloom, to be appreciated by the whole community.

If you wish to receive further information about any of the articles referred to in this publication please contact the Town Clerk via email: town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or call the Town Council Office on **01751 432 217**

Town Council meetings are held in the upstairs meeting room in Church House, 7 High Market Place, 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.