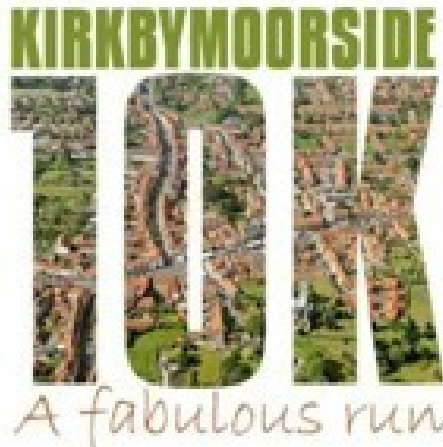


THE Moorsider



SPRING 2025



KIRKBYMOORSIDE 10K SUNDAY 4TH MAY

It's a staggering 25 years since it all began. Three years have been missed due to the covid pandemic and foot and mouth disease before that, so this will be the 22nd event!

With 4 races to choose from, it's an event that invites participation by all, from tiny tots to senior citizens, and from Speedy Gonzalez' to couch potatoes. There's something for everyone.

Set your sights high and try to beat the 10k course record of 31 mins and 59 secs, set back in 2006!

Last year the ladies reigned supreme in our under 18 category with Daisy Johnson flying in first at 45 mins 40 secs, and first male U18 was Joshua Davies at 46 mins 27 secs. In our 70+ age category Jon Zigmond took the prize at 55 mins 44 secs and the first 70+ lady was Patricia Brobyn finishing in 1 hr 18 mins.

Our prizes this year are beautiful handmade jugs by a local potter, and we have loads up for grabs.

And if you can't beat 'em, join 'em by cheering the runners on as they gallop down the home straight!

Last year we had over 760 runners across all ages and abilities, and we anticipate well over 1000 spectators. With crowds lining the streets, and businesses bursting at the seams, it's a carnival atmosphere.

Whether you're celebrating or commiserating, or just taking one for the team as a cheerleader, soak up the party vibe in one of our local pubs well into the night.

No matter if you love running or hate it, please join your community for this fantastic day. All profits go to Kirkbymoorside and Gillamoor schools.

www.kirkbymoorside10k.com

COME TO THE ECO-FAIR

Saturday 10th May 2025/10 - 4pm

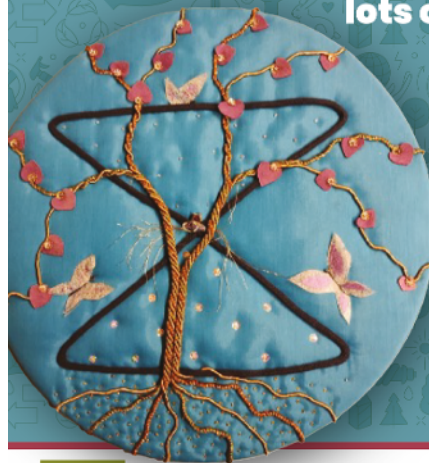
KIRKBYMOORSIDE MEMORIAL HALL

lots of stalls, food, music, and activities

& The Moorside Room more stalls and activities

& Library talks, stories, panel Q & A discussion

Natural Health Centre Tinley Garth free taster sessions



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Kirkbymoorside Environment Group has been organising successful events in the town for 15 years. The Group now needs help to continue running its popular Give or Take Days, Repair Cafes and Ecofairs. They are looking for helpers at events and for someone to send out the agendas for meetings that are held every two months. If you can help or would like more information please email kmeghq@gmail.com.

YOUR MOORS - YOUR MOORSBUS

Moorsbus services, to and around the North York Moors National Park, will be serving Kirkbymoorside every weekend from 3rd May to 28th September, and Bank Holidays.

Timetables and "Days Out from Kirkbymoorside" leaflets will be available from Kirkbymoorside Library. Further information is available via the website www.moorsbus.org or you can phone 01751 477216.

ENCTS bus passes are accepted, and well-behaved dogs are very welcome.

MANOR VALE WOODLAND



At the last annual Town Meeting a member of the public requested a review of the woodland management plan. This has subsequently been carried out by the Manor Vale Management Committee and the updated Plan is available on the Town Council website.

The Management Plan is designed to maintain the natural character of the woodland as a wildlife habitat and promote biodiversity.

“The ‘naturalness’ of Manor Vale Wood contributes much to the character of the site, its appeal to local people and its value to wildlife. Maintaining its natural qualities should be a key consideration in all management decisions.”

In the interest of updating the reference section of the Management Plan a variety of specialists have been invited to catalogue the flora and fauna of the woodland. The response has been very encouraging. North York Moors National Park will be assisting with surveying woodland ground flora in the areas of ancient woodland as part of the GrubsUp! Project. The Ryedale Natural History Society have confirmed the interest of their members which include a botanist and recorders of arachnids, botany, fungi and mammals. Other interested parties include the Ryedale Beekeepers Association, British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and Yorkshire Naturalists.

Details on progress of the surveys and the findings will be made available once completed and will be recorded as Appendices to the Management Plan.

FAQs about the management of the woodland

Q. Why is the felled wood left in situ?

A. Wood decomposition is one of a woodland's essential recycling processes and a natural part of every tree's life cycle. Dead and decaying wood also provides a nutrient-rich habitat for fungi, a nursery for beetle larvae and a lair for insectivorous birds and other animals.

Q. Why are the brambles not cleared?

A. The bramble is a source of food for many species of insect and mite, with some species feeding exclusively on bramble. The bramble is also important to dormice, which eat their flowers and fruit; they and other animals/birds seek refuge in bramble thickets. Brambles offer protection from grazing/browsing (by deer/rabbits) to young tree seedlings.

Q. Who is responsible for the surfacing of footpaths and bridleways?

A. All adopted footpaths and bridle paths in the woodland are the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council as the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Authority. The surfacing of these paths is regularly assessed by the Countryside Officer to ensure they meet the PRoW standard.

Q. Why are there no owl boxes in the wood?

A. Owls need nest sites adjacent to open fields in order to have a flight path to their hunting grounds.

FYI if you would like to propose a location for a nesting box (species specific) please contact the Town Clerk in order that the Management Committee can determine its suitability.

Q. Who is responsible for keeping the access road to the golf course and the adjacent verges in good condition?

A. The Golf Club. Arrangements have been made for the increased frequency of cuts to the verge of the golf course road, the cost to be shared between the Town Council and the Golf Club.

Neville Castle

The Management Plan refers to the protection of the archaeological interest of the remains of Neville Castle within the site.

In response to concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the stability of Neville Castle the Management Committee referred the matter to the Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Historic England. An inspection was carried out in October 2024 and the Inspector determined that there was “no structural problem with the standing fabric of the monument, no cracking, and no visible signs of movement.”

HELPING PROTECT OUR DARK SKIES



On 25th March the Town Council hosted a talk by Mike Hawtin, North York Moors National Park on the 'Journey to becoming an International Dark Sky Reserve and why protecting our rural dark skies is important for many reasons, for us and for wildlife'.

Did you know that our natural sleep wake cycles are called circadian rhythms? They have developed over hundreds of thousands of years but artificial light at night, which effectively extends our days, has only been around for a few hundred years. Modern LED lighting with a higher blue/white content has only been common for around 20 years and is particularly damaging to our health. Studies are increasingly showing that blue/white lighting at night doesn't just make us irritable from lack of sleep, prolonged exposure can cause a whole range of serious conditions including depression, obesity, heart disease and even certain types of cancer.

In the same way that we work to protect and enhance daytime habitats we need to do the same for the night time environment. Natural darkness has a conservation value every bit as important as clean water, air and soil.



Impacts on nocturnal habitats can happen at the flick of a switch. As well as our own health, poor use of artificial light at night can have a dramatic impact on many species of flora and fauna. Modern blue/white LED lighting is the most harmful, mimicking daylight and scattering more readily into the night sky causing severe disruption for many species.

Birds are greatly impacted by artificial light at night. This might not be immediately obvious, but even in sparsely lit areas such as under all night street

lighting in winter, birds will go to sleep later and wake earlier which, just like us, affects their general health and behaviour such as feeding and mating. Many of us will have heard blackbirds for instance, singing to welcome a winter's morning when it is still dark because they are nesting in a tree next to a street light. Whilst it might sound like a nice alternative to your alarm clock it's not great for the birds.

Anything that disrupts the natural sleep wake cycles of living things is going to have an impact on their behaviour and ultimately their health. We should consider this when deciding what lighting to use on or around our properties if we want wildlife to thrive in our neighbourhoods. A good example of a creature whose behaviour and health is impacted by artificial light at night is our beloved hedgehog. If we want to see hedgehogs kept safe and healthy in our neighbourhoods we need to be careful of how we use artificial light.

How can we use light but still protect our Dark Skies and help wildlife?

It's not about banning lights, it's about targeting the light to where we need it, when we need it and at a suitable level for that need.

Here's some simple advice to follow:

Take a look at lights on your property and see how they might be improved for wildlife, your bank balance and maybe even your neighbours.

Only light what you need. Use downlights, use a shield or angle your lights down. You don't need to light the sky or annoy neighbours, you just need to light your garden, path or driveway.

Only light when you need it. Use movement sensors or curfew timers so that lights aren't on all night.

Only light at a suitable level. Make sure you use a level of light that is suitable (high power floodlights aren't really appropriate for most residential purposes), and choose warm white lights (look for 2700K on packaging or 3000K maximum) as they're much better for our health and for nature.

Below: BEFORE blue/white light pointing outwards and upwards



Above: AFTER warm white lights angled downwards with motion sensors

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Following on from the success and popularity of the 2024 Community Awards event, this year's Community Awards will follow the same format and will be held on 27 September. The awards will be categorised by voluntary or charity organisation, individual, young person and the Town Council's award.

This is an opportunity to acknowledge any individual or group for their positive contribution to the community. Perhaps you know someone who has raised a significant amount of money for charity or someone whose thoughtfulness makes all the difference. Is there a group that has provided 'community glue', offering support and helping to keep people connected? If you think they deserve recognition, please put them forward for a community award.

Further information will be available on www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or you can contact the Town Clerk, Lisa Bolland on 432217, town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or pop into the Town Council office, downstairs at the library. Here's a reminder of last year's Community Awards:

- Voluntary or charity organisation of the year **Kirkbymoorside Community Library.**
- Membership Organisation of the year **Kirkbymoorside Town Band.**
- Quiet Contributor of the Year (the unsung heroes that go that extra miles to help others and support our community) **Michael Stephens.**
- Young Person of the Year **Annabel Kent.**
- The Town Council's Award for outstanding contributions to the Community of Kirkbymoorside **Nigel Richardson.**

REPORT IT!



"That pothole / street light / damaged... [insert as appropriate] still hasn't been fixed!"

It probably hasn't been reported correctly, or at all. The most effective way to report highway issues/defects such as potholes, faulty street lights etc, is via the Customer Portal.

Do it Online 24/7 www.northyorks.gov.uk

COMMUNITY SAFETY DROP-INS

Regular Community Safety Drop-ins attended by the Police will be starting on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at the Kirkbymoorside Co-Op, from 4pm to 6pm.

The first drop in will be attended by PCSO Steve Ridley, Community Safety Officer James Draper and Sally Roger, Community Safety Officer for Domestic Abuse.

The theme of the drop-in session on 23rd April will be focused on stalking and harassment to coincide with the national Stalking and Harassment week campaign.



Be responsible, don't post it on social media, REPORT IT!!

Report non-emergency crime online or call **101**. If a crime is in progress dial **999**.

Is it an emergency? [Call 999](tel:999) in emergency situations

If it's not an emergency, if you've witnessed or been the victim of crime that isn't an emergency, please report it to the police online via www.northyorkshire.police.uk or call **101**. Your report will be sent direct to the police control room.

Reporting and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance or disorder that can make a person's life a misery – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive dogs, to noisy or abusive neighbours.

Report any incidents or concerns through the North Yorkshire Council portal

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour>

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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