

THE Moorsider



A WEEKEND OF ART & MUSIC IN KIRKBYMOORSIDE

FRIDAY 31ST JULY TO SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2026

LEWIS CREIGHTON EXHIBITION AT THE MOORSIDE ROOM

Yorkshire Landscape artist, Lewis Creighton, known as the 'Moorland Artist', was born in 1918 and grew up in Kirkbymoorside and Appleton-Le-Moors.

As a young boy Lewis spent a great deal of time riding his bicycle, exploring the North York Moors and swimming in the moorland ponds. The surrounding landscape significantly influenced his artistic inspiration and interpretation in later life.



Lewis joined the Royal Air Force in 1939 and was stationed at Driffield before being posted to South Africa. As well as being an accomplished artist he was also a musician and member of a band, a keen astronomer and a philosopher.

His handling of light and shadow and his style of oil painting gave his work a remarkable sense of depth and texture. This technique allowed him to perfectly capture the rugged grace and raw beauty of the North York Moors.

The collection of works by Lewis Creighton, will be brought together for the first time, on loan from family members and local residents, courtesy of Kirkbymoorside Town Council.

Lewis's granddaughter, Lucy Walker, said "My grandfather's work is widely collected and the family are grateful to Kirkbymoorside Town Council for providing this unique opportunity to share the paintings he created in the area he adored so much. I look forward to meeting visitors and discussing his work at the exhibition."

The exhibition will be held in The Moorside Room on Friday 31st July from 2pm - 5.30pm Saturday 1st August 10am - 5.30pm and Sunday 2nd August 10am - 3pm. Entry is FREE and all are welcome.



If you have any works by Lewis Creighton and would like it to be featured in this special exhibition, please get in touch with Chris Dowie, Exhibition Organiser and Town Councillor, via email chris.dowieuk@gmail.com or call 07548 534802.

KIRKBYMOORSIDE GATEWAY TO THE MOORS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026

The town's music festival is also taking place on the weekend of Friday 31st July to Sunday 2nd August. There will be something for everyone in a fantastic programme of music and dance. Many events are free, and tickets will be available on the door for paid events, but in order to avoid disappointment it is best to buy tickets online in advance by scanning this QR code.

As a Kirkbymoorside resident, you can use promo code **KMSRes26** at the checkout to get a discount to help offset ticket site fees.

Further information and links to ticketing is available on the town website: www.kirkbymoorsidetown.co.uk/kirkbymoorside-music-festival-2026





MAKE A CHANGE IN KIRKBYMOORSIDE BECOME A TOWN COUNCILLOR



We are sure the vast majority of people in Kirkbymoorside feel they are living in a brilliant town. It doesn't happen on its own. The decisive factor is its people and their engagement with the community, be that socially or commercially. A part of the glue that holds the town together is the Town Council. We are short of councillors and are asking you to think about whether this might be a role of interest to you. It's an opportunity to help maintain/improve our town and serve your fellow residents to make a difference.

What does the Town Council do?

- Delivery of services (see below)
- Make representation on behalf of the town in dealings with other local authorities and agencies e.g. North Yorkshire Council
 - Endeavour to improve the quality of life for residents

Key responsibilities of a Town Councillor

- Decision making
 - Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

It can be confusing to know what the Town Council and North Yorkshire Council (the Unitary Authority) are each responsible for, so here it is, simplified:

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

- The Moorside Room
- Manor Vale Woodland
- The Sportsfield
- Old Road & Ryedale View Play Areas
- Maintenance of (some) grass verges
- Town Cemetery
- Public Seats and street furniture
- 'The Moorsider' publication
- Christmas lights

North Yorkshire Council

- Social Care, Housing & Benefits
- Education
- Planning
- Waste Management
- Environmental Services
- Highways/Pavements
- Transport & Infrastructure
- Street Lighting Maintenance
- Public Rights of Way

What commitment is required?

As a Town Councillor you would be required to attend the full council meetings and can choose to sit on a number of Committees, depending on your interests and expertise. There are Committees for management of Manor Vale woodland, the Moorside Room, Planning, Events, Finance, and Staffing. The full council meetings are held monthly, except August when there is no meeting, and committee meetings are less frequent, usually three times a year. Outside of meetings you need to be aware of current issues and engage with townspeople about any concerns they may have and initiatives that might benefit the community.

Town Council meetings need to be conducted according to local governance, which means the format is different to other organisations' and there are certain procedures that need to be followed. But guidance and training are provided and ultimately the role of councillor is very rewarding and there is great satisfaction in knowing that you are doing something of significance to the community.

If you are interested and would like to know a bit more about what's involved please contact our Town Clerk, Lisa Bolland either at the Town Council office (Monday to Thursday am), or by email.



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Kirkbymoorside

2026 Community Awards

Nominations Open to 31st July

**The Town Council is looking for this year's
Individual, Group and Young Person of the Year.**

Nomination forms are available for collection from the Home Decorating Centre and the Library, or you can download a form from the Town Council website www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk or email town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk to ask for a form to be sent to you directly.

The Community Awards will be presented on 31st October, from 6.30pm in The Memorial Hall.

THE Moorside ROOM

9 CHURCH STREET, KIRKBYMOORSIDE, YO62 6AZ

Recently refurbished, The Moorside Room offers a large open plan space with high ceilings, incredible natural light and great acoustics. Features include exhibition hanging systems, AV equipment including projector and screen, and wi-fi. The space is ideal for exercise classes, exhibitions, film clubs, meetings, rehearsals, social events & workshops.

Hire charged @ £15 per hour and £10.50 per hour for local groups & charities

For more information visit www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk
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In 2025 North Yorkshire Council commissioned retail management consultants The Retail Group to undertake a Feasibility Study and produce an Action Plan for Growth for Kirkbymoorside. The purpose of the action plan was to improve the appeal and promote the town based on the evidence and needs of the future customers (residents and visitors) and of the local businesses.

The Kirkbymoorside Community Support Group, secured funding from York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority's Vibrant and Sustainable High Street Fund to create a town brand in order to better publicise and promote Kirkbymoorside. The funding application, and different elements of the project, is supported by partner organisations: the History Group, Kirkbymoorside Community Library, the Town Council, and North Yorkshire Council.

The centerpiece of the new town logo design is a 'K' monogram. The subtle woven pattern in the vertical stem is a nod to the town's historical and Viking heritage, while the integrated arrow graphic expands on the "Gateway" concept to also direct people to discover the unique offerings of our town. The palette pairs deep teal, representing the wild Moors, with a vibrant terracotta orange which is a nod to the red brick architecture and rooftops throughout the town.

The new town brand has already been applied to the Kirkbymoorside information panels and featured in Ryedale's new Annual Guide 'in the Loop' .



Kirkbymoorside Community Support Group have applied the brand to the flags on display for the length of Piercy End and Market Place. These have been mounted, by permission, in the Christmas tree brackets using custom made fixings manufactured by RACK Systems.

Another element of the project is the History Trail. Lectern style information panels will shortly be installed in the town centre.

The brand will also be applied to the Kirkbymoorside signs on approach from Pickering and Helmsley, on the A170.



On approach from Pickering now ...

...soon.



The intention is to move the sign on approach from Helmsley westwards along the hedge to the corner of the field at Broad View so that it is more visible. By kind agreement of Barry and Ann Kneeshaw.

[N.B. The sign must remain on private land as North Yorkshire Council (Highways) will not permit the sign to be situated on the road verge].



then... (pre 2013)

...soon.

