

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council – MRS Charlotte Smith
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Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held held on Wednesday 21st August 2024 at 7p.m In St Edmunds Church, Marske

Present: Cllr Meredith (Chairman) Cllr Ridley Cllr Villiers
Cllr L Wallis Cllr M Wallis 2 Members of the public
Clerk: MRS C Smith

24.38 Public Representations- A donation of £100 was gratefully received from the Choir and Bolton Arms, Downholme.

Action: Clerk to write an official letter of thanks.

24.39 Apologies- None.

24.40 Declaration of interest- None.

24.41 Minutes of meeting held on the 22nd May 2024 – Approved and signed as a correct record.

24.42 Reports

- a. **Dales Police Report (Appendix).**
- b. **Correspondence from the Clerk (Appendix).**
- c. **Updates from Councillors-** None.
- d. **NY Council “Let’s Talk Rubbish” Consultation-** Residents were encouraged to complete the consultation.

24.43 Coast to Coast path safety- Updates and actions were discussed. There is a meeting on the 16th September, at Grassington Town Hall councillors were asked if they could attend.

Action: Request an Agenda for the meeting and determine if they will be discussing Funds allocated for safety improvements.

Safety on Hardstiles: This also needs to be addressed.

Signage: Installation planned at the Clapgate End of the village within the next 6 weeks.

Meeting with NP Ranger: Last year’s meeting was outside the YDNP remit; the Council need to revisit and YDNP ask again.

Danger from End of Church St: Ask NYC Highways to consider traffic calming measures through the village.

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24.44 Conservation Area Appraisal

- a. The Clerk updated the Council: The Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) have established that North Yorkshire Council do not have any funds that they can put towards the conservation area appraisal. Taking that in to account YDNP have decided to fund the work from YDNPA building conservation budgets. A specification for the appraisal process and this has been sent out to a range of appropriate consultants for quotations. The deadline for responses on this in early September. YDNP hope to appoint a consultant to undertake the work soon after this and would hope to have this completed before the end of the financial year.
- b. No further action needed to support getting the appraisal completed.

24.44 Email- The Council resolved to set up dedicated councillor email addresses. Action: Clerk to put in place accounts for Cllr M Wallis & Ridley.

24.45 Emergency Plan- The Council resolved to put in place an emergency plan.

Action: *Set up a task group to go through the plan. Create a WhatsApp post to ask if residents would be interested in joining a group.*

24.46 Finance

- a. **Bank Reconciliation Statement dated 31st July 2024-** Signed.
- b. **Bank Balance-** Current net position of £3956.00 noted.
- c. **Payments for authorisation-** Approved (Salaries & ICO Payment).

24.47 Highway matters

- a. **Planned maintenance to Rake Bridge-** Noted.
- b. **Update on the new signage-** NYC Highways to install the signs within the next six to eight weeks.

24.48 Richmondshire Best Kept Village- Aldborough St John were awarded the best kept village. The Council agreed that participating in this competition has been highly beneficial for our community. The Chairman expressed heartfelt thanks to all the villagers for their tremendous efforts and hard work in preparing for the competition.

Action: *Ask for individual feedback on Marske and the winning village.*

24.49 Risk Assessment- The Council reviewed and updated the Council Risk Assessment.

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24.50 UKSPF Fund- The Council discussed the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and potential inclusions for an application for Marske. Key points included:

- **New and Bigger Notice Board:** Proposal to relocate it to a more suitable location. Suggestion to move the Notice Board & Defibrillator next to the post box. Alternative Locations: Consideration of placing the notice board at the bus stop sign or freestanding in front of the telephone box.
- **Countryside Code:** Sign would be beneficial.
- **Additional Bins:** Discussion on the need for more bins in the area.

Action: Clerk to apply for funding.

24.51 Waymarker- The Council reviewed the quotations received and resolved to apply for funding from the Milestone Society. They agreed to appoint a contractor, subject to a satisfactory description and standard of works, to restore the historic sign.

Action: Apply for funding from the Milestone society.

24.52 Water monitoring- The Council resolved to ask the Save our Swale group to carry out water quality monitoring downstream of the Marske treatment works.

24.53 Exchange of information & items for the next Agenda-

- Pot Holes: Discussion on addressing potholes.
- Clapgate Bank: Issues to be reviewed.
- Saplings on Cat Bank: Update needed from Highways.
- Water Testing Update: To be provided.
- Waymarker Update: Follow-up required.
- Quote for Notice Board: To be discussed.
- Conservation Area Appraisal Update.
- Budget Precept: To be included in the next agenda.

24.54 **Next meeting date 11th December 2024.**

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Appendix

Monthly Police Report – May 7th – June 7th

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example, Domestic Violence or Harassment although these are included in the totals below.

Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale from Hudswell up to the county border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale,

Crimes of note; between 26th- 27th May 2 x electric bicycles were stolen from bike racks on a vehicle in the Low Row area. Overnight 2nd - 3rd June a Burglary took place at Wensley Rugby Club and a large amount of cash was stolen. Between 4th– 6th June 19 ewes and 31 lambs were reported as stolen from the Gayle area.

- 17 - Abandoned Calls (pocket dials/misdials).
- 11 – Road Traffic Collisions (minor).
- 1 – Road Traffic Collision (serious).
- 12 – Violence.
- 16 – Concern for Safety.
- 12 – Road related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL).
- 3 – Civil Disputes.
- 6 – Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).
- 6 – Theft.
- 3 – Highway disruption (Floods/Trees/Animals).
- 2 – Stalking/Harassment.
- 4 – Antisocial behaviour (nuisance).
- 1 – ASB (personal).
- 1 – Lost/Found.
- 4 – Criminal Damage.

In total 161 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

If you wish to receive information and updates of events/incidents sign up to North Yorkshire Community Messenger by visiting, <https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk> or visit the North Yorkshire Police site on Facebook.

The Neighbourhood Team will continue attending Town/Parish council and community drop ins/events where duties allow.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson. PC 355 Heather Campbell.

PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond. PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor-Page

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Monthly Police Report - June 7th – July 4th

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example, Domestic Violence or Harassment although these are included in the totals below.

Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale from Hudswell up to the county border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

Crimes of note; Between 15th – 16th June Doors, windows, 2x Log burners and Fridge Freezer removed from property under construction in Middleham area. 20th June a large cannabis growth was discovered and destroyed at Hawes Business Park. Overnight 27th June Stihl Chainsaw and Husqvarna Chainsaw taken during burglary in Coverham area. Overnight 27th June 2 x Quad bikes, air rifle, and a Stihl saw were stolen from premises in the Bainbridge area, one Quad recovered due to tracker fitted. Between 30th Jun – 4th Jul an outboard motor and stand up paddle board were stolen from a property at Thornton Steward.

- 20 – Abandoned Calls (pocket dials/misdials).
- 8 – Violence (including Dog Bites).
- 6 – Anti Social Behaviour (nuisance).
- 1 – ASB (environmental).
- 5 – ASB (personal).
- 13 – Concern for Safety.
- 1 – Auto Crime (vehicle interference).
- 16 – Suspicious Circumstances (door to door sellers/vehicles parked).
- 3 – Wildlife (poaching).
- 1 – Criminal Damage.
- 8 – Road Related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL).
- 8 – Road Traffic Collisions (minor).
- 3 – Theft.
- 3 – Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).
- 7 – Highway Disruption (Floods/Trees/Animals).
- 2 – Civil Dispute.

In Total 142 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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Monthly Police Report – July 4th – August 7th 2024.

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Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale, from Hudswell up to the County border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

Crimes of note; 21st July Burglary at Hawes Business Park, a vehicle and high value items stolen, 1x person arrested and vehicle recovered shortly after. 24th July Burglary in Leyburn area, a trailer, along with a quantity of tools and equipment were stolen. 29th July Burglary in Langthwaite area, where a garage was entered, an electric mountain bike and charger were stolen. 30th July Burglary in Hawes area, where a cement mixer was stolen from a barn renovation. 3rd August Burglary in Hawes area where a shed was entered, a Makita energizer/battery and an air rifle were stolen. 7th August Burglary in Langthwaite area, an outbuilding was entered, a quantity of tools, including, a grinder, drills and jigsaw were stolen.

10 - Road Traffic Collisions (minor).

2 – Road Traffic Collisions (serious).

26 – Suspicious Circumstances (door to door sellers/vehicles parked etc.)

7 – Road related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax and possible OPL).

24 – Abandoned Calls (pocket dials/misdials).

5 – Anti Social Behaviour (personal).

1 – ASB (environmental).

2 – ASB (nuisance).

8 – Highway Disruption (Animals/ Floods/Trees).

14 – Violence.

2 – Criminal Damage.

7 – Concern for Safety.

6 – Theft.

4 – Lost/Found Property.

2- Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).

In total, 173 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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News

Residents invited to share their views on rubbish

Residents are being asked to share their views about rubbish and recycling as part of a major new public engagement campaign aimed at reducing waste and protecting the environment in North Yorkshire.

Responses to the Let's Talk Rubbish survey will help North Yorkshire Council to understand residents' behaviours and shape future improvements to its collection service.

Across the county, around 310,000 tonnes of household waste is collected each year from over 300,000 properties. About 45 per cent of this is reused, recycled, or composted.

The formation of North Yorkshire Council brought together seven different ways of collecting household waste and recycling, which was the role of the district and borough councils.

By looking at the existing service, the council is striving to be more efficient and cost-effective by encouraging residents to reduce household waste and increase recycling, as well as ensuring everyone receives the same, regardless of where they live.

Through Let's Talk Rubbish, the council is consulting on the proposal to provide households with two wheelie bins for recycling – one for glass, cans and plastic, and one for paper and card, with alternate fortnightly collections.

A key aim is to reduce contamination and collect better quality material at the kerbside, which is improved when residents are able to separate recyclable material.

When paper or card is mixed with plastic or glass, or exposed to the elements, it can become wet and lower the resale value. However, by keeping these items separate, it means they are worth more to recycling manufacturers.

Two wheelie bins would also provide residents with maximum capacity to recycle as much material as they can, as well as reduce any material being scattered on the street from either the wind or wildlife on collection day.

The collection of non-recyclable rubbish will remain the same as it is now, and residents can also opt-in for garden waste collections.

As with current collections, alternative methods would also still be used for properties where storage or access is limited.

North Yorkshire Council's executive member for managing our environment, Cllr Greg White, said: "Following an extensive review of the different collection methods, the proposal to provide two wheelie bins is our preferred option for recycling collections.

"It would mean residents have the capacity to recycle more, and it would also provide the best value for money, as high-quality, clean recyclable material is worth more to manufacturers.

"By reducing waste and increasing our recycling, we can also help to conserve our natural resources, protect the environment, save energy, and support our ambitions of becoming carbon negative.

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“We know this is an important subject, so through Let’s Talk Rubbish, we want to know how you feel about your existing collection service and what we can all do to help achieve our goals.”

All local authorities must meet the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and move towards improved recycling collections, where possible. The Government also expects all councils to recycle 65 per cent of their waste by 2035.

Let’s Talk Rubbish is part of the council’s ongoing Let’s Talk campaign, listening to people who live and work in North Yorkshire. The Let’s Talk campaign has already sought the public’s views on the council’s finances, transport and a climate change strategy.

To take part in the survey, visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk

Feedback can also be provided in the following ways:

- Pick up a paper copy of the survey from a local library or main local office and return it in the envelope provided.
- Contact North Yorkshire Council by calling 0300 131 2 131 - when prompted say ‘Let’s Talk’.
- Email LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk.

Accessible formats of the survey are available on request. The deadline for responses is September 16. A schedule of face-to-face engagement events will be shown on the consultation webpage.

- ENDS -

Image shows:

Notes to editors

- For further information, contact North Yorkshire Council’s press team via email at media@northyorks.gov.uk

APPENDIX 2 Consultation information

Let’s Talk Rubbish - Household recycling collections in North Yorkshire

This information explains why we are asking you about your household rubbish and recycling in our Let’s Talk Rubbish survey.

Before the formation of North Yorkshire Council, the seven former borough and district authorities all collected household rubbish the same way with wheelie bins, or sacks for restricted access properties. Garden waste services have been brought together and are now provided in the same way, but recycling is still collected differently across the county.

Craven	Hambleton	Harrogate*	Richmondshire	Ryedale	Scarborough	Selby
						

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**Approximately 45 per cent of properties in the Harrogate area have a wheelie bin for glass, cans and plastic*

We now want to make the recycling collection service the same for everyone, to help ensure we are making the best use of resources and providing value for money.

We must also meet the requirements of the [Environment Act 2021](#) to improve recycling collections. And Government expects all councils to recycle 65 per cent of their waste by 2035.

Following a review of our existing recycling collection methods, we identified three different options for further investigation:

Option 1: All recycling in one 240-litre wheelie bin collected fortnightly.

Option 2: Separate recycling boxes for each material, collected fortnightly.

Option 3: Two 240-litre wheelie bins, one for glass, cans and plastic, and one for paper and card, with alternate fortnightly collections.

For each of the three shortlisted options, we have looked at value for money, contamination, and carbon reduction.

Value for money

- Recycling with wheelie bins (option 1 and 3) requires the fewest vehicles, highlighting the efficiency of using wheelie bins and single compartment vehicles
- Option 3 (two 240-litre wheelie bins for glass, cans and plastic, and paper and card collected alternate fortnightly) could see the highest overall cost reduction
- Option 2 (separate recycling boxes) could see the second highest cost saving but requires the most staff, due to the high number of vehicles required to operate the service
- Option 1 (all recycling in one wheelie bin) could see the lowest decrease in total costs and the least value for money. Higher contamination levels combined with lower quality material could result in higher treatment costs and less income.

With all options, there are costs of additional containers and provision of vehicles, but costs will be minimised by changing vehicles as they reach the end of their life.

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Contamination

Comparison with other local authorities shows that contamination (non-recyclable items) is lower when residents sort materials (options 2 and 3). As part of any changes, we would provide information to all residents about recycling effectively and helping to contribute to increasing our recycling rates.

Carbon reduction

Emissions, from collections and onward haulage of recyclable material, is the only area that impacts the total amount from the baseline. Only small, marginal changes are observed across all options.

Other things to consider with bags and boxes (option 2)

- Issues with recycling items escaping from boxes and bags on windy days
- Paper collected in bags or boxes becomes wet when it rains and can be rejected by paper mills meaning further costs and reduced income
- The manual handling involved for residents and collection crews with lifting heavy boxes and bags means wheelie bins are much easier to use and empty.

Conclusion

Following an extensive review of the different collection methods, option 3 (two wheelie bins, one for glass, cans and plastic, and one for paper and card, with alternate fortnightly collections) has been identified as the preferred collection method for the majority of properties. Fortnightly collection of non-recyclable rubbish will continue.

This option would provide best value for money because high-quality recyclable materials would be presented at the kerbside and sold to manufacturers who would recycle them to make new products.

Two wheelie bins would also provide residents with more capacity to recycle as much material as possible. A third wheelie bin is provided for normal rubbish. Residents can continue to opt in for a garden waste collection should they wish to do so.

As is currently the case, alternative methods of collection would be used for properties where storage or access is limited. This may include sack collections and communal or different sized bins.

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Correspondence received

Boundary Commission

o: All Parish Meetings/Parish/Town and City Councils (the Parish Sector),

Please find below the meeting information and joining instructions for the Boundary Commission Parish Sector Briefing – Thursday 29 August at 7pm

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is due to begin an electoral review of North Yorkshire Council.

The LGBCE is a parliamentary body established by statute to conduct boundary, electoral and structural reviews of local government areas in England. The Commission is independent of government and political parties and is directly accountable to the Speaker's Committee of the House of Commons. An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for the whole local authority. These are:

- The total number of councillors that should be elected to the local authority in the future: (called the 'council size')
- The total number of divisions, division boundaries, names and the number of councillors to represent each division.

As such, the review is likely to have implications for North Yorkshire Council and its constituent parishes. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at an all-out election which will take place at the next county elections in 2027.

To broaden your knowledge of the review, the LGBCE has agreed to undertake a briefing which is open to all parishes and community groups across North Yorkshire. The briefing will take place at 7pm on Thursday 29 August remotely through Microsoft Teams.

Ahead of the briefing, if you have any questions, please direct those to jonathan.ashby@lgbce.org.uk

Information on proposed changes to National Planning Policy

Dear Charlotte E Smith

Following the launch of the Government's consultation on [proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system](#) it is necessary to take stock and understand the implications for the new local plan for North Yorkshire prior to launching the first major stage of consultation; the Issues and Options Consultation. This means that the Issues and Options Consultation will take place early next year rather than commencing in December of this year. Whilst this is a short delay to the start of the consultation, work continues on all aspects of the evidence base to support the local plan.

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Details of the timing of consultations will be made available on the council's website - [northyorks.gov.uk/localplan]northyorks.gov.uk/localplan

Dark Sky Reserve Lighting in the Yorkshire Dales

Good afternoon,

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is hosting a training event on Dark Sky Reserve Lighting in the Yorkshire Dales. The event focuses on best practices for minimizing light pollution, particularly aimed at local businesses, tradespeople, landowners and holiday accommodation providers within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The presentation will focus on the importance of proper lighting practices to minimize light pollution in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the benefits this has on our dark skies, wildlife, ecosystems and human health.

This is an informal, **FREE** event which will take place on:

Date: Monday, 11 November 2024

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

Location: Yoredale, Bainbridge, DL8 3EL

We would greatly appreciate it if you could help us in promoting the event and would be very grateful if you could include information about this event in your upcoming Parish magazine or newsletter to ensure that as many relevant parties as possible are made aware and have the opportunity to participate.

For more information and to sign up to attend, please click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shining-a-light-on-the-yorkshire-dales-dark-sky-reserve-tickets-950744912627>

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our International Dark Sky Reserve status.

Best wishes,

Helen Dalton and Kathryn Storey

Dark Sky Reserve Officer(s)

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Recruitment to the NYLAF

Good afternoon, Parish Clerks

Please find attached a recruitment poster for the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum (NYLAF). NYLAF is an independent body that advises North Yorkshire Council, and other bodies, on how people can make the most of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors, and North Yorkshire Council is inviting local people with an interest in countryside access to apply to join.

The Forum brings together representatives of land managers, users and other relevant areas of interest to watch over and help to shape the future of footpaths, bridleways, byways, open access land and other green spaces within North Yorkshire, outside the boundaries of the National Parks.

We would appreciate it if you could print a copy of the poster off and display it in your parish notice board until the closing date for applications, which is Friday, 23 August 2024.

Kind regards Dawn

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Democratic Services Officer

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New guide to care and support in North Yorkshire - a crucial time for information

A new, updated Care Services Directory - a guide that promotes wellbeing and independence for adults has been published today in association with North Yorkshire Council. It gives readers crucial information on how to access, and pay for, care services throughout North Yorkshire. In an increasingly digital world, this printed publication is a useful resource to keep handy if you find it difficult to get online.

If you're growing concerned about your care options, or just want some more information on what your choices may be, this Directory can help. With information to help you understand your options, where to go for advice and how the paying for care system works, the Care Services Directory can support you to make informed decisions.

The new edition of the Care Services Directory for Adults and accompanying website give information on all aspects of arranging care and support in North Yorkshire. It includes how to stay independent for as long as possible, the different care and support options available and what to look for when choosing a care provider. It also offers guidance on important issues such as paying for care and what financial assistance may be available from the local authority. There are comprehensive listings of all registered care services throughout North Yorkshire, plus checklists to help you ask the right questions when visiting services.

For a free copy of Care Services Directory - a guide that promotes wellbeing and independence for adults contact the North Yorkshire Councils customer service centre on 0300 131 2 131. The Directory will be available throughout the region from outlets including carers' centres, hospitals, GP surgeries, Age UK and Carers' Resource. It can be downloaded from www.carechoices.co.uk and is also available in spoken word. You can also order a copy to your door by visiting www.carechoices.co.uk/order-copies-of-a-directory

Jo Dovey, Director of Policy and Communications at the Guide's publisher, Care Choices, commented: "This is an invaluable source of information for anyone considering short- or long-term care in North Yorkshire, and contains vital information to help people decide what type of care and support is best for them.

"With the current crisis in social care, finding a care service for yourself or a loved one that meets their needs and is affordable can be a daunting and unfamiliar task. This new Care Services Directory - a guide that promotes wellbeing and independence for Adults has been compiled to help people understand the process and offer them reassurance at every step of their journey."

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Care Choices is the UK's largest independent publisher for social care and adults with additional needs. It is also the largest publisher of care directories for local authorities in England.

Highways

RAKE BECK BRIDGE – MAINTENANCE WORKS – ROAD CLOSURE

This letter is to inform you that North Yorkshire Council, will be undertaking essential bridge maintenance works at Rake beck Bridge, Near New Forest, Marske, Road from Holgate Pasture to Cordilleras Lane. The works are currently programmed to commence on 2nd September 2024 and will be carried out under a Full Road Closure for 24 hours for a period of 3 weeks.

A plan showing the extent of the works is enclosed for your information. The works planned include the invert concrete, rebuild of west training wall, Rebuilt of Spandrel wall and repointing works. Advance warning signage advising of the works will be installed on site shortly. Whilst the works are in progress, a fully signed diversion will be in place. Please be advised there may be extended periods when access will not be possible due to the nature of the works and physical constraints of the site. Pedestrian access will not be maintained. Please note, this work is part of an extensive programme and therefore, some adjustment to this start date or the duration of the works may be necessary should unforeseen circumstances such as significant weather events or emergencies on the highway network arise. To ensure the delivery of these works we request your assistance in the following ways:

- Please contact the Customer Service Centre on 0300 131 2 131, to identify any special access needs you may have prior to work commencing.
- Please co-operate and comply with any instructions issued by the traffic management operatives and take extra care whilst within the works area.

May I draw your attention to the Councils Corporate Privacy Policy by using the following link
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/privacy-notices>.

When submitting a response, we will record personal information including your name and address. For further information, including diversion information and to sign up for alerts please go to;
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roadworks> I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any disruption that these works may cause and would again request your cooperation to help ensure an efficiently and safely executed project.

Yours faithfully

Customer Service Centre

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Best Kept Village

Marske and New Forest

Dear Charlotte,

I write to thank you and the villagers of Marske and New Forest for taking part in the Rotary Club of Richmond Best Kept Village Competition 2024. I have to inform you that on this occasion you were not a prize winner. I know how much the effort you have made has contributed to the highest of standards in this competition. The prize winners in the three sections are listed below. I understand how this will be disappointing for all those involved after months of effort. The standard of all participant villages is immensely high.

We do not publish a full list of scores achieved or provide individual village feedback, but later in August I will prepare a guide to those things across all the entrants, that the Judges found enhanced scores and all those things that village groups may consider helpful to do in the future.

We have diversified the prizes this year. Although villages may have qualified for more than one of these prizes, as we said we would at the start of the competition, we have spread the prizes where this is the case. We are pleased that there are new village names among the prizes this year and we are delighted these are awarded right across the region.

Ist Prize £400 in the Richmond Rotary Best Kept Village.

Aldborough St John

New Entrant(since 2019) £100

Skeeby

£50 to provide a sapling in recognition of how the village has enhanced the environment to encourage nature and encouraged individuals to do the same

West Scrafton

East Witton

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We realise that many will feel disappointed, but we hope the experience of working together as a community has been a very positive one. Certainly, the lovely village environments across the whole group reflect this. The villages have all provided lovely, ambient experiences and done much to add to the natural environments. This has been the opinion fed back to us from the judges this year, most of whom have done this over many years. I also thank them for the work they have done.

I have added a poster page for your village notice board. We are already beginning to consider how best we can improve the Competition, and whatever your experience has been this year we hope you will take part again in 2025.

My thanks to you as the village correspondent
Every good wish,

Jos Huddleston

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Payments Schedule

30/05/2024	-108.03	MRS CE SMITH	SALARY
30/05/2024	-26	MRS CE SMITH	HWA
16/05/2024	-261.03	EMPLOYER	PAYE
16/05/2024	-26	MRS CE SMITH	HWA
16/05/2024	-100.23	MRS CE SMITH	SALARY