

Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report
Kirkby Malzeard : May 25

Highways.

I am not aware of any new Highways issues.

Community Partnership (Ripon)

Work continues within the Transport & Connectivity Working Group :

- I have already circulated the VOIP factsheet.
- NYC's Senior Transport Officer is attending our meeting this week to report on proposals for the mobility hub project for Ripon's Bus Station.
- I have been in touch with Ripon BID and the Mayor's office to represent the group's support for a bus service between Thirsk train station and Ripon.
- I have been in touch with the Mayor and the NYC about the proposed sale of Ripley castle and the impact this might have on the car park, if not retained as a car park or if sold off as a separate parcel. I have asked for this to be assessed and for next steps to be considered should this be the outcome.
- Following a review of cycle and walking routes between Ripon and Fountains Abbey, NYC's officers are now working up proposals and costings (as part of Ripon's LCWAIP).
- The timings for the roll-out of the Gigabit broadband scheme are now available. There is map that shows the next phase of delivery here : <https://labs.thinkbroadband.com> where you need to follow the key to see what works are planned. If you visit www.quickline.co.uk you can put in your website to find out if there is delivery planned. The proposed timescale for the works is planning/building in Winter 26 and complete Summer 27.
- Having had a response from DCC about smart meter connectivity I am chasing up clarification. The DCC are likely to give this at the next Area Constituency Committee meeting (end of May), the indication is that there are plans to move across to mobile phone signal network where this an option, using existing masts. I have asked what the timescale is for this and if a change of policy requires a change in legislation. I will report further. I have asked for whatever data might be available to show how many meters have been installed and not connected, how many are operating and how these compare with national average and the average in areas where mobile connectivity is permitted

I am also in discussion with MCO and NYC about the establishment of a Masham Community Network, and how this will operate either alongside or within the existing Uredale one.

Destination Management Plan

I have met the new Head of Tourism, Tony Watson, and discussed the need for the DMP to be delivered in line with the DMP proposals and monitored. I have asked for a detailed breakdown of what has been delivered and what is planned for my division, and for this to be presented at the ACC meeting at the end of the month.

Locality Budget

Although a smaller sum, I can now distribute this if there are any applications to be made. I am supporting the Fountains Ways printing costs, although there may be additional funding available from the NYC Tourism team to support this further.

Planning

I am not aware of planning issues. I have asked the Enforcement Officer for an update on the position regarding the reported planning infringements at two sites in the parish.

TPO Trees

I have provided Kirkby residents with advice about the TPO position regarding two trees in the village, and what is required in way of surveys and notification etc for any tree surgery to be carried out.

Long Course Weekend

The route has now been confirmed for the marathon and half marathon routes (which require road closure). I will circulate this separately. The route is circular and goes as far as Kirkby Malzeard before returning to Masham. I will liaise with the organisers to ensure that they meet the PC to discuss the arrangements for the event.

Has the sign now been removed?

Laverton Community Energy

I attended a Northern Powergrid stakeholder seminar recently, and have since been in contact with Georgia Wilde at NP (their innovation project manager). She has forwarded me details of current funding available for community energy projects which I have shared with a Laverton resident, with a view to NP assisting the project further.

School Admissions

I am sorry to say that the recent motion at Full Council to change the Home to School policy to include catchment schools was voted down. The motion had my full support and the impact of the current policy will be significant, disproportionately impacting rural families and communities. I will continue to

challenge the assessment of the savings the policy is meant to be creating, and challenge the policy on behalf of families impacted.

Internation Day of Older Persons

This is on 1st October and the aim of the day is to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges arising from an ageing population. If there are any community groups/coffee mornings etc that might want to take part in this event please let me know. NYC are making plans for the celebrations.

Police, Fire & Crime Panel

I attended the panel last month, which scrutinises the Deputy Mayor's role and the delivery of fire and police services. She announced the appointment of additional police officers to the force. The need to focus on rural crime and to work with landowners to control wild fires in dry months was discussed and the DM will be reporting further on this.

Save on your energy bills with a Community Buying Scheme

The Big Community Switch has been launched today, it's a free community group buying scheme which gives access to tariffs which are often not available on the open market. More information is here :

www.northyorks.gov.uk/energyswitching

Boundary Commission

I have already circulated the proposed new boundary for you to consider and comment on as part of the consultation. Whilst it is proposed that parishes to the south of the ward are allocated to Nidderdale divisions, this division will gain North Stainley and West Tanfield. I support these proposals, the alternative includes part of Ripon in the division which would require me to report to Ripon City Council with a much more urban perspective, which I do not support. Please submit your views on this.

Toothbrushing Scheme

I have been in touch with an NHS co-ordinator who provides support for the scheme that requires school children to brush their teeth every day at school. This is to help address oral health issues, in light of the very limited access to NHS dentists in the area. I have put forward several schools for the scheme (including Kirkby). I am pleased to report that Masham has taken up the offer.

Fraud Awareness

I have asked Mark Lacy, Trading Standards officer, if he could run sessions about the risk of fraud and what to look out for. I suggested that he attend group events such as community drop-ins and meet sheltered housing residents. He is very happy to do this, he can cover doorstep crime and telephone and mail scams, along with any issues that might be of concern and he can explain how Trading Standards can help.

Rubbish Collections

As of w/c 21st April, collections in the Harrogate locality changed to a four day week. For those impacted you should have had a letter advising you of your new day. Avoiding Mondays means that there will be less disruption over Bank Holidays.

Consultation starts on plan to drive economy and support communities

The first major step towards creating a new plan to support sustainable economic growth and prosperous communities in North Yorkshire up to 2045 has begun. Residents and businesses in the county are being asked to give their views on North Yorkshire Council's first Local Plan, which sets out where land should be provided to accommodate new homes and jobs and the infrastructure needed to go with them.

The strategy also looks at how to protect and enhance the landscape and the historic heritage of the county, address climate change and create healthy communities. The single countywide policy will replace adopted plans for the previous district and borough council areas of Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby.

The Government is due to announce changes to the Local Plan system nationally to make it simpler and shorter, but the council has agreed to press ahead of the revised policies so a countywide plan can be put in place as soon as possible. Any changes brought in by central government can then be transferred to the new plan.

The consultation runs from Monday, May 19 until July 15. People can take part in the consultation online by visiting the council's website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan.

Support schemes for young people seek more volunteers

The organisers of schemes in North Yorkshire which help young people reach their full potential are looking for more volunteers. North Yorkshire Youth's aim is to help young people realise their potential through various support services.

Volunteers with the Independent Visitor scheme befriend young people in local authority care, get to know them and enjoy activities together once a month for a minimum of two years. This can include anything from going for a walk, talking over a coffee, trying a new sport or visiting parks and museums.

The Buddy Network scheme, meanwhile, is designed to help and support young people as they reach the end of existing support. Participants meet volunteers for an hour on a regular basis to chat and offer help and advice. This takes place in the community for about six months.

The schemes have been judged a great success, with those taking part talking about how they have brought stability to their lives, introduced positive role models and have enabled them to look to the future with positivity.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for either the Independent Visitor scheme or the Buddy Network can contact Stef Benson on [07398 149496](tel:07398149496) or email stef@nyy.org.uk.

For details on the schemes visit the North Yorkshire Youth website at <https://nyy.org.uk/>.

North Yorkshire Business Week: A Celebration of Innovation and Growth

North Yorkshire Council is proud to announce the launch of North Yorkshire Business Week, taking place from 16 to 20 June 2025.

This inaugural event is a week-long celebration of North Yorkshire's business community, packed with free online and in-person events for businesses, designed to inspire innovation, share best practice, and provide practical support for growth.

The week kicks off with a flagship launch event at Harrogate Convention Centre on Monday 16 June, featuring keynote speakers, an expert panel Q&A, networking sessions, and a business support expo. Later in the week, a maritime and renewables sector conference will be held at Scarborough Spa on Thursday 19 June. In between there will be a wide range of expert-led workshops on topics including finance, marketing, and recruitment. The week will be concluded with business support drop-ins led by our Business North Yorkshire team.

The full event programme is now live, and booking is open.

[Find out more and get booking details via the council's website.](#)

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