

KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTIFICATION TO ALL RESIDENTS IN MALHAM, KIRKBY MALHAM, MALHAM MOOR, AND HANLITH

To all households in Malham,

NOTIFICATION FROM KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL OF TRAFFIC CALMING “GATEWAY” BEING INSTALLED ON ENTRANCE INTO MALHAM VILLAGE.

On behalf of Kirkby Malhamdale Parish Council (KMPC) I would like to notify you of the next stage of the Traffic Plan for Malham Village, which has been developed by your Parish Council over recent years. This follows on from a consultation process involving the Parish Council, specialist traffic management advisers and the local community.

A new traffic “gateway” is now going to be installed on the main road approaching Malham village, broadly parallel to the National Park Visitor Centre, to replace the temporary traffic cones that has been in situ for about 3 years now.

Some 5-6 years ago now KMPC began a process of consultation with all residents about ways that it would be possible to improve the long-standing traffic and safety problems created for Malham village because of the huge numbers of visitors who come to this beautiful place in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The visitor numbers have certainly shown no signs of diminishing, and in fact over the past 5+ years, and particularly post-Covid-19, the visitor numbers have increased significantly.

The consultation process allowed for ideas on how Malham’s growing traffic related challenges might be managed and, in some instances, mitigated. This culminated in a detailed Traffic Management Plan being produced for KMPC which was made accessible to all residents and KMPC sought feedback, comment, and input accordingly – with the feedback received being considered in the final traffic management plan that we agreed to implement. From that Traffic Management Plan, we (KMPC) have adopted several recommendations to help in managing the visitor numbers, and the related traffic and safety concerns, including the following which you might well have noticed:

- Working with local landowners to achieve a greater prevalence of off-road parking (in fields situated in a safe and accessible location to Malham village) over more days during the year and especially during the peak visitor periods. This is now regularly in operation.
- Working with, and obtaining agreement from, Highways and Craven District Council (now North Yorkshire Council) for renewal of double yellow (“no parking”) lines in a more extensive area within Malham village and on Malham Brow to help prevent unsafe and inconsiderate parking. The additional yellow lines and renewal of previous yellow lines was undertaken in 2022.
- The Lengthsman also monitors traffic levels and as necessary will put out No Parking cones to help manage inconsiderate, illegal parking. The work of the lengthsman is funded by KMPC from parking donations received via the “milk churns” located around Malham village and we have been able to do this without raising any Parish “Precept” now for over 3

consecutive financial years – you will no doubt have noticed this fact (the £0 Precept) on your annual Council Tax Statement.

We are now moving onto the next step or stage of the Traffic Management Plan that we agreed to move forward with. This is to make permanent the temporary traffic calming “gateway” which has been in operation since 2020 situated adjacent to the National Park Visitor Centre in Malham. We have consulted with Highways at CDC/NYC and the design of the traffic calming gateway meets all the necessary Highways requirements and regulations.

To help mitigate some of the costs associated with creating and installing the permanent traffic calming we have been fortunate to obtain a contribution from Councillor Simon Myers who is the local North Yorkshire Council representative for Kirkby Malhamdale, Cllr. Myers has been extremely supportive of the whole Traffic Management Plan concept. We are extremely grateful to Cllr. Myers for his support of this initiative.

The remainder of the cost will be covered by KMPC without any requirement to raise a Parish Precept to meet the one-off cost involved in creating the traffic calming gateway. This will also be done as sensitively as possible from an aesthetic viewpoint.

We believe that this permanent traffic calming measure will help the village of Malham in dealing with the increasing challenge that exists, in relation to managing traffic flows into Malham village, whilst also helping to regulate and limit vehicle speeds. We firmly believe that the traffic calming “gateway” will also improve safety for residents of, and visitors to, Malham in the process.

We – KMPC – therefore wanted to advise the whole Kirkby Malhamdale community that over the next few months, hopefully before the end of 2023 at the latest, the necessary work will be undertaken to create the traffic gateway.

We thank you for your continued support of the Parish Council and the work we do to try and improve Kirkby Malhamdale in various ways.

Regards,

CHRIS WILDMAN
CHAIRMAN OF KIRKBY MALHAMDALE PARISH COUNCIL.