P4E – Safe, Active Travel, re-connecting our Rural Communities around Ryedale

Why P4E?

Paths 4 Everyone (P4E) will provide safe, independent active travel across Ryedale.

- P4E are for wheelchair users, walkers, pushchairs, cyclists of all ages, cycles adapted for disability, mobility scooters, horse-riders and runners.
- P4E will improve the health and well-being of our community.
- P4E will support our local economy.
- P4E will reduce our carbon footprint, providing safer, easier and greener connectivity between our towns and villages.

Paths 4 Everyone, connecting our communities to nature, to each other, benefiting the health and wellbeing of all, children and grandparents. Giving a safe space to experience the clean air and beautiful countryside of Ryedale.

What is the scope of P4E?

The plan, in consultation with NYC and Landowners, is to link the market towns of Malton, Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside and Pickering.
This Market Town Circular will connect our village communities to the towns.

- The Pickering to Malton section is nearly complete.
- Linking the market towns will create a circular route of approximately 50 miles of safe, active travel and independent connectivity for individuals and families.
- It will provide the opportunity to link communities inside and outside the route, significantly increasing active travel to around 200 miles radius. P4E

will enable linking the Way of the Roses Wolds route, routes to York, the Ebor Way, Centurian Way and the Moors to Sea Cycle Route.

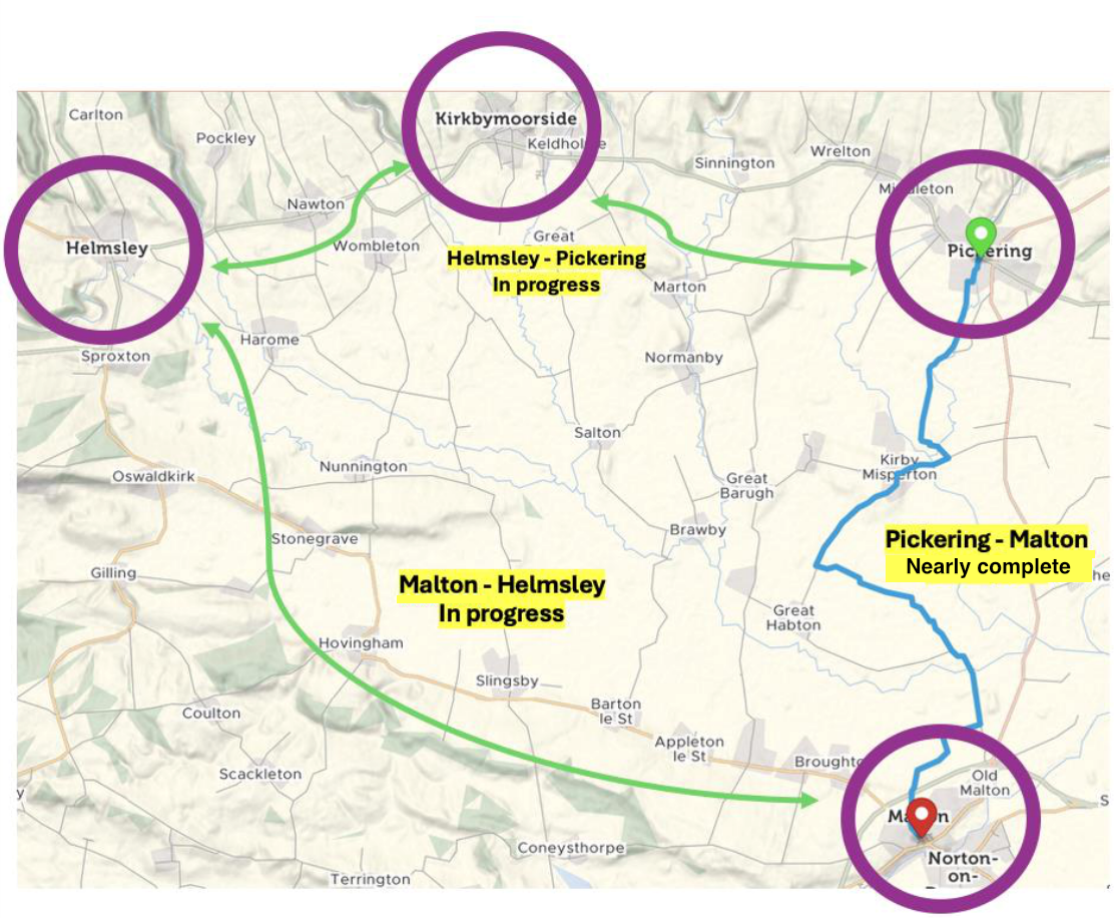
- 14 miles are complete, 8 miles are quiet lanes, a further 8 Miles are in progress, 20 miles are not started. The objective is to complete the Paths by 2030.

What are the benefits of having P4E?

People living in rural communities are 15% less active than their counterparts in large towns and cities. In rural communities, the car is primarily used to travel. At a time when tackling obesity and poor mental health is a top priority for society, what better way to encourage and enjoy low-cost healthy exercise, with the provision of safe, accessible, cycling, walking and horse-riding paths.

- Children will be able to ride to school. Parents will have the opportunity to exercise and push prams in safety, individuals with disabilities will not be so constrained by their location. Horse owners will be able to extend their rides.
- The local economy will benefit from the improved connectivity. Tourism will get a boost.
- Active travel will reduce the amount of traffic on the roads and cut down carbon emissions, improving air quality.
- Overall, P4E will improve the health, wealth and well-being of our community. The community benefits are enormous.

The route showing the sections in progress.



Who are involved in the P4E?

P4E Team

The Steering Group includes Keisha Moore, Senior Transport Planning Officer, Faye Snowden Regeneration Officer for Thirsk and Malton, Countryside Access Services, Rosie Sanderson Senior Public right of Way Officer. Helen Gundry, of Moors Bus fame and much more, Mike Potter Helmsley TC and Slow the Flow, Frank Colenso Project Lead, Project Purple Hovingham and Dan Chaplin Project Manager, ChPP National Trust. This small active group meeting every 6 weeks. North Yorkshire Council's Transport Planning and Sustainable Transport Officer have been supporting Ryedale Environment Group (a registered charity) with the P4E project. P4E is supported by a planned Advisory Board, a Steering Group and Local Parish Section Teams.
The P4E Steering Group is providing the overall management of the project. Each parish section will be supported by local "Sub Groups" providing the local needs and knowledge.

More importantly the path cannot be completed without the cooperation, encouragement, support and generosity of Landowners, Farmers and Residents. By providing access for Paths 4 Everyone, Landowners, Farmers and Residents, will help increase the health and well-being of our community, improve community connectivity and give a boost to our local economy.

The P4E is receiving support from Stakeholders and Associated Bodies:

Landowners, Farmers and Residents
North Yorkshire Councils ACC
NYC Sustainable Transport
NYC Countryside Access Service
NYC Transport Planning
NYC Highways
Community First Yorkshire
Howardian Hills National Landscape
North Riding PCN
Kevin Hollinrake MP
Malton, Pickering and Malton Town Councils
Many Parish Councils, Associated Groups, Businesses and Residents

What is the phasing?

Each section will be assessed for complexity, timeline and cost. Completed sections will add momentum to achieving further sections as landowners, farmers, funders, businesses, schools and the public see the route starting to produce local benefits.
Potentially, the sections that will take the longest are those needing negotiation and agreements with landowner and tenants. Some of the sections will need compensation payments and physical solutions to allay possible public access concerns. We will work with Landowners and Farmers to find win win solutions for this Legacy Project.

Most sections that do require changes will mean an agreement with the landowners to upgrade a Public Right of Way to a Permissive Cycle Path or Permissive Bridleway.

Where will the funding come from?

Central Government are presently supporting landowners through the Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier "Access" payments. Funding will be sought from central and local government and the combined authority. York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, under Mayor David Skaith, are now responsible for transport, and that the Mayor is very supportive of active travel. The responsibility for highways and countryside access remains with North Yorkshire Council. Town Councils, Corporate and local business sponsorship, public donations and local fund-raising events will also be part of the mix. Parish Councils will be able to support, applying for grants for the local section design costs.
We will seek collaboration from British Cycling Places to Ride and charitable trusts. Through the Community Infrastructure Levy, Howardian Hills National Landscape and the NYC Health team. Funding sources will continue to be identified by P4E.

Future maintenance?

P4E will work with NYC Countryside Access Services where we have developed a "Path Keepers Agreement" with local residents for the off road sections.P4E will provide funding and resources for the appropriate sections of the Paths. Paths on road verges would become the responsibility of NYC highways. By achieving National Cycle Network status, the route would benefit from the well organised national WalkWheelCycle Trust volunteer network. In the short and longer term, support and information from local resources will be imperative.

If you would like to help or receive communications updates, please get in touch with Helen Gundry, Frank Colenso or Mike Potter by e-mailing:
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