

## **North Yorkshire Councillor report July 2024**

Following the second landmark election of the year in North Yorkshire we now have a Labour Government but retain our long-standing member of Parliament, Julian Smith.

I have had a long and productive working relationship with Julian and will no doubt continue to have his support for his next term. I also have faith in Julian to be able to foster a good working relationship with the new Labour Government on our behalf.

### **Kex Gill reopened**

One of the main routes in the North of England which has been closed due to a landslip has reopened following an extensive repair scheme.

North Yorkshire Council's highways team were forced to close the A59 at Kex Gill in February, after the start of the year was one of the wettest on record.

The prolonged wet weather made conditions even more challenging on the road, which is a key route linking the east and west of the country. During the repair scheme extended working hours helped ensure the road was reopened as soon as possible.

The most effective repair scheme was chosen, which involved the installation of more than 85 metres of steel sheets – known as piles – to create a structural wall.

The road behind the sheet piles was then reconstructed, along with drainage works and the relocation of telephone cables.

The focus can now turn back to the multi-million pound re-alignment project. The latest landslip proves more than ever that the scheme is essential to ensure the future of this key east-west route.

### **Does your community facility need a defibrillator?**

London Hearts has launched this scheme with the aim of increasing the number of AEDs to help save lives. As a charity we understand it is not always possible to install a public access Defibrillator and people's needs differ particularly in the workplace.

The fund is moving far quicker than initially anticipated given the limited funding requirement, so they are allocating on a first come first basis as to avoid any

disappointment. Anyone in your constituency can apply, including the council. Would you be so kind to circulate with residents in your constituency? Funding of circa £660 per unit is required.

🔗 Interested? Apply using the link below! — <https://londonhearts.org/defib-scheme/>  
<https://londonhearts.org/article/lh-launches-new-defibrillator-scheme-to-help-save-lives-across-the-uk/>

I would be happy to look at any potential funding applications through my locality budget if financial support is required.