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SELSIDE VILLAGE GREEN PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

There is evidence of settlement in the area of Selside in North Yorkshire going back to the bronze age, and in the Domesday Book the village, rated at one hundred acres, is recorded as being the property of Earl Torfin.

By the Dissolution the village belonged to Furness Abbey.

An integral component of the village throughout the ages has been its Green. Formerly covering a much more extensive area than now it was a focal point for many social and domestic activities.

An important hiring fair, the Selside Pot Fair or Cheese Fair was held upon the Green each year on 24th June.

Selside school lies alongside the area and a document of 1877 comments upon the limited amount of playspace at the school, but adds that there is adequate space for the children to play on the Village Green.

Within living memory, in the 1930's, a pig belonging to Top Farm was kept upon the Green, and during the war years and for a time afterwards vegetables were grown by residents of the village.

There is also some evidence that the Green was used by the community for keeping stock, and two ancient walls on the Green may well be the remains of a pinfold.

Local residents remember dances held in the school with refreshments available at the Town Hall, a building now known as 'The Shant' standing on the Green. Music was provided by a local fiddler from Old Ing nearby, and the Town Hall was also a centre for entertainment for the local young farm labourers who regularly met to play cards.

So it will be seen that the Green has been an important ingredient in life of the village for many years.

A collection of corrugated iron huts used for agricultural purposes was erected upon the Green and as has happened in many other parts of the country, the exact ownership of the Village Green was always obscure, and inevitably a dispute arose over the title to the Green and subsequent problems of access and use by members of the village.

Following extensive research over a period of several years by members of the village, the Green was finally registered and once ownership had been clearly established, work started to clear the area of a collection of redundant farm equipment and implements which had been placed on the green during the dispute. (*Photo 1*)

Selside Residents Association was formed to ensure proper stewardship of the Green in the future and a number of meetings were called to discuss how the area might once again become an amenity for residents and visitors alike.

Selside village is bisected by the B6479 road. The road through the village is both narrow, with sharp bends around buildings and with steep inclines. The Green lies alongside the road, and was subject to continual encroachment from road traffic, especially the many Heavy Goods Vehicles passing along the road from nearby quarries. *(Photo 2)*

The residents meetings expressed a clear desire for the Green to have some protection from further encroachment, and a form of setting to the verges was clearly desirable.

A further area for improvement was the removal of one or both of the modern dry stone walls that had been erected upon the Green during the ownership dispute, restricting the utility of the Green as a public open space. *(Photo 3)*

The final task suggested was the complete removal of the remains of a loading bay of rotten railway sleepers and a redundant diesel fuel tank at the Eastern end of the Green. *(Photo 4)*

Selside is a popular village for walkers, and the Residents Association meeting further suggested that some form of amenity seating be provided. This was to be effected by using surplus walling stone with stone coping as a seat. *(Photo 5)* Such a facility would be low in maintenance, compatible with surrounding buildings and also ensure that traffic could not encroach onto the area either by daily passage or by undesirable parking.

The idea of having a bonfire area upon the Green was considered but later rejected, and the area on the Green suggested for this amenity was later to be cleared of several tonnes of hardcore and the topsoil reinstated. *(Photo 6)*

The ideas were presented to members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority who assisted with the planning process and specifications for the protective setts.

An application was made on 17 June 1997 to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Yorkshire Dales National Park for a grant for the project, mainly to cover the costs of the work adjoining the B6479 road. The grant application was approved on 8th October 1997, confirmation being received about one month later.

The first working party commenced work upon the site on 6th December 1997 and the construction work was completed on 14th February 1998. Reinstatement is underway with particular attention being paid to establishing appropriate plants and trees. *(Photo 7)* The seating area was provided with stone setts which are placed far enough apart to allow shallow rooted plants to become established yet provide a durable surface for the feet of those who use the seat.

During the course of the work, the presence of overhead power cables running through tree branches on the Green area caused some concern, and contractors employed by NORWEB will remove the tree concerned (a sycamore) in April.

This tree will be replaced with a more suitable species (possibly a wild cherry) and the roots of the old tree will be removed and replanting will then take place.

The Green, which is used by all members of the community *(Photo 8)* still lies alongside the very busy road, and concern has been raised about the method that might be employed to demarcate the edge of the Green and the road more effectively. One method under consideration is to plant specimen native bushes alongside the verge. English Nature suggested the native juniper would be most suitable, but these are quite expensive to purchase, so will be acquired when funds permit.

Maintenance of the Green will be undertaken by members of the Selside Residents Association. It is anticipated that close mowing of the Green will not be undertaken in order to encourage development of meadow and wild flower species rather than a grass monoculture.

In March 1998, the Committee of the Selside Residents Association made the decision to apply to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority for consideration of the project for an Environment Award.

It is anticipated that winning a Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Environment Award would provide the finance considerably to enhance the development for the planting plans for the Selside Village Green.

SELSIDE VILLAGE GREEN ENHANCEMENT WORKS -COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement associated with the enhancement works to the Green goes back a number of years when the ownership dispute started. The involvement was totally spontaneous, and reflected the desire upon the inhabitants of Selside to preserve in the Green as a place for public use. It was a community working for itself and was not initiated by local or parish councils, although Horton Parish Council gave great support and assistance with the actual registration of the Green.

Establishing the right of public use of land is not a simple matter, so a great deal of work was undertaken by members of the community which while not conspicuous was fundamental to the project before the final concrete phase was achieved.

Selside is a very small community comprising eight households and a number of outlying farms and cottages. Throughout the entire process of securing the Green for public use members of these outlying households gave their time and labour to achieve the objective.

Working parties were always well attended even during the atrocious weather conditions experienced, and over twenty people assisted at various times with the project.

While acknowledgement of individual contributions would be lengthy and indeed most would not seek such recognition, it is however most appropriate to record the tremendous support rendered to the project by Horton Parish Council, The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, and finally North Yorkshire County Council Contracts Department.

There was a strong feeling expressed by many of the workers that the project has brought the community closer together, and already some ideas are being floated for the next Millennium project.

SELSIDE VILLAGE GREEN ENHANCEMENT WORKS

APPENDICES

Location Map

Document (c. 1870) relating to use of Green by Selside School

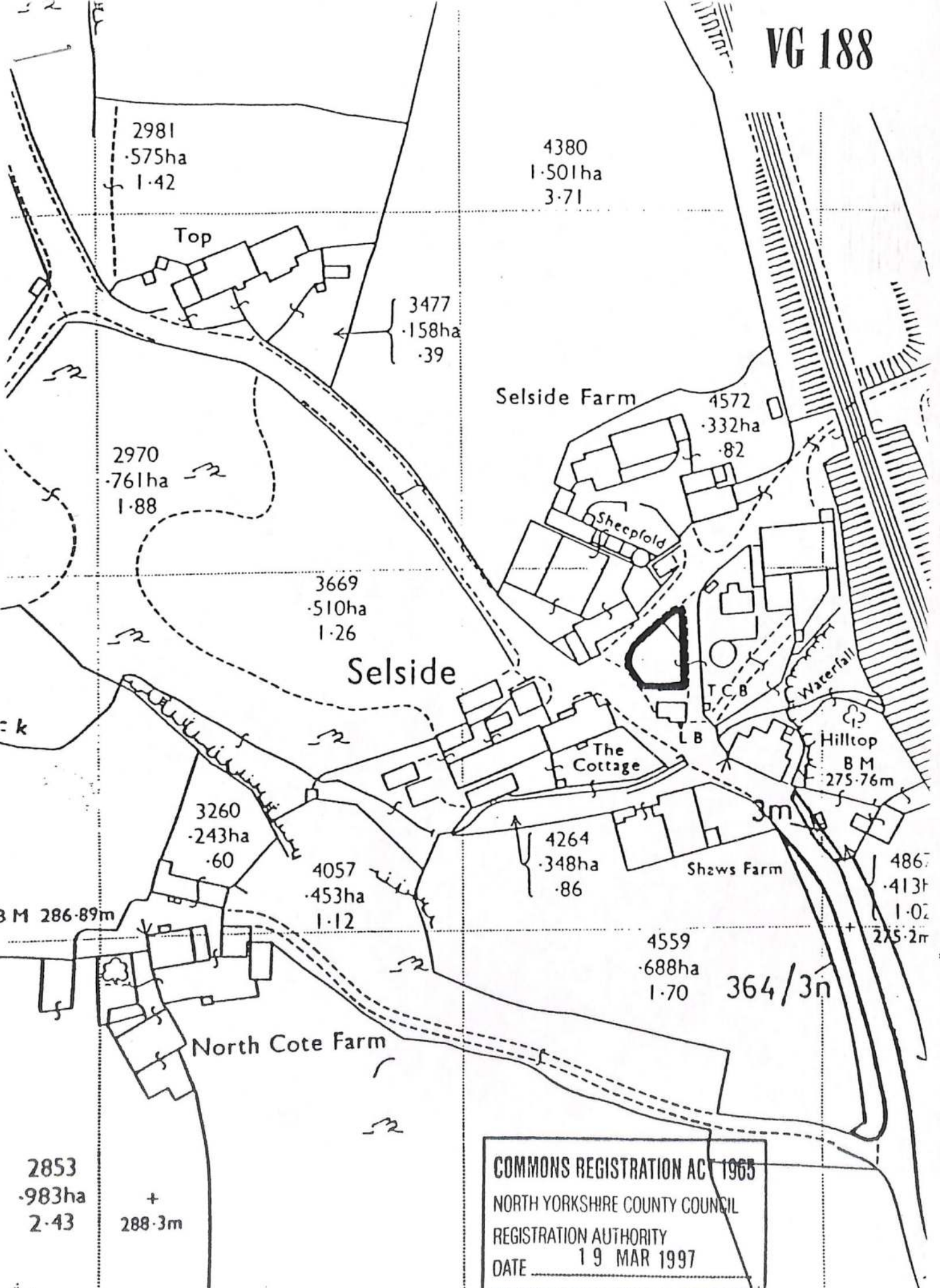
Registration Documents

Project Specifications

Millennium Offer

Project Photographs

Planting schedule - March 1998



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965
 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
 REGISTRATION AUTHORITY
 DATE 19 MAR 1997

C.R.
Form 2

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

REGISTER OF TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

Note: This section contains the registration of the land
comprised in this register unit

Registration Authority
WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL

Register Unit No VG 188

LAND SECTION - Sheet No 1

Edition No 1

See Overleaf
for Notes

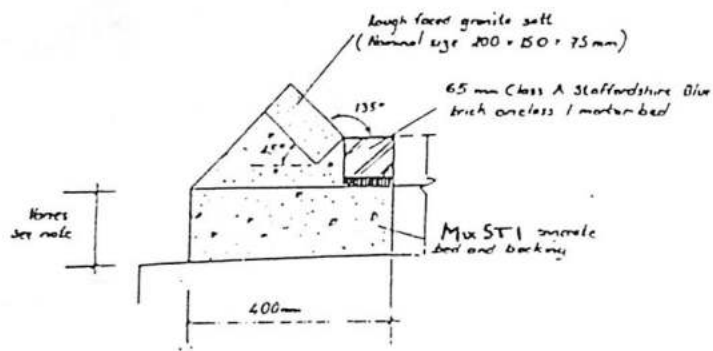
1. No and date of entry	Description of land, reference to the register map, registration particulars etc.
1. 21 March 1997	The area of land known as "The Green" at Selside in the Parish of Horton in Ribblesdale, as marked with a green verge line inside the boundary on Sheet 188 of the register map and distinguished by the number of this register unit. Registered pursuant to an application made on 2 March 1994 by Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council (Registration under Section 13 of the Act).

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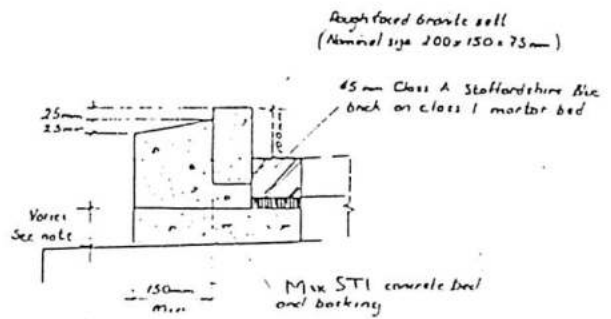
Schedule of Works

This schedule has been drawn up by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on behalf of the Selside Residents' Association. This schedule should be read in conjunction with drawing SVG/01A. Notification of works to the highway and traffic management enquiries should be addressed to: *Mr. Richard Marr, NYCC Highways, Skipton Division, Croft House, Carleton Rd, Skipton, North Yorkshire. BD23 2BG Tel. (01756) 794816*

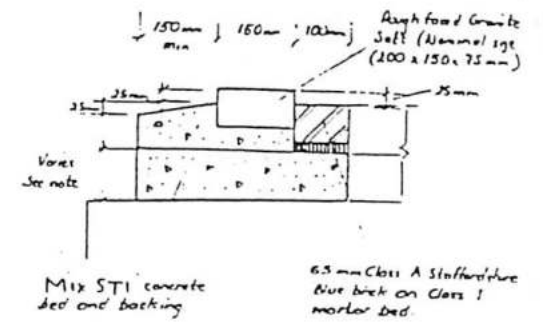
1. Demolish 2no. lengths of wall on green and set aside best stones. Reinststate ground, re-turfing or re-seeding as appropriate.
2. Excavate top layer of hardcore deposit and set aside. Reinststate ground, re-turfing or re-seeding as appropriate.
3. Construct approx. 450mm high drystone wall curved to reflect edge of green. Cement flat coping stones in position to form level seating surface. Roughly dress any sharp edges. Backfill area behind new wall extending towards existing wall to form earth platform. Re-turf the top surface of new platform.
4. Remove all self-seeded saplings from the green.
5. Excavate and lay approx. 20m run of granite sett kerbing to edge of green as per NYCC detail GS2, omitting blue brick channel. This work should be carried out in accordance with layout 9 in Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.



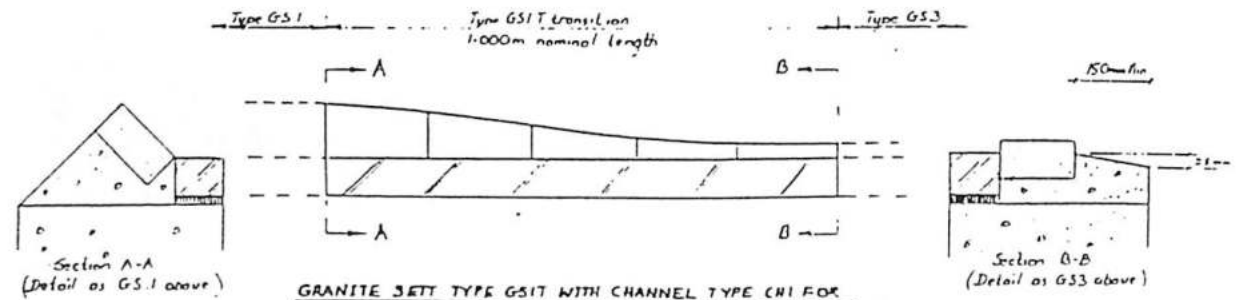
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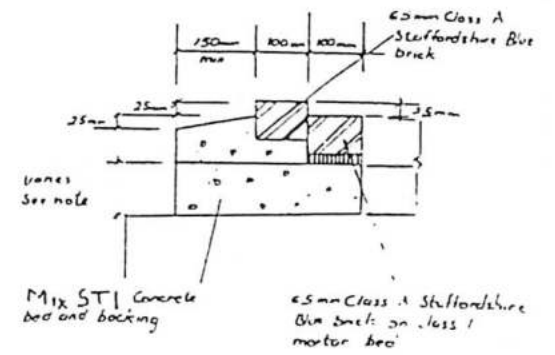
GRANITE SETT TYPE GS2 WITH CHANNEL TYPE CHI



GRANITE SETT TYPE GS.3 WITH CHANNEL TYPE CHI FOR CROSSINGS.



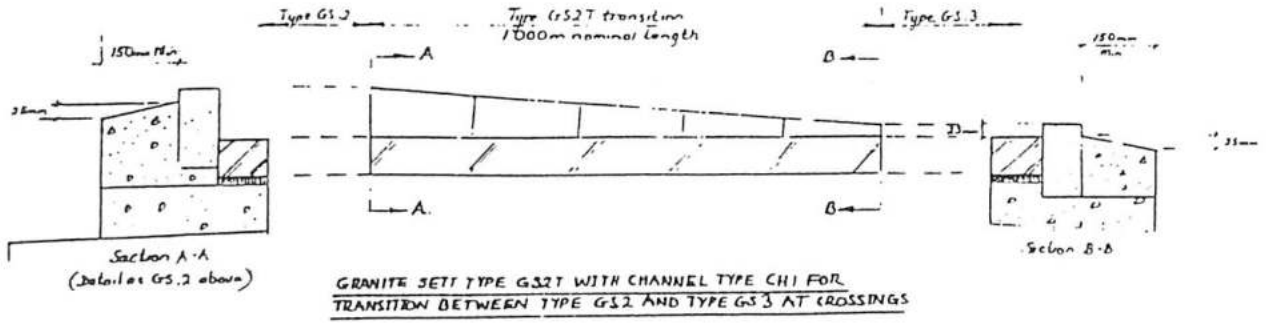
GRANITE SETT TYPE GS1 WITH CHANNEL TYPE CHI FOR TRANSITION BETWEEN TYPE GS1 AND TYPE GS3 AT CROSSINGS



STAFFORDSHIRE BLUE BRICK TYPE SBI WITH CHANNEL TYPE CHI FOR CROSSINGS

NOTES -

1. Depth of concrete bed depends on type of road/pavement used and depth of construction - see details of permitted alternative pavement construction on typical cross-sections
2. Joints between granite setts and granite setts/channel blocks to be pointed with class 1 mortar



GRANITE SETT TYPE GS2 WITH CHANNEL TYPE CHI FOR TRANSITION BETWEEN TYPE GS2 AND TYPE GS3 AT CROSSINGS

Consents and Permissions :

Traffic management plan as required by Highway Authority.

Maintenance Provision :

Maintenance Contract to be signed by Residents' Association. Access secured by registration of land as Village Green.

Public Relations Strategy :

Media release to be originated/approved by YDMT and Millennium Commission. Plaque to be mounted near seating area.

The following terms will not apply :

The offer is conditional upon :

The Millennium Commission's approval of the project.

Your acceptance of the offer in writing to the Trust within one month of the date of this letter. To indicate your acceptance of the offer, please sign and date the statement contained in the second copy of this letter, and return the copy letter to the Trust.

The works in relation to the project being carried out in accordance with the attached Work Programme.

The project works must be started no later than October 1997, and completed by October 1997.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Chalmers
Project Manager

Any queries on this offer please contact the Project Manager, Fiona Chalmers, at the address shown on this letter.

Applicant's Acceptance

I hereby accept the offer of grant contained in this letter, and confirm my acceptance of all the terms and conditions referred to.

[Signed] W. Curran
Seaside Residents
Association
Chairman

[Date] 27/10/1997



YORKSHIRE DALES
MILLENNIUM TRUST

Patron HRH The Prince of Wales

8 October 1997

Mr. W. Fenten
Selside Residents Association
The Shaws
Selside
Settle
North Yorkshire
BD24 0HZ

Dear Applicant,

YORKSHIRE DALES MILLENNIUM TRUST OFFER OF GRANT
Selside Village Green **1/9/7/JC**

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust ("the Trust") has considered your application dated 17 June 1997 and hereby offers a grant of £775.00 (or 30% of the final project cost, whichever is the lower) towards the cost of the project described below :

Project Site :

Selside, Ribblesdale.

Project Description :

Demolition of unsightly walls, re-building of other dry stone walls, boundary protection and provision of stone seating on the green.

Project Purpose :

To enhance the area of registered village green into a well used and pleasant community area and to protect it from visitor damage.

Project Cost :

£2,560.00

Other Funding :

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

£535.00

Other Details :

None.

The offer is made subject to the terms contained in the Standard Agreement (attached) and to the following additional conditions :

Yorkshire Dales
Millennium Trust
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Church Avenue
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LA2 8EQ

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A MILLENNIUM PROJECT
SUPPORTED BY FUNDS
FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Maintenance Provision
Access secured by registration of land as village Green. Deed of maintenance to be signed by Residents Association

Public Relations Strategy
Media release in local paper on completion of project and a plaque mounted near seating area

SECTION 3. GRANT DETAILS

Funding Package	%	£
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	21	£535
Volunteer input	49	£1250
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	30	£775
	TOTAL	£2560

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£2560	GRANT OFFER	£775
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WORK PROGRAMME

SECTION 1. PROJECT DETAILS			
Ref.:	Project Name:	Project Applicant (IPO):	
1/9/7/JC	Selside Village Green	Selside Village	
Parish	Horton in Ribblesdale	Parish ref.	C44
Project Location:	Grid ref.:	785 757	Project Type: Cat. No.: 9

SECTION 2. WORK PROGRAMME			
Project start date	October 97	Project completion date	November 97
Location Plan received?	Yes	Specification attached?	Yes
Site survey plan received?	Yes		
Quotations received?	Yes		

Project Cost Breakdown		
Item cost	Estimate	Quotes
Excavating of boundary		£1510
Volunteer input 2 days (dry stone walling) @ £100 per day		£200
Volunteer input 15 days (unskilled labour site clearing) @ £60 per day		£900
Materials, Coping stones cement, disposal of waste materials provided by applicants		£150
TOTAL	£	£ 2560

Consents and Permissions	Received or date due
Traffic management plan as required by Highway Authority	Received



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

Photo 7

Photo 8



SELSIDE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

c/o THE OLD SCHOOL, SELSIDE NR. SETTLE • NORTH YORKSHIRE BD24 0HZ
TEL.: (01729) 860 465 • F AX: (01729) 860 350

NATIVE WILD PLANTS SO FAR PLANTED - MARCH 1998

Melancholy Thistle
Water Avens
Sweet Cecily
Lady's Mantle
Celandine
Moon Daisy
Bugle
Foxglove
Saxifrage
Sweet Briar
Wild Rose
Honeysuckle
Meadow Geranium
Bloody Cranesbill
Stonecrop
Various native ferns
Aqualigia - Columbine

Seeds of the Giant Bell Flower have been sown and we wait in hope.