



## Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council

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July 2020 Newsletter

*A brief update on activities and news from Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council.*

### Update from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - COVID-19 Response



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continues to put steps into place to support the community by all available means as the lockdown measures ease and facilities and services become available again.

1. The COVID-19 Community Response team, put into place on 17th March remains available for the community.
2. The play area on the re-opened on 4<sup>th</sup> July. You should read the guidance and information provided on the Town Council website prior to allowing children in your care to use the play equipment.
3. The cemetery at Grove Street remains open and accessible, as it has throughout.
4. The Town Council has begun to hold monthly virtual meetings in order to continue to progress matters for the community and update ongoing projects. The meetings are open to the public to join, just contact the Town Clerk for all the details you will need once the Agenda is published.
5. The Town Council Office is again open to the public but on an appointment basis - the Town Council is still accessible to you via phone, email or post. **Call:** 01652 648978 or 07518 284173 **E-mail:** [enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk) **Post:** Town Council Office, Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey, North Lincolnshire, DN21 4LZ. Please only visit the office if you have made a prior appointment so that social distancing and safety measures can be confirmed for you.
6. For advice and guidance, the Town Council continues to recommend that official sources of information are accessed; the NHS at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/and](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/and) central government at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Current advice can also be found on national and local radio and TV stations.

## Children's play area - The Green



The children's play area on The Green re-opened on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 following a full risk assessment and deep clean. The Town Council ask that all the information published online via Facebook and the website is taken into account if you are looking to let children under your care use the equipment (Kirton in Lindsey Town Council website [www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk)) It is kept as brief as possible. If you have any concerns, it is strongly advised that you do not allow children under your care to use the play equipment. The full government guidance can be viewed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>



## Kirton in Lindsey Scarecrows 2020

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the Scarecrow event over the weekend of 11/12<sup>th</sup> July.

To those who created scarecrows - well done to you all, they were a fantastic tribute to the many keyworkers who have stepped up and supported us all even more than ever over the past months and who continue to do so everyday.

To those who went out and about looking for them over Saturday and Sunday, thank you for making the event such a big success and the work of those who created the scarecrows so worthwhile. The weather was on our side and we hope you all had fun spotting the scarecrows in all the different locations.

To local business Pobbyboo for your time and the work to design and finalise this years location plan, an important part of the event and greatly appreciated.

And to you all, hopefully you found enough scarecrows, collected the letters and worked out the anagram, which is revealed above, made from all the letters displayed.

## Reporting crime and anti-social behaviour

You are encouraged to report all incidents of crime and anti-social so that the right resources can be put into the right areas - if there is no reporting there will be no resources provided. See the details below for the methods of reporting.



### Reporting of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour to the Police

We need you as residents to report issues to the police so we get the resources we need to tackle issue.

**If we don't know, we can't help and resources will be placed elsewhere.**

If you witness any criminal activity or anti-social behaviour, please ring it in to Humberside Police on 101 or via our online reporting form at <https://www.humberside.police.uk/report-it>

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999**

You can report crimes to Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

To report issues to North Lincolnshire Council

Call: 01724 297000

Or email: [customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk)



**HUMBERSIDE POLICE**  
**INFORMATION**

**NITROUS OXIDE "LAUGHING GAS"**

We are issuing a warning over the use Nitrous Oxide by youngsters who are using the gas to get high.

Inhaling Nitrous Oxide can have serious health risks including :

- Loss of Blood Pressure
- Heart Attack
- Fainting
- Bone Marrow Suppression
- Difficulty Breathing
- Poisoning of the Central Nervous System

Risks increases if combined with alcohol or other drugs  
Do not inhale this substance and seek medical advice if consumed.

**It is an offence to supply or offer to supply a psychoactive substance under the Psychoactive Substance Act 2016.**

**This could lead to a sentence of up to 7 years and/or a fine.**

Follow us on  
Follow the SouthCoast Community Team on Facebook and Twitter  
Humberside Police - North Lincolnshire @humbersidelp  
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[www.humberside.police.uk](http://www.humberside.police.uk)

## Reporting of Nitrous Oxide concerns

Details highlighting the areas of Kirton in Lindsey where residents have reported finding spent nitrous oxide canisters have been passed to Humberside Police. Humberside Police note that these often go unreported to police and information is only discovered through social media posts or word of mouth. Posting information on social media to alert others of the problem is worthwhile, however it doesn't move towards resolving the problem and educating young people on the dangers they are putting themselves and their friends in.

This issue has risen throughout the Ridge ward and beyond with the canisters being found in most locations youths frequent. Unfortunately the youths involved believe that there is no harm involved in the use of the gas and it is readily available and can be purchased online for use in a variety of modern products.

Safer Neighbourhoods are also looking to see if there is anything that can be posted around the town and once the schools reopen Humberside Police will be looking at having some input there regarding the dangers of its use.

In the meantime police will patrol the known areas as and when they are available to do so and deal with any issues that they find. Unless it is an emergency, please report any concerns you have to through to 101.



## ActionFraud: Are you shopping online more recently...?

Almost 34% of all retail sales during May 2020 were carried out online, and new research suggests that only 16% of UK consumers intend to return to their old shopping habits post-lockdown.

### Online shopping fraud during lockdown

Action Fraud, the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime, received over 16,000 reports relating to online shopping and auction fraud during the lockdown, with losses totalling over £16m. Members of the public have reported buying mobile phones (19%), vehicles (22%), electronics (10%) such as games consoles, AirPods and MacBooks, and footwear (4%) on sites such as eBay (18%), Facebook (18%), Gumtree (10%) and Depop (6%), only to have the items never arrive.

### Top tips for shopping online securely:

#### Choosing where to shop:

If you're making a purchase from a company or seller you don't know and trust, carry out some research first. For example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was.

#### Email accounts:

Use a strong, separate password for your email account. Criminals can use your email to access other online accounts, such as those you use for online shopping.

#### Scam messages:

Some of the emails or texts you receive about amazing offers may contain links to fake websites. Not all links are bad, but if you're unsure don't use the link, go separately to the website. And remember, if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.

#### Payment method:

If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one as other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

### What to do if you've fallen victim to online shopping fraud

We all make mistakes and these days the scams can be incredibly convincing.

If you think you've visited, or made a purchase on, a bogus website, you should first, take a note of the website's address, then close down your internet browser. You should then report the details to Action Fraud and contact your bank to seek advice.

Whether you've been a victim of fraud will depend on how much information you've provided to the website, so keep an eye on your bank transactions, if you can. Contact your bank immediately about anything that you don't recognise, even small amounts.

For more information about how to stay safe online, please visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk/cybercrime](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/cybercrime)

**Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!**

**Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.**

**Be aware of people offering or selling:**

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shipping or medication collection services.
- Home cleaning services.

**Protect yourself and others:**

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressure you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

**Be a good friend, help to protect your family, friends and neighbours from scams.**

**Read it. Share it. Prevent it.**

**#Coronavirus #ScamAware**

**Contact**  
For advice on scams call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0800 223 11 33**  
To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 3040**  
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

**NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS**  
Scams Team

To learn more about the different types of scams visit [www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk](http://www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk)

## Town Council Staffing Update

Following recent advertisements for the post, the Town Council is delighted to welcome Sarah Gillingham to the role of Assistant Clerk. Following decisions over the past 12 months including increased large scale projects, the transfer of the KLASSIC Charity to the Town Council and the annual pressures of event planning Sarah's role will focus on sports facilities provision and planning the town events, as well as working with the Town Clerk on other matters of Council business as agreed. Look out for further information soon.



## Town Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Tony Kitchen in February, there is a vacancy for a Town Councillor on Kirton in Lindsey Town Council. Following the publication of notice on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the Town Council can now look to fill the vacancy by co-option. Local councils give communities a voice and are democratically accountable to the community. Are passionate about Kirton in Lindsey? Would you like to make a difference in the local community and offer your skills and experience? Do you enjoy being part of team? If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor, or would like further information please contact the Town Clerk.

### Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

We are looking for a Town Councillor – could it be you?

LOCAL ISSUES NEED LOCAL PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP FOR THEM



YOU could help keep Kirton in Lindsey a vibrant, good place to live by becoming a Town Councillor.

YOU could be in at the 'grass roots' level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted!

YOU could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.

The Town Council meet one evening a month and have additional committee meetings and events running through the year, and in return you will receive the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your local community.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and must satisfy at least **one** of the following:

- be a local government elector for the Parish of Kirton in Lindsey;
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, either as owner or tenant
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work in the parish;
- have resided in the Parish during the whole of the previous 12 months

The Town Council normally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm (except August).

Any person interested in becoming a Town Councillor should contact the Clerk, by phone 01652 648978, e-mail [enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk), call into the Town Council Office at the Town Hall or speak with one of the current Councillors for more information.

## Litter and the Great British September Clean



The annual Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy was postponed this year, and will become the Great British September Clean.

The main points are:

Date period is **11th-27th September 2020**

No public events – however....

Private groups of up to 6 participants encouraged – observing current guidance on social distancing

Litter is everyone's problem and everyone's responsibility, so why not organising a private clean-up with up to 6 members of your family and friends and do your bit to show that you #lovewhereyoulive.

You can pledge to do your own individual or private group clean-up and you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign by signing up at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

- **Litter picking kits can be arranged via North Lincolnshire Council if you would like to take part, please contact the Town Council for the relevant information.**



### Temporary Office Closure 17th – 24th August

Please note that the Town Council Office will be closed from Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> until Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.

While the Clerk is on leave, messages will not be accessible but will be responded to following the period of annual leave.

Normal public opening hours – on an appointment basis – will resume on Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2020. All messages will be responded to again as normal from August 24<sup>th</sup> onwards.

*Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council, July 2020*

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Public drop in sessions at the Town Council office Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12-4pm.

The Clerk is available to meet at other times by appointment.