



Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council

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September 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 4th 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 **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 central government at 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 4th 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) 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>



Traingate Project – We Need Your Support

Tony Bartlett's proposals for a plinth with a vintage plough and a sculpted metal ploughman is developing into a reality. Representatives of the Town Council, Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom, Kirton in Lindsey Society and Kirton in Lindsey WI together with Traingate resident Tony Bartlett are working on ideas to both improve the visual attractiveness of the green space area at the top of Traingate and interpret its history.

As many residents are aware, Tony has, together with other neighbours, for a number of years created and maintained flower beds and grassed areas at the top of Traingate.

The concept behind Tony's plinth is one of reflection, showing how the town 'back in the day' was well known for its farming and market community. The statue represents the farmers and farmhands who ploughed, seeded and harvested the lands around our town for years and through war times keeping the spirit of the town going.

Tony approached the Town Council in order to progress his project. Due to the location and size of the feature, the Town Council agreed to apply for Planning Permission which received approval in May. The Town Council also applied for funding from North Lincolnshire Council to meet the £12,541 budget required to complete the construction and the purchase of material for the project. In full support of the concept, the Town Council also agreed to fund 10% of the project costs. North Lincolnshire Council funding was agreed in August for £10,000 which has left a shortfall of £886 to complete the project.

In order for the project to be completed further funding is required and we ask residents who support the project to consider donating to a Traingate Project Fund to meet the shortfall. The A Team have already provided a generous donation but to finish off the project further funding is still needed.

To donate, please get in touch with Tony Bartlett on Traingate or contact Kirton in Lindsey Town Council by email to enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01652 648978.

In this way, every penny donated will go towards the final construction and material costs for the project.

Town Councillor Vacancy Filled

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 23rd September, Kirton in Lindsey Town Council voted to co-opt Joy Kofoed as a member of the Council to fill the vacancy for a Councillor. Cllr Kofoed is welcomed to the Town Council and will join the other eight members for her first meeting of this term at the next Meeting of the Council. Details of members of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council can be found on the website



Christmas Lights Event update

Event Update – At the virtual meeting of the Promoting Kirton Committee last night, the difficult decision was made around the provision of the annual Christmas Festival event. The Town Council is aware of its responsibilities to help keep the spread of COVID-19 under control for the protection and safety of all residents and so is unable to hold the event in the usual format. However, Christmas is not cancelled and other activities for the community to come together in different ways will be planned for the festive season.

- The Christmas lights and the town tree will still be in place to add some festive cheer and spirit, but there will be no ‘switch-on’ event.
- The Primary School children are again creating baubles which will be displayed on the town tree.
- The Christmas Lights competition will run for you to nominate the best decorated houses in the town as Christmas approaches.
- Other plans include an online 2020 Kirton in Lindsey Community Christmas Quiz and a family trail around the town.

The Town Council would like to support the local groups, charities and businesses who would usually take part in the Christmas Festival and who make it a success each year. The idea is to encourage residents to ‘shop local, support local’ and for this to include Christmas gifts. Each year a wide range of crafts are available during the Christmas Festival and a number of groups and organisations from the town and nearby put on games and challenges to raise vital funds.

There will be a showcase of the local groups, charities and businesses to encourage residents to continue to offer them support. If you would like further information or to be part of the showcase, please contact the Clerk at enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01652 648978.

Notice of conclusion of audit

Notice of Conclusion of Audit: Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2020 is now published on the Town Council website (Accounts and Financial Information page) and displayed on the Town Council noticeboard.

Any person interested has the right to request a copy on reasonable notice by application to the Town Clerk.



Great September Clean update and Litter bins

Well done to everyone who took part in litter picks around the town as part of Keep Britain Tidy's "Great British September Clean". Plenty of litter was cleared from various areas of the town by the efforts of the volunteers who took part. Litter is everyone's problem and everyone's responsibility so we can all lend a hand and do our bit to show that we #lovewhereyoulive.



Did you know... litter bins across the town are "multi-use" and can be used for the disposal of both litter and bagged dog waste? This increases the number of locations around the town you can safely dispose of bagged dog waste in addition to the dog waste bins put into place for this purpose too.

Know any area of the town in need of a litter bin? Let us know and we will see what can be done. Email enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01652 648978.



Welcome Pack information

Recently residents commented that a Welcome Pack concept would be a useful resource for the town.

The idea is to create the resource with details of contacts, organisations, businesses and other useful information residents of Kirton in Lindsey may need or want to know from time to time.

Developed initially as a starting point for those new to the town, but also to be of use to all residents from time to time, the information would be a link to online content which can be updated as a 'living document', but could also be provided in a printed format when required.

If you run or are part of an organisation, service or business based in Kirton in Lindsey and would like to be included in the planned "Welcome to Kirton in Lindsey" resource please contact me on 01652 648978 or email enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk with your information.

Just Go and train services

North Lincolnshire's new on-demand rural bus service, Just Go, started taking bookings on 1 September.

The service is now welcoming passengers. To keep people safe social distancing measures are in place which does reduce the capacity of the buses.

People booking the service for leisure journeys are being asked to book after 9am so priority can be given to children travelling to school and people commuting to work.

The Saturday Only train services between Sheffield and Cleethorpes started calling at Kirton Lindsey Station again from Saturday the 19th of September.





Torksey Charity

Do you know someone who could benefit from financial support or equipment, services or facilities which will greatly benefit them but is out of their reach?

The Torksey Charity (Registered Charity No: 251454) is embedded in the history of Kirton in Lindsey and is still here to provide financial support to residents.

The charitable aims are to 'provide the relief of residents in Kirton in Lindsey in need, by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by providing finance, services or facilities to relieve their specified need.'

This is good news for residents as there is now greater opportunities for beneficiaries to qualify for financial support, services or facilities which they are in need of.

If you know anyone in need of finance, services or facilities within Kirton in Lindsey, or are in need yourself, contact the Town Clerk who will then action the process for consideration of any request.

Contact details: Town Clerk, Town Council Office, Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey, North Lincolnshire, DN21 4LZ. Telephone 01652 648978; e-mail: enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

The Town Council office is currently open to the public by appointment only: 12noon to 4pm Tuesday and Thursdays and the Clerk is also available by appointment at other times.

What3Words

Did you spot the article by the Youth Club in the current edition of Kirton First?

Show you #KnowExactlyWhere!

999 services across the country have been encouraging the public to give a what3words address in an emergency, so they know exactly where to send help.

Show you support 999 and help others to be prepared next time you're out and about in 3 simple steps:

📷 Snap a pic with the what3words app as if you're holding up a sign

🖌️ Use the in-app photo feature to place the what3words address in your hands

👉 Share to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, tagging 3 friends who should get the app and [#KnowExactlyWhere](https://www.instagram.com/what3words)

Here's how to easily add a what3words address sticker to your photo:

<https://youtu.be/HmcznpciKXA>



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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.