



# Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council

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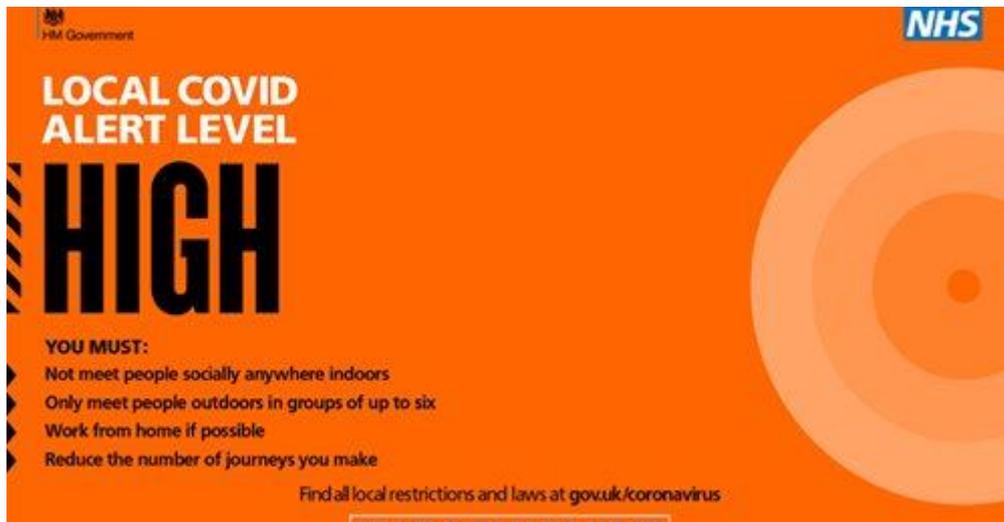
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October 2020 Newsletter

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

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



At 4pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, North Lincolnshire Council announced that North Lincolnshire will move to Local COVID Alert Level High from 00.01 on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The overall restrictions for Local COVID Alert Level HIGH are:

### **YOU MUST:**

- Not meet people socially anywhere indoors
- Only meet people outdoors in groups of up to six
- Work from home if possible
- Reduce the number of journeys you make.

Find all local restrictions and laws at [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

Further information will be provided by North Lincolnshire Council and official sources of information as the situation becomes clearer. (See point 6 on the next page)

# let's do the right thing for Kirton in Lindsey



- keeping our distance
- getting a test if we have symptoms
- wearing a face covering

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continues to put steps into place to support the community by all available means.

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 is still accessible to you via phone, email or post. **Call:** [01652 648978](tel:01652648978) or [07518 284173](tel:07518284173) **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.**
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/](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>



### **Traingate Project – update**

In September, an appeal was launched online to make up the shortfall of funding needed for the plinth with a vintage plough and a sculpted metal ploughman designed by Tony Bartlett for the Traingate / Queen St junction. Thank you for all your generous donations, the shortfall of £886 is now exceeded and every penny of this will go towards the completion of this feature for Traingate. The project continues to develop and more

information will be provided as work continues at the site to complete the plinth.

### **Christmas Lights Event update**

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 Christmas Festival in the usual format. However, other activities for the community to come together in different ways are 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.
- Family trails around the town, launching from 12<sup>th</sup> November. See the leaflet included for the Christmas Gingerbread Challenge. Thank you to residents who have become involved in making these activities happen. The additional Kirton in Lindsey Town Trail will be announced shortly.
- An online 2020 Kirton in Lindsey Family Christmas Quiz at 4pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December: During this time of restrictions and lockdowns, we thought a celebration from the comfort of your own homes may be nice. Join us for this Christmas Quiz that the whole family can take part in. 50 festive themed questions that you can play online, against a timer that the littlest in your house to the oldest can have fun with. The online link will be posted on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> with the quiz "Going Live" at 16:00. There is no need to give personal details, just think of a creative and Christmassy name. For this quiz, there is no prize, just the kudos of seeing where you are on the leader board and knowing that you have all had a bit of fun. Watch both the Town Council and Community Facebook pages for the updates and the link!
- The Christmas Lights competition will run for you to nominate the best decorated houses in the town as Christmas approaches (deadline for nominations Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December).
- The Town Council 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 from the town and nearby put on games and challenges to raise vital funds. The Town Council continue to support these local groups.

**Kirton in Lindsey Library** reopened on 20 October 2020. You are now able to return books and take advantage of the "Ready Reads" click and collect system. Unless exempt, you need to wear a face covering, comply with track and trace and if browsing the shelves, only touch the items that you wish to borrow.

All returned items are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours.

The library will only be operating Tuesday 2pm-5pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm and Friday 10am-12noon as well as 1pm-3pm for now. For any further information or queries, please email [library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk)

### **Litter bins at The Green**

The Town Council has replaced the six black litter bins on the Green around the play area and the Teen Shelter with seven new bins which have fitted flaps to prevent birds spreading the litter from the bins around the Green. It is hoped this will help keeping the Green tidier and free from litter.



### **Welcome to Kirton in Lindsey...**

A new website, developed to enable the "Welcome to Kirton in Lindsey" resource is now live. The original idea was 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. It was developed initially as a starting point for those new to the town, but also to be of use to all residents. Initial work is now completed, so please take a look and see what you think. There will be more to add, corrections to be made and perhaps things to remove if requested - all updates will be carried out as soon as possible following receipt of information. The web address is: [kirtoninlindseyinfo.wixsite.com/mysite](http://kirtoninlindseyinfo.wixsite.com/mysite) Please contact the Town Clerk with suggestions, information or corrections.

### **Street sports**

You may be aware that StreetSports was withdrawn from Kirton in Lindsey last October. The Town Council is keen to bring some sporting activities along the lines of StreetSports back and needs to know if this would be supported or not. It would be planned in a similar way to StreetSports and take place in the early evening one night a week, most likely on the Green.



There may be a small charge per child for accessing the activities and securing the qualified coach to lead the sessions.

To provide evidence and make this happen, we need you to let the Town Council know your answers to these questions:

- Do you think an informal weekly sport/physical activity session is needed for young people in Kirton in Lindsey?
- Why do you think this is needed?
- If Kirton in Lindsey Town Council provided a weekly outdoor multi-sport session for 8 to 18-year olds for a small charge do you think your child would attend?
- Would you like to volunteer and assist a coach in providing the activities to help future proof the provision?

You can let Kirton in Lindsey Town Council know your thoughts by contacting the Clerk using the contact details below.

*Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council, October 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.