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December 2020 Newsletter

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



Christmas activities

Thank you to everyone who took part in these activities made especially for this year. Well done to everyone who completed the 2020 Christmas trail, the Gingerbread Challenges and joined in with the online Christmas Quiz. A variety of prizes and surprises were arranged for entries, from generous donations provided by Station Road Co-Op, Morrison's Scunthorpe and Uncle Henry's. Thanks go to Sally, Francesca and Cath for all their help in making these activities happen. Grateful thanks also go to The Will Selby Project for the creation of the short film of this year's Christmas lights switch on.

The new year will see continued community engagement and work by the Town Council to support the community and represent the views of all residents so that Kirton in Lindsey continues to be, and further develops as, a great place to live, work and visit.

2020 Christmas Lights Competition - Results

Congratulations to the winners who were nominated this year, with Lane End, Ings Road and the High Street all represented. Very grateful thanks go to Kirton in Lindsey's own "Naughty Elf" Jon for the generous donation of prizes for the competition this year.



Take Part in our Play Park Survey!

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council are planning future maintenance and improvement for the Play Area on the Green. We would like to know what you, the residents, and users of the park, think.

Go to the link below or scan the QR code to access this quick survey to have your say before the end of January!
Weblink : <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Kirtonlindseypark>

QR Code:



Sporting or physical activity sessions for young people in Kirton in Lindsey.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is seeking evidence of need to bring back some sporting activities along the lines of StreetSports and needs to know if this would be supported or not.

A three-minute survey is now available for people to take part in to help build up the evidence needed to move forward. Thank you to everyone who is able to take part with this by using the link below before the end of January.

Weblink : <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KirtonLindseySportsSessions>



QR Code:



Proposed new walking and cycling route for Kirton in Lindsey

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council are currently working with both North Lincolnshire Council and the Ministry of Defence with the aim to secure the Vincent Hall (old RAF gym) for use as a community sports facility for Kirton in Lindsey.

As part of this work, improved walking and cycling access to the building is under consideration. As part of a wider scheme of proposed new and improved walking and cycling routes across North Lincolnshire, your views are sought on the proposal for a new route within Kirton in Lindsey.

Further details of all the proposals across North Lincolnshire, current routes and the survey can be found on the North Lincolnshire Council website at:
<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/walking-and-cycling-survey>

Expressions of interest in uses of an additional community sports facility are also welcomed by the Town Council.





Defibrillators

Don't forget there are six static defibrillators around Kirton in Lindsey should you ever need to access one. They are located outside the Town

Hall, the doctor's surgery, at the Fire Station, at Huntcliff (only available when the school is open), KLASSIC and Fair Gardens Garden Centre. The LIVES volunteers carry a further two which are therefore available anywhere within the town. If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest it's vital to call 999 and start CPR. If you are directed to use a defibrillator, give the location code shown on the front of the defibrillator cabinet and the emergency services will remain on the line giving you full instructions on accessing and using the equipment. The equipment is also automated and gives spoken instruction on the process to follow to help you.



Coronavirus – Covid-19 Update

North Lincolnshire was confirmed as remaining in Tier 3 of the Governments current restrictions to protect public health in the ongoing pandemic. Tier 3 is Very High Alert and requires significant precautions and care to be taken to reduce the spread of the virus amongst family, friends and the wider community. Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus

2020 – a look back



As a year comes to a close, it is traditional to look back. **January** 2020 began a call for volunteers to form a Community Speedwatch group, the departure of Cllr Tony Kitchen from the Council, maintenance works to reinstate the level of grave spaces within the Cemetery and the launch of a five-year plan for development of the play area on the Green. Planning for events was underway with a FoodFest, Circus and VE Day activities, along with the annual Summer Gala and Christmas Festival in development. In **February** the annual Civic Dinner was held, with £638.50 raised for the Mayor's Charities, Michael and Jane Sheard became Civic Award Winners, calls were made for views around the public rights of way in the town, the Town Council advertised for an Assistant Clerk and planning for the Annual Town Meeting in April began. **March** changed everything with the Town Council implementing the town's Emergency Plan to enable support to be offered to the community in light of the coronavirus pandemic. A core group of contacts managing a pool of over 50 volunteers across the town was set up to support residents in every way possible. Meetings of the Council were temporarily suspended with devolved authority put into place to allow the work of the Council to continue and residents to be kept informed and fully supported. Forward notice of event cancellations due to the pandemic were made and the play area had to be closed. In **April** the Town Council continued to work with contractors to enable town services to continue with as little disruption as possible and continued to focus efforts on support systems for the town's residents who needed additional help due to national restrictions for the good of public health. The Town Council continued to make residents aware of planning applications and the annual audit of the Town Council's finances and accounting continued as normal, although at a distance. Each Thursday evening, the town came together as one to clap for our carers and keyworkers who were doing all they could to keep us safe in the pandemic. In **May** the Council encouraged the reporting of anti-social behaviour to protect the community and asked residents what their top three safety priorities were. Concerns were raised over a large increase in lorries passing through the town, and representations were made on the behalf of residents to North Lincolnshire Council and Humberside Police. Garden waste collections resumed for residents following a pause in this service by North Lincolnshire Council. The Town Council advertised the vacancies for both a Town Councillor and Assistant Clerk. In **June** virtual meetings began allowing the Council to make statutory decisions which could not be made by delegated authority. The Town Council was asked by the Trustees of KLASSIC Park to become the sole trustee of the charity in order to protect it in perpetuity. The unaudited annual governance and accountability return was published as part of the annual audit process and the community was asked to come together and take part in creating scarecrows again, with a Keyworker theme. In **July** the town is again filled with scarecrows and the play area on

the Green is able to re-open following the lifting of the national lockdown. Residents were again reminded of the processes for reporting crime, fraud and anti-social behaviour including the concerning use of nitrous oxide. Sarah Gillingham is welcomed as Assistant Clerk to work alongside the Town Clerk with focus on sports provision and town events. In **August** the community come together to defeat a planning application for a new estate of 79 homes down Ings Road, the Town Council is able to work with James Richards Circus to plan bringing Covid Safe activities to the town, LIVES announce Jack Skipworth as their Everyday Hero of the year and a path linking East Dale Drive to Station Road is completed by Ongco. **September** sees the beginning of the construction of the Traingate sculpture, a project created by resident Tony Bartlett and supported by the Town Council. An appeal is launched to make up the shortfall in the funding to secure completion of the project for the town. Cllr Joy Kofoed returns to the Town Council following application and co-option into the vacancy. The Town Council announces the cancellation of the Christmas Festival but a range of other activities which will take place which will allow families and the community to come together safely instead. The conclusion of the audit is confirmed and the Keep Britain Tidy Great September Clean Up is promoted with information to residents about the multi-purpose use of litter bins across the town. Everyone was invited to contribute information to develop a resource directory of businesses, organisations and groups within the town as the Welcome to Kirton in Lindsey website was developed. The new bus service, Just Go was launched and the Saturday only train service returned after much disruption to public transport throughout the pandemic. Residents were encouraged to use the What3Words app to #knowexactlywhere In **October** a second national lockdown was implemented as the coronavirus pandemic continued to prevail. The Traingate Project appeal was a huge success and all funding required was achieved by generous donations from residents. The library re-opened with very limited services for residents to return books and collect those they had pre-ordered. The Town Council replaced the six black litter bins at the Green with seven new bins which have fitted flaps to prevent birds spreading the litter around. The Welcome to Kirton in Lindsey website resource is launched. Residents are asked about the return of sporting activities for the younger residents to replace StreetSports which ended last October. In **November** the area is placed under Tier 3 restrictions after emerging from the second lockdown. This continues to restrict access to community facilities, businesses and mixing with others. Those that volunteered to help with the Response Team are asked their thoughts on forming a permanent community group to support organisations, groups and individuals who need volunteers in the town in order to provide activities and help. The Town Council launch a dog fouling campaign to deal with the issue of dog fouling across the town. North Lincolnshire Council ask for views on a proposed new walking / cycling route better linking the town with the former RAF base. Grounds maintenance tenders are sought as the current contract comes to an end. The Christmas Lights are quietly switched on by the Mayor and a short film is released for the residents recording the event. Thanks to The Will Selby Project for putting together the film. In **December** the Town Council launches alternative Christmas activities, a trail, a Gingerbread Challenge, an online Quiz, and the annual Christmas Lights competition. Glanford & Lindsey Lions bring Santa to the town in a different way, and the Town Council announce the winners of the Christmas Lights competition. Throughout the year the Town Council has considered and responded to 31 planning applications notified from North Lincolnshire Council and continued to regularly update officers from

North Lincolnshire Council with matters important to residents and the town. The majority of the work of the Council has focused on resilience and support this year, echoed with many other local councils across the country. The Town Council has promoted the local Torksey Charity which provides financial support to residents of the town throughout 2020 and will continue to do so, along with its responsibilities for other town charities now including KLASSIC Park. Of course this is a very brief overview of 2020 with other activities and matters also dealt with on behalf of all residents of Kirton in Lindsey.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

There are nine members representing the residents on Kirton in Lindsey Town Council:

Cllr Pat Frankish (Mayor)

Cllr David Garritt (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Billy Boyd

Cllr Kathy Cooper

Cllr Geoff Cossey

Cllr Hazel Fox

Cllr Joy Kofoed

Cllr Karen Gunn

Cllr Jack Startin



Town and Parish Councillors are elected representatives who give their time freely to support the residents and the interests of Kirton in Lindsey.

Councillors are required to attend one Full Council meeting a month as a minimum, but many do far more. A typical Councillor will often sit on several internal and external committees, relay residents' concerns to the appropriate agency, and attend meetings and training which benefits the development of the Council and the town. No specific skills or qualifications are required to become a Councillor, all that is required is a willingness to attend meetings and involve yourself in the community. There are certain residency requirements for Councillors, details of which can be obtained from the Clerk on request. Councillors often have specific interests reflected by the committees and external bodies which they are members of.

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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.