

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

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August 2021 Newsletter

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

Grove Street Cemetery update

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, as the Burial Authority, has a duty under Health and Safety legislation to control the dangers that exist in the cemetery. This includes work to actively remove hazards posed by unstable memorials.

It is Kirton in Lindsey Town Council's intention to follow the latest guidance from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) and the Ministry of Justice on memorial safety and to take appropriate action to any memorial deemed unsafe within the cemetery.



All memorials should be inspected on a minimum 5 yearly cycle. The inspection will be fully documented, identifying all dangerous or unstable memorials.

Following the inspection, those memorials requiring action are marked for the owner's attention. It is the owner's responsibility to undertake any works required. This could include contacting memorial masons for advice and guidance. The Council should be informed of any works taking place in the cemetery prior to them starting, and confirmation should be provided when works are completed. This enables the Council to update all reporting to confirm the required works have been carried out and to ensure that any works do not cause disturbance to memorial services planned within the cemetery.

The owner of the memorial is responsible for maintaining the memorial in good condition and will be properly informed by their memorial mason of their and other party's responsibilities. Where owners cannot be traced the Town Council has to make a decision on how to deal with a memorial.

Notice will be given for any intended action to any memorial. If all attempts to contact the grave owner fail than the Town Council has the right to remove or take such steps as to make safe the hazard. This will also be the case for memorials where the grave owner or their heirs-at-law have been contactable but were either unwilling or unable to ensure a repair by a registered stone mason.

If you have any queries about these works, please contact the Town Clerk.

Town Survey 2021

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey either online or via the paper version distributed to all homes, the deadline has now passed for returns and those received will now be processed and reviewed with information to be published in due course about the findings and the next actions of the Town Council. Thank you again for your time if you completed the survey.







Civic Award

Nominations are now invited for the Kirton in Lindsey Civic Award 2021

If you know someone who has contributed to the local community within Kirton in Lindsey, has gone out of their way to help others, or has acted above and beyond their call of duty, please nominate them for the Civic Award 2021

The recipient will receive a custom made award to keep and will have their name engraved on the Kirton in Lindsey Civic Shield which is displayed in the Town Hall.

To nominate, simply email your nomination, including the reasons for your nomination to <u>enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk</u> or post through the Town Hall letter box. The deadline for all nominations is Friday 31st December 2021



Town Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Cllr Jack Startin, there is a vacancy on Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council. Following the required notice period, the Town Council is now able to seek to fill the vacancy by cooption. If you are interested in supporting the community by becoming a Town Councillor, please contact the Town Clerk or speak to any of the current Councillors for further information.

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.'

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, DN21 4LZ.

Telephone 01652 648978; e-mail: enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

Dog fouling campaign continues

Do you know about the free Pooper Snooper app which will allow you to easily flag up dog fouling incidents as and when you come across them, as well as register dog waste bins so that other dog walkers with the app can find their nearest bin.

The problem of dog waste on the pavements and open areas of Kirton in Lindsey is an ongoing concern, and Cllr Fox's work to promote responsibility and engage the North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) dog warden has helped with this a great deal. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continue to engage with NLC on the locations of bins around the town to make sure they are in the right places, but this takes time. The free Pooper Snooper app provides an easy way to develop evidence-based feedback about areas of particular concern. This will help us identify the troublesome areas and we can look at further methods of targeting those, with the help of enforcement officers.

Don't forget, if you are able and willing to identify irresponsible owners who aren't picking up after their dog you can report them to North Lincolnshire Council to issue a fine.

The free Pooper Snooper app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google stores. Have a go and get logging!



Remember - by using the app to report dog fouling incidents, it creates a 'heat map' highlighting problems areas where new bins could be installed or enforcement officers could focus their time to help try to address this ongoing issue.

For more information go to: https://www.facebook.com/PoopaSnoopa/ or look in the Apple app / Google Play stores

Through the Town Council's campaign, four fixed penalty notices were issued at KLASSIC Park in August, two for littering and two for dog fouling. Neither offence is ever acceptable, and the Town Council continues to work with North Lincolnshire Council to monitor areas of the town randomly.

Food Fest

Don't forget it's the FoodFest tomorrow, Friday 3rd September between 12noon and 8pm on the Green, off King Edward Street. Here are the confirmed traders attending the event:

- Brads gyros
- The Crepe Company Crepes
- Hot Chocolate Pots Ice Cream with fruit and chocolate delights
- Come Dine with me Sausages
- For Heaven's Cake Cheesecakes and Old school pudding and cake
- Koko leaf Stone baked Pizza
- Hepys hog roast Hog Roast
- Letterbox Snacks & Event Hire Items Sweets
- Brewbelles Gluten free cakes
- M J CAPPS & SON fishmongers&food Preparation Fresh Fish
- Celebration Cheeses Cheese
- Cakes at 21 Brownies, blondies and puddings in a jar
- The Little Bee Hut Honey and raw products
- Blue Gnu Fudge Fudge
- Dinky Donuts
- Cakes
- Queens Head, Kirton Alcohol and Burgers
- Also the Bumblebee will be attending along with the Kirton in Lindsey Fire Engine and response team.



Friday 3rd September 12pm - 8pm The Green

The event is organised by North Lincolnshire Council to promote local food traders across North Lincolnshire, visiting each town in turn. This month it is time for Kirton in Lindsey to welcome the local food traders and enjoy a food festival on the Green. We hope that you can support this event and enjoy the atmosphere created on The Green.

<u>Community Sports sessions on the Green,</u> <u>Thursdays until the end of the month</u>



Clixby Active Pro Sports in Association with Kirton in Lindsey Town Council Community Sports Sessions



THURSDAYS - OUTDOORS on the Green, DN21 4NQ

6 – 7pm

£2 per session. This will be run by qualified coaches strictly adhering to Government COVID-19 guidelines. (All risk assessments/policies can be found: <u>http://clixbyactiveprosport.com/key-documents/</u>). Parents will need to complete a consent/information form (available at the sessions or by emailing <u>enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk</u> before the session)

<u>Thursday 3rd June to Thursday 30th Sept</u> (excluding 8th July & 12th August)

This is open to ALL kids from Year 3 (age 8+) to Year 8 – Join any time

Come along and join in the fun!

For more details in advance CONTACT:



You can find the consent/information form on the home page of the Town Council website or contact the Town Council or Sean Clixby in advance. The sessions will run through to September and are open to all kids from Year 3 to Year 8 – only £2 per session.

Play Area Survey - Results

One of the things we are back on with now that Covid restrictions have eased is development of the play area on the Green (and indeed elsewhere around Town as the opportunities arise). Here is a summary report of the main points to come out of the Play Park survey. A full report generated by Survey Monkey with all responses will appear on the Town Council website in due course. There are some usefully common themes that give us some direction for development of the play area and other parts of town where we may be able to offer some recreational facilities if things go our way. Thank you to everyone who filled the survey out, your time and thoughts are all appreciated.

Kirton in Lindsey Play Park Survey 2021, Summary of Results

This report gives a summary of the answers given in the 2021 Play Park Survey to assist with future improvements. There were 82 responses received. Thank you to all who completed the survey.



Q1) How often do you (or your children) use the play equipment on the Green?

Q2) Which pieces of equipment do you enjoy the most? Why do you enjoy them?

The most popular pieces of equipment at the park were:

- Slide & Slide Tower
- Supernova
- Sandpit / Boat
- Climbing Tower

The Spicas were popular with older children and the Stepping Logs were also popular with some of the younger children. Q3) Which pieces of equipment don't you use or enjoy? Please let us know any reasons that you don't enjoy the park.

The Chimes and Bongos do not appear to be very popular, though the age range that they appeal to is limited.

There were some comments that the slide tower can feel unsafe due to the gaps between the bars.

There were comments that the items that people do not use are due to those individuals not being in the age range they are aimed at, rather than the equipment being disliked.

Some people commented that the amount of litter can be off-putting and they do not use items if they appear broken. The monthly play park inspections that are now undertaken by the Town Council should help to minimise time that any item of equipment is damaged and out of use.

Q4) Are there any new items or types of equipment that you would like to see?

The most common requests were for:

- · Zip wire
- Gym equipment
- Skate park
- Bigger climbing apparatus or a climbing wall
- Additional seating and picnic benches
- More facilities for teenagers

There were several requests for the provision of football goals, basketball hoops and additional swings, including a basket type swing that can be used by multiple people.

There were also a couple of comments highlighting that a swing for use by disabled children would be welcome, as would the addition of a conventional roundabout and some form of trampoline equipment.



Q5) What sort of activities do you enjoy most?

Q6) What other activities do you use the Green for (for example picnics, informal football, meeting your friends).

The most popular responses were for meeting up, picnics and informal games of football.

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Q7) What other playparks do you go to? Where are they, and what is it you like about them?

The most popular other parks were:

- Scawby
- Normanby Hall
- Northorpe / Blyton
- Central park, Scunthorpe,
- Brigg
- Broughton
- Uncle Henrys

The reasons that respondents liked these parks were that they offer a good variety of equipment and cater for all ages. The most popular feature was a zipwire, with gym equipment and the other potential additions identified in Question 4 also being frequently mentioned.

Litter is a frequent topic, with some of the other parks being commended for cleanliness and the lack of litter, with the understanding that some other parks have employed staff.

Q8) Is there anything else you would like to tell us or suggestions for the park?

Many of the comments included things identified in earlier questions, but with common themes.

- · More litter bins, regularly emptied
- More seating / picnic benches
- Pop up shop/café/hut
- Boundary path
- Pedestrian Crossing (which is something that the Town Council have tried to implement, but have been unable to get permission for)
- · Additional equipment for the park as identified in earlier questions.





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