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November 2021 Newsletter

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



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 enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or post through the Town Hall letter box.

The deadline for all nominations is Friday 31st December 2021.



Allotments

Work continues to prepare the allotment site for use, with the current work to provide a water supply to the site. Further updates will be provided when available, there is a first-come-first-served waiting list for allotment plots held at the Town Council office.

2021 Christmas Lights Switch On



Thank you to everyone who came along to see the Christmas Lights switch on which took place on 28th November. Despite the cold weather and Storm Arwen over the two days before the event, the festive atmosphere was very much back in the Market Place and Sylvester Street. Thank you to all the organisations and groups who took part in different ways and the support from local businesses and volunteers and the cooperation of residents who made the event possible. The photo was taken by Will Selby and used with permission.

Christmas lights competition

We are excited to announce the details of this year's competition. As in previous years, there are two categories for entries:

1. Traditional display
2. Modern display

Judging will take place the weekend of 11th/12th December with the winners decided at the Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting on Monday 13th December.

We would also like to thank The Terrace Bistro and No 12 Chocolatier for the generous donation of prizes for this year's competition.

You need to include the full street address of all nominations.

You can nominate your own home, your own business or any house or business which you feel deserves recognition. Photos of the displays may assist with judging and can be included with nominations. We will not be able to return any photographs.

Nominations should be received by noon on 10th December.

The winners will be contacted prior to the public announcement. Good luck.

South Cliff Road – Pedestrian Crossing



The Town Council has raised concerns about traffic not stopping at the pedestrian crossing at South Cliff Road with North Lincolnshire Council highways. The department have looked into this problem and are to enhance the signage on the approach to the pedestrian crossing to give more warning to drivers as they approach the crossing

Grit (salt) bins – Yellow and Green



You may have noticed there are different coloured grit bins in different places around the town. The yellow bins are provided by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) for areas they have assessed as priorities and the green bins are provided at the request of the Town Council for areas which do not meet with NLC's assessment criteria. NLC have confirmed that due to resource limitations the green bins will not be replenished until after the yellow bin network is, in order to prioritise resources. The new grit/salt in use this year is more effective and you do not need to use as you would have previously needed to. If you are aware of a salt bin running low, please either contact NLC directly or alert the Town Council so that refilling can be looked into prior to any bin running empty.

Thanks to Sarah!

On 29th November Sarah left her role as Assistant Clerk with Kirton in Lindsey Town Council. The Clerk and Councillors thank Sarah for all that she has achieved while in the position. From taking on responsibilities for KLASSIC, developing alternative activities for Christmas 2020, helping to set up and providing the link for the Community Sports Sessions, arranging the 2021 Scarecrow Trail, organising the 2021 Civic Service to going out with a bang with the Christmas Lights Switch On. Sarah also took on and launched the side project 'Connecting Kirton' with community renewal funding. Thank you for all that you have given to the town community and good luck with everything you take forward throughout your future.

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. An inspection of all memorials was carried out in the summer and the Town Council have decided that a period of six months (to March 2022) is given to grave owners to carry out any required works identified by the inspection.



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 will a decision after the six months period (to March 2022) on how to deal with a memorial highlighted as dangerous in the inspection report.

Notice will be given for any intended action to any memorial. If all attempts to contact the grave owner fail then 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 a memorial in the cemetery follow these three steps:

- Check if it is marked as requiring attention
- Seek advice and guidance from a registered memorial mason
- Keep the Town Council informed

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

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.

A limit may be imposed to only accept two applications from any individual or family in a rolling twelve-month period.

Contact details: Town Clerk, Town Council Office, Town Hall, DN21 4LZ.

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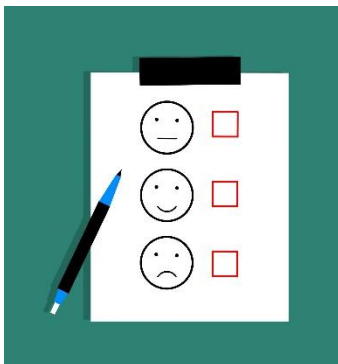
Town Councillor Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Cllr Ian Lawrence, there is a vacancy on Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council.

A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if, by Monday 13th December 2021, TEN electors for the Parish of Kirton-in-Lindsey give notice in writing to the Returning Officer, North Lincolnshire Council, Church Square House, 30-40 High Street, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 6NL.

If no such notice is given, the Town Council will seek to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Town Survey Results



Thank you to all of you who completed the recent Town Survey which closed at the start of September. The summary report shared on social media is also available from the home page of the Town Council website. It shows the results of the multiple-choice questions and also the most frequent answers to the open-ended questions, with some description of what we're doing. A copy was due to go out with the November edition of Kirton First, however due to a mix up at the printers it will now be with your January edition.



Festive Wreaths

You may wish to lay natural wreaths at family plots in the Cemetery during the festive period. Natural wreaths are permitted, in line with the Cemetery Regulations, however they should be removed from 1st February.

Following this date, wreaths will be subject to removal on a random basis.

Wreaths and decorations have usually got into a poor state after a month and the Town Council does receive complaints about this. It is recognised that the removal of festive tributes is extremely sensitive and this is why grave owners and visitors are being given early notice so that they may remove their own festive tributes should they wish.

Therefore, if there are any festive items on graves that grave owners wish to keep, please remove them prior to 1st February.

If a decoration is not permitted, deemed inappropriate or has deteriorated, it may be removed and discarded without notice.

Anyone with queries should contact the Town Council office on 01652 648978.

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