

KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2023



MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2023 AT 6.00pm AT KIRTON IN LINDSEY TOWN HALL

PRESENT – Councillors: Joy Kofoed (Chair); Hazel Fox, Pat Frankish, Suzanne Stephenson and Jared Priestley.

Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson

Circa 25 Residents of Kirton in Lindsey

MINUTES

ATM2023/01

Welcome by the Town Mayor

Cllr Joy Kofoed, Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting.

ATM2023/02

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2022

Copies of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting were made available to the meeting and had been published online for a number of months. They were noted as approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed.

ATM2023/03

Reports from the Town Council, town groups and organisations

The report from Humberside Police was deferred as PC Pearson was running late, and the Mayor presented a PowerPoint presentation of key moments from her Mayoral year.

Humberside Police

PC Stewart Pearson gave an overview of the structure and demands of the local policing team and provided updates on current issues. He pleaded with residents to always report incidents so that data collection is provided to support the right level of policing.

b. Groups and Organisations

Kirton Quizzers/Old Timers Footie/Band Night/Santa Trail

Cath Delsignore gave a report on work to raise money for charities and groups in the town over the last fifteen years including KLASSIC, Junior Football Club, Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Food Aid and play area development. She welcomed new members to join the Old Timers and for ideas to be put forward for other groups to raise money for.

North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership

Barry Coward presented a report on the current position with the rail provision, noting the removal of the Saturday service for a one train service Monday to Friday from May, which he hoped would increase demand and in the future increase provision. He also noted the value of rail cards and bus passes to obtain discounted travel. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

LIVES/Cycling Club

Wayne Eynon reported as the sole LIVES responder for Kirton in Lindsey, the coverage provided and demand. He noted the excellent provision of defibrillators in the town but the need for more responders so that more categories of incidents could be covered. Wayne noted his membership of the self-funding Kirton in Lindsey Cycling Club and invited new members to become involved. See written reports at the end of the minutes. A cheque board presentation later took place to confirm the £240.00 Community Pot grant from the Town Council to LIVES.

KLASSIC

Pat Frankish read a report on the activities at the sports pavilion and field over the previous year which had been prepared by the Venue Manager, Cheri Morton – see written reports at the end of the minutes. A cheque board presentation later took place to confirm the £2,500.00 budgeted grant from the Town Council to KLASSIC.

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St Andrew's United Church

Pat Frankish read a report on the work of the United Church activities over the year, written by Jane Sheard – see written reports at the end of the minutes.

Shop Local Pop-Up Market C.I.C

Jolene Butler reported about the monthly market in the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall on the first Sunday of each month with around 80 stall holders registered with the not-for-profit organisation. Funds raised go back into the local community via charity donations including for the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Helping Dog Paws and Food Aid. Jolene also reported on the collaboration with the Town Council for the successful Christmas Festival in 2022. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton in Lindsey Primary School Governors

Michael Puczylo gave a report, noting the change in Head to Mr Marshall and an open morning planned after SATs week. The primary school hope to collaborate with the Town Council in more ways going forward. It was also noted that the donation of children's books is welcomed by the school. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton in Lindsey Society

Mary Hollingsworth – Chair of the Society, gave an overview of the activities, publications and events from the past year and the joining together with Kirton in Lindsey Entertainment Organisation (KLEO) to bring entertainment to the town. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall

Mary Hollingsworth – Chair of the Trustees, gave a report on the return to normal service following a gradual approach following the pandemic. Mary clarified the differences between the Community Shop and Food Aid and noted new activities such as the Rock Choir and Warm Spaces provision which has also brought new volunteers. The concern over the costs to run the building were highlighted. See written reports at the end of the minutes. A cheque board presentation took place to confirm the £2,960.00 budgeted grant from the Town Council to the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall for the maintenance and provision of the lift.

Town Hall Live

Brian Chudley gave a report on the continuing success of 13 years of events arranged in part for fundraising for the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall. The concerts bring international publicity for the building and the town, and a fourth 'garden festival' will take place in the summer, the second to be held at KLASSIC Park. See written reports at the end of the minutes. A cheque board presentation took place to confirm the £300 community pot grant from the Town Council to Town Hall Live.

Kirton in Lindsey Entertainment Organisation (KLEO)

Martin Hollingsworth gave details of the wide variety of shows via Live Lincs, funded by the Arts Council and National Lottery which are brought to the Town with mixed attendance and ideas for productions of interest welcomed. Raffles during the shows cover the costs. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

Outer School

Martin Hollingsworth the Director/Volunteer noted the not-for-profit organisation attached to the Primary School with its own outdoor play area providing a warm, happy, safe and relaxing environment for children, supporting parents both before and after school times. Numbers vary with around 70 children currently on the books. Martin gave thanks to the staff for their work and developing the good reputation. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

In Bloom

Martin Hollingsworth reported on the In Bloom year, with the aim to keep the town looking as good as possible. Entries into local competitions and dedicated volunteers planting, maintaining, watering and litter picking. The group do continue to struggle with membership. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton First

Jenny Cripps from the Editorial Team provided a report, noting the community magazine was now in its 20th Year. 1800 copies are delivered and this continues to increase with the development of the town. Increasing costs of paper are creating additional financial difficulties with options to use an online publisher rather than the current local one an increasing likelihood if the magazine is to survive. A cheque board presentation took place to confirm the £1,300.00 budgeted grant from the Town Council to Kirton First to cover regular content.

Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club

Dave O'Brien, Secretary updated the meeting on the Club's year, including attendance of the KLASSIC Open Day and plans for a Big Weekend in May amongst a generally steady year which is limited by the number of coaches. New members and bookings for taster courses are always encouraged. Dave noted thanks to Martin Eccles for the maintenance of the difficult field at KLASSIC Park. A cheque board presentation took place to confirm the £1,250.00 budgeted grant from the Town Council to Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club.

North Lincolnshire Woodland Trust

Jared Priestley provided a report of the relatively new charity started up last year. The charity consists of 5 trustees from around Kirton in Lindsey with a wider aim to build a community woodland near to Kirton in Lindsey. Work has focused on the setting up of the charity and beginning to make connections with sites are sought to make this possible. Jared called for a snap poll by show of hands of who would support a community woodland in or around Kirton in Lindsey and the result was unanimous support.

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Glanford & Lindsey Lions

Alan Hall gave a verbal report about the organisation generally, the nine pillars of support and their local work, most noticeable being the Santa's Sleigh visits. Alan promoted the collection of glasses and blister packs to raise funds and as with all voluntary groups more members are always sought to enable the continued good work. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

Evergreens Club

Barry Starkie reported on the social hub which the club creates at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall each Tuesday where they come together to play games and chat. Continued support was said to be needed to keep the group going with thanks noted to the Town Council for their funding. A cheque board presentation took place to confirm the £850.00 budgeted grant from the Town Council to Evergreens to cover their room hire costs.

Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners

Sarah Wilkinson - Secretary gave an overview of the group, noting that their meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall and include guest speakers. Annual shows are arranged each year – Daffodil Delight in spring and the Annual Show in September. 40 members are currently on the books and there is plenty for everyone with any interest in gardening from flowers to vegetables with new members welcomed and encouraged. See written reports at the end of the minutes.

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Question Time

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or matters to be raised.

No questions or matters were raised.

Meeting closing

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Written reports from groups and organisations attending

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Sheffield -Cleethorpes


Read down	Monday to Friday from 22 May 2023	Read up
09.54	Sheffield	15.11
10.17	Worksop	14.46
10.27	Retford	14.35
10.44	Gainsborough Central	14.18
10.56	Kirton in Lindsey	14.00
11.07	Brigg	13.49
11.14	Barnetby	13.43
11.33	Grimsby Town	13.27
11.42	Cleethorpes	13.20

Train is run by Northern <https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/>


Day return fares from Kirton


Brigg	£6.20	
Barnetby	£7.30	
Grimsby	£14.00	
Cleethorpes	£14.80	

Railcards, generally 1/3rd off these fares



16-25 Railcard


For those aged 16-25, save a 1/3 off rail fares for days out, seeing family and friends and even festivals!





Senior Railcard


For those aged 60 and over, save 1/3 off rail fares for days out, holidays, seeing family and friends, and theatre trips!





Two Together Railcard


For two named people travelling together, get an average annual saving of £129 plus special partner discounts!





Disabled Persons Railcard


If you have a disability that makes travelling by train difficult, you may qualify for a Disabled Persons Railcard





26-30 Railcard


Valid for those aged 26-30. For just £30, save 1/3 on most rail fares to travel across Britain for a year!





Family & Friends Railcard


Children aged 5-15 get 60% discount on kids fares! Up to four adults and four children can travel on one card.





Network Railcard


For those travelling in the South East, aged 16 or over. Get an average annual saving of £191 plus partner discounts.





16-17 SAVER

For those aged 16 or 17. Enjoy 50% off standard Anytime, Off-Peak, Advance and Season tickets, for just £30 a year.




Veterans Railcard

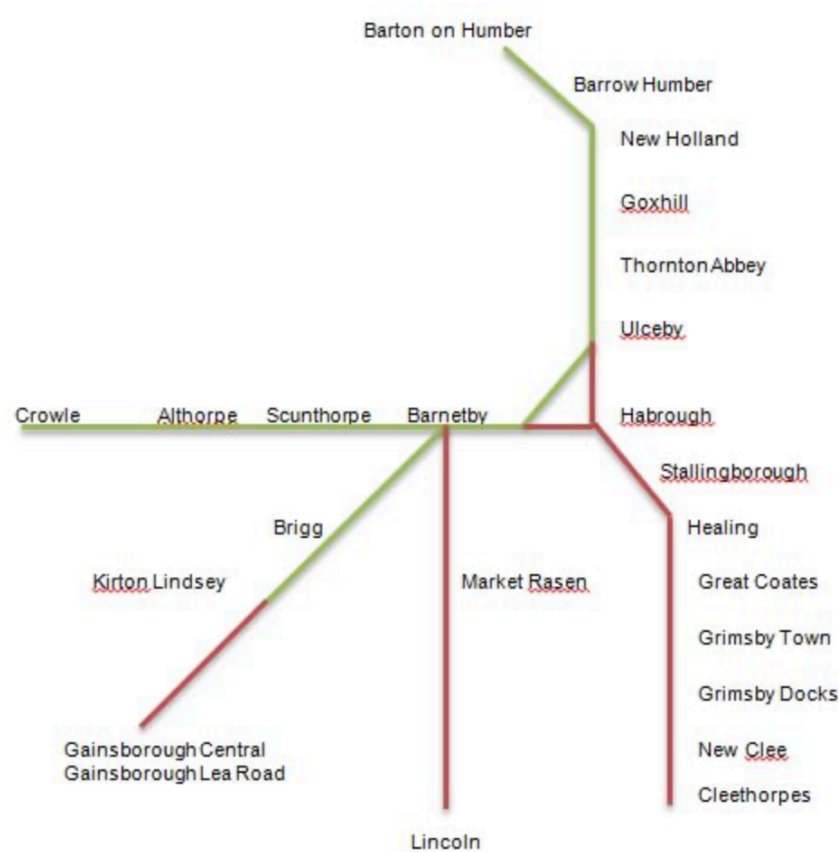
If you are a veteran of the UK Armed Forces, you may qualify for a Veterans Railcard. Save a 1/3 on most rail fares.



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North Lincolnshire Travel Pass holders may travel on journeys between:

- any two stations in North Lincolnshire (highlighted in green on the map)
- a station in North Lincolnshire and any other station shown on the red lines will be either reduced travel or free travel.



Travelling to Grimsby/ Cleethorpes on Saturday use North Lincolnshire Just Go bus to and from Barnetby station to connect with trains

Just Go North Lincs is an on-demand bus service operating for people travelling in North Lincolnshire.

Book and pay directly from a smartphone through the JustGo North Lincs mobile app and, using the latest technology, track the bus in real-time to the meeting point of choice. For information and to book Tel: [01482 592959](tel:01482592959)

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Before Christmas 2022 we wrote to all parish and town councils asking them to support LIVES within their defibrillator appeal. A new defibrillator unit costs £1530 which is a huge sum of money for a local council to support, however we asked for support for local Responders by providing money for the pads – part of the essential equipment needed for the new units.

In January 2023 we received confirmation from the town council that we would receive £240 to help towards our defibrillator appeal. This £240 could purchase 3 sets of spare pads for local Responders.

Our Gainsborough and District group currently consists of 13 Emergency Responders and funding, such as that given by the Town Council for the pads, helps keep us on the road.

Since our original application was submitted last December, LIVES have attended to another 80 patients – 35 of those were seen to by our volunteers. 3 of these incidents were specifically logged as cardiac/respiratory arrest which means all 3 sets of these pads were in theory used.

KIRTON LIVES REPORT

I AM ON MY OWN, I NEED MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE ORGANISATION AS RESPONDERS

I ONLY RESPOND TO CAT 1 CALLS, THIS IS TO HELP THOSE MOST IN NEED AND IS THE BEST USE OF MY TIME

LAST YEAR I RESPONDED TO 30 CALLS ALL WHERE CAT 1

I RESPONDED RIGHT THROUGH LOOK DOWN AFTER WE WHEN GOT ISSUED PPE

DEFIBS ARE PLENTIFUL IN TOWN NOW BUT REMEMBER CPR IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN DEFIB, NEVER LEAVE THE PATIENTS ON THEIR OWN.

I was a runner up in the North Lincolnshire Champion Awards in Sep 22, a massive thanks to Cllr Kath Cooper for the nomination.

A massive thanks to KLTC for all you do for the town, you only have to look at what the mayor mentioned earlier in her report.

Wayne Eynon

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KLASSIC Park

KLASSIC continues to be used by a wide range of activities on a regular basis, including Companion Minds Dog Training, Zumba, Yoga, Table Tennis, different Arts & Crafts groups, Short Mat Bowls, the Scouting Groups, and the newly formed Kirton Area Gaming Group all using the hall, and Junior Football, Archery, and Bowls all outside. We also still regularly have one off bookings for parties, Covid Clinics run by Kirton Lindsey & Scotter Surgery, group meetings & AGM's, and Company Training Events, as well as people hiring the hall to practice before dance exams.

The Open Day, held last July, was well attended with a variety of KLASSIC users doing Have-a-go's for their respective activities, and raised £36 in donations to KLASSIC.

The Old Timers Footy held a fundraising match last October and raised a fantastic £2,555.52, which is going towards benches for KLASSIC.

I would like to thank Kirton in Lindsey Town Council for their continued support of KLASSIC with a grant which allows us to keep the field open for general public use. I would also like to thank them for the organisation and provision of outdoor gym equipment, which is being funded by section 106 monies received from new housing developments, and will hopefully be installed at KLASSIC in the not too distant future. Finally I would like to thank the Mayor for choosing KLASSIC as her charity for the last year and raising £175.68 at the Civic Service and £863 at the Civic Dinner, giving a grand total of £1,038.68.

The Caretaker is, as always, doing a brilliant job of keeping the field and facilities in good working order. The field especially can be very difficult to maintain through the bad British weather and the fact that it is in constant use but still in good condition is a credit to his hard work and dedication.

Now, as with every year at this time, we are looking forward to the coming year and KLASSIC Park's 10 year anniversary. It has been decided to hold the Summer Gala at KLASSIC in July and make it a joint Gala/Anniversary event. We are hoping that the larger space will give us more opportunities and options for different activities. The Kirton in Lindsey Events Working Group will be leading the organisation of this event so, if anyone would like to be involved please let the Assistant Clerk know.

Report written by

Cherilyn Morton

KLASSIC Venue Manager



Update for Town Hall Meeting Wednesday 12th April 2023 @ 6pm

Achievements for 2022

- We registered as a C.I.C – Community Interest Company / Organisation (A not for profit organisation helping the local community)
- We now have of over 80 local small businesses and stallholders in our group

The 10 markets held in 2022 – provided us with a total of £2,108.06 which we were able to donate back into the community of Kirton in Lindsey.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall = £1395

Helping Dog Paws Charity = £436.25

Kirton Knit Knacks = £216.75

KLASSIC Park Fundraiser Donation = £34.50

Kirton Food Aid Donation = £25.56

For 2023 we are currently raising funds for the Kirton Food Aid we hope to donate at the end of May. We're hoping the figure to be around £500. (we have made an interim donation of £250 already)

From June 2023 we are wanting to collaborate with other local charities and organisations within Kirton Our idea is to offer each organisation the opportunity to host an information stall at our market and also provide and run the refreshments for that month so they can raise awareness of their charity/organisation and make a little bit of money at the same time too.

The months available are:

June, July, August, September, October, November & December

If you run a charity or organisation in Kirton Lindsey and wish to collaborate with our Shop Local Pop Up Market then please send please contact me Jolene Butler on our email

shoplocalpopupmarket@outlook.com

Going forward we hope to work alongside the Town Council in the future and aspire to getting the Market Place back to having market / craft fair stalls both inside and outside on a regular basis.

Thank you for inviting me to the meeting.

Jolene

Jolene Butler

Event Organiser for Shop Local Pop Up Market C.I.C

Annual Town Meeting-12th April 18:00hrs

New appointment of Head Mr A Marshall in January.

- What kind of experience we are trying to give the children at Kirton Lindsey primary school

We are implementing our revised vision and weaving this through all that we do. This includes:

- Celebrating our rural town location
- Celebrating the diversity and variety in our country and world
- Developing high aspirations
- Developing life-long skills
- Providing an inspiring, engaging and nurturing environment

Delivering this vision means we are actively seeking new links with local groups and institutions. School have made contact with Hull and Lincoln Universities to advance projects for our older children to have experiences of higher education. Moreover, we are engaging with provisions to support our vulnerable and disadvantaged children. The experience we aspire to have is a high quality teaching environment where we enrich with high quality experiences so that the children of Kirton have the same experience and access as the top performing urban primary schools

- School trips to

The Primary School have supported curriculum trips to Lincoln castle and museum, the coal mining museum and intend to offer more visits in the future. We are also arranging for visiting speakers and groups - like the COOP for Fairtrade - to work with the children. They are exploring visits further afield e.g. London but transport costs remain high. However, a trip to the Houses of Parliament would be fantastic for the children. The school also want to organise more local visits in and around Kirton to have more curriculum links with History, Geography and Citizenship.

- School competitions

The Primary school are organising more competitions - internally and externally. We just had an Art competition and workshop recently - connected with the King's Coronation and taken part in a Sports competition with local primary schools. We had an Easter egg one last week and further curriculum ones in the pipeline.

- Looking at how the School & the children could be involved Community

Through the FOKLPS looking at making connections with local organisations to participate in more community events. We are linking the Kings Coronation with future projects for tree planting and wildflower sowing in school. This could be something we continue in the local community too.

The School have approached the local library and civic society on projects to run in school around reading (and access to the library bus) as well as local History. The latter will directly link into the KS1 History curriculum in the summer term and havconcept learning exhibition to show parents/carers what the children have learned about local history.

- Community involvement painting the School Hall

The school is intending on organising a community event after the SATs week to paint the Hall and other areas of the school.

- Fundraising ideas

The School is working with the FOKLP on fundraising activities e.g. They have a coronation disco (4 May) and coronation non-uniform (5 May). They are also looking at sponsorship / bids to have more money - particularly for books and library resources. We hope to develop a bigger and better library space next year - and outdoor reading terra

- Building links with the council

The School will host a open morning for the local council to visit the school - probably in June after SATs and the T&L review. This will be an opportunity to see the children learning. I am hoping that in Parliament week (usually November) we can have a focused project / visit to the council so children can see local democracy in action. We will also build this into our PSHE programme (British Values).



the kirton in lindsey society

Report on the Kirton in Lindsey Society for the Town Assembly 2023

This is the first year since Covid that we have managed to run almost a full programme of activities. The only casualty was a proposed trip to Immingham Museum which has not re-opened after the pandemic.

Family crafting mornings, done in conjunction with the Society for Lincolnshire Heritage and Archaeology (SLHA), have resumed, as has support for the Churches Festival in May.

We have also joined forces with the Kirton in Lindsey Entertainment Organisation (KLEO) to bring two music events to the Town Hall. The Lincoln Waites are coming in June to regale us with music from the time of Richard III and Henry VII and Passamezzo return for a third visit in September to perform *The King's Delight* - music, songs and readings from the Restoration period. Both groups use reproduction instruments from the time and are in period dress.

The display in the Heritage Room on 'Kirton in the 1960s' which Martin and Carol put up one week before the first lockdown is still there but plans are afoot for it to change very soon. The working title is '100 years since the death of Dr. C. F. George' and will cover his life and photography with a quick look at medicine in the 1920s. We are looking for a snappy title but haven't come up with anything yet!

Our publications portfolio increased by two titles during various lockdowns and now we have a third. Paul Mack has spent 2 years researching Roman and Anglo-Saxon Kirton and in January The Society published 'Kirton in Lindsey - From Roman Iron Town to Saxon Cathedral City'. There is some new information and ideas in there which have got the experts debating. There has not been much opportunity to promote it yet but, already, nearly 30 copies have been sold.

Our current big project is the conservation of two prison doors from Kirton Bridewell, one of which has been rescued from a garden in a nearby village. We were successful in being awarded almost £3,000 from North Lincolnshire Council's Community Grants Scheme and the doors are now with Lincoln Conservation (a dept. of Lincoln University) being stabilised and repaired ready for display. We are doing this in partnership with the Town Hall and the conserved doors will be put on display in the Town Hall.

Last year we were having a banking trauma but this has now been resolved and we have successfully moved our money to The Cooperative Bank. It has taken most of the year but now we are in the 21st century with online access.

All the activities of the Society can be found on our website which is well-used and the source of many local and family history queries. www.kirtoninlindsseysociety.org.uk

Mary Hollingsworth
Chair – Kirton in Lindsey Society

Registered Charity no. 702378



Town Hall Report for the Town Assembly 2023

We can now put up the notice 'Normal Service has Resumed' but it has taken a while to get there. We are now just about as busy as we were before the pandemic with new activities as well as the regular ones.

Town Hall Live is back to full strength and has an exciting programme of music ahead including the Garden Fest at KLASSIC Park in July which has been supported by a small grant from the Town Council'

Community Pot. All our regular activities are back, except Kirton Call, which is hoping to return soon.

New for this year is the Rock Choir which has made its home here and we have a number of interesting 'one-off' events coming up which we hope will attract a wide audience. All details are on our website and Facebook pages – there is too much to list here.

www.kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk

We have two food-related projects with very different objectives but tend to get confused.

- Our Community Shop on a Friday afternoon is very popular and (via a membership with FareShare) we are able to access and re-sell supermarket surplus. Its primary objective, therefore, is to reduce the amount of perfectly edible food which goes to landfill and anyone can shop here. It is run by volunteers and hundreds of tonnes of food has been saved since it started.
- Also run by volunteers is the Food Aid service which was already being discussed when COVID 19 struck. It started quietly during the first lockdown to provide anyone who was in crisis through shielding with a bag of groceries to last 3-5 days but has moved on from that now and provides a week's groceries for people (and their families) who are in crisis for whatever reason. There is no means test but help is restricted to 3 visits.

Both local Coop's have collecting bins in store so that donations can be made and these are well supported. People can also make cash donations and these are kept separate from other Town Hall activities and only re-invested in the project. They allow things like food vouchers to be purchased which gives recipients a wider choice. If you know someone who needs help, there is a secure number to call and someone will be in touch within 24hrs. Sadly, this service is in increasing demand - a sign of the times.

Both projects get colloquially called our 'Food Bank' and this is the root of the confusion. It is important to recognise that they are different activities serving different purposes.

When the energy crisis hit in the late autumn we responded by designating the small hall as a 'warm space' on a Tuesday morning where anyone could come and get a hot drink. Donations of coffee, tea and biscuits were given by the Coop and the service was used by up to 12 people a week. It has finished now and we will see what this autumn brings before deciding whether to re-introduce it.

New volunteers did come forward for things like the warm space but we always need more. We still need bar staff and we still have one place on the Trustee Board and would love to see a new face from the community helping to run this successful charity.

On top of all this we have a Grade II Listed building to look after and this year has been expensive. We have invested in some sound-proofing for the curtains in the large hall but still have more to do to improve the acoustic. The commercial dishwasher 'died' after 11 years of service and had to be replaced, and we are slowly replacing the lights with LEDs – not as straightforward as you might think.

A big problem has been damage to the building by large vehicles accessing the Market Place. We have had lumps knocked out of the stonework and the lightning conductor has been broken twice -the most recent just last week. We are in discussion with both NLC and the Town Council but it seems there are no easy solutions. The Trustees are very worried about this as we have a duty of care towards the building but these issues appear to be out of our control.

I don't want to end on a negative note because, all-in-all, it has been a positive year. We are very grateful that the Town Council has continued to support the annual cost of servicing and maintaining the lift. Financially we are OK – just – but are keeping a close eye on energy costs in particular and will need to do more fundraising in the coming year to cope with ever-increasing costs.

Mary Hollingsworth, Chair - THE DIAMOND JUBILEE TOWN HALL KIRTON IN LINDSEY

Registered Charity No: 1160832

TOWN HALL LIVE REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

on Wednesday 12th April 2023

I am pleased to report that things are getting back to normal after Covid 19. Autumn 2022 proved difficult with lower turnouts than expected, but the four concerts staged so far this year have attracted the numbers we would expect.

We continue to pull above our weight with some excellent big acts booked over the summer and beyond.

Our fourth Festival to be held at Klassic Park in July is destined to be our best with four headline acts from California and the UK. With Flyers in the May edition of Kirton First, we hope to attract Kirton residents to the event, which is guaranteed to be a fantastic afternoon of live music.

Either side of the festival we have concerts from Two Pianos and Julian Taylor from Canada. Two Pianos normally play large Theatres, and it is a real coup to have them play the Town Hall. Julian Taylor will play Kirton after playing The Cambridge Folk Festival. It is hoped that these concerts will attract sold out audiences.

Our thanks go to the Town Hall Trustees, The Town Council, the volunteers and audience members that make Town Hall Live the best venue in Lincolnshire for authentic live music.

Brian Chudley,

Promotor,

KLEO (Kirton Lindsey Entertainment Organisation)

- It is in its 19th year and during that time there have been a wide selection of shows.
- It is part of LiveLincs (which is NLC's Rural Touring Arts project supported by the Arts Council through the National Lottery)
- The group put on two shows in 2022; one in May with a bit of Shakespeare coming to town. A Mid-Summer Night's Dream put on by Out of Chaos theatre. All parts (20 or so) being played by 2 actors.
In November, two of great musicians (Marie Ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman) came to give a wonderful evening of music of varied styles played on the Irish Harp and guitar.
- We have already had the Spring 2023 show (in late February) when we were taken on trip 'Around the World in 80 Staves' by a trio of musicians and singers called The FB Pocket Orchestra.
- Numbers attending were mixed; this last one only making a small income due to the raffle.
- KLEO will be working with the Kirton in Lindsey Society this year to put on two shows of historical period music and song in the Town Hall. At the end of June, The City of Lincoln Waites will be performing; and at the end of September sees the return of Passamezzo <https://passamezzo.uk/> with their show 'The King's Delight'.
- If anybody has any suggestions as to shows KLEO could look at organising please let them know.
- Contact Martin Hollingsworth (Tel. 01652 648435 or m.hollingsworth205@btinternet.com)

April 2023

Outer School (providing before and after school care for children)

Martin Hollingsworth (Director and Volunteer at the Outer School)

The centre is a not-for-profit limited company and is attached to the primary school with its own enclosed outdoor play area. The Outer School has close links to the primary school which make organising collection and drop off of the children simpler.

It provides a warm, happy, safe and relaxing environment with a focus on the children's needs but also supporting the needs of parents. The Outer School has been back operating at pre-covid levels for the past 12 months.

Numbers attending each session does vary but we currently have on the books around 70 children from 50 families; from Reception to year 6 Primary.

The Manager and her assistant (Sue Pepperell and Sue Towers) continue to work hard making the centre what it is and earning the good reputation that it has..

April 2023

Kirton in Lindsey in Bloom Report 2023

Martin Hollingsworth - Secretary of the Bloom group

Planting – summer and winter planting of the group's flower beds and planters in the Market Place, Redbourne Mere and Library Car Park was done to help keep the town looking as good as possible. New planters (wooden 'half whisky barrels') outside the Town Hall and also on Grayingham Road have been established. Those on Grayingham Road are planted up and maintained by a local resident. We are also using more sustainable planting in the flower beds that we look after.

Kirton Bloomers Litter Pickers - The group has, over recent months, been out on a regular basis twice a month. The numbers are still low so we always looking for more to join us. Some of the volunteers have been going out litter picking in their own areas and along the verges going out of town. In Bloom are most grateful to them for helping to keep the town tidy.

There is a Kirton Bloomers Litter Pickers FB page if you want to follow our activities and find out when litter picking events are planned

The town was entered in both the East Midlands in Bloom competition and CPRE's Best Kept Town/Village competitions. We were awarded a Silver in EMIb Small Town class and Martin Hollingsworth was given a Judges Award for his knowledge, enthusiasm and understanding of the history and heritage of the town. In the CPRE competition we weren't placed in the top three in the Large Village class but did increase our points tally over last year.

Kirton in Lindsey in Bloom received a grant from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council of £1500 in April 2022 for which we thank them. Two grants were also received from North Lincs Council's 'In Bloom' pot (in May 2022 and January 2023) towards the purchase of the 'half barrel planters' referred to above and for further watering equipment.

Two members stood down during in the past year; hence we continue to struggle on with none of the current committee getting any younger!

Glanford & Lindsey Lions Club

Who Are Glanford and Lindsey Lions?

Glanford & Lindsey Lions are part of a global organisation with over 1.4 million members worldwide through over 48,000 Clubs in over 208 countries around the world.

Glanford and Lindsey Lions Club has 28 members (and always looking for more)

There are over 10,000 members (578 Clubs) in the British Isle.

As an International organisation our Foundation provides grants in excess of \$35 million for these worthy causes each year. As an example, we have to date provided over \$3 million via over 850 grants for Ukraine and over \$200,000 for the Turkey/Syrian Earthquake this year. Other Global Causes over the last 2 years have included natural disasters of Flooding, Tornados, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, etc. which are becoming more and more frequent. These grants are made by Lions to Lions so we are assured they go to the right place for what the Community Needs

Lions have 9 pillars of support:

Our Club has provided grants in excess of £7,500 this year under our 9 pillars of support which covers a range of local worthy causes including:

- Vision
 - The Outlook Foundation for the Visually Impaired
 - Stamp Collection
 - Guide Dogs
- Diabetes
 - Screening
- Hunger
 - Feed the 5,000 - Lincoln
 - Foodbanks
 - Meal Deliveries
 - The Forge Christmas Meals
- Environment
 - Used Spectacle Collect
 - Ring Pulls
 - Soft Plastics
 - Blister Packs
 - Ink Cartridges
 - Dry Cell Batteries
- Cancer

- Bosom Family Support
- Marie Curie Collections
- Youth
 - Youth Exchange/Youth Camp London 5th – 14th August 2023
 - Young Ambassador – MD Finals Feb 2024 @ Dudley
 - ROAR 2023
 - Young Leaders in Service
 - Peace Poster/Peace Essay 2023 – ‘Dare to Dream’
 - School CPR Training
 - Peat Free Seed Pods
 - Water For Kids
 - Scouts/Guides/ Brownies and Cubs
- Disabilities
 - Lions Fun & Sports Day – Doncaster
- Humanitarian
 - LIVES
 - A Wheelchair Sports Club
 - Hull4Heroes
 - Dresses for Ghana
 - Sleeping Bags for the Forge
 - Senior Citizen Groups
- Disaster Relief
 - Ukraine Refugees
 - Turkey/Syrian Earthquake

As well as providing the Trauma Lions, Wash Bags, Hearts, Message in a Bottle, Message in a Wallet, Plugsters, Twiddle Muffs, Baby Hats, etc.

We also provide a Bursary for a local Nurse studying at the University of Hull.

How are our funds generated:

We carry out variety of activities which include;

- Raffles
- Coffee Mornings
- Race Nights
- Casino Nights
- Lincolnshire Show
- Messingham Show
- Local Fates/Shows

- Sponsorship
- Santa's Buggy

Impact of Lions:

To demonstrate the impact Lions have around the world, since July:

	People Served	Service Activities	Volunteer Hrs
Glanford & Lindsey	24,600	161	3,094
The British Isles	2,155,982	11,395	253,373
International	606,254,505	1,306,318	57,524,536

Without **YOUR** help we would not be able to assist the worthy causes we do; so a huge **THANK YOU** for the support you give us.

I am only one of the 1.4 million Lions around the world, but I am **PROUD** to be a Lion.

Kirton In Lindsey Annual Town Meeting – Wednesday 12th April

KLAGs Report

Summary of activities:

KLAGs is the Kirton In Lindsey amateur gardening group meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm here in the Town Hall. We have 8 monthly meetings with guest speakers who present a wide range of garden related talks, the next one being 'Soil To Bread' by Ed Brackenbury, a retired agronomist, who will be giving an illustrated talk on the journey from the sowing of wheat to the loaf of bread on the table.

Twice a year we also organise visits to a variety of places such as RHS sites, local nurseries and open gardens where we can soak up inspiration or just relax and socialise, or both.

Alongside our monthly meetings and visits, we have 2 annual shows, the Daffodil show held in April, and the Annual KLAGs show in September. We also hold a plant stall in the Marketplace which this year will be on Saturday 13th May from 9am to 11am.

Our group warmly welcomes anyone with an interest in gardening, at any skill level.

Admission for guests is £2.00, and if you would like to become a member, we offer full membership at £12 per year with free admission to all indoor meetings, or membership at £5 with an admission charge of £1.00 for indoor meetings.

Membership also has the added benefit of discounts at some local garden centres, and the ability to enter our monthly competitions for the chance to win a medal at the September show.

We currently have 40 members, all with varied interests and skill levels within gardening and growing, so there is always something for everyone, either learning something new from our speakers, socialising with like-minded people, grabbing a bargain at our plant stall, or showing us what you can do at one of our shows.

We would love to see fellow gardeners or growers join us in learning, sharing knowledge and making more green-fingered friends!

Written reports from groups and organisations not in attendance

Kirton in Lindsey Annual Town Meeting 2023

KIRTON LINDSEY BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Kirton Brownies and Guides meet weekly during term time at the UMC Halls.

Brownie numbers have increased to 20 but unfortunately Guide numbers have decreased since Covid but we are looking at ways to reverse this trend.

Both Brownies and Guides follow a varied and interesting programme of activities both indoors and outdoors.

Brownies have taken part in several community events including submitting posters for the Town Council's Dog Fouling Poster competition and entering collages to Daffodil Delight. They also welcomed some Town Councillors to a meeting. They enjoy participating in badge work and are very proud of their achievements.

In the summer, some Guides attended the International Camp at the Lincolnshire Showground. The week was packed with activities and the girls took part in a wide range of activities from outdoor cooking, abseiling, quad biking and learning to drive a car! A great time was had by all the girls and leaders.

The girls are always asked what activities/events they would like to do and our emphasis is on girl led guiding.

The girls are very appreciative of the grant we receive from the Town Council and this helps to pay our rent. We try and keep our subs to a minimum so that guiding is open to all. We hope Guiding in Kirton will continue for many years yet!

Apologies just realised I didn't reply about Kirton Angling Club and the meeting.

Unfortunately I can't attend tonight and not really much to report on club matters, little change from what I sent you last year - membership numbers stable, still very few issues of anti-social behaviour at the reservoir, we have now completed refurbishment of all the fishing platforms.

Many thanks
Shaun

Kirton in Lindsey Youth Club

The Youth Club is very busy with attendance numbers being between 20 and 30 on the Monday and Tuesday evening. All is going great and the young people love it. The following 2 quotes sum up I think.

From a young person " I want to live here it is so much fun"

From a new member of staff " I love working here and want to still be working here when I am 60"

So the youth club is "mission accomplished" if everyone is happy.

Jane Webster

Dear Council and community members

Kirton Lindsey junior football club celebrates 25 years this year and, in its time, has seen the club grow from 1 team ran by a couple of dads with no qualification, into an accreditation club which follows all FA requirements in football qualification, including 1st aid, safeguarding and guidelines in providing a safe, fun and friendly environment playing football.

All committee and club coaches have gone above and beyond in creating the club as it is today, and you can witness this being transferred onto the players who all love to play a game with their newfound friends. Being part of the community is something the club is proud of and is always found supporting town events, such as the Christmas festival and summer events.

Our matches are all played at KLASSIC Park, and we have 101 players within teams at u6,9,10,11,12,13 and u15s age groups, all having fun over the weekends. Come rain or shine a ball is always provided during the weekly training sessions that not only focus on football skills and techniques but also on the social side with fun team games which creates great camaraderie within the groups.

We have used Tighes for winter training but look to use KLASSIC park in the future with support from the KLASSIC Park Trustees. It will make it easier all round for players/parents/coaches and safer as Tighes has become a site for anti-social behaviour with broken glass on the grass making it very dangerous at times.

We aim to celebrate our 25 years just like other years with our end of season presentation at KLASSIC with bouncy castles, picnic and football matches amongst the club and personalised trophies for all players.

North Lincolnshire Library Service: Kirton-in-Lindsey Library
Report to Kirton Town Council, 12th April 2023

Thank you for the invitation to provide a short report on the library in Kirton.

In the period April 2022 to February 2023, **4894** items were issued from Kirton, and there were **4015** renewals of some of these loans. The busiest month for loans was August 2022 (554 loans), followed by July 2022 (506) and April 2022 (500) – this is normal and reflects seasonal usage of libraries around holiday periods. August 2022 also saw the greatest number of renewals, again reflecting the fact that many people borrow material to take with them on holiday.

In the same period there were **354** borrowers registered at the branch, of whom **197** were “Active” borrowers of physical stock, and **42** were “Active” users of other services (public-access PCs, online resources, etc.). Thus, of users whose principal branch is Kirton or who were initially registered there, **67.5% are active** in some way.

351 new items of stock were added to Kirton’s shelves over the period, the bulk of which (about 40%) was adult paperback fiction. Another 40% or so was children’s stock, half of which was fiction and about 30% of which was books for very young children (e.g., picture books). This points to one of the library service’s priorities, which is to encourage reading for pleasure amongst users of all ages; it is also worth noting that fiction is the most borrowed category of stock across public libraries nationally, so the balance of spending on stock reflects this. That said, about 10% of the total Materials Fund spending on Kirton last year was for adult non-fiction, and 16% of the spending on children’s stock was on non-fiction for children – both to support schoolwork and to represent a range of private interests. The cost of new stock added at Kirton in the period was **£2,578**.

Since the first lockdown in March/April 2020, we have seen a great increase in the use of e-books and e-audiobooks, and have been focusing more of the Materials Fund on these categories to reflect the new interest. By its nature, access to such material is not as geographically bound as physical lending, so it is difficult to ‘assign’ usage of electronic material to a particular branch. Although physical lending has to some extent recovered across the North Lincolnshire library network, and e-lending has dropped off slightly, it would be fair to say that the future seems generally to consist in a much more hybrid model than before.

Each Summer the library service participates in the Summer Reading Challenge – a national initiative to encourage children aged 5-12 to read at least six books over the holidays; various little prizes and incentives encourage them to keep going, with medals and certificates given to those who complete. In 2022, 22 children entered the challenge in Kirton; the Challenge is – like many other things – still slow in returning to pre-pandemic levels of engagement.

After the long-standing member of staff at Kirton (who had previously been working every Saturday) wished to alter her hours, and owing to staffing pressures elsewhere in the service, it was decided to try keeping the branch open on alternate Saturdays by using volunteers. We would like to thank the Town Council for helping to identify potential volunteers, and the volunteers themselves for coming forward, and we are pleased to say that we now have a small but very competent team in place; they are currently still learning the ropes, with the supervision of a member of the Librarians team, but the hope is that within a few months they will feel comfortable enough to operate the library on alternate Saturdays by themselves. They will, even after this, have the full support of the Library Service, and it should be stressed that the branch remains in all other respects fully staffed. It should also be noted that the change of hours to the member of staff’s timetable means that Kirton is now open slightly more hours during the week than before.

While all public library services – like many other sectors – continue to feel the after-effects of pandemic lockdowns, we are cautiously optimistic locally that usage is recovering. For a comparatively small branch, Kirton in particular is certainly seeing a return to healthy and encouraging levels of usage. The Library Service would like to take this opportunity to recognise the support shown by the local community for the branch, the member of staff and the new volunteers, and to express our thanks.

REPORT FOR WOMENS INSTITUTE 2022

At the start of the year Covid still dominated but we soon returned to normal and enjoyed a full programme of meetings. Our total membership was 45, close to pre covid 19 levels. We met on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month.

The year opened with a visit from Rebecca Grimbleby who was a finalist on "The Sewing Bee" and she explained her experience of making the programme as well as bringing in garments she sewed. During the year we enjoyed a variety of speakers and demonstrations; one highlight being Paul Evans from The Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bike Scheme who talked about the contribution the scheme makes to the NHS.

As well as the social aspect of our monthly meetings the WI are involved in many community events. 2022 was a busy year including attending the Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner and participating in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We supported Open Day at Klassic and once again offered our help to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Traditionally at the end of November we supported the Christmas Lights event put on by the Kirton in Lindsey Town Council for the community.

The WI donated goods to the Trussel Trust and our local food bank just before Christmas. At our craft club this year we've made over 50 Breast Cancer cushions in bags and 20 Stona bogs for the local cancer services.

The Kirton in Lindsey WI celebrated its 85th anniversary and looking forward to the rest of 2023 we hope we are in a good place to fulfill the needs of the members but also to continue supporting local community and charitable activities in a very positive manner.