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October 2022 Newsletter

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



Play Area Development Update

Following the closure of the play area for works to commence in September, Kirton in Lindsey Town Council are delighted to announce that the refurbished play area will officially re-open on Saturday 5th November at 12noon. *continues....*

Play Area Development Update continued

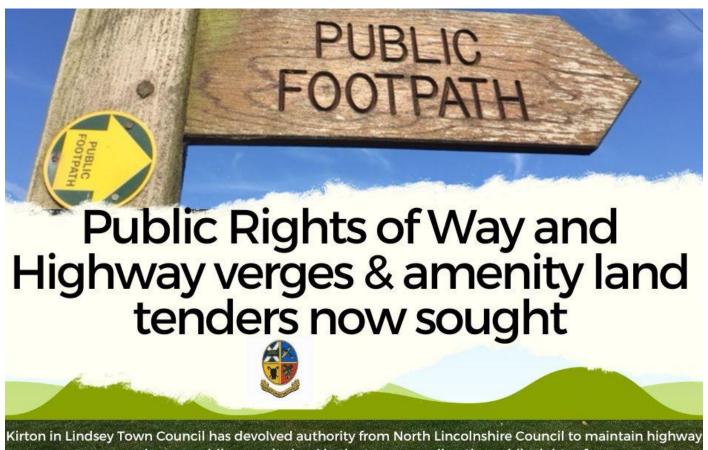
The completion of the installation of the equipment and the required safety inspection have now both taken place. As expected, the initial safety inspection did highlight some snagging works which were required before the play could be safely used by the community. Those works were started on 31st October, and once completed the security fencing will be removed from the site and the play equipment will be safe to use.

An official Grand Re-Opening Event will then take place on Saturday 5th November at 12noon, with the Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Cllr Joy Kofoed officially declaring the play equipment re-open. Kirton in Lindsey Town Councillors will support the Mayor and Caloo, the company behind the equipment, will also be present. Funding was received from North Lincolnshire Council and British Steel and representatives from these organisations will also see the play equipment opening. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council have also invited the Kirton Call "Wizard of Oz" cast to be a part of the event so watch out for the appearance of our local pantomime characters too!

Caloo approached No. 12 Chocolatier to provide another local touch to the event and goodies for the children will be provided by our local chocolate shop especially for the event!

The results of the surveys carried out as well as feedback from residents clearly demonstrate the need for increased recreation facilities in addition to this piece of work, and Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continue to look seriously at how more can continue to be achieved.

Thank you to all residents who have completed surveys and provided feedback to help with the development and progress of this project so far and for the many residents for their patience whilst the works took place on the Green.



verges and some public amenity land in the town as well as the public rights of way.

We are currently seeking tenders for these works for March 2023 onwards from local contractors and so if you would be able to take on these works and would like further information please get in touch via email enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01652 648978

The Town Council Office within the Town Hall, High Street, is also open for all public enquiries on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12noon and 4pm.

Annual Scarecrow Trail Survey Results

Online and in Kirton First we recently asked for your thoughts on the Annual Scarecrow Trail; we received 41 responses in total. Here are some of the results:

38 people thought that the trail is a good thing for Kirton in Lindsey and 3 people said it wasn't.

30 people thought it should be held every year, 10 people said it should only be held every other year and 1 person said it should never be held.

We also had lots of suggestions for different categories including sports, Disney, famous people, animals, books, heroes & villains, and around the world, to name a few. There were also suggestions of it occasionally being held at a different time of year and doing Christmas, Easter or Halloween Scarecrows.

Thank you to those who were able to take part. The full results will be published shortly!

In the next edition of Kirton First we launch our Communications Survey which will also be available online so please look out for it and let use know how we are doing communicating with everyone.



There is opportunity for increasing the provision for the town library through volunteering. If you have a few hours a week to offer the community, please do get in touch!

2022 Civic Service Update

Cllr Joy Kofoed held her Civic Service on Sunday 25th September 2022 at St Andrew's United Church with a reception then held at KLASSIC. The event is a traditional service for the celebration of Kirton in Lindsey and the continuation of relationships and support with local councils at all levels, Unitary, District, Town and Parish. Cllr Kofoed has chosen KLASSIC Park as her charity and is raising funds to improve the provision at the sports facility. At the Civic Service £175.68 was raised, so thank you to everyone who took part and donated.

Community Renewal Project "Connecting Kirton" report.

Between June 2021 and June 2022 North Lincolnshire Council Community Champions Pot funded a £25,000 feasibility study focused on community renewal for Kirton in Lindsey. The project focused on mapping and understanding the different groups within the town and how they are represented, establishing a community development framework for the town and using the information gathered to begin some activities and create a plan to continue to improve the life and wellbeing of residents by planning for ongoing activity and funding.

The feasibility study report was provided to North Lincolnshire Council and Kirton in Lindsey Town Council in early July 2022 and a presentation of the report took place at the Town Council's Full Council Meeting held on 28th September 2022.

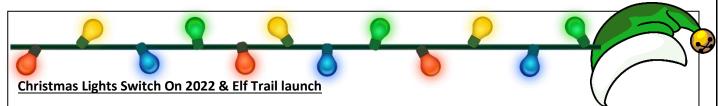
The report can be viewed on the Town Council website, or a copy obtained from enquiring at the office.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council seeks feedback on the contents of the report, and community volunteers to enable ongoing activities to improve the life and wellbeing of residents. Feedback can be provided by contacting the Town Council via phone, email, letter or calling into the office at the Town Hall - see contact details and public opening hours detailed below.

Feedback is welcomed until December 31st 2022 after which time it will collated together for the Council to review and report back to residents.

Cemetery trees

Essential works to trees in the cemetery were carried out in October. Much damage was caused to the trees during the storms earlier this year. Works were planned but had to wait until after bird nesting season and in line with contractors availability. This work makes the cemetery safer for all users.



The town Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Sunday 27th November in the Market Place. There will be food and drink, entertainment and market stalls both inside the Town Hall and in the Market Place and there will be fairground rides along Sylvester Street. The Town Council has worked alongside the monthly Pop-Up Market this year to showcase the many local small businesses in and around the town. The event will open at 3pm, and road closures will be in place around the Market Place from the morning enabling the event to set up and take place. Limited parking will be available at Tighes Field off Redbourne Mere but if you can leave vehicles at home please do so. The lights will be switched on at 5pm.

Due to the success of the gingerbread trail in 2020 and with cost-of-living concerns impacting us all, this year the trail returns with elves! Residents and businesses are invited to display elves so that they are visible from the road or footpath. Only notified entries will be judged so let us know if you are taking part before Monday 12th December. Judging will take place the week commencing 19th December, there will be local prizes for the winners who will be informed in January.



Household Recycling Centres – Winter opening hours begin

From 1 November, Household Recycling Centres in North Lincolnshire will change to winter opening hours. The Kirton in Lindsey site on Redbourne Mere will now open from 10am to 4pm Friday to Tuesday, closing on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Litter bin improvements continue

Following North Lincolnshire Council's installation of new bins around the town centre in March, we continue to see the provision of litter bins across the town improve. This month new bins appeared along Ings Road (near White Well Close and East Dale Drive), at Grove Street near Darwin Street and in St Andrew's Churchyard. The improvements are assisted by the reporting of the poor provision by residents directly to North Lincolnshire Council.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continues to work with North Lincolnshire Council to improve the overall litter bin provision across Kirton in Lindsey. The options for improving provision in other areas of the town continues to be considered. This is via assessment, by North Lincolnshire Council, of the bins removed which can be rejuvenated and recycled into locations identified as in need.

Remember that you can dispose of bagged dog waste in all litter bins, and the new bins also now offer a separate section for recycling as well. North Lincolnshire Council will continue to carry out the emptying and the recycling of the waste disposed of into the new bins.

GROVE STREET

Town signs.

North Lincolnshire Council is giving Town and Parish Councils the opportunity to receive grant funding to take on the responsibilities for cleaning the town street signage.

What do you think? Is this something that you would like to see happen? Let us know your thoughts!



HM The Queen – Books of Condolence archived

The Books of Condolence opened for HM The Queen, Elizabeth II at both St Andrew's United Church and Kirton in Lindsey Library are now archived at Scunthorpe Central Library archives for future preservation.

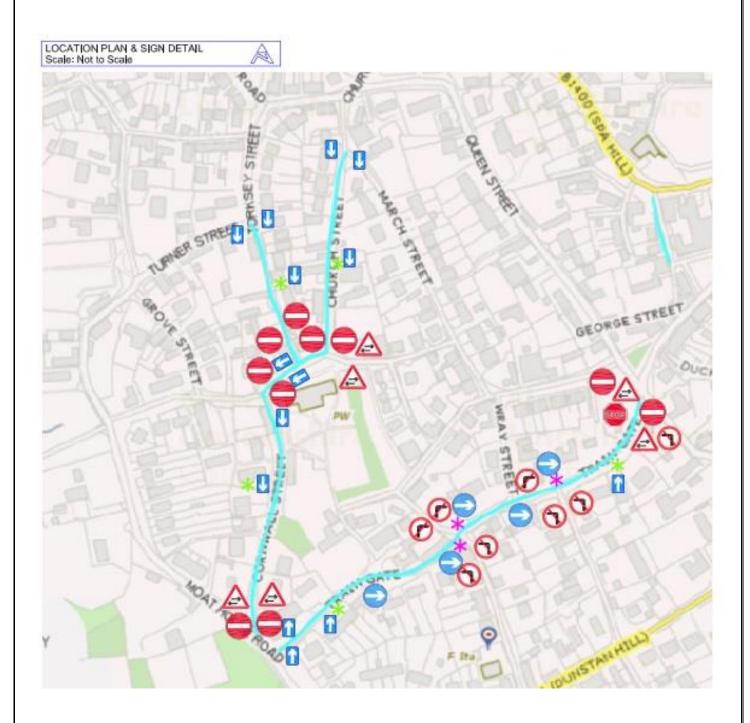
One-way systems update

Recently residents contacted members of the Town Council to ask if improvements could be made to the signage for one way systems around the town. The Town Council listened and approached the highways authority at North Lincolnshire Council to ask for a review to be undertook to see what could be done.

The proposal is to implement four new signs on Traingate and then one additional sign on Church Street, Torksey Stret and Cornwall Street. The attached drawing details the proposals as well as the replacement of existing signs with a newer reflective material.

It is hoped this will help keep road users informed of the regulations in place along these roads.

Here is the mapping with the key to the symbols following on the next page.



SIGNING SCHEDULE & KEY Sign Detail / Description Quantity 10 Ref. 616 No Entry replace existing sign in current location (Size 600mm) Ref: 652 One Way replace existing sign in current location (Size 450mm) 6 Ref. 652 One Way new sign on existing lamp column (Size 450mm) 5 Ref: 612 No Right Turn replace existing sign in current location (Size 600mm) 3 Ref. 613 No Left Turn replace existing sign in current location (Size 600mm) 5 Ref: 606 Directional arrow replace existing sign in current location (Size 600mm) 2 Ref. 606 Directional arrow new sign on new post (Size 600mm - M. Height 2.1m) 3 6 Ref: 522 Two way sign replace existing sign in current location (Size 600mm) Ref: 601.1 Stop sign replace existing sign in current location (Size 750mm)

Policing, crime and anti-social behaviour

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is aware of increased criminal damage, general crime and anti-social behaviour in the town. When issues, problems and activities of concern are not raised with the correct authorities, the data and numbers do not support the provision of resources to the town. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council often reads or hears of complaints that there is no policing presence in the town. This is because there is no data to show it is needed. If you have concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour the advice remains to report it as soon as possible after you have witnessed it. The policing team continue to face funding cuts and with limited resources they cannot provide cover to areas which are not considered to be a high priority. An area only becomes high priority through reported incidents.

Details of what the local police team are doing can be found on their website: https://www.humberside.police.uk/teams/ridge

All non-emergency incidents should be reported to the police by dialling 101 or anonymously via CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Who to Contact and How

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council are always happy to help but it's best to get to the right people for the right matter to get issues resolved more quickly. Here's a reminder of the brief guide produced about who you contact about different roles and services and how to do so.

