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November 2022 Newsletter

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



Play Area is Re-Opened

The official Grand Re-Opening Event at the Play Area on the Green took place on Saturday 5th November at 12noon. The Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Cllr Joy Kofoed, officially declared the play equipment re-open supported by the Mayor of North Lincolnshire Council, local MP Holly Mumby-Croft and representatives from British Steel who all contributed with grant funding. Kirton in Lindsey Town Councillors supported the Mayor and Caloo, the company behind the equipment, were also present to see the opening. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council also invited the Kirton Call "Wizard of Oz" cast to be a part of the event and the appearance of our local pantomime characters really added to the occasion!

Caloo approached No. 12 Chocolatier to provide another local touch to the event and goodies for the children were 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 to many residents for their patience whilst the works took place on the Green.

Additional works are still to take place to update the signage and install more seating areas at the play area.

Thank you to everyone who came along on the 5th November to see the park officially declared re-open!



Play Area Hit by Fire

In the early hours, around 04:30am, Sunday 13th November a fire was started at the play and caused damage to one of the new pieces of equipment and the surfacing it stands on. This is the first such incident in the history of the play area, and such a shock to the community after the opening event the previous weekend. Works to repair the damage are ongoing, but will take time due to safety assessments, reports and the scheduling of installation works to take place. Please be patient while we deal with this unexpected event and work to sort it out.

Thanks go to fast-acting residents who alerted the fire service and our brilliant on-call Fire Crew based in the town who were able to be on site within minutes to prevent further damage occurring. If you do have any information which may assist the police with their ongoing enquiries about this incident, please contact 101.

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.humblygrove.police.uk/teams/ridge>

Recent visits to the town by the police team to hold surgeries (both on weekdays and Saturdays) have attracted very few residents. This continues to paint the picture of little or no policing concerns in the town and reinforces the view that limited resources are required here. The police team have asked that the “*Ring it In*” message is reinforced so that the data reflects the issues the town faces.

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

Annual Scarecrow Trail Survey Results and the Communications Survey

Online and in Kirton First we recently asked for your thoughts on the Annual Scarecrow Trail; we received 41 responses in total. Thank you to those who were able to take part. The full results are now published on our website and Facebook Page!

A Communications Survey was due to be launched in the November issue of Kirton First but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances this hasn't happened, we therefore hope to now launch this in the January issue! The survey will also be available online so please look out for it and let us know how we are doing communicating with everyone!

Remembrance Service – Kirton in Lindsey Royal British Legion

Town Councillors were in attendance for the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Service held at the War Memorial on Sunday 13th September. The event included readings by members of the Royal British Legion, Huntcliff School, Scouts and armed forces. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and running of this annual event for the town. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the townspeople at both Kirton in Lindsey and Manton memorials, with £300 also donated to the annual appeal.

Library update

The library continues to offer important services and access for the town and if you have a few hours a week to offer the community, you could help increase the opening hours further.

New opening hours:

Tuesdays 1.30-6pm

Wednesdays 11am-5pm

Fridays 9:30am-3:30pm

Saturdays 10am-1pm

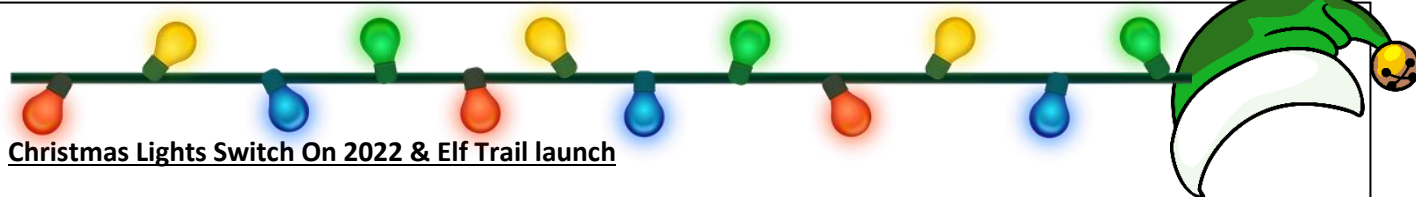
There is also opportunity for increasing the provision for the town through volunteering.

If you would like more information,
please contact the

Town Clerk on 01652 648978 or
email enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk
or have a chat with any of your Town Councillors.



There is still 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!



Christmas Lights Switch On 2022 & Elf Trail launch

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.

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.

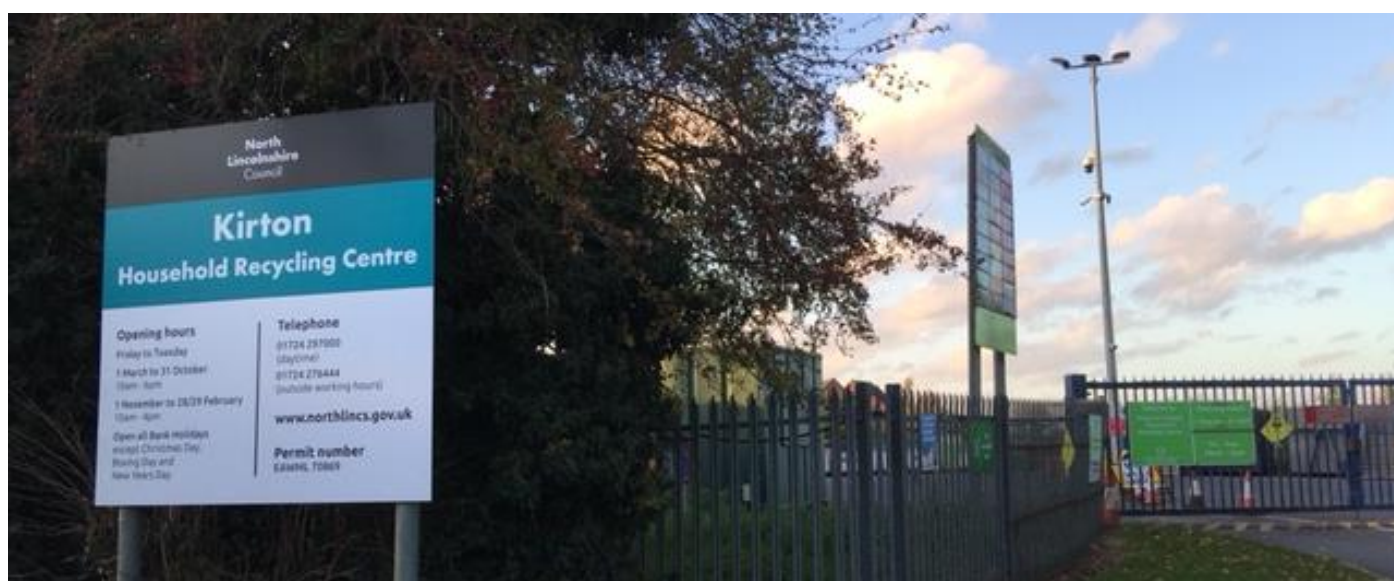
The report can be viewed on the Town Council website, or a copy obtained from enquiring at the office.

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

Further essential works to trees in the cemetery will be carried out at the end of November. Further concerns around safety were identified during the works completed in October. This work will continue to make the cemetery safer for all users.



Household Recycling Centres – Winter opening hours a reminder!

From 1 November, Household Recycling Centres in North Lincolnshire changed 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.**

Sealed Bids Invited!

The Town Council are selling 12 x pieces of recycled rubber lawn edging – extremely hard wearing & eco-friendly, it is suitable for use outside all year round. More information can be found on noticeboards and on the website.

Christmas Lights 2022

With the 2022 Christmas Festival almost upon us, here is the schedule for the event. We are joined by a number of groups and organisations this year to offer entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening as the lights are switched on by the Best Kept Frontage competition winners.

Thanks go to our Primary School for again decorating the baubles for the town tree – this year we have moved away from single use plastic for the baubles and Scunthorpe Men's Shed have created wooden cut outs for the children to decorate!

The Town Council has teamed up with the towns excellent Shop Local Pop-Up Market to provide more stalls than ever both inside the Town Hall and in the Market Place.

The fair also returns to Sylvester Street, provided by Kirton in Lindsey business The House of Bounce.

See the schedule below for more information, including The Rock Choir, Father Christmas, the first Lantern Parade, 119 Squadron Band, Little Enchantments, North Lindsey College Performing Arts and Kirton Lindsey Primary School.

Kirton in Lindsey Christmas Festival

Market Place and Town Hall

Sunday 27th November 2022

9am Please note that initial road closures will be put into place around the Market Place including High Street, Sylvester Street and George Street.

3:00 pm The 2022 Festival opens inside the Town Hall and in the Market Place.

The Rock Choir open the event following an address by the
Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed.

4:00 pm Father Christmas Parade arrives in the Market Place with **The Lantern parade, the 119 Squadron Band & Little Enchantments Characters**

4:10 pm 119 Squadron Band perform (near the Christmas tree)

4:30 pm North Lindsey College Performing Arts lead the
Countdown to the switching on of the **2022 Christmas Lights** by the
Best Kept Frontage Competition Winners

Immediately after lights switch on – **Kirton Lindsey Primary School children** perform **Christmas songs** (near the Christmas tree) followed with performance by **Rock Choir**

5:30 pm 119 Squadron Band perform (near the Christmas tree)

6pm onwards Christmas Music in the Market Place

7:30 pm Closure of Festival

Please note that this schedule may be subject to change at short notice.

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.

