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December 2022 Newsletter

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



Season's Greetings!

Members of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council wish residents a Merry Christmas very Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who came along to see the Christmas Lights switch on which took place on 27th November. Teaming up with Shop Local Pop-Up Market, the event was bigger than ever, with Mayor Cllr Joy Kofoed officially opening the event at 3pm. The tree was decorated with wooden baubles the primary school children had designed. At 5pm the owners of The Old Butchers Bistro switched on the lights following their success in the Best Kept Frontage Competition. Appearances from 119 Squadron Band, Little Enchantments, North Lindsey Performing Arts, Rock Choir, Primary School children and Glanford & Lindsey Lions provided entertainment for everyone throughout the event. 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 Peter Slater of Sky Views Media Ltd and used with permission.

Over the festive period, the 2022 **Elf Trail** is live, so look out for elf displays around the town to add some extra cheer when you are out and about and admiring the festive decorations on houses and businesses this year.

Something to remember now and for 2023 - Without local support, local services and businesses cannot survive. *Let us know your priorities*

Your Town Council can only act on issues that it knows about.

Please get in touch to let us know what matters to you.



<u>Civic Award</u>

Nominations are now invited for the Kirton in Lindsey Civic Award 2022

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 2022.

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 25th February 2023.

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.

Grants and Funding

At the November Full Council Meeting Councillors received grant funding applications from community groups and organisations across the town. Grant funding was approved for KLASSIC, Guides, Kirton First, Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club, Evergreens, Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom, Kirton Call and Scouts, with £12,660.00 in total approved in grants. Thank you to all those who applied for funding, which will be distributed in the new financial year.

2023-2024 Budget setting

The Town Council is required to set its budget for the forthcoming financial year and make its precept demand to North Lincolnshire Council by the end of December this year. Therefore at recent meetings discussion has taken place around this difficult issue of predicting the funds required for work to be carried out next year and decisions around any impact the precept has on residents of the town. At the November Full Council Meeting Councillors agreed that the budget for 2023-2024 needs to be £103,875.00. The precept demand was decided at the December Full Council meeting.



<u>Civic Dinner</u>

Kirton in Lindsey Town Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner.

Saturday 11th March 2023, Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall

We're raising funds for the KLASSIC Park. Do come along and enjoy the evening.

There will be a raffle and auction on the night, as well as an excellent dinner!

Open to All – all enquiries to the Council office.







North Lincolnshire Community Champion Awards results

Congratulations go to Wayne Eynon (Outstanding Achievement Adult) and Victoria Rumary (Sport and Wellbeing Achiever of the Year) who both achieved runner up awards in their Achievement categories at the 2022 awards on 24th November at the Baths Hall, Scunthorpe. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council are always delighted to receive nominations for our residents who consistently go above and beyond. Thank you for all you have done and all you continue, selflessly, to do for Kirton in Lindsey.

More details about the Community Champion Awards can be found on the North Lincolnshire Council website.

<u>Play area fire update</u>

As an update about the fire damage caused to the new equipment at the play park in the early hours of Sunday 13th November, the following has taken place.

- Reports to the police submitted, with updates provided between both Kirton in Lindsey Town Council and the police when new information was known.
- A play safety inspection booked to confirm the structural integrity of the equipment impacted by the fire was not compromised.
- The play safety inspection also provided confirmation of the works required following the fire to the equipment and the surfacing it is embedded into.
- A copy of the inspection report submitted to the suppliers to arrange for the supply and installation of the replacement part and surfacing works required.
- Sign off by the relevant Council Committee for the works to go ahead.

The required works will now be scheduled and we hope to have the play equipment back in full use as soon as possible.

Community Band Night raises funds for play area.



The recent Band Night with The Peacekeepers held at the Town Hall on December 9th raised an amazing £1,005.00 which was generously donated towards the town play area development project.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council offers its gratitude to Cath Delsignore & Adam Delsignore for their organisation of the event and to all those who took part and made generous donations as part of the event.

The donation has gone towards the funding gap for the play area development works allowing other projects and work to continue to take place for Kirton in Lindsey. Thank you again to everyone involved.

<u>Town Council Meetings</u>

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council holds scheduled Full Council meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month and Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (both usually with the exception of August). You are welcome to come along to meetings and time is provided for public participation at the start of each meeting. Other meetings are held when required, however they are always publicised on our noticeboard, website and Facebook page.

<u>Christmas Festival –</u> <u>Donation to Kirton in Lindsey Food Aid</u>

With the partnership between Shop Local Pop Up Market C.I.C - Kirton in Lindsey & Hibaldstow and Kirton in Lindsey Town Council for the Christmas Festival event, we are delighted to announce that 10% from the income for the event (£120) was donated to Kirton in Lindsey Food Aid. It's fantastic to be able to support this important cause.



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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.

Town Events Working Group

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is forming an Events Working Group and invites members of the community to join in and become involved. It is hoped that we can all work together to come up with new ideas and help in the organisation of town events and activities.

What events would you like to see for the town?

Contact the Assistant Clerk to get involved or for any further information by email to assistantclerk@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

<u>New 'zebra crossing' & 'crossroads' warning signs</u>

Following safety concerns for school children using the pedestrian crossing on South Cliff Road raised by residents, the Town Council put these concerns to North Lincolnshire Council.

As the highway authority who have the responsibilities and powers do deal with the concerns, North Lincolnshire Council agreed to enhance the signage on the approach to the crossing. This incorporates a new zebra crossing warning sign and an updated crossroads ahead warning sign attached to a new illuminated post to give more warning to drivers as they approach the crossing.

The new signage and post were installed in late November this year.

Thank you to the residents who made the Town Council aware of their concerns so that the matter could be discussed and actioned out to the relevant authority.

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Dog fouling

Did you know... litter bins across the town are "multi-use" and can used for the disposal of both litter and bagged dog waste?

This increases the number of locations around the town you can safely dispose of bagged dog waste in addition to the dog waste bins put into place for this purpose too.

If you're not sure where your nearest bin is, download the free Pooper Snooper mobile app which will show you a route to the nearest bin and also allows you to flag up dog fouling incidents as and when you come across them.

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.

The free Pooper Snooper app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play stores.

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.

As you can see, from these images from the app, residents are making good use of the app and evidencing the continuing problem we have in Kirton in Lindsey with dog fouling.

It is known that 9 out of 10 dog owners clean up after their dog, the issue is with a small minority of dog owners and we all need to work together to combat it as it impacts on us all.

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





Winter weather - Salt bins

Using a salt bin or notice that it's running low?

Salt bins are provided, stocked and refilled by North Lincolnshire Council. Don't leave a salt bin running low as you never know when you or someone else might need to use it.

If a salt bin is in need of refilling, contact North Lincolnshire Council with the exact location on Tel: 01724 297000, via Email: customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk or on the

Website: https://northlincs-self.achieveservice.com/

Since last year, North Lincolnshire Council have provided a salt which is the by-product of sugar beet production, which is more efficient and so not as much salt is now needed as previously to break down ice.

Yellow salt bins are priority bins, sited by North Lincolnshire Council and will always be stocked first, green salt bins are additional bins requested by the Town Council which North Lincolnshire Council will refill after the priority yellow bins.

Let's work together to keep Kirton in Lindsey safe and moving through the winter.



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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.

