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April 2023 Newsletter

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

Local Elections - 4th May 2023

Local election candidates confirmed.

The names of those seeking to represent residents at the local elections on 4th May can be found on the North Lincolnshire Council website under "Elections and Voting". Information is also on display on all town noticeboards and the Town Council website.

The information confirms an election by poll for Ridge Unitary Ward (Hibaldstow, Kirton in Lindsey and Redbourne), with 6 candidates standing for 2 seats and an uncontested election for Kirton in Lindsey Town Council with 9 candidates standing for 9 seats.

Remember to vote at a polling station from May onwards, you will be required to show ID.



Coronation events for Kirton in Lindsey

The Kirton in Lindsey Town Council Events Working Group, in conjunction with Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall and the Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom group, would like to invite everyone to join with them in celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. There is lots going on from Saturday 6th through to Monday 8th May. Town Council thanks and appreciation go to the local Royal British Legion volunteers for decorating the town centre with flags in celebration. **See the poster on the next page for all the details!**



Annual Town Meeting update

The annual event was well attended on 12th April with almost thirty people and over twenty reports from local groups and organisations. The Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed gave an update on key moments in her Mayoral year, PC Pearson attended to give a report from **Humberside Police**. Groups and organisations from the town who were represented at the meeting were fundraisers **Cath & Adam Delsignore**; **North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership**; **LIVES**; **Cycling Club**; **KLASSIC**; **St Andrew's United Church**; **Shop Local Pop-Up Market**; **Primary School**; **Kirton in Lindsey Society**; **Diamond Jubilee Town Hall**; **Town Hall Live**; **Kirton in Lindsey Entertainment Organisation**; **Outer School**; **In Bloom**; **Kirton First**; **Archery Club**; **North Lincolnshire Woodland Trust**; **Glanford & Lindsey Lions**; **Evergreens** and **Amateur Gardeners**. Cheque board presentations were made to the groups attending who had applied for grants from the Town Council. Thank you to everyone who took part, by attending or by sending in reports about the good work going on all year in so many different ways throughout the town. The minutes from the meeting will be published shortly on the Town Council website.



Big **Coronation** **Weekend**

Come and Celebrate Together



Big Screening in the Town Hall Coronation begins 11am

Bring your own refreshments.



Big Lunch Picnic on The Green 12 noon - 4 pm

Bring your own food, blankets and chairs.

Competitions (just sign up on the day):

- * Children's fancy dress and design a crown.
- * Dog fancy dress, waggiest tail, happiest dog and most like their owner.

Family Bingo in the Town Hall Approx 4.30pm (after Pop Up Market)

Small charge to play. Prizes generously donated by local businesses.



Freshers' Fayre in the Town Hall 11 am - 2 pm

Come and find out what Kirton has to offer with stalls from many local organisations. Refreshments available.

Big Help Out Litter Pick Meet at 2pm outside the Town Hall

Organised by the Kirton in Bloom Group.

Donations taken on the day to cover costs.
Any excess will be donated to a local Kirton in Lindsey charity.



Funding and grants update

Under the Town Council's Budgeted Grant Funding Programme for 2023-24 Kirton in Lindsey Town Council was delighted to be able to make a total of **£12,660** in funding to the following local organisations – **1st Kirton in Lindsey Guides and Brownies, Kirton First, Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, KLASSIC Park, Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club, Evergreens Club, Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom, Kirton Call** and **1st Kirton in Lindsey Scouts**.

Community Pot Grants were also made to **LIVES** and **Town Hall Live** in 2022-23.

Community Pot Grants are intended for smaller projects where the amount applied for is around £300 or less. Community Pot Grants can be applied for at any time during the year and will generally be paid within a month of approval.

To apply for a Community Pot Grant, download the application form from the website or contact the Town Council office.

Please note that to be eligible you will be required to demonstrate that your project is of direct benefit to those residing in the town. Groups applying must have a constitution and a bank account with two signatories. Unfortunately, under the restrictions of the Local Government Act 1972 we are unable to fund individuals. The Town Clerk is always happy to assist with any applications.



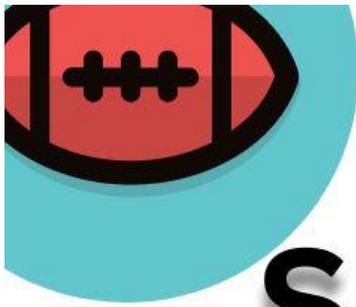
Police update

At the Annual Town Meeting, PC Pearson attended and 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. The following week the neighbourhood team were out across the ward as part of Retail Crime Week. They later offered thanks to those who stopped by and raised their concerns with them, and to the staff of local businesses who took the time to speak to them during their busy day. The police are looking to address the issues that were raised.



Tree planting with the help of the North Lincolnshire Woodland Trust

Thank you to the volunteers from the North Lincolnshire Woodland Trust for planting 25 native sapling species around the edges of the town cemetery. This work was greatly appreciated! Well done also to those who took up the offer from the North Lincolnshire Woodland Trust to plant native saplings around the town - a great effort by everyone involved. There's a mixture of native species including Beech, English Oak, Hornbeam and Hazel. 150 trees were planted in the ground over a matter of days, and these are part of the national 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative.



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
in association with
Clixby Active Pro Sports
would like to welcome you to
Kirton in Lindsey's

SportsZone



Summer 2023

Now being held at

KLASSIC Park



Free taster session - Thursday 13th April, 5.30 - 6.30pm



Ages approx. 5 to 11yrs



For more details please contact :

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SportsZone

SportsZone is back! Running on Thursdays between 5:30pm and 6:30pm at KLASSIC Park throughout the Summer. The sessions offer a variety of sporting activities for all abilities and are a fun and safe environment for ages 5 to 11 years to socialize and burn off some energy! Sessions will be £2 per child to attend, to cover the professional coaching costs to run them.

**Kirton in Lindsey
Allotments
Official Opening
Saturday 22nd April
10.30am**

**B1400, on the right
just past the old camp**

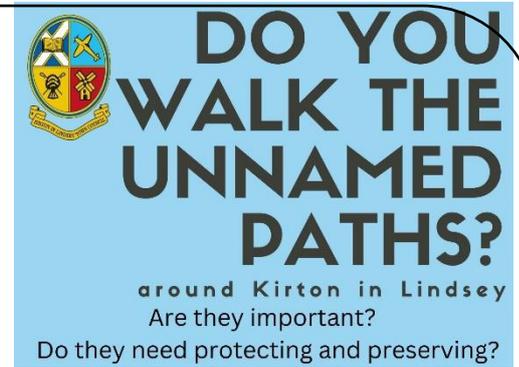


Kirton in Lindsey Allotments - Official opening event

On 22nd April the Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed, was joined by Phil Gomersall BEM, President and Regional Representative Paul Howgill of the National Allotment Society for the official opening of the Platinum Jubilee Allotments off the B1400 in the town. A number of current tenants, residents and Town Councillors also attended to mark the occasion. Tenants started to tend their plots in September and the development of the site with paths and car parking continued. There are ten plots which currently all have tenants, but the Town Council does continue to maintain a waiting list so if you would like to put your name down, please get in touch!

Unnamed Paths Survey

Thank you for all your responses so far on our most recent survey. The last day the survey will be available is 30th April so there is still time to take part if you're quick! Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is keen to retain the existing network of paths in the town, as if they go unrecorded they could in time be lost. These are not the public rights of way which are recorded with numbers, or streets which have name plates. If you wish to see the paths protected, please consider providing support by confirming that you use and wish to see them kept – get in touch to let us know which paths you use and would like to see officially recorded. We have created a survey to help collect information from residents, to see if there is support and interest or not. The survey can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H6FKBWF> or scanning QR codes on posters around the town.



The survey is also published at the back of the March edition of Kirton First.

After the deadline for the survey we will make contact with those who have given contact details to explain how best they can offer support by confirming that they use the paths and wish to see them recorded. If you didn't leave contact details and want feedback or to be involved, please get in touch!

Torksey Charity – anonymous donation

Torksey Charity Trustees would like to put out a public thank you for an anonymous donation recently received via the Charities Aid Foundation.

The Torksey Charity dates back to the 1850's and the founder is remembered with Torksey Street, just as Wray Street, Turner Street and Darwin Street all commemorate the founders of historic Kirton in Lindsey Charities.



All donations to the Charity go towards providing the relief of residents of 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 would like more information, please contact the Town Clerk on 01652 648978 or email enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

Annual Audit

The annual internal audit of Kirton in Lindsey was completed this month, covering the Financial Year April 2022- March 2023. The mandatory audit work takes place to verify that the accounts and governance arrangements of the Council are maintained to the high standard which is expected. The internal financial control environment within the Council was found to be excellent, with limited recommendations made to further enhance and strengthen the systems, procedures and governance arrangements already in place. The audit was conducted in accordance with the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – Practitioners Guide 2022. The final report was received by the Town Council at the monthly meeting held on 26th April, and the 2022-23 Annual Governance Statement and the 2021-22 Accounting Statements were both completed, approved and signed so that they can be sent off to the External Auditors for finalisation.





Dog fouling campaign update

Congratulations to the winners of our dog fouling poster competition and thank you to everyone who became involved! 24 fantastic posters were entered into the competition to encourage all dog owners to pick up after their pets. Choosing winners from the designs and hard work were very difficult, but the posters by Mia, Autumn, Florence and Lily were selected. The Mayor, Cllr Joy Kofoed and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Hazel Fox presented prizes of colouring supplies to each of the young poster designers and their work will be displayed around the town.

Young people involved in this poster competition understand how important it is that all dog owners are responsible and hope that their concerns - aimed at the small minority in the town who do not pick up after their pets - are heard.

Random patrols in Kirton in Lindsey by dog wardens will now be stepped up to combat a problem which is again increasing across the town. Dog wardens are able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices if you allow your dog to foul and/or for not having the means to pick up after your dog. There is no excuse.

Thank you to those using the free Pooper Snooper app to log instances of dog fouling. The 'heat map' now created shows the various problem areas of the town and these can easily be monitored and patrols directed to focus in these areas. Further information on dog control and reporting of instances can be found on the North Lincolnshire Council website.

Jim Flear - Dahlias keep Kirton in Lindsey on the map!

Huge congratulations go to Jim Flear for his success at the National Dahlia Society Exhibition Trials in autumn 2022. Jim submitted two varieties of dahlia into the trials, named "Kirton Red Wine" and "Kirton Dr Satpal". He won a Silver Award for "Kirton Red Wine" and a Bronze Award for "Kirton Dr Satpal", a huge achievement for Jim and awards which keep Kirton in Lindsey on the national map.

At the Daffodil Delight show on 1st April, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Hazel Fox presented Jim with a trophy on behalf of the Town Council and the town itself for his achievements and to celebrate the new dahlias named after our town. Thanks go to the Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners for allowing time during the show for the presentation to be made.



Here are images of the dahlias from the National Dahlia Society Winter Bulletin, with Kirton Red Wine the red colour and Kirton Dr Satpal the white colour.

Congratulations Jim!





Outside Gym Equipment

Funding which North Lincolnshire Council has received from housing developments in the town earmarked for recreational provision is now in place to provide outdoor gym equipment at KLASSIC Park. This will be another great recreational amenity for the town in a location which is all about sport, recreation and fitness. The equipment which proved to be most popular with those who responded to the recent survey is on order and we hope this provision will be in place for the summer.



CCTV

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council applied for “Levelling Up” funding through the central government UK Shared Prosperity Fund to bring CCTV to the town. The initial project is a small one, to link one camera which will overlook the Green to the North Lincolnshire Council Security Control Centre in Scunthorpe. This follows on from a peak in anti-social and criminal behaviour towards the end of 2022 – applications and decisions unfortunately do take some time to move forward! The funding is now approved and the order is in for the equipment, so we hope this will move forward quickly. As the CCTV will be linked into the established Security Control Centre all matters of compliance, safeguarding and security are assured and data sharing with the local authorities and policing teams is established.

Car Park

The Town Council continues to push forward its work to cost the development of a car park for the town. Planning permission was confirmed in December 2021, but costings are required for a major construction project which this would be. The planning application was for a car park which users would not need to pay to use, however it is a construction project which will come at a cost. The Town Council is therefore seeking quotations for the construction from project managers and quantity surveyors so that we can let everyone know what the construction and development will cost before approval for the project is sought from you. It is hoped that the information will be available to publish as soon as possible.



Town Council contact details



Following the election results, confirmed contact details for your local Town Councillors will be published along with details of their positions within the Council. In the meantime, for more information or any enquiries about the work of the Town Council, please contact the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is employed for 34 hours per week across four days and the Assistant Clerk/KLASSIC Park venue manager for 10 hours per week. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council rents office and meeting space from the towns Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, a Charity in its own right.

Contact details for the office: enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01652 648978. The office in the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursdays between 12noon and 4pm.

Goodbye to Cllr Jared Priestley

The current term of office for Town Councillors comes to an end with the local elections taking place on 4th May. Although the election for the nine Town Councillors is uncontested as there are nine nominations for the nine seats available, the Town Council do say goodbye to Cllr Jared Priestley. Cllr Priestley joined the Council in January 2022, with a true passion for the environment. Cllr Priestley started the North Lincolnshire Woodland Trust charity with aspirations to create a new woodland in the area to benefit the local community, ecology and the wider environment. He can also be regularly seen around the town litter picking and helping out as part of the In Bloom volunteers. Cllr Priestley offered a great deal of help and support with town events and the Town Council wish him well as he continues to focus on issues which are important to both him and the local community.

