

## District Councillors Report – Helpringham May 2025

### **New car park for Sleaford**

A new car park to be created on Sleaford's derelict ambulance station site will offer additional free and low-cost parking under a principle agreed by district councillors.

North Kesteven District Council has bought the old ambulance station on Kesteven Street to create additional public parking close to the town centre.

And through an early decision to offer the first hour for free, and charge £1.50 for up to three hours and £3.50 for longer, it will support workers, shoppers and visitors to the Hub and nearby leisure centre, in particular.

Read the full story [on our website](#)

### **New scheme available to support farming businesses in Lincolnshire \***

To support farm businesses in navigating challenges such as increasing financial pressures, changing regulations and workforce challenges, Business Lincolnshire has launched the Lincolnshire Farm Support Programme, delivered by Savills.

The programme supports farmers with resilience and offers guidance with exploring diversification. The support is only available to farm businesses where the main source of income comes from farming. [Find out more](#)

### **Veterans Badges \***

Former Service personnel in North Kesteven who have not yet had their Veterans Badge are invited to step forward to receive it at a celebration in June.

The Council champions the role of everyone who contributes to HM Forces, through its Armed Forces Day activity in June. On Monday June 23 there'll be a public flag-raising in Sleaford's Market Place at 10.30am. Later veterans will be celebrated and presented with badges in recognition of their service, with a special focus on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversaries this year of Victory in Europe (VE Day on May 8) and the ultimate end of the Second World War, Victory in Japan (VJ Day on August 15).

Badges are presented to anyone who has served in the British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force or Merchant Navy at any time and for any duration, as regular, reservist or on National Service. People leaving Service now receive their badges automatically, but there are many whose service ended prior to this and may not yet have one.

District veterans of any length or type of service, from any period, wishing to apply for a badge to be presented – or anyone acting on their behalf – can email [Armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:Armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk) or call our Partnerships Team on 01529 414155 **before Friday May 16**.

### **Lunch invitation for WWII veterans**

An invitation is being extended to any Lincolnshire veterans of World War Two to join in a lunch celebrating the contributions of our Armed Forces: past, present and future.

The 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe and Japan, bringing World War Two to an end, will be the theme for North Kesteven District Council's annual veterans' lunch on Monday 23 June, which is a significant part of its Armed Forces Day activity and specifically celebrates the individual and collective service of veterans spanning many decades through the presentation of Veteran's Badges.

Veterans of any length of service with UK Armed Forces – Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force or Merchant Navy – can apply to receive a badge marking their contributions over any period, from decades to just one day. Deadline to apply to receive a badge on 23 June is Friday 16 May.

To nominate a WW2 veteran for the lunch, and discuss arrangements, please contact the Council's Partnerships Team on 01529 414155 or email: [armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk) before Friday 6 June 2025. WW2 veteran guests may be joined by a companion.

**To apply to have a Veteran's Badge presented at the lunch, please get in touch with the Partnerships Team on 01529 414155 or email: [armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk) before 16 May 2025.**

More details [on the website](#).

### **Join in active travel event on 17 May \***

Are you all geared up for TravelLight? Brought to you by Sleaford CAN and North Kesteven District Council, it'll be a celebration of sustainable travel, with free activities for all to enjoy:

- Have a go on the balance bikes and accessible cycles
- Enjoy 3 storytelling performances by Rhubarb Theatre
- Benefit from bike repairs with skill sharing demos
- Grab a free smoothie from the pedal powered smoothie bike
- Find out about the upcoming NK Walking Festival, find local bus, train, and rail information, plus lots more!

It's taking place on Saturday 17 May, from 10am-2pm at Sleaford Market Place.

### **Fund supporting VE and VJ Day community celebration \***

Seven community celebrations and commemorations of VE Day in North Kesteven have benefitted from a grant fund made available to help deliver local activity.

With the grant fund remaining open for further applications for events relating to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day in August, community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises with financial resources below £10,000 can still apply for up to £500 each to support local events that benefit communities.

Funded activity must take place within a week either side of August 15 and be of benefit to North Kesteven residents. Deadline for applications is July 21 and early application is advised. See [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/funding](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/funding) for eligibility criteria and an application form.

The seven events funded for VE Day were:

- Anwick – towards catering, licensing, advertising and entertainment costs for a day of cinema screenings, village decorations and showcase of village memories on May 10.
- Bassingham – towards decorations, catering and costs associated with a Brownie and Guides tea dance and afternoon tea on May 6.
- Billingham – towards food, decorations and a 1940s singer at a buffet following a parade and wreath laying on May 8.
- Burton Pedwardine – towards the costs of a commemorative Tommy state bunting and flags for a village barbecue and quiz on May 5.
- Greylees – towards food, entertainment and dance captain for a tea dance at the New Chapel on May 8.
- Swaton – towards the costs of ice cream, drinks, bunting and planter displays through the village linked to a beacon lighting on May 8.
- Walcott – towards food, decorations, drinks and promotion of an afternoon tea at the village hall on May 11.

Eligible costs include venue hire, promotional materials, decorations, and entertainment and the purchase of refreshments, but not alcohol, commemorative benches or structures.

There's a dedicated North Kesteven webpage where you can apply for the grant, and which brings together further locally-specific information at: [n-kesteven.gov.uk/ve-vj-day](http://n-kesteven.gov.uk/ve-vj-day)

### **Police priority setting**

Lincolnshire Police want to work together to make our county the safest place to live, work and visit. As part of Lincolnshire Police neighbourhoods' teams work, they look at the issues affecting their communities and set some agreed priorities for the work they undertake often in conjunction with partners on a quarterly basis.

To enable and support this work, they have a survey where Councillors, Parish Councils and the community can all contribute towards informing the priorities and set out any concerns in their communities. The police can consider these with the feedback from the surveys.

The police are keen to encourage an increase in responses, as the more responses received, they have a better understanding of what is important to you and your communities. [Participate in the survey here](#). Find the neighbourhood policing plan for your area in the dedicated section, [here](#).