

District Councillors Report – Helpringham July 2025

Beat the Heat: Hot weather advice *

We continue to 'enjoy' hotter weather across North Kesteven. The below link provides information on how to stay safe in hot weather, please do share with your local community. [Beat the heat: hot weather advice - GOV.UK](#)

Powerful show CODE comes to Sleaford *

Free Public Performances: Saturday 5 July 10.30am and 2pm Market Place, Sleaford

CODE, Justice in Motion's urban odyssey into County Lines and Youth Knife Crime, is an electrifying blend of physical theatre, parkour, trials bike stunts, and live rap and music. Set on an urban playground, this spectacular production thrusts audiences into the raw realities faced by young people exploited by organised drug crime gangs.

With heart-pounding action and powerful storytelling inspired by true case studies, CODE peels back the layers of a hidden underworld, exposing the intricate and dangerous networks behind knife crime and County Lines operations.

Award-winning physical theatre company Justice in Motion brings CODE to St Georges Academy and Sleaford Market Square. This production isn't just a show - it's a wake-up call. CODE is a daring, adrenaline-fueled journey that brings these critical issues into sharp focus, capturing both the relentless peril and the fierce resilience of a generation caught in the crossfire of systemic exploitation.

On a purpose-built outdoor set, the story follows Nicky, a vulnerable teenager drawn into a world of coded messages, gifts, threats - and dangerous decisions. The show takes a hard-hitting approach to how young people are groomed into gangs, drug running, and knife crime-issues often misunderstood or unseen.

You can [view the trailer on YouTube](#).

North Kesteven District Council are bringing CODE to Sleaford with Lincolnshire County Council Public Health and supported by the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership, CODE will be especially effective in the setting of the refurbished Market Place.

More details and images on [our news page](#), or click the image for the poster.

Health and wellbeing event at OneNK *

Join NKDC at ONE NK for our Health and Wellness Day! Discover a variety of local health resources and organisations, with a fantastic opportunity for wellbeing insights.

Friday 11 July, 9.30am - 3pm at OneNK, North Hykeham

There will be a variety of activities to take part in, from chair-based exercise to holistic care, Menopause discussions and the launch of our very own Health timetable. Partners include NHS Lincolnshire, One You Lincolnshire, Every-One, Great Northern Physiotherapy and many more.

Click the picture (right) for an easily shareable image, or [click here](#) for the PDF poster ideal for printing

Rural Action Film Festival at Sleaford Playhouse*

The Rural Action Film Festival which is promoted by Sleaford Climate Action Network in conjunction with Sleaford Playhouse. The film festival will run over 3 days at the Playhouse on Westgate in Sleaford, NG34 7PP, from Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 July, and will present a range of short films all with a Rural, Nature, Sustainability or Climate Action theme. There will be three evening shows starting at 7.30pm and a matinee on Saturday 26 July starting at 3pm. The finale of each evening show will be a feature film. These are listed below along with a link to watch a trailer of the film:

Thursday 24 July - [Balancing the Scales](#) by the Beaver Trust

Friday 25 July - [From Devil's Breath](#)

Saturday 26 July - [Why Not Scotland?](#)

For more information and details of all the films visit the [Rural Action Film Festival website](#), and to book your tickets online [click here](#). Tickets are priced at £5 for the matinee and £7 for the evening shows.

There is a booking fee added to online ticket purchases and tickets are also available from Dee's Gifts in the Riverside Centre.

£500 each available to community groups for VJ Day commemorations *

Community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises still have time to apply for up to £500 each to deliver local events relating to VJ Day that benefit communities. Can you help by sharing the message?

This fund closes to applications on 21 July. Any interested groups can find for eligibility criteria and an application form at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/funding

Food waste collections coming to Lincolnshire

Residents are set to benefit from a new weekly food waste collection service beginning in 2026, as part of a government mandate to help households recycle more and reduce environmental impact.

You can see more [here on the Lincolnshire County Council website](#)- including details of the two food waste caddies households will receive and other information.

The introduction of this new countywide service follows national changes set out in the Environment Act 2021, which requires all waste collection authorities (local councils like North Kesteven District Council which collect your waste from the kerbside) to collect food waste separately on a weekly basis. It's not a local decision, but a legal requirement aimed at improving recycling rates and sustainability across the UK.

North Kesteven District Council, as part of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, is working with the county and other district/borough councils to ensure a smooth rollout across Lincolnshire. While some areas will start receiving the service from March 2026, not all areas will go live at the same time. Individual start dates will be announced closer to the launch.

Food waste will be collected weekly, using dedicated vehicles, so there will be no mixing with other types of waste. Importantly, no kerbside waste in Lincolnshire currently goes to landfill. This food waste will be diverted from the Energy from Waste plant to a specialist anaerobic digestion facility, where it will be turned into biogas – a cleaner, natural energy source – and fertiliser used by local farmers.

Meet the team at the Lincolnshire Show on June 18 & 19 at the Lincolnshire County Council stand, and at the NKDC stand at the Heckington Show on July 26 & 27. There'll be people to answer questions, showcase the caddies, and share more.

New vehicles bring opportunity to improve collections

Each week NKDC crews collect over 55,000 bins and to ensure we provide the most efficient bin collection service, routes are continually reviewed.

Every day their drivers face challenges of narrow streets and parked vehicles and our standard 26-tonne refuse collection vehicle is just not suited to some streets across the district, some examples we are sure you will recognise within your ward. To put the size into perspective; on the right is our standard 26-tonne vehicle compared to the more compact 16-tonne vehicle on the left.



Working with our crews and assessing the challenges and risks, a number of areas have been identified that will, from week commencing 23 June, be moving from the current 26-tonne route to our new 16-tonne route. To deliver this improvement we are delighted to have taken delivery of two new 16-tonne vehicles.

The improvement will mean that around 1,500 customers will have their collection day changed and from next week we will be contacting everyone directly to explain the reason for the change, what it means to them and provide all the assistance needed.

Annual Electoral Canvass

In July the Annual Electoral Canvass, to update the Electoral Register, will begin. The North Kesteven Electoral Services Team will either email or send a form to all households across the district. Electors are asked to follow the instructions, so we know they are registered and ready to vote. More information is available for electors at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/annualcanvass.

Canvassers will not be visiting properties until early October 2025, and a reminder will be shared nearer the time. If you have any questions, please contact elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk.

the North Kesteven District Council's jobs page on the [website](#).

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Local Community Fund supports projects in members' communities that provide access to opportunities and resources for people to thrive. Co-op Members can choose the local cause they want to support through their membership. Applications to the Local Community Fund [are now open](#).

Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week 2025

ASB Awareness Week 2025 is confirmed for **30 June - 6 July 2025**.

The overarching theme for the week is **making communities safer**.

The UK's national ASB Awareness Week is supported by HM Government, the Civil Service, all Police and Fire forces in the country, Historic England, and thousands of housing providers, local authorities and community groups.

Please support the campaign by sharing posts from our social media accounts.

Find out more on [the website](#).

A15 Dunsby Road reconstruction *

LCC informs us that it will be necessary to close sections of the road to vehicular traffic during these works for up to four weeks, starting on Monday 30 June.

As part of the improvements, night-time road closures will be in place on the A15 (between Brauncewell and Cranwell including the Westcliffe Road and Long Lane junctions) from 7pm to 6am, Monday to Friday. In addition, there will be a reduced speed limit in place 24/7 during the scheme.

These sections of the A15 are deteriorating, so LCC is taking the opportunity to rebuild them to improve safety and usability of the road. In addition, they'll also be using this opportunity to maintain the ironworks and verges.