

District Councillors Report – Helpringham Aug 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](#)

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.

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](#).

Poppy Wreaths

On 12 December 2024 NKDC unanimously agreed to *"provide a remembrance red poppy wreath to any Councillor who requests one, for them to present personally on behalf of North Kesteven District Council, whilst attending the Remembrance Day event within their respective wards"*. Members may request a wreath for a Remembrance Event they are attending within their own ward, in accordance with the approved [Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laying Protocol](#).

To request a poppy wreath, you must submit the relevant form to the Corporate and Civic Support team **by Thursday 25 September**.

VJ Day commemoration

The 80th anniversary of VJ Day will be marked in Sleaford with a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Market Place at **10am on Friday 15 August**.

There will then follow a reception at the Legionnaires Club. All are welcome.

Click or tap the image for a full-size version.



Free fruit trees for communities - deadline nears

Following its success last winter, we are pleased to relaunch our community orchard scheme for planting in late 2025 to early 2026.

We are offering free fruit trees to establish community orchards in North Kesteven as part of the Coronation Living Heritage Fund. Sites should be accessible to the public to some extent (e.g. amenity land, parks, village greens) and there should be plans for community engagement (such as tree planting, fruit picking). Trees are offered alongside stakes, guards and ties in packs of five, but if you have space, please do apply for more than one pack.

You can find information on the scheme and a link to the application form on our [Trees for Communities](#) webpage. The deadline for applications is 12pm on Monday, August 18. *Please note, priority will be given to new orchards, as well as to locations and groups that have not previously received fruit trees from NKDC.*

Community Champions 2025 launched *

Do you know someone who's making a difference within the community of North Kesteven through their kind consideration and voluntary endeavour? And have you always thought 'they deserve a medal' for what they do?

The next best thing is an NK Community Champion Award, backed by community-minded businesses within the District and co-ordinated by North Kesteven District Council.

Across 11 categories, this year we're looking to champion:

- Community spirit
- Young Achievers
- Community Businesses
- Contribution to climate action, arts & culture, sport, a better environment and health & wellbeing
- Good neighbours
- Longstanding contributions to a single group or organisation

And there's a new category this year to complement the Chair's charitable theme to celebrate Contribution to Animal Welfare.

There's a category to capture all manner of expressions of voluntary action undertaken tirelessly, quietly and selflessly for the benefit of people and communities within North Kesteven.

It could be by supporting neighbours, befriending, contributing to a sports or art club, picking litter, maintaining paths, supporting those in need, contributing freely in a myriad ways, changing lifestyles and business practice to reduce climate impacts or going over and above in any way that brings broad benefit or community enrichment.

There's so much amazing activity being undertaken daily that we want to acknowledge, celebrate and champion – but we can only do it if you tell us about it.

Nominations can be made at www.NKawards.org where there is more detail or using the form [here](#).
Deadline is 12pm on September 16.

Mosaic Youth Hub (Sleaford) summer activities

Looking for something fun (and FREE) to do this August?

Mosaic Youth Hub have got you covered with 3 activity packed sessions for young people aged 11–18!

Tuesday 12 August, 1-4pm - The Rec (Boston Road)

'Street Sports' – Football tournaments, bucket golf, rounders & more!

Thursday 14 August, 6-8pm - Mosaic Youth Hub

'Squad Night' – Pool, Fifa, Mario Kart, team challenges & table tennis!

Tuesday 19 August, 6-8pm - Mosaic Youth Hub

'Chill Night' – Movie, games consoles, board games & FREE pizza!

FREE but booking is essential! Register now: linktr.ee/mosaicyouthhub

Costa del Sleaford!

Enjoy sand, sun and buckets of fun as the seaside is brought to Sleaford Market Place this summer! A pop-up beach is coming to **Sleaford Market Place** from **August 20 until September 4**. Find out more [on our website](#).



Teenage Markets are back *

Sleaford's Teenage Markets have returned in 2025, offering young people a platform to showcase their talent and test their entrepreneurial skills.

Young people wishing to take part in the Teenage Markets can create a profile as a trader or performer at www.theteenagemarket.co.uk.

The next Teenage Market is alongside the Sleaford on Sea event on **Saturday 23 August, from 11am until 4pm**, in **Sleaford Market Place** - please do come along and show your support or share the date with any young budding entrepreneurs.