

District Councillors Report Helpringham Dec 2025

Interactive NSIP Map

Planning have organised an interactive map resource for our NSIP webpage, which will hopefully act as a beneficial resource for councillors and residents to see an overview of the proposals and direct them to the planning inspectorate and developer websites.

Link to NSIP webpage: [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects \(NSIPs\) | North Kesteven District Council](#)

Free festive Saturday parking in Sleaford throughout December*

Whether you are finishing Christmas shopping, meeting friends and family, or enjoying fantastic events in the town such as WinterLight, you can benefit from free parking on Saturdays in Sleaford throughout December.

The free parking will be available in all North Kesteven District Council-run car parks this festive period.

[Read the full story here.](#)

VisitEngland Hidden Gem Accolade for local museum Mrs Smith's Cottage

Mrs. Smith's Cottage Museum, run by North Kesteven District Council, tells the story of Mrs. Hilda Smith, who was well-loved in the village she lived in until she was 102. The contents and appearance of the cottage have been preserved since she last lived there in 1995.

The much-loved museum – restored and reimagined through Heritage Lottery funding in recent years – has now been awarded a 2025 VisitEngland Hidden Gem Accolade. Members of the Mrs. Smith's Cottage team attended a celebratory lunch at Sky Suite, British Motor Museum, on Wednesday, November 12, where they received their well-deserved Accolade.

Read the full story here: [VisitEngland Hidden Gem Accolade for local museum Mrs Smith's Cottage | North Kesteven District Council](#)

Severe Weather Emergency Protocol

With temperatures dropping below freezing this week the Severe Weather Emergency Protocols have been activated which open up additional provision for people sleeping rough during periods of extreme weather.

If you are concerned about somebody who is, please contact the Housing Options Team for further support and assistance. Call 01529 414155, email housingoptions@n-kesteven.gov.uk, or out of hours, call the emergency line: 01529 308308, or Freephone 08081692777

NK Community Lottery

Looking for Fundraising in YOUR area?

If you know of groups in your Parish that could benefit from regular fund raising, then the NK Community Lottery is a great FREE option. Set up by the Council to help local charities, voluntary organisations, sports clubs and community groups to raise funds. It is an online lottery with a weekly draw.

The NK Community Lottery celebrates its fourth birthday in December and it is easy to get involved and to support this great initiative, supporting local good causes whilst being in with a chance of winning fantastic prizes.

Tickets cost £1 and 50p of the ticket price goes to the local good cause chosen by the ticket purchaser on the NK Community Lottery website. Supporters get to donate funds to causes dear to their hearts and invest in their local community at the same time as being in with a chance of winning up to £25,000! Not for profit organisations (charities or Community Interest groups for example) based in or providing a service to residents in North Kesteven, including the towns of Sleaford and Hykeham and the villages in between, can sign up for free to raise funds through the NK Lottery.

Good causes also receive free marketing materials to help them promote the Lottery to their supporters. Signing up as a good cause takes only 10 minutes. For any more information, please contact email the Partnerships Team – partnershipsteam@h-kesteven.gov.uk or call 01529 414155.

WinterLight 2025

Visitors can enjoy lots of free seasonal entertainment, including illuminated woodland animals, ice skating, curling, music, crafts, face painting, and more, at the festive event on **Saturday, December 20 (3pm-8pm)** – visit <https://www.heartoflincs.com/winterlight-2025/> where confirmed timings and regular event updates will be posted.

Have Your Say: Community Pharmacy (Local Chemist) Survey

Community pharmacies are one of the most accessible parts of the NHS. You can find them in supermarkets on the high street, and in local neighbourhoods and villages.

They do much more than provide medicines — they offer advice, treatment for minor illnesses, and support to help you stay healthy.

Please complete [this survey](#) to share your experiences of these and even if you haven't used them, we'd still love to hear how you think they can help people stay healthy in our communities.

Your feedback will help raise awareness of pharmacy services, remove barriers to access, and shape future services so they work better for everyone in our communities.

Continuing Healthcare in Lincolnshire

NHS Lincolnshire ICB is asking people and those they care who receive Continuing Healthcare (CHC) or Funding Nursing Care to have their say.

Please use the link below to complete the survey by December 5, 2025

https://nhslincolnshire.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dd3jOkdZrGygEeO

Find out what Neighbourhood Policing Teams are doing in North Kesteven

NKDC's Neighbourhood Newsletters release quarterly and feature key updates from the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams for each district in Lincolnshire.

They include what the local priorities for your area are (set by local residents), what the local teams are doing to combat these issues, good news stories that you might not have heard about and who's who of your local neighbourhood Policing officers.

Read the latest edition of the North Kesteven Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter here:

[North Kesteven Neighbourhood Policing - quarterly priorities October-December 2025](#)

Postal Vote Re-application for Electors

A large number of electors needing to renew their postal vote application, the reminder emails to just over 4,000 electors have been circulated. There will also be nearly 2000 letters and application forms sent where the Elections do not have an email for the elector. All electors who are contacted must renew before 31 January 2026 to continue to have a postal vote for future elections.

Any elector questions can be directed to call 01529 414155 or email customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk in the first instance.

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.

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](#).