

## **District Councillors Report Helpringham 2026**

### **Cinema in Sleaford**

Plans have been submitted by cinema operators Savoy Cinemas Ltd for a four-screen facility co-funded by the Council and Savoy to achieve the realisation of this long-held aspiration. More information can be found on the NKDC Planning Portal, 26/0666/FUL.

### **E-Waste Action Week sees hundreds of items donated**

E-Waste Action Week, which ended on 23 May, resulted in at least 1,372 items being donated for refurbishment or recycling. 303 phones, 82 laptops, 87 tablets and more than 900 cables were counted in, the cables alone weighing more than 115kg!

The final figures will likely be higher, with many cables being handed in in bulk and not yet counted or weighed. There were nine community drop-off points around the District, including parish councils, churches and libraries, plus donation events at two repair cafes - in Sleaford and Bracebridge Heath. The repair cafes were run by Sleaford Climate Action Network (SleafordCAN).

At the first event, a pop-up in Bracebridge Heath on Saturday 16 May, 41 items were brought in for repair, and 17 laptops, 6 tablets, 59 phones and 6.5 boxes full of cables were donated. There are hopes that this will become a regular repair cafe as a result of this initial trial.

At the Sleaford Repair Cafe, which is a bi-monthly event, 47 items were brought in for repair, and 49 phones, 12 laptops, 16 tablets and 35.5kg of cables were donated.

On top of the successes we can count, we have been sharing information and spreading the word about the hidden potential of e-waste, and the importance of proper recycling.

We thank SleafordCAN, Sivill Service and all the donation points around the District for their support, without which the event would not be possible. Well done, too, to North Kesteven residents for taking the time to hunt out and donate their items.

### **NK Community Champion Awards 2026 – call for nominations**

It is time to nominate and celebrate people who make a positive difference to lives and communities across North Kesteven through kind consideration and voluntary endeavour.

On the back of Volunteers' Week, nominations are invited for this year's NK Community Champion Awards, which are backed by community-minded businesses within the District and co-ordinated by NKDC. Read the full press release on the [Council's website](#).

### **Fun at Sleaford Midsummer Festival**

On Saturday, 20 June, the Sleaford Midsummer Festival will bring the town centre to life with a brand-new community event.

Four vibrant zones will offer live entertainment and activities for all ages. Enjoy summer sounds from Shug Studios in the Market Place, free bungee trampolines and a climbing wall at the Riverside Centre, and an outdoor cinema at Eastgate Green showing three films throughout the day.

At Navigation Yard, there will be a focus on history and heritage, with stalls, re-enactments, Morris dancers and folk music. A North Kesteven Young Traders Market will also take place inside Sleaford Indoor Market.

Running from 12pm to 6pm, the festival will transform the town centre into a welcoming space to relax, explore and enjoy the day.

Save the date and find more information on the [Heart of Lincs website](#).

### **Comments invited on proposed planning application requirements**

A four-week consultation has been launched by the three councils covering Lincoln city, North Kesteven and West Lindsey, relating to the documentation that's needed for new planning applications. More information can be found on the [Council's website](#)

### **Explore the beauty and landscapes of North Kesteven at the 2026 NK Walking Festival**

Immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquillity of North Kesteven's towns, villages and open spaces, by taking part in a range of over 70 led walks at this summer's NK Walking Festival.

Whether you want a short or long trek, to enjoy an array of themed walks, or even try out some walking sports, there will be something for everyone and every pace at the 2026 NK Walking Festival, which takes place over 16 days between June 6 and 21, 2026.

Read the full press release on the [Council's website](#).

### **Sleaford stakes its claim as UK Town of Culture**

A bid for Sleaford to be the UK's first Town of Culture in 2028 has been made to Government, highlighting the town's rich heritage, creative spirit and distinctive characteristics.

Sleaford's submission comes from the Sleaford Culture & Heritage Forum, comprising local cultural organisations, creatives, heritage groups and community partners, including the District Council. It is made in response to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Town of Culture competition which comes with has a top prize of £3m to deliver cultural programmes in 2028, and two further packages of £250,000.

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

### **Armed Forces Week in Sleaford**

The usual Armed Forces flag raising ceremony will take place in Sleaford Market Place to mark the start of Armed Forces Week.

Serving military, veterans' groups, civic dignitaries, the local community and charities are invited to attend the free event at 10.30am on Monday, 22 June, 2026. The event will close with a primary school choir performance.

This will be followed by the Celebration of Military Service, held at NKDC Council Chamber, Kesteven Street in Sleaford (a ticketed event) from 12pm-2pm. This event will recognise and commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the end of Op Telic, and the 35th anniversary of the end of the Gulf War as well as the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bomber Command and the awarding of Veteran Badges. Call NKDC on 01529 414155 to apply for tickets and ask for the Partnerships Team or email: [armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk) As part of Armed Forces week, hosted in NKDC's Council Chamber, Veterans Support Service are planning an Armed Forces Community Open Day on Wednesday, 24 June, which also marks Reservists Day and is free to attend.

For more details on the events marking Armed Forces week, email [armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:armedforces@n-kesteven.gov.uk) or call 01529 414155 and ask for the Council's Partnerships Team. There is also information available on the Council's [Armed Forces Events webpage](#)