**District Councillors Report – Helpringham Sept 2024**

**A cinema for Sleaford - update**

With it being five years since the Council announced plans to bring a cinema to Sleaford, the media has this last week been asking what happens next.

Shortly after the scheme was announced and received unanimous support from Members in 2019, the Covid pandemic changed the operating realities of cinemas and the leisure industry generally and the potential operator was no longer able to partner the scheme going forward.

Since then it has remained an aspiration of the Council to deliver a cinema within its broader vision for revitalising the Heart of Sleaford – and still is – and we know how much public support there is for a cinema scheme. The statement issued to the media about ongoing discussions to make this a reality A press release from NKDC can be found below,

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/council-news/2024/07/enthusiasm-cinema-unchanged>

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| **Community Champions open for nominations \***  Nominations are now open for you to champion and celebrate those people you think your community just couldn’t be without.  The NK Community Champion Awards look to say ‘thank you’ to those people who enrich our lives through their voluntary contributions, operating selflessly, tirelessly, charitably and consistently in carrying out tasks and functions which enrich our communities – from litter picking or running sports clubs to enabling art and creativity to flourish, supporting the health and wellbeing of others, actively promoting positive climate action, being a good neighbour or an inspirational young person, or just embodying community spirit in all that they do.  Across 10 categories, the Council and its sponsoring businesses want to extend a huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who contributes to our District of Flourishing Communities through their voluntary actions.  See [www.NKawards.org](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.nkawards.org%2Fcommunitychampions%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001917fca6a07-6c953cdd-470d-450a-a2cc-b74b32ed0b61-000000/hmhT_HCdWdRspAHqbMhqApKuvwoAeTcqmlzNpoPvVM0=367) for details and to make a nomination.  **The deadline for nominations is September 16**, working towards an awards celebration on November 27.  If a business would like to complete the sponsors’ line-up for this year, playing a vital role in ensuring the good work of our amazing volunteers is celebrated and championed, please contact [champions@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:champions@n-kesteven.gov.uk). |

**Restart a Heart Day at Sleaford Leisure Centre - Learn CPR \***

On Restart a Heart Day, 16 October, Sleaford Leisure Centre will host a public CPR training session that is open to anyone to attend.

Sessions will run 4:00-5:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm in the Leisure Centre Studio. More details [on the poster](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Fattachments%2FUKNORTHKESTEVEN%2F2024%2F09%2F06%2Ffile_attachments%2F2989864%2FRestart%2520a%2520heart%2520day.pdf/1/01000191c7efd22c-d677f8af-5815-480a-8ae3-0ed5ee461a24-000000/rcS2aBLmmM4OjqQdPdGoeIK08Gl8IUtQjUof7gKpIW0=369).

**Install complete of enhanced CCTV in Sleaford \***

Sleaford town centre is now protected by expanded and improved CCTV coverage, following the completion of a project to upgrade it.

Seven existing CCTV units in the town centre have been upgraded using £58,000 of Safer Streets funding, achieved in a joint bid together by the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones and North Kesteven District Council. Each unit now has four CCTV cameras, and the footage provided is also of much higher quality after upgrading the technology that the cameras use.

A wider area in the town centre is now covered by CCTV thanks to four additional units installed using UK Shared Prosperity Fund monies. These extra CCTV camera units have been installed in key locations based on data assessments by the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner, North Kesteven District Council and with the support of partners including Sleaford Town Council which contributes towards ongoing CCTV monitoring.

It creates an upgraded network of 11 CCTV units in total, with each one made up of four cameras and all providing much better quality footage than before. It makes a total of 44 CCTV cameras available across the town centre for operators to use in the event of an incident or emergency and to help maintain community safety.

The cameras are monitored 24/7 on behalf of North Kesteven District Council by operatives based at Boston Borough Council, and are just one way that partners including NKDC work together to support safe communities in North Kesteven.

Find out more [on our website](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.n-kesteven.gov.uk%2Fcouncil-news%2F2024%2F09%2Finstall-complete-enhanced-cctv-sleaford%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/2/01000191c7efd22c-d677f8af-5815-480a-8ae3-0ed5ee461a24-000000/dX_EpyvYXeELo0Ll_jcjhSIGtH9eii2s9EVYhUPJRvI=369).

**New mosaic and works to Monument Gardens \***

A new mosaic dedicated to the River Slea will flow through Sleaford’s Monument Gardens following a refresh of the space starting soon – and your help is needed now on another important aspect of the works. The Monument Gardens project is expected to start in early September and take around seven weeks to complete, with the works including:

* The creation of a floor mosaic which will reflect the shape and colours of the River Slea. A local artist (Vikki Buss of PIX Glass Design, Navigation Yard) has been commissioned to create it, and it will be in keeping with the existing Les Gostick Memorial on the exterior wall of Sleaford Museum.
* Separating two of the existing Monument Gardens flower beds into four new hexagonal flower beds, adding low maintenance planting while retaining the large lime tree and two silver birch trees that are already there and the one remaining flowerbed to the north. There’ll also be feature lighting to highlight this new planting scheme.
* Repaving some of the area around the new planters and floor mosaic and giving the rest of the surrounding paving a good clean.
* A flagpole installed within the gardens, so that flags may be flown.
* Installation of new seating, which will also increase the number of benches at the gardens from two to four.
* Wall lights to highlight the museum and help its signage stand out.
* Repainting of the exterior walls of the museum and its shutter.
* As a final flourish, a salvaged heritage Sleaford town sign will be installed as a new feature for Monument Gardens.

As the project gets underway, there’s a survey asking for people to choose which colours they think the Wyvern Barrier should be repainted as part of it. There are four choices in keeping with the gardens and the wider area – the barrier’s original turquoise with the head highlighted in silver; the heritage green used throughout Sleaford town centre with the head highlighted in gold; black with the head highlighted in gold; and black with the head highlighted in silver. Fill in the survey at [https://online1.snapsurveys.com/theWyvern](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fonline1.snapsurveys.com%2FtheWyvern%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000191a3ebdbc3-92c2aad8-2e8e-44fb-9b2a-6e57f3f82d15-000000/oOX8dbeaH9Rph6oMvTx3dhow_CCljSFPwVmA8WiSk9A=368) by **Sunday September 15** to select your preferred option, or go to Sleaford Museum and choose via the board on display there.

The re-painting of the Wyvern Barrier will be done as a final touch to complement the completed public realm improvements at Monument Gardens.

For more information please see the [full story on our website](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.n-kesteven.gov.uk%2Fcouncil-news%2F2024%2F08%2Fyour-help-needed-fresh-look-wyvern-barrier%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/2/01000191a3ebdbc3-92c2aad8-2e8e-44fb-9b2a-6e57f3f82d15-000000/r3zU4M1yZt1_E_Ja_dv1APHDCtp-RR10JNzVk3QPPFY=368).

Also taking place at Southgate is a refresh of the space around Handley Monument. For more on UKSPF projects in Sleaford and across North Kesteven, visit [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ukspf](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ukspf)

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| **New narrowboat arrives on the Slea \***  People will soon be able to experience the historic Slea Navigation for themselves on a [new narrowboat](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps:%252F%252Fwww.n-kesteven.gov.uk%252Fcouncil-news%252F2024%252F08%252Finternal-fit-out-next-sleafords-new-narrowboat%253Futm_medium=email%2526utm_source=govdelivery%2F1%2F0100019152338c59-e0868b9d-6e40-4ca9-a34f-765605f24d9e-000000%2FJANhJaumPv8_wg45VGGFiTYK-IQ=387%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001915add9f7b-1de4e90a-66e7-445c-a9a5-f6a6cd11138f-000000/tI4x0iDAG8YKygu7fU8fFReZHAm1DbXl6Imz4n9KBTQ=366) which itself pays tribute to Sleaford's history. For many years Sleaford Navigation Trust has held the aspiration to run a trip boat on the River Slea, and is delighted that this is now a reality with help from North Kesteven District Council using UKSPF monies. The Trust has been able to commission the build of a specially-built 30-foot steel narrowboat shell by HD Narrowboats near Foston, and on Tuesday 13 August it was lifted into place on the River Slea by the team. It will be named Benjamin Handley, in honour of this historic Sleaford figure and father of Henry Handley who himself is commemorated in the Handley Monument, and it’s hoped the first trips on it can take place in spring.  It will carry twelve passengers at a time between The Hub and Cogglesford Watermill, allowing people to experience the Slea Navigation and hear about how it brought prosperity to Sleaford after it originally opened in 1794.  For now, the boat will remain moored securely near The Hub while the internal woodwork, lighting and seating are installed. In autumn there'll also be works to remove excess silt from the boat's route, which will also improve the condition of the river and keep the riverbed clear for fish to spawn. The boat will also run at very low speed and operate during set times, initially weekends during warmer weather.  Anyone interested in volunteering for the fit-out or to help run the boat can find more at: [www.sleafordnavigation.co.uk](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttp:%252F%252Fwww.sleafordnavigation.co.uk%252F%253Futm_medium=email%2526utm_source=govdelivery%2F1%2F0100019152338c59-e0868b9d-6e40-4ca9-a34f-765605f24d9e-000000%2Fv6H4aW1a_imODe3qA6ep4yY7NnI=387%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001915add9f7b-1de4e90a-66e7-445c-a9a5-f6a6cd11138f-000000/Sl4lPUX92zWii7RnBlz7-xILdw54vRJdOYJdj7uY5yk=366). You can also see it being lifted into the Slea [HERE](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps:%252F%252Fyoutu.be%252FH_5EA_Bcq0s%253Futm_medium=email%2526utm_source=govdelivery%2F1%2F0100019152338c59-e0868b9d-6e40-4ca9-a34f-765605f24d9e-000000%2FLXiUSY5p3LlgPJjSmiOb6mkeGHo=387%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001915add9f7b-1de4e90a-66e7-445c-a9a5-f6a6cd11138f-000000/bUiJbnY67cM9LPFNf5JvhRyPZc7V1tz8Fnnf7MeUF1o=366).  Read the full story on the [website](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.n-kesteven.gov.uk%2Fcouncil-news%2F2024%2F08%2Finternal-fit-out-next-sleafords-new-narrowboat%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/2/010001915add9f7b-1de4e90a-66e7-445c-a9a5-f6a6cd11138f-000000/Im255W5ry1HhIJIYaJTe5jxn38bD3KICDTEK65M5xWs=366), where there's an FAQ should Members wish to find out more. |