

District Councillors Report – Helpringham Nov 2024

Everyone invited to Monument Gardens

Everyone is invited to see the improvements at Monument Gardens and discover Sleaford Museum's newest exhibits at a community open day.

From 10.30am until 4pm on Saturday November 16 you can:

- Enjoy FREE bitesize talks and tours at the museum, including new display cabinets and its fascinating historical objects and stories from Sleaford.
- See the repainted Wyvern Barrier up close and enjoy all of Monument Gardens including its new mosaic and hexagonal flower beds and benches, the recently installed flagpole next to the museum, and the finishing flourish to be revealed – a restored Sleaford town sign salvaged by the Sleaford and District Civic Trust.
- Meet artist Vikki Buss and hear how the Slea inspired her to create the mosaic. You might know Vikki from her business PIX Glass Design in Navigation Yard.
- Chat with the Sleaford and District Civic Trust at their gazebo about the history of Sleaford and their work in preserving and promoting it.
- Enjoy live music from the Sleaford Town Band, from 1.15pm until 2.15pm.
- Meet the local volunteers behind Sleaford Museum, and find out more if you're interested in joining them.

Hope to see you there!

Sleaford Museum is extending its usual Saturday opening hours for the day, so that more people can come by. Its exterior walls have been repainted, it has new wall lighting and it's more visible from the road following the changes. It also has new signage, which was recently installed.

The improvements at Monument Gardens have been delivered by North Kesteven District Council together with stakeholders including Sleaford Town Council; which is the landowner; Sleaford Museum, the Sleaford and District Civic Trust, and Sleaford in Bloom which has long helped look after the area. Nearby businesses have also been kept informed throughout the project.

Contractor Lindum Group completed the works, while D Hatcher and Sons restored the Sleaford signage. The repainting of the Wyvern Barrier was completed by Bell Group. The project is funded by Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Winter heating subsidy office' benefit scam text

Lincolnshire Trading Standards have issued a scam alert. A scam text message claiming to be from the Government is circulating.

Do not click on any links provided in these messages.

Report the scam message for free by forwarding the message to 7726.

To check your eligibility for benefits visit the [Citizens advice website](#)

Police and Crime Survey *

The annual Police and Crime Survey plays a crucial part in understanding what residents believe are the priorities for keeping the communities of Lincolnshire safe.

The wide-ranging data that is collated as a result of the survey is shared with partners across local government to support us all in our collective aims regarding community safety, as well as being used to support joint bids for funding such as the Safer Streets Fund, which has seen millions in additional funding being gained for all of the districts of the county.

The survey is also used to ask residents about the amount of money they are prepared to contribute to the policing element of their council tax bill (known as the 'precept') and I will use the consultation findings to inform setting of the precept for 2025/26.

Funding for Lincolnshire Police remains one of the lowest in the UK, but the Police and Crime Commissioner is concerned to secure additional funding from central government to avoid having to make radical changes to policing across the county.

The 2024 survey is open from 6 November to 15 December. In addition, the Safer Together Team will attend public events to provide the opportunity to complete the survey face to face.

Take the survey [HERE](#).

Quickline's upcoming fibre rollout

Fibre to the premises rollout for NKDC (see attached presentation) for those homes without full fibre.