

## District Councillors Report – Helpringham April 2025

### Mayoral and County elections: 1 May 2025

Elections will be held on Thursday 1 May 2025 to elect the first mayor for the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority and several Lincolnshire County Councillors.

The new mayoral position for the [Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority](#) will oversee the use of funds and powers devolved to the area by Government.

The elections for Lincolnshire County Council will see 11 County Councillors elected to the 11 County Electoral Divisions across North Kesteven.

#### Here are some of the key dates you should be aware of:

Nominations for the Lincolnshire County Council elections opened on Wednesday March 19, and for the mayoral election began on Thursday March 20. For details of becoming a candidate in either election, see: [n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2025](http://n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2025).

The nomination deadline for paper submissions is **4pm on Wednesday April 2**. Statements of persons nominated will be published on Thursday April 3. See: [n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2025](http://n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2025)

You must be registered to vote, if eligible. **The deadline to do this is midnight on Friday April 11**. Visit the [UK website](#) to register.

For deadlines on applying to vote by proxy or by post, or to amend/cancel a proxy or postal vote, see [our webpage here](#).

**To vote in person at a polling station you must show an accepted form of photo ID.** See the full list of [accepted ID types here](#). This now includes (from May 1) the HM Armed Forces Veteran Card (MoD Form 100).

The deadline to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate for use at elections, if you need one, is 5pm on Wednesday April 23, and you can [apply here](#).

### Easter bin collections update



## Easter bin collection days

Collection type	Usual collection falls on...	<u>Easter collection day</u>
Black bins <i>*and garden waste bins for those who are subscribed to the service.</i> 	<b>Friday 18 April (Good Friday)</b>	<b>No change.</b> Please leave out by 6.30am on day of collection.
Green-lidded bins <i>*and garden waste bins for those who are subscribed to the service.</i> 	<b>Monday 21 April (Easter Monday)</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #fff9c4;"> <p style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Bin day CHANGED to Saturday 19 April.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please leave out by 6.30am on day of collection.</p> </div> 

Download your collection calendar or find your bin day anytime at  
[www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday)

### **Easter fun at Sleaford Market Place**

Families searching for Easter fun can hop into Sleaford for free outdoor activities including a trail with the chance to get a Cadbury chocolate egg – all for free.

A special Easter garden will be in the main square of Sleaford's Market Place from 11am-4pm on Saturday April 12.

There at the Easter garden, you can pick up a leaflet and embark on the Easter trail by finding all 10 town centre businesses and venues displaying the special window stickers shown. Return your completed trail leaflet to the Easter garden to claim a free Cadbury egg – while stocks last, one egg per child or adult showing their completed trail leaflet.

Each completed trail leaflet is also entry for one child into the Easter garden itself, where the fun continues. From creating Easter cards to crafting masks, there's plenty within the garden to keep little ones busy. Seasonal decorations and selfie spots for photographs at the garden will also create memories for everyone. Please note that these activities are all planned to take place outdoors.

There'll also be free children's face painting, with the exact location for this to be confirmed. In addition, every completed trail leaflet handed in at the garden will be entered for the chance to win a Nintendo Switch in a prize draw open to all.

This Easter event is funded by the Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, as part of the Events programme. In fact, it's the first to be supported by an additional year of UK Shared Prosperity Fund monies for North Kesteven, with more events to be shared as details are confirmed.

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

### **New car park for Sleaford**

A new car park to be created on Sleaford's derelict ambulance station site will offer additional free and low-cost parking under a principle agreed by district councillors.

North Kesteven District Council has bought the old ambulance station on Kesteven Street to create additional public parking close to the town centre.

And through an early decision to offer the first hour for free, and charge £1.50 for up to three hours and £3.50 for longer, it will support workers, shoppers and visitors to the Hub and nearby leisure centre, in particular.

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### **Fund to support VE Day community celebration \***

A fund is being made available to support the North Kesteven community in celebrating and commemorating the 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Days.

Community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises with financial resources below £10,000 can apply for a grant of up to £500 each to deliver local events relating to VE or VJ Day that benefit communities.

Although Victory in Europe (VE) Day on May 8 falls on a Thursday, there is a national push for the preceding Bank Holiday Monday on May 5 to be a focus for community activity and a national programme of events spanning the four days from May 5 to 8. Victory in Japan (VJ) Day on August 15 marks the ultimate end of the Second World War. It falls on a Friday in the summer holidays, making the weekend an ideal opportunity for festivities.

**This fund will close for applications for VE Day events on April 14 and July 21 for VJ Day events.** Early application is advised to avoid disappointment. Visit our [Funding webpage](#) for eligibility criteria and an application form.

Funded activity must take place within a week either side of May 8 or August 15 and be of benefit to North Kesteven residents.

Eligible costs include venue hire, promotional materials, decorations, and entertainment and the purchase of refreshments, but not alcohol, commemorative benches or structures.

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