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BOUNDARY COMMISSION CHANGES

Parish Councils need to make representations to the Boundary Commission explaining why it should stay the same by October.

ELECTORAL REVIEW

New warding patterns and electoral arrangements for North Kesteven are being recommended by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

LGBCE earlier this month released their draft recommendations for the new District Wards showing which parishes will be allocated into them and how many councillors will represent a ward from 2023 onwards.

The proposals are based on 43 Members with 25 District wards made up of:-

10 x single members wards

12 x two members wards

3 x three members wards

The NKDC Electoral Review Member Working Group will meet to consider these new proposals and look to determine recommendations for Council on 8th October 2020.

DEVOLUTION

The white paper is expected to be published soon explaining what the Government expects to happen that all District Councils in Lincolnshire should merge to form a unitary authority which also means the demise of the District and County Councils. The only tabled discussion would be the size of the unitary authority i.e Lincolnshire as a whole or split into two or three separate unitary authorities.

NEW FOOTBRIDGES

New footbridges at Bloxholm and Greetwell are now in place. The 31- metre long, 38-tonne pedestrian and cycle bridges were raised into place in August.

NEW DOG FOULING POSTER LAUNCH

We asked young residents to design a new poster against dog fouling for our District, and the response was just amazing.

Among those to wow the panel judges with the creations was winner Ava Dickens from North Hykeham.

“I wanted my poster to be eye-catching and memorable. It took me ages to come up with a catchy slogan but it’s actually a simple matter - dogs can’t use loos so clean up the poos” Ava said.

“Hopefully people will remember this, as well as my drawing of a dog sat on a loo! I seriously hope my poster can make a difference in some way”

As well as seeing her poster used across the District, Ava won the Amazon voucher for her efforts. Close in the running was Charlotte Turner also aged 9 from Ruskington, whose clever poster design came within a whisker of the top spot and won her a book voucher.

BE THE BETTER YOU

A second Be The Better You programme is set to be rolled out in North Kesteven by October. This

free healthy lifestyle and physical activity programme was initially piloted in 2019 as part of the District Council's Flourishing Communities project.

The 2020 programme will be delivered over 12 months, with one session a month. Applicants must be over 45 years old with a BMI of over 30, and although the opportunity is available throughout the District there will be a focus on Sleaford, Billingham and Chapel Hill.

For more details email deborough_chessum@north-Kesteven.gov.uk

KEEP LINCOLNSHIRE SAFE

All Lincolnshire residents who travel to Newark for work and leisure, or to visit family and friends, are urged to pay special attention to Government guidance.

Only socialise indoors with one other household at any one time

Only meet up to six people from different households outdoors

Follow the guidelines on car sharing

Wash hands frequently

Wear a face covering where required

Maintain 2 metre social distancing where possible

Self isolate immediately if symptoms appear and get tested

Provide details when required as part of the NHS Test and Trace service

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