

Business news from NKDC sent to you by Marianne Overton MBE

Please see below the business news from NKDC for week ending Friday 30 April 2021

30/04/2021 Business NK - COVID19

The **Restart Grant** is open for applications. This support is available for businesses post 1 April that are in **retail, hospitality, leisure and personal care**.

To date, North Kesteven District Council has paid out **£3,018,689** in Restart Grants, however we are aware that a number of eligible businesses have not applied. To apply for the Restart Grant please click [here](#).

Lincolnshire Police Cyber Crime Unit

Lincolnshire Police Cyber Protect Team was set up to help protect small to medium-size businesses and charities from the ever-growing threat of cybercrime.

They provide advice, presentations and planning exercises for businesses and charities to raise awareness of cyber threats and help organisations protect themselves.

All services are continually revised to make sure they are up to date with the latest security guidance from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

The free services include:

- Staff Cyber Awareness Training
- Cyber Security Reviews
- Tabletop Exercise
- Event Attendance

For more information on how the Lincolnshire Police Cyber Crime Unit can help businesses please see [here](#).

Covid Safety Ambassadors on hand across the District

Since January 2021, Covid Safety Ambassadors have been on hand across the District to protect the health of communities, while bolstering public confidence in high streets and retail areas.

The ambassadors will explain, encourage and engage on best practice and compliance for businesses in various settings. The ambassador's each have an ID badge to verify they are working on behalf of North Kesteven District Council.

In their role they:

- Cover different times of day and will work to identify and support those businesses found not to be following government guidelines.
- Be easily identifiable with uniforms and carry identification documents from the Council.
- Approach customers not following Covid guidance and encourage them to comply.

- Never call to a residential property, only working within business premises and public spaces.

They do not hold the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices, which remains the remit of police and Local Authority enforcement officers. Any business matters requiring enforcement will be escalated to the relevant partners including the local Environmental Health Team.

The ambassadors will be in place until the end of May and will be provided using Government funding identified specifically for this purpose.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Mark Stuart (Public Protection Manager) on 01529 308287 or mark_stuart@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Rebuilding heritage programme

The [Rebuilding Heritage programme](#) is providing free 1-21 and group support for organisations and individuals in the heritage sector. This support is open to organisations (including voluntary organisations) and to individuals, for example: sole traders/freelancers and those running a limited business.

Application dates for upcoming rounds:

- Round 5 (to receive support Jul-Aug) will open Thursday 13 May 2021. Deadline: 11pm, Tuesday 1 June 2021.
- Round 6 (to receive support Sept-Oct) will open Thursday 8 July 2021. Deadline: 11pm, Tuesday 27 July 2021.

Lincolnshire 'levelling up' funding opportunities 2021

Lincolnshire is hoping to bid for up to £9m of revenue funding from a new national government fund.

Organisations from the voluntary and community sectors, Higher and Further Education, local councils and business support organisations are being asked to respond to the funding opportunity with ideas to boost local economic recovery and growth.

Ideally applications should be for over £500,000 and they must be able to spend and deliver in full between late summer and 31 March 2022.

Lincolnshire County Council has launched a Community Renewal Fund Invitation to Bid document, seeking innovative bids for funding for local businesses, communities and places, investment in skills and to support residents into employment. For more information please see [here](#).

Free support for North Kesteven businesses

NKDC offers the service of a Business Support Adviser, Phil Means. Phil can assist businesses and provide bespoke advice and support.

If you are in business and feel you could benefit from free business advice please contact him. Either call Phil on 07920 472671 or email phil_means@n-kesteven.gov.uk

EU Transition useful contacts

A list of government helplines for businesses has been published, organised by theme and key actions. To view this, click [here](#).

Covid-19 guidance for food businesses

This [guidance](#) is intended for all workplaces involved in the manufacturing, processing, warehousing, picking, packaging, retailing and service of food.

This also includes important information about the risk of community dissemination of coronavirus from circumstances or activities related to the workplace such as transportation and accommodation arrangements.

The guidance has been updated in line with Step 2 changes, allowing hospitality businesses to serve food outdoors.

BEIS scam alert

A Government department has issued a scam alert over fraudulent letters being sent to businesses about fake coronavirus rules and regulations.

False letters headed with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial strategy (BEIS) logo have been sent to businesses claiming they need to purchase air purifiers to comply with Covid-19 regulations.

Please [click here](#) to read more about the scam and what to do if you receive this letter.

Guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing

[Advice and information](#) on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus outbreak.

Are you on social media?

If so, join our Business NK group [here](#) or follow us on [twitter](#). We share information, support and advice on each platform.

Webinars for the week ahead

04/05/2021 08:30-11:00 [Greater Lincolnshire Manufacturing Network presents: Clean Growth](#)

04/05/2021-11/05/2021 09:30-16:00 [NBV | Starting in Business | 3 Day Online Course](#)

05/05/2021-06/05/2021 10:00-12:00 [ChamberConnect: Effective Brand Strategy Workshop](#)

06/05/2021 10:00-11:30 [Building Effective E-Commerce Systems](#)

11/05/2021 10:00-11:30 [Using LinkedIn to Attract New Business](#)

For updates on any of the support available visit our [Business NK website](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com) or the GLLEP website www.businesslincolnshire.com

Kind Regards,

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