

NK COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS AWARDS 2021 LAUNCHED

With two new categories for 2021, the scope for celebrations and recognition of the astounding contributions made by individuals, groups and businesses to life in North Kesteven is being expanded.

In line with the emphasis placed on climate action by the District Council and all the partner businesses who make the NK Community Champion Awards a reality through their sponsorship, the new Contribution to Climate Action award seeks to tease out examples of how people, schools, businesses and organisations in North Kesteven are taking bold and effective action to reducing their carbon outputs or changing practices in order to mitigate against climate change.

The NK Community Championship Awards are an annual celebration, based on community nominations, of the often unsung heroes who make a massive difference to life locally through their quiet, selfless and tireless voluntary endeavour, community spiritedness or, in the case of businesses, a particular community-focus that goes way beyond the bottom line.

In addition to the two new awards, the 12 categories cover; young achiever, good neighbour, community business, broad community spirit, long standing contributions to a particular group or organisation and contributions made to arts and culture, sports, Health and wellbeing, a better environment and safer communities.

The celebration is funded by community minded businesses who sponsor the awards and make up the panel determining the nominations put forward by grateful recipients of the nominee's endeavours.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS is noon on September 1st. Nominations can be made at www.NKawards.org where there are further details.

Why not make the effort to make a nomination on the new national Thank You Day on July 4th which is an effort to encourage people to reflect what's going on locally, thank each other and build on the community spirit so many showed and experienced during the coronavirus lockdown restrictions.

The awards ceremony is scheduled to take place at an evening reception on November 10th at Doddington Hall.

ASB IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The ant-Social Behaviour (ASB) team have been made aware that some Parish Councils are reporting concerns around ASB in their community, but not necessarily to the people that are able to assist.

I would like to emphasise that if ASB is an issue in your area you should advise either Lincolnshire Police, or North Kesteven District Council via. ASB@n-Kesteven.gov.uk

Likewise if residents in the community are experiencing issues, they do need to report it so a record is available. Unfortunately, without the respective departments being made aware, it does present some challenges in being able to investigate their concerns.

MAJOR SUCCESSES FOR NKDC

NKDC received some fantastic news which they are proud to share with you. NKDC has been shortlisted by Investors in People in the top 20 of it's GOLD 250+ award category.

The top 20 will be whittled down to the top 10 and announced in September, with the number 1 spot announced in November at the Investors in People Awards 2021.

It follows the Gold Investors in People standard awarded to the council, which we shared news of this in January this year. The Gold Standard awarded then recognised in particular NK's 'clear focus on people' there 'high level of health and wellbeing provision' a passion for making things better in our communities and pride in making NK a truly great council. NK's Chief Executive Ian Fytche said in

CMT Live at the time that the result was made possible by everybody playing their role to getting to that level of success.

CLEAN AIR DAY - 17 JUNE

Thought provoking posters designed by primary school children in Washingborough and Lahore, Pakistan, will be displayed around the District to promote cleaner air.

The winning posters will be put up every primary school in the District, along with other key locations, encouraging drivers to think carefully about their choice.

Pupils in schools around North Kesteven were invited by NKDC to create their own poster designs aimed at making people think twice about their impact on the environment.

In total, 64 entries were received from schools around the District.

The first prize winner has been named as Heidi Pyburn, 11 years old from Washingborough Academy who's design contrasted a healthy planet with a damaged one, choked with fumes and cars.

The runner up was Muhammad Asim from Lahore, 10 years old from the Garrison Junior Academy in Lahore.

PROPOSALS FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN ENGLAND TO BE RELEASED

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has launched a new '2023 Review' of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries across England.

There are 650 constituencies across the UK, with 533 currently in England and a recommendation to increase this to 543. Within the East Midlands region it is proposed to increase the number by one, bringing it to 47. Under there's proposals the District would be covered by three constituencies namely, Sleaford and North Hykeham, Grantham and Lincoln.

The BCE can only include use of boundaries 'legally made' by 1 December 2020, therefore the current North Kesteven wards have been used for this ;parliamentary review.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSES SMALL CHANGES FOR SLEAFORD AND NORTH HYKEHAM CONSTITUENCY

Proposed boundary changes could mean some small areas in North Kesteven will be transferred into a different constituency under suggestions made by the BCE.

The review seeks to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal so that a member of parliament is representing between 69,724 and 77,062.

The Sleaford and North Hykeham constituency currently has approximately 95,000 electors and so with the proposal, with an electorate of 73,380 will make this a fairer number. At the south of the District, it os proposed that the Heckington Rural and Osbournby Wards form part of the Grantham constituency and leave the Sleaford and North Hykeham constituency.

Some parts of the north of the District Council area already falls into the Lincoln constituency, namely Skellingthorpe and Bracebridge Heath and Waddington East wards so this remains unchanged.

Within the East Midlands region overall it is proposed to increase the number of constituencies by one, bringing it from 46 to 47.

BATTERY POWERED DIGGER AT WORK AT HOLDINGHAM

The UK's battery powered Volvo Excavator is being used as part of the project to improve Holdingham Roundabout. Eurovia Contracting, the company carry out improvements to Holdingham Roundabout is now using the UK's first 100% electric powered Volvo ECR25 excavator on site. The zero emissions, battery powered excavator will reduce carbon emissions on the scheme. Eurovia has

been using the kit since March, and it has been just as efficient and powerful as its diesel powered counterparts.

Best Wishes

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