

DISTRICT DCllr Lucille Hagues NEWS DECEMBER 2021

SUPPORT GOOD CAUSES AND WIN

This Saturday December 4th, sees the first draw of the new weekly North Kesteven Lottery. It's a brilliant way to support good causes in our District while having a chance to win up to £25,000 per week.

Groups and charities in North Kesteven have been signing up to benefit from the new scheme, with 60p from every £1 ticket sale going directly to good causes.

There are now nearly 40 such causes set to benefit from this new funding stream and you can pick which one will benefit from 50p of your donation*. Why not see if your favourite cause has signed up?

All tickets for the first draw must be bought by 23.59 on Friday, December 3rd.

Here are some key facts:

Prizes range from free tickets up to £25,000 weekly jackpot

Tickets cost from £1 and can be bought either via a monthly Direct Debit or payment card.

Players can buy ongoing tickets or pay for a block of 1,3,6 or 12 months of weekly tickets on a non-recurring basis.

There is no commitment to stay in the lottery and players can choose to leave at any time.

Syndicates can play, and gift vouchers are available which make a winning Christmas idea!

Find out more and buy your ticket at www.nklottery.co.uk

If your involved with an NK-based group or charity which you think might want to sign up (for free) as a good cause beneficiary, you can email support@nklottery.co.uk

PARISH MAGAZINES

NKDC are looking to compile a comprehensive list of local magazines and newsletters. Are there any such publications that you know of? They are often produced by the local church, parish council, community group or perhaps a professional publisher like Your Local Lincs. Please send any information to communications@n-Kesteven.gov.uk

ENJOY SLEAFORD THIS DECEMBER

It's already December and there's an array of activities and Christmas events taking place in Sleaford over the next few weeks.

It all starts with events taking place this Saturday 4th December:

Farmers Market, 7.3am-3.00pm

The Hub contemporary craft market- 12 selected makers selling exquisite crafted gifts, 10am-5.00pm

Mill stream pop up Market - start up businesses and food stalls

Marvel character walk-about, stilt walkers and street performers

Live music and theatre performances in Market Place- inc William Alvey pupils from 10.30am and

Sleaford Little Theatre panto from 12.30pm

There are further town-wide events on 11 and 18 December

The Heart of Lincs website has lots of information on this and other festive events to help you enjoy an eventful Sleaford this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS

There's no change to the days of your Christmas bin collection this year. Your collections will take place as the same days as usual, so you've no changes to accommodate this year. Please do put your bins out before 7.30am on the relevant collection day to help NK's crews. There must be no side waste.

A range of services are available 24/7 at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk Including:

Reporting problems

Finding bin collection days

Managing Council tax, including a change of details

Checking eligibility for help.

If you can't complete a transaction online, you can call on 01529 414155. NK's customer services team are available on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00am -5.00pm, on a Wednesday from 10.00am-5.00pm, and on Friday 9.00am-4.30pm, except Bank Holidays. They can now also welcome customers by appointment only- on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The team can help any customers who need an appointment to book one. Please stay conscious of Covid when visiting.

With winter weather now upon us, it's good to know where information is on services and any disruption.

The Council has a special page on it's website on such things at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk and you can sign up for alerts on things like changed refuse collections or closures, at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/stay-connected

For flood information and to sign up for alerts go to www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk

OUR COMMUNITIES

To promote sustainability, wellbeing, safety And health of North Kesteven from communities. £25.000 annual fund is available over five years to help community projects within five miles of Sleaford Renewable Energy plant. Funded by operators of the plant - which generates more than enough renewable energy to power every home in the District- the aim is to improve the lives and wellbeing of people in the area and benefit the community. Grants to a maximum of £5000 are available to not for profit groups operating within the five mile zone, with separate application forms for up to £1000 and up to £5000.

Details are at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/communityfunding

NHS

There's a public consultation exercise underway on the future of four NHS services.

It's the NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group's biggest public consultation to date, consulting on the following:-

Orthopaedic surgery across Lincolnshire

Urgent and emergency care at Grantham and District Hospital

Acute medical beds at Grantham and District Hospital

Stroke services across Lincolnshire

Full details and all the ways to get involved are at www.lincilnshire.nhs.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas (as good as we can get under the current circumstances) and hope we all have a better 2022 to look forward to.

Best Wishes

Lucille