

ELECTORAL COMMISSION - ACCESSABLE VOTING

Members of the public can have their say on measures to improve polling station accessibility until October 17th 2022.

Responses will be used to shape Electoral Commission guidance to help understand barriers faced by people with disabilities and make informed decisions about how to make voting easier and more accessible.

Fresh residents can contribute by filling an online form on the Commission's website emailing FaConsultations@electoralcommission.org.Uk

ENERGY SCHEME SCAM WARNING

There is NO need to register for this scheme or supply bank details, energy suppliers will automatically apply the discount to the bills.

For the official details of how the scheme works visit:

www.gov.uk/government/news/400-energy-bills-discount-to-support-households-this-winter

Action fraud is also warning about a sharp rise in reports relating to false emails purporting to be from Ofgem, the independent regulator for Great Britain.

The emails claim the recipient is due to a rebate payment as part of. Government scheme and provides links for the recipient to follow in order to apply for the rebate. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.

All the emails display the subject header "Claim your rebate bill now". Offenders are using the Ofgem brand logo to make the email to look as authentic as possible. However, the emails ask recipients to "apply for an energy bill rebate before September 2020" which is what prompted many recipients to realise the emails weren't genuine.

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

If you have any doubt about a message, contact the organisation directly. Don't use the numbers or address on the message - use the details from their official website. Remember, if your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email.

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward to report@phishing.gov.Uk

Send them emails that feel suspicious, even if you are not certain that they are a scam- they will check.

For advice on how to stay secure online, please visit:

www.cyberaware.gov.Uk

COUNTER-TERRORISM SURVEY

Lincolnshire is a relatively safe place to live, however, we are affected by trends and events that occur at the national and international level.

As the part of the statutory "Prevent Duty" the countywide multi-agency Prevent partnership risks of people becoming radicalised and drawn into terrorism.

Each year a "Counter-Terrorism Local Profile" is produced to:

Develop a joint understanding amongst partners of the threats, vulnerabilities and risk relating to terrorism and violent extremism

Provide information on which to base local Prevent programme and action plans

Direct targeted and proportionate use of shared resources.

A new survey seeks to find out about Members' and colleagues' knowledge and experiences of issues affecting the communities within which they work and live, and about their understanding of the Prevent Duty and counter-terrorism issues, even if they don't feel this is directly related to their role.

No matter the depth of knowledge or experience you have on the subject, your views are valuable. Please complete the survey which can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/r/4aOJSn0fUa>

UPDATED: PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT BRIEFING

Already there has been a positive response to NKDC's call for Parish Councils to adopt the LGA's model code of conduct, with many parishes adopting the revised Code. NKDC promise to hold some further ONLINE BRIEFINGS where Councillors/Parish Clerks can learn more about the new Code and its provisions

NKDC are delighted to offer the following dates for those who have not had the opportunity to attend so far. These will be held by Microsoft Teams and an invitation will be sent on request.

Thursday 13th October at 6pm - 8pm

Monday 28th October 6pm-8pm

To support effective participation these are limited to 30 places per session.

To confirm attendance please email NKcorporateAndCivicSupportTeams@n-kesteven.gov.Uk

Subsequently a Microsoft Teams invitation will then be sent out.

MAJOR A17 IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Works to reconstruct the section of the A17 between Beckingham and Leadenham started on Monday 12th September.

The total programme of works is expected to last for up to three and a half months, subject to weather. There will likely be a break during the Christmas period.

As part of the scheme, the A17 between Sleaford Road in Beckingham to Leadenham Low Fields, will be closed overnight from 7pm to 6am, weekday nights only.

Please note that some weekend working will be required from 7pm Friday night until 6am the following Monday morning. The proposed weekends are 30th September to 3rd October, 7-10th October, and 14 to 17th October:

BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY PROJECT

By supporting NKDC's Council's Breastfeeding-Friendly Project, businesses and venues in the District will contribute to parents feeling welcome, safe and protected whilst feeding their baby, please help to spread the word about the initiative and invite businesses in your area to join.

The project aims to normalise breastfeeding and break down the barriers of public breastfeeding, with a specially designed window sticker to convey the clear message that its supported and welcomed on the premises along with babies fed by bottle and other ways.

By showing this sticker a clear message will be sent out to people who breastfeed, allowing them to feel comfortable to feed their baby whenever they need to do so, as well as those who don't.

A business or venue that joins the project can now be listed in the Councils online business directory as "child and breastfeeding friendly".

As this list is built up, the online directory at www.businessNK.co.Uk. Can act as a further help for breastfeeding parents to find venues they might wish to visit and enjoy.

Best Wishes
Lucille

PS Apologies to both Wellingore and Welbourn Parishes Councils as I won't be able to make October's Parish Council meetings, however if there is anything I can do to assist please do not hesitate to contact me.



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report a problem near you,
find your bin collection days,*

*change Council Tax details,
look at recycling advice and more,
all on our website.*

