

TRIBUTE FLOWERS PLANTED AT MRS SMITHS COTTAGE

A number of plants left in tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 at Sleaford Market Place during mourning after her death have now been planted at Mrs Smith's Cottage in Navenby.

They have been incorporated into the garden for them to live on as an enduring reminder of her life and service, in the setting of the cottage where they can be watered and cared for.

Some of the plants are being nurtured over the winter in a local volunteer's garden. The team are also in the process of getting a more permanent plaque to be fitted.

The cottage is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of each week.

RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND OVERVIEW

In September the Government announced the Rural England Prosperity Fund, a £110 million pound scheme aimed at boosting rural economies as part of the levelling up agenda.

North Kesteven has been allocated £747,556 to be used in line with the Rural Fund's aims, and so the Council is proposing a range of capital grant schemes that include:

Support for small rural businesses, large capital projects and for the wider economy in the District.

A grant scheme that will support communities and community groups aiming to make an investment in projects that will benefit the community or contribute to the District reaching net zero.

The aim of the Rural Fund is to support capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure, to improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.

The two key priorities of the Rural Fund are focused on supporting rural, small businesses and entrepreneurs to either start-up, scale up or expand and helping rural communities to enhance digital infrastructure, community infrastructure and local green spaces and community led projects.

In order to qualify for the funding, the Council will need to submit an addendum to NK's already submitted UKSPF Investment plan for consideration by the Government, with a decision anticipated in January 2023.

Only limited guidance has been released by the Government to date but more details will be forthcoming.

WARM HOME DISCOUNT SCHEME

On 14th November the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy announced the reopening of the Warm Home Discount Scheme which will provide a discount of £150 off electricity bills for three million low income households this winter. Most households will receive the discount automatically.

The government has launched a new tool, to make it easier for the public to check if they are eligible for the discount. The online tool will guide customers through the eligibility criteria in England and Wales, asking questions about electricity supply, the benefits they receive and characteristics of their property.

All customers will receive a letter this month (November) and mid January 2023 confirming their eligibility and the payment will be made automatically through energy suppliers by March 2023.

The government is also writing to customers who may be eligible, advising them to use the tool linked below to check eligibility, as well as to use the helpline for particular complex cases.

Warm Home Discount Scheme: <https://www.gov.Uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Tool: <https://www.gov.Uk/check-if-youre-eligible-for-warm-home-discount>

CALL FOR WARM SPACES REGISTER

Please help NKDC develop a list of warm spaces this winter. It comes with other Lincolnshire Councils we they are encouraging people to register their warm spaces on the Warmwelcom.uk Website.

Warm spaces are being set up all around the country to help people find respite from the cold weather if struggling or preferring not to heat their own home, or simply finding company and fighting isolation during the ongoing cost of living challenges.

More resources will be made available to warm spaces who register by the site, or who contact partnerships@n-kesteven.gov.Uk

PROPOSALS FOR NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES- FINAL CONSULTATIONS

The boundary commission for England has published its revised proposals for new constituency boundaries at: <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

The four week public consultation has commenced. This will be the final chance for the public to give the Commission their views on the proposals.

On this website you can see maps of the proposed boundaries as well as view the comments submitted to the BCE in the previous consultation stage. The Ward affecting the Cliff Villages is below.

Waddington Ward Rural Ward

The new Waddington Rural Ward has a total of 6,271 electors and incorporates Coleby parish (369) Harmston parish (565):

Waddington West parish ward of Waddington parish (2189); and Waddington East parish ward of Waddington parish (3147). This new ward will re-unite the entirety of Waddington Waddington village and Parish area within one district ward, Bracebridge Heath will form it's own separate district ward with (4902) electors.under the revised BCE parliamentary constituency proposals, the Waddington West Parish ward of Waddington Parish ward would remain in the 'Sleaford and North Hykeham" constituency (along with Harmston parish and Coleby parish, whilst the Waddington East parish ward of Waddington parish ward would fall within the Lincoln constituency.

Best Wishes

Lucille

PS. Can you let me have the dates of your Parish council meetings for December and thr Agenda.



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