

HACKNEY CARRIAGE @PRIVATE LICENSING POLICY

The General Licensing Committee at North Kesteven District Council is set to review and amend its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, with a proposal to remove the upper age limit for vehicles licensed by the Council.

Currently the policy is not to licence any Hire Vehicle once it reaches its 10th anniversary of registration unless it meets the exceptional conditional criteria detailed within the policy. This age policy was previously introduced to offer some flexibility for the trade when licensing cars, balanced against the increased emissions concerns around older diesel vehicles.

But now, following the tightening of emissions criteria under the VOSA MOT requirements, along with future proposals to further tighten the national emissions standards, the committee believes that a relaxation of the current age policy will offer more flexibility for the trade, whilst ensuring that hire vehicles (which require testing to MOT standard every six months) still meet the strict national emissions criteria.

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AT THE NK BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Some of the best examples of building excellence were championed at the annual awards for clients of North Kesteven District Council's Building Control service.

The 2023 North Kesteven Building Excellence Awards were an opportunity to bring together construction professionals, clients and Building Control technical experts demonstrating that the District of North Kesteven excels in creating new homes and buildings that are equal to – or in fact better than – other buildings in the country.

NKDC has an emphasis on building for the future, building for climate resilience and building to a net zero standard for improved lives and environmental wellbeing. This is carried through to the new Local Plan which informs building standards and principles for not only NKDC but also Central Lincolnshire partners and neighbours in West Lindsey and the City of Lincoln.

NORTH KESTEVEN SALUTES OUR ARMED FORCES

More than 300 years of combined service in the armed Forces has been honoured through the presentation of Veteran's Badges, in a continuation of a long held custom by the council.

The 13 veterans of the British armed Forces present at a celebratory lunch for Armed Forces Day had put in a collective 180 years of service between them, with individual contributions of between two and 37 years. Their badges were presented by NKDC's District Council Leader Cllr Richard Wright who, as a veteran himself, said it was a pleasure to say "thank you for everything you have done".

Additionally, Veteran's badges have been sent to a further nine veteran's who were unable to attend.

The badge presentations followed the formal raising of the Armed Forces Day flag in the presence of serving personnel, forces families, service, veteran and civic representatives plus school children and the wider community gathered at Sleaford Market Place.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Have you been involved in an interesting History or Archaeology themed project? Have you published a book, created a new trail, organised an event, produced an exhibition, some new educational resources or similar?

If so, you may like to submit your project to be considered for the 2023 Flora Murray award which is organised by the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology (SLHA) History and Archaeology Societies. Individuals and Local groups are invited to submit their projects to the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology to be considered for the 2023 Flora Murray Award. The closing date for entries is Thursday 31st August.

The Annual Flora Murray Award consists of a cheque for £200 and a framed certificate. Winners of the award will also receive free copies of the Society's Journal and magazine for 12 months. An additional award known as the SLHA Award for Excellence is granted at the Society's discretion.

EAST MIDLANDS GAMBLING HARMS SERVICE

A free NHS service has been launched to offer specialist treatment and support to people in the East Midlands who are struggling with a gambling problem.

The East Midlands Gambling Harms Service which is based in Derby, will provide specialist therapies, treatment and recovery to those affected by gambling addiction and gambling problems in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland.

The team providing the service will include clinical psychologists, therapists, mental health practitioners and psychiatrists as well as experts-by-experience – people who have recovered from a gambling addiction themselves.

Most support will be provided through virtual treatment programmes and group workshops. Further support and advice will be available to family members and carers, with the support of other agencies to help with the problems such as mental health, debt management and housing.

The service is accepting referrals and individuals who are concerned about their gambling can either refer themselves or ask a health worker to make a professional referral for them. The service is run by DERBYSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST.

NORTH KESTEVEN LOTTERY GRANT AWARDS

In partnership with the Lincolnshire Community Foundation (LFC) fifteen good causes across North Kesteven have received grants from the North Kesteven Lottery Grant Awards.

Grants up to the value of £6738.94 have been awarded this year. The deadline for application was 31st March 2023. The Grant awards received twenty bids with a value of just under £9,500. Out of the bids received fifteen were approved with the full £6738.94 budget being allocated.

Funding has been targeted at organisations that deliver positive outcomes, supporting current and ongoing needs of people living in North Kesteven, ensuring their good health and wellbeing is maintained – such as by reducing isolation and promoting cohesion, promoting connectivity, delivering community/cultural activities and events, or youth activities, including uniformed groups.

Best Wishes

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