

PARK FOR FREE ON SATURDAYS IN SLEAFORD

You can enjoy free parking every Saturday in Sleaford through December in any North Kesteven District Council owned car park in Sleaford this festive period!

Free parking will be available in these car parks in support of Small Business Saturday from Saturday 2nd December and on the following Saturdays, (December 9, 16, 23 and 30th December 2023) with no need for a ticket.

This festive gesture from North Kesteven District Council aims to ensure more residents and visitors can enjoy shopping in Sleaford for Christmas and support businesses in the town centre while they do.

It's also an opportunity for everyone to discover all that Sleaford offers – it's walks, leisure centres, museums, cafes, and the Hub. The free car parking applies ONLY in North Kesteven County Council car parks.

DETAILS OF WORKS TO HIGHLIGHT MONUMENT CONFIRMED

Improvements to the area around Handley Monument which will better highlight its importance as a historic Sleaford landmark will start in January 2024.

North Kesteven District Council is using the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to make improvements to which will highlight and reflect the Character of the grade 11 listed Handley Monument by uplighting it and improving the space around it.

The changes include:-

A new electricity supply and low energy LED feature lighting, to highlight its architectural features and fully showcase it as a gateway feature to Sleaford town centre as people enter via Southgate.

An information board detailing the monument's history and Henry Handley who it commemorates.

Two new planters, each filled with a mix of planting to brighten up the area with benches incorporated. Both of the existing trees are being retained within the planters.

Re-paving the area around the new planters and giving the rest of the paving around the monument a good clean.

A new bicycle rack incorporated into one of the planters.

Removal of bollards where safe to do so, for better flow and accessibility by the amount of street clutter.

The existing private access to the land behind the properties next to the monument will be maintained.

The project acts on a public survey which was carried out last Autumn by North Kesteven District Council on the Handley Monument Project. When asked what improvements should be made around the monument, the top response from respondents was "lighting the monument", followed by removal of signage and clutter, and then seating and landscaping and this is the work taking place.

The project has also been developed together a stakeholder group including Sleaford Town Council, and the Sleaford and District Civic Trust, and it has been shared with businesses next to the works. The Handley Monument project has been allocated £165,000 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

CHRISTMAS CYBER SECURITY

During the busy lead up to Christmas and all the increased activity demanding your attention, NKDC see increased activity demanding your attention, including a significant increase in 'impersonation scams' from cyber criminals.

This scamming activity is when Cyber criminals will text, email, message or call you pretending to be from the IT team or a person that is trusted by you. They will engage you in a conversation to gain rapport to gain your trust and confidence in them. Then they will use that to extract useful personal information (financial bank information or personal information including usernames and passwords.

Please do not click on any links in text messages or provide any information without verifying the source of the request.

The quality of the message that the Cyber criminals use is significantly improving, so they look more convincing, however be aware of spelling mistakes, Americanised language, repeated characters, or links that are unrelated to the message content.

If you receive a social media or text message that you think is not genuine , please forward it to 7726 (for free) and this will report it as a scam, your phone network provider can investigate the origin of the text message and arrange to block or ban the sender if it's found to be malicious.

ROUGH SLEEPERS

Help is available for rough sleepers across NKDC during the winter months in terms of NKDC's SWEP provision (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) and other services.

The coordinated resource for Change 4 Lincs, NKDC's Local Rough Sleeper Initiative, Supports NKDC, SKDC, WLDC and SHDC and provides specialist services for those that may be street homeless or at risk of street homelessness.

The NKDC housing options team work in partnership with C4Lincs to identify all those who may require emergency assistance and make sure that this is made available together with appropriate advice and support in terms of any statutory homelessness duties that NKDC will provide. They aim to provide an emergency placement for any person with a local connection who may be sleeping rough and were from another District, NKDC will support to reconnect them to appropriate services.

SWEP provision is an additional provision and is usually activated when weather is predicted to be zero degrees., or below for 3 or more consecutive nights, or in extreme weather conditions as predicted by the MET office.

The SWEP provision is also an offer of safe, suitable accommodation to any verified rough sleeper during this period. This is extended to those who have previously declined assistance or lost their accommodation through their own actions.

Should you have any concerns about an individual who may be rough sleeping or wish to report a location of a rough sleeper you can phone 01529 30830.

BE A STAR THIS CHRISTMAS

Spread stars like sprinkles this Christmas! The Sleaford Salvation Army Corps invite you to contribute toys for ages from newborn to 15 years. The group is one of the nominated charities by the Council Chairman this year, so let's unite as a community and bring smiles to those who need it most.

Donations are being accepted throughout December giving you the opportunity to be a Star and contribute to this heartwarming initiative.

COVID 19 VACCINE BIRTHDAY

Eligible people who wish to take up the offer of a Covid 19 vaccination are being urged to do so where they still can before December 15th.

GP practices and community pharmacies across Lincolnshire are continuing to offer both Covid 19 and flu vaccinations. Appointments can either be booked direct with your GP practice or through the National Booking Service or calling 119.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Did you know that next week marks the second birthday of the North Kesteven Lottery! To commemorate this milestone for the lottery, the Waste and Street Scene team at NKDC will adorn North Kesteven Community Lottery decals, on the bin lorries that play a vital role in delivering essential services across the district, just as the lottery delivers essential funding to local good causes.

For just £1 per ticket, participants have the chance to win weekly cash prizes, including the £25,000 jackpot. A sum of 60p from each ticket supports the good cause of the buyer's choice.

FIRST UNITS COMPLETE AT SLEAFORD MOOR ENTERPRISE PARK

Work to build 15 units at Sleaford Moor Enterprise Park is now complete, moving the development even closer to welcoming in the first businesses to call it home.

The units are built across the plots one to three, which together make up phase one. They have smart looking dark cladding on the outside, while being bright and airy inside with high roofs and ample space.

There are just some final touches to go which will complete phase one, including planting. Follow @northkestevenc and @businessnk to stay up to date.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Best Wishes

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