

NKDC have a General Election webpage which contains lots of relevant information for residents ahead of July 4<sup>th</sup>, including Statement of Persons nominated, key dates and more.

## POLLING STATIONS

The location of the relevant polling station is shown on poll cards, and they are open from 7.00am to 10.00pm on Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>. If voters are unsure they can also check NKDC locator using their postcode by visiting [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/electoral-registration-elections/forthcoming-election-referendum-dates/general-election-2024](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/electoral-registration-elections/forthcoming-election-referendum-dates/general-election-2024)

Hundreds of low-cost or free parking spaces in Sleaford: <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/news2024/06/hundreds-low-cost-free-parking-spaces-sleaford>

## GAMBLING ACT 2005 – COSULTATION ON A REVIEW OF GAMBLING LICENCE POLICY

NKDC is now consulting on a review of their Gambling Policy (Statement of Licencing Principles).

The Act requires the licencing authority to consult on its statement with the police, those representing the interest of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the area and those representing the interests of persons likely to be affected by the exercise of the Councils functions under The Act. The current NKDC statement was drawn up and adopted by the Authority in January 2022. The revisions to the statement of licencing policy are due to be published in January 2025. They are consulting on the amendments detailed in the consultation which can be found via the following link:

Have your say on gambling proposals: <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/council-news2024/06/have-your-say-gambling-policy>

## VOTER ID POLLING STATIONS

It's the first general election where voter photo identification will be a legal requirement to vote at a polling station. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate to vote on July 4<sup>th</sup> 24 has now passed. However, an important reminder that a voter can use one of the accepted types of photo ID even if it is out of date AS LONG AS IT BEARS A GOOD LIKENESS TO THEM.

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION ALSO HAS PRODUCED VIDEOS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exsjz7CRppo>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbSluFIBW5Q>

It's your vote and yours alone.

Your vote doesn't belong to anyone who imitates you, tries to bribe you or enter the polling station with you. If someone tries to take a person's vote contact Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or visit [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

## PREPARATION UNDERWAY READY FOR MARKET PLACE CLOSURE

Final arrangements are being made ahead of works to Sleaford Market Place a useful space to hold markets, events and public activities freely.

Ahead of the scheme, details on the work schedule are being shared with stakeholders and nearby businesses.

Advance signage will also be installed to forewarn of the closure of the Market Place as a car park from July 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by further signs business around the Market Place will be open as usual, to give information on alternative car parks and direct people to the temporary location of the market and Farmer's Market at Eastgate Car Park.

Some of the final onsite checks will then take place before the groundworks begin at the end of July, running through to an expected completion in mid-December.

## HANDLEY STREET MONUMENT

Have you noticed the new artwork that's popped up in Sleaford?

It's a collaboration piece with artist William Lindley, installed at The Old Post Office building in Southgate, and celebrates Sleaford Castle and the Bass Maltings.

It's one of three such collaborative art projects this summer that aim to celebrate and reconnect with Sleaford's heritage and history.

Nearby, phase one work is taking place this week to highlight the town's historic Handley Monument. Phase two of that project is expected to begin before the end of July and will see improvements to the space around the monument, followed by an information board to be installed later this year.

## NORTH KESTIVEN SALUTES OUR ARMED FORCES DAY

Almost 380 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 of the council. The 19 veterans of The British Armed Forces present at a celebratory lunch for Armed Forces Day had put in a collective 260 years of service between them, with individual contributions of between two and forty years. Additionally, Veteran's Badges have been sent to a further nine veteran's who were unable to attend. Their collective service represents a further 119 years of contributions.

Between them, the 28 veterans celebrated this year have seen service across the Forces' headquarters on operational frontlines and in myriad countries around the world; engaged across The British Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and The Merchant Navy and their specialist sections, in theatres of war, in peacekeeping, community resilience, civil contingencies and countless other duties.

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

## CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE PLAN – 'BEST PLAN' \*

NKDC have great pleasure to announce The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was this week named the 'Best Plan' in the Royal Town Planning Institute's East Midlands 2024 Annual Awards. The judges recognised the joint working and ambition for addressing climate change (in particular) in helping the plan stand out from other entries.

The Local Plans Manager expressed his thanks to the officers in the Local Plan Team, and to colleagues at each of the Districts and Council for their hard work on producing what is an excellent plan and an exceptional demonstration of collaborative working. He also thanked all

members of the Committee. Without their leadership and steadfast ambition climate change we would not have developed such an industry-leading plan.

The award provides an important opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved. The plan is not only helping to deliver truly sustainable development in the area but is being held up as an example of excellence for other Local Authorities to learn from. Since its adoption, the Local Plan Manager has been helping other Local Authorities learn from our plan and he knows there is significant interest in replicating it across the country.

#### LISTEN LIVE TO PUBLIC MEETINGS\*

All public meetings are audio live streamed online via the North Kesteven District Council website. A link can be found on the website if you would like to tune in and listen to a meeting. By clicking the 'Audio Stream' (highlighted in yellow link on the internet at the time of the meeting you wish to listen to, you will be able to listen to the meeting. Please note that the live stream will be turned off before the consideration of exempt information.

Best Wishes

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