

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WASTE ARRANGEMENTS

Households who have bins collected normally on a Monday in North Kesteven are being reminded of changes to accommodate both of the May Bank Holidays.

Customers who would normally have their purple lidded bins collected on Monday May 6th (and those brown garden waste bins due to be collected then if subscribed are asked to put them out instead by 6.30am on the earlier day of Saturday May 4th. Similarly, those with black general waste bins and brown bin collections which would fall on Monday May 27th should put them out instead by 6.30am on Saturday May 25th.

If you're ever unsure on what can go in your bins, there's a range of information at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recycling including the councils RIGHT THING RIGHT BIN LEAFLET and an A-Z OF RECYCLING on various items.

There's also time to sign up to the Council's garden waste service if not already. It takes just a few minutes to sign up for this hassle-free way to deal with your grass mowings, pruned flowers and leaves, weeds, hedge cuttings, clean straw, small branches and your real Christmas tree (cut up), saving you from taking it to your Household Waste Recycling Centre or finding a licensed carrier. It costs £45 for collection of a single existing brown bin across the years' service, and just £8 each for collection of further brown bins. Visit www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 01529 414155.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR TREE PLANTING

Many groups and councils wish to increase the tree planting in their areas, and NKDC would greatly encourage this. Trees both contribute to carbon reduction, and storage, but also offer wonderful benefits for wildlife and amenity value.

There are a number of current funding streams for tree planting; this information may be of interest to local groups, schools, farmers and landowners.

WOODLAND TRUST FREE TREES FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS: Free tree packs for general planting of hedgerows, in various pack sizes and types. More info and to apply.

WOODLAND TRUST MORE WOODS SCHEME/MORE HEDGES SCHEME: Includes advice and covers up to 75% of costs, designed for landowners/farmers with larger scales. More info and to apply.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TREE PLANTING/HEDGEROW SCHEME: Free trees and hedgerows, including advice. More info and to apply.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CORONATION COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT: Funding up to 30 community orchards across Lincolnshire, minimum five fruit trees. More info and to apply.

If you or your contacts do undertake any tree planting activity, please do let us know at ClimateAction@n-kesteven.gov.uk

RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND – COMMUNITIES GRANT SCHEME*

Charities, community groups, social enterprises and parish and town councils operating within North Kesteven can apply for a share of £223,167 to help meet the costs of activities and opportunities for people living in rural areas.

The Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) is part of the Governments' initiative for Levelling up, targeted at rurally isolated areas and running alongside the UK Shared Prosperity Programme. Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for capital costs will be considered for schemes that

strengthen communities, build pride in place, bring people together and create connections that will grow and thrive. The closing date for applications is 1st May and 14th September 2024.

On the Council's behalf, the grants are being managed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation which will support applicants through this process. Call on 01529 305825.

SCAM AWARENESS SESSIONS

NKDC, in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council, the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and our community partners, will be holding Scam Awareness Sessions on 7th and 8th May to raise awareness of scams and frauds. The sessions will aim to educate people on the different types of scams and how to spot them, as well as providing information what to do if you or a friend or a family member has fallen victim to a scam or fraud.

The sessions will run at NKDC Digital Hubs in Sleaford and Heckington with details below.

Session 1 – Tuesday 7th May 10.30am – 12.00pm at The Riverside Centre (next to Sleaford Community Grocers), Sleaford NG34 7PD

Session 2- Wednesday 8th May 1.00pm-2.30pm at Heckington Methodist Church, Church Street, Heckington, NG34 9RF.

MANAGED MIGRATION PROCESS TO MOVE TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT

The final phase of the roll out of Universal Credit has now been reached; with effect from 9th April 2024, the DWP will be issuing Migration Notices and customers must claim Universal Credit by the deadline date on the Migration Notice. The deadline is 3 months from the date on the letter.

If further time is needed, customers must apply to the DWP for an extension before the deadline of the letter.

For customers who receive a Migration Notice, the following benefits are ending.

- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

Other benefits such as Personal Independence Payment will stay the same.

Customers can claim Universal Credit online and will need to:

- Set up an Online Universal Credit Account
- Complete and submit an online claim
- Prove their identity
- Provide documents and evidence to support their claim

NEW EVENING 'GET FIT FOR LIFE' SESSION

NKDC popular health and fitness course, 'Get Fit For Life' is now offering an evening session for the first time. This is in response to local demand.

The course gives you the knowledge and support to take steps to change your health, nutrition and exercise over eight weeks.

It is open to anyone over aged 18+ who lives or works in North Kesteven and has a BMI of over 25. Sessions are on Wednesdays from 24th April to June 12th at Sleaford Community Room (at the Town Hall, Navigation Yard) 6.30pm-8.30pm

To book a place contact Deb Chessum on 07733368676 or email DeborahChessum@n-kesteven.gov.uk

INFLUENCE LOCAL HIGHWAYS POLICY CHANGE BY COMPLETEING SURVEY*

A new survey has launched on Let's Talk Lincolnshire asking for views about a number of traffic management-related topics, including speed limits, speed camara, school safety zones, blue badge parking and calming measures.

The survey is now live until Friday 3rd May and can be completed by visiting www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshireremoves You can also ring 01522 552102 to require a hard copy.

The survey is being conducted on behalf of a dedicated review panel made up of county councillors, industry experts and representatives. The panel has been tasked with reviewing the County Council's existing traffic management policy, with a view to making recommendations and proposed updates for the benefit of Lincolnshire Communities. Through this in-depth review, the county council hopes to make our roads safer, improve traffic flows, and increase accessibility across the network.

CITIZENS ADVICE MID-LINCOLNSHIRE

Recently NKDC has been working with Citizen's Advice Bureau Mid Lincolnshire (CAML) to bring their face-to-face service into the Sleaford Kesteven Street NKDC Offices. This has been to make the Advisory service process much more accessible to all residents in North Kesteven, no matter what support they are seeking.

It is planned that CAML will provide their service during NKDC's face to face opening hours on Monday's and Wednesday's, where afternoon sessions will be available by appointment only. This is extremely progressive and constructive step for NKDC and CAML customers, as well as Job Centre Plus. This is because it offers high levels of efficiency, as well as all information and guidance being accessed in one place.

NKDC will be reviewing and addressing any initial problems in the first instance, but they then hope to move towards a strong communication plan to share and celebrate to co-location, where residents can find support.

THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CASE REVIEW

The ASB case review brings agencies together to take a joined up, problem solving approach to try to find a solution to the ongoing anti-social behaviour. Previously known as the Community Trigger, it allows victims of persistent anti-social behaviour to request a formal review of their case where local threshold is met:

The victim has reported three separate, but related incidents (called qualifying complaints) to either the district council, police, or registered housing provider within the preceding six months to the application and the ASB persists; OR

A senior manager (district council Community Safety Manager/Police Inspector) within the authority decides that a ASB Case Review is necessary to safeguard a vulnerable victim of ASB.

A qualifying Complaint is an incident that has been reported to either the district council, police or a registered provider of housing within 30 days of it taking place. A single incident reported to more than one agency only Constitutes as one Qualifying Complaint.

When considering as ASB Case Review request, agencies must also have due regard for:

The persistence of the anti-social behaviour

The harm or potential harm caused by the anti-social behaviour

The adequacy of response to the anti-social behaviour

The ASB Case review does not replace an agency's own complaints procedure and it won't address concerns about the service provided by the agencies involved in the case.

WHO CAN USE THE ASB CASE REVIEW a victim of ASB or another person acting on behalf of the victim (with their consent), such as a carer or family member, Members of Parliament, local Councillor or other professional can use it. The victim may be an individual, a business or a community group.

A victim, or someone acting on their behalf, can request one by completing an ASB Case Review Request Form. All the details are here:

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour/anti-social-behaviour-case-review>

Best Wishes

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