LUNCH INVITATION FOR WW11 VETERANS

An invitation is being extended to any Lincolnshire veterans of World War Two to join in a lunch celebrating the contributions of our Armed Forces: past, present and future.

The 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe and Japan, bringing World War Two to an end, will be the theme for North Kesteven District Council's annual veterans' on Monday 23rd June, which is a significant part of its Armed Forces Day activity and specifically celebrates the individual and collective service of veterans spanning many decades through the presentation of Veteran's badges.

To nominate a WW2 veteran for the lunch, and discuss arrangements, please contact kesteven.gov.uk before Friday 6th June 2025. WW2 veteran guests may be joined by a companion.

THANKS FOR JOINING TRAVELLIGHT

Brought to you by Sleaford CAN and NKDC on May 17th, the event was a celebration of sustainable travel with the free activities for all to enjoy. It featured:-

Balance bikes and accessible cycles

Three story telling performances by Rhubarb Theatre

Free bike repairs with skill sharing demos

Free smoothies from the pedal powered smoothie bike

Information from partners on sustainable travel and activities locally, including the upcoming NK Walking Festival plus local bus, train and rail information and lots more together with partners.

THE ZONE COMING SOON

The nationally recognised award-winning pop-up youth space is coming to Sleaford's Market Place giving young people aged 11-18 free access to creativity, connection, and culture right in the heart of the community.

Running from THURSDAY JUNE 5TH TO SUNDAY JUNE 8TH The Zone is a custom-built environment designed specifically for young people. Open June 5th and June 6th from 3pm – 7pm and June 6th

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Created by Youth specialist Zest Theatre in collaboration with innovative structure designers AirClad and Inflate; The Zone combines the best bits of a youth club including table tennis and gaming with access to high quality creative workshops and activities. Expect street art, silent discoes, music, drama, and more all designed fun accessible and open to all. The set up includes a colourful custom built trailer, inflatable hangout spaces and outdoor decking – all purpose designed to create a safe, welcoming, and visually relaxing environment.

UNDER 18'S NEED TO REGISTER FIRST FOR ACCESS via a form at <u>www.getinthezone.uk</u> which must be filled in by a parent or carer.

The Zone will then return later in the year, from September 18-21. It's being brought to Sleaford by using UKSPF monies.

Some more good news – Sleaford's Teenage Markets are returning in 2025, with the first running alongside The Zone on Saturday June 7th at Sleaford's Market Place from 11am – 5pm.

Young people wishing to take part can create a profile as a trader or performer at <u>www.theteenagemarket.co.uk</u>

RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS

There's still time to share your thoughts about the draft public rights of way improvement plan. Read the draft plan and tell LCC what you think before 5pm on Monday 9th June 2025.

This can be found at Let's talk Lincolnshire website.

NK WALKING FESTIVAL 2025

Coming soon is the NK Walking Festival from June 14th to June 29th, led by Hill Holt Wood together with the District Council.

Discover the outdoors with a range of events – from a sunrise walk to Millennium Green in North Hykeham, wild herb and plant identifying in Waddington and a Gruffalo themed walk at Hill Holt Wood through to a railway ramble taking the train from Sleaford to Ancaster, and a Father's Day Breakfast Walk at Whisby Nature Park. Last year over 1,100 people attended over 60 themed guided walks during the festival.

See: <u>www.hillholtwood.co.uk/nk-walking-festival</u> for the full programme.

SCAM TEXT ALERT

NKDC are warning drivers of a scam which is doing the rounds again notice' for parking.

The scammers are relying on making the recipients panic and follow the fake link included in the text message. NKDC will NEVER text a customer in relation to a parking fine, whether the customer has used the APCOA app on their mobile phone to pay for their parking.

If you or a customer receives a text like this, delete it and don't respond. You can also block the number or sender.

You can also take action by forwarding scam texts like this for free to 7726 – it will then be passed to your phone provider to investigate.

RESERVOIR LATEST

It's been confirmed by Government this week that the reservoir planned for NKDC and another in the Fens in Cambridgeshire are to be taken forward as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and decided on by The Secretary of State.

It was not set for any local determination through NKDC planning functions.

That being said the Council continues to follow the statutory process that's required in readiness for the determination by the Secretary of

State to take place in hosting the timescale set out. This includes responding as a key consultee and helping to ensure important issues are at the forefront of discussion including for example suitable shared community benefits for the places hosting nationally significant schemes such as this if approved.

LONELINESS AWARENESS WEEK

Despite the wealth of connections available at our fingertips these days, the feeling of loneliness is reported to be on the rise. Visit this website to find out more about how we can combat loneliness within our communities: <u>https://www.marmaladetrust.org.law</u>

Take Care and Best Wishes

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