ANNUAL ELECTORAL CANVASS

In July the Annual Electoral Canvass, to update the Electoral Register, will begin. The North Kesteven Electoral Services Team will either email or send a form to all households across the district. Electors are asked to follow the instructions, so NK know they are registered and ready to vote. More information is available for electors at [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/annualcanvass](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/annualcanvass)

Canvassers will NOT be visiting properties until early OCTOBER 2025, and a reminder will be shared nearer the time. If you have any questions, please contact [elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

POSTAL VOTE RE-APPLICATION FOR ELECTORS

As a result of changes in the Election Act 2022, postal votes can only be granted for a maximum of three years for applications received since October 2023. The Elections team must notify electors whose postal votes are due to expire on 31st January each year.

Following the change, there are nearly 8,000 electors who need to reapply before their current postal vote ends on 31st January 2026. It will still be possible for people to apply for a new postal vote after this date as well. The Elections Team will be contacting all those electors who need to complete a new application between June 2025 and January 2026. These electors will receive an email or letter informing them of what they need to do and how to complete a new application online or by paper form.

The team are getting in touch with electors ahead of the 31st January 2026 deadline to make sure they have their new application in place and allow enough time for thousands of applications to be processed. Please note the Team are looking to limit sending communications during the main annual electoral canvass period to avoid confusion.

Any elector questions can be directed to call 01529 414155 or email customer [services@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

BEAT THE HEAT: HOT WEATHER ADVICE

Temperatures have slowly increased this week and continue to increase up to Saturday. Reports state the temperature is likely to be cooler on Sunday. The link provides information on how to stay safe in hot weather, please share this with your local community. Beat the heat: hot weather advice-GOV.UK

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AWARENESS WEEK 2025

ASB Awareness Week 2025 is confirmed for 30th June – 6th July 2025.

The overarching theme for the week is MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER.

The UK’s national ASB Awareness Week is supported by HM Government, the Civil Services, all Police and Fire forces in the country, Historic England, and thousands of housing providers, local authorities, and community groups.

CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND

The Local Community Fund supports projects in members’ communities that provide access to opportunities and resources for people to thrive. Co-op members can choose the local cause they want to support through their membership.

Applications to the Local Community Fund are now open.

SCAM TEXT ALERT

NKDC are warning drivers of a scam which is doing the rounds again.

Involving a text message alert about a ‘penalty charge notice’ for parking. 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. The scammers are relying on making the precipitant panic and follow the fake link included in the text message.

If you or the resident 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 for investigation.

For more information you can see the story from Lincolnshire County Council when it was doing the rounds previously.

MMR IMPORTANT FOR ALL AGES

NHS Lincolnshire is encouraging people to check their MMR vaccination status due to the increasing prevalence of the illness, both abroad and in the UK, and its harmful impacts.

The recent decline in uptake of childhood vaccination’s including MMR which means many thousands of children are left unprotected.

If you or your child has not been vaccinated against measles, it is important that you have the MMR vaccine, even if you are not planning to travel abroad this summer. Festivals and other large summer events are prime breeding grounds for measles.

Measles spreads very easily and can be a nasty disease, potentially leading to complications and life-long consequences. It’s never too late to get vaccinated, if you’re not sure if you or your family are up to date, please contact your GP practice or you may be able to check your vaccination record using the NHS app. Alternatively, for your children, you can check their red book.

You can find out more about measles, including getting vaccinated through the NHS.

Four GRANT FUNDS OPEN FOR APPLICATION

Four grant funds are offering almost £550,000 in help between them – across small business support, help for first time and expanding events in the district, an already popular second round of shopfront improvements in Sleaford and more.

They will be distributed by NKDC after it secured extended UK Shared Prosperity Funds of just under £1 million, covering a range of continuing and new projects across North Kesteven through to March 2026.

Now open for applications, the four grant funds are:

THE BUSINESS ENERGY RESOURCES GRANT, FUNDED THROUGH THE RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND. New for North Kesteven, this fund totalling just over £274,200 is open until September 2025 and will help small and micro businesses to reduce energy costs and improve resources efficiency by supporting them with investment in new technology.

THE FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDED THROUGH RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND MONIES IN NORTH KESTEVEN. This brand-new fund of just over £22,400 will support community sector organisations with projects designed to make communities safer and healthier, through capital grants of up to £1,500.

THE EVENT GRANT, FUNDED THROUGH AN EXTENSION OF THE UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND IN NORTH KESTEVEN. Using a fund of £10.000 it will support new events or existing events looking to grow. Grants can include both capital and revenue costs.

THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT, WHICH CONTINUES USING £21,000 REMAINING FROM A PREVIOUS ALLOCATION BY NKDC. This will continue to support the growth of small and micro businesses across all sectors locally including start-ups.

The full details and criteria for each grant are available on the North Kesteven District Council website including  THE SLEAFORD SHOPFRONT GRANT SCHEME.

FUND TO SUPPORT VJ DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

A grant fund remains open for further applications relating to the 80th anniversary of VJ Day in August, community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises with financial resources below £10,000 can still apply for up to £500 each to support local events that benefit communities.

Funded activity must take place within a week either side of August 15th and be of benefit to North Kesteven residents. Deadline for applications is July 21st, and early application is advised. See [www.n-kesteven.gov.ul/funding](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.ul/funding) for eligibility criteria and an application form.

Best Wishes

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