



September

News

from

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This is my monthly personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

Let me know if I can help you. Text or call 07920 235 364

Morning Helen,

It was lovely seeing you at the Navenby Coffee Morning and hearing your plans for the food banks and a listening bench.

I have raised it with the Parish Council pointing out it would need to be a community facility, so asking for their verbal support. There is a listening bench outside the Co-op by the Bus stop and an outside table at the Old Filling Station on Wednesdays.

Below is the draft start of my monthly newsletter about grants. The shared prosperity grant should be appropriate as long as it is a community grant, not only a church one. Locally, the Co-op is a good source of funding, but you may have already registered for that?

There is a lovely metal bench at South Hykeham and I have left a message with the Clerk about how that was funded and where it was purchased from, as I know they would have researched the options. Her contact is Carolyn Wilkinson southhykehampc@gmail.com

I have also left a message with Nina Camm at NKDC to get back to me about whether they will donate a bin to such a good cause! To contact her directly, nina_camm@n-kesteven.gov.uk

If you want big quantities of food, then it has to be the supermarkets. There is a handy system. A lorry turns up at Sleaford Community Food Bank and two in Grantham, that I know of. At the village hall in Earlsfield in Grantham, it took about twenty volunteers to unload and sort into 36 individual food bags, ready for collection by those in need. For quantity, I am sure it outstrips anything residents provide locally. I am sure District Councillor [Tim Harrison](#) would be happy to advise. I appreciate you are collecting tins and the supermarket stuff is largely fresh food. In

Sleaford the food goes into the very successful Community Shop set up by the New Life Church where you can buy a range of goods from different categories for £5.

Draft Newsletter Notes

Community Award for someone you know?

Across 11 categories, this year at North Kesteven we're looking to champion:

- Community spirit
- Young Achievers
- Community Businesses
- Contributions to climate action, arts & culture, sport, a better environment, health & wellbeing
- Good neighbours
- Longstanding contributions to a single group or organisation

Animal welfare

Nominations can be made at www.NKawards.org where there is more detail or using the form [here](#). Deadline is 12pm on September 16. I am happy to support your application, let me know!

Community Grants for you

For events, business support and communities UKShared Prosperity Fund, a Government post-brexit fund. In North Kesteven you may access £25,000 to 300,000.

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/your-community/uk-shared-prosperity-fund>

Congratulations to recipients in the previous two rounds, including small battery storage at Coleby Village Hall, insulation at Nocton, outdoor play equipment and open spaces at Brant Broughton, Eagle and Welbourn and roof repair at Aubourn clock tower.

More grants are available here: <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/available-grants/> and grant advice is available from the County Council [here](#). [Jody Raggo](#) of the Voluntary Centre Services supports our area.

Shine are pointing to grants for children's safety and mental health from Comic Relief [here](#).

Lloyds Bank Foundation have commissioned a strategy called "Reaching Further" on their website. The Foundation's Plan 2022-26 focuses on small, local, and specialist charities with an income of £25,000 – £500,000. It states that because of their size and in-depth understanding of the communities they serve, these charities are best placed to reach, engage, and support

people and where the Foundation's combination of unrestricted funding and capacity-building support will have the greatest impact. [Open](#) until Sept 25th

FCC Communities Foundation

Some waste is still goes into landfill and tax is paid on that. 5.3% of that tax is available for local causes. Grants of between £2 and £100,000 for village halls, play areas and sports facilities, nature reserves, museums and areas with at least daylight public access. The grant covers contractors, materials and equipment, but not staff, nor land purchase. [Apply here](#). Closes 10 Nov. 5pm

Want Volunteers for local projects?

Would you like to invite some volunteers for a work day? County Council highway contractors Balfour Beatty, WPS and Colas include a day volunteer staff time for local projects. DIY-type Projects can include tidying up a public area, painting, gardening, planting, repairing wood fences, erecting signs, small areas of tarmac or gravel. I have a form here which you can use to let me know.

Three Useful Courses - free

- Counselling skills,
- Mental Health First Aid,
- Understanding Autism

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we are offering not one, not two, but THREE of our most popular **online** courses at zero cost!

But don't wait too long to register your interest, as spots are filling up fast. This is an incredible opportunity that you won't want to miss out on. You can easily sign up on our website at www.wefindanylearner.com/book-online/ or by contacting our team at 01226 958 888. All you need to do is meet a few simple criteria, including being at least 19 years old by August 31st, 2025, residing in England, and not currently enrolled in an apprenticeship program. Enroll today and let's make a difference together!

Yours sincerely,

Kind Regards,

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