

FIX MY STREET

FixMyStreet is an independent web service run by the charity mySociety to make it easier for anyone to report a problem in their local area without needing to have any knowledge of council boundaries or responsibilities.

Anybody can report problems such as graffiti, fly-tipping, potholes, or street lighting via the following link – [FixMyStreet](#) – and they will send it to your local Council on your behalf.

You can also subscribe to update on progress.

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

GREAT EFFORT FROM TREE PLANTING VOLUNTEERS

NKDC staff, residents, school children, and community groups like the Scouts, recently volunteered their time to take part in planting days on Council owned land at a site near Belton Park Drive in North Hykeham. Over 75 volunteers helped last week – what a great effort.

By the end of the project NKDC will have planted over 4000 NKDC trees. The trees are all native species, including hazel, holly, wayfaring tree, dogwood, beech, oak and elderberry.

The trees have been planted using the Miyawaki planting method which involves densely planting a large variety of native trees in layers – from ground cover to canopy – to mimic natural forest ecosystems.

NKDC successfully secured grant support from the Tree Council's Trees Outside Woodland (TOW) Fund to trial this method on its land due to its numerous benefits, including high biodiversity and lower maintenance, and therefore hopefully reducing long-term upkeep costs.

You can find out more about this as the project progresses on the Council's Tree Planting Projects webpage.

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING: CADDY DELIVERIES BEGIN*

Food Caddy deliveries have begun with residents whose usual collection day is a Monday. The team is working hard on the caddy rollout, with new colleagues having recently joined NKDC involved in packing, loading, and delivering the caddies to resident's doorsteps.

It will take a few weeks to deliver the caddies to every address in North Kesteven, so please bear with them as they will undertake this huge project. You can find out more information about caddy delivery on NKDC's food waste recycling page. Also keep an eye out on their social media channels for updates.

Once your caddies arrive, residents are reminded not to start using them until the week before collections start on March 30:

March 23rd: start using your caddies

Week commencing March 30th: first food waste collection, on your usual bin day.

Some lucky residents will also find something extra in their food waste caddy when it's delivered. They've hidden lucky orange tickets in a random selection of caddies, and if you find one then you'll win one of 35 fantastic prizes donated by local businesses.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FAKE BANK NOTES*

Lincolnshire Police have recently been made aware of an increase in counterfeit bank notes in circulation.

The notes have been used to pay for fuel, fast food and used in supermarkets for groceries.

Mainly twenty-pound notes are the ones being used.

Some key things to look for include:

Hologram image change – tilt the note from side to side and check the words change between the value of the note and pounds.

See through window – check the foil is gold on the front of £5 and £10 notes, gold and blue on the front of £20 and silver on the back of all notes.

You can get more information from the Bank of England website on how to check bank notes.

HEART SEAT RETURNING TO SLEAFORD MARKET PLACE

Love will be in the air this February as North Kesteven District Council heart seat returns to Sleaford Market Place between February 4th and 26th as part of Love Sleaford campaign.

People will be invited to write what they love about Sleaford on their heart tag and attach it to the seat, creating a vibrant community display that celebrates pride in the town.

Best Wishes to you All

Lucille