

## START USING YOUR FOOD CADDIES NOW

With food waste recycling collections starting from March 30<sup>th</sup>, now is the time to start using your indoor caddy to collect food waste.

Collections will be weekly, on the same day as your usual black, green-lidded or purple-lidded collection.

You will be able to recycle all your food waste, including foods you wouldn't compost at home or give to pets, such as:-

Plate Scrapings – All uneaten food and plate scrapings

Meat and bones – raw meat, cooked meat, and meat bones

Fish – Raw fish, cooked fish and fish bones

Dairy – Yoghurts, cheese, eggs and butter

Fruit and veg – Raw vegetables, cooked vegetables, whole fruit peelings

Rice, pasta and beans

Bread, cakes and pastries

Start putting your outdoor caddy out with your bin for collection alongside your usual bin.

If you need to let NKDC know that your food waste caddy was not delivered or if there was an issue with delivery, please report this using this form on NK's

Food Waste Recycling Webpage to let them know. There are also tips on extensively asked questions.

## ARMED FORCES POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling all young painters, sketchers, artists, and illustrators! An Armed Forces poster design competition has been launched by North Kesteven District Council to tie in with this year's theme of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bomber Command.

The competition is open to all students under 18, including those who are home educated, from across the district and will run until the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 – download the entry form via NKDC's Armed Forces events webpage.

## EMPTY HOMES RETURNED TO USE

The hard work and focus of North Kesteven district Council in returning empty houses into use as homes has broken it's own record again this year.

With less than a week to go before the accounting year ends, 34 houses that have stood empty for two years or more have been successfully brought back into use by their owners following support or intervention by the District Council.

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The Council provides advice and non-financial assistance to homeowners, including signposting to the VAT Discount Scheme.

Further information can be found on the press release on the website.

## LATEST COUNCIL NEWS STORIES

Armed Forces Community support agencies showcase their collaboration

Egg-citing Easter Garden coming to Sleaford Market Place

New facilities for Sleaford move forward

## RIPARIAN OWNERSHIP

As you may know, residents and landowners with land that adjoins a river, stream or ditch are likely to be the riparian owner which has important legal rights and responsibilities for maintaining the water course.

Failure to maintain a watercourse can have serious consequences – including increased flood risk to neighbouring properties and damage to infrastructure.

By taking care of these waterways, it helps to protect homes, habitats, and our wider communities.

## REMINDER OF DIGITAL HUBS

NKDC runs six digital hubs across the district, where residents can receive FREE help with, using their devices and getting online safely. NKDC recognise that people are frequently being asked to utilise services online, but there are still lots of residents who can't confidently use the internet.

Trained staff and dedicated volunteers are on hand to offer friendly, welcoming, and non-judgemental support to anyone who would like some digital help. Additionally, the Digital Hubs in partnership with the National databank, can offer free SIM-cards preloaded with data to those experiencing data poverty. Details of the hub opening times and locations are:-

Sleaford Digital Hub                    WHERE: Mosaic Youth Hub, Riverside Shopping Centre, Sleaford  
NG34            WHEN: Every Tuesday 10.30am-Noon

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Osbournby Digital Hub                WHERE: Osbournby Village Hall, London Road, Osbournby NG34  
0DP    WHEN: Every Tuesday 1.00-2.30pm

Metheringham Digital Hub        WHERE: Library and Community Hub, High Street, Metheringham  
LN4 3EA    WHEN: Every Wednesday 10.30-Noon

Heckington Digital Hub              WHERE: Heckington Methodist Church Hall, Church St,  
Heckington NG34 9RF    WHEN: Every Wednesday 1.00-2.30PM

Ruskington Digital Hub              WHERE: Ruskington Methodist Church, Chapel St, Ruskington  
NG34 9DX    WHEN: every Thursday 10.30am- Noon

Waddington Digital Hub              WHERE: Waddington Community Hub, High Street, Waddington  
LN5 9RF    WHEN: Thursday 1.00- 2.30pm

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Peaceful Easter break

Best Wishes

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