NKDC Report August – September Ian, Carola, Reece

Install complete of enhanced CCTV in Sleaford

Sleaford town centre is now protected by expanded and improved CCTV coverage, following the completion of a project to upgrade it.

Seven existing CCTV units in the town centre have been upgraded using £58,000 of Safer Streets funding, achieved in a joint bid together by the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones and North Kesteven District Council. Each unit now has four CCTV cameras, and the footage provided is also of much higher quality after upgrading the technology that the cameras use.

A wider area in the town centre is now covered by CCTV thanks to four additional units installed using UK Shared Prosperity Fund monies. These extra CCTV camera units have been installed in key locations based on data assessments by the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner, North Kesteven District Council and with the support of partners including Sleaford Town Council which contributes towards ongoing CCTV monitoring.

It creates an upgraded network of 11 CCTV units in total, with each one made up of four cameras and all providing much better quality footage than before. It makes a total of 44 CCTV cameras available across the town centre for operators to use in the event of an incident or emergency and to help maintain community safety. The cameras are monitored 24/7 on behalf of North Kesteven District Council by operatives based at Boston Borough Council, and are just one way that partners including NKDC work together to support safe communities in North Kesteven.

Restart a Heart Day at Sleaford Leisure Centre - Learn CPR

On Restart a Heart Day, 16 October, Sleaford Leisure Centre will host a public CPR training session that is open to anyone to attend.

Sessions will run 4:00-5:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm in the Leisure Centre Studio. More details on the poster.

Community Champions open for nominations

Nominations are now open for you to champion and celebrate those people you think your community just couldn't be without.

The NK Community Champion Awards look to say 'thank you' to those people who enrich our lives through their voluntary contributions, operating selflessly, tirelessly, charitably and consistently in carrying out tasks and functions which enrich our communities – from litter picking or running sports clubs to enabling art and creativity to flourish, supporting the health and wellbeing of others, actively promoting positive climate action, being a good neighbour or an inspirational young person, or just embodying community spirit in all that they do.

Across 10 categories, the Council and its sponsoring businesses want to extend a huge 'thank you' to everyone who contributes to our District of Flourishing Communities through their voluntary actions.

See www.NKawards.org for details and to make a nomination.

The deadline for nominations is September 16, working towards an awards celebration on November 27.

If a business would like to complete the sponsors' line-up for this year, playing a vital role in ensuring the good work of our amazing volunteers is celebrated and championed, please contact champions@n-kesteven.gov.uk.

Prosperity, Potential, Planet - a green business event

Discover how sustainability can boost your business at 'Prosperity, Potential, Planet: Solutions for your business', on Thursday 12 September at the International Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln.

Highlights for the event include:

- Networking breakfast: Starting at 8am, free for all to join, but places will be limited!
- Exhibition: Open from 9am, with 25+ exhibitors
- Expert speaker sessions: Gain insights from sustainability experts and local businesses

Plus, join the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce for a networking lunch at 1pm followed by a free guided walk to explore the Bomber Command Centre.

Reserve your free place today: https://ProsperityPotentialPlanet.eventbrite.com
You can also book onto Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce's event

at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lincolnshire-chamber-of-commerce-networking-event-tickets-953397165587

This event has been funded by the government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, being delivered by North Kesteven District Council.

We're making every effort to make the event itself as sustainable as possible. If you can, please consider travelling by public transport, cycle or walking.

There's information on journey planning on the IBCC website

New mosaic and works to Monument Gardens

A new mosaic dedicated to the River Slea will flow through Sleaford's Monument Gardens following a refresh of the space starting soon – and your help is needed now on another important aspect of the works. The Monument Gardens project is expected to start in early September and take around seven weeks to complete, with the works including:

- The creation of a floor mosaic which will reflect the shape and colours of the River Slea. A local artist (Vikki Buss of PIX Glass Design, Navigation Yard) has been commissioned to create it, and it will be in keeping with the existing Les Gostick Memorial on the exterior wall of Sleaford Museum.
- Separating two of the existing Monument Gardens flower beds into four new hexagonal flower beds, adding low maintenance planting while retaining the large lime tree and two silver birch trees that are already there and the one remaining flowerbed to the north. There'll also be feature lighting to highlight this new planting scheme.
- Repaving some of the area around the new planters and floor mosaic and giving the rest of the surrounding paving a good clean.
- A flagpole installed within the gardens, so that flags may be flown.
- Installation of new seating, which will also increase the number of benches at the gardens from two to four.
- Wall lights to highlight the museum and help its signage stand out.
- Repainting of the exterior walls of the museum and its shutter.
- As a final flourish, a salvaged heritage Sleaford town sign will be installed as a new feature for Monument Gardens.