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for residents of South Kesteven Autumn 2022



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Queen Elizabeth Park, Grantham



Bourne town centre



St Martin's Park, Stamford



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Our Corporate Plan clearly sets out how South Kesteven District Council intends to help fulfill the District's promise and potential. Look for the icons to see how we are achieving on our priorities:



Housing that meets the needs of all residents



Growth and our economy



Health and strong communities



Clean and sustainable environment



High-performing Council



At the LGA Conference with Cllr Ben Green



Sports Minister Nigel Huddleston MP visited us for the Commonwealth Queen's Baton Relay

Investment in SK points to a bright future

There is much to celebrate in and around South Kesteven, and even more to look forward to.

In this issue of SKToday, you can catch up on town centre regeneration about to start in Grantham to restore the former Corn Exchange, Westgate Hall, and read about improvements to the Market Place. We are also gearing up for a transformation of Station Approach, the all-important gateway to this historic town.

These positive developments are made possible by successful bids for Government grants, which we are using to make improvements that will touch so many people's lives.

In addition, South Kesteven has made a bid for almost £3.9m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to meet three priorities: communities; pride in place; and to increase people's life chances. This will help develop local business, people and skills.

Our officers and elected Members are working hard to identify projects to match the themes of Communities, Health and Wellbeing; Environment and Infrastructure; Culture, Arts and Heritage; Enterprise, Innovation and Growth; Employability and Skills.

We can then take a closer look

By Cllr Kelham Cooke, Leader of South Kesteven District Council

at more detailed ideas about how to make best use of the money, based on local need.

In Stamford, work continues at St Martin's Park, led by SKDC in partnership with Burghley Estates. I am proud that this ambitious project, which we know will bring significant benefits to the town and wider area, providing jobs and new homes, is shortlisted for the Environment Analyst Brownfield Awards 2022 as a great example of public sector work.

Looking forward, we now begin building a draft Budget for SKDC for 2023/24 and beyond, in the

face of the ever-increasing costs in delivering more than 100 services to residents across 365 square miles of South Kesteven.

This will support our priorities around growth and our economy; housing to meet the needs of all residents; sustaining healthy and strong communities; providing a clean and sustainable environment; and remaining a high-performing Council.

It will also meet our collective ambitions for SKDC to be in the best shape possible to make a positive impact on everyone's day-to-day lives while also providing the right support for those with the biggest and most urgent need across the district.



At St Martin's Park with (left) Paul Goodwin, site manager from GF Tomlinson Group

Parks score with Green Flag hat-trick

All three of South Kesteven District Council's public parks in Grantham have been rated among the best in the country.

Wyndham Park, Queen Elizabeth Park and Dysart Park – all managed by SKDC – have each been awarded coveted Green Flag status in the same year for the first time.

It is the first Green Flag Award for Dysart Park, while Queen Elizabeth has maintained the standard for a second year.

SKDC is committed to improving its parks and open spaces through a pledge to maintain a clean and sustainable environment for residents and visitors alike.

Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy, Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, said: “These awards celebrate the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in looking after the parks, including the many volunteers who contribute so much.

“Green Flag status is a mark of excellence and only goes to the best in the country, so for all three of Grantham's parks to have made the grade in



Supporters of Queen Elizabeth Park

the same year is a fantastic achievement.”

SKDC's Cabinet member for People and Safer Communities, Cllr Annie Mason, said: “Our parks are extremely popular and so important for our mental wellbeing. These awards are an acknowledgement of all the hard work that goes into maintaining them including the hard work by EnvironmentSK.”

The Dysart Park site was given to the people of Grantham in 1908 by Sir Lionel William John Manners, late Earl of Dysart. In his will he said the land should be used for recreation purposes only.

The 25-acre Queen Elizabeth Park was established in 1980 to mark the 80th birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.



For all three of Grantham's parks to have made the grade in the same year is a fantastic achievement.

Wyndham Park, where a £1m restoration to its former glory as a World War One memorial park was completed in 2018, receives its 11th consecutive award and has also retained Green Heritage Site accreditation for a third year for its historic features.

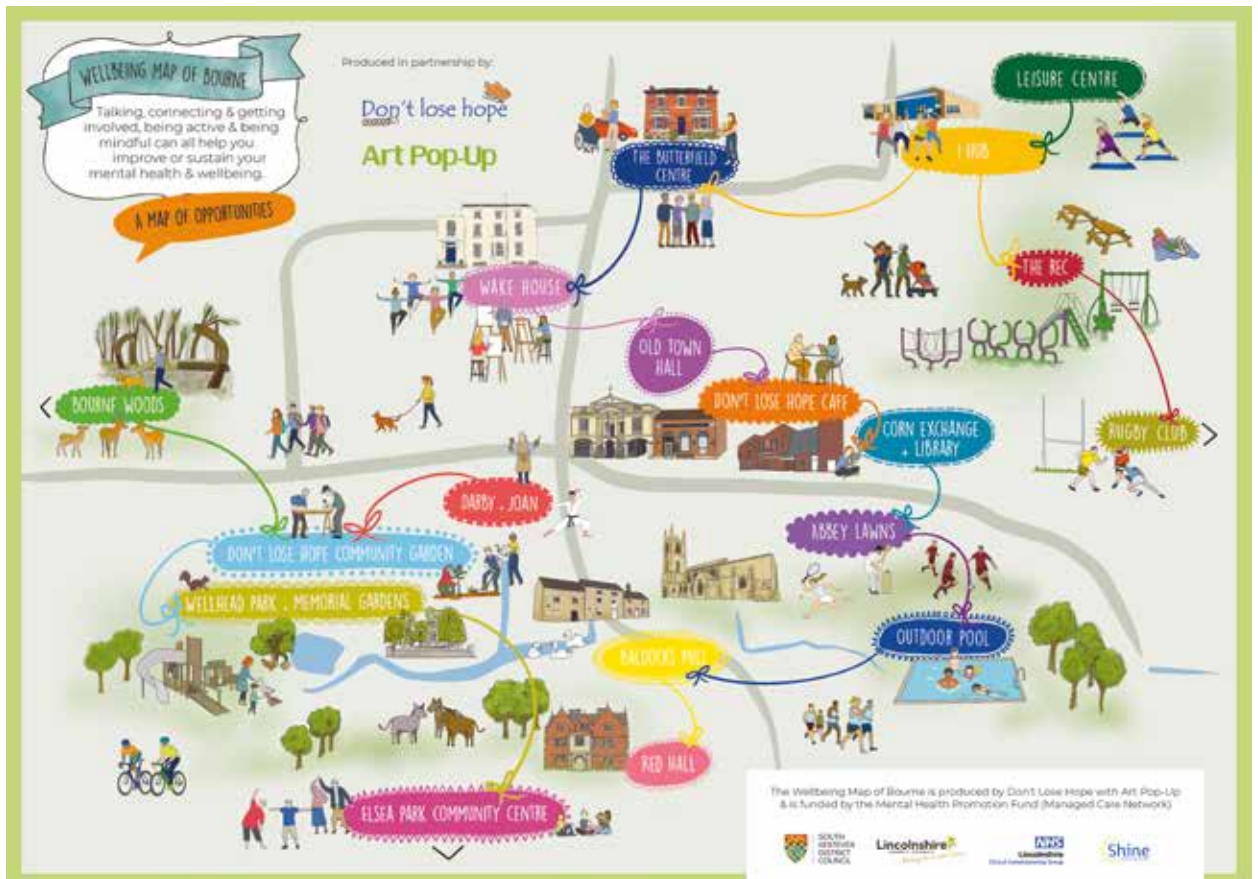
The Green Flag scheme, managed by Keep Britain Tidy, sets the benchmark for the management of recreational outdoor space in the UK and around the world.



Dysart Park



Wyndham Park



Wellbeing map points to better mental health

Bourne has a new 'Map of Opportunities' to help improve residents' mental health and wellbeing.

It aims to reduce isolation and loneliness by listing charities, organisations, activities and places to go to for fun and company.

Research was conducted by mental health, wellbeing and counselling charity Don't Lose Hope, with design by community arts organisation Art Pop Up. South Kesteven District Council helped secure project funding.

Cllr Annie Mason, SKDC Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities and the Council's Mental Health Chairman, said: "We have been delighted to support the development of another valuable community resource and we are very grateful

to Don't Lose Hope for such detailed research."

Face-to-face and online research found that 400 new activities were started during the pandemic.

It is also already yielding benefits with 60% of respondents put in touch with groups, and a new Monday group now welcoming young people with special needs to the Don't Lose Hope community garden and shed.

The next step is to develop an updatable digital version of the map to further help re-connect people to groups and activities. Anyone wishing to be included should contact Nicola Brister at Don't Lose Hope nicola@dontlosehope.co.uk



Best Kept Village winners for 2022

Ropsley and Welby have taken top honours in this year's SKDC Best Kept Village competition.

Allington was judged second in the large village category, with Barrowby third. Stubton took second place in the small village awards with Witham on the Hill third.

The winning villages will each receive £400 and a gold-coloured litter bin in recognition of residents' work and community spirit, with £300 for the runners-up and £200 for those in third place. The top two villages will also receive a gold coloured litter bin.

The two categories in the competition are large villages with 501-5,000 residents and small villages with populations between 100-500 residents.





Government grants spark town centre regeneration

Schemes include an updated Market Place, improvements to the station approach and renovations to historic Westgate Hall.

Improvements to Grantham town centre are starting to take shape – thanks to a series of Government grants aimed at specific regeneration proposals.

Under the Future High Streets (FHS) programme, SKDC is getting ready to transform the access gateway into the town from the railway station, as well as investing in the Market Place, creating open space for the whole community.

The historic Grade II listed Westgate Hall (above and top right) will be transformed into a high end new restaurant with work funded by the Grantham Heritage Action Zone programme, through Historic England and South Kesteven District Council.

SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke said: “Our FHS programme presents a unique opportunity to deliver on SKDC’s ambition for the next phase of Grantham’s growth.

“This is an example of SKDC securing investment for infrastructure to support this ongoing and sustainable growth.”

Grantham received £5.56 million of FHS funding to deliver infrastructure projects in the town, along with an additional £379,000 from SKDC.

Meanwhile, a £300,000 grant for Westgate Hall will cover urgent repairs and necessary improvements to bring the former corn exchange, which dates from 1852, back into use.



The regeneration of Westgate Hall will be at the forefront of investment in the town, and I am excited about our plans.

Ade Adeshina, restaurateur



The remaining repair costs will be funded by the property owner, while the new tenant will support by financing new décor, fixtures and fittings. The former nightclub has been empty for five years.

Restaurateur Ade Adeshina aims to create a new destination eatery along the lines of his successful fine dining restaurant The Chubby Castor, near Peterborough.

Cllr Cooke said: “We can’t turn back the clock on how the building has deteriorated over the years, but it is recognised as a landmark building in the town, and we are fortunate to be in a position to help address what needs doing.

“SKDC has a vision to be the best district in which to live, work and visit and as we deliver on those priorities, residents and businesses can expect to benefit from continued growth.”



A view of Westgate Hall from yesteryear

High spec homes offer sustainable living that can last a lifetime

SKDC is working to meet the District's future housing demand with innovative new developments.

Tenants have moved into the latest high quality, sustainable, social housing provided by SKDC.

The five bungalows at Trinity Road, Stamford, comprise a one-bedroom and a three-bedroom property, with three two-bedroom properties.

They were built by SKDC to provide accommodation for people on the Housing Register – the people most in need of a home.

Cabinet Member for Housing and Property, Cllr Robert Reid, said: “Our ongoing programme of house building will ultimately help prevent homelessness and overcrowding by providing some of the new homes that are so badly needed across the district.

“This latest development in Stamford supports a recently completed scheme in Bourne.”

SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke said: “By building new homes ourselves, we can focus



Trinity Road in Stamford

on particular needs such as accessible homes and helping to meet a growing demand for affordable housing.

“This is a key ambition of our Corporate Plan and there is more on the way.”

The next major site for development will be at Swinegate in Grantham.

The 20-unit sheltered housing scheme in the town centre will be a flagship development for technology and material standards.

At Trinity Road, for instance, modern building methods have been used that exceed industry standards for construction

time, ensuring the homes are delivered more quickly, with enhanced energy performance and to meet the lifestyle choices of the tenant.

They also feature measures to ensure housing is highly energy efficient to reduce energy consumption, helping the future tenants save on their energy bills.

Three of the properties have been built with full disability access and all are built to Lifetime Home standard, which means they can be easily altered to support a range of mobility requirements.



A typical Trinity Road interior



SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke, Cabinet Member for Housing and Property, Cllr Robert Reid, architect Mike Daubney and Tony Hughes, Contracts Manager for D Brown Builders.



Hello SK

HelloSK is available now on the Appstore and Google Play Store.

<https://play.google.com>
<https://apps.apple.com>



Boost for business from special offers phone app

SKDC links up with award-winning tech firm to launch free app to celebrate and support diverse local business, from retailers to visitor sites and arts centres.

Residents of South Kesteven are making the most of local shops, traders and attractions thanks to a new app bringing businesses closer to their community.

Launched by SKDC, HelloSK showcases small and independent businesses from all parts of the district, connecting them with the people that live and work here – and giving a platform to promote their service.

The app was officially launched last month and residents have been quick to download the app connecting with more than 100 businesses and attractions already signed up.

The app is free to download and use either as a resident or a business. By using GPS technology, it alerts users to what's nearby and can even highlight exclusive offers, meaning members will never miss out on a good deal.

It has been a difficult time for

traders across the area with many still suffering as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

SKDC understands that growing the local economy is vital and is committed to supporting businesses to bounce back.

“It hopes the investment in the app will boost business and help to revitalise the high streets.

SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke said: “Supporting our business community is a key priority in our Corporate Plan and this is an exciting new way of providing even more support for businesses across the district and encouraging residents to shop locally.

“Through this investment, we hope to see our local economy grow more sustainable and stronger than ever as well as create communities that can thrive.”

The Council partnered award-winning technology company Bubltown to develop the app after

receiving vital funding through the Government's Welcome Back Fund via the European Regional Development Fund in 2020.

A share of £56m was split across councils in England to support the return of high streets and visitors and aid recovery after the pandemic.

Cllr Cooke said: “Residents value their high streets. However, the pandemic presented huge challenges for local businesses and this project will help their recovery.

“It will allow all South Kesteven businesses, no matter which sector they operate in, to create a profile free of charge and promote their business directly to thousands of South Kesteven residents.

“There are some fantastic businesses in our District and the app is another incentive for people to shop local and take advantage of what they have to offer.”



Council strikes gold with support for military

South Kesteven District Council has been awarded a prestigious military honour – the Defence Employers Recognition Scheme Gold Award.

To gain the coveted award, the Council had to illustrate exceptional levels of advocacy and support for the Armed Forces.

Letters of congratulation have been received from the, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and Minister for Defence People and Veterans Leo Docherty, and the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Toby Dennis.

The selection procedure was rigorous and conducted at the highest level within the Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Office.

It recognised how SKDC worked to raise awareness of defence and encouraged others to do the same.

This included celebration of, and investment in, local military heritage; support for the military at events such as Remembrance



It's an absolute honour for SKDC to receive this award and it gives us a golden opportunity to encourage others to support the military.
Cllr Kelham Cooke, Leader of SKDC

and flag-raising ceremonies; and engagement with the local Army Training Regiment at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks.

SKDC is now one of 12 Gold Award holders in Lincolnshire amongst just 643 in the entire country.

One of the council's stated commitments at its recent signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant was to encourage others to sign the Covenant and engage in the Employer Recognition Scheme.



Arnhem heritage trail explored

The potential for a military heritage trail to illustrate the local build-up to the Battle of Arnhem in September 1944 is being explored.

Military specialists and veterans are working with SKDC to map key sites to illustrate a largely untold story - paratroopers of the First Airborne Division trained locally for the Arnhem airborne assault immortalised in the film, A Bridge Too Far.

Research will also include the contribution of the United States Army Air Force 9th Troop Carrier Command carrying troops to Europe from airfields across the district, notably RAF Barkston Heath.

There is also relevance for Stamford, where the 1st Polish Independent Parachute Brigade had its HQ at Rock House and left for Arnhem from RAF Saltby.

Interested parties can contact SKDC on armed.forces@southkesteven.gov.uk



SKDC Chairman Cllr Helen Crawford was invited to inspect a parade of Army Reserves as they graduated from a basic training course at the Army Training Regiment in Grantham, describing it as “an absolute honour.” She joined Chelsea Pensioner Colin Thackery and Queen’s Chaplain, the Rev Geraldine Pond, for the official ceremony involving 90 Army Reserve soldiers. Guests invited to join Reserves’ families in the celebration included SKDC’s Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke, Cllr Richard Dixon-Warren, Chief Executive Karen Bradford and the Mayor of Grantham, Cllr Graham Jeal.

A warm welcome for Ukrainian evacuees



A Ukraine celebration at the Jubilee Church



We are incredibly proud to play our part in helping Ukrainian evacuees fleeing war and to see how our residents have welcomed them.

Cllr Annie Mason, Cabinet Member People and Safer Communities

Families across South Kesteven have opened their homes and their hearts to welcome Ukrainian evacuees, providing a safe place for them to stay.

Organisations have also ensured that families can meet up, hosting events and fund-raising activities to help humanitarian causes.

Ukrainian evacuees from The Deepings had a great day out at Hunstanton thanks to a £2,000 grant from The Rotary Club of The Deepings.

Cllr Judy Stevens helped organise the trip to the seaside and Cllr Phil Dilks and Round Table Chairman Simon Bateman drove minibuses, accompanied by a translator.

Grantham's Jubilee Church, which supports evacuees and

teaches English, hosted over 100 adults and 25 children, many with their host families, at a celebration of Ukraine.

A video showed the country before and during the war, and there was dancing, songs and a spread of typical Ukrainian cuisine.

Stamford Diversity Group has also gone all out to support families and raise funds. A Peace Walk attracted 100 people, fund-raising has secured more than £2,000 for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal – including an auction supported by Cllrs Amanda Wheeler and Richard Cleaver – and there are many more ideas in the pipeline.

Hosts and guests were treated to an evening of food and entertainment at Stamford College. Volunteers also

teach English and help with accommodation, CVs and interviews, skills workshops, walking groups and sourcing donations of clothes, bikes, laptops and phones.

■ South Kesteven has received more requests for accommodation than any other district in Lincolnshire and SKDC has carried out well over 140 accommodation checks on suitability and to collect information to support safeguarding checks.

The Homes for Ukraine programme channels visa applications for people who have sponsors. Sponsors who do not know anyone fleeing Ukraine can register interest here

www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine



Ukraine day at the seaside














Ukraine Peace Walk in Stamford

Who does what? A brief guide to services provided by your Councils

It can be confusing trying to work out which council is best to contact if you have a question or an issue to report. When it comes to who does what it's not about passing the buck, it's about taking responsibility.

Your Council Tax pays for services divided across three tiers of Local Government – Lincolnshire County Council, South Kesteven District Council and your parish or town council. Here is just a snapshot of the services provided 2021/22.


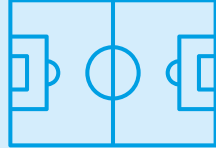

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL (SKDC)		
Street Cleaning 633,402km  of streets cleaned. Tasks included emptying bins, litter-picking, removing fly tipping and conducting deep cleans.	Waste Collection 42.4% of domestic waste was recycled.  44.3 tonnes of waste per 1,000 households was residual (non-recyclable)	Garden Waste Collection 11,990 tonnes of garden waste was collected from 36,896 green bins. 
Planning 2,353 decision notices issued  81% of non-major applications were determined within 8 weeks.	Social Housing SKDC had 5,847 homes and 94.3% of its Council homes met decent homes standards. 	Affordable Homes 116 (23.9%) of new-builds were classed as affordable homes. 
Homelessness 43.8% of relief cases of homelessness were successfully resolved. 	Supporting Vulnerable Households 2,515 households were eligible for payments of £298,611 from the Council's Household Support Fund. 	Supporting Local Businesses 620 businesses in South Kesteven were awarded £8,186,370 in business rate relief.
CCTV 181 cameras helped to keep communities and neighbourhoods safe. 6,471 incidents were recorded. 	Food Hygiene Inspections 566 food hygiene inspections were undertaken – 39.4% of all food businesses registered in the District. 	Arts Provision 39,635 tickets were sold for events at Grantham's Guildhall and Stamford Arts Centre. 

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LCC)

TOWN/PARISH COUNCILS

<p>Support for Families</p> <p>3,258 children received support from children's social care services</p> 	<p>Roads & Transport</p> <p>Maintained more than 5,500 miles of road and repaired</p> <p>55,000 potholes</p> 	<p>Social Care</p> <p>82% of 509 people said adult care services helped them have control over their daily life.</p> 
<p>Children's Services</p> <p>6,579 children (95.8%) were offered a place at their preferred primary school.</p> 	<p>Libraries</p> <p>There were</p> <p>535,039 visits to core library and mobile library services.</p> 	<p>Registration Services</p> <p>Registered around</p> <p>14,700 life events including births, deaths, and marriages</p> 
<p>Waste Disposal</p> <p>350,000 tonnes of waste disposed of annually</p> 	<p>Over</p> <p>29,000 homes powered by energy generated through waste</p>	<p>Public Health</p> <p>Supported</p> <p>1,740 people to successfully quit smoking</p> 
<p>Fire Service</p> <p>LCC funds the Fire Service, which attended</p> <p>7,981 incidents</p> 	<p>Trading Standards</p> <p>21,312 unsafe products were removed from the market-place</p>  <p>70,299 illicit tobacco products were seized</p> 	

Responsibilities vary, but can include maintenance of **cemeteries and burial grounds**, the upkeep of **playing fields** and **recreation grounds**, and provision of public buildings such as **village halls**.

For further information on what each tier of local government does in this area, go to www.southkesteven.gov.uk or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk where you will also find contact details for your town/parish council.

And finally... don't forget your local councillor. They are always a good first port of call if you are not sure who might be able to help. Go to pages 16 to 18 to find your South Kesteven District Councillor.

Please note:
All figures relate to 2021/22 unless otherwise stated. LCC figures are for Lincolnshire as a whole.

Charity cycle trek checks in

Intrepid cyclists who completed the 400-mile G2P 2022 trip from Grantham to Paris to raise money for charity within 40 hours.

Despite ten punctures, a 2.5hr ferry delay, and three substitute bikes being needed, they were on the road for 25 hours, and have raised more than £9,000.

South Kesteven Markets Supervisor Gary Taylor was part of the 24-strong team for the trek which proved to be a challenge in many ways.

He said: "What an epic ride and adventure! Over 401 miles in the saddle in all weathers from rain, winds, and extreme heat – making it by far the hardest challenge that I have endured on a bike.

"Team camaraderie and support throughout was absolutely amazing and this continued while having some well-earned R&R in Paris after the challenge.

"The highlight for me was watching the final stage of the Tour De France on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées.

"Our challenge makes for



Gary Taylor

some amazing memories for all the fantastic people who helped raise money for eight local charities."

The charities to benefit are The Naomi Fardell Fund – Grantham Kingfisher Ward; St Barnabas Hospice; Grantham Foodbank; South Lincolnshire Blind Society; Dove Cottages; Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance; Place 2 Bee; Don't Lose Hope.

Grants help keep Jubilee sparkle going

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee had extra local sparkle thanks to South Kesteven District Council's Community Fund grants as part of more than £45,000 awarded in the latest funding round to the following organisations.

Allington Parish Council:
£2,000, Platinum Jubilee Beacon event

Belton Parochial Church Council:
£1,328, Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

Caythorpe Parish Council:
£5,000, Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Dysart Park Action Group:
£3,600, Platinum Jubilee celebration

Lincolnshire Fire Aid:
£5,000, Platinum Jubilee Gala three-day event.

Uffington Parish Council: £500, Platinum Jubilee commemorative mugs

Swinstead Parish Council:
£1,328, tables and chairs for Queens Jubilee weekend

Castle Bytham Parish Council:
£5,000, Castle Bytham Midsummer Festival storage

Boothby Pagnell Parish Meeting:
£1,400, speed watch sign

Boothby Pagnell Social Club:
£1,200, marquees for outdoor events

South Lincs Blind Society:
£4,248, replacement carpet tiles safe flooring

Frank Newbon Community Projects:

£5,000, outdoor gym on Recreation Road, Stamford

Art Pop Up:
£5,000, creative art workshops

Lincolnshire Music Service:
£5,000, Mash Up Jam Live



G2P 2022 reaches Paris



Full steam ahead for awards presentation night

We are very close to finding out who are South Kesteven's community champions for 2022! Finishing touches are being made for a prestigious Community Awards presentation night to recognise some extremely special people across the district who go over and above to help others within their communities.

Nominations have poured in for the second running of our popular awards.

Short-listed nominations across seven categories are being invited to South Kesteven District Council's presentation evening on Friday October 21st, with the winners to be announced and commemorative trophies presented in Grantham's Guildhall Arts Centre Ballroom.

Cllr Annie Mason, SKDC Cabinet Member for People and Safer Communities, said: "Once again we will be able to put the spotlight on some incredible people. We have superb nominations right across the board and I am incredibly humbled to see the lengths people go to for others. Those nominated truly make a difference to others and I want to thank everyone helping to recognise them by completing a nomination. It's going to be a great night."

In 2022 a new Best School Green Project award will recognise a school project demonstrating success in the protection or conservation of the

environment – either in the community or improving a school's environmental impact. Upp Broadband is generously sponsoring the award with a £500 first prize to go to the school.

Other categories are:

- Lifetime Community Champion
- Business and the Community
- Good Neighbour
- Inspirational Young Person
- Health and Wellbeing
- Neil Smith Beyond the Call of Duty

Last year's awards reflected the huge diversity of community contributions made by otherwise unrecognised individuals and groups.

Awards went to a five year old boy waging war on litter, an air cadet training stalwart, a young LIVES first responder and an undertaker with a difference – and a generous heart.

Trophies also went to a food distribution heroine, a cultural ground-breaker and the founder of a fitness and wellbeing network, with a community counselling charity winning two awards.



Find your Councillor

Elected Members of South Kesteven District Council play a key role in serving residents across the District. Depending where they live, residents are represented by one, two or sometimes three councillors.

Often the first point of contact in their communities, our councillors offer advice and can raise issues of concern within council debate and the decision-making processes.

Seven key councillors are also members of SKDC's Cabinet, taking most of the decisions on what the council does and its future direction.

Each Cabinet member has specific areas of responsibility, such as housing, growth, finance or planning, and they meet regularly to ensure timely

decision-making.

Cllr Linda Wootten, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Licensing, said: "Our councillors play a vital role in ensuring local views are reflected in local decision-making. I would urge anyone who needs advice or has a question about our services to contact the councillor representing their ward."

For more information and councillor details please visit www.southkesteven.gov.uk/councillors



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Don't put batteries in your bin!

Instead of throwing batteries in the bin, there are other ways to dispose of them that are safe, reduce the risk of fires – and are better for the environment.

To keep bin crews and refuse centre workers safe, residents are being urged to keep old batteries out of their bins and dispose of old batteries in dedicated battery bins provided by retailers or at their local household waste recycling centre.

This also applies to household items containing batteries, or rechargeable items such as shavers.

Lincolnshire County Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres are fully open and details of locations and opening hours can be found at



<https://bit.ly/LincsRecycle>

It follows a series of bin lorry fires around Lincolnshire, all caused by batteries igniting when compacted in the freighters.

Cllr Mark Whittington, SKDC Cabinet Member for Waste Services, said: "A single spark can easily ignite the lithium they contain, leading to a fire.

"Batteries, chargers, old mobile phones, vape pens and other small devices should not be placed in bins. They need to be

disposed of separately because of this inherent risk."

All batteries – AA and AAA alkaline varieties – and electrical items need to be correctly disposed of at the appropriate recycling facility.

Electricals containing batteries that tend to be discarded the most are smaller, frequently used and often cheaper items like toothbrushes, shavers, chargers and toys. If batteries cannot be removed, then electricals should always be recycled separately.



Advice on what items can go in what bin can be found on the SKDC website: at <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/whichbin>

You can also go online to find your nearest supermarket/hardware store disposal point: <https://bit.ly/batterySKDC>

£3.9m fund offers 'fantastic opportunity'

South Kesteven District Council has submitted its investment plan to the Government, setting out how it hopes to spend the District's allocation from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (UKSPF).

A total of almost £3.9 million has been set aside for South Kesteven but in order to access the money, along with other councils nationally, SKDC has had to identify activities that will be right for the area and then seek Government approval.

The UKSPF is the

Government's replacement for EU funding following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

It will be used to build pride in place and increase people's life chances. More than £2.6 billion has been awarded across the country. Spending will be based on five themes:

- Communities, health and wellbeing
- Environment and infrastructure
- Culture, arts and heritage
- Employability and skills

- Enterprise, innovation and growth

The Council will now work to identify projects that best match the five themes. SKDC Leader Cllr Kelham Cooke, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to secure substantial investment for the District and support positive projects in communities throughout South Kesteven."

The Government is expected to make the first payments to councils in October 2022 after reviewing submitted plans.





Visit your local arts centres and enjoy the packed autumn schedules

Grantham Guildhall and Stamford Arts Centre venues are welcoming to welcome audiences back for drama, talks, cinema, poetry, fun days for the kids – and much more!

Audiences are flooding back to the Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham after lockdown-interrupted seasons during the past two years.

Since reopening, the popular venue has seen visitor numbers increase to pre-pandemic levels – and they continue to grow.

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy, said: “I’m thrilled that the Guildhall Arts Centre is bouncing back after such a difficult period.

“The busy autumn programme highlights an exciting range of music, poetry, comedy and theatre performances that we hope will encourage audiences to visit.

“SKDC is committed to improving and investing in local arts and cultural venues. The pandemic was hugely disruptive for the arts and culture sector as venues were forced to adapt during an ever-changing situation and #TeamSK staff are now preparing for a flurry of ticket sales as the new

For more show details, visit www.guildhallartscentre.com/whats-on online or pick up a brochure next time you are in town.

programme begins.”

Historian Lucy Worsley hosted one of the first events after re-opening with an illustrated exploration of our fascination with murder. Despite its dark nature and coming just weeks after restrictions lifted, a packed-out audience of over 320 heard her morbid tales across two shows held in the District.

The Guildhall's exciting autumn programme includes already sold-out performances and, as always, tickets are flying out for the highly anticipated pantomime *Rapunzel*, performed by Polka Dot Productions, in December.

The venue's toilets have been refurbished and a new café opened earlier this year. Digby's Café now offers a range of tempting treats from Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 4.30pm.



SKDC investment helps Stamford Arts Centre flourish

The re-opening of Stamford Arts Centre post-pandemic has been a real success story – with audiences returning in their hundreds, the sold-out signs going up for many events.

A live recording of Gardeners' Question Time for BBC Radio 4 in June, and a satellite screening of National Theatre Live's *Prima Facie* starring Jodie Comer at the Harold Pinter Theatre proved to be the biggest attractions.

In December 2020, a new slate roof was installed at the historic

building as part of a £190,000 renovation programme. More recently, the gallery, ballroom and audience toilets have undergone full refurbishment to improve the whole visitor experience.

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy, said: "We have invested significantly into Stamford Arts Centre.

"Rumours of winding down or reducing the breadth of what people can see and do here are entirely without foundation. People only need only look at what's on in the coming months to see that.

"It was incredible to witness our passionate audiences returning for a successful summer season and I look forward to what the autumn season has to offer."

Other planned improvements include the re-opening of The Cellar Bar later this month which

will be available for live music, comedy shows and spoken word performances.

And, to celebrate the District's creativity, local and national artists are invited to show their work in the gallery, including Stamfordian local Stephen Burnett, whose exhibition of *Who Needs Colour Anyway?* ran earlier in the summer.



See the upcoming programme online:
www.stamfordartscentre.com/whats-on or pop in to pick up a brochure.



Welcome to Bourne Corn Exchange!

Superb facilities for functions, parties, wedding receptions, meetings, workshops, amateur dramatics, fitness classes ... and delicious Sunday lunches at the Exchange 1870 Carvery. Enquiries to Ian Bland ☎ 01778 423579



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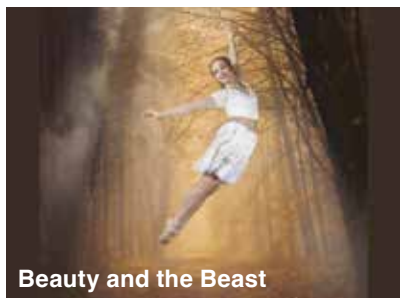
Arts across South Kesteven

Enjoy live events at our fantastic arts centres and venues. With something for everyone, now is the perfect time to support and take part in the arts across the District.

Concessionary prices in brackets.

DIARY EVENTS

SEPT 2022 TO DEC 2022



Beauty and the Beast

FRI 30 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST,
CHANCY DANCE**

Stamford Arts Centre

Contemporary/Balletic Dance

Chantry Dance's imaginative new show is inspired by the original folktale of La Belle et la Bête (Beauty and the Beast), re-imagined for a 21st Century family audience.

■ **TICKETS:** £16 (£14) £12 Students

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 1PM

MARBLE RUN WORKSHOP

**Guildhall Arts Centre, Newton
Room. Workshop**

Uncover the mysterious world of marblology, supercharge your very own marble with raw inspiration, and help us build a giant marble run in our marble-focused STEAM workshop. All ages welcome.

■ **TICKETS:** £2 per child



A Room of One's Own



WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.30PM
A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN

Stamford Arts Centre Theatre. Play

Take a wry, amusing, and incisive trip through the history of literature, feminism, and gender. Meet Charlotte Brontë, Jane Austen, Aphra Behn, and Shakespeare's sister – Judith!

■ **TICKETS:** £16 (£15) £14 for groups of 8+

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 7.30PM
IN PURSUET

**Guildhall Arts Centre Theatre.
Contemporary Play**

She just needs Sue Perkins. They are meant for each other. If only Sue could see that too. But how can she? She's too busy being a celebrity. So Woman sets out in pursuit of her love. From following Sue's every move online – to breaking in backstage at the BBC, there isn't anything she won't do.

■ **TICKETS:** £12 (£10)

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 7.30PM
**ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF
ENLIGHTENMENT**

**Stamford Arts Centre Ballroom.
Music**

The OAE, a trail-blazing ensemble, performs The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by Handel, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Vivaldi's Spring from The Four Seasons and more.

■ **TICKETS:** £27 (£25)

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2.30PM
**Guildhall Arts Centre Theatre.
Family Theatre**

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2.30PM
**Stamford Arts Centre Theatre.
Family Theatre**

**JACK FROST AND THE SEARCH
FOR WINTER**

This year when winter comes around the snow begins to melt and along with it Jack's extraordinary magic fades. With his powers lost he becomes just an ordinary boy.

■ **TICKETS:** £10 (£8) £30 family



of four

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 7.30PM**WHAT SONGS MAY DO****Guildhall Arts Centre Theatre.**
Contemporary Dance

Revealed by Nina Simone's songs, this duet exposes with an unapologetic passion the fractured relationship of a once romantic couple as they delve into their past in an attempt to rebuild their future. One hour long, no interval.

■ **TICKETS:** £10 (£8) £6 groups of 10+

THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES – NEIL SANDS****Guildhall Arts Centre Theatre.**
Music

This is the perfect pre-Christmas treat, bringing back many happy memories of Christmases past and warming your heart on the coldest winter's day.

■ **TICKETS:** £14 (£13)

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 7.30PM**THE LESSON****Stamford Arts Centre Theatre.**
Drama

A mild-mannered professor takes on a new pupil, and swiftly descends into tyranny, becoming bent on her destruction; a comically surreal exposé about power, knowledge and those who hoard both.

■ **TICKETS:** £16 (£15) suitable for 14+

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 7.30PM**MY MOUNTAIN LIFE BY SIMON YATES****Guildhall Arts Centre Theatre. Talk**

He was being pulled off the mountain face by his injured partner, dangling on the rope 50 metres below. His decision to cut the rope saved both their lives in the epic of survival that followed and with the publication of the book 'Touching

The Void', and later a film and stage play.

■ **TICKETS:** £16

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 8PM**TOM MCGUIRE AND THE BRASSHOLES****Stamford Arts Centre Ballroom.**
Music

A funk soul powerhouse from Glasgow. Combining rich arrangements with meticulous songcraft and untouchable in live performance, the band is carving a niche of their own.

■ **TICKETS:** £13.50

3 DECEMBER - 31 DECEMBER,
VARIOUS TIMES**RAPUNZEL****POLKA DOT PANOTMIMES****Guildhall Arts Centre.**

This festive extravaganza about the lonely Princess with the super hair trapped in a tower but longing for a life of adventure in the outside world will keep audiences of all ages amused, entertained and enthralled.

SIGNED PERFORMANCE: SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 1PM**RELAXED PERFORMANCE:****SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 10.30AM**

■ **TICKETS:** £16 (£14.50) £56 family of four, £12 groups of 10+

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Places to visit

Across South Kesteven

Visitor treasures open for the autumn**Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery**

– Moreley's Lane, Corby Glen, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG34 4NL. Open during exhibitions from 12pm to 5pm Tuesday to Sunday (closed on Mondays excluding bank holidays). Entries now being accepted for 2022 bart competition. To find out more go to:

📍 <http://www.willoughbygallery.com>

Fulbeck Craft Centre – Lincoln Road, Fulbeck, Grantham NG32 3JN. Open February to December, Tuesday to Sunday, 10am - 4pm (and bank holidays). In March 2022 the craft centre has been relaunched after refurbishment as Fulbeck venue.

📍 <https://fulbeckcraftcentre.co.uk>

Delaine Bus Museum – 8 Spalding Road, Bourne PE10 9LE. Second Saturday of the month (March - October): 12pm - 4pm Heritage Bus Rides: 1.15pm and 2.45pm for either: KTL 780, MTL 750 or RCT 3 from the Delaine Heritage Fleet.

📍 <http://www.delaineheritagetrust.org>

Burghley House – Burghley House, Stamford, PE9 3JY. The House is open daily excluding Fridays from 10.30am - 4.30pm, the Gardens are open daily from 10.30am - 5pm. Always check the website in case of any upcoming closures or events.

📍 <https://www.burghley.co.uk>

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