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for residents of **South Kesteven**

**WINTER 2020**



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# Coronavirus COVID-19 Update



## Support for Business

We know these are difficult and uncertain times for South Kesteven's businesses and our economic growth and regeneration company InvestSK is working hard to do all it can to help.

InvestSK is here to assist businesses in finding the support they need to manage

the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak and can help businesses to plan, prepare and reduce the impact of Covid-19 on their operations.

Working closely with Lincolnshire County Council and the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum and on behalf of South Kesteven

District Council, InvestSK can advise businesses on the various sources of finance and funding that are available.

**To contact InvestSK**

**Website:** [www.investsk.co.uk](http://www.investsk.co.uk)

**Telephone:** 01476 406374

**Email:** [business@investsk.co.uk](mailto:business@investsk.co.uk)

## Support for Residents

The best way of keeping up to date with any changes to the services the Council provides is to go to our Coronavirus web page [www.southkesteven.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/coronavirus)

This is updated daily.

SKDC's customer services

section is also available to deal with your enquiry and can help with any council-related query whether it's to do with making a payment, applying for benefits or our waste collection service.

**To contact SKDC**

**Visit the 'Contact Us' form online:** [southkesteven.gov.uk/contactus](http://southkesteven.gov.uk/contactus)

**Email:** [customerservices@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@southkesteven.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 01476 406080

**Out of hours/emergency number:** 01476 590044

## Support for Communities

The SKDC COVID-19 Community Information Hub is here to support our residents with any aspect of lockdown and the Covid-19 pandemic.

The hub acts as a bridge between residents of South Kesteven's towns and villages who need help, and those who want to offer help. Volunteer support is often at the very heart of work in our

communities and about 1,500 have already contacted the hub since March to actively support vulnerable residents, working with 55 registered voluntary groups.

They know what help is needed and where. If you would like to offer your services as a volunteer – something which is allowed under the new restrictions – but are unsure

how best to do it, please contact the Hub for advice.

**To contact the Community Hub**

**Email:** [SKCommunityHub@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:SKCommunityHub@southkesteven.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 01476 406177

Please note the Hub opening hours are now 8.45am-5.15pm (Monday-Thursday) and Friday 8.45am-4.45pm.

## Dear residents,

As the year draws to a close, I think it is safe to say that for most people 2020 will be a memorable year.

We are feeling the impact of Covid-19 on our lives and livelihoods and the future is somewhat unclear. However, we should be encouraged by the community spirit that has been displayed in the last year which has only strengthened our determination as a Council to support you however we can.



That is why, since the last edition of SKToday, we have:

- Supported our businesses to reopen safely after the summer lockdown and to access any Government funding they were eligible for.
- Supported our communities and charities to ensure our most vulnerable residents continue to get the help they need.
- Maintained all our critical services and developed a blueprint for South Kesteven's future through our Corporate Plan.

As we enter another lockdown period that will take us into December, these 3 focal points of business, community and services will continue to be our priority.

Our Corporate Plan, with its clear vision and five key priorities will continue to underpin everything we do despite the challenges of this ongoing pandemic.

Inside this edition of SKToday, we set out how we will achieve our vision to be the best district in which to live, work and to visit. Stories about our services are colour coded to show what actions we are already taking to deliver our key priorities, and where they fit into the big picture.

As always, we cannot deliver on our own. The council is part of the fabric of community life; therefore, we share the sense of pride shown by residents through initiatives such as our best kept village competition. The high standard of entries was impressive, but the competition also enabled us to carry out an audit to help identify the areas we need to address in our next Big Clean.

With Christmas approaching in what remain challenging times, I'd like to sincerely thank all of the charities and community groups across the district who have worked so hard in the last year. Our work together is not done and the need to support our communities and vulnerable at this particular time of year, will be as vital as ever.

Whatever 2021 brings, I am confident that together we will be ready for it and together we will get through it. Until then, please be kind, stay safe, and keep well.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelham Cooke".

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# Self Isolation Support Payments

ARE YOU worried about making ends meet if you need to self-isolate due to Covid-19? To help workers who have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, the Government has now introduced a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.

Those who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for the support payment from South Kesteven District Council.

**To be eligible for the Test and Trace Support Payment, you must:**

- › have been asked to self isolate by NHS Test and Trace either because you have tested positive for Coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive;



- › be employed or self-employed;
- › be unable to work from home and will lose income as a result; and
- › be currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing

Benefit and/or Pension Credit. Furloughed staff may be eligible to claim if their employer chooses to remove furlough and pay Statutory Sick Pay.

The scheme will run until 31 January 2021 and be continually reviewed.

**For more information visit**  
 [www.southkesteven.gov.uk/selfisolation](https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/selfisolation)

## Supporting the vulnerable

FOODBANKS play a vital role in supporting people who cannot afford food and other essentials especially in the current circumstances regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

There are four foodbanks in our district:

- › **Bourne Foodbank**, United Reformed Church Hall, Spalding Road, Bourne.
- › **Deepings Foodbank**, 63 Hereward Way, Deeping St James.
- › **Grantham Foodbank**, Unit 1-2 Grey Friars, Grantham.
- › **Stamford Foodbank**, The Unity Centre, West Street, Stamford.

All of the Foodbanks provide a

delivery service for vulnerable people. If you need advice on whether you're eligible for foodbank support please contact

✉ **SKCommunityHub@**  
**southkesteven.gov.uk** or  
☎ **01476 406177.**



## Donations needed

You can donate food, toiletries, and household essentials to your local foodbank.

- › **Bourne Foodbank** – donations to local churches and Bourne Tesco accepts donations.
- › **Deepings Foodbank** – donations at Tesco in Godsey Lane
- › **Grantham Foodbank** – Donate at the foodbank on *Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 11.30am.*
- › **Stamford Foodbank** – Donations to the foodbank on *Mondays between 9:30am and 10am* or at Stamford Waitrose.

# Our vision for South Kesteven

The events of the past few months have turned our world upside down and left us with a legacy we could not have predicted. But South Kesteven is a district full of promise and potential. It is home to innovative entrepreneurs and savvy start-ups; a base for global enterprise; and an inviting landscape perfectly situated in the heart of England. We have much to be proud of, and much to offer.

Our Corporate Plan clearly sets out how South Kesteven District Council intends to meet that promise and potential. Our vision is to **“be the best district in which to live, work, and to visit.”**

We will continue to support businesses and work with partners in all sectors to create the right conditions for sustainable and dynamic growth so that our local economy not only recovers from the Coronavirus pandemic, but recovers stronger than ever.

We will continue to develop a clean and green future, working with others to ensure that how we live and how we work respects and protects our environment and reduces our carbon footprint.

We will develop the immense goodwill and community spirit that already exists so that our communities thrive, are strong and healthy, and we commit to building and maintaining housing that meets the needs of all residents.

Underpinning all of this is how we work as a council. Our Corporate Plan is our promise to you, the residents and businesses of South Kesteven, but it is also our blueprint for ensuring we are the high performing council you deserve; one that attracts and retains the best staff to deliver high-quality services.

Our values and our commitment to diversity and inclusion will help shape how we deliver our services and how we meet our priorities. Within our council and our communities we want everyone to feel welcome and valued.

As a district council, we work hand-in-hand with other public sector partners across Lincolnshire and the wider region so that individually and collectively we deliver for our residents and businesses.

Working in partnership with others is a journey we are on, and it is a road we continue to follow to realise our ambition for South Kesteven.

So as we deliver our priorities over the next three years, you should expect to see continued growth that respects our countryside and our heritage; a reduction in our carbon footprint to protect our environment for present and future generations; a focus on harnessing the community spirit so prevalent in recent months; housing to meet all needs; and an efficient, high performing council that puts local residents and local businesses first, always.



**Cllr Kelham Cooke**  
Leader of the Council  
South Kesteven District Council

## ➤ Growth and our Economy



Delivering growth of the economy is fundamental to the success of the district, its businesses and residents. We are, therefore, prioritising:

- Protecting and creating jobs within the district.
- Developing the centres and high streets of our four towns.
- Securing investment for infrastructure to support ongoing and sustainable growth.

### Key Achievements

- Securing £900k of Heritage Action Zone funding to restore the culture heritage of buildings in Grantham town centre.
- Securing Single Local Growth funding to support the partnership with Lincolnshire County Council to deliver the Grantham Southern Relief Road.
- Gravity Fields and Stamford Georgian festivals provide more than £700,000 in economic benefit to the district each year.



### Key Actions

- Delivery of the St Martin's Park development scheme in Stamford.
- Regeneration of Grantham town centre, supported by the Future High Streets bid and delivery of the Heritage Action Zone programme.
- Identify funding and other opportunities to support development of the town centres of Bourne, Market Deeping and Stamford, and apply lessons learned from the Future High Streets Fund and other initiatives.
- Develop a package of measures to support recovery of the local economy and safeguard local jobs wherever possible.
- Review the scope and focus of InvestSK to maximise the support to local businesses and attract inward investment.
- Continue to attract investment, encourage diverse businesses to the district and ensure appropriate land and property is available.
- Work with education providers to increase opportunities for local learning and apprenticeships in the district.
- In partnership with LCC bring forward housing and employment opportunities linked to the delivery of the Grantham Southern Relief Road.
- Work with partners and attractions to promote visitor economy and increase visitor spend in the district, including the adoption of a Tourism Strategic Framework.
- Support the roll-out of improved broadband and other key infrastructure to support local businesses and rural areas.
- Work closely with markets across South Kesteven and seek to maintain their viability.



# ➤ Housing that Meets the Needs of all Residents



High quality housing is essential for all and the council is committed to working with partners to provide this by:

- Offering the new homes that people need, at a price they can afford.
- Ensuring new developments are in keeping with the character of South Kesteven and benefit the people who already live here.
- Providing high quality homes and services to those who rent property from the council.

## Key Achievements

- Adoption of the South Kesteven Local Plan to enable delivery of sustainable housing and business growth in the district. ✓
- Beginning our programme of building high quality new homes of different tenures, including the completion of Wherry's Lane Phase 2 and modular housing in Grantham. ✓
- Developing a leading approach, with Government, to improve the repairs process for rented properties (private and council housing). ✓

## Key Actions

- Work in partnership with the housing market to stimulate housing growth.
- Work to reduce and prevent homelessness in our district.
- Increase the supply of high quality, sustainable council housing.
- Undertake a planning review to improve performance and support local sustainable, high quality growth.
- Undertake a housing review to provide the highest quality service possible to our tenants.
- Work with housing associations and developers to ensure quality affordable housing is delivered.
- Ensure the ambitions of the adopted Local Plan are met and a review framework is developed to deliver sustainable growth in the district.
- Work with Homes England, the Ministry of Defence and other partners to develop holistic masterplans for the delivery of Grantham's Southern Urban Extension.
- Ensure that major developments in South Kesteven are high quality, with sustainable, good design.
- Bring private sector empty properties back in to use.





# ➤ Healthy and Strong Communities



Supporting communities to be healthy is particularly important, especially in light of the Covid-19 crisis, which is why SKDC is:

- Investing in the health of our district by improving leisure provision.
- Working effectively with partners in the voluntary, private and public sectors for the benefit of communities.
- Building on, and celebrating, the rich heritage and culture of the district.

## Key Achievements

- Creation of the SK Community Hub, working with the community sector to meet the essential needs of over 2,000 vulnerable people as part of the Covid-19 response. ✓
- Development of LotterySK, directing over £120,000 of funding into 110 good causes in our local communities. ✓
- Helped attract over £2.5 million of additional funds for community and voluntary groups in South Kesteven via the SK Community Fund (representing a 750% return on the council's investment). ✓

## Key Actions

- Invest in sustainable, high quality leisure facilities across the district.
- Embed the work of the SK Community Hub to support volunteering and the voluntary and community sectors.
- Work with partners from all sectors to tackle health, unemployment and other inequalities in areas of highest need.
- Continue to work in partnership with the police and the community in tackling crime by investing in the CCTV service.
- Celebrate and enhance the rich history of the district.
- Adopt a new cultural strategy covering the local arts, events and festivals programme.
- Develop and adopt a sport and physical activity strategy.
- Embrace the national mental health challenge, ensuring the council places mental wellbeing at the heart of decision-making.
- Make best use of different funding sources to support the voluntary and cultural sector within the district.
- Protect our most vulnerable residents with robust safeguarding processes.
- Improve and invest in local arts and cultural venues.
- Promote and make progress against the council's equality objectives.





# ➤ Clean and Sustainable Environment



Protecting and improving the environment is vitally important both now and for generations to come. Our work includes:

- Tackling climate change by reducing the council's carbon footprint.
- Ensuring that the district is a clean and pleasant place to live.
- Improving our parks and open spaces.

## Key Achievements

- Declaration of climate emergency, with the establishment and publication of the council's carbon footprint for the first time and creation of an action plan to improve.
- Big Clean team established to achieve and maintain a higher street standard.
- Wyndham Park project to refurbish the site completed during 2018 and Green Flag secured for the 8th successive year. Queen Elizabeth Park project to refurbish the site completed during 2019 and Management Plan developed to support application for Green Flag status during 2021.



## Key Actions

- Reduce the council's carbon footprint by at least 30% by 2030 and endeavour to become net-zero carbon as soon as viable before 2050.
- Deliver the Big Clean programme and maintain a higher street standard.
- Continue to innovate our approach to waste management to build on our strengths and maximise commercial and other opportunities.
- Maintain and enhance our green areas across the district, aiming to secure Green Flag status for Queen Elizabeth Park, Dysart Park and other relevant areas.
- Work proactively with EnvironmentSK to deliver high quality services and maximise commercial opportunities.
- Work with the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to reduce waste and further improve recycling.
- Recognise the changes in environmentally friendly modes of transport and seek to work with others to adapt required infrastructure.
- Explore opportunities to build on the success of the food waste collection trial scheme and ensure the service is sustainable.
- Build a new, modern depot that is fit for the future.



## ➤ High Performing Council



Local residents in South Kesteven are entitled to have high expectations and, therefore, we will prioritise:

- Supporting the district in recovering from Covid-19.
- Managing our finances and assets effectively.
- Embedding an approach that seeks to continuously improve our service delivery, including good governance and staff and customer experience.

### Key Achievements

- Opening of a new multiplex cinema in the centre of Grantham.
- Growth of the council's high quality collection services, with an increase of 4% for garden waste and 51% for commercial waste since March 2019.
- Development of a more agile approach, with over 400 staff enabled to work from home during Covid-19 crisis.



### Key Actions

- Implement the Covid-19 Recovery Plan.
- Deliver a balanced, sustainable financial plan over the medium term.
- Undertake a constitution review and implement outcomes.
- Implement findings of the governance review across the council's assets (including companies).
- Develop a people strategy (including a pay review) to support the retention and attraction of high quality staff.
- Develop and implement commercial and transformation strategies to deliver additional net revenue benefit.
- Undertake a fundamental review of the organisation to meet current and future needs.
- Support the implementation of an IT investment roadmap to align future solutions with the council's ambitions.
- Embed an agile approach to working by building on cultural and technological changes.
- Deliver the ambitions of the Customer Experience Strategy.
- Maximise the value of the council's own spending by using local suppliers wherever practical.
- Undertake an asset management review.



# Changes in bin collections over the festive period

THE CHRISTMAS period is a time when we all create more waste and recycling. There are also three bank holidays so there will be changes to when your bins are collected.

Collections due the week before Christmas will be made early to ensure everyone has a collection before Christmas Day because Christmas Day (25 December) is on Friday this year.

Black bins normally collected on Monday 21 December will be collected two days earlier, on Saturday 19 December. All other collections that week will be a day early – please see the table below to find out when your Christmas collection day will be.

**There will be no bin collections on Christmas Day (Friday 25 December).**

**Monday 28 December is a bank holiday so there will be no collections that day either.**

Anyone who was due to have their recycling bin emptied on Monday 28 December 2020 will be given clear bags for any additional recycling they accumulate which they can put out next to their grey bin on their next scheduled grey bin collection on Monday 11 January 2021.

Bin collections will be as normal for Tuesday 29 December, Wednesday 30 December and Thursday 31 December.

**Friday 1 January 2021 is a bank holiday so there will be no collections that day.** Bins due to be emptied on Friday 1 January 2021 will be emptied on Saturday 2 January 2021.

Everything will be back to normal on Monday 4 January 2021.

SKDC Cabinet Member for Commercial and Operations, Cllr Dr Peter Moseley, said: “Our bin crews are doing a fantastic job this year ensuring our residents’ bins continued to be regularly emptied throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Because of how the Christmas and New Year bank holidays fall we need to change some bin collection days over this period. We hope residents will be understanding and work with us at what is one of the busiest times of year.

Don’t forget we will also collect your real Christmas trees for recycling. You do not have to be part of our green garden bin service just leave your real Christmas tree out on the day green bins are collected in your street.”

As always, please leave your bins at the edge of your property by 7.30am on collection day.

**For more details visit [southkesteven.gov.uk](https://southkesteven.gov.uk)**

## Christmas and New Year 2020/21

Usual date	New date
Monday 21 December	Saturday 19 December
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December
Friday 25 December	Thursday 24 December
Monday 28 December	NO COLLECTION
Tuesday 29 December	Tuesday 29 December
Wednesday 30 January	Wednesday 30 January
Thursday 31 January	Thursday 31 January
Friday 1 January	Saturday 2 January



# Black/Silver bin collections 2020/21

Go online to find out more about your collection dates and what items you can put in your bin.

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk)

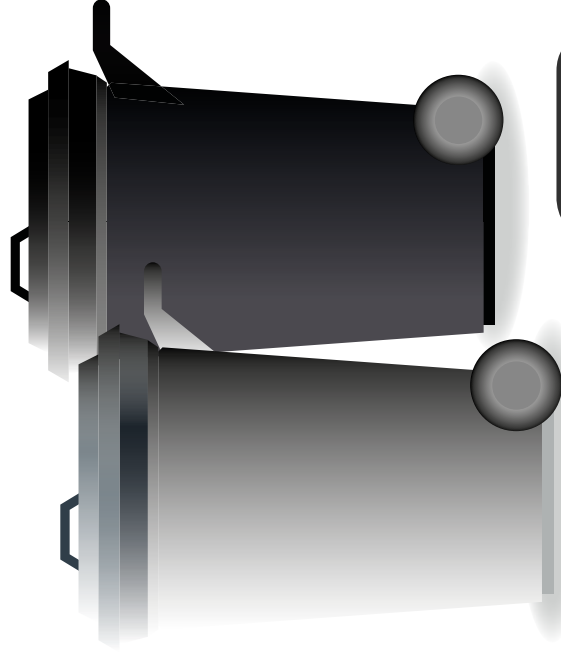
Type the words *my bin collection dates* into the search box and follow the instructions.

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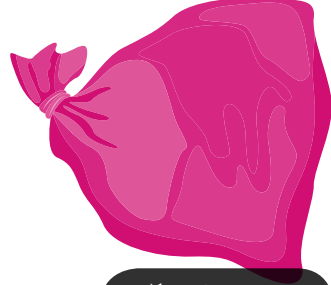
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Sign in



Please put your bins out on the edge of your property by 7.30am on the morning of collection, with bin handles facing the road.

**Pink** bags are collected on black bin days. Clear bags, carrier bags and cardboard boxes are collected on silver bin days.



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## KEY

- Bank Holiday (No collection).
- Collections one day later due to Bank Holidays.
- Good Friday. Bin collections take place as usual.

Bank Holiday (No collection) If your collection is usually on this day you will be given a supply of clear sacks so that you can put out any extra waste on your next collection date which is Monday 11 January.

Bin collections **ONE DAY EARLY** due to Christmas except Monday 21 December which will be collected on Saturday 19 December.

**Extra bags of recycling waste** will also be taken in addition to the silver bin. The **extra waste must be in a clear bag**. Please do not use black bags in or beside the bin.



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# What goes in your bins

## Black bin/**pink bag** for non-recyclables

- Food waste (except the SKDC trial area)
- Nappies & sanitary products
- Plastic bags
- Black or brown plastic food trays
- Crisp packets
- Food pouches (e.g. pet food pouches)
- Plastic film
- Toys
- Plastic plant pots
- Polystyrene



## Silver bin/clear bag for recycling

- Plastic bottles and containers
- Bottle tops
- Plastic pots, tubs and trays - all empty, clean and dry, with no food residue
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and aluminium food and drink tins and cans
- Clean tinfoil
- Foil trays
- Aerosols
- All paper and cardboard except shredded paper and tissues



IF IT'S NOT ON THE LIST  
DON'T PUT IT IN

## Green bin for garden waste

- Hedge trimmings/cuttings
- Grass cuttings
- Flowers and plants
- Leaves and bark
- Twigs and small branches

All large branches and other garden waste can be taken to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)

IF IT'S NOT ON THE LIST  
DON'T PUT IT IN



Items that cannot be placed in any of your household bins:

Clothing and textiles – these can be taken to charity shops or your local Household Waste Recycling Centre  
Batteries – take back to retailers who will recycle them safely  
Electrical items – take to your HWRC



## Household waste/recycling

You can take your household waste and recycling to the two permanent sites for South Kesteven residents in Grantham and Bourne.

The sites, operated by Lincolnshire County Council, accept almost any type of household waste, including fridges, freezers and small amounts of hardcore (e.g. one full wheelbarrow).

**You must book a slot to use the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)** to keep you and staff on-site safe and reduce the spread of coronavirus.

Anyone who has not booked a slot will not be allowed on site.

To book, you must live within Lincolnshire and bring proof of your address. Anyone without proof of their address will be refused entry to the site.

To book a slot and find out more visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste/find-recycling-centre](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste/find-recycling-centre).

**If you do not have an access to a computer call (01522) 552222.**

**Commercial Waste**  
01476 406280 and  
[southkesteven.gov.uk](http://southkesteven.gov.uk)

If you have bulky waste items that are too big to fit into your wheeled bins call 01476 406080 to arrange collection. To find out more go to [www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk)



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Best Kept Village winners collect their prizes with (from left) Cllr Dr Peter Moseley, gold litter bin winners Brian Ingliss, Barrowby, Jenny Crow, Irnham, and John Plummer, Allington, with back (from left) Neil McCorquodale, Stoke Rochford, competition judge Elizabeth Bowskill, Lincolnshire Gardens Trust, and David Anderson, Greatford.

## South Kesteven has so many beautiful villages

Winners in South Kesteven District Council's Best Kept Village competition received a gold coloured and inscribed litter bin to recognise their community efforts.

JUDGES had a tough job picking the winners because standards were so high.

However, they chose Barrowby and Allington as joint winners in the larger village category and Irnham in the smaller villages/hamlets category. Caythorpe and Thurlby were second and third as larger villages, and Stoke Rochford and Greatford were second and third as smaller villages/hamlets.

Each winner received £400, second place villages received £300 and £200 was awarded to the villages which came third.

Cllr Dr Peter Moseley, SKDC's Cabinet Member for Commercial and Operations, said: "I am delighted to see how attractive the district is looking. I hope the golden litter bins convey to our winners how much this council appreciates the efforts they made.

"We also now have detailed reports on the state of our villages to help us focus the work of our Big Clean team to clean up problem areas and help improve communities."

More than 100 villages and hamlets were visited as part of

this year's competition.

Council staff were joined by representatives from the Lincolnshire Gardens Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society to look at the condition of village facilities and evidence of community pride.

Each village was judged upon: the condition of roadside seats, litter bins, paths and information signs; the condition of front gardens; community pride and ownership, floral features, condition of focal points and village hall/community centres.



# Help available to stop abuse

FOR MOST people Christmas and New Year is a time for celebration. Unfortunately though, for some, the festive season can also be a time of fear, violence and domestic abuse.

The number of domestic abuse crimes reported to police over the Christmas period increased in 2019/20 from the previous year and cases are anticipated to increase this year because more people will be spending more time at home because of Covid-19 restrictions.

If you feel you are at risk of domestic abuse or you suspect someone else is then please seek support or encourage that person to do so.

If you think your own or someone else's life is at risk always dial 999. Those at risk, unable to say so over the phone can then **dial 55** when prompted to do so by the operator.

Even with restrictions placed on us by Covid-19 it is okay to leave your home if you are experiencing abuse.

The police can remove the person harming you from your home and your locks can be changed to make sure you and your family stay safe.

Children may witness domestic abuse and it's important they know support is also available to them through Childline.

## Free Helplines include:

The National Domestic Abuse helpline on **0808 2000 247**.

Men's Advice Line **0808 801 0327**.

National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline **0800 999 5248**.

Childline **0800 1111**

# Could you plant a tree in your community?

The Woodland Trust wants to give everyone in South Kesteven and the rest of the UK a chance to plant a tree.

THE TRUST is giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to communities and schools and applications have now opened for the next round of free trees which will be sent out in March 2021.

There are three tree pack sizes available – small, medium and large and there are a variety of different species available dependent on the size and type of land available from dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple or dogwood to create a hedge to common oak, silver birch and hazel to create a larger wildlife haven.

Cllr Dr Peter Moseley said: “This is a fantastic scheme which allows residents and

local organisations to apply for free trees for their community and is something all ages can get involved in. I hope to hear of lots of successful applications next spring and see the wonderful wildlife havens that will be created.”

To find out more about the free trees scheme or to apply for free trees for your local community visit [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees) and fill out the application form.

The website also includes a frequently asked question section which includes important and useful information to help your application.



Photo: Phil Formby, Woodland Trust

## Free trees in South Kesteven

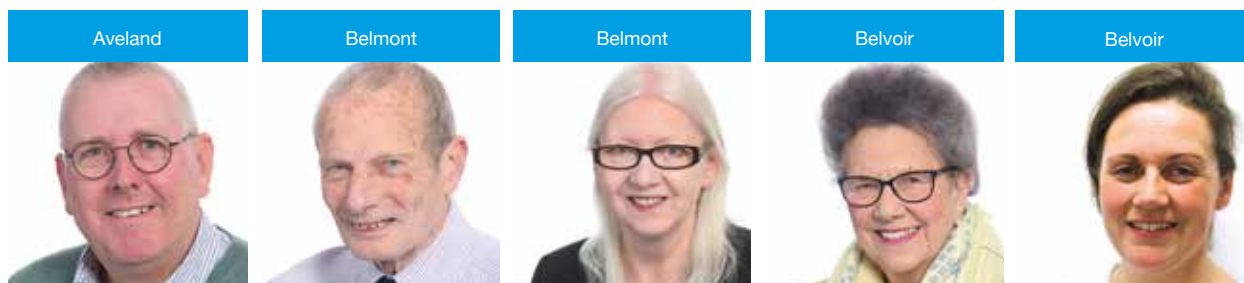
- Wyndham Park Volunteers in Grantham received 60 trees to reinstate a double row hedge in the northwest corner of an open field used as a forest school.
- Great Wood Farm early years centre in Boothby Pagnell received 195 trees to create a new woodland to improve the environment for the children and wildlife.
- Bourne Westfield Primary Academy took delivery of 60 trees to plant in front of the school.
- Harlaxton Parish Council received 420 to create hedging
- Copthill School, Uffington near Stamford, received 420 to plant in their forest school area.
- Acorn Childcare Centre, Stamford, took delivery of 60 trees as part of their five year plan to educate children about caring for the environment and planting to support the ecosystem.



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# Councillor contact details



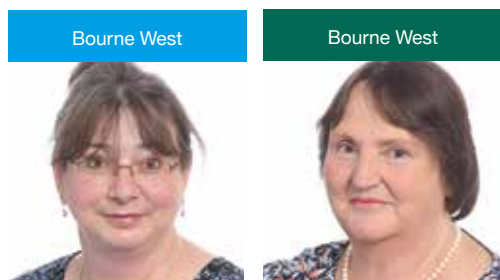
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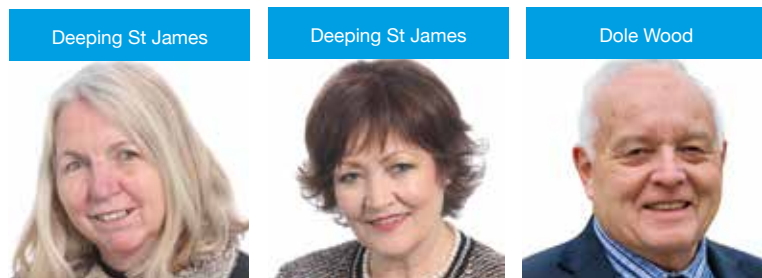
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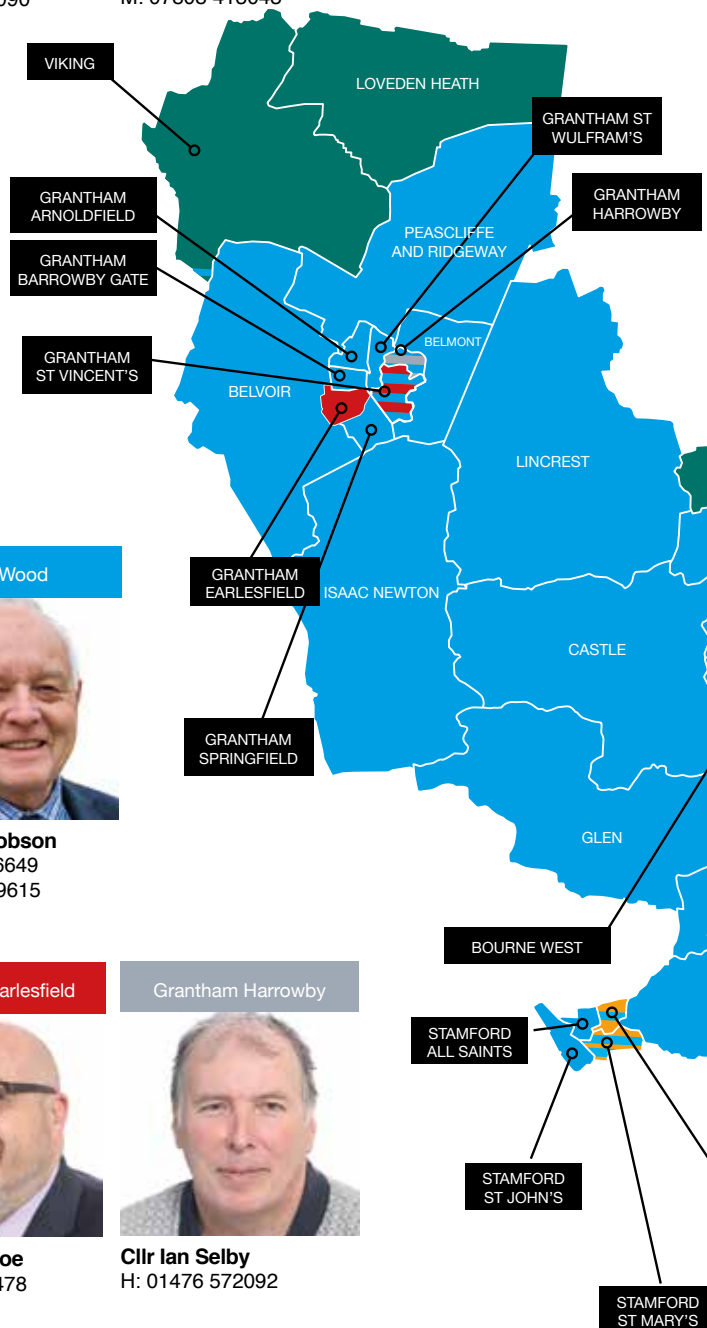







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#### Key:













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M: mobile number

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## Town campaigns to support local retailers

### Shop local for Christmas

SOUTH KESTEVEN District Council and InvestSK have been working hard during the past six months to help businesses in the district ensure they are Covid-19 secure and are as safe as possible for their staff and customers.

The council and InvestSK, the council's wholly-owned economic growth and regeneration company, have also been helping local retailers promote their offer through the new WhatShop online business directory.

WhatShop was launched in June to help businesses re-opening after lockdown by providing shoppers with a guide to which shops and services were open, their new opening hours and what safety measures to expect in stores.

The directory which now includes over 100 businesses, has continued to run after the initial re-opening phase to promote everything the district's towns have to offer.

Council Leader and Chairman of InvestSK Kelham Cooke said: "It has been a difficult year for trading but through InvestSK we have been supporting local companies to access available Government grants, open safely for their staff and customers and help them promote their businesses.

"We want to ensure the towns in our district are in a strong position to recover from this pandemic so would encourage people to support our local high streets when they are buying gifts this Christmas and beyond."



Bourne, the Deepings, Grantham and Stamford all have their own campaigns to encourage local people to support their local high streets.

- › The Love Bourne campaign launched in Bourne last December. To find out more see **LoveBourne on Facebook**
- › The Deepings business community launched the #LoveDeepings support local campaign in May 2019. It aims to celebrate local enterprise with a focus on sustaining and building the local economy. To find out more visit <https://deepings.co.uk/love-deepings/>
- › Totally Locally Grantham is a community initiative to showcase the independent shops in Grantham. To find out more email **chat@totallylocallygrantham.co.uk**
- › #ShopStamford encourages residents to support its local high street. For more information find Shop Stamford on Facebook, follow the hashtag **#shopstamford on Facebook or Twitter or email [shopstamforduk@gmail.com](mailto:shopstamforduk@gmail.com)**

# What's on

Bringing arts and culture to **your couch** in **South Kesteven**

SOUTH KESTEVEN District Council's arts centres are premiering several unique or specially commissioned shows and concerts between now and Christmas to build on the success of their online events during lockdown. Stamford Arts Centre and Grantham's Guildhall Arts Centre are being innovative to provide audiences with a live performance experience online. Some of the coming events, premiering on both YouTube and Facebook, are even being filmed at the Arts Centres, meaning performers can re-create their shows in the space they were designed for.

## DIARY EVENTS

21 NOVEMBER TO  
17 DECEMBER 2020

**SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER –  
MONDAY 21 JANUARY**

**PLAY @ HOME - LYNCO THEATRE**

Lynco Theatre has developed a show that you get involved in and not just watch! By following their fun instructional videos in the weeks leading up to Christmas you'll make props and table-top sets from recycled materials and household objects, invent your own sensory sessions and take a creative-play journey together as a family through a garden of delights. They'll provide music, songs and narration so you can tell the story of how winter got its colours, using household objects and your own Christmas tree (with some very special decorations). At the end of this you'll have made, played and stayed together which, after all, is the true meaning of Christmas!

■ £12 PER FAMILY

**BI-MONTHLY TUESDAYS 8PM 24  
NOVEMBER, 8 & 22 DECEMBER**

**CINEMA SPEAK WITH  
BEN REYNOLDS**

**Zoom event, book free ticket  
through website**

Held on the video conferencing app Zoom, Marketing Officer and Cinema Speak programmer Ben Reynolds has brought the regular Cinema Speak meetings online. Audiences at home will have the chance to stream a film to watch, then

talk about it together on a Zoom call. It's not quite the Cellar Bar, but it is proving to still be very enjoyable! Please note there is limited capacity per call, the waiting list operates on a first come first serve basis for each chat.

■ **BOOK FREE TICKET THROUGH  
WEBSITE**

**WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 8PM  
(AND EVENTS ON WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH)**

**PINT OF POETRY**

**Zoom event – email**

**karen.b@stamfordartscentre.com  
for entry/ to participate**

The last Wednesday of every month, Stamford poets (and budding poets) perform live stand-up poetry. Enjoy reading aloud to an appreciative crowd. Or if you prefer, simply enjoy the poetry of others over a drink. All are welcome! Pint of Poetry events run on the last Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

■ **FREE**



**THURSDAYS UNTIL 17  
DECEMBER 11AM - 12NOON  
ONLINE SKETCHING CLASSES  
WITH KAREN NEALE**  
**Zoom event**

Join Karen Neale weekly on Thursdays from 11am to midday for interactive zoom sketching sessions of 'what is on your table'. Karen's passion is sketching the world around her, she says 'Now that our worlds have shrunk to our homes why not draw your coffee mug or bowl of fruit...Drawing can be a great soother for anxious and stressed brain cells, and if you can hold a pencil and write your name, you can draw. All you'll need is a pencil or pen (the one in the back of the drawer will do) and a piece of paper.'

■ **£3.50 PER SESSION, BOOK  
ON WEBSITE**

**FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 8PM**

**JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR**

**Facebook/YouTube**

In the light of recent events, our Jazz in the Cellar Bar series is moving online, straight into our artists' back yards! Artists not announced at time of going to print.

■ **FREE**

**SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER  
FROM 11AM**

**WALKERS POETRY AT THE  
POETRY STONE**

**Poetry Stone – St Michael's  
Churchyard**

Enjoy poetry from Stamford's finest poets and thespians as they perform from Stamford's Poetry Stone!

**Attendees will be asked to adhere  
to the Government's Covid-19  
directives and restrictions in place  
on the day.**

■ **FREE**



Play @ Home - Lyngo Theatre

**MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 10.30AM**  
**MINI MONDAYS**

**Facebook / YouTube**

Following on from the success of Mini Mondays sessions online during lockdown, Stamford Arts Centre and the Guildhall Arts Centre are very excited to announce our interactive online storytelling with Kirsty from Rhubarb Theatre are back for the autumn 2020 season!

Join Kirsty every Monday, when she'll take you on a magical journey. You'll be acting out characters, building boats and planes and there's even an opportunity for linking craft. So join us once a month on Monday at 10.30am on our Facebook page for a bagful of fun!

**FREE**



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**For details and the most up-to-date listings go to**

**[www.stamfordartscentre.com/whats-on](http://www.stamfordartscentre.com/whats-on)** and

**[www.guildhallartscentre.com/whats-on/](http://www.guildhallartscentre.com/whats-on/)**



## Supporting the growth of arts and culture

South Kesteven District Council has a new cultural strategy to drive forward developments and investment in arts and culture in our district.

It follows an extensive consultation with residents and interested parties through a series of 'Cultural Conversations' in Stamford, Grantham, Bourne and The Deepings and a wider online survey which attracted more than 1,000 responses.

Councillor Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cabinet Member for Culture and Visitor Economy said: "Our new Cultural Strategy confirms SKDC's commitment to a strong, vibrant cultural offer for residents and visitors. It is a hugely challenging time for the cultural sector, but the current health crisis has highlighted how creativity and activity are so vital to our health and wellbeing. Arts, heritage, sports and the sciences are all major contributors to the health and wealth of the district. We are committed to working in partnership to protect and develop these sectors for future enjoyment and prosperity."

In the next edition of SKToday we will provide a pull-out guide to the new strategy.





# How to contact us if you're not online

Please find below contact details for local, countywide and national organisations which may be useful during this period of unprecedented challenge.

## Local

### South Kesteven District Council

Information and advice on council services and support available for residents. To provide information and advice on council services and support that is available to residents

☎ 01476 406080

Out of hours 01476 590044

✉ [customerservices@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@southkesteven.gov.uk)

🌐 [www.southkesteven.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### InvestSK

Information and advice on services and support available to local businesses

☎ 01476 406374

or 01476 406318

✉ [business@investsk.co.uk](mailto:business@investsk.co.uk)

🌐 [www.investsk.co.uk](http://www.investsk.co.uk)

### Food Banks

Support for people who cannot afford food or other essentials. In the first instance please call the SK Community Hub.

☎ 01476 406177

✉ [skcommunityhub@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:skcommunityhub@southkesteven.gov.uk)

### SK Community Hub

Help, advice and support for older and vulnerable residents during the pandemic

☎ 01476 406177

✉ [SKCommunityHub@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:SKCommunityHub@southkesteven.gov.uk)

## Countywide

### Age UK (Lincoln and South Lincolnshire)

Companionship, advice and support for older people

☎ 01522 696000

🌐 [www.ageuk.org.uk/lincolnsouthlincolnshire/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/lincolnsouthlincolnshire/)

### Lincolnshire County Council

Information and advice on council services and support available in Lincolnshire.

☎ 01522 552222

✉ [customer\\_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

🌐 [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services)

### Lincolnshire Resilience Forum

A county helpline for people who are self-isolating.

☎ 01522 782189

✉ [customer\\_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

🌐 [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services)

### Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service

A charity supporting the health and wellbeing of communities and individuals in Lincolnshire.

☎ 01205 510888

🌐 [www.lincolnshirecvs.org.uk/covid-19/](http://www.lincolnshirecvs.org.uk/covid-19/)

## National advice lines

### Citizens Advice

☎ 03444 111444

🌐 [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us)

### Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

☎ 0345 606 0265

🌐 [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions)

### Victim Support

☎ 0808 506 1688

🌐 [Victimsupport.org.uk](http://Victimsupport.org.uk)

### The National Domestic Abuse Helpline

☎ 0808 2000 247

### NHS- non-urgent medical need

☎ 111

🌐 [www.111.nhs.uk/](http://www.111.nhs.uk/)

## If you are online

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