

Kirkby Underwood Parish Council

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of kirkby underwood

Newsletter

WELCOME FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to our first Quarterly Parish Council Newsletter, we aim to keep you informed of matters concerning our village including the wider perspective of South Kesteven District and Lincolnshire County Council's

This issue includes Kirkby Underwood's success in the SKDC Best Kept Small Community Competition, and a new scheme to assist residents in the cost of attending essential medical appointments.

Plans for an entertaining and informative Community Day at the Village Hall on **Saturday 22nd February 2020** are in progress.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 12th November at 7p.m.** We meet four times a year in the Village Hall. The meetings are open to all and we welcome your attendance.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter and we believe our community is a great place to live and are eager to hear any ideas for improving and preserving what we have.

Councillor Jenni Ashwood Chair



Your Councillors (from left to right)
Brent Pottle, Jenni Ashwood (Chair)
Louise Green (Vice Chair) Jackie
Kenwood and Howard Collinge

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KU Runner up in Best Kept Villages and Small Towns Competition 2019

Achieved in only our second year of entering this competition, despite intense challenges from other entrants we achieved a score of 140 points from a possible 150. The judges comments included:

- **Overall community effort;** noting a real sense of community with the village.
- **Green Spaces;** evidence of bird feeders and tables, insect-friendly plants in private gardens throughout the village green with newly planted oak tree.
- **Business Premises;** clean and tidy condition
- **Private Premises;** judges noted some beautiful colourful gardens which their owners must be justifiably proud.
- **Religious Premises;** our Grade 1 listed church with well maintained churchyard.
- **Public premises;** Vibrant village hall and coffee mornings (visited by the judges)
- **Overall appearance and condition;** clean with no litter found, additional dog waste bin.

This was a fantastic result and the Parish Council wish to thank all of the residents for their contribution. Full results are on the noticeboard and our website <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/KirkbyUnderwood/>

NEW Hospital Transport Scheme

Since 1981 our residents have benefited from access to the Hospital Voluntary Scheme operated by Rippingale Parish Council. A frequent village user of this scheme was the late Mrs Gillian Merrison, who kindly bequeathed a financial provision to KUPC for the benefit of Kirkby Underwood residents.

The Rippingale scheme relied on a dedicated band of volunteer drivers, their costs recovered on a ratio approximately half paid by the user, and half from the Merrison fund. From 1st November 2019 under changes to their scheme the user contribution significantly increases to two thirds of the cost, with the council paying the balance.

In the light of our fortunate position in having a gift donation, KUPC have devised a **new hospital transport scheme**, thus honouring the Merrison legacy to ease the financial burden for those in ill health. The Parish Council will pay approved applicants £0.65 per mile (subject to review) towards the cost of provision by friends, relatives (or other forms of transport) to attend and return from treatment or appointments. **This will replace the Rippingale Scheme.**

The scheme **is not able to provide voluntary drivers** to convey patients, due to legislation for voluntary schemes making driver qualification and insurance unworkable for a very small parish.

FEATURES OF THE SCHEME

- **ANYONE RESIDING IN KIRKBY UNDERWOOD IS ELIGIBLE**
- **PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ATTEND PRE-BOOKED ESSENTIAL VISITS TO A HOSPITAL OR CLINIC**
- **APPLIES TO MEDICAL FACILITIES WITHIN LINCOLNSHIRE PLUS PETERBOROUGH CITY AND FITZWILLIAM HOSPITALS**
- **POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ATTEND SPECIALIST MEDICAL TREATMENT WITHIN THE UK**
- **APPLICATION FORM FROM PARISH CLERK OR OUR WEBSITE**
- **OPEN FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 2019**

This entire fund is from the Merrison donation and has no other revenue source. With prudent use it is hoped that this unique assistance will be available into the foreseeable future.

Leader LCC Cllr Martin Hill



It's important to me that we keep Lincolnshire residents up to date with news and information about council services.

Later this year we will be switching to a new and improved website, but you can try it out now and give us feedback at pre.lincolnshire.gov.uk. It will run alongside our current website until December.

This is the beginning of major digital transformation work for the council, helping make it more straight-forward to find information, faster to make requests and pay for services. We're now testing out transactions on the site for residents such as applying for a dropped kerb, requesting temporary traffic signals and for businesses, including requesting Trading Standards advice.

The site is more accessible, interactive, and is easier to use on a wider range of devices including mobile phones and tablets. When you do try out our new site, please use the feedback form linked on each page, to let us know what you think. You can contact Martin at cllr.m.hill@lincolnshire.gov.uk or call 01522 552082

Castle Ward District Cllr Nick Robins



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

There has been leadership change at South Kesteven, Kelham Cooke was elected to lead the council into an era of growth.

Little Clean continues to keep South Kesteven spotless. Kirkby Underwood is scheduled for another visit in mid November.

Our food waste trial has been such a success that we are reviewing an enhanced programme.

The Local Plan will come before Council in January for approval, within it there is a strong emphasis on individual communities developing their own Neighbourhood Plans. Our planning team is being expanded to provide agile responses to an increase in applications.

Grantham Relief Road phase is now underway, this will provide the necessary infrastructure to develop the Designer Outlet Village just off the A1.

You can contact Nick at: nick.Robins@SouthKesteven.gov.uk or call 01476 406409

Community Open Day Saturday 22nd February 2020

Following the success of last year's Community Day at the Village Hall there will be another one on Saturday 22nd February 2020.

Our village population has changed greatly in the last 5 years and the focus will be about living in the country, looking after the environment and living alongside the farming community.

Local Farmer David Dodds has kindly agreed to talk about his farm, what crops he grows and answer any questions you may have. We will have a vintage tractor and it's modern equivalent to see how they have evolved over the years. Plus a model vintage agricultural layout which may bring back memories to some residents.



We aim to have a question and answer session on what wildlife you can see in the village, plus what you can do to attract them. Free entry for all ages, including free tea, coffee and biscuits.

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