

# Cluster News

PARISH PARTNERSHIPS

JULY 2007

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, NKDC hosted a series of initial meetings with the Parish Clusters during May and June. The events included two presentations, the Play Strategy for North Kesteven and Climate Change and Sustainability.

In the discussions that followed, some Parish Councils suggested different formations, so in light of this we have re-aligned them as follows, with the associated Parish Partnership Officer listed. Please let us know what you think! You can contact us on: 01529 414155 or email: [parish\\_partnership\\_officers@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:parish_partnership_officers@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

If we don't hear from you before Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, we will assume you are in agreement.

## Ann Stevenson

- Ewerby and Evedon/Asgarby and Howell
- Kirkby la Thorpe
- Heckington
- Silk Willoughby
- Great Hale
- Aswarby and Swarby/Culverthorpe and Kelby
- Screddington
- Little Hale
- Aunsby and Dembleby
- Osbournby
- Helpringham/Burton Pedwardine
- Newton and Hacey/Walcot near Folkingham
- Threekingham
- Swaton
- Wilsford

## Christine Cobham

- Dorrington
- Digby
- Ruskington
- Leasingham/Roxholm
- North Rauceby
- South Rauceby
- Cranwell and Byard's Leap

## Ann Stevenson

- Sleaford

## Val Molendo

- Potterhanworth
- Nocton
- Dunston
- Metheringham
- Blankney
- Scopwick
- Ashby de la Launde and Bloxham
- Rowston
- Brauncewell/Temple Bruer with Temple High Grange

## Sarah Attrill

- Martin
- Timberland
- Walcott
- Billingham
- Dogdyke
- North Kyme
- South Kyme
- Anwick

## Sarah Attrill

- North Hykeham

## Val Molendo

- Canwick
- Washingborough
- Heighington
- Branston and Mere

## Val Molendo

- Aubourn Haddington and South Hykeham
- Witham St Hughs/Thurlby
- Norton Disney
- Beckingham/ Stapleford
- Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe
- Carlton-le-Moorland
- Bassingham

## Christine Cobham

- Bracebridge Heath
- Waddington
- Harmston
- Coleby
- Boothby Graffoe
- Navenby
- Wellingore
- Welbourn
- Leadenham

## Christine Cobham

- Skellingthorpe
- Doddington and Whisby
- Eagle and Swinethorpe
- North Scarle
- Swinderby
- Thorpe on the Hill

## WHAT ARE YOUR ISSUES?

**The following** is a summary of some issues you voiced:

**Cranwell** has a problem with traffic speeding through the village and is interested in exploring a shared mobile speed indication trailer, which would cost around £3000.

**Ruskington** and **Nocton** expressed an interest in sharing the project. *We will report progress at the next round of cluster meetings.*

The issue of Post Office closures was raised with the suggestion from **Welbourn** that parish councils could provide postal services in some areas. *NKDC is committed to supporting village shops and Post Offices and is currently working on a plan to help communities who may face Post Office Closures.*

**Welbourn** also raised some of the difficulties caused by concentrating affordable housing in larger settlements. NKDC is now looking at alternative ways of funding housing: *watch this space.*

## PLAY STRATEGY DISCUSSION:

**Some of the** Parish Councils preferred the idea of allocating the funding towards a mobile provision, such as a "Funky Bus", while others felt that fixed provision would be better. Interest was expressed in a mobile bus picking up young people en route to a specified location.

One Parish Council wanted to explore links with Extended Provision and another with their Youth Group. Two of the Cluster Groups felt that the funding may be best utilised within larger settlements. *If you have not already done so, please submit your suggestions on the Play Strategy to Sue Chambers, by August 3rd.*

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION:

**One cluster** felt that NKDC needs to recycle more and could tighten up on the amount of waste taken to landfill, from the Mareham Lane recycling unit. Another group highlighted a need for more information on some practical aspects of sustainability, such as water saving devices; *see the following about the SustainNK project.*

The importance of working with the farming community to grow bio crops was raised by one cluster. In addition, ensuring that the Planning system puts pressure on

developers to conform to sustainability legislation was also talked about. *Planning training will be on the agenda at the next round of cluster meetings.*

NKDC and the LSP are currently developing an action plan to combat climate change, with a programme called SustainNK. **Over the next 3 months, David Webb, NKDC's Sustainability Officer is looking to work with 2 or 3 parishes interested in becoming Climate Change Heroes! See the following Sustain NK Parish Gazette to find out more...**

## HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES

**The issue of using email** in preference to paper was raised by several parishes. *As a result we are now devising a protocol to ensure this happens. Some parishes feel confused about the strategic direction of NKDC and the role of the Local Strategic Partnership. We intend to address this within the Parish Partnership commitment. Several parishes said that they need to feel they are being listened to and that all should have an equal*

*Say which we agree is fundamental.*

It was clarified that the Parish Partnership Officers will have a responsibility to individual parishes as well as to the cluster as a whole. **The importance of aligning clusters with police beats where possible and taking into account commonality was discussed. Ann Stevenson is working on this project.**

All agreed that the Cluster Groups should meet 3 or 4 times a year.

*We will advise you of dates for the late Sept/early Oct. cluster meetings as soon as possible.*

**Are you happy to receive future newsletters via email, if you have the facility? If NOT please let us know. If the Chair of your Parish Council would also like an emailed copy, please send us their email address: [parish\\_partnership\\_officers@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:parish_partnership_officers@n-kesteven.gov.uk)**

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