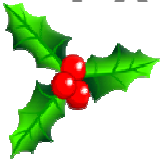


# Cluster News

PARISH PARTNERSHIPS December 2007



## Season Greetings!

The October round of cluster meetings was generally well attended. The Visioning exercise, known as **ShapeNK**, was the main focus of the meetings and we now have a wealth of information to collate. We will keep you updated as to what happens next.

We are pleased to say that we are making progress with the **Mobile Speed Indicators** issue and will be able to provide you with more information at the next round of cluster meetings, starting in January. In the meantime, **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

## Sustrans' Connect2 scoops the £50 million jackpot!

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced that Sustrans' Connect2 has been crowned the winner of The People's £50 Million Lottery contest! This represents the biggest ever award to be decided by a public vote, so a big Thank you for all your support and votes!

Sustrans' Connect2 is a UK-wide project that will create new cycling and walking routes to improve local travel in 79 communities and will come as an early Christmas present for **Sleaford to Leasingham and Carlton Le Moorland to Bassingham**- the only two schemes in the County and both in North Kesteven!

On receiving the news they had won John Grimshaw, CEO and founder of Sustrans said: "To say I am delighted is such an understatement – this is fantastic news for Sustrans.

"It is fantastic for the 79 communities, partners and local authorities across the UK with whom we have been working for the last two years. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported us, but now the hard work starts, to build those bridges, tunnels, crossings and networks of paths. Ultimately the real winners will be those millions of people who will now be able to Connect2 their shops, schools, workplaces and each other every day."

## Affordable Housing

NKDC launched its Local Authority Shared Ownership scheme at the end of November, which is designed to help those who cannot afford to buy on the open market, to afford a home.

Applications are being invited from interested people living in NK and wanting to buy in NK, but who cannot afford to. These will be assessed and those most in need will be accepted onto the scheme. They will be able to find a property for sale on the open market and purchase it on a part rent part buy arrangement with NKDC. Initially at between 25%-50% of the property the applicant will then be able to purchase additional equity in the property and ultimately buy it out right.

Interested parties should contact **Housing Needs** at the address below for an information leaflet and application form. The first successful applicants should be notified by early February 2008.

Housing Needs  
North Kesteven District  
Council  
Kesteven Street  
Sleaford  
NG34 7EF

Tel: 01529 414155, (Housing Needs) or email:  
[housing@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:housing@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

## Parish Perception Survey

You may remember that we asked your opinion of how NKDC communicates with you in August of this year. We are now pleased to be able to share the results of the survey with you, as attached.

One of the questions we asked was how often you received feed-back on the outcomes of a query.

**69%** said they always or usually did.

**What we will do now:** for the remaining 31% who said that they were dissatisfied with response, we ask that you contact the relevant Partnership Officer and we will get this information for you. If the issue is subject to data protection regulations, we will still come back to you and tell you this. If you would like to receive a full copy of the report, you can email us on:

[parish\\_partnership\\_officers@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:parish_partnership_officers@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

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## Clean-up Campaign

The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Group at NKDC is planning to run two pilot Clean-up schemes in the district.

A couple of areas currently being looked at are Skellingthorpe and North Hykeham. The campaign will address tackle many street scene issues, from litter picking, dog fouling, and the reporting of abandoned vehicles.

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## Graffiti

The Anti-social Behaviour team receives lots of requests for help with removing and controlling graffiti, so here is a website address that you may find useful:

[www.graffitihotline.co.uk](http://www.graffitihotline.co.uk) .

Graffiti Hotline is an organisation primarily concerned with the control of graffiti whether it be the organisation of graffiti prevention projects or the design of graffiti removal products. The company can supply kits and wipes which can be purchased in small quantities and are ideal for distribution to volunteers, as they are all contained in a waterproof container.

If you have on-going problems with defacing and graffiti in your parish, you can contact the ASB team on: 01529 414155  
Email:  
ASB@n-kesteven.gov.uk

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## Share the Care

Share the Care is a registered charity supported by the NK Local Strategic Partnership.

Whether the carer looks after an elderly, disabled or sick child or adult with mental illness, Share the Care provides a range of services to help.

The services include advice, advocacy and regular support groups for carers. The charity provides advice on statutory and voluntary services available to carers, including respite care, adaptations and carer's rights.

Share the Care can also provide help to access financial support, both in terms of benefits and financial assistance for equipment and holidays.

Share the Care offers both a telephone and home visit service.

**To find out more, telephone:  
01522 554989**

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## Community Payback working in Wellingore

The Probation Service's Community Payback team has been working in Wellingore over the last few weekends and the Parish Council is delighted with the scheme and the progress made so far.

Improvements include works to a section of the A607, where rubbish has been cleared and lorry loads of soil have been levelled off in readiness for planting spring bulbs.

A schedule of works has been agreed between Richard Wright Community Payback's Placement Manager and Wellingore Parish Council. Roger Cole, Chairman of the Parish Council had this to say: "We are extremely pleased with the work Community Payback is doing in the village. We wish we could use the team 52 weeks of the year!"

The Parish Council is appealing for any 'redundant' protective jackets, wellington boots, garden tools or wheelbarrows that anyone may be able to donate.

In addition, if anyone could offer the use of a 'building' as a store/workshop to facilitate repair work to street furniture such as seats and benches when the weather stops work outside.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Clerk to the Parish Council,  
Mr Desmond Avery, email:  
[desmond.avery@btinternet.com](mailto:desmond.avery@btinternet.com)

**Tel: 01522 810278**

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