



## Successful support service for older people continues



**NKDC's visiting support service is free to all older residents to help them live independently within their own home.**

Support co-coordinators visit people to discuss their needs and arrange support visits accordingly. Staff share information about the services available for older people in the district, and can contact other people who can help.

North Kesteven District Council's visiting support service was initially only for one year,

to help people remain independent in their own homes, but due to its success, and a top score in a recent inspection, NKDC has received funding to allow it to continue.

If you would like to know more about the service please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Jones or Claire Taylor. Leaflets about the service can be sent to you, or collected from the NKDC offices.



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## NKDC is undertaking a piece of work surrounding Broadband and mobile telephone coverage

It would be helpful if you could let your Parish Partnership Officer or Sue Chambers know what the Broadband and mobile telephone coverage is like in your area. Sue is co-ordinating the District response for Deputy Chief Executive Alan Thomas.



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## A fond farewell

**This month we say goodbye to Sarah Attrill.**

Appointed to the part-time role of Parish Partnership Officer in August 2007, Sarah has worked with North Hykeham Town Council, the Billingham and Cliff Clusters.

Sarah will be taking up the position of Witham Valley Country Park Project Officer within NKDC.

Anne-Marie Sheperd will join NKDC to replace Sarah on the 30 June.

## New faces, new formats

**Many Parish Councils are finding that by changing the format of their Annual General Meetings they are involving more of their residents from their local communities.**

The formats proving successful seem to be having good guest speakers to be a main part of the meeting.

Speakers have included a Wing Commander from RAF Cranwell on training flights over Branston; Lincolnshire Highways on the Eastern Bypass; and a presentation on the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

Other formats include displays from local Community Groups.

# Achieving rural affordable housing

**NKDC is looking to work in partnership with more Parishes to achieve more affordable housing for our rural communities.**

## **Benefits of affordable housing**

>> Provide young people with the opportunity to rent or buy their own home in the villages they grew up in.

>> Provide a mix of housing to create sustainable communities.

>> Meeting the housing needs of your parishioners that cannot afford their current accommodation, are in unsuitable housing or are threatened with homelessness.

>> Providing high-quality housing for local people.

NKDC can offer a housing needs survey of every household in your parish to assess whether there is a

local need for affordable housing. The Parish is involved at each stage of the process and in the decision making of which site and the design of the new homes.

## **Will the homes be for local people?**

The people that either live in the parish or have a local connection provide the basis for a development to be built; therefore they are given priority when allocating the properties.

## **Will the properties always be affordable housing?**

All properties will remain as affordable housing in perpetuity. For rented properties the council will receive nomination rights and shared ownership properties are restricted in most rural areas to owning 80% of the property, to ensure it remains affordable.

## **What happens if there is no land in the settlement boundary that can be built on?**

We use to exceptions policy in the Local Plan to find suitable sites outside the settlement boundary that must be for affordable housing and have a proven local need. No open market housing can be built on these sites and the land values are below open market value.

## **If a large site is put forward will all of it be built on?**

We only look to provide housing to meet the housing need (usually between 5 and 15 properties in smaller settlements). If only part of a large site is needed the rest of the site will remain outside the development boundary and will not be allocated for housing as part of this process.

## **If affordable housing is cheaper does that mean it is of a lower standard?**

Affordable housing is usually funded by the government so the standards have to be higher than open market housing.

A full copy of the Rural Affordable Housing Plan that contains more information on rural affordable housing is available on the Councils website or by contacting Jemma Empson on x2573 or email: [jemma\\_empson@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:jemma_empson@n-kesteven.gov.uk)



## Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk Project

**The Heritage at Risk Project is an exciting project being undertaken by the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire.** Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage Lincolnshire County Council, Local District Councils and other partners the project aims to carry out surveys to record the condition of the county's historic buildings, sites and open

spaces. This information will give us an up-to-date picture of the county's heritage and will be used to plan strategies for monitoring, conservation and protection of this precious resource. The surveys will be carried out by volunteer Heritage Stewards.

You can become a volunteer on the project by attending one of our training events in your area. As a Heritage

Steward you will learn about, explore and enjoy your local heritage. You will be part of a network of volunteers sharing experiences and discoveries, meet new people and become active within the local community.



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