



NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone!

Now that the days are shortening, we can reflect upon some tremendous village achievements. The wonderful summer fete, the Butchers Arms Beer Festival, the continued success of the Community Shop and the annual Party in the Paddock.

Now onto the serious stuff!!

Speeding in North Kelsey Moor: The Parish Council has bought a Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator like the one on East Hall Lane and will be installed at North Kelsey Moor. It will be sited between the Railway Crossing and Grasby Road and can be rotated manually to signal traffic in either direction. Speed data will be recorded so that if vehicles regularly exceed the limit this information can be forwarded to the Police and North Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department.

Solar Farm:

In August, several residents attended the parish council meeting to present their views about the proposed Solar Farm on the old Caistor Airfield site. Planning permission has not yet been applied for but we have investigated some of the concerns raised.

Wildlife: Hedges on Station Road and Grasby Road will be repaired and the land beneath the panels left fallow or grazed by sheep. This is judged to produce a net benefit to local wildlife.

Agriculture: The proposed site is not classed as 'Best and Most Versatile' (BMV) farmland. After about 35 years the solar farm lease will finish, and the land will return to use by its owner. The panels are mainly glass and aluminium and will be recycled.

Visual impact: The hedges on Station Road and Grasby Road will be repaired to screen the site from the road. Panels will be up to 3.5 metres high.

Batteries: There is no proposal to install batteries on the site and there are no batteries on the company's other UK sites. The electricity produced will feed directly into the National Grid via existing infrastructure.

Construction traffic: Deliveries to the site will take place over a period of nine to twelve months, using the B1434 and Station Road. It seems that this cannot be avoided.

Community Investment: Under current proposals, once the Solar Farm is operational, there would be a Community Benefit Fund of almost £100,000 available. Grants could be given for community development, education, environmental protection, recreation, heritage and culture, and relief of those in need. Although most of the proposed site falls within North Kelsey Parish, some money would be available for projects in Grasby and Caistor. <https://uk.europeanenergy.com/our-projects/twelve-month-hill>

Playing Field Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent playing field survey. We received 13 responses via the QR code displayed at the site. 77% of people were 'Happy' or 'Very Happy' with the playing field and park but there were a few concerns raised such as the surface of the children's play area, mole damage, the condition

of some of the play equipment and dogs not responding to their owner's recall. There were also requests for more wildflowers and seating in the woodland area. In response, we have added more bark to the play area and will look at further improvement as funds allow.

However, we are keen for as many residents as possible to feel that the park is available for them. If you didn't respond earlier, are there any changes you would like to see that would make you more likely to visit the park?

Please either email Mandy, our clerk at clerk@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk or complete the form that is available in the village shop and pop it into the special post box provided.

The River Ancholme and Kelsey Carr's

The discovery of an oak flat-bottomed boat, dated to 800 BC, in the bed of the river indicates that the Ancholme has played an important role in the history of this part of Lincolnshire for 3,000 years or more (the boat is on display in the Brigg Heritage Museum). Between 1289 and 1418 the river was mentioned 13 times in the Patent Rolls (the register of records issued by the Crown), with the need to keep the channel scoured for both navigation and flood prevention mentioned most often. In 1635 Sir John Monson was granted powers to construct a new river to improve drainage. Meanders were removed and a new channel was dug to bypass Brigg, although the old channel was retained. This helped navigation but the main purpose of this work was to drain the Ancholme Levels (its flood plain) for agricultural use.



The flood plain lies for the most part below the high-water level of the spring tides. The original vegetation was grass and salt marsh, suitable only for some summer grazing and wild fowling in winter. It does not seem that this land, the Carr's, was ever common land – the only common land the peasantry of North Kelsey had access to was Caistor Moor. Instead, the major landowners always had an ambition to turn the Carr's into productive agricultural land, most of which were already enclosed i.e. divided into fields, in advance of the Parliamentary Enclosures which followed in the 19th century. Neglect of Monson's work over the following 100 years or more, however, meant that tillage was not possible as crops were frequently lost to floods. It was not until after an Act of Parliament in 1824 and a major construction scheme, including a new lock and sluice at South Ferriby, was completed in 1842 that it became a reasonably safe option to put the Carr's under the plough.



Despite problems with drainage the Ancholme remained important throughout this period as an inland waterway. Between 1793 and 1798 a canal was constructed from the Ancholme, via South Kelsey, to a terminal at Moortown (Caistor Canal) which was used to carry a wide range of bulky goods, including: cereal crops, potatoes, beans wool etc.; bricks, tiles, stone flags, slates etc.; cast metal goods, timber and

manufactured goods. Its main business, however, was coal. It operated for only 50-60 years but, the citizens of North Kelsey must have gained some benefit from its brief existence.

Neighbourhood Watch: Is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to reduce crime. They're community initiatives owned and run by their members which are supported by the police but not owned by them, although we sometimes run them.

They work by developing a close relationship between community members and the local police.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those who live in the area
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities

How to join a Watch scheme Go to Neighbourhood Watch <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk> to find out what groups are active in your area and to register to join.

You can also find and contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Association or scheme coordinator via the same website for:

- More information on how the scheme works
- The benefits of the scheme
- Advice on running a scheme in your local area

Community Resilience: It's about neighbours helping neighbours—before, during, and after emergencies. From floods to power outages, resilience means being ready. It's not about replacing our emergency services but working alongside them with local knowledge and immediate support.

How You Can Get Involved:

- Start a Community Resilience Team: Perhaps raise it at your next Parish Council meeting. Just 3 – volunteers can make a huge difference.
- Become a "Ready for Anything" Volunteer: Support communities across Lincolnshire during emergencies. Learn more on Lincolnshire Resilience Forum's website. Building Your Emergency Plan Your plan should reflect your community's unique needs. Consider:
 - Past hazards e.g. flooding, storms
 - Vulnerable residents and locations
 - Safe gathering places and keyholders
 - Local skills and resources Use the self-generating template to get started. Once submitted, we'll review it, give feedback and help you test it. After testing, your community will receive a Community Emergency Kit to support initial response efforts.



[Remembrance Sunday](#)

Once again, we are holding our Remembrance Service on 9th November at 10.50am at the Mortuary Chapel, Cemetery Lane, North Kelsey. Please come along to join us.

What's On – Community Events

The Women's Institute

Meet at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Visitors & new members are always welcome. For more details call Joyce on 01652 678549

The Kelsey Knits & Natters

Every Tuesday afternoon 4 – 6pm at The Butchers Arms Pub.

Everyone is welcome even if they don't knit. They can bring other crafts along.

North Kelsey Youth Club

The North Kelsey Youth Club is held every Friday night in the North Kelsey Village Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for ages 9 years and above. Entry 50p.

The Methodist Church

Second Monday of the Month Tea & Cake from 2.30 – 4.00pm in the Methodist Chapel

They also hold the North Kelsey History Meeting at the same time. Come along, have a chat and reminisce.

The Village Hall [Contact details from Joyce 07716942012](#)

Mondays: 9-15 to 10-15 am, FitSteps. 10-20 to 11-20 am, Pilates

Tuesdays: 6 to 7 pm, Pilates Wednesdays: 2-3pm Tai Chi

1st Saturday of every month: Bingo

2nd Thursday of every month: Lunch Club @ 12 noon

3rd Thursday of every month: Breakfast Club 9-30 to 11-30 am.

Wednesdays in school term time, Kelsey Stay & Play Toddler group £2 per family to include refreshments.

Fridays: Early Years Alliance "Get Active"

North Kelsey Bowls Club

Meet every Saturday at 4pm – During Summer Months

1st Grasby Scouts

Tuesday Evenings from 7.30 – 9.00pm Are you aged 10 – 13 and looking for adventure?

Do you want to learn how to light fires, cook on them and other #skillsforlife?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then email 1stgrasbygsl@gmail.com for more information.

All Hallows Church

Services at All Hallows - The first Sunday of the month 10.30am. Morning prayer, reflection and hymns.

Coffee Mornings - 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am to noon.

October to March at the village hall. April to September in the church.

Contact Revd Marian if you want more details. marian.toyne63@gmail.com or 01652 679057

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Email is our preferred method of communication where you'll expect a prompt response. Please note the Clerk is employed for 8 hours per week, so there may be a delay in returning calls. clerk@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Susan March – Vice Chair

Cllr Pamela Bryan, Cllr John Cundill,

Cllr Emma Horstwood, Cllr John Slater,

Cllr Jan Waite, Cllr Mary Williams

1 x Vacancy

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.
You can email us or come along to the meeting; we have a Public Session every month.