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11.00pm

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11.00pm

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There are flowers everywhere and everyone seems to agree that they are all remarkably early. Wildflowers along the roadsides and at the edge of fields are giving us a spectacular display of poppies, ox-eye daisies and masses of cow-parsley which is a great sign that our native wild flowers are recovering. Kirton gardens are looking beautiful too and we look forward to celebrating those entered in the Bloom competition.

The annual Gala is almost here. There are all the usual stalls and activities to enjoy and some new ones too. It's a real celebration of our community, so do join us!

Many of you will have noticed the new tiered planter, full of flowers, on the corner of Dunstan Hill and Dunstan Villas. It is a lovely memorial to our much missed Lollipop Lady, Liz, who stood on that corner come hail or shine making sure the children crossed safely!

-The editor

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Council

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council (Clerk) 01652 648978
Public drop in sessions at the Town Council office (within the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall) are each Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12-4pm.
The Town Clerk is available to meet at other times by appointment.

North Lincolnshire Council 01724 297000
Refuse collections
Friday Week 1 Brown and Burgundy Bins
Friday Week 2 Grey/Green Bin and Boxes
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Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday
Summer (1st March to 31 October) 10:00am to 6:00pm
Winter (1st November to 28th February) 10:00am to 4:00pm

Travel

Bus services from Kirton to Lincoln & Scunthorpe - Details are available at stops or by phoning "Traveline" on 08712 002233

Copies of all bus services for Kirton are available free of charge at the library. The timetable for the 103 service was updated in Oct 2025.

Rail line 03457 484950

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ST ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Revd David Swannack	01724 647789
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General Enquiries Jane Sheard	01652 648846
Website:	www.standrewsunitedchurch.org.uk

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Holy Communion:	9:30am every first Sunday of the month.
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Kirton contact: Jean McFarlane	01652 648114
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Mini Bloomers	mini_bloomers@outlook.com
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POLICE (Non emergency)	101
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Table Tennis	07776 247674
Town Hall	07752 246255
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Of course I want my article to be read!

What's the point of writing an article or a letter for *Kirton First* if it's not going to be read? But take a look at a recent copy of our magazine. You'll see that the writing on some pages is so small that it's almost impossible to read, and some pieces are so long that people stop reading after the first page (or sooner). **So, if you are really keen to get your message across, you may find the following tips useful.**

1. Short is best.

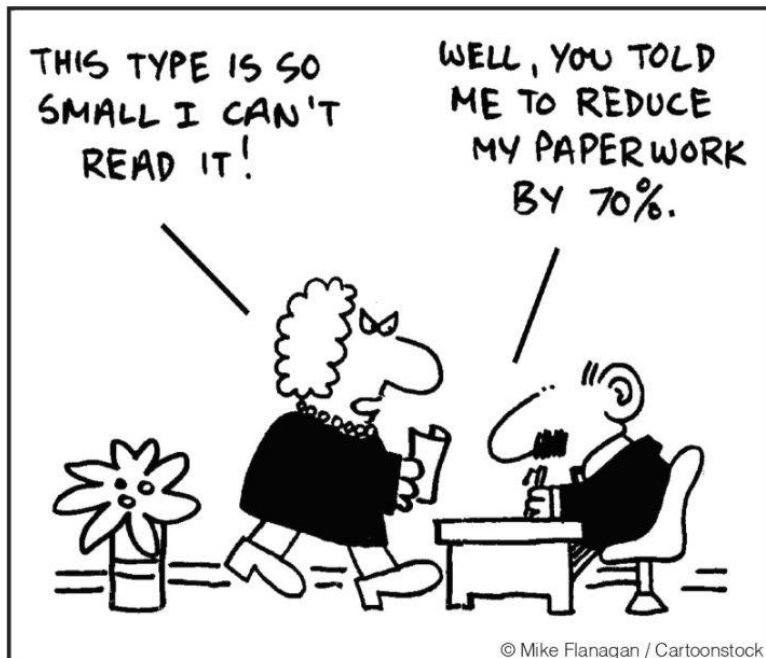
This may be obvious! Think carefully about the main points, the important things you want to say. If you have a very long introduction or if you 'ramble' your readers may get bored and stop reading long before they get to the best bits.

2. Limit the number of words.

400-450 words is about the limit for a readable article (we have used 398 here, excluding the title & 'Technical bits'). If your piece is much longer, consult the Editor: he may not have more than one page available, so be ready to cut your piece down. *It's a good idea when you have drafted your article or letter, to try it out on an A5 size page – that's a single page in **Kirton First**.*

3. Make it easy-to-read.

Choose an easy-to-read size of type (the technical term is *font size*). A *10 point font* is a good clear one (used here), but never use less than *9 point*. The style and the line spacing (called *the leading*) may best be left to the Editor. He will choose a simple font, like *Arial* or *Helvetica* (used here).



4. Grab attention

It's important to get people to notice your page – that's what popular newspapers do. So use a good picture (*black & white*) or even a cartoon – like the one used here* – that says, 'This page is worth looking at!' [* *BUT see 'Technical bits', below.*]

5. Don't be too proud

If you're not sure about anything, the Editor or one of his colleagues will be very happy to help. For example, if you submit your article as a Word (or text only) document, the Editor can help with layout (but send your picture or graphic separately as a *jpeg* or *png*, don't 'embed' it within the article). If you only send a photocopy (ie a *pdf*) he may have difficulty deciding where to put your piece, excellent though it is.

Technical bits *

- **Using columns:** we have used 2 columns here to make reading easier. It is harder to read an article running right across a page.
- **Using subheadings:** this is a useful way of breaking up your text in a long article.
- **Copyright:** You must state the source of any illustrations you use, and if necessary pay the copyright fee.

Kirton in Lindsey

SUMMER GALA

at The Green



**Fancy Dress
Competiton**

**Saturday
July 11**

**12:00 noon
till
4 pm**



**Free
Entry**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**Activities - Races - Face Painting - Stalls
Food & Drink - Tug of War - Displays & More...**

**Come and enjoy an afternoon
celebrating Kirton in Lindsey**



We have engaged in several sporting activities including visits to Kirton Academy for some of our Year 4 and 5 pupils and our Year 4 children are enjoying their swimming lessons. We have also been to The Pods and taken part in athletics competitions against other schools, enjoyed indoor curling and an agility and speed session with the Get Ahead Team. Years 2, 3, 4, and 6 are having cricket sessions led by a professional cricketer. Golf was also a great success in Year 5 and 6.



It has been a busy Spring and Summer Term so far for us with lots of interesting activities and learning opportunities taking place. We have hatched chicks, looked after our pet fish, planted sunflower seeds and trees and completed lots of science investigations. We have also sent some girls to The Baths Halls and our Wellbeing Ambassadors enjoyed a day at John Leggott College.



To finish off our Summer Term, we are looking forward to sports day and some educational visits to Cleethorpes, Normanby Hall and Hall Farm Park. We also have our musicians who will share their talents with the school. The children who have met their reading targets across this year will enjoy an extra playtime.



We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the best as they leave us and head off to secondary school. Enjoy, work hard, be kind and shine bright.



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council – July 2026 update

Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2026-2027

At the May Annual Town Council Meeting, your Councillors chose the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2026-2027 Year. The **Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey for 2026-2027** is Cllr Hazel Fox and the **Deputy Mayor is Cllr Joy Kofoed**. The Mayor will be holding her annual **Civic Service on Sunday 6th September** at St Andrew's United Church and her Mayoral Charity is Kirton Lindsey Shed (Charity: 1216281).

Whipping Post

Following the collapse of the Whipping Post located off Spa Hill last November, the Town Council have sought **grant funding from North Lincolnshire Council** to help cover the costs of restoration work. **Approval was given in May for the works to go ahead, and it is hoped these will be completed over the summer period.** Look out for more information soon.

Kirton in Lindsey Community Website

To see the wide variety of activities in the town, the Town Council has developed a website - **www.kirtoninlindsey.com** which tries to bring everything together in one place! The website also now includes your digital Kirton First along with **everything from groups, organisations and community activities to the recycling centre, places to eat, pharmacy, library, local transport and policing** – for all the information about our town, whenever you need it!

Best Kept Town Centre Frontage

Congratulations to business winners **Creative Cuppa** and residential winners **28 High Street** with runners up **The George** and **1 George Street**. Representatives from all four locations were invited to the May Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting to be presented with prizes.

Community takes the train & another opportunity

Additional train services were available for one day only on **Saturday 16th May**, with engineering works in the area, replacement services provided four round trips for a service which usually only sees a 1 round trip Monday to Friday. **Residents voted with their feet** and took the opportunity to make the use of the additional services and **sent a message to the rail operators** in doing so – when provided residents will make use of them. A further opportunity was given on **27th June** when a **Saturday service** was provided linked to **Armed Forces Day at Cleethorpes**.

Cemetery Memorial Safety Testing

Memorial safety testing in the Cemetery was last carried out in 2021. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, as the Burial Authority, has a duty under Health and Safety legislation to control the dangers that exist in the cemetery. This includes **work to actively remove hazards posed by unstable memorials** which is recommended to be carried out at least every five years. The owner of the memorial is responsible for maintaining the memorial in good condition. Work is expected soon to carry out this important testing. If you would like further information on this work, please get in touch.

SportsZone is back!

Sportzone activities on the Green have returned on **Monday evenings!** These are fun multi-sporting sessions which are **FREE** for children which start at 5:30pm and run for one hour. Children must be registered before joining in their first session and this is quickly done with one short form. Head to the **Green on Mondays for 5:30pm** to get involved! **See the poster in this issue!**

Community Speedwatch

Following interest from residents, the Town Council has helped set up a Community Speedwatch group in the town. The team started monitoring sites in February and now has even **more Humberside Police approved locations across Kirton in Lindsey**, all directly suggested by residents. Any drivers well over the speed limit are reported to Humberside Police and sent a warning letter. If repeated warnings are ignored, **police can take action**. Community Speedwatch is not aimed at prosecuting drivers, but **aims to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and the nuisance it causes in the community where they offend**. We report regular information on the work of the team online. If you would like more information or become involved, please get in touch at enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk / 01652 648978 or email csw.admin@humberside.police.uk

Scarecrows Return along with the Summer Gala

July brings the annual Scarecrow Trail and Summer Gala. This year the theme was picked online by residents and will be **TV Characters**. There will be plenty going on at the Gala, with community groups and organisations coming together for a relaxing afternoon. Children's activities will be available along with refreshments. **Come along and find out more about your community.**

Slide works - Section 106 funding secured to replace toddler slide

We have secured Section 106 money to replace the toddler embankment slide at the play area on the Green. The slide is identified as **reaching end of life**, partly due to **continued vandalism but also due to age**. We are committed to improving the play area for local families and children. Section 106 money is funding that property developers pay to the local authority (for Kirton in Lindsey this is North Lincolnshire Council) when building new homes or developments. The money can be used to support the local community but what the money can be used for is specific and defined in the individual planning conditions for different developments. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council has applied to North Lincolnshire Council to release the funds required for this project (£12,189 - ex VAT) from Section 106 money allocated to Kirton in Lindsey. **The new slide is expected to be installed in July.**

Volunteers Needed!

Our town depends on people getting involved. **Great things happen because local people give their time to help**. From community events, community planting, litter picks, delivering magazines and leaflets. To local projects, fundraising and supporting special activities for all ages - even a small amount of time can make a real difference.

We are currently receiving more requests from local groups and organisations for our **small pool of volunteers** to help keep Kirton in Lindsey thriving.

Whether you can spare an hour occasionally or help with short one-off activities, your support helps build a stronger, friendlier, more vibrant community for everyone. There are different needs to suit different people, different times and days. You will be added to a list of people to contact to ask if they are interest, able and available whenever a need arises - you are not asked to commit to anything you aren't interested in, able or available to do. The more people in the community who can lend occasional help the more we can achieve and you can be part of something positive in our town! **If you can join the list of community volunteers please get in touch.**

Stay Informed! →→→→→

Keep in touch about the work of the Town Council on **our website**

www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk and **Facebook page** – just search for 'Kirton in Lindsey Town Council'. Information about meetings, decisions and our activities is always available to you.



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A New Face at the Town Hall – Welcome to Jodie Maitland

In May we had a bit of a change around at the Town Hall as Jo left and Julia Melling has taken over as both Venue and Finance Manager. We have also created the post of Fundraising Officer for 8 hours per week to help us raise money to keep the Town Hall viable and continue to offer a welcoming community space for all who need it.

Meet our newest member of the Town Hall team.

Having spent nearly 14 years as an Army Officer; Jodie has organised regular community events both in the U.K and overseas and she looks forward to bringing her experience to benefit Kirton in Lindsey and the surrounding area.

Born in York she moved to Germany as part of a military family and she became a part of history witnessing the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. Travelling became part of her life, and she soon lived in many places as she grew up. She didn't stop there as she returned to Germany to study at university, becoming fluent in the language. Jodie's first posting with the Army saw her once more in Germany, where she developed a love for German bakeries, walking in the mountains and exploring different zoos. During this period, Jodie met the love of her life, and she returned to York to get married in style in a Mustang, her favourite car. Jodie has settled locally where she lives with her husband, Andrew and her four young children. In her free time, she enjoys running, crafting and sewing/knitting having made quite a few clothes for her children as they've grown. She hopes one day to run a marathon and is currently in training for a half-marathon.

Life changed dramatically for Jodie and her family 2 years ago when her youngest child was diagnosed with life limiting disabilities. Alongside being a full-time carer for her youngest, Jodie relishes the opportunity of being able to give back to her local community in her new part-time role. It was her local community that banded together in joint fundraising efforts to help raise money for a charity which helped her son receive a life saving SAT's monitor for safe sleeping. Appreciating how much a community banding together can mean, Jodie is excited to take on her new role and give back to our wonderful community. She welcomes ideas coming her way and is very friendly. Please do get in touch with her at fundraising@kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk or phone 07467 762486.

As a result of these changes, the Town Hall Office is now open more often:

Monday 1pm-7pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 3pm

Closed on Wednesday

Why not pop along and say 'hello' when you are next in the Market Place.



Kirton in Lindsey Town Councillors 2026-2027

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Mayoral Charity 2026-2027: Kirton Lindsey Shed

Cllr Joy Kofoed – Deputy Mayor 2026-2027

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(Louise 07790 759003)

Town Council Office Open - Tuesdays 12 - 4pm

(Clerk 01652 648978)

Evergreens - Tuesdays 2-4pm

(Barry 07876 332188)

Strength & Balance - Wednesdays at 10-11am

(North Lincolnshire Council Active Communities Team: 01724 297270)

Tai Chi - Wednesdays 11.15-12.45

(George -01427 617171)

Rock Choir - Wednesdays 7-8.30pm

Register at <https://rockchoir.com/>

Pilates with Louise - Thursdays 10 - 11am

(Louise 07790 759003)

Town Council Office Open - Thursdays 12 - 4pm

(Clerk 01652 648978)

Kirton Kombat - Thursdays 5 - 7.30pm (from 30th July)

(KirtonKombat@outlook.com)

Slimming World - Fridays at 9.30- 11.30am

Community Shop - Fridays at 1-1.45pm.

MONTHLY

Tea Dance - 2nd Monday 2-4pm

(Jenny 01652 640281)

WI - 2nd Tuesday 7.30-10pm

(Gill 07714 240053)

Kirton in Lindsey Society - 4th Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm

(Martin 01652 648435)

Goodwin Healthcare Community Brew - 3rd Wednesday 1-3pm

KLAGS (amateur gardeners) - 3rd Wednesday

(Paul 07754 359061)

Cupcakes, Coffee and Chat - 1st Saturday 10am - 12 noon

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Town Hall Live - various dates

(Brian - 01652 649230)



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SATURDAY 25th JULY – LACHLAN BRYAN & THE WILDES



Lachlan Bryan & The Wildes, from Melbourne Australia are back in the UK with a new album. You can pin a multitude of labels on Lachlan's music and not be far off the mark. Take a pick from rock 'n' roll, folk, alternative country, or any other contemporary roots cliché and not be far off the mark. He writes some of the most insightful, poignant and heartfelt songs you will ever hear. **(£17)**

FRIDAY 28th AUGUST - THUNDER AND RAIN

The original Thunder And Rain played THL in March 2019. The ensuing Covid pandemic put the band on indefinite hold. Singer Erinn Peet Lukes subsequently moved the Nashville, where she met Amelia Ransom and Laura Ray. The trio immediately clicked. With Erinn's angelic voice and memorable pop-country melodies, the acoustic outfit execute Erinn's songs with bluegrass style picking, skilled dynamics and rich three-part harmonies. **(£16)**



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The Book Review for July

The Giver by Lois Lowry



Lois Lowry is well known as a popular author of books for young adults and this book was published in 1993. However she was astonished when this book got such a huge response from readers that the postman complained about the weight of his mail bag!

It was subsequently banned in some American states and became required reading in other communities and schools. It is now read by adults and used in secondary schools to spark discussion about how we see our communities.

It is a short novel, thrilling and strange, which depicts a dystopian society which is perfectly ordered, free from pain, war, crime or love.

The story follows the life of Jonas, a boy of 12 who is selected to be The Receiver of Memory by the Elders of the community.

Everyone in the community is assigned a job or role, without question, at twelve years old. The Receiver of Memory is an honoured position which involved intense training by the Giver who will transmit memories to Jonas - these memories are full of pain and emotion, something he has had no experience of before. Gradually Jonas becomes overcome by outrage and sadness as he discovers that everything in the village is not as it seems! I will not disclose the ending of the novel but just to say it allows you to imagine what it would be like to live in a society without access to freedom of choice and information. The Giver made me feel sad for Jonas but hopeful for his future as the ending is left purposefully ambiguous.

Cath Kent



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Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners Meetings & News



The KLAGs 2026 season of meetings and visits continues on the evening of Wednesday 15th July at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Market Place, Kirton in Lindsey.

It will be a return visit by **Doug Stewart**, local radio gardening expert, professional horticulturist and plant enthusiast. Talking about '**The new way to garden**' how we can apply the latest thinking and scientific research to help us to create gardens that do good. Sustainable gardens that benefit our soil, our plants, our wellbeing and the environment.

The August meeting will be an Wednesday 19th and will be an illustrated talk about 'Flower Shows' by Neil Timms.

The Annual Show is fast approaching on Saturday 5th September, for more on this see further article in this issue.



Group photo taken on visit to Susan and Vincent D'Roza's garden on 17th June.

Please come along and join us we are a friendly bunch.

For more details contact:

Paul Bottomley (Secretary) 07554 359061 or Klags2024@gmail.com or Jean Hall (Chair) on 01652 649360

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www.kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk

Show schedules available in July

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These verses of a poem by Elizabeth Jennings seem to sum up beautifully the abundance of our native wild flowers and the joy they bring! The regulations that encourage the set-aside and limits to the use of pesticides for example, I believe are already bearing fruit. I even think there are more insects spattered on the car windscreen which is a result of more awareness of the importance of pollinators.

Maggie D

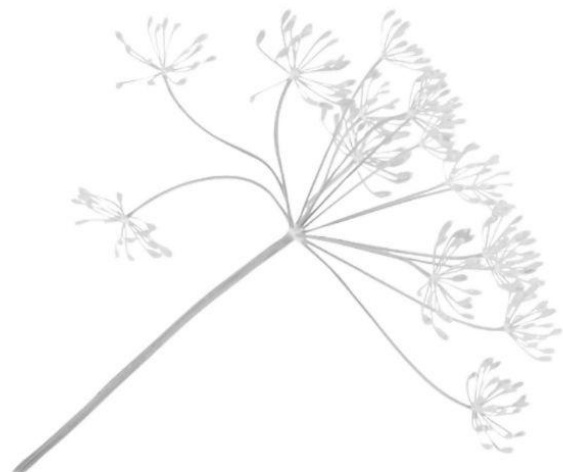
English Wild Flowers

**Forget the Latin names; the English ones
Are gracious and specific. Hedge-rows are
Quickening fast with vetch and cow-parsley.
And fast along the lawn the daisies rise
For chains or for the murdering lawn-mower.**

**Look everywhere, there is all botany
Laid between rising corn,
Infesting hay-fields. Look, the buttercup
Stares at the sun and seems to take a share
Of wealthy light. It glows beneath our chins.**

**Slim shepherd's purse is lost in dandelions,
Scabious will show a little later. See,
The dog rose in the hedge. It dies at once
When you pluck it. Forget-me-nots disclose
Points of pure blue, the sovereign blue of
sky.
And then there are the herbs.**

**Elizabeth Jennings
(1926-2001)**





Around 1 million people in the UK have dementia. Creating a dementia-friendly community ensures that people living with dementia are understood, respected and supported. As Dementia Direct, we support those living with Dementia and their families to live well throughout their Dementia journey. This includes supporting the local community to be more aware of how to support their residents living with Dementia. We are able to support local venues by making themselves accessible, ensuring village halls, shops, and public places

are dementia-friendly by making small, simple adaptations, allowing people living with Dementia to continue to access anything they wish to safely. We also offer Dementia Friends training to anyone who'd like to access it – this could be a GP practice, a local business such as a hairdressers, or a community group who'd like to know more about Dementia. By more members of the community being aware and understanding how to support someone with Dementia, it means that the community in turn is more accessible. People with Dementia and their families will be able to attend shops, businesses, and groups safe in the knowledge that they will be accepted and supported. This ensures that people who have Dementia are not socially isolated, and promotes positive mental wellbeing. A dementia-friendly community can support people living with Dementia to continue to live well for as long as possible, remaining active, engaged members of the community.

It's also beneficial for businesses and community groups to join the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA). The DAA is a group of organisations, businesses and charities that come together to improve the lives of people living with dementia and their carers by committing to taking action, sharing learning, influencing policy, and helping to build dementia-friendly communities.

Our Dementia Direct service also helps with that support. We can support the person living with Dementia and their families throughout their journey, pre and post-diagnosis, ensuring they have information and advice available when they need it from our specialist Dementia advisors. As well as information, advice and guidance, our service also offers people living with Dementia and their Carers safe, sociable environments through our regular Dementia café's, held once a month in 4 locations throughout North Lincolnshire.

If you would like to know more, you can visit our website at www.carerssupportcentre.com, give us a call on 01652 650585 or email info@carerssupportcentre.com

The PSTN Switch-Off Checklist

The UK's landline network is being switched off. Don't wait to be contacted.

Here's what to do now, in plain English.

- ☐ **STEP 01 Don't wait. Start planning now**

Your provider should write to you before your line is switched, but letters can come late, get missed, or not arrive at all. We've heard from people whose lines stopped working with no warning. Acting early gives you choice and avoids the rush.
- ☐ **STEP 02 Ask your provider when your area is scheduled**

The switch-off is rolling out area by area across the UK. Call your provider and ask directly. Don't wait for a letter. Knowing your date helps you sort everything else in good time.
- ☐ **STEP 03 Check if your home phone will still work**

Most older corded phones that plug directly into the wall socket will not work on the new digital network without an adapter. Check with your provider. Many will supply one free of charge, or replace your handset.
- ☐ **STEP 04 Check any personal or medical alarm**

If you or someone in your home uses a telecare device, such as a lifeline pendant alarm, fall detector, or emergency call button, contact the alarm provider before anything changes. These devices often rely on the phone line and may need replacing or reconfiguring.
- ☐ **STEP 05 Check your home burglar alarm**

Many home alarm systems use the phone line to contact a monitoring centre if they're triggered. Contact your alarm company to ask if your system is switch-off ready.
- ☐ **STEP 06 Know what happens if the power or internet goes down**

Unlike a traditional landline, your new digital phone needs your broadband router switched on and working. If the power goes out or your internet drops, it won't work. **The Phonely app** means you can still make and receive calls from your mobile using mobile data, so you're never left without a phone.
- ☐ **STEP 07 Ask your broadband provider about emergency call backup**

Your broadband provider is required by Ofcom to offer you a way to call 999 during a power cut, usually a battery backup unit for your router, free of charge if you rely on your landline and don't have another device, such as a mobile phone. Contact them directly to find out more about battery backups.
- ☐ **STEP 08 Write down your key phone numbers today**

In case of any disruption during the switch, keep a few important numbers written down somewhere easy to find: your doctor's surgery, a family member, and your provider's customer service number.
- ☐ **STEP 09 Ask for help, sooner rather than later**

You don't have to figure this out alone. Your provider must offer assisted migration support, and charities like Age UK can help. The earlier you ask, the more time there is to get it right.

Phonely, a UK home phone provider, have produced a free resource ahead of the PSTN landline switch-off.

By January 2027, the UK's old copper phone network will be switched off, area by area. For most residents it is straightforward, but for older or vulnerable people, particularly those with telecare alarms, pendant alarms, or no mobile phone, it can be confusing and potentially risky if they are not prepared in time.

Phonely have put together a free plain-English checklist covering everything a home phone user needs to check. There is nothing to buy and no sign-up required.

If anyone would like more information or have questions, Phonely's free guide and UK support team are available here: www.phonely.co.uk/uk-digital-landline-switchover or on freephone **0800 112 5000**.

The aim is simply to make sure everyone is prepared before the switch happens in their area.

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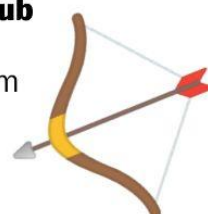
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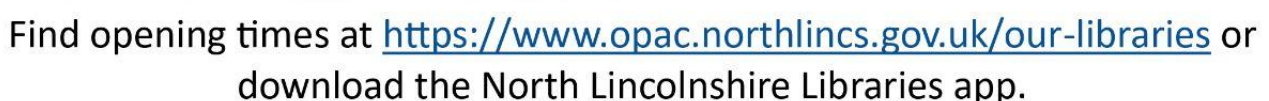
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