

KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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May 2023 Elections

Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor in the May 2023 Elections?

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Do you want to make a difference and influence decisions that affect your community?

You must be aged 18 or over, an elector, and have been a resident or worked within three miles of the Parish for the past year. The position is unpaid.

For more information, please contact the Clerk using the details at the end of this newsletter.

Our seven current Councillors are listed on the back of this newsletter. We have welcomed Cllr Haydn Stanney to the Council since the last newsletter. Cllr Sarah Singh has resigned for personal reasons.

Public Realm Project

Members of the Council are still working with North West Leicestershire District Council and Leicestershire County Council to progress the Market Place and cycle way. A survey of the Market Place has recently taken place in advance of a safety audit and Leicestershire County Council have appointed a project manager.

Remembrance Parade and Service

The Remembrance Parade and Service took place on Sunday, 13th November 2022. The Parish Council, the Kegworth Branch of the Royal British Legion, and representatives from the churches organised the event, which went well.

Before the event, the village was decorated with poppies. Thank you to everyone who donated time, skill, or money towards displays, whether lamp post poppies, silhouette figures of Tommy and Unknown Women in War, or knitted poppies.

Thank you also to those who marshalled the parade and road closures, marched in the parade, the musicians, those who ordered the wreaths, and led the Church service. Most of all, thank you everybody for coming.



Queen Elizabeth II

Sadly, Queen Elizabeth II passed away on 8th September 2022. As the UK's longest serving monarch, she had served for 70 years and had witnessed enormous change during that time.

A book of condolence was opened at the Parish Office. Thank you to those local residents who came to sign the book, to leave flowers and to those who helped at the parish office during the period of mourning.



session will be held there every other Friday from 2 – 4 pm.

Sara would love to meet you. Residents are welcome to drop in for a cup of tea, a chat, or for information and support.

Future sessions at the library are listed below:

- 2nd December – (with Social Prescribing, Go Learn, Hospice Hope and the Police).
- 9th December – (with Work and Skills).
- 16th December – (drop-in session)

Sara can advise on how you can access the Household Support Fund, with the support of a health or social work professional. The Fund can provide one-off food and fuel vouchers between now and March 2023.

If you need more information on this, or any other related matter, Sara can be contacted on 07526 927475, or at sara.lovett@leics.gov.uk.

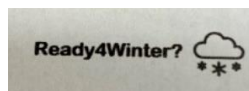
Warm Spaces & Great Winter Get Together



Sara Lovett is also collating all the places available, most weeks, to anyone wanting to switch off the heating, meet friends in the warm, and get a hot drink. The list is changing all the time. At the time of going to press, it includes:

- Kegworth Baptist Church, High Street, Kegworth – Warm Welcome: Sunday 10 am – 12 noon, Monday 2 pm – 4 pm, and Friday 10 am - 12 noon.
- Kegworth Community Library, High Street, Kegworth – Tuesday to Thursday 2 pm – 4 pm, Friday 2 pm – 6 pm and Saturday 10 am to 12.30 pm.

Introducing Sara Lovett Personal & Household Support



You might have already seen that our Local Area Co-ordinator, Sara, has been running sessions in the village to support residents during the Winter. Sara's role is to understand a person's needs and identify resources and activities available locally that might help.

The first drop-in session took place in the Community Library on 7th October and future

- St Andrew's Church, Kegworth – Coffee Morning: Wednesday 10 am – 12 noon. (Wheelchair access is via the North door from the church footpath near the chemist.)

The Council is supporting Warm Spaces and the Great Winter Get Together, aimed at combatting loneliness in the dark 'Blue Monday' weeks soon after New Year. You are warmly invited to come along to the events below to meet some of us and make new friends.

- A Cake and a Cuppa event at the Parish Office on Tuesday 17th January 2023, 2 – 4 pm
- A 'Winter Wander' around the village, starting and finishing at the Parish Office on Saturday, 21st January 2023 10.30 am – 12.30 am.

Asset of Community Value



Kegworth Players Youth Arts group has been successful in an application to have the Methodist Church designated as an 'asset of community value'.

This now gives any community group a six-month window to put a bid together to acquire the asset, should they wish to do so.

A community purchase is not guaranteed, because the sale process remains competitive.

Please Remember...



To pick up after your dog and put your dog bags in the correct bin. This should be the general waste bin, or a dog bin, not the green bin.

THANK YOU to all Village Volunteers



As we approach the end of 2022, we want to celebrate all who have given their time and energy in:

- Filling voluntary roles and committee places that help to make Kegworth a community, not just a village
- Maintaining Sideley Park and green spaces
- Picking litter
- Distributing newsletters and supporting good communications
- Running special events, including some already mentioned, and the Christmas Market on 4th December

Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

The Parish Council is currently investigating the impact of the significant numbers of houses occupied typically by independent renters who are unrelated to one another.

Councillors have asked the District Council for firm information about the number and occupancy of HMOs in Kegworth. We have asked that provision be made in future planning policy to limit the pressures caused by an unlimited number and an unplanned distribution of HMOs in a single community. We have made comparisons with other local authorities outside NW Leicestershire which have high concentrations of HMOs.

Repairing the Churchyard Wall

Plans to repair parts of the church wall on Nottingham Road have been delayed slightly, but the tender process is now under way, and it is hoped that works will begin in the Spring.

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Cllr Andrew Priestley



Cllr Carol Sewell



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Cllr Hilary Williams



Cllr Haydn Stanney



Parish Clerk, Donna Griggs