

KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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From The Clerk

At their meeting in October, councillors resolved to adopt the outline of an action plan for 2024-2027. This will focus on communication, completion of projects, addressing neighbourhood planning and community safety issues, and developing a sports, leisure, health and wellbeing strategy for Kegworth. Councillors will shortly be working on putting more detail into the plan.

More recently, the Council has received the resignation of Cllr Daniel Walton and the District Council have been informed of the vacancy.

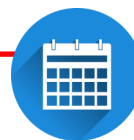
If you wish to be involved in the work in our plan, have any ideas to share, or are interested in finding out more about the role of a parish councillor, please contact me clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Our next Council meetings are scheduled for Monday, 4th December and Monday, 8th January at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council office. Agendas will be published on our website prior to the meetings, or can be viewed on the Parish Council noticeboards in the village. You are welcome to attend the meetings and address the councillors on matters on the agenda.

As we approach the end of 2023, the Council wants to thank everyone who has given their time and energy for the community in:

- Filling voluntary roles and committee places
- Maintaining Sideley Park and green spaces
- Picking litter and tidying areas
- Running events in the community

Dates For Your Diary



3 December	Christmas Market, 12-5 pm
3 December	Police Drop-in Session, 12-1 pm
8 January	Air Disaster Memorial, 12 noon

More details about some of these events can be found later in this publication

Remembrance Parade and Service



The Remembrance Parade and Service took place on Sunday, 12th November 2023. The Parish Council, the Kegworth Branch of the Royal British Legion, and representatives from the churches worked together to organise the event.

Before the event, the village was decorated with poppies and 'Tommy and Unknown Women of War' silhouettes. The church was also lit up in red prior to the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the installations and to those who were marshals at the parade, supervised road closures, marched in the parade, played instruments, ordered wreaths, and led the Church service. Most of all, thank you to everybody for coming.

Recycling and Household Waste Sites Consultation



The County Council is seeking views on proposed changes to the recycling and household waste site services locally.

The changes proposed are:

- Closing three sites
- Changing the opening days at two sites
- Closing all sites on Christmas Eve
- Changing summer opening hours at all sites

The consultation is now live and will run for until 24 January 2024. To complete the questionnaire, please visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/waste-site-changes

Work Starts on Market Place and London Road early 2024

Work to rejuvenate Market Place and improve pedestrian and wheeled access to the village centre is expected to start late January and last 12 weeks (subject to favourable weather conditions).

The scheme, which was revised to take account of local feedback received during the Summer, will see a makeover for Market Place creating a flexible space that can continue to be used for events.

The parking layout will be safer and improved, while retaining the same number of car parking spaces. The Southern entrance will be re-opened allowing vehicles to enter Market Place from both ends and exit at the Northern end. Pavements will be wider, there will be more seating and planting and provision for bike parking.

To improve access to the village centre for pedestrians and wheeled users and slow traffic approaching Market Place, a build-out will be constructed on London Road. Vehicles approaching the village will give way to traffic leaving, slowing it down as it approaches Market Place.

We're really pleased we now have firm plans in place to improve our village and thank everyone who commented on them in the Summer. We've taken a lot of time to try and get this right, and the views of local people have been invaluable. We believe the project will bring major benefits for residents, visitors and businesses.

The project is being funded by the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LEEP), North West Leicestershire District Council, and Kegworth Parish Council.

Some elements have already been completed, including re-siting a bus shelter in Market Place and installing gateways to the village to help slow traffic.

More information about the works will be released shortly and, although we do expect some disruption as these are carried out, we are working to ensure this is minimised.

Meet Your Village Event - Funded by the UKSPF Community Grant

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Residents were given the opportunity to meet community groups at the Meet Your Village event held on 23rd September in the Market Place. The event was well attended and village groups were able to gain support for their volunteering activities. The event coincided with the OneKegworth MacMillan Pop Up Coffee and Cake, which raised over £700. Thank you to everyone that attended and supported this.



Kegworth Air Disaster Memorial Service

Representatives from the Parish Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, East Midlands Airport, and those with personal memories will meet on Monday, 8 January at 12 o'clock at the Whatton Road cemetery for a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the lives lost in the Kegworth Air Disaster. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Gardening Club Donation

The Parish Council wishes to thank the Gardening Club for their work for the village over many years. They have kindly donated a new bench for Sideley Park. This has been placed inside the younger children's play area. Why not give it a try next time you visit?



Sutton Bonington University Student Welcome Fayre

Councillors Carol Sewell, Ray Sutton and Martin Hawksworth attended the Sutton Bonington University Student Welcome Fayre during the afternoon of 27th September.

They spent time chatting to students and other stall holders about local issues, offered advice on living in the community of Kegworth, and signposted support services. The event was well attended.



Green Living Leicestershire - Home Upgrade Grant

The Home Upgrade Grant is administered by the County Council's Warm Homes service together with YES Energy Solutions and can provide homeowners and private tenants with fully funded energy efficiency measures improving the warmth and comfort of homes, whilst also reducing energy bills, carbon emissions and levels of fuel poverty.

The scheme supports households that do not have mains gas as a primary heating system such as those with electric, heating oil, LPG or solid fuel heating. Households that only use gas for cooking or secondary room heating can still apply.

Eligibility criteria includes households within priority neighbourhood areas and more widely, households with an income of £31,000 or less per year or in receipt of means tested benefits, with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D,E,F or G (D or E in private rental). It will prioritise the most energy inefficient households and runs to end of March 2025.

For more information on the grants, including the full eligibility criteria, eligible postcode areas or to apply, visit the County Council's [Green Living Leicestershire Home Upgrade Grant webpage](#) or call project delivery partner YES Energy Solutions on 0330 912 6199, who can support residents with applications.



Police Drop-In Sessions

The Police will be available at the Christmas Market on Sunday, 3 December, from 12 noon to 1 pm. If you have anything you wish to raise with them, please pop along to see them.

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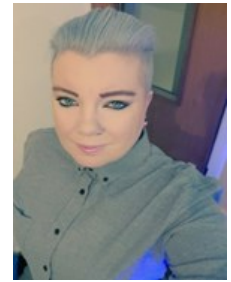


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