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Best Kept Village 2023

New Sponsors

We are pleased to announce that two local companies will be sponsoring the Best Kept Village competition this year.

InternetTY, the hyper-fast broadband provider, has generously agreed to sponsor the Best Kept Village. They will particularly support the best community planting in each category, as well as the best kept playground, churchyard and cemetery. They are also sponsoring the annual CPRE Environment Awards. KCOM will be sponsoring the keenly contested best kept war memorial this year.



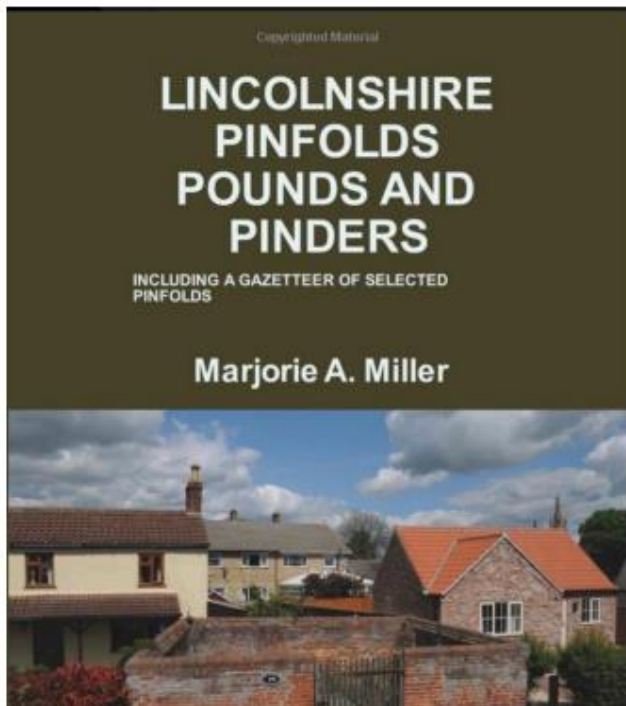
The Best Kept Village competition has been running in Northern Lincolnshire since 1976. It is organised and run by CPRE Northern Lincolnshire and is open to all small towns and villages within the area.

The competition has proved increasingly popular, with 35 villages and small towns entering in 2022. To encourage more places to enter, new entrants have their entry fee waived for the first year and the best new entrant gets a special award.

Information about this year's Best Kept Village competition has recently been sent out to all town and parish councils. Entries need to be returned to Jenny Haynes, the Best Kept Village organiser, before the end of June.

Judging will be on a range of issues, with the emphasis on community involvement. This year the judges will be visiting between 21 July and 6 August, and each entrant receives a written report identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

CPRE Member in print



You will be interested to learn that one of our members, Mig Miller, who lives in Belton, has written a book on Pinfolds. The book is entitled 'Lincolnshire Pinfolds, Pounds and Pinders' and is being published by the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology (SLHA).

Mig is planning the official launch of the book in April at Epworth, and further details will be posted on our website.

Having researched the subject for some time, Mig can be proud that her expertise and knowledge of the subject is now in print. If you wish to buy the book, it is available at Jews Court in Lincoln or on Amazon as a paperback or also as an e-book.

Brigg Eco Fair



After several months of planning, on Saturday 18 March the Brigg Eco Fair will be launched. The new Totally Locally Brigg Eco Fair will join the Totally Locally Brigg (TLB) Indie Market for the first time.

It will promote recycling and shopping locally, with environmentally friendly products and services. It offers a range of eco products from local suppliers: toiletries, household goods, a range of food and pet foods, a zero-waste café, repair shops and other promotions.

Held in association with Totally Locally Indie Market and the Fiver Fest, the Eco Fair will be open between 9.00am and 2pm.

The venue is quite appropriate as the Eco Fair can be found in the grounds of Brigg Methodist Church, which has a Silver Award as an Eco Church.

This event also links with established retailers in Brigg offering eco cleaning products and a refill station at Okios on Wrawby Street, Brigg (opposite Boots the Chemists) and a climate change lending library also at Okios.

The Eco Fair is being coordinated by Aime Watson from Slow Circular Earth UK. As a prelude to the event, Andrew Gadd, the regional Circular Economy Coordinator, will introduce the 'Circular Towns' approach and how this relates so well to Saturday's events programme. The talk will be at 2pm on Friday 17 March in the Angel Ballroom, Brigg.

Great British Spring Clean 2023

Litter remains a scourge of modern society, but the Great British Spring Clean (17 March- 2 April), is an annual opportunity to focus on the problem and take action to deal with it.

Many CPRE members across Northern Lincolnshire already regularly litter pick in their local community and they have also pledged to join in with the Great Spring Clean this year.



Keep Britain Tidy has recently conducted research which reveals that more than 8.5 million adults in the UK have done litter-picking at least once in the past six months.

Therefore, in 2023, Keep Britain Tidy is focusing on the pride 'Litter Heroes' have for their local community.

If you have not already promised to take part, you can go to <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/> and pledge as an individual, group or school to collect a certain number of bags of rubbish for the Spring Clean this year. Then the further challenge is to maintain the litter picking throughout the rest of the year!

CPRE Environment Awards 2023



We are currently seeking nominations for the CPRE Northern Lincolnshire Environment Awards for 2023.

Winners of the award in recent years have included individuals and community groups from Elsham, Hibaldstow (see right), Amcotts and Waltham Parish Council.

Included in the Environment Awards is special recognition for the work of our amazing litter groups across Northern Lincolnshire such as the Epworth Ecoists and the Pride of Crowle and Ealand, who were proud winners of the Litter Champions Awards in 2022.



Brian Brooks, Chairman of Hibaldstow Parish Council is shown left receiving the Environment Award on behalf of the volunteers working on a community garden.

If you know of an individual, group or organisation that has made a significant contribution to improving the local environment please contact Jenny Haynes

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Second Green Flag bid for Barton upon Humber

Baysgarth Park in Barton (shown below), already boasts an internationally recognised Green Flag Award and a second area of the town is bidding to add another.

The Humber Bridge Viewing Area (shown right) has been entered for the Award and visitors will have seen recent improvements to the area.

North Lincolnshire Council manage the area but they have recently been helped by the “Friends of Barton Parks” who have agreed to extend their activities within the Humber Bridge Viewing Area.



The Green Flag Award scheme is managed by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

It recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the UK and around the world.

North Lincolnshire have further Green Flag Awards for Central Park, Kingsway Gardens, Sheffield Park and Woodlands Memorial Park in Scunthorpe and this year they are also entering Jubilee Park in Ashby.

PLANNING HELP – If you have any concerns about local plans or potential development in your area, CPRE Northern Lincolnshire can offer professional help or advice using our planning experts. Please contact David Rose davidjohnrose@gmail.com or jenny.haynes@btinternet.com giving brief details of your issue or concern.

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