

Parish Updates - April

Best Kept Village

We recently announced the return of the 2022 Best Kept Village Award, a really engaging competition that celebrates the aesthetics of our beautiful villages and champions the efforts of our local communities.

Every village in the District will be inspected and judging is scheduled to commence in July on key village facilities, grounds maintenance, street scenes and front gardens. Judges will include representatives from the Lincolnshire Gardens Trust and a mystery judge from SKDC.

Only one village per parish will be eligible for a prize and only measures that are readily visible will be assessed. The parish council of each winning village will receive £400 for the top award, £300 for second and £200 for third.

Last year was a great success and really shone a light on the hard work that goes into each of our local villages on a daily basis. I can't wait to see the images of each candidate this year and I look forward to seeing the difficult decision made by judges to establish this year's winners.

Jubilee events

I have been amazed by the amount of work carried out by parish councils across the District generally, and tin and around Stamford specifically, in organizing events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

There is such a wide variety of events, including a village rounders match in Uffington and the beacon lighting event and fair on the Stamford Recreational Ground.

It has been incredibly to see the preparation for these events so advanced as early as March, and I am really excited to get out and experience everything we have going on and see so many within our community come out and celebrate this momentous event.

St Martin's Park

I recently met with Burghley Estates to visit the site of the new St Martin's Park development and I was delighted to see the next step in the process get under way.

The demolition of the existing buildings has now begun, which means we are moving in a steady towards the construction of this amazing concept.

I am so excited about this project and I can't wait to see the progress made over the next year as we see ground broken on the site and beyond.

Deepings Leisure Centre Update

This month, the Cabinet approved the results of a public consultation on the future of the Deepings Leisure Centre, agreeing with plans to fully remodel and refurbish the much-needed venue.

The Cabinet also approved the decision to retain the learner pool, as requested by local residents during the consultation process.

Next, we will be working with Lincolnshire County Council, the owners of the site, and Anthem Trust, who use the facilities through the Deepings School, to agree a legal agreement that will allow us to press ahead with the works.

We are eager to get the leisure centre re-opened as quickly as possible, but with the proviso that the necessary changes are made to ensure the site truly meets the needs of all local users.