

This is the August, 2018 Boston Calendar picture. We are now looking for images for the 2019 calendar and would like to include some from the villages. Send your entries to andrew.malkin@boston.gov.uk

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Is superfast broadband heading your way?

HURRY: Consultation ends on September 4



In these modern times frustration levels can be easily raised by issues such as no or slow broadband. A dependence has grown on internet connectivity whether for personal or business use.

Lincolnshire is a partnership between Lincolnshire County Council and district authorities including Boston Borough Council aiming to deliver superfast broadband to 97 per cent of the county by 2019.

The latest phase will involve procuring further coverage of NGA (Next Generation Access) broadband infrastructure capable of delivering download speeds of at least 30Mbps to more than 40,000 premises by the end of 2020 (that means optic fibre to stream HD movies, download music in seconds, play online games, interact with businesses and keep in touch with friends and family via video calls. Businesses will enjoy improved efficiency, better connections with customers and exposure to an expanding

global market).

This will benefit from up to £11 million of public funding.

The 40,000 target properties are in an intervention area designated "white" and include areas in Boston borough, mainly in very rural areas outside of the main towns and villages.

Time is running out for you to have your say on the latest phase of the project, which will help determine the final intervention area.

Residents and businesses who do not already receive a NGA service, or have concerns about their internet connectivity, should respond by email to stephen.brookes@lincolnshire.gov.uk no later than September 4.

As a minimum you should include (but need not be limited to) the address of the property or area that the submission relates to and the nature of the concern, your organisation's name (if applicable), your organisation's address (if applicable), your name, position, contact telephone number and an email address.

Duties performed and privacy protected

Local authorities, and that includes parish councils, have a duty to provide a number of vital services. But while we do so we must also ensure that we don't exceed our authority and unduly affect people's privacy.

This is set out in law under the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU GDPR. These laws tend to confuse the basic principle that people have a right to expect privacy in their activities.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2Nxjhg7>

Your news: Three from Kirton

We are always interested to hear YOUR stories, especially when they point to best practice and may offer useful advice to others.

Kirton Parish Council Community Group Facebook posts are always worth a look.

Clerk Belinda Buttery posted the following from Cllr Ian Turner on August 20: Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has decided to investigate the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan. This plan sets the focus upon future development within the villages of Kirton, Kirton End and Kirton Holme... we really want members of all three villages to be directly involved... we are looking for volunteers to join this small but important committee. If you would like to be involved please contact me on 01205723986.

Councillor Ian Turner

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2MZTtWF>

And regular contributor Peter Watson shared these:

Lincolnshire Police are continuing to receive reports of criminals posing as police officers and HMRC officials to defraud victims of their money.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2wxQBpN>

Fraudsters are contacting overseas students and visitors who are in the UK via their mobile phone or social network account and purporting to represent UK or foreign law enforcement. They tell the victim there is evidence which implicates them in a crime such as money laundering, fraud or immigration offences.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2MBnBrT>

Diary dates: Training session in September

Don't forget that a clerks' training session takes place at 6pm on Wednesday, September 19, in the Committee Room at Municipal Buildings.

There is also a parish liaison meeting on Thursday, November 29. HMOs and licensing are already on the agenda but other suggested items are welcome.

Borough council meetings – September 2018

Tuesday 4, 6.30pm Overview and Scrutiny – Environment and Performance Committee, Committee Room

Wednesday 5, 10am, Cabinet, Committee Room

Tuesday 11, 2pm, Licensing/Regulatory and Appeals Committee, Committee Room

Sunday 16, 11.30am, Battle of Britain Sunday Service and Parade, St Botolph's Church

Monday 17, 6.30pm, Audit and Governance Committee, Committee Room

Tuesday 18, 10am, Planning Committee, Committee Room

Monday 24, 6.30pm, Council, Council Chamber

Wednesday 26, 6.30pm, Boston Town Area Committee, Committee Room

