

NORTH HYKEHAM TOWN COUNCIL



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL 2025 – 2026

Back row, from left to right - Jason Holt, Matthew Bennie, Dan Rawson, Nile Blanchard, Stephen Roe, Alex Cruickshanks, Paul Wray and Chris Briggs.

Front row, from left to right - Wallace Lee, Suzanne Sampson, Keith Sampson, Matt Lofts, Catherine Nnamdi, Geoff Killingsworth, Andrew Marshall and Richard Johnston. Absent - Kai Harrison and Taylor Ogden.

The Town Council has 18 Town Councillors including a Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The council is split into six Wards:

At the Town Council's Annual General Meeting in May, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the council year 2025/2026 were elected. The Mayor (*Chair of Council*) for 2025/2026 is Councillor Matt Lofts, supported by his Mayoress, Mrs Katie Lofts; and the Deputy Mayor (*Vice Chair of Council*) for 2025/2026 is Councillor Catherine Nnamdi, supported by her consort Mr Nnamdi Ekugbah.

We wish them well in their new positions as Chair and Vice Chair of the Town Council. Should anyone wish to invite the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to any functions or events please contact the Assistant Clerk via email – assistantclerk@northhykeham-tc.gov.uk.

Wards in North Hykeham	Number of Councillors	Councillors
Forum	2	Cllr Chris Briggs & Cllr Keith Sampson
Grange	2	Cllr Matt Lofts & Cllr Catherine Nnamdi
Meadow	2	Cllr Alex Cruickshanks & Cllr Jason Holt
Memorial	3	Cllr Nile Blanchard, Cllr Taylor Ogden & Cllr Paul Wray
Moor	6	Cllr Andrew Marshall, Cllr Richard Johnston, Cllr Geoff Killingsworth, Cllr Dan Rawson, Cllr Stephen Roe & Cllr Suzanne Sampson
Witham	3	Cllr Matthew Bennie, Cllr Wallace Lee & Cllr Kai Harrison

Town Councillors can be contacted by email to: townclerk@northhykeham-tc.gov.uk or t: 01522 681537.



Councillor Matt Lofts – who is the new Mayor?

It's a real honour to have been elected to represent our town, and I'm grateful to be serving as Mayor of North Hykeham this year. I've lived locally since the age of two, when my dad was stationed at RAF Waddington. I made North Hykeham my home in 2016, where I live with my wife and our two daughters. We love North Hykeham, and we're in the season of having young children. We love a good family adventure and getting to enjoy our parks and local environment. I am a primary school teacher and an active volunteer within North Hykeham and my church. North Hykeham is a fantastic place to live and raise a family,

and I'm passionate about helping develop it for everyone.

When I was elected in 2023, it was with the hope of playing a meaningful role in bringing people together and helping our community thrive. As Mayor, my focus will continue to be on listening to all residents, strengthening community ties, and creating opportunities for people to connect and collaborate. I believe that everyone deserves to be heard and valued. My hope is that together with all elected members, we can amplify the voices that too often go unheard and make sure everyone has a seat at the table.

If you ever do have a question or thoughts about the activities of North Hykeham Town Council, please do get in touch.

Cllr Matt Lofts



At the Council's AGM held on Thursday, 8th May, thanks were given to Cllr Keith Sampson and Cllr Suzanne Sampson who have been Mayor and Mayoress of North Hykeham for the past three years. During their time as Mayor and Mayoress, Cllrs Sampson have attended meetings and events on behalf of North Hykeham Town Council including civic services and meetings across the county as well as many local events including visits to North Hykeham's schools, nursing homes and events held by community groups. They have both gone above and beyond to fulfil their duties - thank you for everything you have done, Keith and Suzanne!

What does the Town Council do?

We receive many phone calls at the Civic Offices asking about community charge, housing, garden waste bins and bulky waste collection. Whilst it is lovely to receive these calls - the Town Council can't help with any of these matters as this is the responsibility of North Kesteven District Council!

North Hykeham Town Council is responsible for the care and maintenance of its open spaces: the Village Green, Witham Fields, St Aiden's Park, Glebe Park, Cheviot Close, Dorchester Way, Poppyfields, Memorial Field Play Park, Chapel Fields, Grange and Mill Parks, Mill Lane Cemetery, allotments at Mill Lane, Sharp Walk and Chapel Lane and football pitches at Witham Fields.

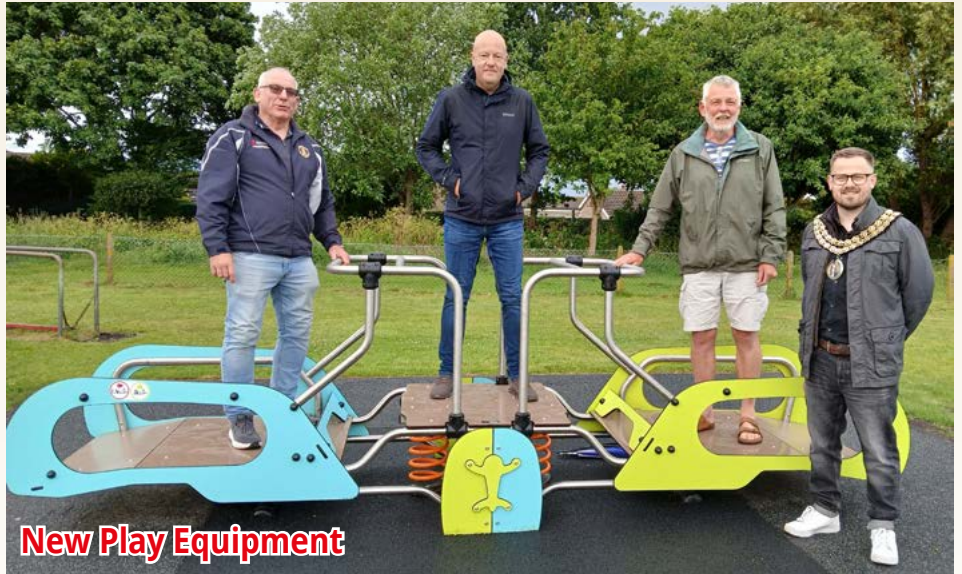
The Council owns the Hykeham Community Hub on Valerian Place, which is the home of the North Hykeham Library.

The Council manages some street lighting and all bins that are on its open spaces.

New Staff at the Town Council

The Town Council welcomed two new members of staff this spring:

Gill Culverwell as Deputy Clerk and **Steven Proctor** as Maintenance Technician. Congratulations, Gill and Steven on your new posts!



The Town Council has installed an inclusive seesaw at Witham Fields, which will be fun for all children to use and also for children using wheelchairs to enjoy a gentle, rocking movement.

North Hykeham Town Council is dedicated to improving playground equipment in the

parks and each year sets aside money in its budget to make improvements. Wherever possible, new equipment is purchased to replace old equipment that has come to the end of its life and is replaced with new, innovative equipment.

Summer Sundays 2025

Come along to this year's Summer Sundays taking place on the Village Green on Sunday 20th July, Sunday 17th August and Sunday 21st September. Live music is from 2pm - 5pm and is provided by a variety of bands:

The Incredible Skank Brothers are the leading ska band in the East Midlands and have been playing shows to packed venues since 2014. With a full 7-piece ska setup, including brass, they faithfully reproduce the sound and energy of Madness, The Specials, Bad Manners and more with non-stop ska classics to get you on your feet!

Under the Covers - rock duo - where energy and rock collide head on! Get Under the Covers because a cyclone of hard rock is heading your way!! The duo - Chantelle and Shane - perform a full on high energy rock show that assaults the senses! A variety of rock/punk with a rock/metal twist - from the Beatles to Paramore to Metallica!

Spot On - local, well known band playing classic indie covers.

Punch the Monkey - are a band who have enjoyed many years entertaining their audiences with a mix of Indie, Rock, Pop and Punk. They have a large following and consistently deliver powerful anthems and reimagined classics. Be prepared to be overwhelmed by an urge to sing and dance!

Local Heroes - rock guitar tribute band with drummer, Jeff Rich. Jeff was Status Quo's

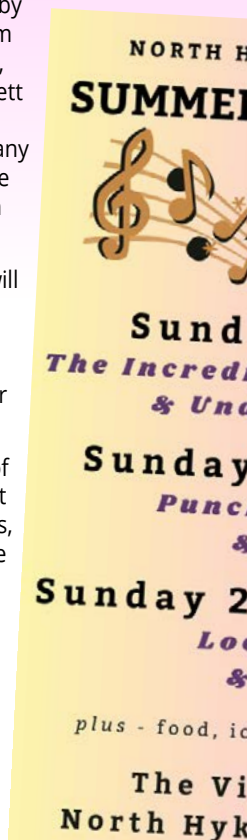
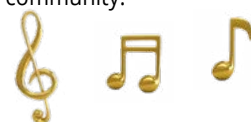
drummer for many years and now lives locally. Local Heroes' female lead singer, is also known for her SamiQ tribute to Suzi Quatro band that is endorsed by Suzi Quatro herself!

SoulFX - bring an exciting blend of Northern Soul, Stax and Motown. Playing both UK and American hits from a genre of music that has become timeless and loved by all generations with hits from The Temptations, Four Tops, the Drifters and Wilson Pickett plus tracks from Duffy, Billy Ocean, CeeLo Green and many more from what has become one of the biggest sounds in popular music.

New for this year - there will be a selection of classic cars to have a look at, provided by **"Back to our Roots Car Club"**, at the August Summer Sunday.

There will be a selection of food and drink at each event - hot food, cakes, doughnuts, ice cream, sweets and coffee - as well as bouncy castles.

There is no need to book tickets for these events - live music at the Summer Sundays is free for all in the community.



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Consultation about the Community Hub and Chapel Fields

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Council's consultation about plans to extend the Community Hub on Valerian Place and plans for the surrounding field, Chapel Fields. The Council is viewing the responses and will be considering the future of the Hub over the next few months.

New Town Council Website

Take a look at the Town Council's new website <https://northhykehamtowncouncil.gov.uk/>. The new website's design is up-to-date and easy to navigate.

As well as the website, the Town Council has a Facebook page and eight noticeboards sited around North Hykeham so if you are holding an event in the community and would like the Council to promote your event – please send your posters to assistantclerk@northhykeham-tc.gov.uk.

New Mower

The Council has purchased an Iseki Progressive Mower to enable efficient grass cutting. Additionally, the tractor allows Council operatives to work safely, offering protection for staff whilst travelling on the public highway plus providing a controlled environment related to UV protection and inclement weather.

TREE PLANTING

The Council has planted a two-year old oak tree at Memorial Playing Fields to replace an existing oak that had died.

This is part of the Council's regenerative planting programme.

Regeneration at St Aiden's Park and the Old Orchard - The Council and local volunteers have been working together this year to regenerate the planting in St Aiden's Park and the Old Orchard and to consider ideas to improve the natural open space for the community and wildlife. So far, ten new fruit trees have been planted - six apple (Cox's Orange Pippin and Bramley's Seedling) and four plum (Victoria and Opal) trees. If you have any ideas you would like to contribute to the Council about this project – please contact the Town Council – townclerk@northhykeham-tc.gov.uk.



Save the Date Christmas Fayre 2025

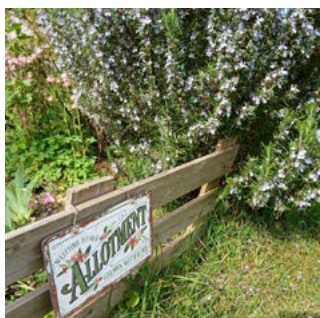
The Town Council's Christmas Fayre will be taking place on **Saturday 29th November, 11am - 3pm**, at the Civic Offices, Fen Lane, North Hykeham. There will be a

free ice rink, free Santa's Grotto and other attractions, food and drink and lots of craft stalls – perfect for Christmas shopping!



Allotments

Allotment holders have been working very hard this spring and the plots are looking good! There is currently a waiting list for allotments, but if you would like to be added to the list – please email assistantclerk@northhykeham-tc.gov.uk.





VE 80th Anniversary



Flag Raising at the Village Green on the 8th May.

Councillors raised a flag at the Village Green at 9am on 8th May, to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.



Councillors and Staff at the Village Green

The Council will mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day - Victory in Japan

- by raising a flag at the Village Green at 9am on Friday 15th August. All welcome.

Hykeham in Bloom

Volunteers from the Hykeham in Bloom group have been busy looking after the planters around North Hykeham as well as planting seeds and bulbs in parks. The

snowdrops and aconites planted by the Hykeham in Bloom team over the years in St Aiden's Park were truly stunning this year. The North Hykeham planters always look fantastic and provide a colourful display

all year round. There is a lovely mixture of annuals, perennials and shrubs in the planters, including lavender, rosemary, wallflowers, marigolds, petunia, lobelia, convolvulus, sweet-williams and many more.



Community Groups Fair



A Community Groups Fair was held before the Annual Town Meeting held at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy on Thursday, 10th April. This was a great way for local community groups to showcase what they do and help encourage interest in the groups and new members. Thank you to the community groups who attended the Fair – Alive Church, GLL Community Health at NKOne, Hykeham Art Group, Hykeham Bowls Club, Hykeham Camera Club, Hykeham Lions, Hykeham Forum WI, Lincoln U3A, Lincolnshire Bombers, Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire Road Transport Museum, Lincolnshire Society for Family History, Music for the Memory, North Hykeham Army Cadets Force, North Hykeham Library, North Hykeham Town Twinning Association and the Royal British Legion.

The Council hopes to hold another Community Groups Fair as part of next

year's Annual Town Meeting in April 2026 – please email the Assistant Clerk - assistantclerk@northhykeham-tc.gov.uk - if your group is interested in attending.

