

Thank you to everyone who attended our Vital and Viable follow up session at the Franklin Hall on Tuesday evening. Once again we were so impressed with the excellent turn out and enthusiasm in the room. Special thanks goes to Bruce Knight at The Sessions House and Cllr Terry Taylor for their presentations on the evening, you can read more about The Sessions House project below.

This newsletter will become a regular way for us to keep you up to date with progress and ways you can get involved. We will also arrange an annual town forum meeting which will be open to all to share ideas and plans. If you have a project you wish to take forward please talk to us if you feel we are able to support. Please also use this newsletter to share your group/project updates, using the contact details listed below.



A Public Realm Strategy for our Market Towns

A key theme running through each market town's Vital and Viable report is public realm improvements. With this in mind we are working with colleagues at Lincolnshire County Council to create a Public Realm Strategy for our market towns, we will continue to keep you updated on this piece of work via this newsletter. If you have any comments on this matter please email Sam Phillips.

Extensive Urban Survey

The Extensive Urban Survey (EUS) is part of a national programme to document the historical and archaeological background, and analyse the character of 30 of Lincolnshire's towns, taking a snapshot of how they look and behave in 2018. Spilsby will be the first of East Lindsey's market towns to be surveyed in March.

The team will be looking into the history, development, and historic character of the town.

They are interested in local knowledge, so if you would like to get in touch with their photos, maps, or local information or would like to help you can get in touch via lincseus@lincolnshire.gov.uk or you can go to www.lincsabout.town to see more



Joint Promotion

The group agreed that Spilsby already has a good website www.spilsby.info and businesses and groups should be encouraged to use it. We will also look at how we can link to it with our Love-Lincolnshire Wolds website.

Spilsby.info was created 2001 with the cooperation of the Town Council and the Chamber of Trade (now the Business Partnership) to promote Spilsby as a place to live, shop, visit and stay.

Chris Drew (MGC Websites Ltd) took over relaunching the site in 2019 with a more modern version. The site now receives around 30k visits a year and Chris invites all business owners, accommodation providers, event organisers and community groups to get in touch and contribute to the site to ensure it showcases Spilsby in the best possible light - no IT skills are required. Check www.bowhunterwebsites.co.uk for more information or call Chris on 07480 663160.

Key to the site's longevity is the support of the local businesses who pay £36p/a for their own page. This income effectively sponsors the content for the local community groups and events that Chris maintains free of charge.



The Sessions House

Bruce Knight spoke about the ambitious plans to restore and revive The Sessions House by creating an arts centre. You can see his presentation here.

The Chartered Institute of Place Management were impressed with the plans for The Sessions House and it features within their report for the town, the District Council are in full support of the project and recognise the significant role it will play in the town's economy.

Spilsby Light Night was also mentioned during the presentation. More details about that event can be initiative, either through sponsorship or found here.



Specialist Markets

Spilsby Market was discussed and we promised to keep you up to date with any special offers and incentives we have for traders. You can find details of our 2020 markets and information on our offer to buy four stalls for the price of two in March

We are keen to give you the opportunity to coordinate some special Saturday markets, so if you have an idea for an event please get in touch.

We would also like to bring the Teenage Market to Spilsby. If anyone would like to support this volunteering please contact Sam Phillips.

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