

North Kesteven UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Projects

North Kesteven has an approved UKSPF Investment Plan which can be found [here](#). The Investment Plan is a high-level document, but the following provides an overview of projects aimed to be delivered by the fund by March 2025:

Project	Project Overview
Feasibility Studies	
River Slea East West Leisure Link Feasibility	Feasibility study to look at how to maximise recreational and leisure uses connected with the river as it passes through the town centre. Key elements include pedestrian & cycling connections and a review of, and options for, potential development sites
Streetscape/Public Realm Enhancement Feasibility	Feasibility study to look at detailed streetscape/public realm enhancements within the town centre, based on principles in the streetscape design manual, with high quality approach to public realm supporting distinctive identity and heritage. Key streets/areas to be focused on include Southgate, Carre Street and Sleaford Station. The study will also explore how to improve layout and quality of pedestrian routes in Sleaford town centre to encourage more travel on foot
New Hotel & Conference Feasibility	Feasibility study to explore the specific requirement for a new hotel & conference facility for Sleaford
Castle Field Site Feasibility	Feasibility study to explore options for increasing the accessibility, amenity, and use of Castle Field, as a key historical site within the town centre
Revenue & Capital Projects	
Monument Gardens and highlighting Sleaford Museum	Enhance the garden space outside Sleaford Museum to create a stronger identity and sense of arrival. The project will look to better connect this space to the public realm around Handley Monument.
Highlighting Handley Monument	Redesign public realm to improve setting of Handley Monument
Nag's Head Passage Improvements	Improvements to the appearance of the passage, considering personal security issues, to promote the route as a direct connection for Sleaford Castle, the station, and the town centre
Ginnel Enhancement Programme	Improvements to the appearance of the ginnels/alleyways across Sleaford town centre
Shop Front and Building Improvements Grants	Grant scheme to encourage improvements to building façades and frontages within the Sleaford town centre
Sleaford Market Place Public Realm	Public realm improvements to the historic Market Place with an enhanced setting for St Deny's Church and the War Memorial

Sleaford Signage	Additional new wayfinding signage within Sleaford town centre
Sleaford Trip Boat	Purchase of a river boat to run pleasure trips between the Hub and Cogglesford Mill as an attraction for residents and visitors
Sleaford Castle Exhibition	Provide a dedicated Castle exhibition space within Sleaford town centre that can include digital and physical exhibits to serve as the starting point for a visit to the Sleaford Castle site
Sleaford Heritage Trail Additions	Expand existing heritage trail with additional places, trail markers, and interpretation panels at key destinations
Events programme	Develop & deliver an events programme for Sleaford, building on the success of the Sleaford Riverlight Festival.
Business Support	A package of measures to support local businesses across North Kesteven
Social Media training	Flexible and accessible Social Media training for businesses across North Kesteven
Active Travel - Shared & Micro Mobility	Pilot project to introduce mobility hubs to Sleaford. These could feature shared bikes / e-bikes and/or scooters / e-scooters to encourage sustainable and active travel
Move Project	A support project, run by Voluntary Centre Services, to help people into paid work via a range of learning, skills, and work-related activities
Mind, Body & Spirit	Mind, Body & Spirit is a modular programme of interactions, run by the YMCA, to meet the needs of young people in Key Stage 2 – Key Stage 4
Employability & Skills	A programme to support economically inactive people to prepare to return to the workplace via a 6-week programme of training
Youth Engagement Programme	A programme, run by YMCA, to inspire young people to be central to the building of inclusive and safe neighbourhoods, providing opportunities to actively engage in participatory programmes that give assistance to them to make positive change