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Curtain up for arts and culture in South Kesteven

SKDC is to invest in a major new district-wide arts and culture strategy programme to underpin its regeneration plans.

2012 will see the curtain go up on a project to develop and promote a wide-ranging, co-ordinated programme of arts and cultural events to a broader audience

Arts and culture can include visual and performing arts, sport, tourism, architecture and design, heritage and the district's historic environment, literature and galleries.

Cllr John Smith, SKDC portfolio holder for Healthy Environment, is confident that the sector can contribute to the council's economic and social aims. He wants to explore how to increase use of council assets and says there is a great platform to build on and much to be gained.

He said: "SKDC is committed to supporting and enabling access to a balanced culture and arts programme. We are investing heavily in making South Kesteven a great place to live in and work, and key to that is creating vibrant communities

"We are celebrating the Olympics this year and the Torch will be passing through Grantham, Stamford, Deeping, Thurlby and Bourne. There are to be many special cultural and sports events throughout the district and this will culminate in our exciting Gravity Fields science and arts festival celebration of Sir Isaac Newton in September

"Events like that not only draw people in from outside the district but they provide great entertainment for local people.

"We continue to promote successful music and entertainment locations across the district such as Grantham's Guildhall Arts Centre and The Meres Leisure Centre and Stamford Arts Centre."



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