

Why Grantham?

With a growing population of 42,000 and unemployment lower than both the East Midlands and national averages, the historic market town of Grantham is a major economic engine in Lincolnshire.

Located within the district of South Kesteven, Grantham is ideally situated off the country's main north-south road artery - the A1 corridor – and is within easy striking distance of the nearby cities of Nottingham, Leicester, Lincoln and Peterborough; London is just over an hour away by train.

A great place to do business

With such good connectivity, Grantham is home to more than 3,400 businesses operating in a range of sectors - manufacturing, construction, professional services and leisure are four of the town's key industries. Major employers based here include: Moy Park, Woodland Trust, Oldrids and Downtown Superstore, McCains, Brakes, XPO Logistics, Totemic and Vale Garden Houses.

It's easy to see why so many companies have chosen Grantham as their base; the cost of doing business in South Kesteven works out much better than in other regions. Just see how we compare:

Place	Weekly gross pay	Commercial land per acre (circa)
South Kesteven	£444.80	£250k
Peterborough	£478.80	£450k
Leicester	£497.90	£625k
Nottingham	£494.80	£350k
Birmingham	£549.40	£480k

Source: *Colliers*

A range of excellent secondary and grammar schools are within the town's catchment, in addition to a further education college. And, located in the town centre, a new University Technology and Innovation Centre serving the wider South Kesteven area will open in Grantham in summer 2019.

A thriving visitor economy

Grantham has plenty to offer families and visitors of all ages. With its rich heritage and a packed programme of cultural activities and events which attract tens of thousands of visitors - like Gravity Fields, a festival of science, arts, heritage, music, drama and outdoor spectacular designed to celebrate Sir Isaac Newton's legacy.



Grantham has a thriving independent retail offer, indoor shopping centres and a bustling Saturday street market. Set in a beautiful rural location and close to significant heritage attractions like Belvoir and Grimsthorpe Castles, Grantham has everything you'd expect of a vibrant market town.

Current developments

Grantham is set for serious new investment to drive its ambitious growth agenda.

New developments include:

- A new five screen cinema located in the heart of the town to include two A3 restaurants which is set to open in summer 2019. With an expected 250,000 visitors a year, the new cinema will transform Grantham's town centre
- A new University Technology and Innovation Centre serving South Kesteven will open in Grantham this summer, thanks to a £2 million grant from the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Tailored to meet local business needs, the centre will enable degrees and degree-level apprenticeships, diplomas and short courses to be delivered in Grantham by the University of Lincoln
- The redevelopment of St Peter's Hill area will include £1.6m public realm scheme, improved Council offices and managed workspace
- Two fully consented Designer Outlet Villages, with 3 million predicted visitors each year
- Spitalgate Heath Garden Village at Grantham Southern Quadrant – delivering 3,700 new homes
- Poplar Farm and Rectory Farm housing developments at North West Quadrant – delivering over 3,000 homes and a primary school
- £28 million southern relief road to enable developments at Southern Quadrant
- Over 250 acres of development land on the A1 corridor at both the northern and southern quadrants



Future plans and developments

- An ambitious acquisition programme that's set to accelerate Grantham's future growth
- Station approach and key gateway sites
- Prince William of Gloucester Barracks

Get in touch

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