



**Lincolnshire County Council LCC
North Kesteven District Council NKDC**

March News and Greetings from Marianne Overton MBE

Nominate your hero

The awards would not be possible without the support of the community-focused businesses who are on board again this year and who are just as keen as NKDC to ensure the huge amount of community-centred endeavours which goes on within the District are celebrated, applauded and awarded.

You can nominate anyone living, working and carrying out their voluntary community work within North Kesteven within the ten categories at www.nkawards.org

Storms and Floods



Our emergency workers struggled to cope with the widespread deluges. Huge thanks to so many people who rolled up their sleeves, shifting trees, managing sand bags and redirecting floodwaters. Thank you also for the ongoing work with me to make sure the drains are clear, reporting them on www.fixmystreet.com and texting or e-mailing me so I can speak to the officers and make sure their significance is properly understood and action taken. Even in the emergency periods, the fixmystreet website was used as the primary allocation of Council Highways staff. The County Council is the lead Flood Authority and have the task of co-ordinating with all the other bodies.

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Flooded fields of Lincolnshire

NK Plan and Budget

I was pleased to support the business plan and budget at NKDC this year, crafted from an extensive and inclusive process to support local people, places and our environment. Passed unanimously by Council for the first time in years!

Especially pleased to see funds ear-marked for investment in health and wellbeing, including mental health and for reducing our impact on the environment and climate change. A £220m ten-year investment strategy includes improving facilities and our future income with the business park, cinema and the town centre. I am optimistic for high quality services here in housing, leisure, waste management, environmental services, economic development and hopefully, good planning.

Government support was relatively good in this election year but there are known reductions and uncertainties ahead, particularly in whether we get to keep your business rates for local spend and in the proposed fairer distribution of funds across the country.

Hence the District Council tax is rising by £4.95 per year per household. County Council tax makes up the biggest portion of the bill and is rising by 3.5%.

Lincolnshire County Council

The County Council budget includes care for adults and children, which needs proper long-term funding. I'm working on that at the LGA. The £490m this year is not expecting any noticeable cuts. Savings have been made from new and better care contracts. Pay-outs for

damaged cars has been higher than expected, and still more is needed and included for Highways this year.

The portion of tax for the Police is also up by 4.5%. Chief Inspector Vickers has agreed to come and discuss how to work with us locally to get the best outcomes on March 18th at Navenby 7-9pm

Sustainable Future: Are you in?

A fair/forum inviting all people of all ages in the Cliff Villages to share ideas on living in a sustainable way and responding to climate change

When and where Rogation Sunday afternoon, May 17 2020 in Wellingore Memorial Hall. (On Saturday May 16 there will be a plant sale at Wellingore Church)

What we need now: a representative group of people who will take part in making the day a huge success. Please contact me if you can help; Ann Avery 01522 810278 or 07460 774 036

Heritage Weekend – March 28-29

Celebrate Lincolnshire's heritage and visitor attractions for free, with lots of special activities too.

Mrs Smith's Cottage

3 East Rd, Navenby, LN5 0HF

Nicki, Artist in Residence, will be creating prints from wallpaper that will be open for members of the public to try, they will be able to add to a large display and also create a print of their own that they can take home. The University of Lincoln will have an exhibition that will explore and explain the wallpaper from within Mrs Smith's Cottage. There will be a behind the scenes tour that will be led by a guide. *Open all weekend from 10am - 4pm.*



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VE Day and Grants

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May

Our Cliff Villages are aiming to have a string of events over the weekend, so get your bunting out! There are some useful grants for local activities;

1. Fund NK 2020 NK Grants Apply by March 31st
We also do a Sports Fund to assist athletes

2. Armed Forces Covenant Reopening end of April
Including a pot for a digital hub The Community

Covenant Grant Scheme is to help local projects that aim to strengthen the ties between members of the armed forces community and the wider community in which they live. The Covenant Fund has £10 million each year to support the Armed Forces Covenant by funding projects which address specific priorities. There are two funding routes: small grants, for applications up to a maximum of £20,000 large grants, for applications of between £20,001 and £500,000 Application forms and guidance notes are available on the [gov.uk website](http://gov.uk) - [Opens in a new window](#).

Grants for **sportspeople:** Apply by March 31st
<https://nksports.com/nk-grant-programs>

Sport England Community Asset Fund gives between £1000 and £150,000 to enhance local sports and recreational facilities. Apply anytime.
www.sportengland.org/funding

Supporting you on Planning

Three contentious applications

The Rendering Plant at Norton Disney was heard at the Bentley on Feb 3rd, with a recommendation from North Kesteven District Council that it be refused. Councillors had previously viewed the site at first hand. The applicant made his case and local resident and Parish Council Chairman gave powerful speeches. As local member, I opened the debate. The application was refused unanimously, on the grounds of industrial development in the open countryside, damaging the setting of an important heritage site, that was unjustified and unnecessary.

Crematorium at Norton Disney

The new crematorium in the open countryside was refused by us at NKDC and went to appeal under an external Inspector. Cllrs Mary Green and Chris Spray attended the whole of the long day hearing in the NKDC Council offices and were able to usefully contribute. The Council team and the applicant team were both five strong. We await to hear the outcome.

Intensive pig rearing unit below Harmston

Our consultants have assessed the information on smells provided by the applicant and the application is now expected to come to committee on March 17th 5pm at North Kesteven District Council. Public welcome. Please add your comment and see more information on "planning on-line North Kesteven" 19/1085/FUL [link](#)

Transport Plan – your view?

The new Lincoln Transport Strategy 2020-2036 is out. The priority to support planned economic growth does little to assist maintenance of the current network. Instead it seems to focus on transport as a means to increase building projects and is very light on public transport, cyclepaths and walking routes. It focusses on the Southern bypass of Lincoln, now called the "Hykeham Relief Road", accompanied by much future housing. The catchy title of "eco-hub" at Bracebridge Heath is a bus interchange, but hard to spot how it will be better. Congestion is expected to increase to a six-minute wait at junctions.

Boundary Changes

The ward boundaries are important as they link villages that naturally work well together. The government wants to change the boundaries so that we all represent the same number of electors. Currently the Cliff Villages is pretty well on the button, and should stay together, but neighbouring areas may create a damaging knock-on effect. Your view is important and can help us keep the villages together. reviews@lgbce.org.uk If you would like to write in mentioning the connections between Navenby and Boothby Graffoe in particular, that would be much appreciated. My contributions will be on the web at www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk

Supporting Local Services

The NK Independents were standing up for local services this week. At full council we called for a rapid return of a **full post office** to the centre of Sleaford and for our council to put their minds to assisting, possibly with premises. We also called for better **emergency health services** at Grantham day and night. The knock -on effect of closing Grantham at night, has resulted in long waiting times at an over-stretched Lincoln hospital. We deserve better.

Pick-up a Poo

Health messages from children are very powerful. We are offering a £25 book voucher for the winner of a competition run by North Kesteven District Council, encouraging people to pick-up after their dogs.

A positive approach would be welcomed (for example praising those that do).

Entries to be submitted by 30th April 2020 (NKDC EP Team can visit and collect the entries or these can be provided digitally if you are able to email the entries to us).

Events

Jordan Williams of Wellingore is fund-raising for Help the Heroes, paying respects at the memorial sites in France as part of a group. His event last week was hugely successful. If anyone would like to contribute to his Battlefields Bike Ride in June, please contact Jordan Williams on 07878 561 166 or his Mum, Carol Williams on 07757 676 039



Congratulations to Eric Seddon of Harmston

Eric was the life and soul of his Twenties event celebrating the 1920's with costume, dance and great food from his daughter of Di's Pies. (More on Di's great Pies next month)

**Best Wishes from your local,
Independent Councillor,
MARIANNE OVERTON MBE**
Thank you for your support.

*Kind Regards,
Marianne*



Some Regular Events

Fridays

All Fridays: Hammond Hall, Bassingham Coffee Morning for all ages. Harmston Happy Hour in Village Hall 6-9pm, Beckingham Social Club and Witham St Hughs Village Hall Drop Off then Drop In - St Michael's, Bassingham 9-10.30

Lunch Clubs from noon

1st and 3rd Tues noon Bassingham Village Lunch Club Book 789236 £5

2nd and 4th Tuesday Bassingham Lunch Club Book 01522 789935 or Lynn 789031 £5

3rd Mon Carlton Le Moorland Vill. Ha. 788303 £3.50 1pm

Music

First Wed monthly **Traditional Folk Music** (Instrumental) at the Bugle Horn, Bassingham LN5 9HQ 8 – 11pm and singaround on the third Wed. Excellent meals too, from Pat and Caroline.

First Wed monthly **Folk at the George**, Leadenham 8pm Excellent meals from Jed and Julie.

Every Monday Music with Mummy Bassingham Care Centre elaine 07717 758 4851.30-2pm

Health Walks

Every Wed. Five Bells, Bassingham 10.30am

Every Fri The Venue, Navenby 10.15am

Running Witham St Hughs every Mon and Thurs 7pm

Men on the Mats 45mins Beginners' Pilates, Harmston Vill. Ha. clainsworth@btinternetcom Thursdays 2pm

Pilates and Yoga Sunday evenings Harmston Vill. Ha. 7 and 7.45pm £6 or £8/both

Crafts First Wed eve and Thurs pm Sarah 788901

Teas Term-time Tuesdays Witham St Hughs Vill Hall 2pm Coleby Library and tea Second Wednesday 10.30am Welbourn Vill. Ha. First Thursday monthly 2-4pm 11am at Navenby C of E School with Café Church and at St Michael's, Bassingham 9-10.30am

Useful Information

Parish Offices for local support and information

Navenby Venue Tuesday to Friday 10-noon

Witham Office at Bassingham in the Hammond Hall, LN5 9HQ 01522 789758 Open Mon, Wed, Thurs 9-1pm

Access to Wellbeing Services and care

The Carers service 01522 782224

carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

Umbrellas events supporting all ages with additional needs and their families umbrellaslincoln@outlook.com

To protect a house or business against flooding

<http://www.marydhonau.co.uk/information/how-do-i-protect-my-home-from-flooding/>

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Roadworks www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks

roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk

To receive info' on twitter #lincsc roads

Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes 01522 782070

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/potholes>

Or use "Fix my street" on line – works well.

<http://www.FixMyStreet.com>

Report Litter 01529 414155

customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or

ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Adult Concern 01522 782151

Police Sgt Ken Whyte 07973 846 537

Facebook Hykeham town rural NPT T @hykeham NPT

Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from lincscountycouncil@gmail.com

New site www.accesslincoln.co.uk shows all the options, or ask accesslincoln@lincolnbig.co.uk 01522 581906

Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm

Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article

Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door

Car-sharing www.lincshare.co.uk

Trains www.thetrainline.com

Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Mobile Library 01522 782010 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.

Search "planning on line north Kesteven"

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; yourbassingham.co.uk

www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton

www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby and Wellingore business parishes.[lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

www.harmston.info www.navenby.net

dunstondossier.org.uk nocton.blogspot.co.uk

Most villages have sites on the County Council web like this, including Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby.

Branston <http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times>

Branston Library 01522 880426

www.mrssmithscottage.com

County Events- Good web page here

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk search on "county news"

Wheelchair loan: No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213

Over 85's Christmas gift: Rector Dee Freeman

Young People Grants Carlton Le Moorland 07943760155