



**September News and Greetings from Marianne Overton MBE**

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

This is my personal newsletter to inform you what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

**Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

I hope you are well and avoided the worst of the extreme weather events. (I measured 50mm of rain in about an hour!) Thanks to local volunteers, Parish Council and our highways teams for their support in prompt temporary arrangements, pending further works. County Council clear 185,000 gullies annually. They have received £50m to tackle coastal and surface flooding, so now is a good time to press ahead!



**Highways**

The Highways Community Team are working in our area over August and the first part of September, doing lots of smaller jobs, such as fixing signs, restoring verges and cutting back vegetation of paths. The pothole team is continuing using “Fixmystreet” for jobs. Road surfacing, speed limits and yellow lines need wider support to get into the program. Thanks to the Parish Councils for working diligently with me on your behalf.

Please record any highways issue accurately on the map at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) and let me know. I expect to keep them very busy!



**Grants for Businesses**

I am glad to say that North Kesteven distributed all our over-subscribed £1.03m discretionary fund. A new “Recovery Grant” of up to £3,000 opens from September for new Covid-related projects. There is advice from Phil Means at NKDC on 07920 472671 and useful webinars. There are 32 grant funds for businesses, [www.businesslincolnshire.com/explore/funding/search](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com/explore/funding/search) and wider support [www.businesslincolnshire.com](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com)

**Have we Councillors been busy during Covid?**

Yes! At NKDC there are 22 Independents and 21 “NK Administration”, previously named Conservative. The 22 Independents are 18 in the “NK Independents (Lincolnshire Independents and Independents)” and four lone. Although formal meetings were fewer with fewer members on them, we councillors kept working. as hard as we could for our residents.

**Community Work**

Although in lockdown, with reduced committees, we have been undaunted. Our members have been deeply engaged in their communities, setting up and supporting

help groups delivering food and medicines to order. Huge thanks to everyone for their support. Thank you for nominations to the NKDC Awards. Our finalists include Jason Snape, Andy Mellett Brown, Andy Marchant, Angela Pettit, Robert Oates and the Holdingham Helpers, Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group, Greens Stores,(Bassingham), Mrs Smith's Cottage Volunteers.

### **Recovery**

Lincolnshire Independents and Independents on North Kesteven District Council held a series of workshops, researched the issues and put together a strategy document for the Council to focus recovery that includes the economy, social aspects and environment. Thanks to Cllr Peter Lundgren for leading the working group. Cllr Overton reflected this work in national comments [here](#). Also on our own website here. [www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk/talking-about-recovery](http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk/talking-about-recovery)

### **Boundary Commission at NKDC**

Led by Cllrs Robert Oates and David Suiter, Independents worked solidly cross-party to produce the best possible NKDC plan and a well-evidenced alternative from the Independents. The latest plan out, for consultation until October 19<sup>th</sup> now includes some, but not all of our suggestions. We are calling for further evidence to support our option that assists the natural cohesion of our communities. You can help by pointing out local connections between villages in the ward by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Our proposals are here. [www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk/moving-boundaries](http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk/moving-boundaries) Send your comments to <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/19591> Copy me in if you would like my support.



Sir William Robertson's Cottage in Welbourn, one of our well-linked Cliff Villages, with shared schools, shops and road links.

### **Standards**

The NK Independent Group put together a response on the government consultation about what we want to see in the new Code of Conduct, led by Cllr Nick Byatt.

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### **Climate Change**

As we see more extreme weather events, we have made a start on tackling climate change nationally and locally. Thank you. Our councillors have taken a lead and NKDC's new Action Plan is on the NKDC website. Thanks for your contributions and comments welcome.

### **Sweeping Planning Changes**

Our group of councillors have put together a response to the government's rather worrying proposals to sweep away much of our local planning as we know it. <https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-independent/our-work/news> Please let me know your views.

### **Elections**

Working with the Independent Network we have lobbied central government to have local elections at polling stations with social distancing in May 2021, as well as the usual postal vote option.

### **Working with Ministers on Covid and on the EU**

As national Leader of the Independent Group of 2,500 councillors, Cllr Marianne Overton MBE is working on getting key issues to the ministers in a series of meetings on line.

On tackling Covid 19, topics have included funding councils sufficiently so we can be there to assist with the recovery, making sure care homes and carers could access PPE, as well as the NHS, localising food deliveries in lockdown, localising test and trace putting Councils at the heart of our response. A new £500K is just announced.

Lincolnshire has now tested 300,000 people and successfully traced almost 90pc of contacts.

### **Leaving the EU**

Work continues on our ministerial board looking at how the government could mitigate the impacts of leaving the EU without a deal. Key areas have included border control, road networks supporting the ports and maintaining environmental and food standards. <https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-independent/our-work/group-leaders-weekly-bulletins> and info' is here <https://www.gov.uk/transition>

### **Education**

Huge thanks to all the council teams for the intense and detailed work they have taken forward with schools and relevant partners and contractors to support the full reopening this week or next.



I'm pleased to see the children back at school at last, though I know many parents have really enjoyed some quality time. It's tough trying to work whilst on child-care duties. Thank you. It is still tricky keeping to all the social distancing rules, so many people are walking, cycling or driving to school. Wearing of masks is up to the Head teachers. The government has at last awarded grades in accordance with what pupils were expected to achieve, based on their hard work. Universities are back, most having tutorials in person and lectures online.

### **Bike to School Week 28<sup>th</sup> Sep – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Get posters, competition and video to check your bike from Sustrans website. The first batch of £50 vouchers to fix your bike have been allocated, but you can still register on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) search "bike vouchers"

### **Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby – Heritage Lottery funded**



Hilda Smith lived in the cottage, climbing a ladder to bed, until she was 102 in 1995. Walk back into a "no frills" time capsule as a Methodist, Mrs Smith focussed on what she saw as important in life. The cottage is open again after much hard work and thanks to volunteers and NKDC staff. Book and visit on Saturday, Sunday or Monday 12-4pm Adults £3.50, Children 5-15 £2 Under 5's free. [www.mrssmithscottage.com](http://www.mrssmithscottage.com)

### **Heritage Training in Lincoln Castle**

Three apprentices wanted for slate, coir matting and heritage joinery, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Contact <https://www.lincolncastle.com/her-traineeships>

### **Thorold Arms, Harmston**

This lovely and well-supported community pub is seeking a new tenant. Is it you? Have a look at the website and contact [thoroldarmsactiongroup@btinternet.com](mailto:thoroldarmsactiongroup@btinternet.com)

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### **Up to 6,000 new dwellings at Bracebridge: Consultation on layout and design**



Now is the last opportunity to comment on the basic plan for up to 6,000 dwellings at the big Bracebridge Heath development, called the Lincoln SE Quarter. These are plans drawn up by the Council on what it wants the developer to submit. It includes its own retail area, 7ha of industry, 2x3 form entry primary schools and a secondary school for 640 pupils, which is below the normal size deemed practical. The Plan, or "design code" <https://www.lincolnseq-northkestevendc.co.uk/> Comment by September 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm to [consultation@lincolnseq.NKDC.co.uk](mailto:consultation@lincolnseq.NKDC.co.uk)

### **Waste**

The new purple bins have taken the cardboard and paper into a dedicated recycling stream which has brought a good return and will now be rolled out to all NKDC households by Autumn 2021. NKDC averaged 1.5kg per household per week! To check on what to do with any kind of waste, there is a very handy page called "A to Z recycling and waste" on our North Kesteven District Council website. Fly-tipping has worsened, so please keep reporting. NKDC will prosecute and have cameras. The County Council on-line waste booking system works well.

### **Libraries**

Mobile libraries have resumed. Navenby Library re-opened this week for return of books. To borrow, please order online: <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/lincolnshire/> Our volunteers will then have them ready for you during our normal opening hours. Our volunteers look forward to seeing you all soon.

### **Eastern Bypass**

Washingborough Road now back open after seven months as the final roundabout is complete. Next is the new River Witham viaduct and the scheme's other major structures complete ahead of opening the new bypass by the end of this year. Weekend closures now start on Greetwell Road. **Sleaford Rugby Club Junction:** Closed nights for works from Sept 7th.

## Broadband

Almost a kilometer of cable to Wellingore Heath has been unblocked so Openreach could insert their cables to provide broadband to our rural businesses. This has been a long, hard effort, thanks to Simon Mountjoy, Wellingore Parish Council, residents and businesses for their support - and patience!



## New

### Play Areas Now Open

Thank you very much for your patience while we had the essential maintenance work carried out. Thank you. Brendan O'Sullivan on behalf of Navenby Parish Council.

### Dog Walking and Pet Care

*Paws for Thought*, Kate Davidson, Veterinary Nurse  
07876023451 [www.cliffvillagesdogwalking.co.uk](http://www.cliffvillagesdogwalking.co.uk)

Amy Brook Animal Physiotherapist  
<https://www.facebook.com/amy.brook.92>

### Fitness with Karen

Starting outside The Venue every Monday 18.15 - 19.00

### National Work: In case you missed it with August!

Meetings with ministers and leading Councillors and Mayors from across the country this month, have focussed on funding for council services, getting culture and tourism up and running, and supporting retail and transport. I invite 32 Independent group Council Leaders to meet fortnightly and other national meetings have focussed on the fire safety, and devolution of powers to our councils.

The government promised devolution of powers and money to local government, but the idea of requiring costly and time-consuming reorganisation of our councils, was not in the manifesto. If we were to reorganise it would have to be worth it, with substantial powers and matching funding. Otherwise it may be a costly distraction when we have our backs to the wall and should be focussing on the recovery from covid.

## Lincolnshire Reorganisation?

In Lincolnshire, our Councils already make significant savings by joint working and shared services and still keeping our identity and strong sense of democratic accountability to you, our residents.

The County Council Leader has written to government in readiness to reorganise, as before, which, last time, I fought against, successfully with colleagues.

A very large organisation is often unwieldy and hard for residents to influence. The June monthly poll showed that 87% of people were satisfied or very satisfied with their local Council. I am not sure what the figure would be for national government.

**Best Wishes from your local,  
Independent Councillor,  
MARIANNE OVERTON MBE**

Thank you for your support.

*Kind Regards,  
Marianne*

### Local shops who deliver

East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760  
Oldlings meat etc. 01522 810228  
Nick Streeter's fish etc. 01400 272547  
Grocery Paul Barton 07970 115351  
The Old Forge, Brant Broughton 07958 189650  
Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200  
Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242  
Leadenham Farm Shop 01400 273988

### Pub meals

The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258  
The Bell, Coleby 01522 813778  
Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534  
The Bugle Horn, Bassingham 01522 789773  
The Five Bells, Bassingham 01522 788269  
Generous Briton Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119  
Akash Indian Takeaway 01522 811126 Navenby  
Navenby Chinese Takeaway 01522 810773

### Pre-cooked meals

Andy's Fish and Chips Van Bassingham Tues, Skellingthorpe Wed, Caythorpe Thurs 5-8pm  
Hot lunches for senior citizens 01522 404025 Bassingham, £5 for two courses. Book by Sunday 5pm  
Primary hot lunches Thurs and Sat 01522 788488  
Age UK will deliver 21 small single person meals for £20, plus £7 delivery 03455 564 144  
Hollynelstropcatering@gmail.com - weekly meal boxes

## Useful Information

### First Aid Course online

St John Ambulance <stjohnambulance@email.sja.org.uk

### 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

Local Police Statistics <https://www.police.uk/>

### Access to Wellbeing Services and Care

**Covid Helpline** continues 01522 782189

The Carers service 01522 782224

[carers\\_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

Supporting People 01522 782140 [www.wellbeinglincs.org](http://www.wellbeinglincs.org)

Umbrellas events supporting all ages with additional needs and their families [umbrellaslincoln@outlook.com](mailto:umbrellaslincoln@outlook.com)

#EveryMindMatters advise on coping with anxiety and improving your mental health: <https://qoo.ly/35q2xs>

Mental health [www.connecttosupport.org](http://www.connecttosupport.org)

Bereavement Helpline St Barnabus 0300 303 1897

[tracy.tuffs@stbarnabashospice.co.uk](mailto:tracy.tuffs@stbarnabashospice.co.uk)

Befriending Service Lincolnshire YMCA 01529 301965

### Church Services

[www.graffoechurches.co.uk](http://www.graffoechurches.co.uk) with Michelle Godbold

Christine Goldsmith [rectorleadenham@gmail.com](mailto:rectorleadenham@gmail.com)

Reverend Dee Freeman 01522 788383

[www.withamsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.withamsidechurches.org.uk)

Navenby Methodist Church 01522 685226

<http://lincolnmethodist.org.uk/circuit-services-weekly-live-stream/> David.lawton@methodist.org.uk

### Venue Finder

420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.

[www.lincscommunitybuildings.org.uk](http://www.lincscommunitybuildings.org.uk)

### Useful Advice for Charities

<https://www.charityhowto.com/blog/>

### To protect a house or business against flooding

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

**Roadworks** [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks)

[roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk) Twitter #lincsc roads

### Business Support

[www.businesslincolnshire.com](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com)

[www.teamlincolnshire.com](http://www.teamlincolnshire.com) do monthly webinars

### Community Larders

**Sleaford Community Larder** at the Newlife Centre

<http://www.communitylarder.co.uk/>

### 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](mailto:customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or

[ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Adult Concern 01522 782151

Police: Sgt Ken Whyte, plus PCSO's 101 or [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)  
07973 846537/235/5827

### Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from [lincscountycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lincscountycouncil@gmail.com)

Roadworks <http://one.network/lincolnshire>

Transport [www.accesslincoln.co.uk](http://www.accesslincoln.co.uk) shows all the options,  
or ask [accesslincoln@lincolnbig.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article)

Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door

Car-sharing [www.lincshare.co.uk](http://www.lincshare.co.uk)

Trains [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

Facebook Hykeham town rural NPT T @hykeham NPT

Buses [www.lincsbuses.info](http://www.lincsbuses.info) or Traveline 0871 200 22 33

**Mobile Library** 01522 782010 or [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

### Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.  
Search "planning on line north Kesteven"

Local Plan [www.central-lincs.org.uk](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk) 01529 308084

### Village websites

[Withamstaple.com](http://Withamstaple.com); [yourbassingham.co.uk](http://yourbassingham.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton)

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

[www.harmston.info](http://www.harmston.info) [www.navenby.net](http://www.navenby.net)

[dunstondossier.org.uk](http://dunstondossier.org.uk) [nocton.blogspot.co.uk](http://nocton.blogspot.co.uk)

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

Branston [www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times](http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times)

Branston Library 01522 880426

[www.mrssmithscottage.com](http://www.mrssmithscottage.com)

### County Events- Good web page here

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use  
[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk) search on "county news"

**Wheelchair loan:** No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213

**Young People Grants** Carlton Le Moorland 07943760155