

## 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND

With restrictions and social distancing continuing please reach out safely and beyond our doorsteps to spread a little help to others in need.

Please take a look at the lonely and vulnerable. Also to those in need of help with domestic violence to consider EDEN Lincs, the county's domestic violence support service and the Chairman of NKDC's chosen charity for the year. If you wish to donate you can do so through their website.

## NEWS OF LINCOLN EASTERN BYPASS COMPLETION

Leader Councillor Richard Wright has welcomed completion of the Lincoln Eastern Bypass as a step "not just for the city and those communities at the very north of our District, but for those broader benefit of the wider county too as it opens up unprecedented opportunity for economic growth across Lincolnshire".

"There are also the Environmental benefits of moving traffic away from built- up areas, reducing congestion and the environmental harms that creates and of course increasing convenience through more free flowing traffic" says Cllr Wright.

"As a Council we have been consistent in our support for the project and the broader economic and social benefits it will bring to the District and it's residents.

" We have been wholly behind the County Council's scheme and, along with thousands of our residents, felt that it couldn't come soon enough.

It is a credit to all of those who have persevered and pushed so hard to achieve this and also to the funding partners that made it a reality.

This was a very welcome Investment from Government in this part of the East Midlands which, as we learned in the recent Comprehensive Spending Review will be followed up with further investments to continue the line and complete the full circular connection around the A46. There are great benefits to be enjoyed by the city, our own District and the broader county through improved connectivity, accessibility and the opening up of opportunities for the further inward investment, growth and business expansions which will bring untold dividends to the local economy and local livelihoods.

Achieving the bypass is a key element in the improvement of local infrastructure and it also strengthens the forward vision mapped out for Central Lincolnshire's growth over the next 20 years or so".

## COUNTY LINES

NKDC is a partner of MACE, the multiagency approach to tackling child exploitation in Lincolnshire, and are directly and being involved in supporting and protecting young people and the enforcement/deterrent against perpetrators and places of concern.

We've all got a roll to play in staying vigilant and looking out for signs any young person we know or see may be being exploited.

## BE SCAM AWARE

There are a number of reports relating to delivery scams and phishing emails and texts pretending to

be from DPD and Royal Mail. Can you please help by sharing the information below.

These messages claim that you have missed a delivery and ask you to reschedule for a small fee, thereby obtaining your bank details.

WHAT TO DO: Keep track of receipts or confirmation emails for online retailers and recently bought items. Do not click on anything. Go to the shipper's actual website to see if the tracking number is real. If a message is asking for money or personal or financial information in exchange for a package, it's likely to be a scam. Check the "from" address - is it from a company or organisation, or from a random email address? Scammers often change their names to make the emails look like they are from a legitimate company, but it's always worth checking this. Is there a poor spelling, grammar or presentation?

REPORTING: if you have received an email that you are not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) . If you have received a suspicious text message forward it to 7726. If you have lost money, tell your bank and report it as a crime to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

This includes text messages on mobile phones or in any other media considered to be held on behalf of the public authority.

Good written communication and records management practice should assist in managing any FOI that could be made and minimise risks.

Best Wishes for 2021

Let's hope it will be a far better year for everyone

Cllr Lucille Hagues