



## Spring Newsletter Greetings from Marianne Overton MBE

Lincolnshire County Council  
LCC and North Kesteven  
District Council NKDC

### **Dear Residents,**

Welcome to this newsletter. I hope you and yours are well. This is my personal newsletter to inform you what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you. Let me know if I can help with anything.

### **Active Children**

Thanks to parents working wonders with their young people, often doing a full-time job at the same time. Wildlife Watchers and their families are invited to a Wildlife Watch meeting about Signs of Spring via zoom Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1-2pm. There will be a quiz and a craft activity plus some ideas for things you can do outside near your home. To book, please contact me or Leanne Smart [faringscentre@lincstrust.co.uk](mailto:faringscentre@lincstrust.co.uk)

### **Bin Collections**

Welcome back to a good service, thanks. I raised the issue of North Kesteven being unable to collect the bins after many tested positive and 40% had to self-isolate. The County has opened the Sleaford recycling site extra days, taking them all week, and extra slots at Lincoln. Book on the Lincolnshire County Council website.  
<https://lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste>

### **Recycling Sites**

Following our representations, there have been discussions with our neighbouring authorities, Notts, North and NE Lincolnshire, about cross-border attendance at the recycling sites. Nottinghamshire has not agreed and North Lincs wants to charge a significant annual fee. There is current concern about spreading covid between authorities. Apparently, there is not a great incentive for taking more, as the rubbish that is brought is often mixed and therefore reduces the value of the recyclables. This is a battle we shall be continuing after the lockdown.

I also raised the point about flexibility of access with a roof box, for example, or parking and carrying the waste across. It seems Councils have been fined for this in the past as it is seen as an unsafe practice.

The revised Waste and Minerals Strategy was agreed. I raised the need for clearer policy on biodigestate lagoons.

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### **County Council Funding**

The County Council services are planned to cost £677m next year, 62% of that from our Council tax, risen by 2% this year, as funding from central government has diminished. The Government has promised but so far failed on three important counts; to deliver fairer funding for Lincolnshire, to allow us to keep 100% of business rates and to sort long-term funding for adult care. All those are needed.

The County capital programme is £203m and the cost of borrowing is just over 5% of our revenue spend, £42m.

### **Better roads**

I have worked hard to demonstrate the impact of poor funding needed to maintain our rural roads. I am pleased to say a significant increase of £12.5m was agreed in February, specifically to support our smaller roads. Please report potholes on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) and let me know if you need me to chase them up. I am also working solidly on proper road improvements in every parish.

### **Supporting small businesses**

Please keep supporting our **local** shops who stay open and do a great job for us. Thanks to those doing takeaways and to pubs opening outdoors from April 12<sup>th</sup> and indoors from May 17<sup>th</sup>, which is when most things can start again.



Through the District Council, we provide support for those forced to close, keeping them afloat during lockdown, ready to help with the recovery. I was pleased to support a further £12m for businesses who have been hard-hit but fallen through the gaps in grants.

<https://www.businessnk.co.uk/covid-19-support>

### **Flood Protection**

The County Council is responsible for tackling surface water flooding. In 2019, 153 flood investigations at around £7,700 each resulted from flooding 230 properties. We have suffered increasing flood incidences in our villages and more support is needed. Our voices have been heard and a further £2.2m was allocated this year.

## Rendering Sites

You may have seen the Skellingthorpe rendering site was passed unanimously by County Council. I sit on that committee. The applicants removed the houses from the application and agreed to route traffic away from Skellingthorpe. It really needs a separate road access, but it was a big ask at this time. The Norton Disney Site is coming forward, we believe, but the “need” may be harder to demonstrate. The papers are online.

## Money: District Council

Independents make up half the Council on North Kesteven District Council and worked cross-party to create the NK Plan and the budget. We had set a vision based on what our residents need and want and supported those aspirations through the committees.

We pay our income tax just the same but the amount of money coming back for local spend has been reducing, making it harder to make ends meet. Hence the District Council tax has had to rise by the maximum allowed of £4.95 per household per year.

The Government has not done “whatever it takes”, and instead left us short-funded from the covid lockdowns, by not refunding all of the loss of income from closure of car parks and leisure facilities. Thus some of this shortfall is made up from reserves.

Our District Council services cost £12m per year. There are ambitious plans to help regenerate in the heart of Sleaford, to build housing, industrial units and workshops in the District, which are things we need and expected to bring a return in future. This is planned at £33m next year, rising to £230m in ten years. It will need careful attention.



## Citizens' Advice Bureau

The CAB Lincolnshire supports 400 volunteers to provide advice and support to anyone, free of charge. They cover health services, housing, homelessness, food banks, fuel bills, tax, pensions, employment rights and benefits. The County Council provides £278K per annum in support.

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## Neighbourly Covid Groups Meet

The good news is that we have so far

1. Set up and supported a dozen neighbourly groups in this division of 17 Parish Councils and meetings
2. Delivered food, medicines, given lifts to get vaccinated, and provided friendly support to those who are alone or families who are isolating
3. Made links or supported links with the local shops to arrange direct payment
4. Kept our groups informed so they can have confidence in supporting volunteers
5. Shared good initiatives especially from Rev. Michelle Godbold, Penny Taylor, Ann Broadbent, Alison Butler, Kay Zouhair and Jason Snape
6. Given out certificates of thanks to volunteers
7. Created a fund to thank volunteers, supported by Welbourn Parish Council
8. Distributed activity books, thanks to Brownies
9. Set up a puzzle and jigsaw swap and supported local yarn bombing initiatives
10. Funded a garden of thanks in Wellingore supported by the WI and Parish
11. Funded seeds to create a Rainbow garden in each village, supported by the Dukes Covert Scout Group and Wildlife Watch
12. Organised children's cheerful letters to be shared with those who are more alone
13. Applied for grants to do more, such as activities, creating gardens
14. Championing Mental Health First Aid for all.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, the first day of partial lockdown release, please join us for the next meeting, with a bit more on mental health first aid. Join on Zoom 910 786 3986 covid

Colleagues and I have pushed for a better immediate response at the County Council with some success. Some good new services are now available, including the “Don't bottle it up” campaign. 0800 001 4331. The mental health action plan is [here](#).

## One You Lincolnshire

There is a great new service for anyone wanting to stop smoking, reduce weight, increase physical activity or reduce alcohol intake. It is free and it works.

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

Thank you all for doing such a great job through covid.

Best Wishes from your local  
Lincolnshire Independent Councillor,

**Marianne Overton MBE**



Thank you for your support.

## Healthy Eating

### 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/takeaway meals

The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258  
The Bell, Coleby 01522 813778  
Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534 re-opening soon  
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



## Where to get more information

Lifting Lockdown [www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518)  
[www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home)  
Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>  
Business Grants [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding)  
Lincolnshire County Council [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
North Kesteven District Council [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk)  
Local Government Association [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk)

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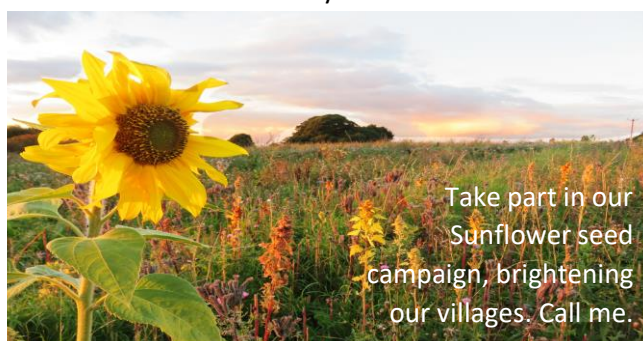
## Covid support Groups

### A huge thank you to our local volunteers

Amazing work done by willing volunteers delivering food, medicines and offering neighbourly support.

- Aubourn and Haddington Luke Warwick 07765 900099  
Hayley 07928 032 866
- Bassingham Support Group 01522 404025
- Beckingham Covid Group Philip Wells 07930 990 950
- Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe The Old Forge  
Village Shop delivers locally free. 01400 273796, 07958  
189650 9.30am-5pm Tues-Sat, Sun 10-4pm, Mon am.
- Carlton Le Moorland, Norton Disney and Stapleford  
Nicola Smith 01522 404024 120 volunteers  
[contact@CleMsupport.co.uk](mailto:contact@CleMsupport.co.uk)
- Coleby Parish Council Sue 01522 810509
- Rector Christine Chris Goldsmith 01400 679081  
07494870701 or [rectorleadenham@gmail.com](mailto:rectorleadenham@gmail.com)
- Welbourn Volunteers Alison 07 377 219 268
- Witham St Hughs Jason Snape on 07894 872 533
- Graffoe Parish Rector Michelle Godbold 01522 426723  
with many volunteers, including daily phone calls.

Like me, you may like to become a dementia friend or champion and add support. Being confused and alone or in lockdown, dementia is a tough call. Let's keep our communities friendly and safe for all.



## 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

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm

### 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** [www.one.network](http://www.one.network) [lincolnshire.roadworks.org](http://lincolnshire.roadworks.org)

**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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton)

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

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

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

Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby are on the LCC site

E.g. <https://leadenham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

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