



**July August Newsletter
Greetings from
Marianne Overton MBE**

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

Dear Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and that you and your family 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 you with anything.

Thank you



Wellington WI "Thank You" Garden, funded from my Covid Recovery Grant and many volunteer contributions; grown fantastically now.

Garden Party for Pandemic Heroes

The Bishops are inviting 500 'pandemic heroes', who have gone the extra mile during this difficult period for afternoon tea at Doddington Hall on September 23, 26, 27 and 28th.

Please nominate your hero, *school teachers, pupils, chaplains, organisers of food banks, community enablers, NHS staff and volunteers.*

North Kesteven Community Awards - open

Please nominate a local hero. They deserve a thank you and a nice meal out! Choose any of 12 categories before 1st September <https://www.nkawards.org/nominate>

NK Walking Festival 17th July to 1st August

From herbal wanders to batwalks, book with Hill Holt Wood www.hillholtwood.co.uk

Leadenham

Thanks organisers of the big June garage sale and market 1st August Leadenham Folk Festival returns! 11am-4pm

Local Plan

All planning applications in future will be measured against this new set of rules to see whether it gets permission or not. So your voice is vital. Our new Local Plan consultation has now gone live at <https://central-lincs.inconsult.uk/CLLP.Draft.Local.Plan/consultationHome>

Background documents and maps are on the Central Lincolnshire web pages www.central-lincs.org.uk New housing is expected to be carbon neutral with renewable energy inbuilt and energy saving measures - great! However, if they cannot, there is an opportunity to buy in more onshore turbines, which seems like a green wash, a less good idea. Let me know if you would like to hear more and to respond. We have eight weeks to 24th August. Look out for the special Parish Council meetings www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/local-plan



Grants

Are you thinking of applying for grants?

1. Apply by Sept 1st or Dec 1st for awards of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not for profit organisations in the vicinity of landfill sites under three themes -

- Rebuilding Biodiversity, woodland walk, gardens
- Recreation: Play areas, skate parks, museums, sports
- Community Buildings: Churches, Village halls

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

2. **National Lottery** £300-£10,000 or over £10k

Apply to help communities through covid. <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding>

3. **Persimmon Community Champions**

Match funds up to £1,000. <http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity>

4. **For Children and Families**

tescocommunitygrants@groundwork.org.uk
www.lincolnshire.coop/community/community-champions

Covid

The lockdown extension was because the Delta variant is increasing by 64%/wk with 9,000 new cases per day, mainly in the 20-29yr group followed by the 10-19yr group. Vaccinations are now open to people over 18. The double vaccination is 80% effective against the current Delta variant. You can [find your NHS number online](#) and please only attend if you are eligible – [find out more information on eligibility](#).

Welcome

A very warm welcome to new owners of Welbourn Post Office and Stores, Beni and Pryia. We look forward to buying lots of good things from our local shop!

I am sure we all wish David and Alison every happiness in their “retirement” and hope we shall be seeing them again soon. David and Alison are a brilliant team and have done a fantastic job for us through covid and in the years before, huge thanks.



New: Personal Training gym opens in Leadenham

Ross Booth has branched out from his farming roots to provide a fully qualified and well equipped training room in his Cliff Edge house in Leadenham. He offers something special to individuals or couples who don't like the idea of a fitness centre but would like to achieve something under direct supervision and at their own pace.



Business Advice is free from NKDC Phil Means on 07920 472671 www.businessnk.co.uk @BusinessNK www.businesslincolnshire.com

Highways



Meeting on site with Highways to view improvements and what needs doing next.

A new [map](#) shows works already scheduled.

I continue to work daily on highways with some good success and more to go. I have reviewed details of almost 2,000 repairs done in my Division alone over the past year. We have had one of the highest spends in the County, and it's no less than we needed. Please keep reporting on www.fixmystreet.com Thank you for your support. It is clear we need to keep up the good work!

Some Highways facts

48 staff order 60-70,000 minor works every year. 1,651 reports are currently outstanding, 600-700/week, which is about as low as it has ever been. Regular inspections cover 31,450km road each year, as some of our 8,000km of roads are inspected more than annually. Planned works are listed here. [Highways Planned Works](#)

Technical Services Partnership £7.5m pa, joint private and public sector body, with 26 Lincoln staff but access to other specialists - 62 big works last year. (John Monk) Capital Programme worth £10bn (Highways Asset management) is Paul Little with £35m (£28 planned works) £8m on surface dressing 300 miles of road [Highways Infrastructure Management Plan](#)

Your View

Welbourn Conservation Area

The consultation closes on 12th July. You can comment [here](#). Ring me if you are concerned. The conservation area is the heart of the village containing heritage features that we would want to see reflected in any new build. Some newer housing at the edge is no longer included. <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building/planning/conservation-and-heritage/conservation-areas/conservation-area-reviews/current-conservation-area-reviews/>

Change of Parliamentary Boundary

The boundaries of the Parliamentary Constituency for Sleaford and North Hykeham are [moving](#). North Kesteven has had more new housing than its neighbours, taking the constituency up to about 95,000 people. The proposal is to move Heckington Rural and Osbournby Wards into the Grantham, leaving about 73,000 people in Sleaford and North Hykeham, closer to the average. NKDC Wards in Lincoln remain, that is Waddington East, Skellingthorpe and Bracebridge Heath. East Midlands will have one more MP, 47 out of the 650 UK wide. www.bcereviews.org.uk

Farming leads the way on Carbon Capture and Wildlife recovery



Cereals 2021 is now the major UK showplace for arable farming and is being held currently at Boothby Graffoe over two days. All the focus in farming is now on changing systems to prevent the continual degradation of soils and create a sustainable low carbon farming system for the future. It seems no-one in the farming world is talking about anything else.

Farming is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gases and is clearly determined to beat the inadequate government target of zero carbon well before 2050 and even export our knowledge and commitment around the world. While government is still indecisive over many aspects of the new changes, they have announced a system of farm payments that directly rewards improvement of soils. What does this mean? It means active measures to increase organic content resulting in better yields. This will also lead to a benefit to biodiversity that relies on complete soil organism balance to feed the hierarchy of wildlife that relies on it, right up to the birds that have declined over recent decades.

Ironically a lone Skylark sang over the showground, probably unimpressed with the sudden invasion of thousands of people from all over the country. However, maybe its future is just a little more secure, now there is a real determination to get rid of many chemicals, which are a heavy expense to the farmer and are increasingly unreliable for crop protection.

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George Eustace MP, Minister for Agriculture answered my question on certainty of long term funding for Environmental benefits in farming, with optimism

Local Wildlife



For those of you who have followed the success of our kestrels, you will be pleased to know that this year has seen a record five young fledged from the box in front of Hilltop Barn. They left on 28th June to try their luck in the open country. They have been driving their parents mad and now learning to find their own food. We have a rewilding field adjacent to the Kestrel box, which must have increased the food source. Parents have also been trying to see off the much larger and agile Kite encouraging it off the cliff edge - quite a sight!

The rain has been tough on keeping public spaces mown, but great for insects and voles, with local barn owls also having more success than for the past five years with many nest sites occupied around Lincolnshire - the top county for owls and much more besides



Roe Deer enjoying the rewilded field margins

Whistlestop Update on County Services

Gleaned from June Council briefings

Safer Lincolnshire Partnership

Covering antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, reducing offending programmes and fraud and modern-day slavery.

Floodline 01522 782082

24/7 and can provide Sandbags. Cyclic drainage clearing now improved.

Waste

Litter Thank you to well organised volunteers who do a great job. Fines of £75 are made if evidence is submitted. Dead animals on the road are also collected by NKDC, so please report them on fixmystreet.com.

Fly Tipping 491 recently, 48% up on last year, 1607 pa NKDC will investigate on public or private land, (Andrew Beaver). They have five camouflaged cameras, and a standard £400 for fly-tipping, plus costs, up to £1000 and seizing of vehicles. We all have a duty of care in who we pay to take our waste away. There were three large loads in Leadenham, and material at Norton Disney cost several thousand pounds to remove. NKDC will take up to three large items away for just £30. Ring 01529 414155

Dog fouling Parishes can employ environment wardens supported by NKDC. They can send a community warning notice and £100 fixed penalty. We have well over a thousand litter bins, emptied weekly, creating £97 tons that go to the energy from waste plant!

National Changes

The Government is taking back control, not just from Europe, but also from Councils. Consultation is out on centralising the decisions around how to collect waste. from Councils, the decision-making around collection of waste. <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling>

Childrens Services

Lincolnshire County Council is responsible for over 192,000 children and in this the County Council is recognised as "outstanding". Sadly the covid lockdowns have resulted in an increase in childrens' needs, with 674 children now in our care and 17,000 getting extra care, placed with another family member, foster carer or residential care. 500 new places are being created in special schools and local schools are adapted wherever possible. Rural School transport is huge, at £29m/yr to transport 17,500 children a day.

The Children's Services department is strengthening intensive work to assist schools so all children catch up, reduce needs required, increase foster care and early help. A third of the Council's staff and £122m, plus dedicated schools funds of £646m. Led by Director, Heather Sandy. 01522 782111

The Council is reviewing mental health provision including CAMHS commissioned by the Council, which is performing well. Parental support is available. We have a good service for early worries, just search on "Healthy Minds".

Schools

Covid in schools is stable and not a high risk. Over a hundred schools had covid cases, but now down to 22, only a handful where it appears to have spread within school. 50,000 tests done every week and less than 0.1% positive. (However, cases are up a bit now) Director Martin Smith gave an update on schools Attendance in Lincolnshire is good at over 88%, and 374 returning from home education. Extra Government funding for children catching up and for teachers has come in, but is much less than planned - Only £1.4bn of the required £15bn which for Lincolnshire gives us £22 per pupil. We made the case clearly, but this does not cover the cost of providing what the government says is needed.

Children's Centres

Midwifery and health worker support have continued through the lockdown, and much more is planned. Closest are Caythorpe 01400 279285 and Witham St Hughs Academy 01522 869541. Early years alliance were funded to provide support online.

Carers

Lincolnshire County Council care for over 10,000 carers, almost 8,000 older people, almost a thousand people with mental health needs and around 3,500 adults with a learning or physical disability.

£1/3m is spent on disabled facilities grant in North Kesteven so people can stay in their own home. £46m is spent annually on prevention and care. 83% of our providers are good or outstanding in Lincolnshire, better than most. Delays of discharge from hospital are well managed and relatively low. Our value for money is among the best.

£1.3bn is spent every year by the doctors for 3/4m people in Lincolnshire, much greater than spent on care. We spend large sums once people are sick, but much less, just £3bn to councils for prevention. LCC spends £150m plus £57m for covid, and provide 55,000 home care visits.

Money

The County Council employs over 4,600 people and spends around £1bn/yr and has an ambitious capital programme, mainly on schools and roads. Increased cost due to covid is around £100m.

Unlike the police, Councils have a separate investment fund to pay for staff pensions, so they do not come out of our annual taxes. The shared pension fund for 74K members is £2.7bn. The Legal service shared between District and County Councils has 75 lawyers, paid from income raised. There are 300 democratic meetings per year!

Useful Support



Respect Phonenumber: **0808 802 4040**
www.respectphonenumber.org.uk

Make A Change Lincolnshire: **01522 246616**
www.makeachange.uk.net

If you are over 18, living in Lincolnshire and worried about your drinking, drug use, or someone else's

We are With You: **01522 305518** (local charges apply)
or access their website for an online chat
www.wearewithyou.org.uk/services/lincolnshire-lincoln/

In an emergency always dial **999**



HM Government

IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP
ASK FOR ANI 

OR

OUR CONSULTATION ROOM IS OPEN
IF YOU NEED A SAFE SPACE

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC ABUSE WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.
Ask to use the Safe Space or ask for ANI at the healthcare counter.

Stop Press!

Re-elected to lead nationally

I am humbled and thrilled to have just been re-elected Leader of the Independent Group of Councillors across England and Wales and Vice Chairman of the Local government Association. We represent 16,000 elected councillors from District Council level up, listening and taking local knowledge and understanding to National level. We work to improve our Councils and influencing Central Government and Europe to get the best legislation we can.

Our Independent councillor sessions – on climate change and local government reorganisation – were extremely insightful, with lots of thoughtful questions from our members.

It was a real honour to host inspiring Baroness Martha Lane-Fox on our main platform, sharing her tremendous experience on digitalisation and technology, entrepreneurship and as chair of the Lord's Covid select committee.

We commissioned research of the impact of going unitary on democracy, which is now available. I was pleased to chair sessions on local government re-organisation, Civility and the UK100 pledge for the Environment, now signed by North Kesteven District Council. At the LGA, we are working cross-party in preparation for COP26 in November.

A huge amount was covered over the week including Adult Care, Fire Safety and Funding. www.local.gov.uk/

Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities. I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Keep Safe!

Best Wishes from your local
Lincolnshire Independent Councillor,

Marianne Overton MBE



Thank you for your support.

Useful Information

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

www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home

Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

Business Grants www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding

Lincolnshire County Council www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

North Kesteven District Council www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

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- 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
- Coleby Parish Council Sue 01522 810509
- Rector Christine Chris Goldsmith 01400 679081
07494870701 or 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.



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

Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

Supporting People 01522 782140 www.wellbeinglincs.org

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

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

Mental health www.connecttosupport.org

Bereavement Helpline St Barnabus 0300 303 1897

tracy.tuffs@stbarnabashospice.co.uk

Befriending Service Lincolnshire YMCA 01529 301965

www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm

Church Services

Www.graffoechurches.co.uk with Michelle Godbold
Christine Goldsmith rectorleadenham@gmail.com
Reverend Dee Freeman 01522 788383
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

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

roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk Twitter #lincsc roads

Business Support

www.businesslincolnshire.com

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

Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or

ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Adult Concern 01522 782151

Police: Sgt Ken Whyte, plus PCSO's 101 or www.police.uk

07973 846537/235/5827

Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from lincscountycouncil@gmail.com

Roadworks www.one.network lincolnshire.roadworks.org

Transport 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

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Buses www.lincsbuses.info or Traveline 0871 200 22 33

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"

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

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

www.harmston.info www.navenby.net

dunston dossier.org.uk 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

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

Young People Grants Carlton Le Moorland 07943760155

Supporting Local Heritage

Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby

Open Friday to Monday noon to 4pm

