



**September 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.

**Shopping Local**



With fewer people wanting to travel, the focus is on local services. All our villages have some great pubs, local produce shops and gifts to buy. Our District Council is giving business support and Covid funding.

For example, Navenby has some new shops and some refreshed traditional ones. Odlings Butchers and Welbourne's Bakery are both under new ownership; *Wild Jacks*, linked with *Welbourne's Wine & Delicatessen* next door. New is the ice cream parlour with home interiors, local suppliers and sweet shop. Parking is busy, so it's good to shop at different times and in all our villages with shops and pubs.

**Thinking of going on a picnic or having friends round?**

You can order afternoon teas from *Sara's Cakes and Bakes* Or *Holly Nelstrop Catering* for healthy daily food or events in her special new van, *Holly's Garden Kitchen*. 07794 524 965.

Holly is teaming up with another new yoga business, *Parusha Retreats* on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at Chestnut Farm, Welbourn, raising funds for Afghanistan. Lou\_grantham@hotmail.co.uk

**Starting or expanding a business?** If you are thinking of expanding or starting a new business that needs some capital, get in touch with Phil Means at North Kesteven District Council. 07920 472671 [www.businessnk.co.uk](http://www.businessnk.co.uk)

**Supporting good health**

Spotlight on men's health:

Read [One You Lincolnshire's latest blog](#) which shares helpful resources and ideas as well as interviews with men about their mental health and what has helped them.

And see the [Can Do challenge](#) for practical changes you can make that will boost your wellbeing.

If you are feeling isolated, then help is at hand on the national [Let's Talk Loneliness website](#).

**Cardiac arrest e-learning course**

Following the events that unfolded on the pitch during the Euro 2020 Denmark v Finland match, many will agree that quick actions saves lives.

To help equip more people with similar potentially life-saving skills, UK Coaching, in partnership with St John Ambulance, Resuscitation Council UK and the Joe Humphries Memorial Trust, have developed an e-learning workshop which is packed with practical information and tips to help respond quickly.

The workshop is fully funded by Sport England, takes around 30 minutes to complete and gives access to the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Digital Learning Toolkit upon completion. Please share with your colleagues, partner organisations, friends and family to help save lives. [www.ukcoaching.org/courses/elearning-courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest](http://www.ukcoaching.org/courses/elearning-courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest)

**Tackling Covid**

I have regular webinars and meetings with council leaders and ministers about how best to tackle covid together.

The rates of infection are down from their peak to about half. Over the whole of last week in Lincolnshire, 308 out of 100,000 people got covid, that's about 3 in a thousand. Of those, one in three people have no symptoms at all, hence the encouragement to use a free test picked up from the local pharmacy. The rates for 'flu are higher.

The advice is the same as before, space apart, with ventilation or outside, wash hands and cover face if enclosed. Let's keep sociable and safe!

**Caring for Afghan Refugees**

Nationally, I have had a series of discussions with local Government leaders and ministers to identify what is needed locally and consider how best it can be provided. Lincolnshire will need to take a share.

Since we have been at war in Afghanistan, many of those who have worked for us and their families have already been relocated to the UK under the Afghanistan

Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP). They and the many new arrivals with permission under that scheme have the right to stay indefinitely, able to work and access services. The Government is inviting support;

If you want to offer a whole house free or commercially:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/afghanistan-housing-portal-offers-of-support>

To offer some housing, fostering, clothes or toys:  
<https://www.gov.uk/help-refugees>

Councils may need to purchase houses for the refugees as the families are larger than we are used to. We are expecting 30 families in the first group in Lincolnshire.

£12m is being made available for additional school places, language lessons and transport. There are 300 University scholarships, £3m for extra NHS support, £5m towards rent. Also £200m is given for the first year of resettlement which aims to welcome 2,000 Afghans.

## Working nationally to secure local funding

Care for Adults and Children is a big part of our County Council budget and rising significantly. At the Local Government Association, we have been working on the Government for secure long-term funding. We produced a green paper, consulted widely and presented the results. The only measures that add up to the significant sums needed are a rise in income tax or national insurance. The Government had pledged *not* to raise taxes. The cap in order to allow wealthy people to receive free care is a huge additional burden many see as unaffordable. I also believe it needs to be a genuine increase in funds for care and not siphoned out from Councils via another door.

## Congratulations to Lincoln Olympic Winners

Congratulations to Lincoln Paralympian Sophie Wells, who won a gold and silver medal after competing in three dressage events. With six medals, she is the most decorated Lincolnshire athlete in Olympic history.

## Register to Vote

Each property will receive a 'household electoral form or email communication' to check who is eligible to vote and ensure that the Electoral Register is complete and accurate. Please fill it in and don't lose your vote!

## Purple-lidded Bins

Our current recycling bin takes clean, dry recyclables. To keep paper and card saleable in the best condition, we need to separate it out into the purple-lidded bins. It is a bit hard finding the space, but it pays. These are each collected four-weekly on alternating fortnights with the dry recyclables. The black bin collection is unchanged. Waste sites: No booking, but big vehicles need permits.

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## Shaping the future: Local Plan

30,000 more dwellings are proposed in Central Lincolnshire: North Kesteven, Lincoln and West Lindsey.



What about employment, schools, medical support, roads and cycle routes? Will they be designed to build communities and tackle climate change?

The Local Plan ([www.central-lincs.org.uk/parish-info](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk/parish-info)) is the blueprint, the set of rules and areas marked on the map that decides the future shape of our area.

It is being rewritten now. Let me know your view, so I can work to represent you. I have run briefings at Bassingham (twice), with District Councillors, Mary Green, and Peter Overton in Navenby and in Welbourn, kindly supported by the Parish Councils. I am happy to answer any questions as your Local County Councillor (Bassingham and Welbourn Division) and District Councillor (Cliff Villages Ward). You can contact [talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk](mailto:talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk)

The official consultation ended August 24<sup>th</sup>, but the decisions have yet to be made by the representatives of four Councils on the Central Lincolnshire Strategic Planning Partnership. You can put questions to the committee and you can attend their meetings. It is not required to be a politically representative committee, and your local voices are needed. More on [www.lincolnshireindependents.org](http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org)

The most likely to be controversial is the continued requirement for more dwellings, without matching services and facilities, and the removal of any maximum on village growth. This plan states that it is about economic ambition, and less about local need.

Also controversial is the U-turn on wind turbines from being a general presumption against, to a general presumption in favour of turbines up to 40m and some areas are marked suitable for the really big turbines. Have a look and let me know what you think.

## Sunflowers



Thanks to everyone who planted their five sunflower seeds delivered as part of a community nurturing project to brighten our villages and celebrate the community spirit that we want to keep after this difficult year. They look great, don't take much space, help wildlife and cheer us up at the same time! The Sunflower Project was funded by a grant awarded through the Covid Neighbourly Group. Thank you for taking part.

The Covid Neighbourly Group includes volunteer leaders from seventeen villages in Bassingham and Welbourn Division, plus Cliff Villages including Coleby and Harmston. With great support, I set up and organised it as a response to the Covid -19 crisis to bring together volunteers to share good practice to help support their communities.

Aside from the sunflower project, we set up and supported a dozen neighbourly groups, delivered food, medicines, transport and friendly support to those who are isolating. We created links with shops and voluntary deliveries, shared initiatives, such as listening volunteers, funded a bench and a community garden of thanks. We also took activity packages to those who live alone, created community yarn bombing initiatives and organised cheerful letters from children to the elderly.

Huge thanks to volunteers from all the villages in my area, especially Penny Taylor and the Brownies, Jean Martin and Wildlife Watch, Jenny Giles with cubs and scouts, Ann Broadbent and all our village co-ordinators

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## Mrs Smith's Cottage – Officially Open

The Cottage, garden and display next door are all looking really well, with great staff. Volunteers are joining the team of 26 so far, helping in different ways. If you would like to join in, do come along to events and sign up. It's open 12-4pm Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Entry is £3.50 for adults, £2 for children. Book on line at [www.mrsmithscottage.com](http://www.mrsmithscottage.com)



Architect William Asheton, Past Chairmen of the Friends Group, Dr Rodney Wilson and Malcolm Smith with Councillor Marianne Overton MBE at the official opening for "Stakeholders". Open day of the Saturday following.

## Queens Canopy

With the planting season of October to March, it is time to plan what tree to plant and where to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, held over a new four day bank holiday next June 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)

Let me know if I can help. You can register nationally and also locally with NKDC to get advice and support. NK-CorporateAndCivicSupportTeam@n-kesteven.gov.uk  
Govt. guidance: [www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/events-and-attractions](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/events-and-attractions)

## On a Personal note...

I hope you have had a good summer. Through the holidays, work continued, especially on highways, tackling climate change and supporting Afghan refugees. Thank you also for your very helpful responses to the Local Plan proposals, changing the rules about planning. Please keep me informed of local views so I can better represent you getting the best for our residents. As we enter a new term, other issues include the new nuclear dump in Lincolnshire at Theddlethorpe and concern about the pressure on decision-making being centralised in fewer hands, such as a mayor. Let me know if anyone else would like my monthly newsletter, easy to keep in touch.

Regarding the recently publised complaint against me, I offered to clarify my statement made in May 2020 about the lack of political balance on the planning subcommittees. It was backed up with evidence, but was not intended to imply that anyone within the council had acted improperly.

Even though it will not always be popular with those in power, it is vital for the sake of democracy, that no councillor is prevented from speaking up if we think something is wrong or can be improved, politely and with checked facts, as I do.

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.



## Local Events

It is heart-warming to see events starting up - thank you organisers and to all who get to take part



Amazing chocolate cake at Harmston Village Show

## Local Events

Welbourn's Teddy Bears' Picnic on Castle Hill this week followed a very successful afternoon fair in the Village Hall in August.



Brant Broughton held a garage sale, as did two very enterprising ladies in Addison Close, Navenby.



Harmston have erected their beautiful village sign at the Village Hall and relaunched their Annual Garden Produce Show which was a roaring success.

The Circus is coming to Witham St Hughs, from Wed Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm. Tickets 7-£10 07491 222 714 [www.ticketsource.co.uk/jamesrichardscircus](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/jamesrichardscircus)

Carlton Le Moorland White Hart has a Fynnus Fogg live concert in aid of St Mary's Church on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm. Tickets 01522 788748

The grand Cliff Carnival in on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> in Navenby

## 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

Trading with the EU <https://www.gov.uk/transition>  
[www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home)  
Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>  
Business [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)

**Business Advice is free** from NKDC Phil Means on 07920 472671 [www.businessnk.co.uk](http://www.businessnk.co.uk) @BusinessNK [www.businesslincolnshire.com](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com)

#### Local Help Groups

- 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.

#### First Aid Course online

St John Ambulance <[stjohnambulance@email.sja.org.uk](mailto: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

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## 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  
Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082

## 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

Facebook Hykeham town rural NPT T @hykeham NPT

**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  
dunstondossier.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  
Volunteers welcome

