



## December-January '22 Newsletter

Lincolnshire County Council  
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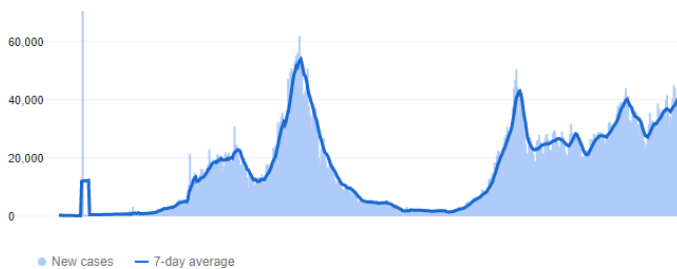
#### Season's Greetings!

I hope you and your family are well. This is my personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you. Let me know if I can help with anything. Best wishes for Christmas and 2022.

#### Three new December rules to tackle Covid

1. Face coverings indoors *except* pubs and hospitality
  2. Work from home if you can
  3. NightClubs Negative Lateral flow test or covid passport
- Christmas parties, however, seem to be fine, says PM.

Infections are significantly up, but hospitalisations are nowhere near previous levels – the vaccinations are working. 41 positive cases recorded in my division in the past 7 days, so face, space, hands and ventilation.  
<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map/cases> Coronavirus cases:



#### Coronavirus Support Services

Local mental health services are improving after much campaigning at both District and County Council.



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<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services/health-advice-support/2> for more



#### New Councillor wins Award

Thanks to Lincolnshire Independents, Amelia Bailey and Mark Williams, standing in Metheringham District Council by-election. It was an extremely close result on a full slate of candidates. Amelia won on a draw - every vote counts! Amelia has also just won the Lincolnshire Life Best Tea or Coffee Shop in the whole of Lincolnshire! Why not try Tilly's Tea Shop in Metheringham High Street?

#### Community Grants Available

**Tackling crime:** Grants of up to £500 are available to Neighbourhood Watch groups or to kickstart your group, support volunteers, community cohesion and crime prevention. Apply before Dec 17<sup>th</sup> for the Autumn round or in Spring between 14<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> May. The form is simple. <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/communitygrants> Email to [fundraising@ourwatch.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ourwatch.org.uk).

There is also a survey to hear your thoughts about crime and how effective is Neighbourhood Watch.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CL72YGJ](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CL72YGJ)

#### Parish Litter-picking Grant

Parish Councils can get a litter picking grant of 21p per person in the parish per year. Might be useful for purchasing some litter-picking equipment!

#### NKDC Lottery to benefit your good causes

**Register your group** to be one of the Good Causes, contact [partnerships@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@n-kesteven.gov.uk). 60p in the £ goes to local good causes. 20p to the prize fund and 20p for Vat and admin. Run by "Gatherwell", weekly £1 tickets, £52/yr are offered. The chance of winning a prize is 1 in 50 and the weekly top prize is £25,000. <https://www.nklottery.co.uk/>



#### Business Grants available

New Businesses, started since April 27<sup>th</sup>, can apply for up to £5K capital funds, called the ARG Start-up Grant from NKDC. <https://www.businessnk.co.uk/covid-19-support/>

## Working to get the best planning decisions

### Planning Application: Six new broiler chicken units at Leadenham/Brant Boughton, with traffic through Navenby, Wellingore and Leadenham.

Thanks to Brant Boughton Parish Council for organising the public meeting to listen to residents' views on the proposal. Huge thanks to residents for attending and local District Councillor for Brant Boughton, Cllr Mary Green. Issues raised were; industrial development in the open countryside; lorries up Church Lane Navenby and across the A17 or it would have to be through Brant Boughton; surface flooding of clay field; lack of need and significant size of the development; widespread ammonia, smell, capacity at Anwick to expand to take a further 300,000 chickens every few weeks and 2 jobs on site. Planning decision likely to be in February. Please let your views be known to your Parish Council and Cllr Mary Green [cllr\\_mary\\_green@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:cllr_mary_green@n-kesteven.gov.uk). Copy to other District Cllrs always helps too, please. Many thanks.

## Working for a clean, green environment at all levels: COP26 to our Parishes

I attended COP26 for two weeks, joining the many people speaking up effectively inside and outside the arena, demonstrating just how much the drastic impact of humans on climate change matters. I was there representing Councils across England and Wales, as Vice Chairman of the Local Government Association. We had a busy manned stand in the Green Zone and joined the International Local Government organisations with a stand in the Blue Zone. I was a speaker for Local Government at three events, a passionate call to action, a more measured piece on planning and the environment bill and one for local government in Europe. Colleagues and I also worked with Local Government worldwide (LGMA) to help get the wording improved in the final declaration, making sure local government is identified as part of the solution.



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To change the final "Global Pact", we encouraged colleagues from other countries to support our amendment and I got the chance to speak up in the conference, representing Local Government Worldwide!



The Paris-agreed goal is to minimise the impact on our planet to a maximum global warming of 1.5 degrees. On our current trajectory, the earth will heat by 2.7 degrees by 2050. If all the promises were costed and put into place, we would reach around 2 degrees, which sadly, is not enough.

Does it matter? Imagine how it will be when low-lying great cities and whole countries have become uninhabitable because of the increasing extremes of weather. When England shrinks as riverine and coastal areas flood, taking people's homes and land currently needed to grow food. The science is clear, but perhaps most convincing is the changes we are already seeing with our own eyes.

COP26 has been an amazing vibrant event with big discussions on every corner, with so many people encouraging each other to do more. The downside is that it is not enough.

This is not about building more; it is about building less. Planting trees and moving to electricity is the green economy much discussed, but it doesn't work as an excuse to keep up our rate of consumption. Nothing is arriving or leaving the planet - we sit in our own waste, including greenhouse gases. A circular economy means no waste, as what would be waste becomes a raw material for the next item. A no waste economy and preserving resources is where we need our innovation and efforts.

There are many initiatives and what we need is a proper costed strategy with the impacts calculated, costed and funded, at every level. (Debate at LCC Council 10<sup>th</sup> 1hr52)

## And Locally...

Many Parish Councils are setting their own Net Zero Targets and making improvements for clean air, clean water, less traffic and a no waste economy.

- Support for Parish Councils is here.  
<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/climate-change>
- Interview of Yunus Arikan and Marianne Overton  
<https://youtu.be/dQWIY7iUZMY>
- LGA session at COP26 Multilevel Action Pavilion  
<https://youtu.be/jW3eo2z00nw>
- IPCC Official Report really well presented.  
[www.ipcc.ch/ar6-syr/](http://www.ipcc.ch/ar6-syr/)

## Call to Action Funds available

**Tree-planting grants** come from a [new £6 million Trees Call to Action Fund](#) recently announced by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), in partnership with the Forestry Commission. Grants of £250,000 to £500,000 will be awarded to projects across England, at least three of which will be used for new regional partnerships set up to create woodlands and improve people's access to nature. Local groups can apply to [plant@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:plant@woodlandtrust.org.uk).

**Community Wildlife Grants** of up to £500 for everything from surveys to pond creation come from Lincolnshire County Council. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding/apply-community-wildlife-grant>

**Schools** "Sow, grow, cook" project has been joined by schools at Welbourn and Brant Broughton, growing their own fruit and vegetables. Congratulations!

**Wildlife Watch and RSPB Groups** For children 8-13, we have apple-days, bee-keeping, star gazing, wildflowers and a summer camp. Come along and see. Marianne.overton@biosearch.org.uk 07920 235 364 or Jean Martin on [jcmartin0448@gmail.com](mailto:jcmartin0448@gmail.com)

## Farming with Nature

Also announced this week was the [Environment Secretary's vision for farming](#). He spoke of food production and food security, along with priorities to tackle biodiversity loss and climate change – all things we've been raising with Government. The new [Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme](#) starts next year, open to all farmers with more than 5 ha of land. Farmers can choose from a list, with incentives for actions that benefit the environment. Thanks to our local farmers already on it!

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## Local Nature Recovery

I have written and spoken directly to ministers on the risk that I see locally, of good intentions being disposed of in an empty "greenwash". We have applications where the required 10% net gain in biodiversity with planning applications is boiling down to "people's gardens" or seeding verges with wildflower seeds, temporarily maintained, at the same time as cutting down woodlands and hedges. The LGA has sent representations to (DEFRA) [consultation](#) on [Local Nature Recovery Strategies: how to prepare and what to include](#). We welcomed the *intention* of increased focus on Local Nature Recovery and reversing the decline of biodiversity.

## Consultation on the NHS in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire CCG who commission services in Lincolnshire are asking for your opinion. Should services be centralised in just one or two places in Lincolnshire or keep services closer to where you live? Attend in person in Lincoln Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 10am or register for an online event on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 or the 20<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>n</sup>.  
<https://www.lincolnshire.nhs.uk/get-involved/our-campaigns/changes-to-nhs-services/how-can-i-get-involved/attend-event>

## Donating

### Knitting Hats for Lincoln Maternity Unit

Newborns need soft woollen hats-can you help? 28cm round, 12cm deep, plus a bit that folds over. Knit or crochet. If you can help, please drop them off at the hospital, or to post to Bardney Ward, Maternity Block, Lincoln County Hospital, Greetwell Rd, Lincoln, LN2 5QY.

### Children's Pyjamas

Lincolnshire Independent and ex NHS nurse, Amelia Bailey is collecting child pyjamas for the hospital.

## Celebrating Lincolnshire Innovation

Known in the industry as Dr Potato, Branston agronomy director, Dr David Nelson has developed new fast-cooking "Nemo" variety, a natural hybrid bred over six years.



## Tackling potholes and traffic upstream

We do what we can to slow the traffic that arrives in our home areas, but can we get to the cause of the problem?

The County Council has written a new Transport Policy for Lincolnshire. I, for one, have responded, ask for a clear ambition to reduce traffic and properly maintain the roads. I also raised this at full Council this week. This plan needs to address one of the biggest problems facing our communities; the increase in speeding traffic and a big increase in vans and lorries on broken roads.

With a politically-driven headlong drive to continual "growth", we have 6,000 new houses being built at Bracebridge Heath, with another 13,000 more people expected. Just last week, permission was given for 450 new houses at Bracebridge Heath and a further 1,200 temporarily deferred. Though some money is set aside for transport, most people will need to leave the estates for work, shops, schools, medical and community facilities. That is a lot more cars, vans and lorries, without the matching increase in road repairs.

Last year our County Council put an extra 25% from reserves into road repairs, after the Government made a last minute snitch out of our expected funds. We pay our tax just the same, but not enough returned for local use.

Already traffic has increased by 30% in the past decade, higher than East Midlands and England. Lorry traffic is back at pre-covid levels, with vans and cars close behind.

If we want *economic wellbeing*, where spend is in balance with need, we need to drop this old-fashioned addiction to "growth" forever. Chasing the dragon of "growth" for someone's "economic ambition" is simply damaging.

Let's focus instead on wellbeing of our communities, shaping places that have the facilities to match people's needs now.

A concerted effort to reduce and slow traffic through villages and urban communities needs to be seriously tackled and funded. An assessment of lorry movements is needed, to see what changes could reasonably be made. Planning must include a priority of reducing the need to travel, with local facilities within fifteen minutes walk or cycle.

A much bigger proportion of road finance should be spent on good cycle paths, not only for the benefit of cyclists, walkers and mobility vehicles, but also to enable a better flow on the roads.

This also requires considerably improved whole road maintenance as it is the edges where cyclists are severely at risk. 80% of Lincs roads are Class C or unclassified and need to be better maintained.

Our team response to the draft Lincolnshire Transport Plan is on our home page. [www.lincolnshireindependents.org](http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org)

The Draft Lincolnshire Transport Plan 5 is here <https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/12244/widgets/34960/documents/18513>

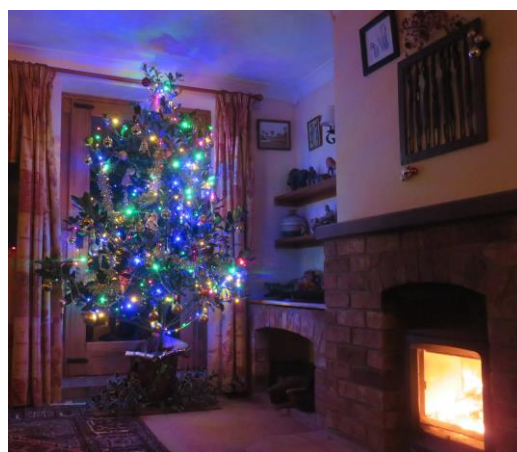
## Changes to bus Services

Number 1 Grantham to Lincoln is unchanged. <https://lincsbus.info/lincs-bus-updates/>

## Christmas



The London to Lincoln Christmas Market Steam train.



How about topping an over-grown hedge for a Christmas Tree this year? This is holly, what do you think?

Wishing you a very happy Christmas, good health and every success in 2021. Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities and your kind support. Keep Safe!

*Marianne*

**Marianne Overton MBE**



## 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

- Aurbourn 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



## Supporting Local Businesses

We have a new NK online Directory for local businesses  
and we need you to register! www.businessnk.co.uk  
Katie\_winslow@n-kesteven.gov.uk