



**April News
from
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**Lincolnshire County Council
LCC and North Kesteven
District Council NKDC**

Greetings!

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.

Ukraine

Our first refugees are now arriving in Lincolnshire, under the two schemes; the family and friends which is unfunded and the sponsor scheme which is funded. Thanks to Rev Chris Goldsmith for support and to families already registered to sponsor refugees, hosting for at least six months and getting visas. We already have about twenty families in our area who have offered to host and we have regular support meetings. The visa process includes a check on the refugee and the Councils do a check on sponsors. Hosts are assisting with the paperwork, including registering for a GP, dentist, school places, universal credit and jobs if they are able. The government will pay £350 per household and money to the Council to cover council support.

I have also been in weekly national meetings with the Minister for Refugees, Lord Harrington. We have raised the issue of having various refugee statuses, and we have a number of Afghan refugees still in hotels awaiting settlement. The 30,000 visa applications are now being processed faster as we have host families waiting.

Those willing to host Ukrainian evacuees can visit www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk for more information. More at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ukraine

The Wellbeing Lincs service can be accessed by Ukrainian arrivals or their host families to get further advice and support. Ukraine.Wellbeing@e-lindsey.gov.uk or calling 01507 613044 office hours.

A local community fund has also been put in place dedicated to helping those arriving in Lincolnshire who are unable to meet specific costs and needs over and above what government and councils can provide.

The Lincolnshire Community Foundation can be found at www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/LincolnshireCF-Ukraine



Energy

Reduce the energy price hike with energy savings, especially insulation, draught-proofing, low energy lights, thermostat control, not leaving things on when you don't need them. You might want to use the poster at the end of this newsletter. The Council for the Protection of Rural England have a Dark Skies campaign against waste light.

More Solar Panels

The NK Independents proposed £200K be used on our Council buildings to make them more sustainable. More solar panels are now agreed, saving energy costs. We made some other useful [proposals](#) which we hope will be coming on stream through the year.

The Centre for Sustainable Energy provide a free advisory service supporting residents (including landlords) with reducing energy bills & keeping warm at home. To speak to one of the Centre's experienced advisors: 0800 082 2234, www.cse.org.uk/contact-us

£150 Energy Payment is paid as a one-off Council tax dwelling rebate based on being resident on 1st April in a band A to D property. It is paid automatically if you normally pay Council Tax by direct debit. If you are not paying by direct debit, it's a bit more complicated. 01529 308266 There is also a discretionary grant for higher tax bands, where there is genuine hardship.

Energy Saving Network

There is help to reduce costs and even some grants Please contact Janet Clark by phone on [01529 301962](tel:01529301962), or email janet.clark@lincsymca.co.uk.

Help with Bills from Anglian Water

Extra Care Support is available from 0800 169 3630 Check you are on the best [tariff](#) via 0800 232 1963 They also have a Priority Services Register if you have any extra needs. partnerships@anglianwater.co.uk,
• Completing an [Online Form](#) or 07971579839



A snowless winter was broken on the last day of March, this year!

Planning – Your View is wanted

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is the set of rules against which all planning applications will be compared to decide if they get permission or not. The current plan is being replaced. Some changes were made, and some concerns remain, especially around cumulative impact of housing developments and turbines not limited to any maximum.

I raised five of your key questions at the meeting on 28th February highlighting the issues of village growth and turbines. I got some full answers and was followed up by an unsuccessful motion from the County Council to exclude the large turbines from policy.

Your comments need to be in by 9th May 2022 to talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk 01529 414155
The Consultation on the Local Plan is here central-lincs.inconsult.uk/CLLP.Proposed.Submission./consultationHome

It does give opportunity to ask to speak at the Inquiry. These policies have to be backed up by evidence www.central-lincs.org.uk/consultation-library

If we want changes, comments have to be based on an aspect of the plan being not “sound”, that is deliverable or justified, (eg because of numbers or matching facilities), not effective or not consistent with national policy.

Thanks to all who sent their comments previously, but they need sending again as your previous comments will not be forwarded to the Inspector. You may like to write again raising the issue of whether your points have been properly considered. All previous comments will **not** be passed forward to the Inspector, so we will need to write again. Writing also means the Inspector may invite you to speak at the hearing, which is very helpful.

<https://democracy.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=729&MId=8950&Ver=4>

Comments made last time are on the tab at the top of the home page www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk A useful contact for questions is Juliet Cousins on 01529 414 155

Supporting local Heritage: Mrs Smith’s Cottage

Open every week, Friday to Monday 12-4pm, The Cottage has a whole series of events organized to inspire you and your family. Book your visit through the website [here](#). Free Spring Flowers Craft Pack and Spring Bingo.

7th April Willow Weaving, 9th April Buss about Bees
12th Rag Rug Workshop, 14th Teachers’ Open afternoon
17th Easter Egg Hunt

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Grants

Insulation may save up to 40% of your bill, so well worth having. Properties for let have to be up to a reasonable standard by law. There are grants if you get really stuck with your bills. The Citizens Advice Bureau is really helpful and the website has a great page on “grants for insulation” www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0808 278 7942. Veterans www.turn2us.org.uk

Bassingham has a relief fund for residents 07801899615
Carlton le Moorland’s Young Person’s Trust 07943760155

Happy Easter!

Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities and your kind support. Best wishes.

Marianne



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Working together to support people and planet



Some April Events

- 9th Bassingham Bowls Club Coffee and Table-top sale at St Michael’s, Bassingham 10.30am
- 10th 3pm Songs of praise in the Wesleyan Chapel, Brant Broughton
- 13th Wellingore & District U3A Crown Jewells 10.30am
- 14th Tea and Chat Norton Disney 2pm
- 15th Bassingham Choir at St Michael’s Good Friday 7pm
- 15th Pilgrimage walk round the Parish from St Peter’s Norton Disney
- 15th Easter hunt at Metheringham 11.30am
- 16th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am noon
- 17th Easter hunt 10.30am Leadenham Village Hall
- 22nd 7pm Flix in the Stix at Jubilee Hall, Brant Broughton 01400 279227
- 25th Two Act Theatre Company AGM 7pm
- 28th 7pm Cranwell Military Wives Choir at St Chad’s, Welbourn 01400 272462

Out Walking? Try www.walkingengland.co.uk/lincs to download maps and information on local groups.

Useful Information

Healthy Eating

Local shops

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 01400 273796
Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200
Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242
Leadenham Farm Shop 01400 273988

Pub/takeaway meals

Royal Oak, Aubourn 01522 788 291
The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258
Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534
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
Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>
Business www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding
Lincolnshire County Council www.lincolnshire.gov.uk
North Kesteven District Council www.n-kesteven.gov.uk
Local Government Association www.local.gov.uk

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
www.withamsidechurches.org.uk
Navenby Methodist Church 01522 685226
<http://lincolnmethoist.org.uk/circuit-services-weekly-live-stream/>
David.lawton@methodist.org.uk
Bassingham Church Facebook page

Venue Finder

420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.
www.lincsccommunitybuildings.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.lincsbus.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.carltonle Moorland.org.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.pariah.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



Inspiring Children to Care

West Kesteven Wildlife Watch has a new calendar of events

out. Running since 1991 aimed at children 7 to 13, children

enjoy learning about our local environment and wildlife.

Stars and planets, bees, summer camp, birds, wild walks to

discover things, making and doing. Contact me or Jean

Martin on 01636 626176 or jcmartin0448@gmail.com

ENERGY



Over a year, a home on the average UK fuel mix emits 1.2 tonnes of CO2 from electricity usage and 2.3 tonnes of CO2 from gas usage.

Our Top Ten Tips to save energy



- 1 **Switch to a 100% Renewable energy tariff to reduce your carbon footprint.**
- 2 **Use an electricity monitor.** See how much you are using!
- 3 **Don't waste energy leaving appliances on standby.** This accounts for 5 - 10% of energy use.
- 4 **Draught proof your home.** Fully draught proofing your home could save an average of £55 a year and make it a lot more cosy!
- 5 **Insulate!** Save up to £140 a year on heating bills. A 1/3 of the cost of heating your home is lost through the walls and another 1/3 is lost through the roof.
- 6 **Turn down your thermostat.** Turning it down by 1 degree saves 8% in heating costs and reduces CO2.
- 7 **About 60% of energy bills is spent through your boiler,** so upgrading to an A-rated boiler could save you up to £300 a year.
- 8 **Replacing just one old light bulb with an energy saving one can cut lighting costs by up to £50 over the lifetime of the bulb.**
- 9 **Spending one minute less in the shower each day will save up to £7 a year off your energy bills, per person.**
- 10 **Know what you want before you open the fridge door and stand their deciding!**

