

## END OF Lincs 4 WARMER HOMES

The county energy advice service, Lincs 4 Warmer Homes , has closed following the end of it's existing funding.

There is nothing that is directly replacing the service at present, although the county-wide partnership is investigating a successor.

In the meantime please contact your energy provider, the Big Energy Saving Network (run by YMCA) or national advice services such as The Energy Saving Trust or Simple Energy Advice .

## 150 UKRAINIAN GUESTS SETTLE IN TO SAFE LINCOLNSHIRE HOMES

People from Ukraine are now settling into homes and communities in Lincolnshire, facilitated by a range of support mechanisms put in place by local councils, agencies and community groups. Latest figures 28/4/22 show that so far 150 Ukrainians fleeing from their country for safety reasons and seeking sanctuary in the UK have already found new temporary homes with 70 sponsor families across Lincolnshire.

As of Thursday 28th April, there were 335 approved applications and visa matches from more than 3,200 expressions of interest from Lincolnshire households to make accommodation available for a minimum of six months through The Homes for Ukraine programme. As suitable checks continue to be made on individuals and properties and more visa applications granted, that figure is continually rising.

The Homes for Ukraine scheme relies on sponsoring hosts finding their own guests through personal connections, charitable organisations or an agency to connect with potential guests and to jointly process a visa application. There is no role councils in Lincolnshire can play in this, although they are all committed to making every provision later on in the process to making every provision in the process to ensure a safer, sustained resettlement.

Additionally, the Ukraine Family Scheme which provides for refugees to come to the UK to join the household of a family member - which is done by mutual agreement, personal arrangement and without local authority involvement.

To support the Homes for Ukraine resettlement for refugees in Lincolnshire, a multi agency county wide coordination group has been set up to plan resettlement support arrangements. This is working with sponsors, refugees, refugee groups, Wellbeing Linc, other statutory agencies and community and faith groups putting in place mechanisms to facilitate access to benefits, registration for school and healthcare, language assistance, familiarisation with the local area etc. There is also the locally-specific Lincolnshire Community Foundation Appeal through which everyone can contribute to refugees welfare and extend the "Big Lincolnshire Welcome".

## FIX MY STREET

If you are asked by local residents how to report problems such as pot holes, graffiti, damaged road barriers, faulty street lighting and more, a quick and effective way to report this is by Fix My Street. This website allows you to report a problem with a detailed description, location and gives you opportunity to upload photos. Reporting problems via the website ensures that the problem is directed to the correct department or organisation. The status of the problem is updated and allows you to monitor progress.

## ACT ON CLIMATE NEWSLETTER

The second edition of the new Act on Climate newsletter has been released to the growing mailing list.

The newsletter included details of NKDC's solar panel plans, the latest UN and government reports, Greenpeace's Big Plastic Count, details of the new Call Connect service to help travellers to connect with railway services, the Be More Hilda project at Mrs Smith's Cottage and some local events coming up.

If you have any suggestions for topics that should be covered in this channel, or any news about climate or environmental development in the area, please email:-

[ClimateAction@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:ClimateAction@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2022/2023

On a more personal note it gives me great pleasure to inform you that I was elected as Chairman of North Kesteven District Council at May 12th Full Council meeting. It is a great honour and I shall do my best to fulfill my role.

I would like to talk about my chosen charity which is close to my heart which is Children with Cancer UK.

Children with Cancer UK exist as a charity because nearly 4,500 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer in the UK every year. Their vision is a world where everyone of these children survives their cancer.

They fund initiative research projects that aim to determine the causes, find cures, and provide care for children with cancer so that one day every child can ring the end of treatment bell.

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For every £1 of donations :-

52p goes on research projects

18p goes on supporting families

16p goes on raising awareness

And 14p goes on raising money.

Did you know that children's cancers are very different from adult cancers? Not only do children's cancers occur in different parts of the body, they're also different at the molecular level and respond differently to treatment. It's only by having these specialised research that they will be able to develop and find kinder treatments and work towards a world where every child and young person with cancer can ring the after treatment bell.

At every stage of cancer treatment, children receive a new Bead of Courage. The beads join together to form (often long) physical representations of their journey, keeping a record of every hospital trip and treatment. Collecting the beads gives young cancer patients the courage and motivations to undergo unpleasant or scary procedures and it helps them feel proud on completing them.

There are different coloured beads representing a stay in hospital, a course of chemotherapy, a visit to a clinic, a course of radiation treatment, an act of courage, a special accomplishment and completion of treatment.

If you would like to give to my very worthwhile charity you can go on NKDC Chairman's website and on the second page there is a place to donate. However big or small would be very much appreciated.

Best Wishes

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