



**June 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. This month I am leading on keeping NHS services and Business support.

**Keeping GP services in step with development**

Our Cliff Cluster of nine Parish Councils had a good look at the funding promised for infrastructure to match the increasing housing.

Across the country, the number of GP's has been diminishing and more are moving to part time. Yet the number of appointments is as high as ever, most still in person. In 2020, the Government promised to invest to recover the problem with an additional 6,000 GP's but none have yet materialised. Instead the number of GP's and GP practices has reduced. GP's have an average of 300 more patients each than five years ago.

Fewer doctors are looking after greater numbers of patients

Change in average number of patients per practice and GP to patient ratio  
September 2015 to April 2022



GP's in Sleaford and in the Cliff Villages seem to be especially hard-hit, with difficulty in recruiting to rural areas with heavy workloads. The rapid increase in new houses makes this more difficult.

The Cliff Cluster of Parish Councils asked for a list of money set aside from developments for local "infrastructure" over the past five years. For seven villages of the Cliff Cluster, 138 new houses brought just £7,000 for the villages. Even that was hard to spend as it had significant strings attached. It resulted in one slide for one village.

There was some welcome funding towards a building at the school and a roadside path. However, nothing for health since they do not need buildings; they need more staff.

It was agreed that the villages would work more closely together to ensure the best results. I am also working on the issue through the Councils.

**Welcome to our new Lincolnshire Independent Councillor, Bob Oldershaw (left)**

Elected last month and representing Sleaford, Bob will do an excellent job, bringing skills from his career in the RAF and a commitment and connection to our communities through his voluntary work. Huge thanks for your support. Bob has done all his training and started work right away.



**This battle finally ends - Grantham A and E**



2018

Huge thanks to so many people who joined this campaign and spoke up for Lincolnshire residents. As our population increases steadily, Grantham A and E has finally closed, adding further pressure on Lincoln. The decision to permanently close Grantham's A and E and replace it with a 24-hour treatment centre, has not been called in by the County Health scrutiny committee, so it will now close. The A and E at Grantham currently operates daytime services between 8am and 6.30pm, with restricted hours having been in place since 2016. Health figures say that it hasn't been operating as a "full-blown" A and E, since the intensive care unit closed. Instead Grantham will have a 24/7 urgent treatment centre, some planned orthopaedics and beds. Stroke services will be on the Lincoln County Hospital site, supported by a community stroke rehabilitation service.

## Working for Better Planning

The smaller planning committee of 15 members has begun, including me. Local members can have 5 minutes.

### The Bell Inn, Coleby 22/0510/PMA

The Proposal for change of use of the Bell Inn from a restaurant in Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to single dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) has been refused. This is on the basis that it is evidenced as a pub, not a restaurant and thus protected in law for community use.

**The Traveller Site at Beckingham** Refused by NKDC  
Appeal awaited.

**New broiler Chicken Units** 21/1550/FUL Passed  
Housing 300,000 chickens every 48 days. 15,859sq.m I considered it to be too big, but the impact of the building, smell, ammonia and highways was deemed acceptable by the planning committee as a whole.

## Lorry Traffic through Villages

The increase in development in our area means more traffic and more lorries. Our small roads were clearly not built for the current size, weight nor number of lorries, damaging the road surface faster than we can keep them repaired. In places, the road is below the statutory width, so that lorries cannot pass oncoming traffic and scrape or knock chips out of the walls of the buildings as they wind through our villages and go on to break away the road edges. Lorry Watch is a new app that helps lorries find the shortest route – through our villages.

The speed indicator device in Aubourn has recorded up to 700 vehicles an hour, winding through the village. Traffic in Lincolnshire has increased more than 20% in the past 7 years. We need to address the use of short cuts by lorries.

Residents are planning our own “Lorrywatch”. Volunteers record the lorry companies, then contact the company to see if an alternative route is possible.

Leadenham and Aubourn Parish Councils are setting up a Community Speed Watch. Could you help?



BBC Radio Lincolnshire interviewed us, raising this issue I put to Full Council on behalf of residents.

Lincolnshire Independents response is on the website. [www.lincolnshireindependents.org](http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org) The report is online, with the figures in the “transport monitoring report”. [www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/local-transport-plan](http://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/local-transport-plan)

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## Supporting Business and Communities

European funds to UK stopped on leaving the EU. The funds we no longer send have stayed with the Government. The new distribution of these funds is called the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It is £2.6bn and Lincolnshire has been allocated £3.1m to be drawn down if they approve the business plan we submit. 12 Aims include; Boost living standards and health, employment opportunity and skills, transport, community wellbeing and pride of place. It is very [broad](#). What do you think we should be focussing on?

## How is your maths?

Your business, school or College could offer maths in more innovative and attractive setting. The County Council has £4m from the Government for people with less than GCSE grade 4, in a project called “Multiply”. Want to apply?

“Multiply will be a launchpad for people to progress into better paid jobs that will help our economy grow. We will give this money to local areas based on need so they can find the right solutions for their communities.”

There is already help available for adults to improve maths and numeracy skills including fully funded maths courses up to GCSE to enable people to get the maths skills they need. In Lincolnshire you can visit [www.2aspire.org.uk](http://www.2aspire.org.uk) for courses.

## Small Business Saturday

One business a day gets the limelight for 100 days leading up to Small Business Saturday on 3<sup>rd</sup> December Apply to be one of the 100. #SmallBusinessSaturday

## Totally Local Fiver Fest 2<sup>nd</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Are you taking part? Have you got a special offer for a fiver? Join in the campaign to encourage people to shop local wherever possible.  
<https://totallylocally.org/fiver-fest/how-to-do-a-fiver-fest/>

## Pubs with the More to offer

Business Lincolnshire is supporting pubs to take on additional services such as accommodation, retail, cyclist and motorhome hookups in their Diversification Programme. Contact [admin@bizlincolnshire.com](mailto:admin@bizlincolnshire.com) and apply before 30.6.22

## Free Business Support

NKDC provides an advisor, Phil Means who will talk through your position and your ideas. 07920 472671  
This website is very good  
<https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/start-and-grow-my-business/grant-and-support-finder>



## NK Champion Awards

You can be a business sponsor or nominate a champion by September 9<sup>th</sup> [www.NKAwards.org](http://www.NKAwards.org)

## Supporting local heritage: Welbourn Forge

Open and working on the first Saturday of every month from 10am. Visitors welcomed!



## Sculpture Trail at Doddington Hall

Sculpture at Doddington 2022 will take place from Saturday, July 16 until Sunday, September 11, and will be open daily from 10am to 4pm



## Supporting Local Businesses

It's always good to buy local if you can! A friend just reminded me what a useful range of hardware and petshop goodies can be bought locally in Navenby.



## Soapbox Downhill Challenge, Coleby

Hugely popular, ingenious and brilliantly organised event, managed jointly by Coleby Village Hall committee and the Hykeham Lions Club.



## Open Gardens at Bassingham, Brant Broughton and Caythorpe

Huge thanks to all for their work on the Open Gardens that followed the Jubilee events.



Scented herbal path between colourful borders.

Best Wishes and thank you for all you continue to do in our communities and your kind support.

*Marianne*

**Marianne Overton MBE**

*Working together to support people and planet*





## Events



### June Events

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Wellingore Tea@3 3-4pm Wellingore Memorial Hall  
24<sup>th</sup> Strawberries and wine in the garden Brant Broughton  
Tickets 01400 272373/211 in aid of St Helen's 7-9pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Ladies Pop-up Fashion Show, Welbourn Wonderbugs  
Preschool £7 07947 126815 6.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Leadenham Village Hall and Yard Sale & Craft Fair  
9.30am-1.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Farewell Service for Rev. Sarah Davies, St Peter's  
Navenby 10.30am  
28<sup>th</sup> Shep's Charity Quiz on Tuesday at Harmston £1/pers  
Memorial Hall, Bar 7.30pm, Quiz 8pm Finish 10.30pm  
25/26<sup>th</sup> St Germain's Rose Weekend at Thurlby, concert  
Saturday with the Orpheus male Voice Choir £8 7.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Aubourn Hall Gardens Open £6 2-5pm

### July Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coleby Boot Sale - Volunteer help welcome  
[devonald@btinternet.com](mailto:devonald@btinternet.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Harmston Food and Drink Fair 11am-3pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Two Open Gardens and teas, Welbourn 12-6pm  
£5 to the National Garden Scheme The Old House, the  
Green and Walnut Tree Corrage Hall Lane.  
13<sup>th</sup> Health Fair at The Venue, Navenby  
15<sup>th</sup> Full Fathom Five young Cappella Group £7.50 to the  
Church Clock Repair Fund 7 bar, 7.30pm start  
Tickets from [Devonald@btinternet.com](mailto:Devonald@btinternet.com)  
16<sup>th</sup> Cliff Villages Classic Car Run Meet at Harmston Church  
at 10.30am £25/car [classicarrun@btinternet.com](mailto:classicarrun@btinternet.com)  
17<sup>th</sup> Harmston BBQ  
24<sup>th</sup> Harmston postponed Jubilee picnic  
30<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Book Sale 2-4pm

### August Events

- 5<sup>th</sup> Lino Printing Workshop Mrs Smith's Cottage £23  
Lino Printing Workshop - 5th August, 10am to 4pm,  
£23. Take inspiration from Mrs Smith's wallpapers and  
create your own, layered, repeating patterns using lino  
cutting and printing techniques.  
7<sup>th</sup> Coleby Boot sale  
28<sup>th</sup> Harmston Beer Festival at Memorial Hall

### September Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmston Village Show at the Memorial Hall 2pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Coleby Boot Sale  
17<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Ball (01522 789423)  
24<sup>th</sup> Coleby Ball [andrew.longcoleby@icloud.com](mailto:andrew.longcoleby@icloud.com)

### Out Walking?

#### 1. NKDC Walking Festival

18th June - 3rd July, 60 led walks/16 days  
<https://www.hillholtwood.co.uk/nk-walking-festival>  
incl. Navenby 22<sup>nd</sup> at 18.30, Bassingham 24<sup>th</sup> 18.00 and  
Temple Bruer at 10.30am, Mrs Smith's Cottage Summer  
Forage at Hillholt Wood 25<sup>th</sup> 10am, Wellingore 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am

2. Try [www.walkingengland.co.uk/lincs](http://www.walkingengland.co.uk/lincs) to download  
maps and information on local groups.

### Summer Pictures to brighten your day



Baby Squirrel *inside* the net that protects the cherries!



Boxfull of healthy young Kestrels, and one on the roof!  
Together with a nesting Barn owl, our birds seem to thrive  
on the rewilding, grazed areas and hedgerows.

## 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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home)  
Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>  
Business [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding)  
Lincolnshire County Council [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
North Kesteven District Council [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk](https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk)  
Local Government Association [www.local.gov.uk](https://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)  
Monthly webinars are on [www.teamlincolnshire.com](http://www.teamlincolnshire.com)

### 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 Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.  
[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

### Church Services

[www.graffoechurches.co.uk](http://www.graffoechurches.co.uk) with Michelle Godbold  
Christine Goldsmith [rectorleadenham@gmail.com](mailto:rectorleadenham@gmail.com)  
[www.withamsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.withamsidechurches.org.uk)  
Navenby Methodist Church 01522 685226  
<http://lincolnmethodist.org.uk/circuit-services-weekly-live-stream/> [David.lawton@methodist.org.uk](mailto:David.lawton@methodist.org.uk)  
Bassingham Church Facebook page

### Venue Finder

420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.  
[www.lincscommunitybuildings.org.uk](http://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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks)

[roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk) Twitter #lincsc roads

### Register to vote or get a postal vote

Search "Postal vote .Gov" or [link here.](#)



## Community Larders

*Sleaford Community Larder* at the Newlife Centre  
<http://www.communitylarder.co.uk/>  
*Bassingham Church* last Thurs monthly, donate before  
11.30am Parishioners can collect a box 1.30pm-3.30pm.

## 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](mailto:customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)  
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or  
[ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
Adult Concern 01522 782151  
Police: Sgt Ken Whyte, plus PCSO's 101 or [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)  
07973 846537/235/5827  
Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082

## Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from [lincscountycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lincscountycouncil@gmail.com)  
Roadworks [www.one.network](http://www.one.network) [lincolnshire roadworks.org](http://lincolnshire.roadworks.org)  
Transport [www.accesslincoln.co.uk](http://www.accesslincoln.co.uk) shows all the options,  
or ask [accesslincoln@lincolnbig.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article)  
Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door  
Car-sharing [www.lincshare.co.uk](http://www.lincshare.co.uk)  
Trains [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)  
Facebook Hykeham town rural NPT T @hykeham NPT  
Buses [www.lincsbus.info](http://www.lincsbus.info) or Traveline 0871 200 22 33

**Mobile Library** 01522 782010 or [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk) 01529 308084

## Village websites

[Withamstaple.com](http://Withamstaple.com); [yourbassingham.co.uk](http://yourbassingham.co.uk)  
[www.carltonle Moorland.org.uk](http://www.carltonle Moorland.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/) Navenby  
and Wellingore business parishes.[lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
[www.harmston.info](http://www.harmston.info) [www.navenby.net](http://www.navenby.net)  
[dunstondossier.org.uk](http://dunstondossier.org.uk) [nocton.blogspot.co.uk](http://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](http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times)  
Branston Library 01522 880426  
[www.mrssmithscottage.com](http://www.mrssmithscottage.com)

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## County Events- Good web page here

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk) search on "county news"

**Wheelchair loan:** No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213  
**Young People Grants** Carlton Le Moorland 07943760155

## Ukraine Refugee Support

- Information [www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk) and in Lincolnshire [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ukraine](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ukraine)
- Matching Service <https://resetuk.org/>
- 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](mailto:Ukraine.Wellbeing@e-lindsey.gov.uk) or calling 01507 613044 office hours.
- Local facebook network for Ukraine [m4ukraine](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hurlnet)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hurlnet>
- **Donate:** Support for refugees already here, I suggest the *Lincolnshire Community Foundation*  
[www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/LincolnshireCF-Ukraine](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/LincolnshireCF-Ukraine)
- *British Red Cross* <https://donate.redcross.org.uk>

## Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

- Consultation Papers: <https://central-lincs.inconsult.uk/CLLP.Proposed.Submission./consultationHome?fbclid=IwAR3du7HD3ZlkqETrkCVjly9crrpQHON-YVCCfl4BgT-bkRyOy1t0aMq9o3E>
- Meeting papers including our questions and answers
- <https://democracy.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=729&Mid=8950>

## Grants for Energy Efficiency

**Insulation** may save up to 40% of your bill, so well worth having. 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](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) 0808 278 7942. Veterans  
[www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

**Bassingham** has a relief fund for residents 07801899615  
**Carlton le Moorland's** Young Person's Trust 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](mailto:jcmartin0448@gmail.com)