

Summer News from

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Greetings!

I write following the inspirational Lionesses winning the football Euros. Brilliant! 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 Carers and Highways.

Hot and dry

On the hottest day on record, trends explain there is evidence that we can expect many more. Trains all cancelled on the East Coast, tarmac melts at 50 degrees - that's tarmac temperature in the sun, not air temp - £4.6million homes overheat, crops looking sorry for themselves, waterways low with fish and wildlife deaths.

Meanwhile, Government Plans to tackle the issue are falling short, according to the <u>High court</u> this month.

Seems to me that anyone who is voting for tax cuts at this time will need to answer how are we going to cope with even less services and face up to still bigger challenges.

Calling on Government

With the current turmoil in choosing a PM, I have been working to get things ready for September 5th. Working with the Local Government Association, I met with Rishi Sunak on funding, with Michael Gove on the levelling up agenda, with Lord Richard Harrington on refugees, with Greg Clark, standing in for local government and Lord Callanan on widening the rules to ease access to grants for insulation of homes, including Council homes. As Leaders of Local Government, we followed up with an open letter.

I also shared a platform with Kemi Badenoch promoting a cleaner kinder politics in our "Debate not Hate" campaign.



Carers

Yesterday Lincolnshire County Council, discussed Carers who have not received their annual review nor the support they need, due to massive increase in demand. Councillors raised the importance of timely care and assistance, important also in heading off bigger problems. Aside from supporting carers, the adult care service in Lincolnshire is mainly performing well, but more is needed in future. Link

Carers First

Carers First works with and for unpaid carers providing information and advice. Staff, like Lincolnshire Independent, ClIr Amelia Bailey are passionate about getting the right support for carers to thrive. Amelia runs a coffee morning on the second Thursday monthly 9.30-11 at Tilly's Tea Shop, Metheringham. Ask for her list of good days out. Contact carersfirst.org.uk or ring 0300 303 1555

Tackling anti-social behaviour

Two years ago we were promised more police. Sadly this includes replacements and they are all now based in Lincoln, with little or no patrols in the rural areas. We have a significant increase in the seriousness of anti-social behaviour resulting in five arrests so far after an incident in Metheringham. Please report incidents on 101 https://dx.ncbi.nlm.nih.google.uk or www.lincs.police.uk

Highways

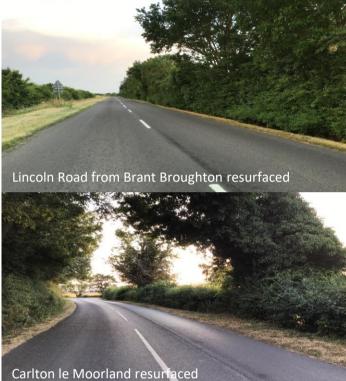
We complain a lot about Highways and some areas are in dire need of urgent repair. However, after much pressure to keep the budget, and get repairs done, I am impressed to see some great improvements. Let's keep them that way with prompt reporting on fixmystreet by residents and prompt repairs by Lincolnshire County Council.

Some of the Rural Roads that have been brought up to standard in my area are on the marked routes shown. The full set of pictures is on my facebook. Thank you to our Parish Councils working with me on your next priorities. Thanks also to volunteers coming forward for speedwatch schemes. Please let your parish clerk know if you can help.



Some Highway Improvements – so far!





Major Road Repairs A607 and A17

The bridge over the A17 between Fulbeck and Leadenham is being repaired to Sept 2nd I have asked the signs make it clear that the rest of the **A607** is open for business. I have also raised concern over the poor surface of the A17, now being resurfaced overnight. Updates on one.network

School Success

St Michael's, Thorpe on the Hill her with teacher, Caroline Blanchard, manned their excellent "St Michael's Jubilee Garden" at the Lincolnshire Show – quite brilliant!



Restaurant reopened

Open to the public, you may like to pop in to the Lincolnshire County Council at Newlands, approaching from the back of the building. People with learning difficulties are very excited to be opening their own restaurant, baking and cooking in the commercial kitchen overseen by well-qualified cooks. Takeaway or sit down for simple lunches. All they want is more customers, please!



New rules on planning

Huge thanks to all who put in responses to the changes proposed to the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. These are the rules against which every planning application gets decided.

The full list of responses is <u>here</u>, including from Coleby and Welbourn Parish Council and from the Lincolnshire Independents.

The proposed plan, now with the Inspector is here. Summary of main issues raised is here. Main Issues Raised at Regulation 19 Consultation document, which is available in the Planning Policy Library on the website (see document 'STA020'):

If you would like to be part of the process, please e-mail talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk Hannah Charlish is doing the admin. 07973 916952. Website

Fuel Cost Hike

As heating bills are estimated to rise to £3,500 on average, the Government hand-out of £400 will automatically arrive to all homes with an electricity connection, in installments of £66-7 per month for six months from October. Bills are expected to rise a great deal more than that, so it is worth having another look at making sure you have what you need and saving energy.

Citizen's Advice: Help with School uniforms and activities is available. www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0808 278 7942/40 Check https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/ Parish Councils often have grants for individuals as well.



Earth Overshoot Day: 28th July

This is the day of the year where all this year's share of resources are used up. From July 28th to the end of the year, the earth's population is now borrowing from future generations. This month has seen a national emergency declared over the heatwave, temperatures hitting their highest on record, and wildfires across large parts of the country. We need to use less. I am pressing the



Government to make grants for home insulation and other measures more readily available and for our Council to better insulate homes. "Growth" cannot be the only objective in life, if we want a future.

Saving Energy – how low can you go?

If everyone in the UK saved 1%, it would add up to 6.8m tonnes of carbon emissions and a lot of money.

- Driving steadily save 15%
- Walking or cycling short distances
- One vegetarian day per week saves 100kg/yr
- Dropping thermostat by 1degree saves 8% off the bill
- Washing clothes at 30deg instead of 40 saves 30%
- Insulating the water tank saves £100/yr

Venue: The Hub in Sleaford

The hub has had a £1.2m upgrade and is available for rent. It provides a good venue from meetings and workshop space to training and away days. For more information please view the hiring pack here.

For the Venue in Navenby

venuenavenby@gmail.com_07505145061

Have your say on tourism in Lincolnshire

Visit Lincoln have started a 12-month research programme across Greater Lincolnshire with thousands of visitors, residents and students to understand what's needed (now and in the future) to have a thriving and well connected visitor economy across Lincolnshire. Can you help them get it right, please? Survey here. The quality of a visit is also enhanced by our Leisure services, some struggling increased fuel costs and wage rises.

Nominate your business for an award? NKAwards.org

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?

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 9th www.NKAwards.org

Sponsoring Merry O Rourke from Coleby

At 15, Merry is cycling 350 miles with her Dad along the River Danube to raise funds for Parkinsons UK and Stand up to Cancer. Her journey log is at gearsandgoulash.wordpress.com Want to contribute? Try the QR code.



Stronger Voices on keeping safe

To keep our communities safer, the Police are seeking to engage more with your people in a series of events. Are you 11-21 and interested? Please get in touch. Safertogetherteam@lincs.police.uk

Are you registered to vote?

An e-mail or letter from North Kesteven will arrive at every home over the summer, inviting you to update the electoral register. Only those who have chosen to be on the register, can vote. It is your choice to keep it confidential or not, so there is no down-side.

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





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Working together to support people and planet

August Events

5th Lino Printing Workshop Mrs Smith's Cottage £23 Lino Printing Workshop - 5th August, 10am to 4pm 6th St Michael's, Church Coffee Hour, Bassingham 10.30am 7th Folk Festival at Leadenham 11am 'til dusk 7th Coleby Boot sale 10th U3A at Wellingore Memorial Hall Blood bikers 10.30

13th Bassingham Annual Village show 27/28th Arts and Crafts at St Mary's, Carlton le Moorland 28th Harmston Beer Festival at Memorial Hall

September Events

3rd Harmston Village Show at the Memorial Hall 2pm 3rd Brant Broughton Garage Sale 10am 4th Coleby Boot Sale 17th Bassingham Ball (01522 789423) 20th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am-noon 24th Coleby Ball andrew.longcoleby@icloud.com

Supporting local heritage: Welbourn Forge

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

Summer Pictures to brighten your day

Heckington Show





Sleaford Museum and Civic Trust on duty



Business HighlightsCandy 07826 005890 thehomebird@btinternet.com



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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 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.nkesteven.gov.uk

Local Government Association www.local.gov.uk

Business Advice is free from NKDC Phil Means on 07920 472671 www.businessnk.co.uk @BusinessNK www.businesslincolnshire.com

Monthly webinars are on www.teamlincolnshire.com

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 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://lincolnmethodist.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.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 #lincscc roads

Register to vote or get a postal vote

Search "Postal vote .Gov" or link here.

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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
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.carltonlemoorland.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.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

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 <u>www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk</u> and in Lincolnshire <u>www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ukraine</u>
- 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. <u>Ukraine.Wellbeing@e-lindsey.gov.uk</u> or calling 01507 613044 office hours.
- Local facebook network for Ukraine m4ukraine 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
- British Red Cross https://donate.redcross.org.uk

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

- Consultation Papers:
- Meeting papers including our questions and answers
- https://democracy.nkesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=729&Mld=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 geat 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

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 Walking? Try www.walkingengland.co.uk/lincs