



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

Greetings!

I hope you are doing 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. This month I am leading on Tackling the Cost of Living increases and local events.

Calling on Government

With Liz Truss announced as the new PM, there is a lot to do. I have been working cross-party and sent a joint letter of congratulations and setting out what we need to support residents in the forthcoming months and years.

We have been making the case for better funding, a levelling-up agenda which does not have to involve unnecessary reorganisation of our councils, and explaining why their planning proposals would be so damaging, working together with ministers on settling refugees, and widening the support for insulation of homes.

Cost of living crisis

The increase in the price of energy – petrol, gas, and electricity needs to be controlled, which is more difficult in the UK since it is privatised and we import so much.

It would help to have a basic price and quantity of energy for each household and a sliding scale to use more.

It also seems daft to subsidise foreign companies to sell us electricity, sometimes even made here in the UK, at an inflated amount when we could produce more of our own - on every rooftop, for a start. It also seems odd to pay residents to heat leaky homes, and then not subsidise the insulation. Paying for the insulation means a long term saving. I have called on the Government to make these grants much more widely available and to more people.

Lincolnshire Independent councillors supported the campaign for the government to place a windfall tax on unexpected profits of big oil and gas companies, to help all households with their energy bills.

Applications for huge solar parks at Heckington and Gainsborough are coming, often from global companies. ecotricity.co.uk/our-greenenergy/heckington-fen-solar-park

Tackling the Cost of Living Price Hike

I revisited the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales last month and was captivated by a two-hour guided tour of how we can use less fuel at home. www.cat.org.uk



Advice on energy costs are at the *Big Energy Saving Network* or *The Energy Saving Trust* or *Simple Energy Advice*. Advice on meeting the cost of living can be seen online at <https://costofliving.support.campaign.gov> and on the North Kesteven website under “help with money”.

Locally, I visited the Community Shop in Riverside, just off the High Street in Sleaford, staffed by volunteers and selling perfectly good, if slightly misshapen stock. Our small shops do already carry some pretty good bargains, alongside the smart stuff. St Michael’s Bassingham and Coleby have a foodbank in the church lobby. Our Councils support the foodbanks in Sleaford and Lincoln who do a great job. They are serving a significant increase in demand. Is there more we can do with our allotments? Thanks to residents such as Tamsin at Aubourn Gardens for free produce at the gate.

Many of our villages have grants for children or educational support, often via the Parish Council. Grants are already available for insulation for people on low incomes and I am asking for that to be much more widely available. Examples of what Councils are doing are shown the Local Government Association [cost of living hub](#).

Sleaford has a pop-up repair shop and maybe we could do more of these? A bakery has offered a warm lounge and our tea shops and pubs are open. The Marquis of Granby in Wellingore is open again. Buffet on from 7pm.

Any ideas you want us to push forward?

Want free buspass? 0345 456 4474

TV interest in how we are tackling the Cost of Living Crisis



Sleaford Repair café 17th Sept.

At the Riverside Church Hall on Southgate 12.30-3pm. Find out more or book on 07962 360581 or sleafordcan@gmail.com Can we do these regularly in more of our villages?

Grants to keep your home comfortable!

Please apply if you can, to the Home Energy Upgrade Scheme! Get your home better insulated, alongside other energy-saving and green improvements, for free. Anyone whose home has an EPC rating of E or lower and is on a low income (household income after tax of £30k) is eligible to apply. This is help that will make a real difference to energy bills. Tenants can ask for a visit to discuss bills and what else can be done. Contact the District Council NKDC at 01529 414155 or online.

Help with Money

Lincolnshire has some good help for residents [here](#). Search "North Kesteven help with money" And "cost of living support". The Citizen's advice also has good volunteers who do a great job with advice.

Have your say

Is enough being done to keep women safe? A panel is looking at what more can be done in Lincolnshire. <https://lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/vawg-panel/>

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Highways

We have complained a lot about Highways and thankfully, we are getting a great deal of work done now, and more to come.

The A607 bridge repair over the A17 at Leadenham is completing. The other big piece of work about to start on Monday 12th September is repair to the A17 on weekday **nights only** between Leadenham and Beckingham, where the road surface has thinned. Night runs from 7pm to 6am and work is expected to last for three months, with a break at Christmas. To try and complete before Christmas, they have also reserved three weekends from 7pm Friday night until 6am on the following Monday morning. The three weekends are 30 September to 3 October; 7-10 October; and 14-17 October. Diversions have to be to the same grade of road as the one closed, so it is a very big version. Lorries are required to go via Sleaford, round the top of Lincoln on the bypass, then back down the A46 to Newark, both ways.

I am continuing to press for a nice clear plan of how our roads are going to be up to standard and we are certainly making progress. Please report what you want done on "Fixmystreet.com", as a starting point. It works.

Planning

Planning at North Kesteven District Council this week, refused 23 affordable homes in Bassingham. I spoke and voted in favour of the development, as did all the Lincolnshire Independents, keen to support facilities based on local need. We have a development like that at Jubilee Close, Navenby. The officers recommended refusal because it was an additional field outside the village footprint and for more houses than could be shown to be needed. There is land specified in the Neighbourhood plan, but being already marked out for development means it is more expensive, so less able to provide affordable housing, probably 6 affordable dwellings at most. Officers recommend, but it is elected councillors who weigh up the benefits and make the decision.

We are now seeing businesses increasingly wanting to downsize from High Street premises and work from home, subject to parking, disturbance of neighbours etc.

Big applications: At Heckington, 22 125m high turbines have been refused and their appeal for an extension dismissed. They now have an application in for a huge solar farm, which is probably better, assuming food is not needed. 1500 acres are also planned at Gainsborough. Two areas of Lincolnshire farmland the size of Graffham water are planned to go underwater to provide for increased housing in other parts of the country.

Events

Harmston Village Produce Show



Overton household won the best onions in show! Hooray! Congratulations to the many talented people who presented such impressive crafts and produce. I got to hand out the prizes. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work and Alan Humphries as excellent auctioneer.



Steam Punk Festival

Outrageous and inventive costumes are the hallmark of this special event which returned to the Lincoln Castle and Cathedral Square after a three year break. Remote controlled 'human' robots were a particularly popular attraction and the Sci-Fi 19th century theme is unique and world-leading. How about village steam punk events?





16 crafts , including Aileen Garratt



Sue Black supporting the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance

Beautiful Arts and Crafts Weekend in aid of the beautiful St Mary's Church, Carlton le Moorland, thanks to Andrew Alsop and all who supported the event.



Sandra's.Stems mays@btinternet.com



Bassingham WI refreshments

Last chance to nominate a local good person NK Community Champion Awards

11 categories include Community Business, Community Spirit (sponsored by Lindum Group), Contribution to Arts & Culture (sponsored by Lincs Inspire), Better Environment (sponsored by Hill Holt Wood), Climate Action (sponsored by Sleaford Renewable Energy Plant / Greencoat Capital), Community Safety (sponsored by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire), Health & Wellbeing (sponsored by Branston Ltd), Sport (sponsored by GLL/ Better), Good Neighbour (sponsored by Ringrose Law), Longstanding Contribution to a Group or Organisation (sponsored by Lincolnshire Community Foundation), Young Achiever (sponsored by Duncan & Toplis). Please nominate a good local supporter www.nkawards.org Deadline September 9th

Free Business Support

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

Sleaford Moor Enterprise Park

The first two buildings and the utilities on this 37 acre site are starting construction this month to provide new accommodation for fifteen businesses. Other Council units have a very high occupancy rate, so the need appears to be there even now, but it is a long-term project. I spoke and voted for further checks as the first phase came in at short notice, over-budget and only just viable on a falling economy. Let's hope it is a good success.

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



September Events

2nd Friday Street food, Hammond Hall, Bassingham 5pm
Every Saturday, Mrs Smiths Cottage
[mrssmithscottage.com/featured events](http://mrssmithscottage.com/featured-events)
Coleby Boot Sale Every first Sunday of the month

9th NavenBEEs early years play at Mrs Smith's Cottage
11-12th Heritage Weekend. Most heritage sites are open and free. Aubourn Clock Tower open with refreshments for Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

10th Bassingham Bash 5 mile road race Book totalracetiming.co.uk/race/368 Starts 2.30pm

10th Bassingham Garage Sale Maps and tea and cake at Hammond Hall and games 9.30am-1.30pm

10th Norton Disney Village Hall Bingo 7.30pm

11th Last day of Sculpture at Doddington Hall 10-4pm

14th Wellingore and District U3A AGM 10.30am

17th Guided forage for edible plants in HillHolt Wood, Norton Disney. £5 10am-noon

<https://www.mrsmithscottage.com/event/autumn-forage/>

17th Collingham Show & Ploughing Match NG23 7RD 9am

17th Bassingham Ball (01522 789423)

18th Dragon Boat Festival Riverside Park, Newark 10am

19th Auditions for Act Two in Hammond Hall 7.30-9pm

20th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am-noon

24th Craft Club and apple day, Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby 1-3pm

24th Coleby Ball andrew.longcoleby@icloud.com

24th Act Two Murder mystery and supper at Hammond Hall, Bassingham £15 tickets 7 for 7.30pm start

29th Waste not want not, St Michael's, Bassingham Bring food and essentials 9.30-11.30 and collect 1-3.30pm. Every last Thursday in the month.

October

1st/2nd Carlton Art Group Annual Exhibition in the village hall 11am-4.30pm

8th Coffee Morning in Carlton Le Moorland Villahe Hall 10am -12.30

15th Last Night at the Proms St Michaels, Bassingham £12 incl. refreshment, in advance only 7.30pm

Why not try the new Lincolnshire Bird Trail?



Lincoln Bird Club at the Rutland Bird Fair promoting the new *Lincolnshire Bird Trail*.

<https://www.visitlincolnshire.com/birdwatching/>

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Useful Information

Local shops for healthy eating

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

The Red Lion, Wellingore 01522 810071

The Marquis of Granby, Wellingore

The Joiners Arms, Welbourn 01400 279356

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>

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

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.lincscmunitybuildings.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

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

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

dunston dossier.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 www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk and in Lincolnshire 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 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.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 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.



Welbourn Forge is open on
the first Saturday of the
month from 10am.

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

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Summer Pictures to brighten your day



Guests at our holiday home in Welbourn, Hilltop Farm Holidays, this year watched Kestrels rearing four young successfully and the Barn Owl reared three owlets, including this one!



Peter and I visited friends in Cumbria and loved watching two red squirrels near Lake Ullswater. We went on to holiday for an active week by the sea in Pembrokeshire.



Cattle surprised by paraglider in Lincolnshire – it's not flat here at all!