



Autumn News
from
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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.

“Mini” Budget

The new PM and cabinet have started off by borrowing large sums to pay for big tax cuts. This leaves public services £18bn short. They also proposed ending the cap on bankers’ bonuses and taking less from top earners.

Those with incomes over £150K/year have had their tax break removed after all, but it showed the direction of the new incumbent and an apparent lack of financial responsibility.

Corporation tax on profits stays at 19%, less than previously planned. More expensive dwellings will now pay less stamp duty and get more tax relief up to £625K for some.

The 1% on national insurance that was going to the NHS and due to be shared with Councils for care, is now gone.

The tax cuts are due to be funded by a big rise in government borrowing, from £72.4bn to over £230bn.

That includes £60bn for the energy package and over £40 bn for tax cuts. Interest rates and inflation have both risen significantly, making this appear a very risky strategy.

Significant borrowing to pay for tax cuts shocked the financial markets and the value of the pound dropped. Borrowing got a lot more expensive and the bank bought the loans to temporarily save the day.

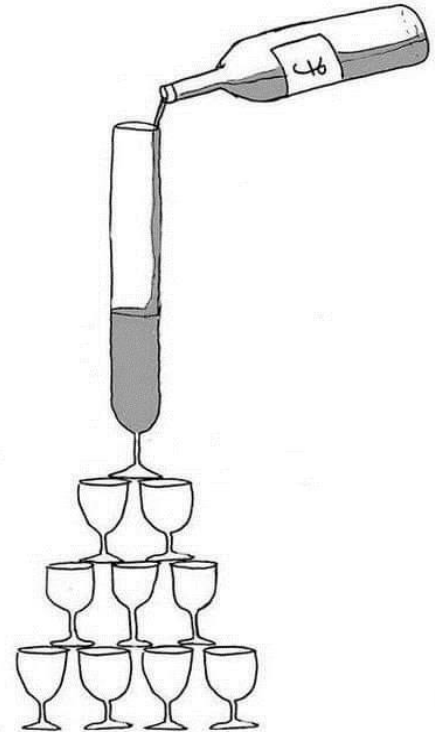
The Office of Budget Responsibility have yet to reveal their normal check on the impact of the proposals, which means we have no evidence that it adds up at all.

Our Councils are busy recalculating how to deal with the increased pressures of more homelessness, higher wages and spiralling fuel costs, added to the underlying shortfall on long term care.

By contrast, Europe is paying for fuel subsidies by applying a “solidarity contribution” to fossil-fuel energy-producing companies, effectively taking a windfall tax. In the UK, the energy cap is paid by the taxpayer.

The theory of trickle down economics has been discredited [IMF](#) and others, as simply not trickling down.

TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMICS EXPLAINED



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Changes to Planning

New legislation is proposed to reduce the impact of our local voices on developments such as rail, roads and energy. This includes solar farms, turbines and nuclear waste.

“Investment Zones” mean local people will have less say on planning and local councils receive no business rates for ten years. Local businesses will struggle to compete. The North Hykeham Relief Road was mentioned as possibly being brought forward to 2026 completion.



Paying for Energy-what others are doing

I have just been in Brussels talking with Councils across Europe and to the commissioners, about their emergency measures that they aim to bring in fast. Our Independent group at NK called for a windfall tax on the windfall profits of the fossil fuel energy-producing companies to assist insulation and to aid residents. In the EU, they are planning exactly that, called a “solidarity contribution”. Like us, they will also have a cap on the unit cost. In addition, they plan to decentralise energy sources more locally. They do not have new grants available until the next round in 2027. A finance report is coming out shortly.

I have been working on an “expert group” with European colleagues from across the whole of Europe on a new study of what Councils can do on climate and energy, out soon. Looking at reducing energy use (20-30%) should be possible and speeding up renewables (to 40-45%). Reducing peak use is also important so that less infrastructure is needed.

There is much concern about changes in politics across Europe, Sweden, Germany, UK and Italy most recently. They raise concern about public finance, tackling the climate crisis and nationalism leading to a lack of a partnership approach across countries when we have such big international problems to solve.

Help against Drugs

The County Council pays for services supporting young people in trouble, which can be accessed 01522 305518. Crimestoppers explain a lifestyle is often sold to victims, before loyalty is tested by asking for favours and offering a sense of protection. This can lead to those exploited being trapped through debt bondage, isolation from family and friends, physical, psychological and sexual abuse.

Anyone with information or suspicions about organised drug gangs – and victims who need safeguarding – to contact Crimestoppers 100% anonymously by calling freephone 0800 555 111 or via a [secure online form here](#).

Young people are also being encouraged to visit Crimestoppers’ youth service [Fearless.org](#), which offers non-judgemental advice so they can make informed decisions about lifestyle choices and realise that they have an alternative option when reporting crimes to stay anonymous.

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

[Hearing](#) runs 15 Nov - 9th Dec at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln LN1 1YW.

Local Police Support

Focussing on anti-social behaviour the local team is working in the community and ask us to ring 101 if we can help. They have started an elected “mini-police”. Secondly, there is much concern about an increasing pressure from online and phone scams, apparently from people you know asking for help. Phone the person they claim to be or ask a question only the genuine person would know.

Staff Changes: PC Sarah Kennedy will be the Community Beat Manager to replace PC Mark Wood, from the start of next year and PC Jordan Bathie-Drexler starts the first week of October 2022. PCSO Sarah Linguard, Julie Clark and Joanne Mackie continue in North Hykeham Town and Rural Area.



Supporting local Businesses – Please shop Local to keep our lovely local shops alive



Odlings closes after a hundred Years

In a shock move, the award-winning family business suddenly closed its doors “due to the current financial climate”. It is more vital than ever that we support our local businesses, struggling to cope with a rising cost of living, including soaring energy bills and growing inflation rates. The Government has agreed support for businesses for six months.

Welcome to Nicky and Tina who have taken on the Marquis of Granby in Wellingore, serving food, arriving from Anton’s Gowt near Boston. The Red Lion is open with a friendly welcome, so we are well served. The full list of local pubs is in “Useful Information” of this newsletter. All of them great for warmth and good company.

Mental Health

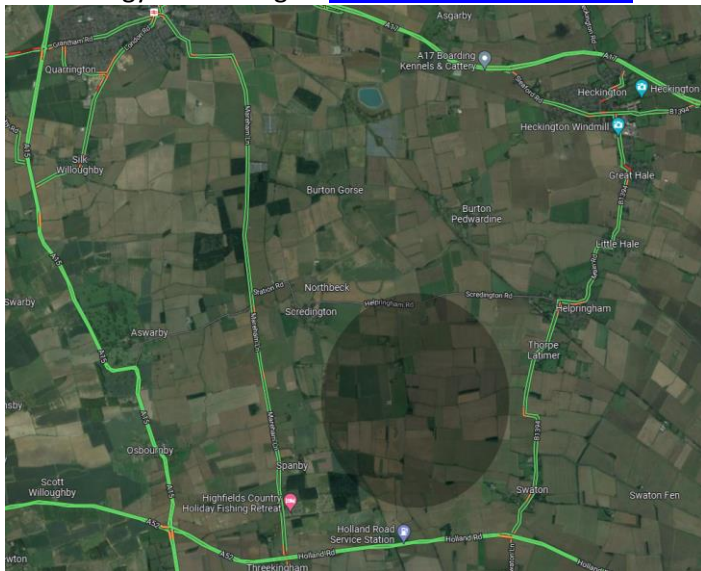
In January, this year there were an estimated 11,800 people in Lincolnshire living with dementia - with 7,200 officially diagnosed.

If you are a carer or relative of someone who is living with dementia, you can ask for a wristband, which shows a person's contact details when a phone is placed next to it. dementiasafeguarding@lincs.police.uk Include their date of birth and home address along with your contact number and someone will be in touch. #DementiaSafeguarding

Working for better Planning

New Reservoir proposed south of Sleaford

A new reservoir is proposed to provide more water for areas further South where they want to build more houses. There is a lot of pressure to use thousands of acres of good farmland to support "growth." Thousands of acres are being targeted for solar panels and now water storage. Perhaps if we reduced our water consumption, less infrastructure would be needed. It is useful to see a lot of rooves now have water butts to collect the rainwater and solar panels to collect the sun's energy. Views sought. info@lincsreservoir.co.uk



North Hykeham Relief Road

This £212m road could start two years earlier, by end of 2023, finishing three years later, according to the Government. They are aiming to relax regulations to make it easier for developers, and less easy for residents. Since this road already has planning permission, that would be little help to us.

Tackling the Cost of Living Price Hike - 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.

Grants to keep your home comfortable!



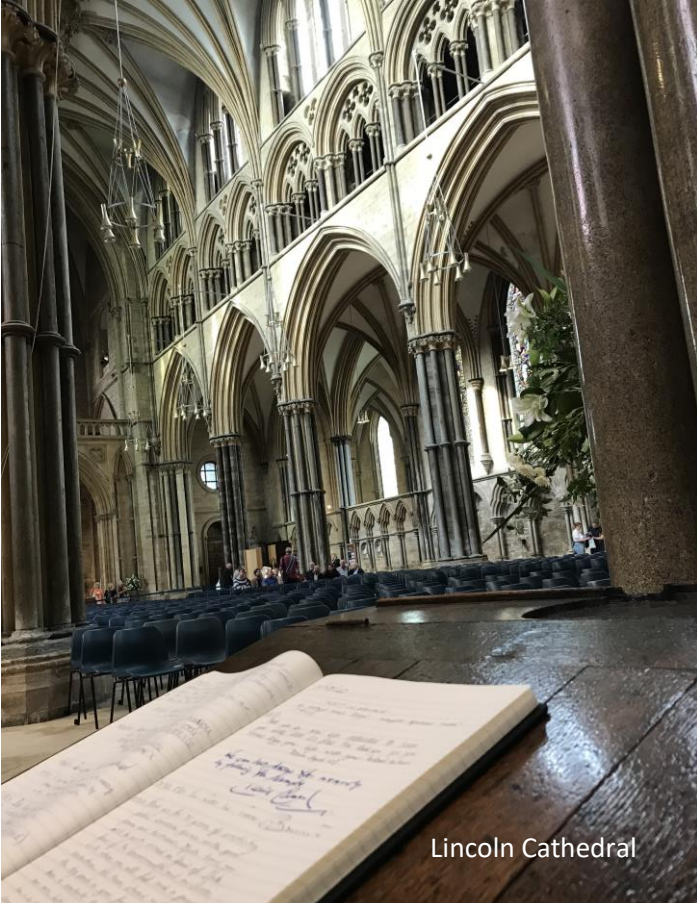
Please apply if you can, to the Home Energy Upgrade Scheme! Get your home better insulated, alongside other energy-saving and green improvements, for free. Anyone whose home has an EPC rating of E or lower and is on a low income (household income after tax of £30k) is eligible to apply. This is help that will make a real difference to energy bills. Even if you are paying, it will be worthwhile. 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.

Events

We shared in the sadness and tributes paid to her Majesty the Queen for her unstinting service over more than seventy years. I paid respects at her lying in state in Westminster. As Vice Chairman of Local Government Association, I laid a floral tribute on your behalf. Thank you for the special services in our villages and Lincoln Cathedral.



Paying Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II



Lincoln Cathedral



Places to Visit

Mrs Smith's Cottage continues to have an excellent programme of events and is always worth a visit. I popped into the Lincolnshire Life Museum this week for an almost Lincolnshire Day. It is free and great to see the agricultural history as well as the Lincolnshire invention, the tank! Both museums rely on wonderful volunteers, thank you.



Lincolnshire Life Events 10am-4pm include arriving in costume for Halloween event on Oct 25th and meet Lincolnshire Victorians on the 29th.

Family hunt for Fungi

Celebrate National Biology Week, with a walk on the wild side! With local experts, Jane Ostler and David Feld, we are finding and identifying fungi as part of an annual Autumn survey in these well-established woods. Sunday 16th October 2022, 10am-12.30pm Twyford Woods, near Colsterworth

Putting your issues forward

I have met and spoken with all the leading members, and two Baronesses of the Green Party, whose 558 elected councillors come under my Leadership at the Local Government Association. Also Plaid Cymru councillors at their Conference in Llandudno and the Independent Conference in London. I shall be speaking to MP's, Ministers and member of the House of Lords on what they can do on issues that matter to us locally; cost of living, planning and the environment.

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



October Events

- 8th Coffee Morning in Carlton Le Moorland Villahe Hall
10am -12.30
- 8th Harmston WI Autumn Fair 10am-3pm
- 12th Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 12th U3A Wellingore 10.30am
- 15th Queen's Jubilee Bulb-planting in Wellingore memorial
Hall Field Bring a trowel! 10am-noon
- 15th St Peter's Church Coffee Morning, Navenby 10.30am
- 15th Halloween Coffee Shop with special invitation to
families; prizes for costumes, Welbourn Vill. Hall 10am
- 15th Last Night at the Proms St Michaels, Bassingham £12
incl. refreshment, in advance only 7.30pm
- 15th Harmston Wine tasting Harmston Vill hall German
music and dancing and souvenir glass £20 7.30pm
- 16th Family Fungal Foray Twyford Woods, 10am West
Kesteven Wildlife Watch Book with Marianne or
jcmartin0448@btinternet.com
- 21st Mrs Smith's Cottage talk *History of Pennels* £5 7-8pm
- 25th Shep's Quiz at harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 27th *Withamside Waste not, Want not.* Food and
essential items; Donations 9,30am to 11.30am,
Collections from 1-3.30pm St Michael's, Bassingham
Last Thurs monthly
- 29th Navenby Friendship Coffee Morning Methodist
Church Hall 10am
- 30th Welbourn music appreciation group, just listening to
Melismata singers of 15th cent music St Chad's 3-4pm
- 30th Children's Halloween Party, Wellingore Memorial
Hall £3 10am to noon



Useful Information

Local shops for healthy eating

- East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760
- Oldlings meat etc. 01522 810228
- Nick Streeter's fish etc. 01400 272547
- The Old Forge, Brant Broughton 01400 273796
- Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200
- Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242
- Leadenham Farm Shop 01400 273988

Our local pubs – for warmth and good company

- 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 01522 811100
- The Joiners Arms, Welbourn 01400 279356
- Generous Briton Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119
- Black Swan, Beckingham 01636 626474
- 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.lincsbuses.info or Traveline 0871 200 22 33
Ready for a free buspass? 0345 456 4474

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.mrsmithscottage.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](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>

Grants for Energy Efficiency

www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0808 278 7942. Veterans
www.turn2us.org.uk Also ask your Parish Council