



Winter 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 Climate Change.

Tackling Climate Change COP27

I was honoured to speak on your behalf at COP27 in Egypt about what our Councils are doing to tackle climate change and mitigate for the impacts we can already see beginning. I was part of the team sent by CEMR, representing over 100,000 Councils in Europe. I was on the podium four times, showcasing what local councils are doing in the UK and abroad.

In our ministerial meeting, we made representations about the importance of councils at the heart of local action. Thankfully, Councils were written into the final agreement as part of the solution.

Having the world's leaders committing publicly to action is a powerful force, backed by activists and by councils, industry and people at home, making the changes we need. And there is much more to do. Full report: www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk



Others were going on to the Convention on Biological Diversity COP15 in Montreal. As human pressure has increased on nature, so the abundance and variety has suffered. The aim is to achieve less damage and more protection of the natural world.

Is it possible to have a waste-free Christmas? Here are some ideas from the [National Trust](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk), called "How to have a greener Christmas".

Making our homes warmer

On a ten-week online training course, I learnt how to improve our housing both private and publicly owned. I have been pressing the Government for better funding for insulation and asked to be on a Government Task Group helping Councils access the funding and make best use of it. A billion pounds was announced this week for houses up to tax band D. I am hoping the scheme will be easier to access and more flexible than the last. At NKDC, we put £1m aside. We also applied for funds to make 200 council houses more energy efficient up to grade C, which is the legal efficiency minimum for private rented properties by 2025. For more info www.local.gov.uk "climate action hub". The feedback webinar is on Dec 6th.

Home Energy Upgrade Scheme. The old funds are still available if you are on income less than £30K/yr and your home has an energy efficiency rating of E or below. Please check on the NKDC [website](#).

Supporting local Businesses

1 Shop Local

Lincolnshire Independents have called for the Council to focus on support for small businesses and they are now doing a lot. You might like to add your business to the website; take free professional advice or access grants. www.businessnk.co.uk

European grants are still available to tackle flooding from the Flood innovation centre 01482 462275. Register at www.floodinnovation.co.uk/register

2. Funding to support you in going green

Moy Park won the business sustainability award from NKDC this year. Can it be you next year? Funding is available for making buildings greener with insulation, electric charging points, solar panels and nature-based solutions. You can also helpfully showcase your own good examples online. www.businessnk.co.uk/netzero

3. Good Survey here to shape our support
[2022 - Business Survey - Action on Climate Change \(snapsurveys.com\)](http://snapsurveys.com)

4. Helpful Webinars 6th, 13th, 28th Dec
www.businesslincolnshire.com "events"

Supporting Bus Services

For Christmas bus service timetables throughout Lincolnshire - please visit www.lincsbus.info

Supporting local transport

Here also is CallConnect and ConnectBus operating office hours throughout the Christmas and New Year, taking you where you want to go. The Lincolnshire County Council transport Helpline is 0345 456 4474 Monday – Friday 9am- 6pm, Saturdays 9.30am – 4pm. Our friendly team will be happy to help. You can also apply here for a concessionary bus pass, which you can use on all the bus services.

Navenby runs a voluntary hospital car scheme, through the Parish Office. 01522 811132

Supporting People

Cost of Living support: Stretch it, save it, share it!

We are providing a very useful summary of information on everything that might be useful to support you through the cost of living crisis. Search “NKDC Cost of living”

Warm Home Discount: £150 off electricity bill if on low income: Check if you are eligible [online](#).

Community Grants

Please see the November newsletter which focussed on grants.

Rural Prosperity Fund on its way

North Kesteven was allocated £3/4m from the Government, but it has to be bid for by the end of November. Grants from this fund will be available to us locally from 1st April 2023. We are applying for money to support small businesses and community infrastructure that will help the rural economy.

Warm Spaces

You can register your “warm space” with partnerships@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Keeping fit or how to be ten years younger!

Most of our villages have exercise classes which are sociable and set at the right level for you.

New classes are in Harmston Memorial Hall with Michelle Turner; Healthy heart on Monday 11.30am, Pilates on Thursday 10am and chair exercises on Thursday 11.15am Also at Basingham Hall.



Mrs Smith's Cottage

Supporting our local Museum

Mrs Smith's Cottage on East Road, Navenby, remains a jewel in the crown of North Kesteven. Thanks to volunteers for their generous support of this little museum acquired by NKDC with local support some thirty years ago. Plants left in Sleaford in tribute to the Queen, have been planted as an enduring part of Mrs Smith's garden. Christmas events include the popular Santa at the Cottage on the 17th December 12.30-3pm. Do bring the family along or just pop in to buy a nice present.

www.mrssmithscottage.com

Fighting for our local area-planning

The new local plan is the set of rules against which every planning application is compared to see whether it should pass or fail. That plan is being inspected this week. The public Inquiry is open at the Double Tree by Hilton on the Brayford Pool next to the Marriott 10am-4pm until 9th December.

Following our extensive discussions and two public meetings, in Basingham and Navenby, you will remember we wrote a paper on the local plan proposed changes, which I copied onto the appropriate forms and submitted in due time. We supported an improvement in energy efficiency requirements, but said it should be brought forward sooner. We also objected to;

- 1) the significant growth planned in villages changing their character and without the facilities to match.
- 2) the new approach to generally allow turbines up to 125m and identifying spots where large turbines would be acceptable, two of them in or close to the area I represent.

“Devolution”

Under the guise of “levelling up” and “devolution”, the Government is centralising power, under the radar, by dissolving local Councils into bigger units, which have even less reason to listen to their residents. The Lincolnshire public consultation rejected a combined authority, but we see it forming stealthily in stages, keeping us on an impossibly short leash financially and offering us money to give up our local powers and our local councils.

The Government's “[devolution deal](#)” is [here](#) at Item 11 on the County Council agenda for 9th Dec. District Council District Councils are not statutorily involved and could be excluded if they do not “toe a line”.

Boundary Changes

Parliamentary Boundaries

Consultation closed at the weekend. The [map](#) takes south Kesteven out of the Sleaford and Hykeham constituency, which is OK. www.bcereviews.org.uk Waddington East and Waddington are in different parliamentary areas, but in the same new District Council Ward, called Waddington Rural Ward.

District Council Elections May 4th 2023

New ward boundaries: Despite our combined efforts, Harmston and Coleby leave the Cliff Villages and go in with Waddington. Most of my current ward, the Cliff Villages from Boothby Graffoe to Leadenham and now including Brant Broughton and Beckingham, is called "Navenby and Brant Broughton", with two councillors.

Voter ID: Currently the Government plans to require photo identification at the polling station. I have argued against this at all levels, as have all my non-Conservative colleagues nationally. Fraud in person is very rare, whereas significant fraud has been found in the postal votes. Having the right documents is another barrier and a discouragement for those who do not have, or do not carry, the right form of ID. The electoral staff say it is extremely difficult to review the polling stations and get the system in place in time, especially as extra staff will be needed.

Postal Vote: If voter ID is required in May, it will be worth getting onto a postal vote. You can still take your postal vote to the polling station on the day. The simple forms are [here](#) for return to elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk. More advice is [here](#). Please make sure you are registered to [vote](#).

Local Events

Wellingore 19th Dec 12-4pm at the Marquis, stalls, refreshments and light switch-on with choir at 2pm.

The Advent windows in Welbourn start at the Joiners on 1 December then loop the village for a week or so then branch out, map to follow. Many thanks to everyone who is taking part.

Thanks to Wellingore Memorial Hall Team organising a great night out with the Ex-Kittens, Martin Jackson and Austin T. www.wellingorememorialhall.com

Some More Local Events

December

- 4th Children's Christmas Party, Welbourn £2.50 for West Kesteven Wildlife Watch and RSPB Explorers
- 6th Bassingham Lunch Club noon Carmen 788996
- 8th Christmas Tea and Chat Norton Disney
- 10th Christmas coffee morning Norton Disney 2-4pm
- 10th Bassingham Choir Carol Concert in Church 7.30pm
- 11th Carol Singing at the Royal Oak, Aubourn 7pm
- 14th Last date to send Goodies to Christmas Larder Andy and Sue 01522 788303
- 14th U3A Wellingore Memorial Hall 10.30am
- 17th Carlton le Moorland Over 60's Christmas Lunch Vill. Hall 1pm 01522 788303 to help or attend
- 17th Musical Christmas at St Mary's Carlton le Moorland £5 Children free Tickets 01522 788748
- 17th and 18th Sleeping Beauty at Wellingore Memorial Hall with the Cliffside Players £5 2pm and 7pm
- 17th Wellingore Christmas event noon-4pm
- 20th Bassingham Lunch Club noon Carmen 788996
- 21st Carol Singing at Tony Spray's Barn, Thurlby 3pm
- 21st Nine lessons at St Peter's, Norton Disney 7pm
- 24th Crib service at St Michael's Bassingham
- 24th Night Services, Carlton le Moorland 9pm, Bassingham 11pm, Wellingore 7.30pm, Coleby.
- 25th Services at Harmston, Navenby 10am
- 26th Welbourn Boxing Day Walk 10am
- 29th Waste not want not, St Michael's Church, Bassingham, bring 9.30-11.30am, collect 1-3.30pm

January

- 3rd Bassingham Lunch Club noon Carmen 788996
- 7th St Michael's Church Coffee, Stapleford 10.30-11.30am
- 11th U3A Wellingore Memorial Hall 10am
- 15th Praise and Pizza Witham St Hughs Village Hall 4pm
- 17th Bassingham Lunch Club noon Carmen 788996
- 19th Garden Club in Tower Room, Hammond Hall, Bassingham 7.30pm Paul Maxey, Scothern Nursery
- 26th Waste not want not, St Michael's Church, Bassingham, bring 9.30-11.30am, collect 1-3.30pm
- 28th Carlton le Moorland Art Demonstration, paint along with Karin Christensen in ink and watercolour 10am
- 29th Stapleford Parish Celebration, All Saints 10.30am
- 31st Bassingham Lunch Club noon Carmen 788996

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

Useful Information



Local shops for healthy eating

East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760
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
Black Swan, Beckingham 01636 626474
Kings Head, Navenby 01522 810367
Generous Briton Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119
Akash Indian Takeaway 01522 811126 Navenby
Navenby Chinese Takeaway 01522 810773

Pre-cooked meals

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
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

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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.lincscmmunitybuildings.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

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.pariah.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

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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

Offer of IT help: Drop-in Digital Hubs

Bring your device to the surgery!

Every Tuesday Sleaford Town Hall 10.30am-noon

Every Wednesday Metheringham Library 10.30-noon

Every Thurs Waddington Community Hub 1-2.30pm

Warm Hubs and Pubs

There is a number of warm hubs opening where anyone can turn off the heating at home and go along for sociable chat or just read.

- Our local library at Navenby in the Venue is open Monday morning 10-noon, Wednesday and Friday afternoons 3-5 and 2-4pm, thanks to volunteers.
 - Monthly Coffee Shop at Welbourn Sat 19th
 - Beckingham Social Club Members Wed 2-4pm
 - Leadenham Wed 2-4pm Third Wed monthly
 - Bassingham Hammond Hall Nov 19th 10am-noon
- There are lots of clubs and events – welcome!
Withamside Art Mondays at Norton Disney 1-4pm