



**March News  
from  
Marianne Overton MBE**

**Lincolnshire County Council  
LCC and North Kesteven  
District Council NKDC**

***Wishing you a happy and successful Spring!***

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.

**Your community needs you!**

We have elections in April for postal voters and May 4<sup>th</sup> to vote in person. All District, Parish and Town Council seats are up for election and the Government has changed the District Councillor areas or “wards”. We are looking for people to stand or to help. We need active, caring people who want to work with us to get the best for their local community and who have the loyalty and commitment to achieve this. It is part-time to run alongside other work and interests, District Councillors are funded a little.

If you have a genuine interest in making improvements to your community and supporting local people and services we would love to hear from you. The deadline for applications is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact your Parish Council or if you are interested in working with me on the District, call me, Cllr Marianne Overton MBE on 07920 235364.

**Voting in April and May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Both District and Parish Council Elections May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Postal voting starts after mid-April this year. Easiest is to print off the simple request form from “about my vote” and return it to the District Council by April 18<sup>th</sup> (District Council NKDC is on 01529 414155, elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk www.n-kesteven.gov.uk)

Registering to vote is easy online  
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote by April 17<sup>th</sup>

To vote in person on May 4<sup>th</sup>, remember your photo driving licence, bus pass or passport. More options and info’ are on our website and at NKDC.

You can get photo Identification, called a “Voter Authority Certificate” using the same contact details above or here.

**Can you give me a hand?**

Like what we do? Want to help make good things happen locally? Please give me a call. 07920 235 364  
www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk

**Supporting our Neighbourhood Policing  
PCSO’s to reduce from 91-50**

Thank you for your support for our PCSO’s and the campaign to keep them. The Conservative PCC has supported losing almost half of them, to pay for other less successful services.

More police are being recruited, but they do not replace the PCSO’s. PCSO’s are committed to our local areas. Lack of PCSO’s and their neighbourhood policing leads to a disconnect with communities, making any police response much less effective.

I have written to the Conservative minister, for a better share of the funding for Lincolnshire, as we are the lowest funded police force, per head in the country, unable to make ends meet. I have a meeting next week. I raised a motion seeking support at both County Council and District Councils. Both District and County Councils supported our Independent motion calling for all partners to help keep our PCSO’s. Let’s see what can be done! Please join the campaign on  
www.lincolnshireindependents.org

**PCSO’s Sarah Lingard & Will Jones swap beats**

Our super Police Community Support Officer, Sarah is swapping with her counterpart PCSO Will Jones for operational reasons, unrelated to the potential reduction in PCSO numbers. Sarah is now covering the Cliff Villages, Washingborough & Metheringham beat and Will Jones is covering Hykeham Town and the rural villages. Both will remain based at North Hykeham Police Station and will continue with the existing Mini Police Schools.

Sarah Lingard writes: “I would like to say thank you to all those who have supported my PCSO colleagues and me at this challenging time. It has been truly heart-warming and motivational to hear such kind words from across our community. At a time when it would be easy to feel undervalued, it has been a huge comfort to be reminded



that there are those who value the work that we do.”



## RAF Waddington Exercises

Operation Cobra Warrior will see

several nations joining in with a military exercise at RAF Waddington, with the event lasting for around five weeks from March 6<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>. Road restrictions will be in place. [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks).

## Councils supporting you

Both District and County Councils have now agreed how much is needed to keep services running next year. We are using some reserves, such as for roads, making savings through efficiencies. There are no cuts this year.

County Council uses most of the council tax for the large services, such as care for adults and children and for the better mental health support for which we campaigned. I am pleased that my call for better funding for roads was maintained again this year with the same extra £12m and a further £7m to help clear the backlog in traffic regulation orders and other items. Just over a year ago, I became a relentless shadow cabinet member for highways and I am pleased to see a significant improvement from what was a very low starting point. We started with potholes, then resurfacing the small, fast roads that have a high risk of accident and some of the worst roads. I aim to move on to village roads next. We are also making progress on flooding issues. In the meantime, please keep reporting potholes and other highway repairs using the map to pinpoint the exact location on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

Both Councils are facing increased costs from inflation, staff salaries and increased need for the services. We have more older people needing higher levels of care, and more people needing help due to the cost of living crisis.

Through the Local Government Association, where I am Vice Chairman, I have met with ministers to help present the evidence showing our position. We did receive some more, especially for care. The Government calculated the amount, based on Councils raising the rest locally. Thus Council tax is rising by just under 5% at County Council and 2.7% or £5/year for band D at District Council.

The County Council “budget book” [online](#) shows exactly where the £604m goes. Total Income and spend including schools is £1.6bn. Building will cost around £136m, less grants. Funds devolved from Central Government without strings used to be the biggest portion, but is now only 1%, leaving business rates and Council tax to make up. Our District Council uses £61m/year and £42m on buildings.

## Solar panels – 4,200 acres

The French State-owned company EDF, is planning to seek permission from the Secretary of State to cover up to 1,700 hectares or 4,200 acres of farmland with solar panels for 40 years. The bulk is Blankney Estates farmland, growing an estimated 12,000 tons of wheat per year that would need to be imported instead, to provide bread for about half a million people. It is a vast area, the biggest in the country. Consultation closes March 7<sup>th</sup>, but let me know your views as our Councils will be consulted. The consultation booklet is on [www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk) and you can write to [info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk)



There are a further three solar array applications totalling some 4,500 acres near Gainsborough, plus any turbines that might be on their way. CPRE are calling for a national strategy, including the amount actually needed and where.

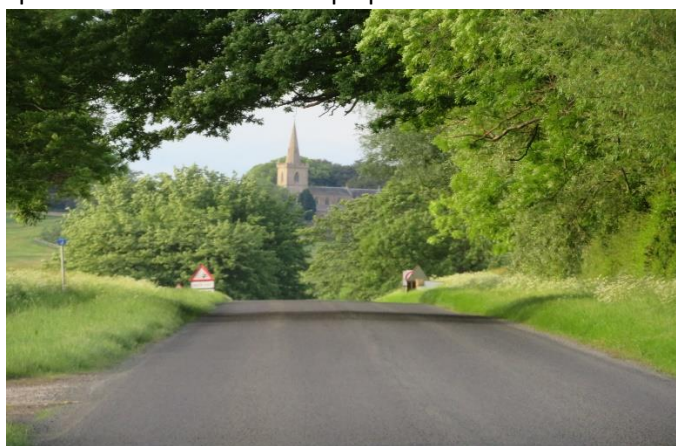


We also have the current and planned offshore wind fields. The German-owned RWE and Nordic Magnora are working on huge new offshore wind fields that could make others irrelevant. If England owned its own energy companies, the £150bn subsidy to keep prices down would stay in UK.

Our new Local Plan will require new dwellings and industrial buildings to be much more energy-efficient, with their own renewable energy sources. Meanwhile, *Community Energy Wales* is set up to support local community - led provision, produced and used locally.

## Safer A607 near Welbourn

Many of you will remember the day Millie Taylor- Noonan (18) walked across the A607 at the end of her school day at Sir William Robertson School, sadly for the last time. Some road safety measures were put in place at the school, but we went on to review the whole section past Welbourn. The road has blind dips and sharp bends past the Home and over the railway bridge. Speed also drops to 30mph past the school and driveways open onto the road. I have called for and got the road surface improved for safety here and on the A17 and am seeking to get the path improved at Leadenham. Much of the A607 is now a maximum of 50mph, making a huge difference to reducing what used to be a severe accident record on this stretch. County experts reviewed the situation and found it important to lower the speed limit from 60 to 40mph past Welbourn.



Safer and resurfaced: A17, A607 Pottergate and link roads.

## Road safety

In 2022, only 4% of serious accidents occurred on the C and unclassified roads, significantly less than in previous years (67%), which I hope will be continued now that we have got so many of our roads properly resurfaced. Lincolnshire's serious accidents reduced slightly to 439 people in 2022.

Lincolnshire now has 91 Speedwatch Volunteers, including here in our local villages. Volunteers are committed to keeping people safe in our villages and trained. The Police are sending out warning letters and will visit repeated offenders. Half the serious accidents have contributory factors including being reckless, not looking properly or exceeding the speed limit. Young and old suffer most.

Highway repair times are now improving and with that, public satisfaction. Road Condition data shows that 5.3% of A and B roads are below standard, and 26.8% of unclassified Roads. These are much better now in our area, but there is more to do. Please help keep people safe by reporting faults on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)

## Free and £2 Bus Fares

I was interested to meet people in the Kings Head, Navenby taking a bus out of Lincoln to have a nice evening meal and using the app on their phones to see when the bus was about to arrive, the 20.34pm taking them back to Lincoln: A service in our area we can probably use more! Until the end on March, bus fares are capped at £2 max.

Have you got your bus pass renewed? 0345 4564474  
You can use it on Call Connect where you ring and book your journeys between one hour and a week in advance, where you cannot use the bus. 01522 553143 Stagecoach has improved it's evening service

## Looking for New Walks?

A new website helps us find walks from half a mile to twelve miles, with or without pushchairs and mixed abilities. [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs)

## Feel like getting out and about?

Feel like some fresh air and exercise? If you feel able to share a little time, please get in touch. There are simple indoor ways you might like to be part of the election to help. If you would like to stand as a councillor or help, let me know!

## Some March Events

Huge thanks to all the many volunteers creating wonderful village events and planning for the Coronation.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wellingore U3A Memorial Hall 10.30am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Gardener's Club 7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Repeated Weekly, Artists of Navenby St Peter's Church Hall 10am-1pm
- 10, 24<sup>th</sup> NavenbBEEs Toddler Club at Mrs Smith's Cottage
- 10<sup>th</sup> Folk at Leadenham Hall 2000 7.30pm  
Book 01400 272413 or [lvh2000events@gmail.com](mailto:lvh2000events@gmail.com)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Hammond Hall Quiz Night 7.30pm for 8pm start £7 incl. Ploughman's supper
- 12<sup>th</sup> Praise and Pizza, Witham St Hughs Village Hall 4pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Lunch Club noon. 01522 426498
- 16<sup>th</sup> Norton Disney Tea and Chat, Village Hall 2-4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carlton Le Moorland Coffee Morning with bacon butties in the Village Hall 10-noon (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat monthly)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am in the Village Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tea@Wellingore Memorial Hall 3-4pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Stand in Blues Band, Harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Shep's Quiz Harmston memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Waste no, want not, St Michael's, Bassingham bring before 11.30am, collect 1-3.30pm Food and essentials.

## Useful Information

### Healthy Eating

#### Local shops who deliver

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 07958 189650  
Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200  
Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242  
Leadenham Farm Shop 01400 273988

#### Pub and takeaway meals

The Joiner's Arms, Welbourn 01400 279356  
The Red Lion, Wellingore 01522 810071  
Marquis of Granby, Wellingore 01522 811100  
The Kings Head, Navenby 01522 810367  
The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258  
The Bell, Coleby 01522 813778  
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  
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



## A huge thank you to our local volunteers

Amazing work done by willing volunteers delivering food, medicines and offering neighbourly support.

**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)

Like me, you may like to become a dementia friend or champion and add support. Being confused and alone or in lockdown, dementia is a tough call. Let's keep our communities friendly and safe for all.

#### 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](mailto:carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155  
Supporting People 01522 782140 [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)  
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

#### Venue Finder

420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.  
[www.lincscmunitybuildings.org.uk](http://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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks)  
[roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk) Twitter #lincscs roads

### **Business Support**

[www.businesslincolnshire.com](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com)  
[www.teamlincolnshire.com](http://www.teamlincolnshire.com) do monthly webinars

### **Community Larders**

**Sleaford Community Larder** at the Newlife Centre  
<http://www.communitylarder.co.uk/>

### **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); [youbassingham.co.uk](http://youbassingham.co.uk)  
[www.carlton-le-moorland.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.carlton-le-moorland.parish.lincolnshire.gov.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.parish.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)

### **County Events- Good web page here**

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use  
[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

### **Supporting Local Heritage and Events**

Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby  
Open Friday to Monday noon to 4pm



### **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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding)  
Lincolnshire County Council [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)  
North Kesteven District Council [www.n-kesteven.gov.uk](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk)  
Local Government Association [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk)