



**August News
from
Marianne Overton MBE**

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

Wishing you all the very best!

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.

Success!

Congratulations to **Wellingore Parish Council** on winning their Lincolnshire County Council Community Wildlife Grant of £500 towards a host of enhancements around the village. Well done!

Congratulations to **Welbourn Parish Council** on their successful win from FCC to upgrade the play park. Huge thanks to all who contributed to the consultations and discussions to the project plan and Cllr Michael Bighi for heading it up so effectively. Details are now in progress.

Congratulations to Witham Parish Council Chairman, Karen Harrison and clerk Rachael Popplewell who were nominated for awards in the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, celebrating 50 years this July. Both are pictured, supported here by their County and District Councillors. Also nominated was Cllr Sue Manders and Cllr Chris Callan of Bracebridge Heath Parish Council. I presented the winning prize to Chris Callan as the Young Parish Councillor of the year. Hopefully we will have more nominations next year.

Grants to help with Cost of Living

Many of our villages run food banks, warm rooms or emergency shelters. If you have noticed an increase in demand, you can claim a grant of £10-75,000. [The Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Let's Shop Local

Welbourn Shop is extending their service. They now deliver in the neighbouring villages over £15 value and remain open 7 days a week. Weekdays 6.30am to 8.30pm. 01400 272242



Helping to celebrate at the Lincolnshire Association of local Councils 50th Birthday.

Strawberry Tea – Thank you!



Huge thanks to all who attended or sent support, much appreciated. The event was well attended and £200 was

raised to support local newsletters for better local democracy. Our next event is coming soon!

Heckington Show



The 155th Heckington Show, the largest village show in England, was again attended by thousands last weekend. Many local groups were exhibiting, helping to make a fascinating and rewarding day. This year the evening outdoor concert was a Spice Girls tribute band, three other artists and fireworks. One to put in the diary for 2024, on the last weekend in July. More pictures next month.

Leadenham Day of Lincolnshire Folk



Sunday 6th August

Leadenham House
from 11am

Fulbeck Craft Centre Events

There is now an artisan market which takes place every second Saturday in the month 12th August, 9th Sept, 14th Oct, 11th Nov, 9th Dec.

Sheep and Wool Day Sunday 6th August

Why not visit the Dogdyke steam pumping engine at Tattershall Bridge? Open from 12.30 to 4.30pm on Sunday 6 August. There will a wide range of woollen crafts on show as well as some Lincoln Longwool sheep. The 1856 steam pumping engine and the 1940 Ruston diesel engine will both be working. There is a good car park, refreshments with home made cakes made from flour from Maud Foster windmill, Boston. Plants, Bric-a-Brac and Tombola stalls and children's games make this a great afternoon for all the family. **Admission is Free, donations are welcomed.**

Visit from the King

His Majesty King Charles III visited the Lincolnshire coast as part of his first visit to the county as monarch.

This year, Lincolnshire marks 50 years since the creation of the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, 70 years since a major flood devastated communities on the county's east coast, and 75 years since the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Gibraltar Point nature reserve were first established.

The King met with survivors of the 1953 floods, as well as representatives from Lincolnshire County Council, the Environment Agency, the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust at the Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes National Nature Reserve.

WAITLESS
16 mins travel
11 patients waiting
Avoid long wait times when you need urgent care



Get Safe Online
Free expert advice

How to keep children safe online

How can you be sure that the young people in your family are safe from the issues they can encounter every day? Tips and advice on how to help your children stay safe online this summer are [here](http://www.getsafeonline.org). www.getsafeonline.org

Holiday Clubs and Activities

Families can also find a local childcare provider or holiday club by searching the [county council's Family Services Directory](#)

Holiday Childcare

National average costs were £148/wk last year. There is some help for working families, including the self-employed who earn an average of £167/week and receive no tax credits or vouchers. It's for children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled). For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Working families who [qualify for Universal Credit](#) can claim up to £951 a month for one child, or £1,630 for two or more. Eligible families can recover up to 85% of their childcare costs

According to Gov.uk, [help with childcare costs](#) is also available if your provider is a registered childminder, nanny, playscheme, nursery, club, or school, or a home care worker from a [registered agency](#)

Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby

Washday Weekend 11-14th August 1-3pm
Fridays Toddler Club 11-noon
More at mrssmithscottage.com

Grants for Rural Businesses

You may have read in my recent newsletter that local businesses can apply for capital funds to expand their business or business products. The fund is the "UK Prosperity Fund" from some of the money that is no longer going to Europe. It is rather small, so over-subscribed, but worth applying in case! Please share with your local businesses. This link is for North Kesteven, but all Councils will have some funds.

[Rural England Prosperity Fund business grant | North Kesteven District Council \(n-kesteven.gov.uk\)](#)

Young People's Trust, Carlton le Moorland
David Marchant 07943 760 155

Your View...

On Closing Railway Ticket Offices

It is proposed to close rail station ticket offices, including Sleaford and Grantham. The [consultation](#) has been extended to allow you to have your say. I have responded, saying how this will affect my ability to buy the right ticket and my concern at the reduction of service and care for passengers who should have equal access to the train service. TicketOffice.LNER@Transportfocus.org.uk

A motion was raised in Parliament, and the consultation period extended to Sept 1st. [UK Parliament](#) "That this House notes with concern the planned mass closure of rail ticket offices, leaving many of the over 1000 train stations unstaffed; recognises that railway ticket office staff are a vital resource for many passengers who might struggle to manage online booking processes and for the security of children, women, disabled and other vulnerable passengers on the rail network; further notes that station staff including ticket office staff are essential to the smooth running of the rail network; agrees with the Royal National Institute for the Blind that the closures would be hugely detrimental to the blind and partially sighted; notes that the future of ticket offices is a key item in the ongoing rail worker dispute; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for Transport to reject The Rail Delivery Group's proposals in full."

On Planning for Solar Panels

Our Council has supported applications of a few fields, especially when connected to the industry they serve. Our new Local Plan for Central Lincolnshire, passed in April 2023 requires new developments to demonstrate how they are meeting our target of net zero emissions, which is having a dramatically positive effect on the energy-saving standards of new buildings. We also have many thousands of acres of south-facing commercial rooves which could have solar panels added.

Instead, we now also have an unlimited influx of very large solar panel developments covering miles of farmland, close to the power connection, near Navenby. Fosse Green proposed below the cliff edge and Springwell on the heath at our backs, together around 7,000 acres. Lincolnshire currently has proposals for around 35,000 acres of solar panels, over 50 square miles. Wheat yields vary with Lincolnshire having the highest yield in the world again this year, at more than 7 tons/acre, grown by Tim Lamyan. Even at say, 5 tons/acre, that is 175,000 tons of wheat we would need to get from somewhere.

Following our meeting with Parish Councils, I have submitted ten suggestions to improve the planning legislation. In particular, we need a strategy in place as to how much renewable energy is needed and where.

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Planners also need to be able to plan ahead to take account of the cumulative effect of many applications near us and their connecting cables or pylons.

A thorough debate was held in Parliament on "Solar Panels and Planning" with our Lincolnshire MP's speaking against these very large developments on farmland. Also this month, the Prime Minister has announced 100 new oil and gas drilling licences in the North Sea. Meanwhile, we have nuclear waste proposed for thousand year storage just off the Lincolnshire beaches. Floating offshore wind turbines in the Celtic sea, could also provide what is needed, making other projects superfluous. Using less by energy efficiency remains a high priority for us all.

Events in August

5th Coleby Car Boot

5th **Bassingham Village Show**, vintage cars and road running race 2pm

5th **Coffee morning** St Michael's, Bassingham 10.30am

5th **Wellingore Fete** from noon

6th **Day of Lincolnshire Folk** Leadenham House 11am

6th **August Teas** every Sunday in Temple Bruer 2-4pm

8th **Royal British Legion** at the Lion and Royal noon.

Safeguarding the welfare, interests and memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces. New members welcome, poppy appeal collectors wanted.

9th **Coleby** library and coffee morning 10.30am

9th **U3A Wellingore and District**: Return of a popular speaker, David Skillen. "Pilots & petticoats - Women masters of the sky" Tea & coffee available from 10:00. Wednesday 13th September is the A.G.M.

14th **Bett's Craft Barn** 10am-4pm 16 High street, Coleby. Pop in for a cuppa and browse the handmade goodies, sold for cash only, sorry.

16th **Bassingham Garden Group Open Meeting** on *Gardening in dry conditions* with TV Geoff Hodge £4 incl tea Hammond Hall 7.30pm

19th **Coffee Morning** Carlton le Moorland Vill. Ha. 10-noon

20th **Fun Dog Show** Meadow Lane, South Hykeham 1pm
In aid of St Michael and All Angels Church South Hykeham Fabric Fund. Contact Carol 07843 486 933

20th **Aubourn Hall** open gardens for *Shelter* 2-5pm

22nd **Sheps Quiz** in Harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm

26th **Tea and cake**, Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2.30pm-4pm

27th **Summer Sundowner** Harmston Memorial Hall 4pm

28th **Garden Party** The Old Vicarage, Carlton le Moorland, Advance tickets essential £5 for St Mary's Clock Appeal 01522 788748

31st **Waste Not, Want Not** St Michael's Church, Bassingham. Donate from 9.30am, collect from 1pm.

September

2nd Harmston Annual Show Memorial Hall 2pm
2nd Norton Disney Summer fete
3rd Coleby Car Boot
9th Books and Butties at Wellingore Memorial Hall 10am
12th Royal British Legion at the Lion and Royal noon
13th Coleby library and coffee morning 10.30am-12.30pm
13th Wellingore and District U3A AGM 10.30am
16th Collingham Show and Ploughing Match £10 from 9am
16th Plants and Patisseries, All saints Church, Wellingore
10am-4pm
16th Mrs Smith's Apple Day Navenby 1-3pm
16th Not the Coleby Ball 7pm
21st Bingo, bangers, beans and mash Harmston Memorial
Hall £7.50/£5 7pm
26th Shep's Charity Quiz Harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Take the Bus Campaign

Buses are still only £2 per journey, any journey. It's well worth considering leaving the car at home if you can! Timetables and info is here. <https://lincsbus.info/> or call our friendly team on 0345 234 3344. The Transport Helpline is 0345 456 4474.

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
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
Sarah's Bakes and cakes caron@awharrison.com Amazing @Sara's Cakes & Bakes



Know anyone suffering memory loss?

A new service is here

www.ageuk.org.uk/lincolnsouthlincolnshire/our-services/i-forget/

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 @BusinessNK
www.businesslincolnshire.com

Business www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding

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 01522 782140 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
Lincolnshire YMCA 01529 301965
www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm

Church Services

www.graffoechurches.co.uk
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

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 #lincsc roads

Business Support

www.businesslincolnshire.com
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
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or
ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Adult Concern 01522 782151
Police: Sgt Ken Whyte, 101 or www.police.uk
07973 846537/235/5827

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Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from lincscountycouncil@gmail.com
Roadworks [www.one.network lincolnshire roadworks.org](http://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
<https://lincsbuses.info/callconnect/>

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

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.carlton-le-moorland.parish.lincolnshire.gov.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

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk search on "county news"

Wheelchair loan: No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213

Young People Grants Carlton Le Moorland 07943760155

Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities
and your kind support. Best wishes.

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Working together to support people and planet