



**October News
from
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**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.

Solar Arrays

Thanks very much for comments so far. Councillors and residents manned a “listening table” outside the consultation in Witham St Hughs and Thorpe on the Hill inviting people to leave their contacts. Around 150 people attended each and most were very concerned. The main issue was the size of the projects, well over 2,000 acres and loss of country landscape that is currently growing crops, whilst other measures such as insulation and roof panels are still not in place, even on large commercial buildings.

It was very useful to hear comments and make connections with residents, attending all four events and the online presentation on the 11th Oct.

I attended the Planning meeting at [Lincolnshire County Council](#) this week. We had a second and third large solar panel application coming to us for comment. At Cottam 2,800 acres in three connected patches. Only 4% on Best land, being mainly 3b, which is still growing excellent crops, of course. The Heckington Application from Ecotricity is 1,600 acres in a block but half the land is best agricultural quality.

The Council reports are very thorough. The conclusions are summarised at the beginning of each paper, as follows;

“...these positive impacts are not outweighed by the negative, some significant, impacts that arise given the overall size and scale of the development both on its own and in combination with the three other solar projects proposed in this geographical area” ... ,

“...significant and negative impacts the development would have in particular on the landscape character and appearance of the area and on best and most versatile agricultural land.”

The [papers](#) at item 5 on the agenda are worth reading.

Consultation on Solar Arrays

October consultations are 3 -7pm at Thorpe on the Hill 4th, Navenby 5th and 10am-2pm at Bassingham 7th and 11th online with NKDC 6pm.



Supporting Local Businesses

Welcome to **Orchard Gallery** newly arrived in Navenby High Street. Individual pieces and studio collections bought and sold. 07896 670 036



Congratulations to **Navenby Antiques Shop**, opening a very smart Wintergarden for coffee and cakes.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Penny Taylor MBE, of Brant Broughton, Head of Newark College and The Air and Space Institute.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

You may have heard residents and I making the case on BBC Radio Lincolnshire for police community support officers in rural areas. There are none in North Kesteven, except in Sleaford, and even those are depleted. The plan to increase the number of functioning Police is struggling. The stripping out of other staff is very damaging and makes the job of the Police near impossible in rural areas.



Supporting Young People

We have great young people in our area, so it is important for the future. I am very keen to support youth clubs and sports for our young people. Navenby Youth meet up in the village hall on Monday and Friday at 7pm. Work is in progress planning a Skate Park on the field by the Venue. Bassingham has lots going on and other villages are always working on improving facilities.

Reduced Speed proposed on the A15

County Council planning committee received a report this week, following the 27 serious accidents recorded on the A15 between Navenby and Harmston junctions over five years. Average speeds detected were 42-45mph, so the proposal was to change the speed limit from 60 to 40mph. I proposed 50mph, same as the A607. The decision was referred back to officers, who were present and will hopefully also look at possible improvements to the junctions. [More here.](#)

Protecting Nature and Biodiversity

I attended an excellent first meeting of LINZ, the new Local Government Association Board on “infrastructure and Net Zero”, working on getting infrastructure and housing to be energy efficient. During the lunch break, our cross-party contingency spoke at the [Chris Packham Rally](#) on nature and biodiversity. Hundreds gathered, following a very damning new report on The State of Nature in the UK. With 1 in 6 species threatened with extinction, over 40 organisations set out a call for action.

Protecting Nature and Biodiversity – speaking at the Chris Packham Rally outside DEFRA



Big Garden Butterfly Watch

This summer was better, after a poor year with droughts last year. The Red Admiral was the most seen, followed by the Gatekeeper, the whites and the Holly Blue. Reduced numbers were seen of Common Blue, Speckled Wood, Ringlet and Comma. Thank you if you were able to take part. Full results are [here.](#)

Local Children enjoy Wildlife Watch

Families enjoyed an Apple Day at Hilltop Farm, Welbourn this month. The big press turned and delicious apple juice was much enjoyed. For future monthly events, please contact Jean Martin or me, 07920 235 364.



Finding Fungi

Join us to discover the fascinating world of Fungi in Twyford Wood near

Colsterworth on **Sunday 29th October 10-12.30pm.** Ray Halstead is the County Recorder and well known Jane Ostler hopes to attend. Adults and children welcome, as the event is hosted by the Royal Society of Biology and supported by Wildlife Watch, the junior part of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPB. Limited places, please contact Jean Martin or I to book. 07920 235 364



Wildlife Trust celebrates 75 years

I was really pleased to be part of the team helping out at this brilliant two day event at Doddington Hall. It was very well attended and packed with exciting stands and things to do for all the family. Everyone was thanked for their work, and a cake was cut, marking an important milestone for Lincolnshire.



Planning

Councillors had a tour of some results of our planning decisions last week. We visited Handley Chase, 1500 new houses on the south side of Sleaford; currently with little infrastructure such as buses, schools and medical services. The happiest visit was to Cranwell Air Museum which is doing well and looking to expand as funds allow. There is a new wedding venue at Hanbeck Farm, outside Wilsford, now looking really smart with 22 bedrooms and a pool.



History of Flight at Cranwell from a balloon basket to jets.

Veteran's Day

Have a brew and find out about what there is for you.
25th October Barracks in Burton Rd, Lincoln LN1 3PY

Alan Nugent

Alan served as Chair of the Wellingore and District U3A and Subdean of Lincoln Cathedral, but sadly passed away recently. A beautiful service was held in his honour in Lincoln Cathedral, well attended by his many friends from our villages, celebrating a thoroughly good life as a family man and a dedicated priest.



Welsh Male Voice Choir and Military Wives Choir in Lincoln Cathedral.



Travellers Site at Beckingham – a win

You will have seen the traveller site that appeared over a weekend at Beckingham, next to the firing range and adjacent to the river. The High Court said that 17 families could stay there pending planning permission. The District Council refused planning permission and the travellers took it higher to appeal. The appeal was dismissed and the application refused. The Council is seeking enforcement. A huge thanks to the Parish Council and to all who contributed with support and making the case clearly. It was clearly the wrong site.

The other long standing site on the A17 has a very large house developing. The Council refused permission as a new dwelling in the open countryside. The appeal Inspector, however, has given permission, saying that it is in the interests of the 11 children and four adults to live together in that house. Normally permission is not given on personal circumstances, because these will change.

Cleaning up the Water

Huge quantities of raw sewage are still dumped into our rivers. My motion to encourage increased action from the County Council to get our rivers and lakes cleaned up was passed unanimously. The Council will now be working on it. More to follow. My speech is [here](#). You can hear the debate [here](#) at 2hrs 40mins. Volunteer

At the same meeting, I called for cross party representation on all committees, including outside committees such as the Health and Welbeing Board. Also there was a £10m underspend, to be spent on highways. In the budget meeting previously and in this meeting, I called for £1m to be set aside for Police Support Officers, in a partnership arrangement with the Police and Councils.

Keep Station Ticket Offices open

Sleaford and Grantham Station ticket offices are planned to close. Vulnerable and less able passengers would struggle. It is often hard to get the best value ticket combination while staff can point to it right away. We are seeking support of North Kesteven District Council for this local service.

Scampton

I have lobbied hard nationally against large numbers of young asylum seekers being placed at Scampton, without support services and also concerned about their safety. It also prevents local investment plans. The Government is however, going ahead. The migrants will be living in portakabins on the runway, eight to a kabin.

The RAF buildings are too degraded to convert for accommodation, but are being used for a laundry etc. The Government has given an extra £2m for policing, £1m for the asylum seekers. They will also have their own nurse-led health care and transport to Lincoln.

Christmas Vouchers

Local Businesses in Navenby are working with the Navenby Town's Farm Trust to honour Christmas Vouchers. If you live permanently in Navenby and are over 65, you can apply using a form available from One Stop or the Parish Office at the Venue.

Welcome

Welcome to Rev Sara Davies to the Loveden Central Group of Parishes; Welbourn, Leadenham, Brant Broughton, Stragglethorpe and Beckingham. I hope you really enjoy our lovely villages and residents.

A huge thank you to our local volunteers

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

Best wishes.

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Working together for people and planet



October Events

- 5 Temple Bruer Harvest Festival and supper 7pm
- 7th Carlton le Moorland Art Exhibition and sale 11am-4pm
- 7th Navenby Methodist Tea and cake 2.30pm
- 7th St Michael's Church Coffee Morning Norton Disney 10.30-11.30
- 7th Welbourn Forge is open and working 10am-1pm
- 7th Quaker Meeting House at Brant Broughton Open Day 10am-4pm
- 7th Bingo at Norton Disney Eyes down 7.30pm
- 8th Scarecrow Festival Harmston Memorial Hall Refreshments in the hall from 12 Arrive 11am-4pm
- 8th Praise and Pizza, Witham St Hughs Hammond Hall 4pm
- 10th Bassingham Lunch Club, noon, Hammond Hall, Bassingham Book with Carmen 01522 788996
- 11th Wellingore and District U3A Beekeeping 10.30am
- 11th Coleby Library and coffee 10.30am
- 12th Navenby Friendship Club, Methodist Church Hall 2.30pm
- 12th Norton Disney Tea and Chat, Village Hall 2-4pm
- 14th Archaeology Conference, Navenby Venue £30 book before 7th Oct 10.15-4.30pm www.slha.org.uk

- 14th Autumn Ball at Welbourn Village Hall £15 Dancing to *Maria and the Backbeat Boys* 7.30pm til midnight 01400 269254 or jackiedwane@gmail.com
- 14th Harmston Autumn Party at Memorial Hall 7pm
- 17th Wednesday Club at Leadenham Tea, cakes and a chance to chat 2-4pm Hilary 01400 272835
- 17th Royal British Legion Branch meet at the Lion and Royal at noon.
- 18th Welbourn Music Appreciation St Chad's 7pm
- 19th Brant Broughton Coffee Morning 10am to noon
- 20th Oktoberfest at Leadenham Village Hall german style food and drink £15 01400 272413 7pm food 8pm
- 21st Carlton le Moorland Coffee Morning Bassingham Brownies and Guides 10am-12
- 21st Sleaford Riverlight festival Fringe events 14-20th
- 21st Welbourn Coffee Shop Halloween Special. 10-noon Children's Fancy Dress competition judged at 10.30am
- 21st Harmston Harvest Festival and supper 6pm
- 21st Hammond Hall Quiz Night £7 includes ploughman's supper Book by 17th Oct 4 per team 7.30 for 8pm
- 24th Shep's Quiz at harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 24th Bassingham Lunch Club noon, Hammond Hall, Bassingham Book with Carmen 01522 788996
- 25th Veterans Day at the Lincoln Barracks LN1 3PY
- 26th Withamside waste Not Want Not donate 9.30-11.30am, collect 1-3.30pm at St Michael's Bassingham
- 28th Wellingore Children's Halloween Party 4-7pm
- 28th Frank Birkbeck Jazz Trio at Harmston Memorial Hall £7.50 text 07817230028 for tickets 7.30pm, bar 6.30
- 28th Carlton le Moorland Film afternoon/eve double bill clmvillagehall@gmail.com
- 28th Navenby Friendship Club coffee morning and stalls 10am-12
- 29th Remembering Loved Ones at St Michael's, Bassingham 4pm

November

- 2nd Char and Chat at Welbourn Village Hall £1.50 2-4pm
- 2nd-4th Marie Curie Christmas Bazaar Hemswell 10-4pm
- 4th Table Top sale Welbourn Village Hall £6/table Book with Pauline on 01400 269254 2-4pm
- 5th Coleby Car Boot Sale
- 10th Comedy Night at Leadenham Village Hall £10 8pm, bar from 7pm 0800 026 0766
- 18th Welbourn Coffee Shop Vill. Ha. 10am-noon
- 18th Navenby WI Christmas Bazaar @Venue 11am-3pm
- 24th Navenby Christmas lights switch on and market 5pm-8pm
- 25th Carlton le Moorland Coffee Morning Bassingham Brownies and Guides 10am-12

Some Useful information

Lancaster Gateway, Norton Disney

This inspiring epic is remembering the sacrifices and how people fought so that we could have freedom today.
Donations here. <https://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk/>

Take the Bus Campaign

Buses are still only £2 per journey, any journey.
Timetables and info is here. <https://lincsbus.info/> or call 0345 234 3344. The Transport Helpline is 0345 456 4474.

Old Printer Cartridges for Charity

Richard Wilson wants you empty printer cartridges at 11 Chapel Lane, Navenby to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabete Research Foundation. Seal them in an envelope and pop them through his door. Or ring 01522 810373

Support from Local Charities

Sir Christopher Nevile/Summers Charity for residents of **Aubourn, Haddington and Thurlby**. For people who need a bit of help. Local Trustees. Apply 01522 788236
Carlton le Moorland Young People's Trust 07943 760 155

Navenby Heritage Trail

Have you explored the 2.5km Navenby Heritage Trail?

Useful Contacts

Healthy Eating

Local shops who deliver

East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760
Nick Streeter's fish etc. 01400 272547
Grocery Paul Barton 07970 115351
Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200
Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242

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 open
The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258
Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534
The Bugle Horn, Bassingham 01522 789773
The Five Bells, Bassingham 01522 788269
The White Hart, Carlton le Moorland 01522 788893
Generous Briton Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119
Black Swan, Beckingham 01636 626474
Akash Indian Takeaway 01522 811126 Navenby
Navenby Chinese Takeaway 01522 810773

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

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
www.getsafeonline.org Keeping safe online
Know anyone suffering memory loss? Contact
Wheelchair loan: No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213

Church Work and Services

www.graffoechurches.co.uk
sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org 07768 706952
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

Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082

Volunteer locally www.rivercare.org.uk

Wild Things Rescue 01526 578579 9-9 every day

www.wildthingsrescue.uk

Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from lincscountycouncil@gmail.com

Roadworks www.one.network [lincolnshire roadworks.org](http://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://lincsbus.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.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; youbassingham.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"

Stop Press

Sleaford Market Square

Conservative Plans to remove parking from Sleaford Market

Square are not accompanied with any new parking for those cars to go. Local concern includes disabled groups who meet in the church, local businesses who rely on the parking for their trade and market stalls who need their refrigerated vehicles on site. . Alternative parking is needed to make this plan sensible. Best is to have a square that is versatile and can be used as now, packed for the November 11th Remembrance Service, big Concerts, Christmas markets, even films, and parking when not otherwise in use. Do we have enough Café and seating areas here already?

What do you think?



