



**April 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.

Invitation

Please join me for a coffee at our public event in Hammond Hall Bassingham
Tuesday 9th April 5-6.30pm
Devo Deals, Solar Panels & Highways

Improving our local roads

I have called for more funding locally and our Council agreed extra this year, with some improved local roads. Lincolnshire Independents are working hard to make sure we get our share locally and tackle heavy traffic through villages. Please keep reporting on www.fixmystreet.com or 01522 782070 and let me know.



Facing up to Big Solar Industry

The huge scale of industrial developments continues to be a significant battle with unlimited applications coming in – thousands of acres of farmland in Lincolnshire right now with many new pylons. We have 7,000 acres in the two applications of Springwell and Fosse Green, below and above the cliff edge, all connecting to a new electricity substation at Navenby. More land could be added once the power connection is in place.

Lincolnshire Independents are calling for limits, rather than the free for all we see at the moment, making Lincolnshire the dumping ground for the country and profits abroad. The District Council has written, but we need the MPs and ministers on board too.

Welcome on Tuesday 9th April 5pm at Bassingham Hall.

Emperor’s New Clothes – “Devo Deal”

In a classic case of the Emperor’s new clothes, this so-called “devolution deal” for Lincolnshire takes power away from people and guarantees nothing. Our MP’s could stop it now. Please write to them, to the Minister and to the Prime Minister.

The Devo-deal with a tax-raising Mayor, adds bureaucracy and more costs, that we will need to pay on our council tax bills. Money should come to our Councils as they are. Moving the transport plan from our County Council to very few hands of the Mayoral authority, takes power further away from residents, the opposite of devolution. The £262m from the failed HS2 extension should come to our Council to serve all of us.

The **money is not guaranteed** – the new authority would still have to submit a bid, a business plan for the £24m to show “growth”, a return in increased tax that the Government would get for their investment. That’s why their objectives may not be the same as ours. Money that should have come to *services in Lincolnshire* could be drawn into the Free Port and failed industries on the North and North-East areas. The money is not up to the job. The amount is **much less** than the £360m we are currently spending on new roads and transport, supported by Central Government, based on submitted business plans. The motherhood and apple pie objectives are **already in our Council plans**, and it takes the budgets of our ten Councils to do them. The County Council alone, needs to spend £1,540 million next year, just to run our services. **The new area is larger still**, with power and money in *very few hands*, making it harder still to get your voice heard.

In every District of Lincolnshire, people voted against this new combined authority with a Mayor. Of people who voted one way or the other in Lincolnshire, **62% were against** the new combined authority, including **45% were strongly against** the plans.

The three upper tier Council leaders have already agreed to set up a new combined authority with themselves as the key decision-makers. **Only the MP’s can stop it now. Please write to your MP, using the links below.** Please copy to me and come along to our event on Tuesday!
marianne.overton@biosearch.org.uk **Thank you!**

Dr Caroline Johnson Sleaford and North Hykeham
01529 306721 caroline.johnson.mp@parliament.uk
Jacob.young.mp@parliament.uk;
rishi.sunak@parliament.uk **Petition** here.

Insulating Our Homes

I have been pushing the Council hard on energy efficiency in our 3,800 Council homes. We have secured £2m from Government in grants and allocated £21m from the housing budget. The Council has improved the energy efficiency of 85 homes since last August. In the past year, including 24 in Aubourn, Brant Broughton, Carlton le Moorland, Leadenham, Norton Disney and Welbourn. The legislation in privately rented homes still requires a minimum of efficiency grade E. NKDC still has 1,087 homes that are below grade C.

I am also pushing to get the [grants](#) to improve energy efficiency of private housing. Moving from a D to a B would save around £500 a year. NKDC has about half our homes graded A-C.

21 per cent of total carbon emissions in the UK come from our 20m homes, according to the Energy Saving Trust, much could be remedied with improved insulation so heat is not paid for and lost unnecessarily.

How green is our Council?

I signed the foreword of the [new document](#) from the charity *Climate Emergency* on what councils are doing to reach their targets. Do Councils have the necessary processes in place? NKDC was at 49%, and the average for District Councils was 30%. The best in our group was 60%. Lancaster City, led by my Deputy on the Independent Group at the Local Government Association. They offer an interesting [dashboard](#) to monitor progress, something like ours in NKDC.

We have agreed to tackle the climate emergency by reaching net zero for our whole district by 2030, with milestones along the way. Our District itself is not meeting those targets, and hardly started on supporting the District. A recent report on all Councils showed that 2/3 of Councils are not confident of meeting their targets. They also depend on the grid being net zero, with reducing waste and offshore wind being achieved.

Supporting the local economy



Sleaford has just one hotel, the Carre Arms, an important asset to Sleaford. We councillors unanimously agreed that it was important for North Kesteven District Council

to step in and secure its future as a hotel. It is running well and funds will be spent locally.

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50th Anniversary of Local Government



On the 1st April, Councils across England hit the big 5-0. You elect councillors to represent you to ensure Councils use our pooled funds to provide essential services and to make the best decisions in governing. However, the 1974 reforms were also dramatic and removed 1,000 local authorities, including six metropolitan Counties, leaving 377. That made us one of the most centralised decision-making countries in Europe.

The Minister at the time, now 90, said it stemmed from a London centric approach to the money and a “lack of faith” in Local Government. Councils that generated loyalty and a sense of affinity were lost.

This was also the first time that Councillors were required to say which political group they were in, to make the politics of decision-making more transparent. However, that also made no provision for lone Independents, forcing Independents into groups, even to earn a seat on a committee! To get a level playing field, the Lincolnshire Independents are set up as a party to work together to support Lincolnshire. As Independents, we speak and vote Independently and work together to get the best for our local areas.

Elections

Lincoln City Council has a third of their seats up for election. We have a great candidate in Carholme Ward, Ashley Delaney. Would you like to help?

The whole country is to vote for a Police and Crime Commissioner on **Thursday 2nd May 7am to 10pm** at all the polling stations. The huge area for Lincolnshire 7xMP areas and the £5,000 deposit means there are five parties, but no Independents this time. (A mayoral area is bigger!)

English Democrat, David Dickason, Peter Escreet of Reform UK, Mike Horder Labour, Marc Jones Conservative, Lesley Rollings, Lib Dem

Are you on the register at your current address? Want to check? Want to vote by post? Ring 01529 308352 or email elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk. Register before midnight on April 16th [directly](#) using your NI number. For a postal vote, print forms off from the website. www.n-kesteven.gov.uk and return it to your District or City Council. If you need someone to vote on your behalf, called a “proxy” vote, there is a form for that too.

A huge thank you to our local volunteers

Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities and your kind support. Good luck in all you do. Wellingore is calling for Village Volunteers. Please contact Richard Jenkins chewy.watford@btinternet.com

Best wishes,

Marianne

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Working together for people and planet



April Events

9th Public Meeting on Highways, Industrial Solar Developments and the Mayor proposal 5pm-7pm
Hammond Hall, Bassingham

Friday Walks from the Naveby Venue 10am for 10.15am Ray Holloway 07535 701115

10th Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30am

10th Wellingore and District U3A, Memorial Ha, Bygone Lincoln with Andy Blow 10.30am

10th St Chads Music Appreciation Group held in the Church 7pm

11th & 25th Friendship Club Navenby Methodist Hall 2-4pm

12th and 26th Navenbees Toddler Group at Mrs Smith's Cottage Hands on learning £2/child 11am-noon

13th Coffee Morning Navenby Methodist Church Hall 10am

13th Cook Stars create a delicious dish with your child £10/child. Book bbjubileehall@gmail.com 1pm

13th Leadenham Comedy Night Village Hall
Open 7pm, starts 8pm £10 Book 01400 272413
Lvh2000events@gmail.com

14th Countryside Lincs 2024 Lincolnshire Showground £11 and £6, under fives free. 10am – 4pm

16th and 30th 19th Bassingham Lunch Club noon, Hammond Hall, Book with Lyn 01522 426498

17th Leadenham Wednesday Club; Tea, cake and chat 2-4

20th Carlton le Moorland Coffee morning with bacon butties, cakes and hot chocolate 10am-12

20th and 21st Bassingham Bowls Open Afternoons 2-4pm

20th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am and Roving Supper 7pm

20th Tea and cake at Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2pm

20th Bingo, Bangers & mash Harmston M' Hall 4-8pm

22nd Earth Day - a global call to action!

23rd Celebrate St George's day

23rd Shep's Quiz Harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm

24th Tea @3pm Wellingore Memorial Hall

25th Withamside waste Not Want Not donate 9.30-

11.30am, collect 1-3.30pm at St Michael's Bassingham

26th Katherine Swynford at Coleby Church £20 incl. wine and nibbles. Tickets from devonald@btinternet.com

Performance by Lesley Smith 7.30pm

26th Chris Ingham Trio Dunston Village Hall 7.30pm

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 your 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

The White Hart, Lincoln (locally owned) 01522 526222

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.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

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
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://lincsbu.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.lincsbu.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”

Mrs Smith’s Cottage

East Road, Navenby LN5 0EP

Open Weekends Friday to Monday noon til 4pm

Entrance £3.50/£2

Step into a time capsule into the life of Mrs Hilda Smith who lived a simple and principled life here to 102.

The Cottage is owned by North Kesteven District Council and manned with the help of local volunteers – enjoy!



West Kesteven Wildlife Watch and RSPB Explorers

If you have children 7-13, please ask me for a calendar of

events, or jcmartin0448@gmail.com