



May-June News from Marianne Overton MBE

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Wishing you all the very best!

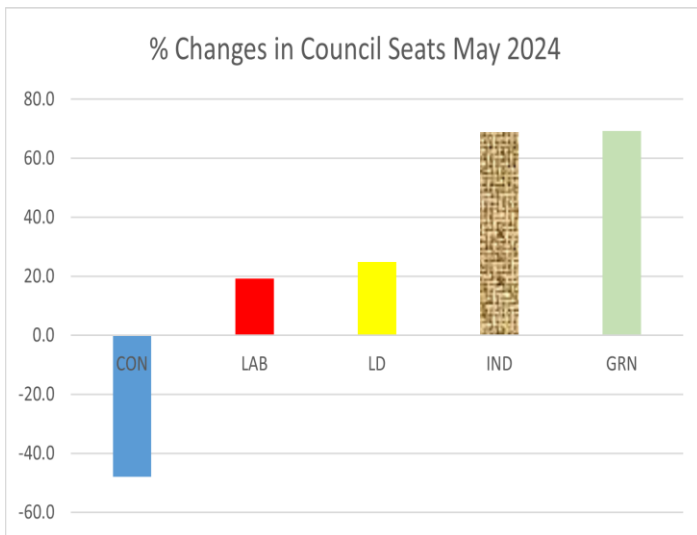
This is my personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you. Let me know if I can help with anything.

Elections

The Police and Crime Commissioner “oversees” the police force. In Lincolnshire there was no change as Marc Jones was re-elected for his third term on just over a third of the votes (37%). Labour Michael Hodder was second with just under a third of the votes. (30%) Turnout was less than 20%. The area covers seven MP constituencies - and a Mayoral constituency would add four more – huge.

Local Elections

Nationally, it has been a fantastic election for Independents and Greens, who both increased by 69% in the 107 Councils up for election. Together, the Local Government Association Independent Group won 457 seats, an increase of 184 councillors, on a par with Labour.



In **Grantham**, after a long battle to get the right to have a Council for the town, Independents have now swept the board with 18 out of 22 members. Independents took the leadership of the District Council last year, bringing a powerful change, attracting new voices, fuelled by the fervour of public support and laying the groundwork for a bottom-up change of approach. In Lincoln, we supported Ashley Delaney (28), an inspiring young man.

Over 40 councils in England and Wales are already led by Independent, Green and Plaid Cymru Councillors, part of the Independent Group of the Local Government Association and the Independent Network, which I lead. This year, the Network ran a “Be a Councillor” national programme to find and support new candidates and current councillors.

I meet with Independent, Green and Plaid leaders fortnightly and visit their councils. There I find a greater effort to connect with the public and significant changes to match local needs. For example in planning, in the way climate change is tackled, in local services, in civility, and working closely with communities to create lively, prosperous and environmentally friendly places to live.

Helping Businesses go greener!

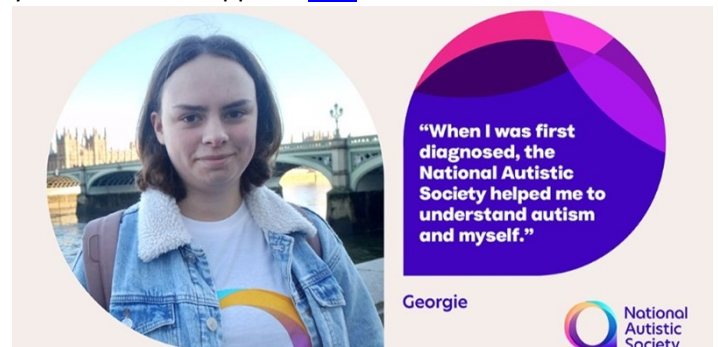
NKDC has grants for installing low carbon heating systems and much more. Have a look [here](#) for useful webinars on sustainability and marketing with [social media](#).

The **Rural Business Grant** supports businesses to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. The grant will support capital investments only and sustainable investments will be prioritised. The minimum grant is £5,000 with some match funding required. Check if you are eligible. More info can be found [here](#).

The **Small Business Grant** will be used to facilitate growth and expansion of local micro businesses or those that are seeking to relocate to North Kesteven. This fund offers grants of up to 40% of eligible costs, meaning match funding of 60% is required. Grants are available from £500 to a maximum of £5,000, with a minimum project cost of £1,250. More info can be found [here](#).

Local Fund-raiser

As Young Ambassador for the National Autistic Society, Georgie of Thurlby is tackling the highest mountain in England, Scafell Pike on 10th August to raise funds. Would you like to add support? [Link](#)



Improving our local roads ...

I was pleased to get a good attendance at the public meeting in Bassingham last month with Senior Highways Officer, Richard Fenwick. Thank you residents for your brilliant support in raising our local issues. We pressed the officer to continue holding the contractors to account, paying on potholes actually repaired properly, but being prepared to pay on nearby deep holes repaired at the same time.

The officer also agreed that the most cost effective solution was for an early and thorough repair of whole sections of road, as seen now on a good number of our rural roads. The budget has been increased for highways and flooding, which remains important with current work.

Reporting on Fixmystreet.com or 01522 782070 remains the best method for getting reactive repairs done.



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. Navenby Parish is 2,110 acres, running from the Brant to the A15. These two nearby proposals cover more than three times the whole of it.

An application for the power station at ‘Wind Pump Farm’, Green Man Road, **Navenby** has come in for a scoping opinion, fundamentally seeking agreement on the criteria to be assessed. The application is for 400MW of battery storage in 324 units, transformers, substation, control room etc. It is on agricultural land 1km from Navenby. Application is [here](#). Navenby Parish Council and I are seeking your views. The public meeting held in April in Bassingham was 90% against, with three abstentions.

Letter from the Minister

Cllr Peter Overton put a motion to full Council at NKDC, calling on the Council to seek better planning on solar industries. We called for a sequential test and a maximum appropriate amount, rather than being the dumping ground for the whole country. The Council agreed, wrote to the Minister, who replied. There have also been two debates in Parliament, led by our MP’s calling for better control on the scale of the developments on farmland in Lincolnshire.

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 to an additional layer of Mayoral government and guarantees nothing. Our MP’s could object and stop it now. Please write to them, to the Minister and to the Prime Minister. Include your address so they know they work for you. Draft letter and petition [here](#). At our public meeting in Bassingham last month, 95% voted against the proposal with two abstentions.

1. Minister Jacob.young.mp@parliament.uk;
2. Dr Caroline Johnson Sleaford and North Hykeham
01529 306721 caroline.johnson.mp@parliament.uk
3. Prime Minister rishi.sunak@parliament.uk
4. marianne.overton@biosearch.org.uk

Thank you!

Beckingham Church Clock

Nicholas Chamberlain, Bishop of Grantham blessed the repaired clock and new gates (to be installed) at All Saints, Beckingham. The Clock was repaired in memory of David Webb who so beautifully refurbished vintage cars in the village garage. The Rogation Service on the first Sunday in May included support for farmers and farming. Rev. Sarah Davis, Val and Vic Rampton, assisted by Gill Green, Jean Martin and Richard Leggott made a great service, well attended, and followed by tea and cake!



North Hykeham Relief Road

The North Hykeham Relief Road got permission this week. This approx. £200m project is funded with £110m from Government, and the remainder from the County Council, part-funded by new housing developments. Dual carriageway from the A46 to the Eastern Bypass with new or enlarged roundabouts and a flyover at Waddington. Land options were previously secured and will now take place. Six more houses are to be demolished and 200 ha of what is mainly farmland, with some mitigation.



Clean air

Did you know that the air is monitored in our villages by the District Council? The annual mean legal limit of NO2 for health is 40µg/m³. Our villages have less than 15. Branston is a higher, but less than half the legal limit.



May is mental health awareness month. Some useful resources are [here](#). What would be your five top tips? Here's one: Communicate, make life better for others, feed your creative side, healthy lifestyle, keep active. I work on the committee for Lincolnshire County Council adult care and been active in calling for better [services](#) in Lincolnshire and contributing to shaping them. The new helpline is **0800 001 4331**. [Wellbeing Lincs](#) helps people with health, finance and general wellbeing as well as installing small aids to daily living. They will visit too. To make a referral to the service, call 01522 782140. Their leaflet is [here](#).

Congratulations to Bassingham Wood Team

Congratulations to Bassingham Community Woodland Team who have secured £100K from the Lottery Community Fund to create paths from Rinks lane to the wood and round the wood, so that everyone can enjoy it. Donations of benches and picnic table now welcome.

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Local Events

Artists of Navenby, led by John Jules, held their annual art exhibition in St Peter's with proceeds to the Church Fabric Fund. The group meet on Thursdays in St Peter's Church Hall 10.30 to 1pm. Contact John on 01522 811401



See the Northern Lights from home!

Following one of the biggest explosions on the sun in twenty years, we experienced amazing Northern lights right across Lincolnshire. Did you see them on May 10th?



Housing

NKDC Housing has seen big changes recently. The contractor for repairs has been replaced. Following the Grenfell disaster, the Office of Local Government has set 90 parameters for us to report, just in housing. I was part of the appointments committee pleased to promote Tracy Aldrich to Assistant Director of Housing last week. She started at NKDC as an apprentice - an inspiration!

A huge thank you to our Parish Councils

As we complete our round of Annual General Meetings in my fifteen parishes, I am struck once again by the dedication of our Councils to improving life for people in our villages. Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities and your kind support.

Best wishes,

Marianne

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Working together for people and planet



May Events

Friday Walks from the Naveby Venue 10am for 10.15am
Aubourn Hall Gardens Exhibition of "Feathers from Above" in aid of St Barnabus. 10-4 until 19th May
14th and 28th Bassingham Lunch Club noon, Hammond Hall, Book with Lyn 01522 426498
16th Boothby Graffoe Parish Meeting 7.30pm
17th Sonrisa Trio at Leadenham Village Hall 7.30pm
18th Plant Sale at All Saints, Wellingore 10am-4pm
18th Coffee Morning, Carlton le Moorland Village Ha 10-12
19th Harmston Big Breakfast Memorial Hall 10am-12
19th Bassingham Cricket Match at home
21st Navenby Parish Meeting the Venue 7.30pm
23rd Friendship Club, Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2.30-4.30pm
24th Navenbees Toddler Group at Mrs Smith's Cottage Hands on learning £2/child 11am-noon
26th Tea and cake Afternoon Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2pm
28th Shep's Quiz Harmston Memorial Hall 7.30pm
30th Withamside waste Not Want Not donate 9.30-11.30am, collect 1-3.30pm at St Michael's Bassingham
30th May-1st June Act Two Bassingham School Hall £15 including supper 7pm Tickets from website.
31st to 1st Sept Lincolnshire's Home Guard Exhibition at Mrs Smith's Cottage Friday-Monday 12-4pm £3.50/£2

June

1st Bassingham Village Hall car boot sale 8am-noon
6th D Day 80th Anniversary marked in Carlton le Moorland on the green by the pond from 6.30pm.
8th/9th Bassingham Scarecrow Weekend and Open Gardens (9th) 2-5pm start at Hammond Hall £4.
8th Fulbeck Artisan Market and car boot sale 10am -3pm
8th Jelly Legs Folk-Gypsy Jazz 6.30pm Book 07817 230028
9th D Day service St Michael's, Bassingham 10.15am
12th Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30am
12th Wellingore and District U3A, Memorial Ha 10.30am
13th Art demoinstration of Oil landscapes with Peter barker, followed by tea and cake. Visitors welcome £4 Carlton le Moorland Village Hall 10am-12.30pm
13th Friendship Club Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2-4
14th & 28th Navenbees Toddler Group at Mrs Smith's Cottage Hands on learning £2/child 11am-noon
14th Senior Citizens Fair in North Hykeham LN6 9QZ 11am
22nd/23rd Rose Weekend at St Germain's Church in Thurlby 7.30pm Nettleham Choir and refreshments Sunday service at 3pm, followed by tea.
23rd Witham Heritage Art Group in Norton Disney Village Hall 11am -4pm
30th Food and Drink Fair at Harmston Memorial Hall

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

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420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.
www.lincsccommunitybuildings.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

<https://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