



**September News  
from  
Marianne Overton MBE**

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

***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.

**Welcome back, Sarah!**

“Hello All,

I am very pleased to be able to share with you that I am returning to be stationed at Hykeham. This is an open-ended temporary secondment covering, Hykeham Town & Rural, the Cliff Villages, Washingborough and Metheringham beats.

I have always considered it a privilege to serve within the NK district, I am very much looking forward to returning and working with you again.”

Kind Regards,



**Sarah Lingard**

**Police Community Support Officer**

Hykeham Neighbourhood Policing Team



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Working together to make Lincolnshire the safest place to live, work and visit.

Residents are incensed by the scale of proposals for a 32 acre electricity sub-station less than a mile from Navenby.



**Save our rural Lincolnshire!**



Industrial development should be on industrial land and solar should be on roofs and wind offshore. Solar is not efficient in England and locks up farmland for 40-60 years on soon-outdated technology, while we pay through the nose to keep it. A national strategy is needed.

Over 300 people attended the public event in Navenby last week, about the 32 acres electricity substation on our best farmland, less than a mile from the village. This is to transmit electricity between batteries, solar etc to and from the grid. The size is mind-boggling; 32 football pitches, 3,600 MW, big enough for 18,000 acres of solar industry right here. The whole of Navenby Parish from the Brant to the A15 is 2,100 acres. We have not yet seen the applications being negotiated nearby. In addition, the electricity station could attract a great deal of heavy industry and significant pylons or cables, which should be based in industrial areas instead.

The 324 shipping containers of lithium batteries and 7,000 acres of solar industry on farmland that we know about, were not discussed by the electricity developers. See “planning on line, North Kesteven 23/0390/EIASCO”.

Meanwhile 630,000 acres of commercial roofs lie vacant, only a tiny percentage covered with solar.



## Better solutions

We are calling for a proper energy plan of how much energy is needed and from where, rather than dumping it all here on the best farmland in the country. All new build needs to be energy efficient, (well insulated, with solar panels etc) and meet the net zero targets on site. All commercial roofs to produce renewables and be energy efficient, and properly accessible grants for householders to do likewise. There are also vast offshore wind already agreed and ready to let.

Locally, we need more successful renewable structures and roofs close to the energy-efficient buildings they are powering and of a size and scale to match.

You can contact the action group via Barry Earnshaw [barry.e@zen.co.uk](mailto:barry.e@zen.co.uk) and copy me in with comments, so I know your views.

Navenby Parish Council is gathering comments and signatures on a petition. They are hosting the next public meeting to which you are invited.

**Navenby Venue on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

## Winter fuel allowance

Ahead of the final budget decisions, we are calling on the Government to make a more thoughtful decision on the winter fuel payments. Removing payments from all except those registered on pension credits, especially with such short notice and without adequate compensatory measures, will disproportionately affect the health and well-being of our poorest older residents. AgeUK have a petition [here](#).

If you are finding things a bit tough, check on AgeUK's [website](#). You can also use the [calculator](#) to see what the Government has calculated you need to survive. Please claim and spend it locally to help our local economy. To talk to a [person](#), ring 0800 169 65 on a free call.

**Last coal-fired power station** in the UK, Ratcliffe on Soar, is now closed. Can we also avoid importing Chinese Panels or other goods made with coal-fired energy?



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## Change at the top of NKDC staff



**Katherine Marriott**, who had been CEO of Rushcliffe for nine years is coming to North Kesteven District Council. I served on the appointments panel and was very pleased to support her, amongst a strong field of candidates. Katherine was the one who was most clearly listening and thinking in her outlook. Chief Finance officer, Russell Stone, has been promoted to Deputy Chief Executive.

## Councillors

Our **County group of candidates** had an excellent meeting in Gainsborough last month and are progressing well. We are looking for candidates who want to stand with us as independents, determined to represent our residents. If you are thinking about standing or helping, please get in touch! Now is the moment!



It was good to see folk at the **Chairman's Civic Service** at St Denys which went very well with a little tea afterwards and a raffle in aid of the Chairman's Charities. Photo: Marianne with Peter Overton, Mitch and Marie Elliott of Witham St Hughs.

This month, I ran two sessions at the Green Party Conference, one discussing housing and planning in the light of the new National Planning Policy Framework. The Government is currently changing the rules, to increase "growth". I have submitted a solid response.

## New layer of Government announced



We have been pretty vociferous against the centralisation of powers towards four people, a new Mayor and three upper tier authority leaders. As “non-constituents”, some District Council Leaders expect to sit in on some items. The Lincolnshire “Devo Deal” adds bureaucracy and cost for little or no gain, and sells out our local democracy.

“The misnamed “devolution deal” is bad news for Lincolnshire. It is an additional layer of tax-raising bureaucracy, taking powers from our County and District Councils into very few hands, effectively bypassing our local voices on important local issues like transport, roads and planning.

The Mayoral authority covers a vast area, pitting rural villages against the big industries further north. The Government moves money to this new authority for one primary agenda – “growth”, industrial growth and the bigger the better, whereas Councils focus on prosperity and wellbeing for you and me.

The money promised is less than a tenth of what we currently spend on new road-building projects. As in the new authority, that is based on a business plan that promises “growth” in thousands more houses, but at the same time, *not* providing enough local services and facilities.

This “Deal” is the emperor’s new clothes, centralising services that are currently in the hands of our District and County Councils. We have seen time and again, that centralising responsibility makes services more remote and difficult to access.

The County Council previously made herculean efforts to get people to support the creation of the Mayoral Combined Authority. Even so, of the 4,181 who stated a view, *over half disagreed* (2,132) and *40% strongly disagreed*. Less than 2,000 people agreed. That is 0.18% of the population. The District Councils wrote a collective

letter setting out their objections. Six of the seven Lincolnshire MP’s laid out objections.

Even at its birth, this new authority overrides all local objections and gives us a sense of an arrogant and undemocratic approach, exactly proving our concern.

If we are going to have a mayor, they had better be Independent, not tied to the national party politicians.

## Village Events

Congratulations to all our organisers of great village events this summer.

## Mrs Smith’s Cottage



A warm welcome awaits you at Mrs Smith’s Cottage in East Road, Navenby. A fabulous new book designed by Ruddocks is on sale, all about sustainable living, with recipes from Mrs Smith’s diaries. A methodist, she lived a simple life to 102, climbing steep steps to bed every night and tending her Cottage Garden and allotment by day. Wonderful volunteer guides are brilliant at explaining and bringing the cottage to life. Open 12-4pm Friday to Monday. **Folk Tales** 26<sup>th</sup> October 12.30-3pm.

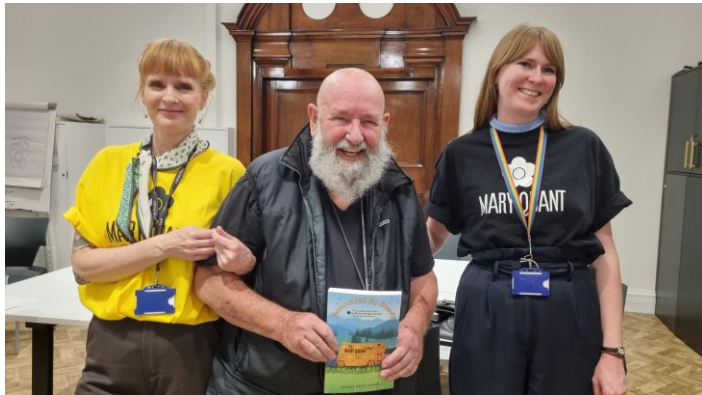


## MacMillan Cancer Support

Huge thanks to everyone who took part in our local events. Thank you to our MacMillan nurses who continue to be an amazing help locally, at a time when it really matters.

## New Book

Congratulations to Quincy Connell on his excellent book launch I was proud to attend in Chelsea last month. His story is about driving a double-decker Mary Quant make-up bus to introduce the art of make-up to remote communities in Europe and the Americas. You can buy it [here](#). Quincy lives in Lincolnshire, stood as a Lincolnshire Independent councillor and ran expeditions with Peter and I in Central Africa. He serves on his Parish Council most of the year as Father Christmas in Lapland over Winter!



## Pass wide and slow

A useful rally last week reminded us to make sure cars and lorries do not pass close to horses or bicycles. Horses sometimes suddenly leap to hit a vehicle or throw their rider. For bicycles, the highway code has changed and now requires bicycles to occupy a lane and require full overtaking – to avoid being pushed into the potholes! Thanks to India Haggerty, Laura Mac, Melanie Nelstrop and colleagues for their support.



Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Change your clocks - back an hour at 2am!

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## Want to keep in touch?

If you know anyone else who would find this newsletter useful, please suggest they drop me an [email](#) here. I write a weekly bulletin which you can find [here](#). You can also keep in touch with social media. [@overtonmarianne](#) or [facebook](#)

Best wishes,

*Marianne*

**Marianne Overton MBE**

*Working together for people and planet*



## October Events

- New Craft-ernoon in Navenby Methodist Church Hall every Monday 1-3pm Bring your own craft.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Music Appreciation 7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wellingore & District U3A AGM and talk by Rosemary Gibson on the Grantham canal – another world 10am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Norton Disney Tea and Chat 2-4pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Garden Club, Welbourn Vill. Ha, Club room, "Garden design from scratch" 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> London Festival Singers at Leadenham Village Hall 7.30pm bar 7pm £5 Book [Lvh2000events@gmail.com](mailto:Lvh2000events@gmail.com)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Welbourn's popular Coffee Shop 10am-noon
- 12<sup>th</sup> Norton Disney Bingo eyes down 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Last night at the Proms with the Fossdyke Band St Michael's Church Bassingham Raffle, drinks and light buffet £12 01522 788652 7.30pm
- 12-13<sup>th</sup> Art Exhibition Carlton le Moorland 11-4pm  
A friendly and informal group who meet on Thursday mornings in Carlton le Moorland Village hall 10-1pm  
Withamside Art Gp: Mondays 1-4pm at Norton Disney
- 13<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea Bassingham Hammond Ha £10 2-4pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at noon, Bassingham Lunch Club in the Hammond Hall, contact Lyn 426498 or Tom 789935
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Garden Group at Hammond Hall Tower Room 7.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Carlton le Moorland Special Coffee morning including free Halloween crafts for children 10am to noon
- 19<sup>th</sup> Trafalgar Night Dinner Leadenham Village Hall Three course meal Tickets £25 [milhistory@btinternet.com](mailto:milhistory@btinternet.com)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> A Korean war Story; the battle that saved Seoul. £5 7 for 7.30pm Leadenham Village Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> WI Christmas Fair at Welbourn Village Hall 10am-3pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween Bingo Hammond Hall Eyes down 7.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Happy Halloween party with bar and local band North End Fancy dress optional £10 01400 272413 7pm
- 26/27<sup>th</sup> Haunted Halloween afternoon tea at Aubourn Hall
- 31<sup>st</sup> Withamside "waste not, want not" Bring 9.30-11.30am Collect 1-3.30pm at St Michael's Bassingham
- Nov Fireworks; 4<sup>th</sup> @ Fulbeck, 9<sup>th</sup> Navenby 6pm £5 [Book](#)

## Some Useful information

[3 Villages Magazine](#) is now on line!

[Witham Staple Magazine](#)

### 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 may 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

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## 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](mailto:Hollynelstropcatering@gmail.com) - weekly meal boxes  
[Sarah's Bakes and cakes](mailto:caron@awharrison.com) caron@awharrison.com Amazing @Sara's Cakes & Bakes

**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)  
Business [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding)

### First Aid Course online

St John Ambulance [stjohnambulance@email.sja.org.uk](mailto: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  
[www.getsafeonline.org](http://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](http://www.graffoechurches.co.uk)  
[sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org) 07768 706952  
[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 #lincsc 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, 101 or [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

07973 846537/235/5827

Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082

Volunteer locally [www.rivercare.org.uk](http://www.rivercare.org.uk)

Wild Things Rescue 01526 578579 9-9 every day

[www.wildthingsrescue.uk](http://www.wildthingsrescue.uk)

### 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

<https://lincsbus.info/callconnect/>

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.org.uk](http://www.carlton-le-moorland.org.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"

### Mrs Smith's Cottage

East Road, Navenby LN5

OAP £3.50/£2

Open Weekends Friday to

Monday noon til 4pm

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!



### Swallows

Swallows on our verandah had two broods of three chicks

this year – the most for many years!

