



**November News  
from  
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**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. This is a bumper two months for local events, listed in this report.

**Noth Hykeham Relief Road**

Now that the County Council has pushed through the Mayoral authority, the promised £110 m from the Government is suddenly in doubt! Nevertheless, the Council is still working on it to start late next year if Westminster agrees the funding this autumn.

The legal orders are now published, to enable the County Council to purchase 470 acres needed for the road and to make changes to the road network to accommodate the new road.

The [objection](#) period open to everyone, is now underway until 22nd November. By late December the Department for Transport will say whether a public inquiry is needed.

Construction of the new relief road is expected to start in late 2025 and to be open by late 2028. The cost of the project is currently estimated to be around £200m.

The North Hykeham Relief Road project will see a new dual carriageway built, linking the A46 Pennells Roundabout to the newly constructed Lincoln Eastern Bypass, creating a complete ring road around the city.

As part of the project, new roundabouts would be built at South Hykeham Road, Brant Road and Grantham Road. A number of bridges would also be constructed, including at Station Road and over the River Witham. [Video here.](#)

**Save our rural Lincolnshire!**

Residents are incensed by the scale of proposals for a 32 acre electricity sub-station less than a mile from Navenby. It could enable vast swathes of solar industry on farmland.



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**Solar industry on farmland**

Thank you for your brilliant support to date.

Covering thousands of acres of our farmland for 60 years with soon-outdated solar industry, while 630,000 acres of commercial roofs lie vacant, is just daft. The money comes from our pockets in a life-time of raised electricity bills on long-term contracts to profit foreign or global companies, leaving no capacity for new and better options. It's sheer folly. The scale of the proposals is hard to imagine. The whole of Navenby Parish from the Brant to the A15 is 2,100 acres. This transfer station plans to take 9 times as much, with many landowners being heavily encouraged to give up their farmland, removing tenant farmers too. The nature of our rural countryside could change over many miles so we no longer live in attractive villages set in rural countryside, but instead in an industrial area.

We are up against a huge machine and need every bit of help we can get! We have succeeded on other seemingly very difficult applications before, and we need to do it again. Industry should be on industrial land, wind offshore and solar on roofs, car parks, railways etc. And we should use less with well-insulated homes and buildings.

Following the packed meeting at the Venue, the working group for Navenby had an excellent meeting last week. Thanks to all who came and contributed and to the new Chair, Gavin Hellard. If you would like to assist, please get in touch. There are better solutions. (See Oct edition)

Last week, I had a first opportunity to put the case against overdevelopment of solar on farmland to the Secretary of State and will follow up with correspondence to be shared with other ministers as well. The summary of our case and actions sought from the Government are available.

The consultation event held by National Grid at the Venue was well attended by over 300 people, most of whom signed the petition against the proposal and left a comment with us to forward into the planning process.

Fosse Green are now having their second consultation, formal this time. We'll be repeating our welcome desk for residents. Can you please lend a hand?

**Fosse Green Official Consultations**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30-5.30pm Navenby Venue
- 9<sup>th</sup> 3-7pm Thorpe on the Hill Village Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3-7 Bassingham Hammond Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 12.30-4.30pm Witham St Hughs Village Hall
- 26<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm Online webinar register [here.](#)

## Local Voice, National Stage

I met with Ministers this week, putting your case on Overdevelopment of Solar and on so-called “Devolution”, creating a new layer of Mayoral bureaucracy.

### New Leaders’ Council

I am also pleased to be part of a Leaders’ Council, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Chair of the Local Government Association, where I am Vice Chairman. Two other Ministers for the Ministry of Communities Housing and Local Government, Jim McMahan MP and Baroness Taylor, both of whom I have worked well with in the past. The plan is to have a new relationship between National and Local Government with an open door to ideas and communication. They still have their manifesto to implement, of course, but it is a good start.



### Impact of National Budget on Local Services

The new Government budget was announced this week, following a great deal of work behind the scenes. We made the case for money to fill the Councils’ funding gap of £4.6bn over 2 years and got £1.3bn this year. That is more for potholes, housing, special educational needs, schools and care. But we also got a significant extra bill for employers’ national insurance rising to 15% and the living wage rise to £12.21 from April 2025.

The NHS has an extra 22.5bn, but Councils provide the care that reduces pressure on the NHS, as well as providing much of what makes for healthy living. From next year, we are expecting a redistribution of funds between councils, which is unlikely to benefit us in rural areas.

## National Conference



What a conference week! I have just come back from Harrogate where Councillors from across the country gathered to gain ideas and inspiration, buzzing with energy and enthusiasm!

I gave the obligatory rousing speech to over 300 Independent Group Councillors at our AGM, chaired the Independent-led session on the main stage about Citizens Advice and chaired the sessions on housing and civility in public life. Our Independent Group also led sessions identifying solutions on homelessness, devolution and climate change.

Local Government provides or influences almost all local services for residents, employing 1.3 million people on an annual budget of £127bn, in England this year. The Local Government Association where I am Vice Chairman, is the voice of Local Government. We take your voices right into the heart of decision-making.

### Work at North Kesteven District Council

Our group of Lincolnshire Independent Councillors are concerned about the exclusion of Independents in the new devolution structures. In other Mayoral areas, Independents are disenfranchised because they are not one national party. We put a motion to North Kesteven District Council calling for inclusive democracy in the new Combined Authority. This is to ensure that all parties can play a fair part in the new arrangements, including holding the Mayor and the ruling parties to account for effective planning, delivery, and use of resources.

Strangely, the Conservatives, voting as one, refused to support any motion other than their own! Thus the proposal to support the international White Ribbon Day to tackle violence against women and girls was also voted down, despite the fact that North Kesteven is a social housing authority where a number of women and girls are offered refuge.



## Winter Fuel Payments

Following the Chancellor's announcements, it is definitely worth checking if you are eligible for pension credit, in which case you would get the winter fuel payment automatically. The Government is urging people to check eligibility [here](#) and advice is [here](#).

Thank you if you joined me in signing [the petition](#) from AGE UK. An incredible 561,977 have signed calling on the Government to reverse their decision about the Winter Fuel Payment and think again. Campaigners sent over 116,000 emails to their MPs, asking them to help. Age UK met with over 30 MPs to seek support. The campaign continues.

**Cyber-crime:** beware of any unexpected e-mails inviting you to click on a link to hear more about Winter fuel payments. Please do not click on it! The links in this bulletin take you to the official websites.

## Green hospitality

Visit Lincolnshire has produced a [toolkit](#) for you to use to make sure that you are not missing out on any savings to your business and the planet! Tourism relies on people wanting to visit our attractive rural area and I know I am not the only one working to keep it that way – from litter-picking to defending against poor developments.

There is also a [checklist](#) for churches here!

## Green Masterplan for Parishes

Parish Councils are working to reduce their carbon footprint and that of their whole parish areas. To help, the County Council has produced a Zero Carbon Parishes project. More [here](#).

## Norton Disney Archaeology Dig

Nortondisneyhag.org [ndhags@gmail.com](mailto:ndhags@gmail.com) Richard Parker Big Congratulations to Richard Parker and all the team involved in the Big Dig with the Time Team Digital. With a huge number of volunteers, well-managed, there has been a stupendous number of finds which will take considerable time and expertise to catalogue and interpret. Many of us involved in the Navenby Dig know just how much professionalism and care is needed over many hours to discover the stories of those custodians of the land who went before us. Thank you to you all!

## St Chad's in Stars

St Chad's is creating a suspended art installation in the church. You are invited to collect a star template from the

church, decorate them at home and bring them into the church after Remembrance Sunday.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to William Booth on growing the biggest pumpkin in Collingham Show this year at 2.9m round and around 110kg! Also to Andrew Bainborough, third generation (with breaks) at the White Hart at Carlton le Moorland for their excellent food and their pumpkin competition!



Congratulations on the excellent Harvest Supper at Beckingham Village Social Club – what a wonderful event, thank you!



Congratulations to Cat Mill's women's Rugby team on their huge win at home – amazing!



I was pleased to speak and support member councillors in Wales last month, where the busy Plaid Cymru conference was held in the Welsh Rugby Stadium at Cardiff! I learnt new information about the nuclear station on Anglesey and the struggle with new power-lines from offshore wind.

## 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*



## November Events

- New Craft-ernoon in Navenby Methodist Church Hall every Monday 1-3pm Bring your own craft.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks Navenby Methodist Church with refreshments, donations welcome 5.45pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bassingham Bonfire and Fireworks Open Tickets from local outlets £4 in advance £6 on the door 6pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks at Fulbeck
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Aubourn Royal Oak open 5.30pm for 6pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tea and Chat Norton Disney 2-4pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Last Dance Saloon Leadenham Vill Hall £15/£10 Student Book 01400 272413, LVH2000events@gmail.com 7.30
- 8<sup>th</sup> Music eve, All Saints Church, Coleby £10 incl drink 7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am-noon
- 9<sup>th</sup> Books and butties, Wellingore Memorial Hall 10-12
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pop-up coffee shop Harmston memorial Hall 10.30am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Carlton le Moorland Art Group Watercolour workshop with Gwen Scott Vill. Ha. Visitor welcome or ring 01522 811510 10am-3pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fireworks at the Venue, Navenby doors open 6pm Display 7.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday 10.30 Welbourn, 10.15 Bassingham, 10.45 Brant Broughton and Beckingham
- 11<sup>th</sup> Fulbeck Craft and Artisan Market 10am-3pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> British Legion at the Lion and Royal noon
- 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Lunch Club 01522 426498 Noon
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wellingore & District U3A Wellingore Vill. Ha. Ruth Clewrow Yarns at Yuletide Coffee at 10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> Coleby Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.30-12.30
- 14<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Gardeners' Club, Welbourn Meeting room "A beginners guide to alpines and bulbs"+ sale 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Friendship Club Navenby Methodist Church 2.30-4.30
- 16<sup>th</sup> Back to the 90's Disco, Leadenham Vill. Ha. £10 Bar 7-11pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bingo Carlton le Moorland Vill. Hall 7 for 7.30pm start
- 16<sup>th</sup> Crossing the tracks, Country, blues and rock £10 incl. wine and refreshments Book 01522 788748 7pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair Wellingore Memorial Hall 10-3.30pm

- 21<sup>st</sup> Quiz night Royal Oak, Aubourn
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas market, Navenby 5-8pm lights on 7pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Smith's Cottage Tree decorations £2 11-12pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pub Night at Leadenham Vill. Ha. 7.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Bazaar and crafts, Navenby Venue 11-3pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carlton Christmas Coffee Morning 10am-noon
- 26<sup>th</sup> Shep's Charity Quiz, Harmston £2 4/team 8-10.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Daphne's Christmas Coffee Morning Leadenham Village Hall 10am-12
- 28<sup>th</sup> Withamside "waste not, want not" Bring 9.30-11.30am Collect 1-3.30pm at St Michael's Bassingham
- 30<sup>th</sup> Withamside United Christmas Fayre Hammond Hall, Bassingham 10am-noon
- 30<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> Fulbeck Village Hall Art Sale 11am-3pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Market Coleby Village Ha. £2 10-2pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> St Peter's Navenby Christmas coffee and cake 10-12
- 30<sup>th</sup> Navenby Methodist Church Tea and Cake 2pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dance with live band and buffet, Welbourn Village Hall £20 from 01400 269254 or jackiedwane@gmail.com 7pm-midnight

## December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christingle service at St Michael's Bassingham 4pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Wittington Brant Broughton Vill. Ha. £7 Tickets from Penny 01400 272586 3pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Nicholas Church, Fulbeck "A morning of reflection in the season of advent, with Rev. Sarah Davies 10-noon
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pop up shop All saints Harmston 10.30-12.30
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Aubourn Hall Event
- 9<sup>th</sup> Fulbeck Craft and Artisan Market 10am-3pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas at Mrs Smith's Cottage 11am and 1-3pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Norton Disney Christmas Coffee Village Hall 10-noon
- 14<sup>th</sup> Carlton le Moorland Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall Book 01522 788303 before 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1pm

## 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

#### **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](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.lincscmmunitybuildings.org.uk](http://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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks)



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); [yourbassingham.co.uk](http://yourbassingham.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://parishes.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.pariah.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!

