



July News from Marianne Overton MBE

Greetings!

Welcome to my monthly personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

A new Prime Minister!

As the new Prime Minister will be reviewing his policies, it is an important time to get some key messages across. I have shared a platform with Andy Burnham in the past and met him again at the count of his election. I helped an Independent Councillor colleague, keen to get our messages across in 50,000 leaflets, on signs and at doors.



Presenting a thousand letters

We are calling for Solar on Roofs not farmland
On Monday 6th July, I am presenting our letters to number 10 with our MP. Thank you to all who manage to sign and to join me. We are knocking on the door at 11am, then a guided tour, round the House of Parliament and hopefully meeting one or two useful people!

National Influence

In the first week of July, I am attending the annual conference of Local Government with 1,600 delegates in Bournemouth. I aim to catch up with the Minister for Local Government, a previous colleague, Steve Reed and the Minister for Climate in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Katie White OBE MP. I have been elected Treasurer and AGM Chair of the LGA Independent Group at the core of over 2,500 elected councillors.

North Kesteven District Council and solar

I gave our call for solar on roofs, not farmland another boost this week at NKDC where I put a motion to redouble our efforts at this time of change in the Prime Minister, when policies must face a rethink.

50 Years of the Viking Way

Featured on Countryfile this week, was 149 miles of footpath was joined up fifty years ago into the Viking Way. At Navenby, were volunteers Deryck Dillon, Vicki Munnery and the Navenby Welbeing Walks. There was much appreciation of the view, but nothing on the significant impact of impending solar industry!



Solar Summary Update on the applications



Springwell Despite our best efforts, Springwell was passed by the Inspectorate. (4,200/17km² then 3,162 acres/12km²) Our District and County Councils have compiled a list of faults in the process and called that to Judicial Review. We await to hear.

Fosse Green (2,400 acres/10km²) inspectorate closes on 6th July. There is a call for any new land interests to [have your say](#). Thanks to so many who gave support and the Action Group who attended the hearing and worked hard at every stage.

Leoda (2,400 acres/10km²) is paused by the applicant.

The **Coleby BESS** with 1,300 shipping containers of Lithium battery has gone quiet, though there is a significant BESS in each of the other applications. And further BESS's.



The **Navenby sub-station** application was submitted on May 12th and sent back twice as incomplete. It will return, however, and residents need to be ready to write into NKDC, via *Planning on line*. It is important, as this application could open the floodgates still further. More applications are still hidden.

Need help or support?

The new Armed Forces Community Directory gives the contact details for the Service information and activity “hives”, such as Waddington, Cranwell and Digby.

The “Connect to Support” has lots on it, from where to get cheaper heating oil to St Chad’s in Welbourn, the Red Lion in Wellingore and the Venue in Navenby.

<https://lincolnshire.connecttosupport.org>

If your venue or event is not yet on it, please let them know! [Lincolnshire Connect to Support Feedback](#)



Armed Forces Community Directory

Following extensive research this directory was co-produced with input from service families, HIVEs and veterans' associations. It was, without exception, that people wanted a directory where they could find not only national information, but regional and local information where they could seek help, support and advice.

We have now produced this simple but effective directory which lists a wide range of national, regional and local organisations providing support and advice to the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community including:

- Physical & Mental Health
- Finance, Benefits & Hardship
- Children, Young People & Families
- Employment & Training
- Support & Social Groups
- Housing & Homelessness

Need help or support?

lincolnshire.connecttosupport.org/armed-forces-community-directory

Paul.Drury@n-kesteven.gov.uk for more information

Swallow Lodge

Swallow Lodge in North Hykeham and Cedar House in Spalding provide high level care for vulnerable working age adults, for short breaks of respite for the caring families and in emergencies. The council is meeting this month to discuss extending the current contract pending further review.

I objected strongly to the closure as carers have found there are no alternatives for some who need 24 hour 1:1 care. Taking the more able people out makes the homes less cost-effective and more difficult to staff. We know that the number of adults needing care is increasing and the number of children needing care has risen sharply. We need more beds in Lincolnshire, not fewer. There are five options now being considered, including taking the service in house, outsourcing to several providers, closing one of the two homes and local communities stepping up. The chance to have your say is [here](#) until September 7th.



Meeting with adults and carers about Swallow Lodge

Congratulations

North Kesteven’s Building Control Team won silver in the LGA awards for their work on safety and legal compliance.

Thank you for your donations of unwanted IT to the Sleaford Repair Café and SleafordCAN in EWaste Action Week. Kelly Teasdale of Sivill Service refurbished the items where possible. This year 82 laptops, 303 mobile phones, 87 tablets and more than 115kg of cables were donated. Last year 116 items were sent to Ukraine. 48 went to Ghana, where IT being out of date is less of an issue.

A Government Fund, Changing Places for toilets is being put to good use in Sleaford. An old 3-bed house on Southgate is being refurbished into fully accessible toilets, a café kiosk in a riverside garden and upstairs rooms for business.

Cinema proposed in Sleaford

A new 320 seat, four screen cinema in Moneys’ Yard is proposed by Savoy Cinema and NKDC. Brick-faced, glass fronted in place of the Citizen Advice building, higher than the current buildings and built over some of the current parking spaces, leaving 61 spaces. You can comment on the plans [here](#). 26/0666/FUL



Lowland Search and Rescue [Link](#)

Professionals across the country volunteer their time to assist with rescue. Between Mountain and Coastal rescue is Lowland Search and Rescue. The Lincs SAR have 35 volunteers giving many hours, deployed 47 times in 2024.

Nominate your Community Champion

Awards in 11 categories are available from NKDC, but you need to nominate someone!

Nominate for Community Spirit, Community Business, Community Group, young achiever, good neighbour, contributions to climate action, arts and culture, a better environment and health and wellbeing. Or a long-standing contribution to a group. Nominations close September 14th Please nominate a local person right away [here](#).

Events

Huge selection of superb Raffle prizes including £100 cash!



Peter Gill is fund-raising to Fight Cancer

Peter Gill is cycling with
Want to donate too? [Link](#)

Want to keep in touch?

If you know anyone else who would find this newsletter useful, please suggest they drop me an [email](#) here. For updates, please follow me on [facebook](#).
Best wishes,

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Local Events

Thanks to everyone involved in organising and running brilliant local events.

Navenby Big Weekender



Did you know about [Lowland Search and Rescue](#)?

Harmston Food and Drink Festival



Welbourn Lovely Rounders Event and Zumba



Welcome to
 Sylvia's Zumba
 on Tuesdays
 10.30am

Scarecrow Weekend at Bassingham and Open Gardens



Beckingham Pipe Organ Celebration

Thank you for a wonderful event dedicated in memory of Victor Rampton who gave so much to our Church Community and to getting the organ installed. Organist Brian West helped us obtain the organ, donated by the Church of St Helen, Burgh on Bain and some of their members joined us for the event.



Lincolnshire Show



Meeting County Landowners Association



JULY

Sunday Teas in St Mary's Carlton le Moorland 2-4pm
4th The Forge, Welbourn is open - welcome 10am-1pm
4th Painting in acrylics Tim O'Brien Carlton le Moorland Village Hall £15/£18 10am-3pm
4th Bassingham Car Boot and vehicle Show 8am-noon
4th St Michael's Coffee Morning
4th Norton Disney Village Hall Bingo eyes down 7.30pm
5th Coleby Car Boot Sale 8am start
7th & 21st Bassingham Lunch Club 12 Book 01522 426498
8th Pete Welbourne the traditional baker U3A Wellingore Memorial Hall 10 for 10.30am start
9-12th Newark Book Festival newarkbookfestival.org.uk
10th Teddy Bears' Picnic for 0-4's at Leadenham Primary Academy. Bring packed lunch. Book 01400 272702 Arrive 12.30-1.30pm
10th Witham Staple AGM Carlton le Moorland Vill Ha 7pm
10-12th Woodhall Spa 40's weekend
11th St Helen's, Beckingham Concert by festival singers £10 to include a glass of wine and light refreshments 07956 824199 7pm
11th Makers Market Welbourn Village Hall 11am-3pm
11th Knights of Lincoln re-enactment at Lincoln Castle
12th International Bomber Command Food and Drink Fayre
13th Welbourn Music Appreciation @ St Chad's 7pm
16th Brant Broughton Coffee Morning All welcome 10-12
16th Mobile Library Carl/Bass/Witham
16th Royal Oak Quiz Night 01522 788291
18th Carlton le Moorland Coffee Morning Vill Ha. 10am-12
18th Welbourn Village Garden Fete 2.30-5pm Includes Pimms bar and not so serious dog show!
18th Bassingham Bowls *Jazz in July* Sprays Farm 1-5pm
18th Party music at the Venue, Navenby £10
www.ticketcourse.co.uk/the-venueavenby
22nd Bassingham Choir Summer Concert St Michaels and all angels, Bassingham 7.30pm
22nd Games Night at Thorpe on the Hill (Swinderby Churches) 7pm
25th Silent Disco at The Venue, Navenby 6pm
25th Pop-up tea room 37 Carlton Rd, Bassingham 11.30-4pm in aid of Great Ormond Street
25th and 26th July Witham Heritage Art Exhibition in Norton Disney Village Hall 11am-4pm
25th Cash Bingo Welbourn Village Hall, bring your own refreshments 7pm for Eyes down 7.30pm
25th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am to noon
26-27th Heckington Show on their showground
28th Leadenham Military History Club, Village Hall, £5 two presentations 7 for 7.30pm start
30th Mobile Library Hadd/Aub/Norton/Bassingham
30th Withamside Community Larder for Witham residents 1-3pm St Michael's Church Bassingham Donate 9.30-1130

August

1st Bassingham Bash 5 mile road race 2.30pm Enter online <https://totalracetiming.co.uk/raceresults/615>
1st Bassingham Car Boot and vehicle Show 8am-noon
1st 58th Bassingham Village Annual Open Show Entries up to 10.45am, 2pm Doors open. Presentations at 4.30pm
4th & 18th Bassingham Lunch Club 12 Book 01522 426498

7-9th International Bomber Command Centre 40s weekend
8th Welbourn Coffee Shop Village Hall 10am to noon
8th Old fashioned Washday weekend at Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby
12th U3A at Wellingore Memorial Hall, The Mary Rose Kathy Powys 10am for 10.30am
13th Mobile Library Carlton/Bassingham/Witham
15th Carlton le Moorland Coffee Morning Vill Ha. 10am-12
17th Welbourn Music Appreciation @ St Chad's 7pm People's choice!
23rd Ladies doubles tennis at Leadenham 07990 656641
23rd Cricket home match at Brant Broughton 01400 272285 Drinks and food, please support the home team 1pm
25th Leadenham Military History Club, Village Hall, "The unkillable Soldier" by Tim Sisson £5 7 for 7.30pm start
27th Mobile Library Hadd/Aubourn/Norton/Bass
27th-30th Lost Village Festival at Norton Disney [link](#)
29th Harry Li and Ian Fryer 2 Singer song writers £10 including a glass of wine and light refreshments.
St Mary's, Carlton le Moorland 01522 788748
30th Stapleford Parish Celebration
30th Outdoor Film Night at the Venue in Navenby £8.50 *Top Gun* at 8pm £5.50 Children *Shrek* 3.30pm

[Lloyds Tour of Britain men's national cycle race](#) includes the Lincoln Grand Prix over 182km starting and finishing at Lincoln on September 2nd, on a north and East circuit. On September 3rd, they race Boston to Skegness.

Some Useful information

[3 Villages Magazine](#)

[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 £3 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 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Ring 01522 810373 or pop through his door.

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

Brant Broughton BB.ReliefCharity@gmail.com

Carlton le Moorland Young People's Trust 07943 760 155

Navenby Heritage Trail 2.5km [Navenby Heritage Trail](#)

Useful Contacts

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

Pub and takeaway meals

The Joiner's Arms, Welbourn 01400 279356 (Food Truck every Thursday, Bingo Tues, Pool 28/29th March)
The Red Lion, Wellingore 01522 810071
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

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
AI Adoption Accelerator - overcome barriers and implement practical AI solutions.
Retail Accelerator - flexible, high-impact support for independent retailers.
Low Carbon Lincolnshire - cut energy costs and boost efficiency.
Lincolnshire Farm Support Programme - build resilience and explore future opportunities.
Your Business Boost - fresh ideas, practical tools, and a clear action plan.
Visit the Business Academy for access to valuable insights and resources tailored to business needs, under four themes: starting a business, running and growing a business, selling overseas and digital skills
Personal business advice is free.

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:101 or www.police.uk NKDC Annual [Report](#)

Or hykehamtown.npt@lincs.police.uk Hykeham Jordan

07799082 456, Mick Rimmer 07827902489 and for the

Cliff Villages Matt Roberts 07796557600

Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082 10am-non

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://lincsbus.info/callconnect/>

Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door

Carsharing 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 online north Kesteven"

Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; yourbassingham.co.uk

www.carlton-le-moorland.org.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.mrsmithscottage.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 0AP

£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 by

local volunteers – enjoy!



Thanks to wonderful Local people supporting our events