



September 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.

Congratulations!

Sir William Robertson Academy is celebrating an outstanding set of GCSE results in 2026, marking one of the most significant improvements in the Welbourn school's recent history.

Mrs Smith's Cottage has been successfully awarded full museum status. Huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers who make a visit to Mrs Smith's Cottage, a time capsule from the 1950's, just an amazing experience.

Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group who have won £6,000 to run the dig next July. Congratulations to Richard Parker and the team whose achievements gave me plenty to write about in the application.

Grants

Our first grant application from the new Strategic Fund was successful. I am also working with Carlton le Moorland and Witham St Hughs. If you have a project in mind, the next deadline is the end of September, so please give me a ring and send me an e-mail.

What I need to answer in competition with bids from across the County is this:

- Contact details and name of organisation
- How many people and communities will benefit
- Benefits over a wider area
- Partner organisations
- Any Long-term benefits
- How the project represents value for money
- Fit with Council Policy, which I can do.

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](#).

Speak your mind on the Solar – thank you



Almost a thousand people have submitted objections to the District Council about the Power Substation proposed at Navenby and all that goes with it – thank you.

We are not fooled. Building all this damages the planet and by the time payback arrives, estimated at 2040, they will be out of date and want more. We want solar on roofs, close to where the energy is needed, so all this steel and concrete is not needed. This is costing us the earth, literally. Solar Energy UK has calculated that there are over 600,000 acres of south-facing commercial roof still available, an area bigger than London and Manchester combined. Industrial solar belongs on roofs, and any built structure - not farmland.

Please speak up now. *Ten minutes max required!*

Go to <https://planningonline.n-kesteven.gov.uk/online-applications/> Reference is 26/0575/FUL

or go to <https://object.now/navenby/>

You can also raise concerns with your Parish Council at any time. More info is at www.cvsag.org.uk



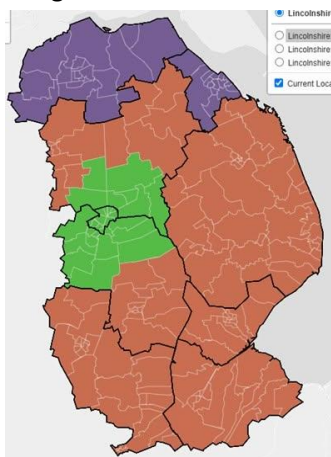
A packed Venue at the Navenby public meeting in August.

The proposed solar developments cover about 10,000 acres, over 40 sq.km sprawling over 13 miles from the edge of Eagle to Rowston. Cranwell newly appeared and there are others in the pipeline. The Navenby public meeting was packed with strong objection to the industrial solar developments on farmland, while roofs lie vacant. The key that allows all the rest is the Electricity Power substation, proposed close to Navenby, along with hundreds of shipping containers of lithium battery. If you object to any of it, then you would want to object to this. Although the official date has closed, the Council is still taking comments. Please add yours and encourage others.

Want to help or be a Councillor?

I bet you do a lot for our community, and you might like to do more, by plugging into the Council as a Councillor. It is really important we have elected representatives who listen to residents. We have a team who can help. Please give me a ring. 07920 235 364

Lincolnshire Elections next May are for 106 seats in the new **Lincolnshire Unitary Council** based on the County Division areas each having usually two councillors. The new **Lincoln Unitary Council**, has 65 seats, based on usually 2 in each District Ward area. Lincoln will extend south to the A17 and southeast to include Metherringham. The new Councils will be responsible for delivering council services including children and adult care, but some "strategic" services will move up to the Mayoral Authority, such as transport and strategic planning. Big decisions, such as the Solar industry and Sleaford reservoir are not being devolved and remain with the Minister.



Could you see yourself standing or helping? Please give me a call.

Biodigester proposed

We had a second site visit this week to view the proposal at Anwick for a large Biodigester taking around 30 acres close to the Village. The new Biodigester aims to take around a quarter of its material from Moy Park and $\frac{3}{4}$ from up to 60 miles away, in total 140,000 tons/year in 72 HGV's/day. The eight digestion tanks are 25m high and the towers expel pollutants at 28m and two at 40m.



Planning committee councillors and officers on site at Anwick.

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North Hykeham Relief Road -update

Heavy groundworks are in progress, cutting into the cliff edge and processing the material for reuse near the A607 at Waddington, where the scaffolding and mist curtains catch the dust. Piling for the bridges is also in progress. The contractors paid for a Lincoln Industry Day and a poacher event for scouts, guides and rangers.

Local Events

St Mary's Church, Carlton le Moorland

The music evening at Carlton le Moorland last week was very enjoyable. Huge thanks for the lovely refreshments and music from local singer songwriters, Ian Fryer from Carlton le Moorland and well-known Lincolnshire Folk Singer Harry Li.



What a great teams we have supporting our lovely Churches! So pleased St Marys is in good hands, vibrant, and deserving our support.

Lost Village

The [Lost Village Festival](#) event was successful again in its 11th year. The noise was loud on Friday night, but silent discos took over on Saturday. There were concerns about fire so the fireworks was not able to go ahead, and then we had the first rains following the summer drought.

Villages within earshot of the festival are entitled to [apply to their Community Fund](#) of £60,000/yr.



A red tractor pulling a trailer and a green harvester in a field, harvesting corn. The harvester is cutting the corn stalks and the trailer is collecting the grain.

🍌 Huge congratulations to everyone who exhibited and to the clever winners. Extra work was needed with buckets through the 67-day drought and hosepipe ban. Our rural areas are demonstrating again great community participation and friendship 🗨️ Well done to all for keeping rural life so valued and vibrant!



Leadenham Folk Festival

Congratulations to the organisers once again for a superb day with numerous singers, musicians, poets, comedians and brilliant craft stalls – loved it!



Eclipse of the Sun

Did you see the eclipse? Special glasses, binoculars reversed as here, colanders, or a pinhole in paper - Hope you also managed to enjoy the phenomenon!



Meeting national leaders

I was pleased to be invited to a reception and dinner last week renewing discussions with national leaders in the House of Lords and in Local Government.



Four LGA Chairs, two now in the House of Lords

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,

Marianne

Marianne Overton MBE

Working together for people and planet

Local Events

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

September

- 9th Coleby Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30-12.30pm
- 9th U3A at Wellingore Memorial Hall Gill Walsh Kew Gardens 10am coffee for 10.30am start
- 10th Mobile Library Carlton/Bass/Witham
- 10th and 23rd Royal Oak Quiz Night, Aubourn
- 10th Welbourn Gardening Club "Ideas for improving your garden" 7.30pm
- 10th and 24th Friendship Club Methodist Chapel Hall, Navenby 2.30-4.30pm
- 11th Quiz night £6/pers teams up to 6 Book 07979 247852 Swinderby Village Hall 7.30pm
- 11th Mama Mia, live tribute act, Greek Food, cocktails and bar £30 01522 810509 In the Church 7 for 7.30
- 12th Visit to Floral Media at Cauntton. Meet there 1.45 £12.50 book 01400 279027
- 12th Books and Butties at Wellingore Memorial Hall 10-12
- 13th [Dragon Boat Race](#) at Newark 10-2pm open til eve.
- 14th Welbourn Music Appreciation @ St Chad's 7pm Nina's choice!
- 15th and 29th Bassingham Lunch Club Hammond Hall £7 Book 01522 426498 noon
- 17th Arnheim Timeline Interactive workshop. Leadenham

Military History Club £5 Village Hall LN5 0QB 7pm
 18th Open evening at Sir William Robertson School 6-8.30pm
 19th Coffee Morning Carlton le Moorland Village Hall for Mc Millan Cancer 10 am to noon
 19th Tea and Cakes Navenby Methodist Church 2pm
 19th Fashion Show and preloved clothing sale Wellingore Memorial Hall £8 incl. prosecco & canapes
 07903 685 592 Doors open 5.30pm
 19th Wine tasting with Ben Straw, Lincoln Wine School, Harmston Memorial Hall £25 Book 07572 733415
 21st Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am-noon
 22nd Shep's Charity Quiz Harmston memorial Hall 7.30 for 8pm start-10.30pm
 24th Navenby Friendship Club Navenby Methodist Church Hall 2.30-4.30pm
 24th Mobile Library Hadd/Aubourn/Norton Disney/Bass
 24th Withamside Community Larder St Michael's Bassingham Donate 9.30-11.30am, collect 1-3pm
 28th Brant Broughton Garage Sale 9am-noon
 28th Leadenham Tennis Club mixed doubles final Tournament. Welcome to join or watch!

October

3rd and 4th Flower Festival All Saints Church, Harmston
 Like to sponsor an arrangement? 01522 723967
 3rd and 4th Pop-up coffee shop Harmston M' Hall 12-3pm
 5th Bingo at Welbourn Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm
 5th Welbourn Forge Open 10am-1pm
 10th and 11th Carlton Art Exhibition and Sale 11am-4pm
 10th Welbourn Gardening Club "Garden Design" 7.30pm
 11th Loveden Festival Singers Leadenham Village Hall £5 bar open 7 for 7.30pm
 12th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am-noon
 16th Bassingham Comedy Night £15 7 for 8pm start
 17th Last night at the Proms Foss Dyke Band 01522 788748
 St Michael's Church Bassingham £12 7.30pm

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.bomborgatewaytrust.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](#)
Witham Staple Grant Contact Andy Sceeny 01522 788303

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.lincscommunitybuildings.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 78208210am-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://lincsbuses.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.lincsbuses.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.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 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