



New Year Letter from Marianne Overton MBE

Lincolnshire County Council
LCC and North Kesteven
District Council NKDC

Wishing you a happy and successful 2022.

I hope you and your family are well. 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.

Fix our Funds to Fix our Roads Mind the Gap - of £12m

Through “austerity”, less and less of our income tax comes back for local spend. Our rural highways have been falling apart.



This year I was re-elected nationally as Vice Chairman of the Local Government Association and Leader of the Independent Group of around 3,000 Councillors. As part of the team, I work with ministers to get better funding and powers for Councils so we can do a better job for you.

Nationally, we ran a campaign for more money for highways, where Lincolnshire gets the significant share it needs. You may remember we were successful with a £12m boost in 2019/20. Unfortunately it was not continued, pulled by the Conservative Government just before the County elections last May, forcing Councils to make it up from reserves for at least one election year.

Independents spoke and voted in support of the County campaign to call on the ministers and MP’s for proper funding before it is finalised this month. The gap means a loss of a quarter of our highways budget, putting life and limb at risk in Lincolnshire. Please add your voice.



Please add your voice here

www.writetothem.com
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/highwaysfunding

Reflections

Counting our blessings and achievements over the past year reminds us just how much we can do, working together for our communities.

Tackling Covid

Huge thanks to the many people who took care of neighbours and supported our communities throughout covid. Many community groups and food banks were set up and supported by our Independent Councillors, closest to our communities. Our Councils distributed huge sums to support local businesses, expecting covid to be a short battle. Nationally, our LGA team battled to get PPE to care homes and staff, and for covid funding, which we eventually got, thus saving lives.

Supporting Recovery

Councillors were largely shut out of Council for a period, instructed not to meet in person and not allowed by law, to make decisions in online meetings. Undeterred, our Independent Councillors worked on a series of issues, by meeting on line, investigating and collating a plan of action, contributing to the work of the Council. We updated our Recovery document and put it to good use locally and nationally, driving the point that this is about recovery of the economy, but also for people and the environment.

Tackling Climate change

We worked to get our initial Climate emergency motion passed by the District Council, embedded into everything the Council does and there is much more to do. How can we encourage thousands of new dwellings without the matching local services *and* reach net zero by 2030? We are expected to retrofit our homes, yet government rules



still allow new houses to be built below standard, adding to the problem.

(Left) Marianne speaks at COP26 on behalf of Local Government, ensuring we are seen as part of the solution and called for properly costed plans at all levels.

Improving Planning

Thank you for attending the public meetings on the Local Plan and submitting your responses. That will be effective in the next few months. We need fewer dwellings, better insulated, with local adequate services and facilities, mostly within fifteen minutes of active travel. Our group’s most recent think tank document is on transport, emphasising the need to have local facilities and to reduce traffic through villages. Thank you to Parish Councils who added their support.

In the meantime, we have supported sensitive development in keeping with our villages and fought off damaging applications, such as the rendering site at Norton Disney.

Supporting Mental Health

Being in lockdown and locked out of social contact and support mechanisms has significant impacts. Lincolnshire Independents have long pressed for better support, with some success as new contracts were given, including the "Don't Bottle it up" campaign. (0800 001 4331) Our members have also initiated and are driving forward significant support from the District Council, coming to fruition in this forthcoming year.

Winning Elections, adding strength to our Councils

The May County Elections saw Independents as the second largest group, and half the Shadow Cabinet. I am working on Highways and Transport, while Independent colleagues took on the environment, economy, health and community engagement – all significant roles. Our members won two hard-fought District Council by-elections in Stamford and Metheringham, adding strength to those Councils and communities.

Thanks

Huge thanks to colleagues for doing so much over the past year - a springboard for the year to come. We have refreshed our vision and areas of special interest ready for the New Year. We continue to have courage and resilience, a determination to support local communities and protect the best of living in Lincolnshire.

Thank you for all you continue to do in our communities and your kind support. Keep Safe and best wishes for 2022.

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Working together to support

- people,
- local businesses
and the
- environment



Supporting Local Businesses

We have a new NK online Directory for local businesses and we need you to register! www.businessnk.co.uk
Katie_winslow@n-kesteven.gov.uk

As things are quieter in January, it's more important than ever to buy local as much as we can. We were sorry to lose The George at Leadenham. Let's give our local businesses the best opportunity to thrive.

Have you seen the Redwings arrive?

Redwings breed in Iceland and fly here for the Winter. Anyone seen these or other winter arrivals such as Fieldfare, Waxwings or Hooper Swans?



The Great Garden Bird Watch is on the last weekend in January, collecting records taken in one hour from gardens all over the country. www.rspb.org.uk Our West Kesteven Wildlife Watch Group are meeting the week before in Welbourn Village Hall for fun activities about birds. You can get the calendar of events and join the facebook group here.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1788560584689171/>

Huge thanks for all the support over the year. Thanks to fellow leaders, Jean Martin, Jenny and Tim.

Running since 1991, the group this year distributed cheering wildlife activity parcels to people in our villages. The group won a grant from the Community Foundation.

Budget Season

As we enter the budget preparation, let me have your views on what is important to you locally. I am pushing to continue road repairs while reducing traffic and a properly considered approach to tackling climate change and protection of our environment. Supporting small businesses and local services remains the bedrock of our local economies. Please let me know what you think.

Useful Information

Healthy Eating

Local shops who deliver

East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760

Oldlings meat etc. 01522 810228

Nick Streeter's fish etc. 01400 272547

Grocery Paul Barton 07970 115351

The Old Forge, Brant Broughton 07958 189650

Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200

Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242

Leadenham Farm Shop 01400 273988

Pub/takeaway meals

The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258

The Bell, Coleby 01522 813778

Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534

The Bugle Horn, Bassingham 01522 789773

The Five Bells, Bassingham 01522 788269

Generous Briton Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119

Akash Indian Takeaway 01522 811126 Navenby

Navenby Chinese Takeaway 01522 810773

Pre-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



Where to get more information

Trading with the EU <https://www.gov.uk/transition>

www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home

Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

Business www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding

Lincolnshire County Council www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

North Kesteven District Council www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

Local Government Association www.local.gov.uk

Local Help Groups

- Aubourn and Haddington Luke Warwick 07765 900099
Hayley 07928 032 866
- Bassingham Support Group 01522 404025
- Beckingham Covid Group Philip Wells 07930 990 950
- Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe The Old Forge
Village Shop delivers locally free. 01400 273796, 07958
189650 9.30am-5pm Tues-Sat, Sun 10-4pm, Mon am.
- Carlton Le Moorland, Norton Disney and Stapleford
Nicola Smith 01522 404024 120 volunteers
contact@CleMsupport.co.uk
- Coleby Parish Council Sue 01522 810509
- Rector Christine Chris Goldsmith 01400 679081
07494870701 or rectorleadenham@gmail.com
- Welbourn Volunteers Alison 07 377 219 268
- Witham St Hughs Jason Snape on 07894 872 533
- Graffoe Parish Rector Michelle Godbold 01522 426723
with many volunteers, including daily phone calls.

Like me, you may like to become a dementia friend or champion and add support. Being confused and alone or in lockdown, dementia is a tough call. Let's keep our communities friendly and safe for all.

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

Befriending Service Lincolnshire YMCA 01529 301965

www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm

Church Services

www.graffoechurches.co.uk with Michelle Godbold

Christine Goldsmith rectorleadenham@gmail.com

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

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, plus PCSO's 101 or www.police.uk
07973 846537/235/5827
Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082

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
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article
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.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 on line north Kesteven"
Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; youbassingham.co.uk
www.carltonle 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"

Wheelchair loan: No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213
Young People Grants Carlton Le Moorland 07943760155

Supporting Local Heritage

Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby
Open Friday to Monday noon to 4pm
Volunteers welcome

