



**Lincolnshire County Council LCC  
North Kesteven District Council NKDC**

**News from your local, Independent Councillor,  
MARIANNE OVERTON MBE**

**ID Needed to Vote on May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Now better to vote by post**

North Kesteven is going alone in Lincolnshire to require ID if voting in person. To vote on the day, you will need ID such as your **passport or photo driver's licence**, or **two** types of non-photographic ID such as a **utility bill** and **poll card**. This will not apply to postal voters. Voting by post remains the same as always and becomes a more attractive option now. You can still bring your postal vote into the polling station on the day.

Please register for a postal vote and to register, here are the simple forms: <https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/>

Return to NKDC, Kesteven St, Sleaford NG34 7EF or scan the form and e-mail to [elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk).

**Business in Lincolnshire**

The Lincolnshire Business Expo will return for its fourth consecutive year on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Showground.

There is progress on the £70 million Lincoln Cornhill Quarter, a new factory making charging points for electric car is to open in Boston, with it 50 jobs and the 7% increase in tourism seen last year has prompted new budget hotels to Lincoln and Stamford.

**Policing**

**You are invited to complete the annual 'Lincolnshire Crime and Policing Survey'**

Sponsored by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, this survey aims to ensure that the views and priorities of the people and communities of Lincolnshire are reflected in the way our great county is policed. Last year nearly 3,000 residents participated in the inaugural survey and the findings informed the implementation of several new initiatives.

To participate in this year's survey, please go to [www.lincolnshirecrimeandpolicingsurvey2018.questionpro.com](http://www.lincolnshirecrimeandpolicingsurvey2018.questionpro.com)



All District and Parish Council seats are up for election - now is the time to get involved in standing or helping.

**Vote for Local Projects**

Please support our local businesses to help keep a thriving local economy. If you use Bracebridge Heath Tesco in Jan/Feb then please consider voting for Coleby Lowfields Cemetery & Garden of Remembrance to create a sympathetic and attractive place for people to grieve, reflect and benefit from calm and serenity in a rural location. The Lincolnshire Co-op also gives locally, and many local businesses give raffle prizes for fund-raising.

**New Charity to help the homeless**

In Sleaford, opposite the Market square is a pop-up shop to help the homeless 10am-3pm. 07816 138914 [daniel.nichols@p3charity.org](mailto:daniel.nichols@p3charity.org) This is in addition to the Citizen's Advice Bureau and the District Council.

**Planning**

**Leadenham:** Proposal for 25 dwellings on the field along the A607. If the principle of development is allowed, the numbers will be harder to control. You may remember there was a consultation held in the village. Since then Troops got permission for seven dwellings. This well supersedes the number of new dwellings agreed for Leadenham. Please give your view. Go to "Planning on line North Kesteven" and type in 18/1045/OUT

**Grantham New Road:** The new road had a one-day Public Inquiry this week. All the objections had been dropped.

**Trees**

The mixed woodland on the Pottergate was legally removed last month. Village trees are tightly protected.

## Trees continued

In the open countryside, trees can be felled as forestry with a licence from the Forestry Commission, which was correctly obtained for the Pottergate, along with expert advice.

I am also calling for better consultation on these applications, through the Council's scrutiny process. If we feel any trees or groups of trees are important to the public view, we need to get them covered by a TPO from the District Council. That means the Council and the public would be consulted before any permissions are given.

The plan on the Pottergate is to thin the section around the buildings, remove the end sections both furthest from and nearest to the village and replant in adjacent areas.

Current Consultation: Councils are exempt from having to consult on their own tree work, along with utilities and Churches. The Forestry commission's only required consultation is a note on their website. Should Communities have greater say in protecting local trees? What do you think?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-to-have-greater-say-in-protecting-local-trees> For more see p190 in of the Forestry Standard on their website. [www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCFC001.pdf/\\$FILE/FCFC001.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCFC001.pdf/$FILE/FCFC001.pdf)



Spindle tree fruits in Autumn in our garden

## Lincolnshire Money: County Council

Councillors got to discuss ideas for budget proposals last month. I was able to use that to speak to ministers directly about funding and worked with colleagues cross-party, with success. Our calls for more funds from Central Government were heeded. We got one-off extra government funds for roads (£13.7m), adult care and children's mental health and more money (now £7m) for the higher costs shown in providing rural services. It is welcome, but small compared to the 60pc of our funds taken from us and only for this already stormy year.

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## Money for the County Council continued

The County Council has been putting up tax by the maximum amount allowed, spending reserves, selling assets and increasing borrowing. Borrowing is now £480m, greater than the annual turnover (£445m) and the 4% interest costs £20.3m/yr and about the same again for repayment of the loan. The proposal is to spend £23.292m of reserves next year. The Council plans to spend £169m on roads and schools in 2018/20.

I have repeatedly called for our Councils to find other ways of replacing the money lost from Central Government. The County Council has not responded until now, when a new Director for this has at last been appointed. Debbie Barnes is Acting CE.

The maximum tax rise allowed is 3% next year, plus 2% per year for adult care. The Police need to raise their 10% portion of the council tax. I will talk about the 10% District Council portion next month. The full proposals are here.

If there are ways you can see money being wasted, now is the time to raise them! The Budget decisions go before full Council in both District and County Councils in Feb.

I am holding the Council to fully use its improved highways budget and for planned reductions in pothole repair times to be reinstated. Money is planned to come out of heritage and tourism, as more is passed to the voluntary sector or be self-financing. This idea may struggle. Please let me know what you think.

## Highways

After the tragic death of a Millie outside the Sir William Robertson School, I am putting considerable focus on road safety. The Cliff Cluster of Parish Councils are working to get Speed Indicator Devices in operation and I have called for assistance from the Road Safety Partnership, Highways, the Chief Executive of the County Council and working with the School.

We have at last some significant improvements on potholes and resurfacing, and more are needed.

In the meantime, please keep saving lives by reporting dangerous potholes. You can phone 01522 782070 or better, mark the location on the map using the link from the home page of the County Council website, called "Report a Highways Fault". If you use a smartphone, the "Fixmystreet" app can be downloaded. Your report ends in the same place, whichever method you use. It is the start point I need to chase them up.

## Petition for better Rural Roads

With £13.7m extra from the government for potholes, LCC now plans to increase risk by taking 3x longer to repair dangerous potholes or sunken ironwork, from 28 days to 3 months, on many of our rural roads. This is outrageous. I have objected. Would anyone like to help getting support for a petition, please? New response times are shown here. [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk//Download/114905](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk//Download/114905)



Our Rural roads need proper care



## Local Issues, national solutions

Two highlights for me have been speaking in the Speaker's House in the Houses of Parliament in recognition of 100 years since the first women got to vote. It is part of series both in the Cliff Villages and nationally.

The other highlight was representing England in the UK delegation of the Council for European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), which represents 130,000 councils across Europe. As the elected spokesperson on climate change and waste regulations, I recently had the honour of moderating at our conference in Ludwigsburg, near Stuttgart, bringing all sides together to agree directions and targets for a Carbon-neutral Europe by 2050, updating the Paris Agreements, five years on. This month, I have also been working to improve the Environment strategy at North Kesteven and the Waste Management Strategy for Lincolnshire.

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## Some Recent Events

Thank you very much indeed for all the wonderful Christmas events organised and supported by so many people. I loved the Christingle, Carol and Christmas eve services, the Christmas markets and fayres, parties, coffee-mornings and lunch events. I hope you enjoyed them too. Different in nature was "Long Shot" in Bassingham, very clever and very entertaining. Thank you.

## Some Regular Events

### Fridays

First Friday monthly at the Marquis, Wellingore 12.30  
All Fridays: Hammond Hall, Bassingham Coffee Morning for all ages. Harmston Happy Hour in Village Hall 6-9pm, Beckingham Social Club and Witham St Hughs Village Hall

**Sundays in August:** Excellent Teas in Temple Brier Schoolroom 2-5pm

### Lunch Clubs from noon

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Bassingham Village Lunch Club Book 01522 789935 £5  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Lunch Club Book 789236 £5  
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Bassingham Lunch Club Book 789935 £5 noon  
21<sup>st</sup> Carlton Le Moorland Vill. Ha. 788303 £3.50 1pm

### Music

First Wed monthly **Traditional Folk Music** (Instrumental) at the Bugle Horn, Bassingham LN5 9HQ on the first Wednesday monthly 8 – 11pm Excellent meals are available too, thanks to Pat and Caroline.  
First Wed monthly **Folk at the George**, Leadenham 8pm  
Excellent meals from Jed and Julie.

### Health Walks

Every Wed. Five Bells, Bassingham 10.30am  
Every Fri The Venue, Navenby 10.15am

**Running** Witham St Hughs every Mon and Thurs 7pm

**Crafts** First Wed eve and Thurs pm Sarah 788901

**Teas** Term-time Tuesdays Witham St Hughs Vill Hall 2pm  
Coleby Library and tea Second Wednesday 10.30am  
Welbourn Vill. Ha. First Thursday monthly 2-4pm

## Useful Information

### 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

### Access to Wellbeing Services and care

The Carers service 01522 782224  
carers\_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk  
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

### 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)

To receive info' on twitter #lincsccl\_roads

### 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

### Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from [lincscountycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lincscountycouncil@gmail.com)

New site [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

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article)

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)

Local Plan [www.central-lincs.org.uk](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk) 01529 308084

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"

### Village websites

[Withamstaple.com](http://Withamstaple.com); [yourbassingham.co.uk](http://yourbassingham.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton)

[www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/) Navenby and Wellingore business parishes.[lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.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)

Most villages have sites on the County Council web like this, including

Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby.

Branston <http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times>

Branston Library 01522 880426

[www.mrssmithscottage.com](http://www.mrssmithscottage.com)

### Like to brush up on your French?

Paula Hellyer 07709 898 352 [fhc french@gmail.com](mailto:fhc french@gmail.com)

### Some January Events

7<sup>th</sup> Bassingham Village Playing Field Charity

8<sup>th</sup> Business Network in the Marquis, Wellingore 6pm

9<sup>th</sup> Wellingore U3A Institute of advanced motoring 10am

9<sup>th</sup> Royal Oak Quiz Night, Aubourn

12<sup>th</sup> Books and Butties, Wellingore Mem' Ha. 10-noon.

14<sup>th</sup> Garden Group in the Tower, Hammond Hall 7.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> Coleby Library and Coffee Morning 10.30am

19<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning, St Peters, Navenby at 70 High Street hosted by June Munday 10.30am

23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Act Two Panto Treasure Island, Bassingham School Hall £9, matinee concessions £6.

23<sup>rd</sup> Every Wednesday term-time at St Michael's Church, Bassingham 9am - 10.45am

26<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning Navenby Methodist Church Ha. 10.30

26<sup>th</sup> Burns Night, Memorial Hall, Harmston Tickets £20 from Carol 722588 or Alan 723411 7 for 7.30pm

### Thank You



Thank you all for your support and for all you do for our communities. Let me know if I can help further.

*Kind Regards,*

**Marianne Overton MBE**

### Councillor Marianne Overton MBE

*Independent Councillor for Branston and Navenby on Lincolnshire County Council and for the Cliff Villages on North Kesteven District Council*

*Leader of the Lincolnshire Independents*

*Vice Chairman of the Local Government Association*

Thanks to all our volunteers, including those of the Bassingham Lunch Club

