



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

News from your local, Independent Councillor,
MARIANNE OVERTON MBE

Highways success and more to do

Thank you for your support in reporting potholes and other defects. I have been keeping up the pressure, with constant communication with highways. You may also remember that recently I began focussing on bigger resurfacing repairs and haunching of edges. We have considerable success and you will have seen there are several hundred potholes in my division that are now filled and many of our roads resurfaced. It is important to get as much as we can done before Winter.



Progress with road resurfacing and verges in our area and together we are working on much more.

Southern Bypass or N.Hykeham Relief Road

This £148m road links right round the south of Lincoln from the A46 Pennells roundabout to the A607 between Waddington and Bracebridge Heath and joining with the Eastern bypass. Thanks for your responses to the consultation, asking for a complete dual carriageway.

Health: local issues, national influence

Look for the food hygiene ratings, scaled 0 to 5 where 3 is satisfactory and 5 is excellent. You may have heard me on the radio this week calling for these to be displayed at all food outlets, including online to help providers to improve standards and give us confidence.

We continue to push for better local health facilities such as Witham St Hughs and to keep Grantham Hospital open, reducing pressure on Lincoln.



Three Centenaries in the Cliff Villages RAF, Armistice and Women's right to vote for MP

Please join in the celebrations of three centenaries; 100 years since armistice, since the RAF was formed and since women first got the right to vote in Parliament. Starting with Coleby on the 10th October, then both weekends. Programme available and in calendar here. www.lincsindependents.org

Supporting local businesses

I and colleagues have promoted support of small, local businesses, the bedrock of our local economies and successfully encouraged North Kesteven District Council to assist. Last month, our Councillors toured some of our inspirational local businesses. One of the biggest limiting factors quoted was finding good staff. We saw well-run foundation enterprises with some talented, enthusiastic and thoughtful people, with innovation and ideas, investigations, finding the right suppliers and selling quickly into the market gap.

Sarah and John Doughty have developed a £10m business in eight years in Sleaford, making composites used in formula One. Also on the Sleaford Trading Estate is the new joint blue light base, just opening, and including 200 LCC staff, mainly in care, releasing funds for the service.

Beeswax Dyson have their head office at Nocton in around 6.000 acres with a similar amount nearby. The biodigester provides energy for grain storage and cooling 7k tons of

potatoes in storage, for example. They are not organic, but using variable inputs calculated by computer, to apply the least to get the highest yield. The farm is mixed with 7,500 sheep plus cattle and 8pc is under stewardship.

It poured with rain as we viewed the site of the Bomber Gateway Trust at Norton Disney and of the proposed Rendering plant, then the big industrial development by St Modwens and the Lindum Group on the A46.

If you are interested in a visit to Beeswax, or to any of our businesses, please let me know.



Congratulations to Kirsty and Kate at the Leadenham Teahouse, shortlisted for a Business Award at NKDC.

Two Rendering Site Applications

The District Council recommended refusal on both the applications at Norton Disney and Skellingthorpe albeit for different reasons. The County Council has now sought answers to several queries and these may need to go out to consultation. There has been a huge number of representations on the location of the Norton Disney application. Currently, the access through the village and proximity to new housing on site are an issue on the Skellingthorpe application. More to follow

Footpath

Controversy has arisen in Brant Broughton where Footpath 13 is planned to be diverted to a field edge to allow new development. Fine, but should it also be diverted from the current path close to two houses onto the shared driveway? What do you think?



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Serco Contract for LCC backroom services

The contract has been extended another two years until March 2022. This was based on a recently improved performance, the risk of complication in further change and taking some of the services back in house. The County has also accepted some responsibility for not passing on information quickly enough.

Local ear, national voice

You said you wanted to keep the character of our towns and villages with small increases in development, but only with the matching services and facilities. We do not want to be swamped in a party-political drive for "growth".

Many of you kindly contributed to the consultation on the local plan and we got the character of villages preserved in the plan. However, we also said the overall numbers of expected housing was too high at 37,000 by 2036. That would be more than almost ever before, consistently built new every year. We said that the empty homes and acres of vacant building land probably means the demand for the houses is simply not there. The build rate has now lagged so far behind that they expect to build at least double the current rate every year until 2036. Not likely.

If our plan seems unworkable, then the developers are likely to aim for a free for all. The government's own office of National statistics has now *lowered* its estimation of house need and I am calling for a review of our Local plan, with a more realistic lower number of dwellings.

Ideas

This month, I have been to North Yorkshire, London Assembly, Birmingham, York and the Isle of Wight, listening, developing useful solutions and sharing good practice. One fascinating project was *Aspire* in Ryde, where a disused church was bought by the community and now provides studios for dance, photography, music, men's shed making children's play equipment, play area, gymnastics, bike repairs, paint sales, garden, food bank, art therapy, and hot meals every day, in addition to concerts and services! Sounds like a whole village in one!



Great Local Events

Thanks to the organisers of brilliant local events and to you for supporting them.



Tom Hounsfield helping out



Last Night at the Proms, Leadenham

Events

Right: Senior Officer

Director Richard Wills departed LCC last month, after long service, managing the ethics of the Councillors and the Council as well as Highways, then Corporate Services, then acting Chief Executive, a brilliant officer. Keith Ireland is the new Chief Executive.



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

Lunch Clubs

October 16th and 30th Bassingham Village Lunch Club Book 01522 789935 £5 noon
October 9th and 23rd Bassingham Lunch Club Book 789236 £5 noon
October 15th Carlton Le Moorland lunch in Norton Disney Village hall 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 Thurs monthly **Folk at the George**, Leadenham 8pm Excellent meals from Michael and Karin Willgoose.

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 Village Hall First Thursday monthly 2-4pm

Some October Events

1st AGM Bassingham Village and Playing Field Charity
2nd Harmston Shep's Quiz, Team max 4, 7.30pm-10.30pm
5th Clairvoyant demo at Leadenham Village Hall 7.30pm
6th U3A Showcase Event, The Venue, Wellingore
6th/7th Annual Art Exhibition from the Carlton Le Moorland and District Art Group at the Enterprise Centre, Bridge Road, Aubourn 11.30am-4.30pm
6th Explorer Scouts' Coffee Morning at St Michael's Church, Bassingham 10.30-11.30pm
6th Jumble Sale Harmston 11-12.30 for All Saint's Church, Bring items after 10am.
6th Coffee, cake and cards Alzheimer's Society, The Meeting House Heritage Centre, Brant Broughton 10am-4pm
7th Coleby Car Boot
7th Coleby Harvest Festival and supper £10 810030 4.30pm
7th Tractor Run for the Bomber County Gateway Trust at Brills Farm, Norton Disney LN6 9JN Register YFCTractorRun@hotmail.com 07903 237 109 £15/tractor 9am registration 10am start
9th Royal British Legion, Lion and Royal, Navenby 12.15pm

10th Coleby Celebratory Coffee, cake and Library in the village hall 10.30am - 1pm
10th U3A *The Kingdom of Lo* Wellingore Memorial Hall 10
11th Welbourn Gardening Club, Vill. Ha. 7.30pm
12th Macmillan Coffee Morning at Purple Holly Home Gifts, 1A Chestnut Industrial Estate 10am-1pm
13th "Over the Hill" concert at St Germain's, Thurlby £6 incl. canapes 01522 788325 7.30pm
13th Special WI Fair, Harmston Memorial Hall 10.30-4.30
13th Leadenham Teahouse centenary celebration 10am
13th St Peter's Coffee Morning 14 Headland Way, Navenby 10.30-12
14th Special celebratory Brunch at the Red Lion, Wellingore 11am
14th Cliff Villages Centennial Events. Visit a neighbouring village for a centennial celebration of the RAF, Armistice and Votes for Women!
14th Bracebridge Heath for special tea in the Blacksmith's Arms, Bracebridge Heath.
14th Annual Spires and Steeples Challenge 26 miles Lincoln to Sleaford or 13mile option, £18 Ring 01522 701308 or follow on twitter @Spires_steeple
14th Fabulous Tea and Ukelele Band at Norton Disney Village Hall £5 Jennie 788677 2-4pm
14th Boothby Graffoe Harvest Festival and Supper 4pm
20th Art Workshop with Gareth Watling, Carlton Le Moorland Art Group at the Enterprise Centre, Aubourn 10am
20th Coffee Morning Navenby Methodist Church 10.30-12
20th Family Fun Day at the Joiner's Arms, Welbourn 2-4pm
20th Coleby Ball in Marquee 7pm-1am
21st Fantastic Exhibition at the Venue, Navenby and antiques Fair 11am-3pm
24th Tea@3 Wellingore Village Hall. Please put these on your calendar and invite people who don't often come to community events when you have a chance. splendid facilities of the village hall, and the faithful delicious baking of the WI.
27th Make, Bake and Show, The Venue, Navenby Organised by Lincolnshire WI 11am to 3.30pm
28th Family Fungi Hunt at Twyford Wood, near Colsterworth with expert Jane Ostler. Ring me to book or Jean Martin 07920 235 364 10am-noon.

Some November Events

3rd Bassingham and Witham St Hughs Bonfires
5th Royal Oak Firework Display and BBQ, Aubourn 6pm
Sat 10th November Amistice Centenary Event 1st World war homecoming celebration Themed outfits and medals welcomed. £5/person incl. traditional supper Book with Rosemary82King@gmail.com

November Events Continued

- 11th Stapleford invites you to a special ceremony at the bridge, and be part of 1000 bells that will ring out for armistice across the Commonwealth 6pm
- 18th Wellingore Christmas Craft Fair at the Memorial Ha. 10am-3.30pm
- 24th Quiz Eve two course supper Harmston
- 24th Christmas Market at Hammond Hall, Basingham 12-2
- 25th Handcrafted Fair at Harmston Free entry 11am-3pm
- 30th Coleby Tempest Auction for the Samaritans 8pm

Some Useful Information

Transport and Travel

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
Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084
Mobile Library 01522 782010 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

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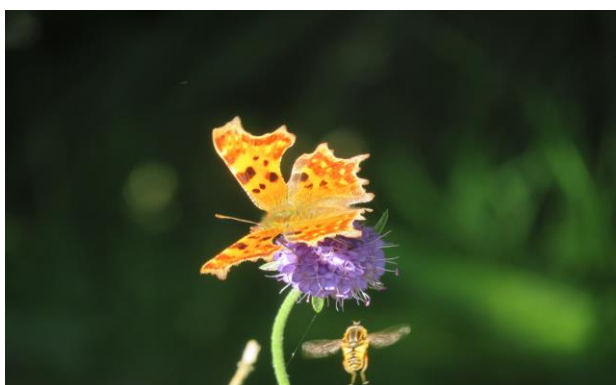
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Village websites

Withamstaple.com; yourbasingham.co.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton
www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby and Wellingore business
www.harmston.info www.navenby.net
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parishes.lincolnshire.gov.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

County Events- Good web page here

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/county->



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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,
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