



October News and Greetings from Marianne Overton MBE

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Dear Residents,

Welcome to this newsletter. I hope you and yours are well. This is my personal newsletter to inform you what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

Let me know if I can help with anything.

Highways

Thanks to the Highways Community Team who worked in our area for six weeks, doing lots of smaller jobs, such as fixing signs, restoring verges and cutting back vegetation of paths. Thanks for raising the jobs for them through me, through the Parish Council and through the website "Fixmystreet". Please keep reporting work needed through the website. Pinpointing on a map and photos help, and I can use it to press for any outstanding work.

Road surfacing, speed limits and yellow lines need wider support to get into the program. Thanks to the Parish Councils for working diligently with me on your behalf.

Schools

I met this week to look at the traffic outside two schools, the South Hykeham Community Primary School and the Sir William Robertson Academy. We have agreed actions where work can begin, especially sign enhancement and road markings to help slow traffic, starting in 2-3 wks in Welbourn.

Tremendous thanks to teachers and staff who are doing all they can to keep the children covid-safe and safe from traffic, as well as the day job of providing an excellent all-round education.

Attendance at our rural Lincolnshire schools is very high, 94% at Sir William Robertson Academy. Watching with the Headteacher, the orderly departure of a thousand children was a heart-warming experience, and a sobering reminder of the significance of road safety.

A fleet of buses take children home soon after 3pm.



New Multi-surface Sports Arena at Welbourn

The Headteacher also showed me the site of the new sports arena at Sir William Robertson Academy where building is about to start. Part-funded by the Football Association, it will open to schools, clubs and the public.

Covid Tests

I continue to work with colleagues, raise with government the difficulty in accessing tests, currently limited by lack of laboratory time and prioritising high incidence areas.

If you download the government Covid app onto your phone, it will tell you if you have been close to someone who has tested positive, and you and your family will be required to isolate and to inform your employer or risk substantial fines from the police.

If you have Covid symptoms, especially fever, loss of taste and smell, coughing, then self-isolate and book a test, at the Lincoln Showground or a home kit. Call 119 7am-11pm or <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have lost wages as a result and are on income-related benefits, Council will pay you £500.

If you have Covid symptoms, and get a negative test, then test again. The government say their tests are overall 70% reliable but studies out this week show it is very variable, giving a wrong negative result between 2 and 54% of the time. <http://disq.us/t/3r0p6cn>

Beating the bug

In response to significant levels of non-compliance in England, the law is changed so that breaking the restrictions also breaks the law, with significant fines. The Police are already under pressure, especially thin on the ground in our villages, but have new funding for this task.

Lockdown worked in April, reducing the spread of Covid and it seems we have to do that again in areas where the infection is spreading fastest.

We have also raised the issue of the 10pm curfew, causing bunching on public transport and anti-social behaviour, especially near the supermarkets selling alcohol, the very reason the 11pm closing was abandoned in the first place.

The new legal duty is explained [here](#) and reported by the BBC [here](#). The weekly reports by Council area are [here](#).



Even aside from Covid and leaving the EU, the Government is at the same time, pushing two very unpopular policies; centralising local powers into fewer hands in government re-organisation and taking more centralised power over planning.

Planning

Thank you to so many of you who took the trouble to engage in responding to the planning white paper on the numbers of dwellings your Council is expected to provide. I have contributed to replies from the District Council and the Local Government Association. The next response to the paper as a whole is due by October 29th.

We see excessive national pressure to “build, build, build” taking power from councils, so developers can achieve what they need, but offer little to a local area, fail to meet adequate design standards and often create worse quality residential environments.

We’re therefore making it clear to government that councils and residents need a strong voice in the planning process. Your views on the current white paper are welcome now. The planning white paper is [here](#). My response is here. www.lincolnshireindependents.org.uk/end-of-local-planning

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CEMR: Council of European Municipalities and Regions

I was privileged to contribute and learn from colleagues, local and regional leaders across Europe, sharing good practice and developing ideas to create direction and policies to improve lives for everyone in Europe. The 3-day on-line conference included 250 councillors and officers.

Local Government Association

Good discussions and training for Councillors of the bigger authorities are run by the Local Government Association, where I am Vice Chairman. www.lga.gov.uk We are the Voice of Local Government, supporting local councils, listening to local needs and working with government to achieve them.

Parish and Town Councils

The rule of six as the maximum number of people meeting in person means that most councils have moved online. All have websites where you can contact the clerk. All councils have meet once in six months or seek advice from the District Council. Interesting ideas and training are online. www.nalc.gov.uk/rebuildingcommunities

Homelessness

Councils did a great job getting almost all of our homeless people off the street and into temporary accommodation for the Covid lockdown. Now we need to do more for the long term. Four District Councils working together, have jointly won £600,000 (North and South Kesteven, South Holland and West Lindsey.) The key challenges being tackled by the project are:

- Securing emergency access to safe/supported accommodation
- Securing access to longer-term accommodation for single people
- Providing rough sleepers with access to, and help from, support agencies to improve their physical and mental health
- [Change4Lincs](#) on the South Kesteven District Council website or ask NKDC for a booklet 01529 414155

Local Businesses

As furlough ends, unemployment is increasing, and many will struggle and adapt. For six months from November 1st, the new [job support scheme](#) starts where people work a third of their usual hours, Government pays a third of hours not worked up to a cap of almost £700 per week, and the employer also contributes a third. This ensures employees earn 77% of their normal wages.

The [Recovery Grant](#) of up to £5,000 is for new Covid-related projects. There is advice from Phil Means at NKDC on 07920 472671 and useful webinars. Grants and advice www.businesslincolnshire.com/explore/funding/search and wider support www.businesslincolnshire.com

Use the Job Centre Plus for job-seeking and for a change of career, the Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership website.

To start your own business, Prince's Trust "Better off in Business" for under 30's and the University runs "Growing Graduate Enterprise" for recent graduates and Business Lincolnshire supports all business advice.

Citizen's Advice

Citizens advice have well trained and helpful volunteers to advise on a whole range of issues. Please contact www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm

New Green Homes Grant

Available to make your home warmer and cheaper to heat £3bn has been allocated for energy-saving measures in rented or owner-occupied homes, before March 2021. You can claim for 2/3 of the cost up to £5,000 or 100% of the cost up to £10,000 for those on low income. Schools can also apply to a new, separate £1bn fund. Apply [here](#) www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme and for [advice](#): www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk

Paul Sproxton

I was very sad to hear of the loss of Paul Sproxton of Leadenham, a talented BBC presenter and theatre producer who has worked with Hilary Proctor on the village magazine tirelessly and brilliantly for years. Our thoughts are with Hilary and Paul's family.

NHS Volunteers Recruiting Locally

Recruitment is underway for NHS Volunteer Responders, within North and South Kesteven, Lincoln, East Lindsey. To find out more information, please visit: <https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/>

Mrs Smith's Cottage, Navenby

Huge thanks to Jade and volunteers raising funds for McMillan Nurses and keeping the Cottage open with a lovely warm welcome!



Many thanks for your continued hard work. It has been a hard six months and we are embarking on the next. Neighbourliness will be needed for some yet!

**Best Wishes from your local,
Lincolnshire Independent Councillor,**

MARIANNE OVERTON MBE

Thank you for your support.

*Kind Regards,
Marianne*



Useful Information

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

Church Services

www.graffoechurches.co.uk with Michelle Godbold

Christine Goldsmith rectorleadenham@gmail.com

Reverend Dee Freeman 01522 788383

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

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; yourbassingham.co.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

dunston dossier.org.uk nocton.blogspot.co.uk

Most villages have sites on the County Council web like
this, including Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby.

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

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 re-opening soon
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



Apple Answers:

Spartan
Charles Ross
Jupiter
Roter Gravenstreiner

Do you know your apples?

