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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils in
Lincolnshire

Welcome to the March town and parish council newsletter

This issue includes the council vote to proceed with devolution, challenging the pylon plan as well as new fire and rescue vans.

You can also find out more about buying with confidence, our community crossings initiative, celebrating our unsung heroes and the national fraud campaign.



Councils vote to proceed with devolution

At our last Full Council meeting, Lincolnshire County Council voted to pursue a devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire, which was followed by similar votes at North and North East Lincolnshire Councils. All three councils see this as a great opportunity to be the masters of our own destiny and not be left behind when it comes to government investment. The Secretary of State will now consider the final proposal, and if approved, will instigate secondary legislation.

This follows the Greater Lincolnshire devolution public consultation. The results, along with the consultation analysis and findings are available on the [Let's Talk Lincolnshire website](#). Further information about the devolution is available here [Further information – Background and overview - Lincolnshire County Council](#)



Council challenges pylon plan

Lincolnshire County Council's executive are commissioning an independent report into the impacts of National Grid's proposal to erect 420 pylons around 50m high, through the Lincolnshire countryside.

At a meeting held on 5 March, the executive agreed to put in a formal objection to the scheme that would see 140km of high voltage electricity cables, pylons and substations run through the county from Grimsby to Walpole in Norfolk.

An independent analysis is also being commissioned to look at the impacts the pylons could have on Lincolnshire including putting farmland out of use, the visual impact on the flat landscape, the effect on tourism and air traffic limitations.

The [report to the executive can be found here](#) alongside a [video](#) from Cllr Martin Hill.



Buy With Confidence – making local businesses stand out

Lincolnshire businesses are encouraged not just to tell their customers they're trustworthy, but to show them, by joining the national 'Buy With Confidence' scheme.

Businesses signed up to the scheme are vetted by Lincolnshire Trading Standards, making them stand out as trustworthy and reliable. Customers can search the Buy With Confidence database to find approved local tradespeople, and each business signed up to the scheme has a dedicated page on the site and can use the 'Trading Standards approved' logo. With half price memberships available until April 2025, businesses are encouraged to [sign up now](#) and see their reputation soar.



New Technical Rescue Vehicles

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue have seven new Technical Rescue Vehicles (TRVs) – vans that carry specialised equipment for incidents such as water rescue and animal rescue. The previous rescue units had reached the end of their serviceable life, and have been replaced with bigger and better vehicles that are also more efficient. The new TRVs will be stationed strategically around the county to provide maximum coverage and optimum response. They attend specialised activities such as RTCs involving heavy vehicles, incidents involving large animals or water related incidents where there is a danger to life and also enhance and support general operations. Find out more about these new assets [here](#).



County council announces Community Crossings Initiative

Over ten Lincolnshire crossings will be built over the next eighteen months as part of the new county council project.

You can find the list of new or improved pedestrian facilities [here](#).

The Community Crossings Initiative will cost £3.8 million in total, with £1.5 million earmarked by Executive in 2023 and the remaining coming from a combination of additional county council funding and developer contributions.

For more information about this and other major road projects, visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/majorprojects.



Celebrating our unsung heroes

Volunteers play an integral role in making Lincolnshire a great place to live. That's why we want to hear from you if you know any unsung heroes who deserve to have their achievements celebrated by nominating them for a Lincolnshire County Council Good Citizens Award.

This could be a young person who has raised funds for charity, a community group that has organised events to support local good causes, or people who give up their time to selflessly look out for others.

We are looking for individuals and teams of people to be nominated for the following categories

- Citizen of the year,
- Young citizen of the year (aged 21 or below),
- Community group of the year and
- Couple/pair of the year.

To find out more and to make your nomination search for Good Citizens Award at

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

The closing date for entries is Friday 3 May 2024.



Fraudsters aren't fussy. They'll pick on anyone.

Nobody is immune from fraud. The criminals behind it target people online and, in their homes, often emotionally manipulating their victims before they steal money or personal data. But there is something we can do. By staying vigilant and always taking a moment to stop, think and check whenever we're approached, we can help to protect ourselves and each other from fraud.

Find out how to spot the signs of fraud and learn about what increases our risk of fraud by following this link to the latest national campaign [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#).

County catch-up



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Making the news

Get the latest updates on council services through our regular email newsletter. Don't miss out on important highways works, major building projects or what we are doing to support and boost our economy. Stay in the know about important Education and children's developments, adult care and public health guidance. Keep up to date on community safety initiatives, trading standards and fire and rescue advice. And don't miss out on the range of events at our heritage sites around the county – there's lots of things we organise for the whole family to enjoy.

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