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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils in
Lincolnshire

Welcome to the April town and parish council newsletter

This issue includes an update on the flood investigations, the latest County Views and other surveys.

You can find out more about Action Fraud's advice about how to buy tickets safely, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue's community risk management plan and funding opportunities from the Community Energy Fund.



Flood investigations continue

After the devastating effects of storms Babet and Henk were felt by communities across Lincolnshire, we are keen to identify the factors that contributed to these flooding incidents, and understand what measures could be put in place to prevent flooding in the future. As such, our 'Section 19' flood investigations are ongoing, and we will publish each of these reports as soon as they become available. We hope to have all the reports available before the end of August, and the council has committed extra funding to complete these investigations as soon as possible.

Flooding still remains one of the top risks to Lincolnshire, and you can find advice and guidance about making your community more resilient in the face of any emergency on the [Lincolnshire Resilience Forum website](#).



Community Risk Management Plan

Fire and Rescue has published its community plan which sets out Lincolnshire's unique risks and how the service will take decisions to minimise them over the next four years. The plan's service priorities are based on local data and community feedback. So, a big thank you to everyone who took part in the

various engagement exercises over the last year or so. You can view the plan by clicking here [**Community Risk Management Plan 2024-28 – Introduction - Lincolnshire County Council.**](#)



Have your say in our County Views survey

Our County Views surveys help us get a snapshot of how we're doing overall, and to improve services for people across Lincolnshire. We run them three times a year.

In this spring survey, we're also asking about your views on bus services in the county. We want to know how often residents travel by bus; what would encourage people to use the bus more often; what they like and don't like about bus travel; and, if they don't travel by bus, what modes of transport they use instead.

To take part in the **survey**, either sign in or register and tell us what you think. The survey is open until 27 May 2024.



Lincolnshire Moves: your voice, your roads

We are carrying out a survey asking for feedback on speed limits, speed cameras, school safety zones, blue badge parking, and traffic calming measures.

Your feedback will help shape Lincolnshire's Traffic Management Policy. You can complete the survey at www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshiremoves or request a paper copy by calling us on 01522 552102.

Through this we hope to make our roads safer, improve traffic flows, and increase accessibility across the network.

The survey is open until 17 May.



Round two of Community Energy Fund is open now

The Community Energy Fund is now open for applications in the Midlands. This scheme is open to community groups in the region to help tackle climate change locally. Up to £140,000 is available for groups to turn their local energy ideas into investable projects ready to secure funding. There is a range of projects that can be funded through the Community Energy Fund, such as:

- Heat networks
- Solar power
- Wind
- Electric vehicle infrastructure
- Hydropower
- And more!

Community energy projects can boost the local economy and attract investment, reduce energy bills for local people and inspire and connect your community to tackle climate change through an energy project.

Applications will be accepted until March 2025, and need to be led by community organisations such as

registered charities, town or parish councils, and Community Interest Companies. A full list of eligibility requirements and more information is available on the Midlands Net Zero Hub website [here](#).

The poster features logos for 'STOP! THINK FRAUD NATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRAUD', 'Action Fraud National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre actionfraud.police.uk', and 'STAR SECURE TICKETS from AUTHORISED RETAILERS'. The main headline reads '£6.7m lost to ticket fraud in 2023.' Below this, it advises: 'Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, the promoter, an official agent or a well-known and reputable ticket exchange site. Avoid buying from random people selling tickets on social media.' At the bottom, three red dots precede the text: 'Buy safely', 'Payment', and 'Account security'.

New data reveals £6.7 million was lost to ticket fraud in 2023

There are many great gigs and festivals happening throughout the UK this summer, but sadly there are fraudsters waiting to rip-off ticket buyers. Consumers can avoid disappointment and loss by following Action Fraud's advice about how to buy tickets safely.

- Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, the promoter, an official agent or a reputable ticket exchange site. Be wary of adverts or unsolicited messages offering unbelievably good deals on tickets.
- Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering the money if you become a victim of fraud.

- The password you use for your email account should be different from all your other passwords. Use three random words to create a strong and memorable password, and **enable 2-step verification (2SV)**.
- Check the vendor has signed up to the strict governing standards of STAR. They offer an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution service to help customers with outstanding complaints. For more information visit **star.org.uk/buy_safe**.

To report ticket fraud visit **Ticket fraud** or call 0300 123 2040.



Share your views on local childcare

The council is working to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for working parents, parents studying/training, for children with special educational needs, and for children to access their funded entitlement.

Although the authority does not provide childcare directly, it works closely with private, voluntary, and independent providers and schools to ensure local provision is flexible, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of the community.

The council is asking parents to complete a short survey to help the authority assess the need for childcare places across the county. The survey runs until 14 May and can be found online at **www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2024**.

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