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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils
in Lincolnshire

Welcome to the May issue of your Town and Parish Council Newsletter.

You will find information about our AGM for 2024, volunteers' week and fundraising by our fire crews. You can also find out more about the multiply project and support for county growers and farmers.

We have been made aware of a recent scam targeting local businesses regarding renewing listings on Parish council websites. Please note that this is not something linked to Lincolnshire County Council. We ask that you advise the members and businesses of your parish to be vigilant of any fraudulent emails asking for payments.



40 years of Volunteers' Week



Volunteers' Week 3-9 June 2024

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Volunteers' Week - an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through unpaid work.

As a parish councillor, you are a valued volunteer in your community. We would love for you to share your story about volunteering on [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#), where you can also read the stories of other inspiring volunteers.

Lincolnshire County Council supports over 350 volunteers across 17 sites and countywide, who contribute tremendously with their ingenuity, commitment, and drive.

As well as helping others, volunteering can help improve your wellbeing, gain valuable new skills and experiences, and boost your confidence.



Fire crews smash fundraising target

Over the last year, firefighters and staff at Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue have been raising money for the Fire Fighters Charity with the aim of raising at least £80,000 in the charity's 80th year.

The combined effort from events across the county, has already exceeded this target and raised a total of £88,101 to enhance the quality of life for serving and retired firefighters, fire personnel, and their families. The individual event raising the most money was the Alford to Alford bike challenge (pictured).

Many of the fire stations taking part in these events are crewed by On Call firefighters and the service is always looking for new recruits to be part of the team at their local station. To find out more visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lfr.



Council AGM 2024

Lincolnshire County Council has held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2024. Cllr Eddie Strengiel, our **new chairman** for the next year, has also been elected.



Multiply numeracy skills Year 3

The Multiply project offers opportunities for businesses to upskill their staff and opportunities for residents to join creative and fun numeracy development courses across Lincolnshire. It's been running for two years, and we're interested to know people's views on the programme.

You can complete the survey using our Let's talk Lincolnshire site

www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/multiply-numeracy-skills-year-3, which is open until 23 August 2024. If you are part of a business and want to support your employees, then select the second survey using the link above.

All our adult education courses are listed on <https://2aspire.org.uk/> and with provision available across the county, there is an opportunity for everyone.



New support for county farmers

A new group has been set up for those in the agriculture and horticulture industries in Lincolnshire.

The Greater Lincolnshire Agriculture and Horticulture Forum met for the first time on Friday 17 May and aims to lead, influence, and champion the agenda for this sector.

Assisted by officers from the county council, the group of around 25 members from the industry will give insight into local agricultural and horticultural needs and issues, that can be fed back to national policymakers.

To coincide with the launch, advice, guidance and help on offer for farmers and growers in Lincolnshire is being highlighted through a new campaign – Keep Lincolnshire Growing. Details of the support available can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/KeepLincolnshireGrowing.



Protect yourself against fraud

Criminals use a wide range of methods to commit fraud, including tricking us into sending money directly from our bank to an account controlled by the criminal.

Using deception and impersonation, criminals groom and manipulate us into transferring money or divulging our personal and financial details.

To help everyone stay safe from fraud and scams **Take Five to Stop Fraud** advises:

- **STOP:** Take a moment to stop and think before parting with money or information. It could keep us safe.
- **CHALLENGE:** Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic us.
- **PROTECT:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've been scammed and report it to **Action Fraud** or on 0300 123 2040.

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