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## Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils  
in Lincolnshire

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

You can find updates on the flooding reports, as well as our rights of way survey, carers support, the good citizens award and online fraud.

There is also information on how you can keep up to date with council news by signing up to County catch-up.

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## Flooding reports update

We are continuing to investigate the causes and factors of flooding across Lincolnshire following Storm Babet and Storm Henk. Whilst the main focus of the investigations is on properties that have been internally flooded, data and evidence has also been gathered in relation to flooded roads and agricultural land. In addition, over 600 'near miss' reports have been received.

We are still on track to publish all of these reports by the end of August 2024. These will be published on [our website](#), as soon as they become available.



## Rights of Way

The council manages Lincolnshire's public rights of way network – footpaths, bypasses and byways that the public can use to explore our county.

We have an Improvement Plan which is now due to be refreshed and we want to update our understanding of the different people who use the network and their needs. We'd like to know what you believe the network and its users need.

At this stage we don't want to gather feedback about specific routes, or to hear from absolutely everyone

but what you tell us as councils will help set strategic and aspirational priorities in the next 10-year draft plan. We'll ask the public and other stakeholders about the draft plan once it's developed.

The survey is on **Let's talk Lincolnshire** until 28 July and takes around five minutes to complete. Before taking the survey, please review the previous **plan**.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Fletcher **[countryside\\_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk)**

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## **Support for carers**

Unpaid care is an issue that can impact us all and there are currently 5.7 million unpaid carers in the UK.

Our research from Carers Week 2021 estimates that there are 88,000 carers in Lincolnshire alone.

However, many more people may not identify as or even realise they are carers, which can result in a high proportion of carers going without support. But it's important to know that if you are a carer, you are not alone. There is a range of support out there, and you shouldn't wait until it's too late to access that support before you find yourself in difficulty.

To find out more about the range of support available, including the Lincolnshire Carers Service, visit **<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-carers>** or ring 01522 782224 (8am-6pm) Monday-Friday. You can also find out how the Lincolnshire Young Carers service supports young carers up to the age of 19 by visiting **<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-carers/young-carers>**.

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## County's community heroes celebrated

The hard work of local volunteers from across the county has been highlighted at Lincolnshire County Council's annual Good Citizens Awards.

Our winners represented a wide range of good causes, demonstrating their vital role in our communities.

The winners of each category of awards were:

- Individual - John Mould from Boston
- Young Citizen - Alfie Coombes from Branston
- Community Group - Buddies Dementia Café, Nettleham
- Pair or Couple - Michael and Morag Watkins from Lincoln

Find out more about our award winners by

visiting: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/1916/county-s-community-heroes-celebrated>.



## Beware of online investment fraud

The FCA is warning of an increased risk of online investment fraud and have explained how to spot this:

1. You see ads within your social media feeds, sometimes celebrity endorsed, offering high returns on investments
2. You're contacted out of the blue by phone, email or social media about an investment opportunity
3. You may be offered a high return on your investment with apparently little or no risk
4. You're told the investment opportunity is exclusive to you, or are pressurised into making a decision with no time for consideration
5. Criminals set up cloned websites purporting to be legitimate investment firms and may even send out paperwork with official branding to add credibility to their scams.



## 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 developments in children's services, adult care, public health and more. 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.

Simply sign up to our newsletter at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countycatchup](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countycatchup) so you have all the latest council news at your fingertips.

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