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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils
in Lincolnshire

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

You can find out about our tree planting project and get advice on both fraud and fire safety. Read about improvements to the county's highways and bus networks and discover how to become a volunteer for the schools' appeals team. There are also ways to take part in our current engagement activities.



Flood investigations on track for completion

Two-thirds of the section 19 flood investigations into the events of Storm Babet and Storm Henk are now complete and the reports are being finalised. Work continues with the aim of completing all the investigations by the end of August/start of September.

Summary reports – highlighting the main findings and potential next steps – will be available online once they are ready.

You can find the status of **section 19 flood investigations** on the interactive dashboard on our website.



Tree planting

As part of the LincWoods tree planting project, Lincolnshire County Council has been awarded funding from the Department for Food, Environment & Rural Affairs (Defra) Coronation Living Heritage Fund for the creation of up to 30 new community orchards in the county to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

These orchards present a new opportunity for local communities to cultivate a variety of fruit and nut trees, offering social, health and wellbeing benefits by connecting people and allowing them to interact with nature.

We will work together with local communities and landowners to identify suitable locations and species, including Lincolnshire heritage varieties such as Ellison's Orange apple. The grant will enable us to supply fruit trees that can be enjoyed by Lincolnshire residents for years to come.

[Find more information about supporting a community orchard in your area.](#)

Some things are better kept to yourself.



Is there such a thing as being too polite?

A recent survey revealed that we're too polite when it comes to scam callers – fraudsters use our good manners to manipulate us. They will take every opportunity to keep us in a conversation and exploit our politeness for their financial gain. Check out this article for more information:

[New nationwide poll reveals Brits as 'too polite' when it comes to scammers \(getsafeonline.org\)](https://www.getsafeonline.org)

The advice - if you receive a telephone call from someone you're not expecting simply say 'I'm not interested, thank you' and hang up.

If you experience fraud, please report it to **[Action Fraud](https://www.actionfraud.org.uk)** or call 0300 123 2040.



Is your community fire safe?

A fire in your area can be devastating for the whole community. But there are lots of ways for residents to make sure their home is as safe as possible.

A short online assessment is available to check key risks in the home, helping people spot potential fire risks and offering tips and advice to reduce those risks.

After the check, a personalised fire safety action plan is provided.

Based on the answers given, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue may ask if they can contact the individual to arrange a visit from one of their friendly Fire Safety Advocates. It's completely optional and similarly, if someone is at a higher risk of having a fire or not being able to evacuate, with their permission, another professional might ask to come and visit them at home.

[Find out more about our home fire safety checks.](#)



Local Nature Farmers and Landowners survey

Lincolnshire County Council is currently running a survey for landowners, farmers, and land managers which will help us shape the first Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Greater Lincolnshire.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy will outline how the natural environment will be supported and restored, through realistic and achievable goals. At this stage, the views of landowners and farmers will help shape specific parts of the plan, and once a draft plan is ready, there will be further consultation with the wider public, other organisations, and parish and town councils.

We have contacted various landowners and farming organisations directly, but we would appreciate your support in sharing details of the survey with relevant residents in your area. The survey is held on [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#) and will close Monday 2 September 2024.



Almost 8,000 potholes filled in a month!

July was a huge month for the county council's Highways team with nearly 8,000 potholes repaired, hundreds of roads getting a surface treatment, and loads more traffic network improvements completed for the county.

In one of the most productive months to date, Lincolnshire County Council repaired 7,906 potholes as part of the local highways authority's 'On the road in '24' pledge to continue its massive road improvement works across the county this year.

And as you travel around Lincolnshire, you'll see a lot more going on than pothole repairs, too. On top of the almost-8,000 potholes repaired in the 30 days of July, a massive 246 roads have also been surface-dressed, 29 footpaths have been rebuilt, 53 paths have got a new surface, and 26 roads have been

resurfaced. Plus, seven drainage improvement schemes have been finished, 591 streetlights have been repaired and 339 tree/vegetation works programmes have been carried out.

[READ MORE: Cllr Richard Davies delighted over positive improvements](#)



Volunteering opportunity – Lincolnshire school admission appeals

We are recruiting volunteers to sit on the board of independent School Appeal Panel Members who hear and decide school admission appeals countywide.

When a child is refused a place at their preferred school or academy, parents/carers are entitled to appeal that decision. Panels hear the submissions of both the school and the parents, carefully balance the arguments and decide whether the appeal should be upheld or dismissed. A legal Clerk will be present throughout the appeal for guidance and advice.

[Find out more about volunteering for the School Appeals Panel.](#)



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Buses are back

The county council and Lincolnshire's bus companies are making bus travel big again with more frequent, easier and improved services.

Travelling around Lincolnshire by bus has been made easier, cheaper and more convenient. And it gets even better, if you have a 'Freedom Pass' (formerly known as an OAP bus pass), it will allow you to travel

on the much-improved services whenever you want, for free.

This year sees a real boom for Lincolnshire's bus services and thousands of people are already returning to bus travel as the number of routes increase, and the times you can get those buses run earlier and later.

As the Highways and Transport local authority, we have made Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funds available to support the local bus network. The money means that more services can be run to more locations and for more hours in the day.

Businesses like PC Coaches, Blands, Brylaine, Centrebus and Stagecoach have all made significant changes to frequency and locations as a result of the funding provided.

READ: A quick look at just some of the big improvements across Lincolnshire.

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