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## Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and  
parish councils in Lincolnshire

**Welcome to the September issue of your newsletter.**

As local representatives, please share this newsletter with councillors and your community.

This edition includes details of how we're progressing devolution in Greater Lincolnshire, how to avoid being a victim of the latest scams, funding for farmers' mental health support and the household support scheme.

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## Devolution go ahead for Greater Lincolnshire

A devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire will go forward, following successful meetings between local authority leaders and the new government.

The three lead authorities - North East and North Lincolnshire unitary councils, and Lincolnshire County Council, will now complete the arrangements to form the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority with a mayoral election scheduled for May 2025.

**[Find out more about the devolution deal.](#)**



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## Parking penalty text scam doing the rounds

A scam trying to get money fraudulently via text messages about parking fines is doing the rounds in Lincolnshire and elsewhere. 'Parking Penalty Charge Notice' text messages are being sent out claiming that an outstanding parking ticket is due to be paid and warns of an increased fine and prosecution if the PCN is not paid within 28 days.

If you, or anyone you know, is sent one of these messages then ignore it. Parking charges should only be paid or contested via the details on the back of the actual ticket itself. Do not try to resolve a parking issue, or pay a PCN charge, via any other route. You will NOT be contacted by text message regarding a PCN charge in this way - ever.

Lincolnshire County Council have **recently joined the new initiative from the National Trading Standards Scams Team to further support victims of fraud and scams.**

You can report scams to Action Fraud **[actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)** or call 0300 123 2040. It's also possible to **forward a scam text message to 7726.**



## Council funds more mental health support for farmers

**A grant of £52,000 has been given to Lincolnshire Rural Support Network** (LRSN) to support more mental health provision within the county's agricultural and rural communities.

The money has come from Lincolnshire County Council's public health grant and will fund practical support for mental health and wellbeing through caseworkers and volunteers in the county.

Lincolnshire County Council works with many organisations to support farmers, allowing them to thrive, excel, and lead the way in best practice.

A list of available support has been compiled for those working in agriculture and horticulture across Lincolnshire and is available at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/keeplincolnshiregrowing](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/keeplincolnshiregrowing).

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## Household Support fund

The UK Government announced that the Household Support Fund would be extended for a further six months from 1 April. The Government is providing Lincolnshire with a further £5.5m for the fifth round of the programme, which will run until 30 September 2024.

As with earlier rounds, Lincolnshire County Council has worked with district councils to decide how the funding is targeted to the Lincolnshire residents most in need, in line with government guidance.

Around a third of the funding will be made available to Lincolnshire's district councils to provide support to vulnerable households via local schemes in line with the grant conditions.

Each district council has its own individual scheme tailored to the needs of its local communities.

**For further information, please visit your local district council website.**

Not all households will be eligible for support via this grant programme, but the government has a number of other arrangements in place.

Residents facing financial difficulties can also visit [Cost of living hub](#) and [Help for households](#).

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### **Improvements planned for Leverton fire station**

As part of a continued programme of modernising fire stations, Lincolnshire County Council is looking at improving the facilities in Leverton. The current Leverton fire station is an older building on a small site which falls behind the standard of facilities at many other fire stations.

In particular the station itself lacks sufficient training and welfare facilities, and the site causes manoeuvrability difficulties for fire appliances. The preferred option is to construct a new station elsewhere in the village as there are limitations on the current site. Although it's possible to modernise some of the facilities at the station, the site is small.

The current fire station in Leverton is on Main Road in the village. A planning application has now been submitted and can be viewed on the [council's planning portal](#).

**A public information event will also be held at the fire station on Wednesday 25 September, from 3pm to 6.30pm.**

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## Council sells land at Kirton to grow local economy

Lincolnshire County Council has successfully completed the sale of 10.16 acres of development land to expand Kirton Distribution Park. The purchasers - Melbourne Holdings – will be constructing ‘Stonebridge Business Park’, a 25,000 sqft space comprising 9 new industrial units, on the land.

The council has responded to a growing demand for more industrial space in the county and are committed to supporting businesses to start up, grow and re-locate in Lincolnshire, creating jobs, supporting local supply chains and enhancing the local economy.

The units will be available off plan via the appointed agents Pygott and Crone. Interested businesses can contact **Jasper Caudwell** of Pygott and Crone.

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