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Welcome to the December issue of your Town and Parish Council Newsletter

This is the final newsletter from Lincolnshire County Council for 2024. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2025. <u>You can stay up to date</u> with news on our website.



We're here for you over the festive period

Whether you're planning a visit to our heritage sites, need to drop off some recycling, or need to get in touch with one of our other services - we've still got you covered over Christmas and New Year.

You can get in touch with us at any time to suit you using our online form.

Alternatively, our customer contact centre is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm, on 01522 552222. Lines will be closed on weekends, and on the bank holidays on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December 2024, and Wednesday 1 January 2025.

<u>Check the opening times on our website</u> for household waste centres, heritage sites, libraries, and bus services, as well as details on adult care and children's centres.



Make 2025 your year

As we welcome the New Year, it's a wonderful time for everyone to think about their hopes and goals for 2025. Whether you're aiming to learn something new, improve your health or achieve personal milestones, we'd love to hear from you.

Share your resolutions by using our 'stories' tab in Let's talk Lincolnshire. If you have the same goal as someone else feel free to react and show your support!

As a council we can help you achieve those goals and milestones through our services.

Throughout January we'll be offering advice and information, so keep an eye out on the 'newsfeed' section on our page.



Is it time to top up those grit bins?

We're working hard to ensure bins are filled and ready, so your community will have grit available to keep roads and pavements safe when it gets icy. We are encouraging residents to use the grit responsibly, focusing on public roads and footpaths.

If you notice an empty or damaged grit bin, you can report it through the council's website for a quick refill or repair.

Find your local grit bins or report an empty bin on our website.

We are monitoring the weather 24/7 and will grit priority routes when road temperatures fall to around 0.5°C. You can **<u>find our gritting routes on our website</u>**.



Help protect your community from increasing flu rates

There's still time to book winter vaccinations. With a **350% increase in flu cases on this time last year**, anyone still eligible for the flu, COVID-19 or RSV vaccines should get booked in ahead of the busy winter period.

It is still possible for those eligible to get their vaccinations through local NHS vaccination services, but you may be required to travel further.

Vaccination against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is being offered for the first time this year to anyone who is 28 or more weeks pregnant, along with people aged 75-79 years.

Find out more about NHS vaccinations and when to have them.



Stay warm and well this winter

As winter approaches, here are some essential tips to help your community stay warm and well:

- 1. **Keep Your Home Warm**: Heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F). Focus on heating the living room during the day and the bedroom before sleep.
- 2. **Dress Warmly**: Wear several layers of light clothing. Don't forget a hat, gloves, and scarf when going outside.
- 3. **Eat Well**: Have regular hot meals and drinks to maintain energy levels. Stock up on basic supplies for bad weather.
- 4. Stay Active: Move around to keep warm. Avoid sitting still for long periods.
- 5. **Check on Others**: Look out for vulnerable friends, family, and neighbours. A quick visit or call can help.
- 6. Seek Help If Needed: Reach out for support if you're struggling to keep warm.

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