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# Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils  
in Lincolnshire

## Welcome to the March issue of your Town and Parish Council Newsletter

This month, discover our free business advice for farmers, and explore opportunities to participate in our engagement and consultation activities. Also, find out how we're working with even more businesses to reduce road disruption.



## Free business advice for farmers

Lincolnshire County Council is funding advice sessions for county farmers.

Those interested in either impartial one-to-one advice, or taking part in a group workshop can now register their interest. The sessions will be delivered as part of the Lincolnshire Farm Support Programme and are co-ordinated by the Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub, which provides business support information covering all sectors and growth stages. Targeted advice is delivered by Savills – industry experts and local land agents.

Interested farming businesses can complete the Business Lincolnshire enquiry form available on [www.businesslincolnshire.com/enquiry](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com/enquiry) or email [businesslincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:businesslincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk) in the first instance.

The county council has collated a range of support available to those in agriculture and horticulture, available at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/keeplincolnshiregrowing](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/keeplincolnshiregrowing)



## Tell us your thoughts about the draft public rights of way improvement plan

Read the draft plan and tell us what you think before 5pm on Monday 9 June 2025.

We've used previous feedback, existing policies and local data to write a draft public rights of way improvement plan (PRoWIP).

The draft document shows how we'll meet our statutory duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. An improvement plan must:

- assess how PRoW meet the present and likely future needs of the public
- check that PRoW provide for exercise and other forms of outdoor recreation and enable people to enjoy the area
- consider local PRoW accessibility to blind or partially sighted persons and those with mobility problems

The full draft, a two-page summary, and a short survey can be found on our [Let's talk Lincolnshire website](#).

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## Elections approaching

Voters across Lincolnshire will have the chance to vote for their county councillor and a new Mayor for Greater Lincolnshire on 1 May.

To vote in these elections, you need to register by Friday 11 April, if you haven't already.

Lincolnshire County Council has 70 councillors who advocate for local residents, address community issues, and keep people informed about council matters. They also serve on committees to scrutinise council work and set policies. [Learn more about the elections](#) and [the role of councillors](#).

For the first time, residents across Greater Lincolnshire will vote for a Mayor to lead the new Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority (GLCCA). The GLCCA will manage funding and decision-making for services previously handled by central government, including the adult education budget and economic investment. This is part of devolution, moving powers from Westminster to local areas. [Learn more about the GLCCA elections](#).

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm for residents to vote on Thursday 1 May. [Find out more about elections in your area](#), including postal votes, proxy votes, voter ID and registering to vote.

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## Virgin Media O2 joins the LCC Streetworks Charter

Virgin Media O2 is the latest company to sign up to our Streetworks Charter in the latest move to make life better for Lincolnshire's Road traffic network.

The broadband supplier has joined the Charter designed to cut the amount of disruption roadworks cause across Lincolnshire.

The Charter was launched last year in a bid to cut down both the amount of time a road is closed, and the number of times different utility companies carry out work in the same spot. Ten utility companies have already signed up to the charter with Virgin Media O2 being the eleventh.

**[Read more about the Charter on our website.](#)**

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