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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils
in Lincolnshire

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

This month, meet our new Council leadership, learn how you can nominate apprenticeship champions and take part in our engagement and consultation activities. Plus, find out how to subscribe for all the latest updates and news.



Cllr Sean Matthews elected as leader of Lincolnshire County Council

At a full council meeting on Friday 23 May, councillors elected Sean Matthews, councillor for Tattershall Castle, as leader of Lincolnshire County Council. Mr Matthews, who retired from the Met Police seven years ago, lives in Lincolnshire with his family and is committed to improving the council's functionality.

Rob Gibson, councillor for Spalding East, is the new deputy leader. Reform UK won 44 of the 70 seats on Lincolnshire County Council in the recent election, securing an overall majority for the first time.

The council's Executive was also appointed, with councillors taking up portfolios focussed around Community Engagement, Children's Services, Adult Care and Health, Community Safety, Growth, Highways and Transport, Environment, and Resources.

[Find out more about our new leadership and their priorities for the years ahead.](#)



Food waste recycling is coming

Starting next year, Lincolnshire will introduce weekly food waste collections as part of the Government's Environment Act 2021, in a move that is expected to boost the county's recycling rate by up to 7 per cent.

Ahead of food waste collections starting, all households will get:

- An outdoor food waste caddy
- A smaller indoor kitchen caddy
- An initial roll of liners
- A welcome pack

Instead of being burned with general waste, your food waste will be sent to a local anaerobic digestion plant. There, it'll be transformed into renewable energy to power homes and businesses, and nutrient-rich fertiliser to support local farming — creating a closed-loop system that benefits everyone.

Did you know? Recycling just one banana skin can generate enough energy to charge your phone twice!

[Read more about food waste recycling on our website.](#)



New elected Mayor for Greater Lincolnshire

A devolution deal was agreed with the government in 2024 that allowed the formation of the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority (GLCCA) which takes some powers and responsibility for government. The GLCCA is now established including an elected Mayor – Dame Andrea Jenkyns following elections on 1 May.

Lincolnshire County Council, North East Lincolnshire Council and North Lincolnshire Council are the constituent councils that sit on the GLCCA with voting rights. Dame Andrea has been sworn into office

and set out her ambitions: **Starting strong – Mayor sets out ambitions from day one – Greater Lincolnshire CCA.**



Have your say: Mainstream SEND Hubs consultation

We are keen to hear your views to help shape the first Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Hubs in primary and secondary schools across Lincolnshire!

Lincolnshire County Council is investing more than £7m in the programme, which will see the schools transform their facilities and recruit new staff – enabling children with additional needs to access high-quality support from specially trained teachers.

Following an initial stage of consultation, we are now inviting you to share your views on more detailed plans to develop Hubs at five schools:

- **Meadows Primary School, Lincoln**
- **St George's Church of England Community Primary School, Gainsborough**
- **Caistor Church of England and Methodist Primary School, Caistor**
- **Church Lane Primary School & Nursery, Sleaford**
- **Gonerby Hill Foot Church of England Primary School, Grantham**

Everyone is welcome to support, object, or provide feedback on the proposals. Your feedback is crucial and will inform the final decision.

In addition to the five primary schools listed above, a further nine SEND Hubs are being proposed for primary and secondary schools across Lincolnshire which fall outside the scope of this consultation.



Nominate your apprenticeship champion

Nominations are open for the Greater Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Champion Awards, recognising apprentices of any age and role who have made significant progress or a real difference.

Employers and training providers can showcase excellence and innovation by nominating trainers, mentors, or anyone supporting apprenticeships.

This year, there are also two employer categories: Micro and Small Business, and Large Business.

Nominations can be made until 12 noon on Monday 9 June, with an awards event to be held in September 2025.

The awards, run by Lincolnshire County Council in partnership with the Lincolnshire Public Service Compact group and North and North East Lincolnshire Councils, aim to highlight the incredible individuals and organisations driving apprenticeship success.

[Find out more and nominate your apprentice champions now.](#)



Volunteers' Week 2-8 June 2025

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contributions millions of people make across the UK through unpaid work. As a parish councillor, you are a valued volunteer in your community. We would love for you to share your story about volunteering on Let's talk Lincolnshire, where you can also read the stories of other inspiring volunteers.

Lincolnshire County Council supports over 490 volunteers who contribute tremendously with their ingenuity, commitment, and drive.

Volunteering not only helps others but also improves your well-being, helps you gain valuable new skills and experiences, and boosts your confidence.

Share your stories with us on [Let's talk Lincolnshire!](#)



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