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### **Councillor Barrie Pierpoint becomes 490th Mayor of Boston Borough**

Councillor Barrie Pierpoint has been elected to serve as Boston Borough Council's 490th Worshipful Mayor – a photo is attached.

Cllr Pierpoint was proposed by Cllr Anne Dorrian, Leader of the Council and seconded by Cllr Dale Broughton, Deputy Leader, at the Council's Annual General Meeting tonight, Monday 19th May 2025.

In accepting the great honour, he said he is committed to being a "People's Mayor".

He said: "It is a privilege and a duty that I take to heart as I am deeply committed with passion, dedication, respect and integrity to carry out my entrusted Mayoral duties for this coming year."

Cllr Pierpoint is well known across Boston Borough as well as the wider region for his community, charity, business and Councillor work. Over a 15-year period within his career, he served as Chief Executive for a number of high-profile professional football clubs including Leicester City, Bradford, Portsmouth and Boston United.

Read more online: <https://www.boston.gov.uk/article/28354/Councillor-Barrie-Pierpoint-becomes-490th-Mayor-of-Boston-Borough>

### **Local good causes invited to apply for fundraising support from The Worshipful the Mayor of Boston's fundraising group**

Local charities, good causes and community projects are being invited to apply for fundraising support from The Worshipful the Mayor of Boston, Cllr Barrie Pierpoint.

In a change from tradition, Cllr Pierpoint has chosen a different approach to fundraising during his Mayoral year.

He is inviting applications in a bid to support good causes which may be launching a new service, need a new piece of equipment or something special that will benefit residents and the wider community of Boston Borough.

Cllr Pierpoint has supported many charities and good causes throughout his career as well as supporting the council's previous Mayor's through organising a major fundraising event.

He said: "I encourage local charities, good causes and community projects within the Borough to apply for consideration by the Mayor's Fundraising Committee."

Applications are to include a few details about your organisation or project, what you require funding for and why, the approximate cost and your contact details.  
Please send your application via email to the Mayor: [barrie.pierpoint@boston.gov.uk](mailto:barrie.pierpoint@boston.gov.uk) by Friday 20th June.

### **Boston Heroes 2024/2025**

Boston Borough Council is excited to announce the Boston Heroes 2024/2025 campaign! This event honours individuals from diverse backgrounds who have demonstrated exceptional kindness and made significant contributions to our community, either through volunteering or in their personal endeavours.

Nominate your local heroes who go the extra mile to assist others and make significant contributions to our community in the following categories:

- Lifetime Achievement: Honouring individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving the community
- Group Champion: Recognising groups that have made a collective impact
- Individual Champion: Celebrating individuals who have gone above and beyond
- Young Person of the Year 2024/5: Highlighting the achievements of young community members

Nomination link: <https://loom.ly/Ds9bBYQ>

### **Historic timepiece resurfaces: 165-year-old watch from U.S. shipwreck returns to Boston**

A historic gold watch discovered in a shipwreck belonging to Bostonian Herbert Ingram has been returned to the town after 165 years – a photo is attached.

Discovered in the wreck of the Lady Elgin at the bottom of Lake Michigan, the watch was officially handed over to Boston Guildhall on Saturday during a commemorative event celebrating Ingram's life and legacy.

The day began with a private tribute at Ingram's grave in Boston Cemetery, where a select group, including The Worshipful the Mayor of Boston, Cllr Barrie Pierpoint, honoured the legacy of the pioneering journalist, publisher and politician.

This was followed by a ceremonial gathering at the Ingram Memorial outside Boston Stump, where the watch was officially gifted to the town by Valerie Lafferty Van Heest. It was accepted by the Mayor, Cllr Barrie Pierpoint.

Guests then toured the historic church and reflected on Ingram's lasting contributions to the town, including his role in securing a clean water supply—symbolised by his Market Place statue. Following this, the newly curated Ingram Exhibition was unveiled at Boston Guildhall. The centrepiece of the exhibition is the recovered watch: a 16-carat gold pocket watch, complete with a matching gold chain and fob. The fob features a striking black sardonyx stone, a material used since Roman times for wax seals due to its non-stick surface. The watch bears a delicate engraving linking it directly to Herbert Ingram, making it a deeply personal and historically significant artefact.

Despite spending over a century and a half submerged in the cold depths of Lake Michigan, the watch was remarkably well-preserved within the shattered remains of the Lady Elgin. Experts believe the cold, low-oxygen environment helped protect the gold casing and sardonyx fob from significant corrosion.

Read the full story: <https://www.boston.gov.uk/article/28368/Historic-timepiece-resurfaces-165-year-old-watch-from-U-S-shipwreck-returns-to-Boston>

### **Public Realm work begins as part of Boston's Rosegarth regeneration**

Backed by £14.8 million in Government funding, the Rosegarth Square regeneration initiative received planning approval in late 2024, with initial site activity commencing in January 2025. The project aims to revitalise the area into a vibrant, multi-functional public space stretching from the St Botolph's footbridge to the Len Medlock Centre.

The redesigned public realm will feature a blend of relocated and newly commissioned artworks, inviting social spaces, and a reimagined entrance and drop-off zone for the Len Medlock Centre. A highlight will be amphitheatre-style seating area for community gatherings and events.

Demolition and asbestos removal work at the former Crown House and B&M buildings was successfully completed in April, with construction partner Lindum since extending the site hoarding to pave the way for the next stage of development.

This regeneration marks a significant step forward in creating a more inclusive, accessible, and inspiring space for the community.

### **Food waste recycling in Lincolnshire**

Starting in 2026, Lincolnshire will introduce weekly food waste collections as part of the Government's Environment Act 2021, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support the UK's net zero goals.

- All residents will receive:
- 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's 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.

To find out more, visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/foodwaste), or visit the Lincolnshire County Council stand at Lincolnshire Show on June 18 and 19.

Additionally, Boston Borough Council has taken a significant step forward in preparing for the introduction of weekly food waste collections by April 2026, following Cabinet approval to place an order for 14 new refuse vehicles with integrated food waste collection pods.

The move supports the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and its Simpler Recycling reforms, which mandate separate weekly food waste collections for all households. By investing in vehicles that allow food waste to be collected at the same time as general waste and recycling, the Council is delivering a solution that is both cost-effective and operationally efficient.

The Council's decision ensures it meets its legal obligations while maximising value for money.

Using a single vehicle to collect multiple waste streams reduces the number of vehicles needed, supports the recruitment and retention of drivers, and simplifies the service for residents.

Further information: <https://www.boston.gov.uk/article/28278/Weekly-food-waste-collections-move-one-step-closer-in-Boston>

### **Boston Borough sees drop in Fly-Tipping reports as community and partnership work pays off**

Boston Borough Council has recorded a 7% reduction in recorded fly-tipping incidents over the past 12 months, bucking the national trend which saw overall reports increase across the country. Between April 2024 and March 2025, the Council logged 391 fewer incidents than the previous year — showing that ongoing efforts are beginning to make a tangible difference. Boston Borough Council has recorded a 7% reduction in recorded fly-tipping incidents over the past 12 months, bucking the national trend which saw overall reports increase across the country. Between April 2024 and March 2025, the Council logged 391 fewer incidents than the previous year — showing that ongoing efforts are beginning to make a tangible difference.

One of the most notable improvements has been a significant drop in mattress dumping, with 359 mattresses collected compared to 516 the year before — the lowest number since 2021/22. This encouraging shift is credited to strengthened relationships with local landlords, housing associations, and social housing partners.

However, the data also revealed a substantial increase in textile-related fly-tipping, which has prompted the Council to begin further investigation into the root causes of this rise.

### **Boston's Strongest and Boston Food Fest are back for 2025**

Get ready for an exciting day filled with strength challenges and delicious food

Following the huge success of the previous events, Boston's Strongest and Boston Food Festival will be returning to Boston Market Place on Sunday, 13 July 2025.

Join us for a day of incredible feats of strength and endurance as contestants compete in various categories for cash prizes and trophies, and enjoy a wide variety of cuisines, snacks, and sweet treats from local food traders.

### **Boston Makers and Farmers Market**

The new Makers and Farmers Market, which was launched in March, returns again on Saturday 31 May, and the last Saturday of every month to follow.

Many handmade products, crafts and fresh produce will be available from 9am to 2pm on the day.

We will see over 20 Makers & Farmers traders join our regular market, making it one of Lincolnshire's largest outdoor markets.

### **Successful Climate Change & Environment Day at Boston Endeavour Academy**

Partnership officers organised and hosted a successful climate change and environment day with pupils at Boston Endeavour Academy on Wednesday 21 May.

The South & East Lincolnshire Partnership's Home Energy Advice and Retrofit Team, representatives from waste management and enviocrime enforcement were there, along with 'Steve the Street Sweeper' and 'Barry the Bin Lorry' vehicles provided by Boston Borough Council for the children to see.

The Partnership's Energy and Retrofit Information Clinic (ERIC) was also at the school, where the pupils could see for themselves the home energy measures the van demonstrates.

The opportunity to host the day was made possible following links created with the academy from a former tour of the school, offered through the Partnership's Future Leaders development sessions.

Fun, educational activities were prepared for the sixty children who attended to enjoy. This included a snakes and ladders game themed around recycling provided and led by Lincolnshire County Council.

The HEART team also demonstrated thermal imaging cameras and arranged a hunt for children to find hot and cold areas.

There was an area which showcased solar panels, with the children given the opportunity to build a toy powered by solar.

Children could try a VR headset in an interactive way to learn more about waste management and recycling.

They also had an opportunity to search through a pretend fly-tip to look for evidence to help build a case for prosecution.

Upon arrival, the children were given an 'Eco Hunt' of topics to tick off throughout their session. When completed, they were given a certificate, certifying them as an Eco Superhero, and some additional prizes.

Children were also given a waste & recycling activity pack to do at home and to share what they have learned with their parents and guardians.

The children responded with great enthusiasm to the officers and activities available to them and were given leaflets and flyers to take home. One student had been asking his teacher every day if it is "bin day yet" and he was so excited to see the refuse lorry up close.

A card made by the children was presented to our officers at the end of the day. Additional photos from the day are attached.

### **The International Hanseatic Day in Boston**

This medieval exhibition is coming to Boston from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 31 May, in front of St Botolph's Church (The Stump).

The day will offer:

- Live drumming led by musician and artist Chris Lewis-Jones, who has previously performed in Boston at the annual Illuminate Parade
- Making a simple sheep ear headband with Ruth Pigott - Kids (and adults!) can wear them during the parade to show their support for our drumming flock
- Dance Performances choreographed by Beth Williams, with dancers performing with the new hand-painted banners that Donna and her team have created, co-designed with local community.
- Medieval Entertainment, including a jester, the Lincoln Waites musicians, and a bustling medieval village with crafts such as mosaics, bow-making, woodcarving, spinning, and a forge.
- Medieval Food & Beer for you to sample and enjoy.
- The Grand Parade at 12.30pm – Don't miss this spectacular finale
- The new Ingram Exhibition at Boston Guildhall Museum - welcoming visitors to explore the extraordinary life of Herbert Ingram, and the incredible journey of his long-lost watch. At the heart of the display is a 16-carat gold pocket watch, complete with a black sardonyx fob, preserved for over a century at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

Boston Transported and the Boston Hanse Group have collaborated previously on projects such as Boston Unfurled, and have regularly brought creative activities to their Hanseatic Day event. You can find out more about the collaboration here: <https://transportedart.com/international->

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### **Flood resilience in South and East Lincolnshire**

Many areas in South and East Lincolnshire are a long-term risk of flooding, from rivers, the sea, surface water and/or groundwater.

Flooding is dangerous and can happen very quickly, with potentially devastating effects for you, your family and your property.

An effective way to stay aware of the possibility of floods is to sign up for free localised flood warnings online. You can receive flood warnings by landline, text message or email. Signing up can be done at <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>.

You can also check your long-term risk of flooding online by entering your postcode on this website: <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>

If your area is at risk of flooding, consider making a plan - prepare a bag with medicines and insurance documents, and consider how you'll get possessions, pets and family to safety.

During periods of flooding, it's essential to stay updated with the latest guidance and alerts. The Environment Agency and Lincolnshire Resilience Forum post regularly on Facebook with the latest guidance, as well as flood alerts and warnings.

The Environment Agency's live map of flood warnings and alerts across the country can be checked online at any time here: <https://loom.ly/IRpONTg>

Short and long-term flooding risks can also be checked on the gov.uk website -

<https://www.gov.uk/check-flooding>

A resource to raise awareness of the consequences of flooding, and how to prepare, is attached.

### **Friends of Boston Cemetery - planned events for 2025**

#### **How to Read a Graveyard**

- 7pm on Wednesday 11th June
- Presented by Kate Cherrill

#### **Guided Nature Walk**

- 10.30am on Saturday 5th July
- Presented by Gill Walsh

#### **Wild Boston**

- 7pm on Wednesday 23rd July
- Illustrated talk by Gill Walsh

#### **Lincolnshire Heritage Open**

- 10am to 4pm on Sunday 14th September

- Presented by Ian Hall

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### **Healthwatch Lincolnshire wants to hear from carers**

Do you provide unpaid care? It could be for a family member, partner, friend or neighbour who depends on you because of illness, disability, a mental health condition, or frailty.

If so, Healthwatch Lincolnshire wants to hear your views in our [Carer Survey 2025](#).

Carers play a vital but often invisible role in society, helping people to live safely and independently.

But many carers face challenges in getting the support they need - both for themselves and for the person they care for.

Unpaid carers across Lincolnshire filling out this short survey will help us to better understand:

- The real-life experiences and challenges that carers face daily
- Barriers to support and services, including social care
- What support works well, and where improvements could be made
- Your experiences of accessing care for the person you support

Whether you care for a few hours a week or full time, your voice is essential in shaping better support for carers in Lincolnshire.

- The survey takes approximately 5–15 minutes to complete
- Your responses are confidential and will be made anonymous when we share results
- You will help improve local health and social care services

Survey closes Monday 30 June 2025.

Take the survey - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OW2AVJ/>

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### **LPFT public engagement events**

The LPFT's vision is to support people to live well in their communities and recognises that factors such as having a safe place to live, a supportive family and/or social network, education and meaningful occupation are all essential to maintaining positive mental health.

Two virtual engagement events for those wanting to share their views on the ambitions of the LPFT and how it should support people, as well as where they may be gaps in accessing wider support, are happening on Wednesday 4 June from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, and Thursday 12 June from 10am to 12pm.

To register your interest or for more information, email [lpft.involvement@nhs.net](mailto:lpft.involvement@nhs.net) or call 07773 206341 / 07956 559645

An online survey will also be available soon at [www.lpft.nhs.uk/living-well](http://www.lpft.nhs.uk/living-well).

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### **Volunteering opportunity as a Patient Safety Partner**

Are you looking for a new challenge?

The Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group are offering an exciting opportunity for members of the local community to become involved with our Patient Safety Activities. This is an ideal time to join the LCHG group, spanning across both acute and community services. They ask that volunteers undertake a minimum of 10 hours per month, for at least 6 months. In return, travel costs will be recompensated, and training and support with a comprehensive training support pack will be provided.

If your interest is within the acute or community setting, or both, the LCHG can work with you to agree a portfolio of services that you wish to be involved in.

Patient Safety Partner volunteers may have:

- An interest in becoming involved in how we can develop our health and care services, so that they are safer for patients
- Experience being a patient, carer or family member of someone who has used any health and care services
- An interest in learning about the NHS and gaining valuable NHS experience

Benefits of this volunteering opportunity include:

- Making a real difference - your input will directly impact patient safety and care quality
- Collaborate with professionals - working alongside healthcare experts to drive meaningful change
- Personal growth - gain valuable experience and skills in healthcare advocacy
- Community engagement - connect with others who are passionate about improving healthcare
- Recognition be acknowledged for your contributions to enhancing patient safety

For more information, see the relevant attached documents.

To discuss this role or to request an application form, please contact

[lhnt.volunteer4lchs@nhs.net](mailto:lhnt.volunteer4lchs@nhs.net).

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### **Boston Scouts litter picking day**

On Tuesday 29 April, the amazing 3rd Boston Scouts rolled up their sleeves for a big litter pick. With help from Cllr Scoot and Cllr Sharpe, the Scouts collected a total of 8 full bags of rubbish from Priory Road, Rochford Tower Lane and Camelot Gardens.

Thank you to the Scouts for their hard work and dedication to keeping our community clean, and to the nearby Spar for generously rewarding the Scouts with a free drink!

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### **Free Health & Dental Event hosted by SeaFit for Fishermen & Their Families**

Join us at Boston Southside Quay on Tuesday, 3 June 2025 from 10am to 4pm for a day dedicated to the health and well-being of our fishermen and their families:

- Free Dental Checks & Treatment: Ensure your oral health is in top shape with professional dental services.
- Free Health Checks: Get comprehensive health assessments to keep you and your loved ones healthy.



- Free Eyesight Checks: Protect your vision with thorough eye examinations.
- Cancer Information: Learn about cancer prevention and support resources.
- Financial Information: Receive guidance on financial matters to secure your future.
- Boston Southside Quay, Nearest Postcode: PE21 8AF

For more information, contact:

- Carol Elliott, SeaFit Manager - [carolelliott@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:carolelliott@fishermensmission.org.uk) or 07486 319621

Ian Harwood, Mission Port Officer - [ianharwood@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:ianharwood@fishermensmission.org.uk)

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