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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils
in Lincolnshire

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

This month find out about our proposal for Local Government Reorganisation and how to protect yourself from scams. We're also inviting you to join our engagement and consultation activities—plus, find updates on road surfacing taking place over the summer, and grants on offer for local businesses and community groups.



Shaping the future of Your Lincolnshire – Strengthen, Simplify and Save

Last year the Government announced plans to replace county and district councils in England with new unitary councils, and Lincolnshire County Council is now developing a detailed proposal.

Our proposal involves creating a single unitary council on the county council's current footprint, merging

our structural and vital support services with the local knowledge and expertise of the seven district councils.

The aim is to streamline services, reduce duplication, and deliver better value for taxpayers, without disrupting high-quality support services like Children's Services, Adult Care and Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue.

Importantly, our proposal would not alter town and parish councils or their boundaries, and we are keen to continue working with you to ensure that local communities continue to have a strong voice.

We are now asking residents, organisations and businesses to share their views on how the new council could work for them. More information and opportunities to provide feedback are available on [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#).



Green light for new special needs hubs

We're creating new SEND hubs in five local authority-maintained primary schools. The Department of Education has already approved proposals for similar hubs in six primary academies and two secondary academies. Around £7m will be invested to establish these new facilities and recruit additional specially-trained teachers. The project will create 210 additional spaces for pupils with SEND, helping to meet rising demand.

Work on the new hubs is due to start in the autumn, and all 13 are expected to be completed by autumn 2026.

Find out where the new SEND hubs will be.



Be on guard to protect your garden this summer

Over 100 people in Lincolnshire reported problems with landscapers, gardeners, and external home maintenance services in 2024–2025, with total losses exceeding half a million pounds.

Criminals often target homes by offering to resurface driveways, trim trees, clear weeds, or clean gutters—usually at the door and for a “reasonable” price. However, genuine landscapers and gardeners do not operate door-to-door and never ask for upfront payment.

Some rogue traders also misuse online recommendation platforms, using fake reviews and images to appear trustworthy.

Maintaining your home and garden is important, but it’s equally vital to use trusted professionals. Visit the link for guidance on [home maintenance](#) and [finding reliable tradespeople](#).

If you suspect fraud or have been affected, report it to [Action Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.



A summer of resurfacing roads

177 miles of Lincolnshire roads are getting a rapid topcoat refresh! A major surface dressing programme is taking place across the county to improve road quality and reduce the risk of potholes forming.

Spanning 251 locations, the summer scheme will use 25,000 tonnes of material and hundreds of work hours to upgrade 177 miles of roads—roughly the distance from Lincoln to Cardiff.

The £5.5m project is expected to finish by mid-August, weather permitting. Surface dressing is fast and effective and with so many sites involved, it's likely to be happening near you.

This year, a live digital map shows exactly where crews are working, so you'll always know what's happening in your area.

[View the live digital map to see where roads are being resurfaced near you.](#)



£1,000 grants on offer for local businesses and community groups to become Lincolnshire Skills Champions

We're encouraging local businesses and community groups to apply for new Skills Champion grants to support essential skills development across the county.

The new Lincolnshire Skills Champions programme aims to promote and support learning in literacy, numeracy, and digital skills across the county.

Successful applicants will receive a £1,000 grant to help deliver innovative and accessible programmes to help people understand, encourage, promote and support literacy, numeracy and digital skills development.

Champions will also be supported by the county council's Adult Learning Team and invited to attend regular 'LinknLearn' networking sessions throughout the year to share ideas, resources, and best practice.

Organisations can apply for up to four Champions across any combination of the three skill areas: literacy, numeracy or digital.

[View the full eligibility criteria and apply now.](#)



Vape fire renews calls for the safe charging and use of electronics

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue were supported by crews from Nottinghamshire and Humberside to extinguish a vape fire in Gainsborough, which left three houses uninhabitable.

Preliminary fire investigations have determined the vape had exploded due to thermal runaway from overheating. This can be caused by damaged batteries, overcharging, and in illicit vapes that do not pass stringent UK safety regulations.

Safe charging tips:

- Never leave items charging unattended or overnight
- Always use the manufacturer's charger
- Avoid charging devices on beds, sofas, carpets to allow proper airflow around the battery, or near anything flammable
- Stop using batteries and devices that show signs of swelling, overheating or damage
- Unplug your device when it is fully charged

For further advice and information about fire safety at home, visit [our website](#).



Greater Lincolnshire's Learner of the Year winners announced

Three Lincolnshire learners, Harry Eddowes, Martin Spencer, Howie Cheung were recognised for their accomplishments.

The Greater Lincolnshire Learner of the Year awards celebrates the achievements and follow-on success of some of our amazing adult learners.

During the Lincolnshire Show, Harry Eddowes, Howie Cheung and Martin Spencer were awarded with certificates and plaques at a special awards ceremony to recognise their achievements.

Provided through 2aspire and delivered by providers across the county, there is a wide variety of courses covering many disciplines.

From wellbeing to IT, numeracy to English, and employability courses designed to prepare learners for the workforce, there is an opportunity to appeal to everyone.

Find out more about what courses are on offer for adults across Lincolnshire at 2aspire.org.uk.



Have your say on the updated Trading Standards Enforcement Policy

Trading standards are engaging with consumers and businesses to gauge their understanding of the enforcement options available to officers dealing with matters of noncompliance, and the basis on which these options are chosen.

The service exists to fulfil the statutory responsibilities to deliver public and consumer protection for the residents of Lincolnshire.

The vision is to protect Lincolnshire's consumers and support the County's economic growth by ensuring a safe, fair, responsible and competitive trading environment.

Visit [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#), where you can read the policy and share your views, you have until Monday 25 August 2025.

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