

Lincolnshire Community Resilience News

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Hello
from Your
New
Community
Resilience Officer,
Kimberley Pickett.



I'm thrilled to introduce myself as your new Community Resilience Coordinator for Lincolnshire. My mission? To empower every community to be prepared, responsive, and supportive in times of need.

Thank you for your patience as I settle into this role. If you've already started your resilience journey—whether forming a team, drafting a plan, or preparing to test it—know that I see you, and I'll be in touch soon. Your dedication is deeply appreciated!

I'm incredibly excited to work with all of you to build a stronger, more resilient Lincolnshire. Together, we can make a real difference.

Ready to get started? Tell us about your community's resilience efforts, register your interest, or let us know what's holding you back. Your answers will help us build a stronger, more resilient Lincolnshire together.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7r3Z0FA7yj>

Explore Our Website & Spread the Word!

I strongly encourage you to explore our website at www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org. It's a wealth of information.

What Is Community Resilience?

It's about neighbours helping neighbours—before, during, and after emergencies. From floods to power outages, resilience means being ready. It's not about replacing our emergency services, but working alongside them with local knowledge and immediate support.

Resilience grows in everyday moments:

- A chat at the coffee morning ☕
- A knitting group sharing concerns 🧶
- Veterans offering wisdom 🇺🇰

Everyone has something to contribute!

How You Can Get Involved

- Start a Community Resilience Team: Perhaps raise it at your next Parish Council meeting. Just 3 – volunteers can make a huge difference.

- Become a "Ready for Anything" Volunteer: Support communities across Lincolnshire during emergencies. Learn more on Lincolnshire Resilience Forum's website.

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Building Your Emergency Plan

Your plan should reflect your community's unique needs. Consider:

- Past hazards e.g. flooding, storms
- Vulnerable residents and locations
- Safe gathering places and keyholders
- Local skills and resources



Use the self generating template to get started. Once submitted, we'll review it, give feedback and help you test it. After testing, your community will receive a **Community Emergency Kit** to support initial response efforts.

The government will be running a national test of the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7 September 2025.

Emergency alerts will only be sent by, the emergency services or government departments, agencies and public bodies that deal with emergencies.

Emergency Alerts will not replace local news, radio, television or social media

To read more about these alerts go to: www.gov.uk/alerts



Horncastle's success Story

To show you what preparedness looks like in action, let me share an inspiring example from Horncastle. A live exercise, organised and facilitated by **LRF Project Support Officer Megan Probert**, recently tested their Community Emergency Plan with a simulated gas explosion.

The results were a fantastic demonstration of community resilience:

- Village hall activated as a safe space
- Seamless coordination with emergency services
- Ready for Anything Volunteers and British Red Cross in action.

This is a powerful example of what communities can achieve when they are prepared, informed, and united in supporting each other.

New Lincolnshire County Council Grant Funding Scheme for Property Flood Resilience (PFR)

Good news for residents! The Property Flood Resilience team at Lincolnshire County Council has commenced a new PFR grant funding scheme. It's now easier for Homeowners to access up to £5,000 of funding support to help protect their homes from future flooding.

Here's what you need to know about the new Lincolnshire County Council PFR Grant Funding Scheme:

Invitation-Only Process: This program is for residential properties that have been recently identified by Lincolnshire County Council as previously suffering internal flooding. The team is sending out invitations in phases:

Phase 1 invitations were sent at the end of March 2025 (all invitations now sent).

Phase 2 invitations will be sent in the coming weeks.

Phase 3 will follow later this year.

First-Come, First-Served: The grant funding is processed on a **first-come, first-served** basis

and we encourage Homeowners to apply as soon as they receive their invitation. If your home has been internally flooded and you're interested in receiving PFR grant funding, but you haven't received an invitation, please contact the Property Flood Resilience team at PropertyFloodResilience@lincolnshire.gov.uk to confirm your flooding history and to request an application form.



Engagements in the Community

LALC Annual Conference: It was a privilege to engage with numerous town and parish councillors at the LALC annual conference, where we

hosted a roundtable on **Societal Resilience**.

Billingborough Flood Pod Event: It was a great opportunity to speak with local residents alongside key partners like the **Environment Agency, Mary Long Dhonau, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue**, and representatives from **SKDC and Shine**. The collaborative spirit at this event was truly inspiring.



Join Ready For Anything Emergency Volunteers Rest Centre Training.

Learn to be a vital part of a multi-agency emergency response. This specialised training will equip you with essential skills like reception and registration, welfare assessments, and communications.

You'll also learn to maintain a safe environment and how to handle safeguarding concerns. After a hands-on practice scenario, you'll be ready to make a real difference when it's needed most.



Date: Monday, 6th October

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1LyhXVWACA>

