

Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils in Lincolnshire

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

This month find out about our proposal for Local Government Reorganisation and our new waste initiatives. We're also inviting you to join our engagement and consultation activities - plus, find updates on staying safe at home, and how to keep updated with news from Lincolnshire County Council.



A new look Lincolnshire

The government has invited proposals for 'local government reorganisation' across Lincolnshire, aiming to replace the current two-tier council system.

Lincolnshire County Council's 'Your Lincolnshire' proposal would see the county council and seven district councils replaced by one new local authority, keeping Lincolnshire together.

Cllr Rob Gibson, deputy leader of Lincolnshire County Council and executive member for local government reorganisation, said:

"With the government making it clear that they want to abolish 'two-tier' council systems, we've come up with a proposal that keeps vital support services together and delivers the best value for taxpayers' money. The county council already provides local services in every single town and village across Lincolnshire – from children's centres and social care visits, to fire stations and road maintenance – and these could be combined with district council functions to create a single point of contact for residents.

"We'd be sure to continue working with our fantastic town and parish councils across the county too, so they can play their part in making decisions for their communities."

Public events are being held to discuss the proposals at:

- Boston Library – 3 September 2025 (10am - 2pm)
- Sleaford Library – 9 September 2025 (10am- 2pm)
- Louth Library – 11 September 2025 (10am - 2pm)

- Grantham Library – 15 September 2025 (9:30am - 12:30pm)
- Caistor Community Library - 19 September 2025 (10am - 12pm)
- Gainsborough Library – 19 September 2025 (2pm - 5pm)
- Lincoln Castle – 20 September 2025 (11am - 2pm)
- Lincoln Library – 23 September 2025 (11am - 3pm)
- Spalding Library – 24 September 2025 (10am - 2pm)

Residents can find out more about the proposal and take part in the online survey by visiting www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/yourlincolnshire



New Baby Bank helping local families

A new baby bank is now up and running to support local families with young children – and you can help by donating items you no longer need!

The Baby Bliss Baby Bank, run by Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire and supported by Lincolnshire County Council, provides families in need with essential baby and toddler items like clothes, toys, prams, and baby baths.

As well as helping people during tough times, it stops good-quality items going to waste.

Clean, usable items for children aged 0–3, can be dropped off at Tattershall Household Waste Recycling Centre, Friday to Tuesday, between 9am and 3.50pm. They're especially looking for:

- Prams/buggies (no car seats)
- Baby baths
- Highchairs
- Baby walkers
- Clothes and toys for ages 0–3
- Moses baskets (no mattresses) and baby books

For more information visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/babybliss



Be aware of who knocks on your door

Criminals target our homes to exploit us for money – they may knock at our doors and offer to sell us goods or do a maintenance job quickly for us. 92% of Brits say 'yes' at their door to avoid seeming rude by saying 'no'.

Often, those selling on our doorstep will have an emotional story or urgent reason why we should buy from them. That's not the case – it's your door, your decision! If someone is trying to convince us to buy goods on our doorstep, it is a good indicator that it may be suspicious. **Stop! Think Fraud.**

It's always wise to take your time, do your own research, and make purchases when it suits you. Stay in control of your door, only open it to people you know or are expecting. Residents can request a **Fraud and Scams Prevention Pack** from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire to help stay safe from scams.

Fraud can also be reported online to **Action Fraud** or call 0300 123 2040.



Is it time for a fresh approach to help residents stay healthy?

A consultation has been proposed to seek views on the best ways to help people live healthier lives in Lincolnshire.

Councillors are being asked to agree a consultation to help understand the most effective ways for the council to support people to live a healthy lifestyle.

The matter will be discussed at the council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 28 August, with the council's Executive meeting on 2 September to decide whether or not to launch a 12-week consultation around the plans.

The proposals include extending the current service until September 2026, to allow time to consult, assess the results and consider any changes to services. To find out more visit our [website](#).



Reducing waste in new ways

Lincolnshire County Council has introduced a number of initiatives to reuse items and reduce waste products. From bra recycling bins in libraries and our Reuse Shop at Tattershall to giving away unwanted paint through the Community Repaint stores now at 9 household waste recycling centres in the county.

You can find out more about all [these projects here](#).

And it's great to see parish councils introducing their own waste reduction measures too.

Anwick Parish Council has launched a pioneering Refill Project to help residents save money while tackling plastic pollution. Locals can bring empty washing liquid, washing-up liquid, and other cleaning containers to be refilled at up to 40% less than supermarket prices. Reusing containers reduces single-use plastic waste, and the project has been warmly welcomed by residents.

What a great idea!



County catch-up

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Restoring History: Meridian Monuments spruced up by county councillors

Three county councillors have restored the monuments marking the Greenwich Meridian line that passes through Boston. Cllr Cheyne (Boston West), Cllr Hume (Wainfleet) and Cllr Maggie Cullen (Boston North) tidied up the monuments on Meridian Road in Boston (pictured) and Frampton Road in Frampton. To get in touch with your local councillor about issues in your community you can [visit our website](#).

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