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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils
in Lincolnshire

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

This month find out about our waste education across Lincolnshire, support for county farmers and winter salt bag requests. We're also inviting you to join our engagement and consultation activities—plus, find updates on our pothole repairs and how to stay safe from doorstep fraud.



Let's Talk Rubbish – Expanding waste education across Lincolnshire

Our Waste Services Team have been inspiring the next generation through their 'Let's Talk Rubbish' education programme. And now these workshops are open to community groups, and clubs across Lincolnshire.

First launched in 2022 for schools, the programme has gone from strength to strength, teaching children about waste minimisation, recycling, and responsible waste disposal in fun and interactive ways.

The workshops don't just share knowledge – they give young people the tools to make positive changes in their schools, homes, and wider communities.

Now, due to popular demand, the programme is open to other groups of people - from youth groups to local societies, who can benefit from these engaging and practical workshops.

To book a free workshop for your group, email LCCWasteOfficers@lincolnshire.gov.uk



Have your say on the healthy lifestyle services in Lincolnshire!

We want your views on the best ways to help people live healthier lives in Lincolnshire.

Currently, we commission the One You Lincolnshire service, which supports adults to lose weight, be more active, drink less alcohol or give up smoking. Now, we're asking if this is still the best way to support residents and make sure public funding is used effectively.

Whether you're a local resident, have used the service, or represent an organisation involved in supporting healthy lifestyles, your input is important to help shape services going forward.

Take part by visiting [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#). The consultation is open until 3 December 2025.



Free business advice available through the Lincolnshire Farm Support Programme

If your main source of income comes from farming, you could benefit from fully funded support. Delivered by Savills, farm businesses across Lincolnshire can take up:

- One-to-one farm visits, offering tailored business advice and a follow-up report
- Workshops across the county, delivering practical guidance on financial planning, diversification and resilience
- Specialist support, including succession planning and funding opportunities

And if you're looking for further guidance, Business Lincolnshire helps all small businesses with signposting and advice to find funding, use new technology and lots more. Simply visit [Business Lincolnshire](#).



Winter Salt Bag Requests – Now Open for Town and Parish Councils

As part of Lincolnshire County Council's preparations for the winter season, we are once again offering town and parish councils the opportunity to request a one-tonne bag of salt to support local winter maintenance efforts. This initiative is designed to help communities treat local trouble spots not covered by the Priority Route Network and is separate from the routine filling of grit bins under LCC's responsibility.

To request a salt bag, complete an online form using the below link by **Sunday, 19 October 2025**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GX5EM6EnAT>

LCC grit bins that are less than half full or damaged, can be reported via **[FixMyStreet](#)**. Some bins, often smaller yellow ones, may have been provided by parish or district councils or on private land, and are the responsibility of their owners.

For more information on our winter service standards, our **[Winter Service Plan](#)** is available on our website.



Who's Knocking on Your Door?

In 2024/25 over 80 reports of doorstep fraud were received by Lincolnshire Trading Standards. Often this involves pretending to be someone official with a legitimate reason to enter our homes.

Criminals may knock on our doors and mention an important matter, such as gas or water to gain entry to your property or ask for your personal information. Genuine companies do sometimes operate door-to-door. They will often ring or email you to let you know when they are coming.

If you are unsure about who is knocking at your door, ask for ID/proof of who they are and who they work for. Find their telephone number yourself (don't use their ID card) and ring the organisation to check. And if you are still unsure, you can ask them to leave and do some research.

If you do experience doorstep fraud you can report it to Lincolnshire Police, call 101 or visit Action Fraud.



Pothole Pro trials have begun!

A year-long LCC assessment of the latest pothole-battling machine is underway in Lincolnshire.

Lincolnshire County Council has begun live-trialling the latest JCB Pothole Pro machine to see if the specific bit of kit can help improve the county's road network.

Able to work on issues like potholes with a high degree of accuracy, the Pothole Pro is being put through its paces on a variety of roads in Lincolnshire as part of the year-long trial programme.

Visit our [website](#) to see what Cllr Sean Matthews, Leader of the County Council and Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client have said about the trials.



Lincolnshire's agrifood leaders call for focused skills development to secure sector's future.

Leaders from Lincolnshire's agrifood industry recently met with a DEFRA representative at the Greater Lincolnshire Forum for Agriculture and Horticulture to explore the sector's future workforce, skills, and productivity needs.

The forum celebrated the sector's strengths—employing over 75,000 people and outperforming national productivity trends—while also addressing key challenges. These include an ageing workforce, recruitment difficulties in specialist roles, and training gaps in emerging technologies.

Forum members called for:

- Upskilling the current workforce to embrace innovation.
- Attracting young people by promoting clear career pathways.
- Supporting farmer-led training, mentoring, and peer learning.
- Strengthening business, financial, and IT skills.

Technology such as AI and robotics was seen as vital, but uptake is limited by a lack of confidence and training. Collaborative learning and knowledge exchange were highlighted as key to boosting productivity and retaining talent.

The **forum** meets quarterly and includes representatives from farms, sector bodies, training providers, and support services, supported by Lincolnshire County Council.

Sign up to the GLFFAH's newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news and updates from the forum, and the ongoing support available for Lincolnshire's agricultural and horticultural communities.

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