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Town and parish council update

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

This month we're inviting you to join our engagement and consultation activities, and find out who won the Greater Lincolnshire Apprenticeship champion awards. You can also get the latest tips on avoiding household fraud and learn how to store or dispose of medication correctly.

We're always grateful for your support in sharing this information with residents wherever possible.



Share your views on Lincolnshire's Recycling centres!

Have you visited one of Lincolnshire's 11 household waste recycling centres lately? Now's your chance to make a real difference - we want to hear from you! How often do you visit, what do you recycle, and what could make your experience even better?

This year, all of our centres welcomed Community RePaint stores - letting residents pick up free paint, save money, and help cut down on waste. At our Tattershall centre, you'll find the county's first Reuse Shop, where pre-loved items get a second chance, and the Baby Bliss Baby Bank, supporting families by rehoming essential baby and toddler items while reducing waste.

Help shape the future of these vital community facilities and encourage your local community to share their views too. The survey is open until 24 December on [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#).



School admissions policy and Lincolnshire co-ordinated schemes consultation 2027/28

Lincolnshire County Council is seeking your input on a proposed change to the Lincolnshire co-ordinated scheme 2027/2028 and a proposed change to the admissions policy for maintained schools for the 2027-2028 school year.

We are consulting on:

- A proposed change to the co-ordinated schemes to increase the number of school preferences that applicants are able to name on their application forms from three to four.
- Changing the Published Admissions Number (PAN) at Quadring Cowley and Brown's Primary School reducing the minimum number of places from 16 to 15. We're suggesting this change to help schools better comply with regulations that limit infant class sizes to 30 pupils.

We invite you to share your thoughts on these proposed adjustments by visiting [Let's talk Lincolnshire](#). The consultation is open until 12 November 2025.



They are the champions

The winners of the Greater Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Champion Awards have been announced, recognising the outstanding achievements of apprentices, trainers, and employers across the region. Held at The Drill, Lincoln, the award ceremony brought together finalists, training providers, employers, and local leaders to celebrate apprenticeship success.

The top honour went to Melanie Papworth who was named Apprentice Champion. Melanie completed a senior leader apprenticeship while raising four children, overcoming significant challenges and becoming a passionate advocate for apprenticeships in Greater Lincolnshire.

To discover more about the other winners, visit our [website](#).



Safeguard your sanctuary

Last year, Lincolnshire Trading Standards received 650 complaints about home improvement work, including roofing, windows, doors, paving, driveways, and patios. Residents paid nearly £7.5 million, averaging £11,500 per job.

Our homes are our sanctuary, so investing in them makes sense. However, with autumn and winter approaching, be cautious, offenders may exploit poor weather to target homeowners.

Get help to find trusted trades people on the Connect to Support website.

Top tips:

- Research: Ask for recommendations, read reviews, and speak to previous customers.
- Specify your needs and get quotes from at least three businesses.
- Only pay for completed work unless using a secure payment service. Upfront material costs may be reasonable.
- Get everything in writing, including changes.

If you experienced problems then check out **Citizens Advice** or visit **Action Fraud**.



Protecting your family: medication safety matters

Residents are urged to protect their families by storing and disposing of medicines responsibly. Each year, thousands are harmed by taking medication not prescribed to them, including children and adults. Even common medicines can cause severe allergic reactions, dangerous interactions, or overdose when misused.

To prevent accidents, **NHS Lincolnshire ICB** and Lincolnshire County Council recommend:

- Store medicines out of sight and reach, ideally locked away
- Keep them in original packaging with clear labels
- Never leave loose tablets in bags or drawers
- Dispose of unused or expired medication safely — most pharmacies offer free disposal
- Talk openly with family members about the risks

In an emergency, call 999 if someone is unconscious or struggling to breathe. Otherwise, contact NHS 111, on the phone or **online**.

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