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Town and parish council update

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

This is the final edition for 2025, and we want to thank you for all the incredible work you do and for sharing our news with your communities.

This month's bumper edition has lots of useful information about services over Christmas and upcoming projects into 2026. Wishing you a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year!



Lincolnshire County Council – Festive Season Updates

As we approach Christmas and New Year, our contact centre is open Monday–Friday, 8am–6pm but will close on weekends and bank holidays (25–26 December and 1 January). For urgent safeguarding, road hazards, or flooding, there are out of hours services available.

To check contact details and the opening hours of Household Waste Recycling Centres, children's centres, adult day centres, libraries and heritage sites, as well as finding information about travel over the Christmas period, please [visit our website](#).

Leader of the council, Cllr Sean Matthews has also written a [Christmas message with his highlights from 2025](#).



Your thoughts on Lincolnshire County Council - County Views winter 2025

County Views is your chance to help shape local services. The latest survey asks for your thoughts on Lincolnshire County Council and how we are doing overall.

Think about your recent experiences – maybe adult social care, a road repair, a trip to the recycling

centre, or a day out at Lincoln Castle. Did we meet your expectations?

Share your thoughts on **Let's talk Lincolnshire** or by completing the form in County News magazine, by 26 January 2026. If residents prefer to take part by post or over the phone or need the survey in a different format, they can give us a call on 01522 782116.

Check out previous **County Views reports** to see what others have said!



Could your group benefit from reusable items?

After the success of the Baby Bliss Baby Bank, Lincolnshire County Council is looking to support more community projects and charities.

If your group has an idea that could make use of reusable items – whether it's for a new project or to help support local families – we'd love to hear from you.

Simply complete this **form** with your plans, what you'd like to achieve, and the type of items you might need. A member of our team will then get in touch to see how we can help.



Grant funding scheme for Property Flood Resilience (PFR)

Earlier this year, Lincolnshire County Council launched a new Property Flood Resilience (PFR) grant scheme, offering up to £5,000 to help homeowners protect their homes from future flooding.

Key Details:

- **Invitation Only:** Eligible properties that previously suffered internal flooding have been contacted in Phases 1 & 2. Phase 3 will include homes affected between October 2023 and January 2024 (including Storms Babet & Henk). Properties that claimed under the Defra scheme are not eligible.
- **First-Come, First-Served:** Apply promptly once invited.
- **Funding:** Up to £2,500 upfront following approval, if the costs exceed this amount the remaining balance (up to an additional £2,500) will be paid upon completion.
- **No Mandatory Survey:** A professional flood risk assessment is recommended but not required.

If your home flooded and you haven't received an invitation, email

PropertyFloodResilience@lincolnshire.gov.uk to confirm eligibility and request an application form.



From your caddy to energy - Food waste collections coming to Lincolnshire

In 2026, Lincolnshire residents will receive a weekly food waste recycling collection as required by the government.

Did you know? Just one recycled banana skin can generate enough energy to charge your phone twice!

Your local council will be in touch before the service begins and will deliver everything residents need to their homes to get started.

Find out more on our [website](#).



Don't let fraudsters ruin your festive cheer: tips to stay safe

The festive season is a time for giving, but unfortunately, it's also a time when fraudsters take advantage of our goodwill. Doorstep scams often increase around Christmas, as criminals pose as charity collectors, delivery agents, or tradespeople offering urgent repairs. Awareness is the best defence.

Fraudsters rely on pressure and persuasion. They may claim to be from a reputable organisation with amazing offers or insist on immediate payment for services. By staying alert and sharing advice we can make our communities safer this Christmas.

Key things to watch out for:

- Unsolicited visits: Be cautious of anyone who turns up unexpectedly offering services or collecting donations.
- Pressure tactics: Scammers often create urgency - don't feel rushed into making decisions.
- Lack of ID: Always ask for official identification and verify it.

If you experience doorstep callers offering to do work on your home say No and please **report it** or call 101. You can get advice by calling 0808 223 1133.



An update from Lincolnshire's Fostering Service.

We are proud to have an existing community of incredible foster carers with expertise across all age ranges and working with a variety of needs. FOCUS carers will join this supportive and collaborative community, making a real difference in the lives of Lincolnshire children.

This initiative ensures that children can remain close to their network, school and the people who are important to them. All whilst ensuring their safety within our OFSTED rated outstanding fostering service.

To enable us to fulfil this commitment, we have initiated a 2-year pilot, which will have a specific focus on recruiting foster carers, and supporting them with the tools and training they will require to undertake this wonderful role.

What changes will we see in upcoming months?

We are establishing a new sub-team within the fostering service which will have a particular focus on assessing, supporting, and retaining the FOCUS carers, as well as enhancing our clinical psychology support and training offer to the wider fostering community.

Lincolnshire Fostering Service will also be launching a recruitment campaign to support people who have experience of working with or caring for children to find out more about this exciting opportunity and join our fostering community.

If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities being made available as part of this pilot, please do get in touch via our [website](#).

Or contact: Ashlie.lembo@lincolnshire.gov.uk or Emily.mcallister@lincolnshire.gov.uk



County catch-up!

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