



October News from Marianne Overton MBE

Greetings!

Welcome to my monthly personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Norton Disney Archaeology Group, Richard Parker and the team on all their work. I am so pleased to have been able to support them in our bid for £6,000 from our Council Community Fund.

Having worked for some years with the Navenby Archaeology Group, I know how much professionalism and sheer hard work is required. The Norton Disney Archaeology Group do a brilliant job and I look forward to many more exciting discoveries of our rich local heritage.



I am also working with Carlton le Moorland, Aubourn and Haddington and Witham St Hughs. If you have a project in mind, the next deadline is the end of the month, so please give me a ring and send me an e-mail.

Men's Group

The Wellingore U3A has a new Chairman, Adam Paxton who is thinking of setting up a men's group. I have been along to some guest days at other men's groups. They work well, meeting for coffee and cake and/or mending and making things in a workshop.

Wellingore U3A

I helped set up the Wellingore U3A some years ago and am really impressed to see how it thrives. Brenda Dandy was thanked for her work, as she stepped down, and Adam Paxton was voted in.

There are a host of really interesting meetings, sub-groups reading books, going on outings to interesting places, lunches, walking, gardening and board games – anything you like! Main events are on the second Wednesday monthly at Wellingore Memorial Hall for a warm welcome, coffee and biscuits at 10am for a 10.30am start. Interested? Just come along or contact Heather on 07904 950485 member.sec.wellingoreu3a@gmail.com

There are a huge number of really good clubs and groups in our communities, and newcomers are always welcome. Join any of the events listed at the end of this newsletter.

Care for Adults in Lincolnshire

Sitting on this committee at Lincolnshire County Council I get a monthly briefing and opportunity to help influence better support for adult care and public health, including pressing for better support for mental health. The County Council provides support for around 15,000 people, using around a quarter of the annual budget. All those receiving care from the Council do pay something, and if you have more than £23,500 in the bank, then the Council does not need to help, unless you drop to the threshold by normal expenditure.

Hence many more people access private care, and the Council will not have a record of this unless the person is in a care home, which is a small proportion of people. The Council does do assessments of need, and signposting for all. There are some 70,000 unpaid carers in Lincolnshire. Currently many people do not undertake the financial assessment if they are unlikely to qualify for assistance, so there may be many more.

The latest Government ambition of free care for all at the point of access, not counting accommodation costs, would be hugely expensive and rising all the time. I worked on this nationally some years ago. Local Government agreed that the best way just to stand still, was a 1% increase on national insurance. The Government suggestion that the funding should come from health is astonishing.

Health in Lincolnshire

I have received a number of complaints about waiting in Lincoln A & E, not for four hours, the old target, but for days, seriously ill and needing a bed. I have raised this with Health Scrutiny at the County Council, whose job is to hold the NHS to account and we are working on it.

The measured performance of health in Lincolnshire is shown in an [annual report](#) here. A large rural area, Lincolnshire fails its targets on almost all measures, albeit improving. Urgent ambulance wait times remain stubbornly difficult. Staff are highly praised for their caring and professional attitude, despite tough conditions. We clearly need more health care, not less!

Who buys our health services for us? The Integrated Care Board commission's health services for us using £1.8bn. Government has just halved their organisation's budget with 976 employees now at risk of losing their job, some who live in our area.

Local Government Reorganisation stopped



Less than a month ago, the Government shocked our Councils by stepping back from dissolving and reshaping our councils! Now, elections on 6th May 2027 will be for the District Council and Parish Council seats.

Want to help or be a Councillor?

I bet you do a lot for our community, and you might like to do more, by plugging into the Council as a Councillor. It is really important we have elected representatives who listen to residents. We have a team who can help. Please give me a ring. 07920 235 364

IT Workshops for you

Just starting or want to know something specific? Come along on Wednesdays at Welbourn Village Hall 7-8pm. Wed 7th October, 4th November of 2nd December

Empty Homes

Locally, we have been helping local home-owners get empty properties back into use, helped by North Kesteven District Council. About 20 per year are recovered by helping owners with incentives like HMRC's VAT Discount Scheme, advice on planning, signposting to potential sales opportunities and helping to navigate legal complications. The District Council has to charge double council tax on habitable, long-term empty homes, and will seek owner action where there is neglect. Thank you for raising properties with me for action.

For more information, visit the Council's empty homes webpage: <https://orlo.uk/v4IRm> The Government's regulations on second homes or unoccupied properties are here. <https://orlo.uk/Z0nLb>

Thanks to the Emergency Services

Following the heinous attacks on coastal rescue volunteers, I proposed a motion of support on behalf of the Independent Councillors on Lincolnshire County Council. I am pleased to say it was unanimously supported. More here <https://rnli.org>



Tackling Climate Change

- Without creating an environmental and economic disaster!

Attending conference this week, I was particularly impressed by the house builders who are already integrating sustainable practices into the housing sector as a crucial step in addressing the climate crisis. It's heartening to see such collaboration and dedication within our industry. Together, we can pave the way for a more sustainable built environment.

I was also pleased to speak at the national conference last month with the Climate Party, pointing out that if we wanted to reduce our impact on the climate, we needed to produce energy close to where it was needed – on industrial roofs, down railways, on any built structure, not covering vast areas of good farmland.

I also attended the showing of the Climate Emergency Film at Sleaford and spoke there too. There were some points to be clarified:

1. The total land take may be relatively small if you include the moors, but applications are pouring in and developers are targeting farmland, swallowing miles of good farmland in Lincolnshire, among the best in the world.
2. The fossil fuel engines may be inefficient, but solar panels are much worse, about half as efficient at 15%.
3. Solar is NOT cheaper when you recognise that the back-up energy infrastructure is additional, when the wind does not blow or the sun does not shine. Building the panels, cables and power stations also cost us money, hence our energy costs are among the highest in the world. By the time we should get a pay back in 2041, new technology will be needed. This is a never-ending treadmill tied in to paying global bosses.

When energy is locally-owned and produced close to where it is needed, we save money and the environment.

Harvest

Thanks for all the Harvest Festivals much enjoyed across the County, celebrating our farmers and their produce.



After nine weeks of drought and intense heat waves, this year, crops were around 20% down, except for oil seed rape which was at the highest yield on record. As farming suffers the vagaries of more extreme weather, it is ever more important to keep as much farmland as possible available for food production. Farms produced up to 11.5tons/hectare of wheat this year, so the proposed solar, if connected at Navenby, could displace up to 40,000 tons of wheat, worth around £8m every year.

Solar on Roofs, not Fields!



Thanks to cross-party colleagues on Lincolnshire County Council for supporting us in our communities, this time by taking Beacon Fen forward for Judicial Review based on Kings Counsel identifying faults in the application and thus the Inspectors' decision to approve.

Solar industry belongs on industrial land, on roofs or any built structure. Nick Coxon and I represented residents, the Cliff Villages Solar Action Group and the Lincolnshire Independents and led the call "Solar on roofs, not fields"!

If you have not yet registered an objection to the proposed power substation at Navenby, that opens the door to 45 sq.km of industrial development on good farmland, the website is still open: Please register now.

Go to <https://planningonline.n-kesteven.gov.uk/online-applications/> Reference is 26/0575/FUL



Water Shortage - Hosepipe ban still applies



The ground is still very dry and the reservoirs not full. The wetlands at Frampton are a stark reminder. A rare American had flown in, a Buff-breasted Sandpiper!

Aubourn Clocktower and Church Reopens!

Huge thanks to the hard work put in by the Parish Council and volunteers, restoring the Clock Tower and St Peter's Church. It was great to see it in use for an excellent session on First Aid. Bookings are available for this delightful space. Clerk to the Parish Council 07828 259300 parishclerk@aubournwithhaddington-pc.gov.uk



Local Events

This is just what makes our Lincolnshire villages so special, and makes me really proud of our community. Thank you.



Last Night at the Proms in Beckingham

A huge success, and thanks to Rosemary Blakesley for putting it together. The music master, Angela Kay and choir were excellent and we much enjoyed the food!

Carlton le Moorland Coffee Morning 3rd Sat. monthly



Fashion Show, Wellingore

Huge thanks everyone involved in the Fashion Show at Wellingore memorial hall yesterday. Especial congratulations to **Janis Tunaley**, the WI and the team of volunteers - amazing.

A full house of 80 enjoyed the WI-made plates of food. The parade of models of all ages, swirled beautifully round the hall, ably compered from the stage. Guests went home with bags of clothes, preloved but perfect, all of the highest quality and all for under £30. Funds raised go towards the disabled facilities in All Saints, Wellingore, enabling greater access and enjoyment of our beautiful Church.



Fashion Show, Wellingore

Coleby Car Boot Sales- last of the season

Thanks to the fantastic team of helpers raising funds for all the village charities with cake baking, serving bacon butties and chilli patties and managing traffic, every month all summer. Thank you!





The Cathedral has a series of excellent events, very well attended. More here. [Discover Our Range of Events at Lincoln Cathedral](#)

Nato Exercise

In case you wondered at the recent increased air activity, RAF Waddington and Cranwell hosted Cobra Warrior 26-2 with visiting aircraft from Germany, Italy, Netherlands and the US. Very impressive. More [here](#).



Peter and I arrived early at Lincoln Cathedral for a well-attended and moving service to commemorate and celebrate those few who gave so much for so many, 86 years ago and those who serve today. I was very pleased to see councillor colleagues, the Lord Lieutenant, Toby Dennis, and RAF station commanders from Digby, Cranwell and Waddington. My husband's father was Flying officer C N Overton DFC, a Battle of Britain pilot, so the annual commemoration is a bit special for us.

Want to keep in touch?

If you know anyone else who would find this newsletter useful, please suggest they drop me an [email](#) here. For updates, please follow me on [facebook](#).

Best Wishes,

Marianne

Marianne Overton MBE

Working together for people and planet



Local Events

Thanks to everyone involved in organising and running brilliant local events.

October Events

- TO 10th 'World of Wool' Lincolnshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers celebrate 50 years, Brant Broughton Heritage Room 11am-4pm Mon-Sat
- 5th Last Music Group of the season St Chad's Church, Welbourn "Let's Dance" 7pm
- 7th and 21st Royal Oak Quiz Night
- 8th Mobile Library Carlton/Bass/Witham
- 8th Welbourn Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30pm
- 9th Fun Board Games Night Harmston Mem'l Hall 6-10pm
- 10th Welbourn Coffee Shop Village Hall 10am -noon
- 10th and 11th Carlton Art Exhibition and Sale 11am-4pm
- 10th Live music and dancing to "one Step", Coleby Village Hall £25 incl. food, BYO drinks. Book 07971 883363
- 10th Welbourn Gardening Club "Garden Design" 7.30pm
- 10th Rotary Sausage Festival in Lincoln Castle 10-5pm
- 11th Loveden Festival Singers Leadenham Village Hall £5 bar open 7 for 7.30pm
- 12th Welbourn Coffee Shop 10am-noon
- 13th and 20th Bassingham Lunch Club Hammond Hall, £7 Book with Lyn 01522 426498 noon
- 13th Royal British Legion Noon, Lion & Royal, Navenby
- 14th U3A at Wellingore Memorial Hall Roland Johns on Emergency Blood Bikes 10am coffee for 10.30am start
- 14th Coleby Residents Coffee Morning and library 10.30am
- 15th Brant Broughton Coffee Morning Village Hall 10-12
- 16th Bassingham Comedy Night, Hammond Hall
Tickets from www.act-two.info/bass-events £15 8pm
- 17th Coffee Morning Carlton le Moorland 10am-noon
- 17th Hand-crafted Fair Harmston Memorial Hall 11am-3pm
- 17th Last night at the Proms Foss Dyke Band 01522 788748
St Michael's Church Bassingham £12 7.30pm
- 22nd -11th November Poppy Appeal To help:07983 958475
- 22nd Mobile Library Hadd.Aub/Norton/Bass
- 22nd Bassingham Garden Club Hammond Tower £5 7.30
- 24th Tea and cake, Navenby Methodist Church 2-4pm
- 24th Five Bells Shack Grand Opening, festive cheer 12pm
- 27th Shep's Charity Quiz, Harmston Memorial Hall £2/pers
Bar on hand, 7.30pm for 8pm start to 10.30pm
- 27th Leadenham Military History Club The largest UK battle, Storm over Yorkshire 1644 £5 7.30pm
- 28th Tea@3 Wellingore Memorial Hall Free 3-4pm
- 29th Community Food Larder, Bassingham Church
Bring 9.30-11am, Collect 1-3pm
- 30th Halloween Party at the Joiners Arms, Welbourn
- 31st Soup and Pudding Event £6 Methodist Church Hall, noon-2pm Book 07788 556 707
- 31st Halloween Party Harmston Memorial Hall £6 incl. first hot dog Book 07572 733415 7-11pm
- 31st Halloween Bingo at Welbourn Village Hall BYO refreshments, children welcome. 6.30 for 7pm start
- 31st Five Bells Shack, Bassingham Trick or treat 12-6pm

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November

- 1st Remembering loved ones St Michael's Church, Bassingham All welcome 4pm
- 6th The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town, by Spike Milligan and Ronnie Barker £15 Leadenham Village Hall 01400 272413 7 for 7.30pm start
- 7th Welbourn Forge Open 10am-1pm
- 7th Welbourn Coffee Shop Village Hall 10am -noon
- 7th Bonfire and Fireworks Bassingham Events Group
- 7th Fireworks at Coleby Playing Field and Village Hall.
- 21st Welbourn Dance Ocean Blue music 70's to now £20 incl. buffet, bar, jackiedwane@gmail.com 7.30-11.30
- 24th Leadenham Military History Club "The Fall of Saigon-an epic tragedy" Village Hall £5 7 for 7.30pm start

Some Useful information

3 Villages Magazine

Witham Staple Magazine

Lancaster Gateway, Norton Disney

This inspiring epic is remembering the sacrifices and how people fought so that we could have freedom today.
Donations here. <https://www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk/>

Take the Bus Campaign

Buses are £3 per journey, any journey.
Timetables and info is here. <https://lincsbus.info/> or call 0345 234 3344. The Transport Helpline is 0345 456 4474.

Old Printer Cartridges for Charity

Richard Wilson wants your empty printer cartridges at 11 Chapel Lane, Navenby for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Ring 01522 810373 or pop through his door.

Support from Local Charities

Sir Christopher Nevile/Summers Charity for residents of **Aubourn, Haddington and Thurlby**. For people who need a bit of help. Local Trustees. Apply 01522 788236

Brant Broughton BB.ReliefCharity@gmail.com

Carlton le Moorland Young People's Trust 07943 760 155

Navenby Heritage Trail 2.5km Navenby Heritage Trail

Witham Staple Grant Contact Andy Sceeny 01522 788303

Useful Contacts

East Midlands Dairy 01636 614760
Nick Streeter's fish etc. 01400 272547
Greens, Bassingham 01522 788200
Welbourn Post Office and Stores 01400 272242
Pharmacy Witham St Hughs 01522 869632
Pharmacy in Navenby 01522 813882

Pub and takeaway meals

The Joiner's Arms, Welbourn 01400 279356
The Red Lion, Wellingore 01522 810071
The Kings Head, Navenby 01522 810367 open

The Tempest, Coleby 01522 810258
Thorold Arms, Harmston 07971 029 534
The Bugle Horn, Bassingham 01522 789773
The Five Bells, Bassingham 01522 788269
The White Hart, Carlton le Moorland 01522 788893
Generous Briton, Brant Broughton Tues-Sat 01400 272119
Black Swan, Beckingham 01636 626474
Market Lounge, Witham St Hughs 01522 861864 Wed-Sun
Akash Indian Takeaway 01522 811126 Navenby
Navenby Chinese Takeaway 01522 810773
Witham St Hughs Taj Indian Takeaway 01522 869578
Milano's Pizza Takeaway Witham St Hughs 01522 869848
The White Hart, Lincoln (locally owned) 01522 526222

Cooked meals

Andy's Fish and Chips Van Bassingham Tues
Skellingthorpe Wed, Caythorpe Thurs 5-8pm
Hot lunches for senior citizens 01522 404025 Bassingham,
£5 for two courses. Book by Sunday 5pm
Primary hot lunches Thurs and Sat 01522 788488
Age UK will deliver 21 small single person meals for £20,
plus £7 delivery 03455 564 144
Hollynelstropcatering@gmail.com - weekly meal boxes
Sarah's Bakes and cakes caron@awharrison.com Amazing
@Sara's Cakes & Bakes

Business Advice is free from NKDC Phil Means on
07920 472671 www.businessnk.co.uk @BusinessNK
www.businesslincolnshire.com
Business www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding

First Aid Course online

St John Ambulance stjohnambulance@email.sja.org.uk

Parish Offices for local support and information

Navenby Venue Tuesday to Friday 10-noon
Witham Office at Bassingham in the Hammond Hall,
LN5 9HQ 01522 789758 Open Mon, Wed, Thurs 9-1pm
Local Police Statistics <https://www.police.uk/>

Access to Wellbeing Services and Care

The Carers service 01522 782224
carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155
Supporting People 01522 782140 www.wellbeinglincs.org
Umbrellas events supporting all ages with additional
needs and their families umbrellaslincoln@outlook.com
#EveryMindMatters advise on coping with anxiety and
improving your mental health: <https://qoo.ly/35q2xs>
Mental health www.connecttosupport.org
Bereavement Helpline St Barnabus 0300 303 1897
tracy.tuffs@stbarnabashospice.co.uk
Lincolnshire YMCA 01529 301965
www.citizensadvice.org.uk 0800 1448444 free 8am-6pm

www.getsafeonline.org Keeping safe online
Know anyone suffering memory loss? Contact
Wheelchair loan: No Name Lodge Geoff Nelson 788213

Church Work and Services

www.graffoechurches.co.uk
sara.davies@lincoln.anglican.org 07768 706952
www.withamsidechurches.org.uk
Navenby Methodist Church 01522 685226
<http://lincolnmethodist.org.uk/circuit-services-weekly-live-stream/> David.lawton@methodist.org.uk

Venue Finder

420 Lincolnshire Village halls are registered here.
www.lincscmmunitybuildings.org.uk

Useful Advice for Charities

<https://www.charityhowto.com/blog/>

To protect a house or business against flooding

<http://www.marydhonau.co.uk/information/how-do-i-protect-my-home-from-flooding/>

Roadworks www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks
roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk Twitter #lincsc roads

Business Support

www.businesslincolnshire.com
www.teamlincolnshire.com do monthly webinars
AI Adoption Accelerator - overcome barriers and
implement practical AI solutions.
Retail Accelerator - flexible, high-impact support for
independent retailers.
Low Carbon Lincolnshire - cut energy costs and boost
efficiency.
Lincolnshire Farm Support Programme - build resilience
and explore future opportunities.
Your Business Boost - fresh ideas, practical tools, and a
clear action plan.
Visit the Business Academy for access to valuable insights
and resources tailored to business needs, under four
themes: starting a business, running and growing a
business, selling overseas and digital skills
Personal business advice is free.

Community Larders

Sleaford Community Larder at the Newlife Centre
<http://www.communitylarder.co.uk/>

Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes 01522 782070
<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/potholes>
Or use "Fix my street" on line – works well.
<http://www.FixMyStreet.com>
Report Litter 01529 414155

customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or
ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Adult Concern 01522 782151
Police:101 or www.police.uk NKDC Annual [Report](#)
Or hykehamtown.npt@lincs.police.uk Hykeham Jordan
07799082 456, Mick Rimmer 07827902489 and for the
Cliff Villages Matt Roberts 07796557600
Floodline 24/7 on 01522 782082 10am-non
Volunteer locally www.rivercare.org.uk
Wild Things Rescue 01526 578579 9-9 every day
www.wildthingsrescue.uk

Highways, Transport and Travel

Good newsletter from lincscountycouncil@gmail.com
[Roadworks](#) www.one.network lincolnshire.roadworks.org
[Transport](#) www.accesslincoln.co.uk shows all the options,
or ask accesslincoln@lincolnbig.co.uk 01522 581906
[Call Connect](#) 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm
Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143
<https://lincsbuses.info/callconnect/>
[Dial a ride](#) 01522 544983 Disabled door to door
[Carsharing](#) www.lincshare.co.uk
[Trains](#) www.thetrainline.com
Facebook Hykeham town rural NPT T @hykeham NPT
[Buses](#) www.lincsbuses.info or Traveline 0871 200 22 33

Mobile Library 01522 782010 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.
Search “planning online north Kesteven”
[Local Plan](#) www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; yourbassingham.co.uk
www.carlton-le-moorland.org.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton
www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby
and Wellingore business parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk
www.harmston.info www.navenby.net
dunstondossier.org.uk nocton.blogspot.co.uk
Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby are on the LCC site
E.g. <https://leadenham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>
Branston www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times
Branston Library 01522 880426
www.mrssmithscottage.com

County Events- Good web page here

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk search on “county news”

Mrs Smith's Cottage

East Road, Navenby LN5 0AP
£3.50/£2 Open Weekends Friday
to Monday noon til 4pm
Step into a time capsule into the
life of Mrs Hilda Smith who lived
a simple and principled life here to 102. The Cottage is
owned by North Kesteven District Council and manned by
local volunteers – enjoy!



Thanks to wonderful Local people supporting our events