

GREETWELL NEWS

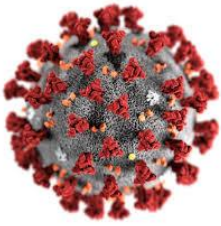
Autumn 2020



Painting by David Cuppleditch – date unknown, but no vehicles!

NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Coronavirus Pandemic

It has been a busy few months in the practice adapting and managing to 'new' ways of working to ensure that both our patients and staff are able to be seen and work in a COVID safe manner. It has been a challenging time for everyone and we wish to thank our patients for their support and understanding during the lockdown period and especially want to thank the numerous volunteers who have given up their time to be 'bouncers' on the front door and to those patients who have dropped off homemade cloth face masks, scrubs, scrub bags and biscuits, cakes & chocolates for the staff which have been very welcomed!

Our doctors and nurses have been assessing patient's medical needs and requests, and then arranging assessment in the most COVID-19 safe way possible. This means that more queries are being able to be dealt with online or over the phone, reducing the risk of infection to patients and staff, but where patients need to be seen "face to face" for examination we have been seeing them wearing full Personal Protective Equipment. We have also been running special clinics under extra infection control procedures for those very vulnerable patients who have been "shielding" from COVID-19, and also running a further clinic with a separate entrance to the surgery for those who we need to see but may have a significant risk of having COVID-19. Necessary home visits have also continued with extra precautions. We've been extremely pleased by the positive feedback from patients about how we've been able to support them during this difficult time.

Whilst we continue to be in a pandemic phase, the NHS have started the campaign "Talk before you Walk" which includes the following points:

- Practices are still open and we encourage people to get in touch for any health concerns that cannot be dealt with by the individual, their family or friends, or the local pharmacy
- Routine vaccinations and immunisations are important and are available at the practice.
- Please only visit the surgery in person if you have an appointment or to collect a prescription from the dispensary
- If you think you need to see a doctor, nurse, or other health professional please click on the AskMyGP icon the practice website
- Make prescription requests using Systmonline, AskMyGP or by phone on 01522 754649.
- If you need to be seen face-to-face then you will be given an appointment to come to the practice, and this will be provided in a Covid-safe way
- These changes are happening to help keep staff and patients safe

- We want to discourage people queuing outside a GP practice and waiting in the waiting area, to reduce the spread of coronavirus so please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your appointment time
- If you have coronavirus symptoms DO NOT come into the practice– self isolate and seek help via NHS 111 or 111.nhs.uk

- **Cherry Willingham Surgery**

The practice had to take the difficult decision in the middle of March to temporarily close the branch surgery at Cherry Willingham due to extreme staff shortages; we apologise to all patients who may have been affected by this closure. The surgery is now undergoing a period of modernisation and alteration and we hope to be able to open again to patients in mid-November. It will comply with all new infection control measures and provide a COVID safe environment for everyone.

One change when the surgery reopens is that the dispensary will no longer be open and patients will no longer be able to collect medication from that site. All dispensed prescriptions will be available to collect from the dispensary at Nettleham. Should this be a problem for you, please speak to one of the dispensers about our home delivery service which is available for patients who are housebound or struggle to get out.

It will still be possible to leave your repeat prescription request at Cherry Willingham as it will be brought over to Nettleham on a daily basis. You may wish to consider alternative ways of ordering your medication which include ordering online via SystemOnline, ordering via AskMyGP, signing up for the eRD service (available to non-dispensing patients) or ordering via our 24/7 repeat prescription line on **01522 754649**.

It was announced last month that the annual seasonal flu vaccination campaign will be extended to include the following groups of people:

- Free vaccine to be made available for people aged 50 to 64 later in the year.
 - Households of those on the shielded patient list eligible for free flu vaccination
 - School programme expanded to the first year of secondary schools for the first time



At present, the practice has not received any official confirmation of this change and we are currently unable

to book flu vaccine appointments for patients who fall into these categories. It is anticipated that vaccinations will become available for these patients in late November/December so please keep an eye on our website for further information.

For patients aged over 65 or in an at risk group, we are now able to book flu vaccination appointments, so please contact the practice after 10:30am on the telephone or book an appointment online for these clinics.

GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Your Parish Council remains active during these difficult times and is meeting regularly. It has held two socially distanced meetings in the garden of Ramper Farm. These meetings have been successful whilst adhering to all Government guidelines. However, now that face to face meetings are discouraged and legislation has changed to allow for remote meetings the Council has held three meetings by Whats App. These have worked well.

New website for the parish – The new website has been built by a Sudbrooke resident at no cost to the parish. It is now ready to go Live when the County Council switches the websites over at the end of the year. In the meantime the current website remains updated.

Speedwatch equipment – Greetwell has shared the purchase of speedwatch equipment with Cherry Willingham Parish Council following a grant from District Councillor Anne Welburn's Community Fund.

Residents may have noticed the Speedwatch Team out on the A158. During one session 600 vehicles were counted travelling West into Lincoln!

Pedestrian Crossing for Greetwell - The traffic on the A158 really is increasing, crossing the road is nigh on impossible, trying to make a right turn can take a considerable length of time, hence the Parish Council are continuing to campaign for a pedestrian crossing to enable residents to cross the road safely.

In February 2020 the Greetwell Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (GNPWG) and Greetwell Parish Council distributed a questionnaire to all residents of North Greetwell seeking their opinions about the need for a traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing over the A158.

Members of the GNPWG then returned to collect the questionnaires in early March.

RESULTS

215 Forms were distributed - 117 forms were returned.

(54.4% of forms were returned completed)

In favour of pursuing a campaign for a crossing..... 114

(97.4% of those who responded)

Not in favour (no reasons given) 3

Question 4 asked which reasons would the respondents select for having a crossing:

- To access local businesses and amenities 93 (81.5%)
- To access public transport 82 (71.9%)
- Dog walking 47
- Mobile library 19
- Visiting 35
- Post box 33

A total of 88 respondents would use public transport more if there were a crossing (77.19%).

A total of 96 respondents would use local amenities and businesses more if there were a crossing (84.2%).

Suggestions made by residents

1. Could we have 'no overtaking' signs on the A158?
2. 30 mph speed limit
3. Footpath on North side of road to link to bus stop
4. Better paths and access to Nettleham
5. Traffic calming measures

Other reasons given for needing a crossing

1. Access to defibrillator (garage/shop wall)
2. Going for walks and cycle rides
3. Access to play parks
4. Collecting newspapers
5. Litter picking

Other comments

- Report of an accident involving a pedestrian and a motorbike
- Report of vehicle written off when attempting to turn into a driveway off the road (multiple accidents?)
- Is North Greetwell a hamlet or a village?
- How would a crossing affect the proposals for a travellers' site if it was reviewed?
- Not aware of a post box in North Greetwell
- How will pedestrians/cyclists cross the bypass at the junction with the roundabout?

However persuading Lincolnshire County Council to fund a crossing is another matter. For interest, this Parish Council has been regularly asking the County Council to provide a crossing since 2010. Site meetings have been held, surveys of pedestrians crossing the road carried out by the County Council but these have not been pursued by the Highways Department, always citing the lack of funds available as a reason.

Residents may have read recently that Wragby is to have two, yes TWO, pedestrian crossings installed, the first one of which work is currently taking place.

Greetwell Parish Council is making enquiries to see how much Wragby Parish Council has had to contribute.

Councillor John Taylor, with the approval of all members of the Parish Council, recently wrote to Edward Leigh MP and Councillor Richard Davies, Director of Highways at Lincolnshire County Council, letter read as follows:-

*From Councillor John Taylor, Chairman, Greetwell Parish Council
5.9.2020*

*To: Edward Leigh, MP
Councillor Richard Davies, Director for Highways, Lincolnshire County
Council*

Dear Sir

**Ref: A158 Pedestrian crossing Nth Greetwell (Greetwell Parish
Council)**

I write to you again regarding a controlled pelican crossing at North Greetwell, this time in my capacity as Chair of the fore mentioned Council. I obtained permission to do this at the last Parish Council meeting.

The situation on the A158 at North Greetwell is dire, the level of traffic is such that the risk to pedestrians when crossing the road is unacceptable. We are virtually prisoners in our own homes and have to resort to vehicular transport in order to go out. It is becoming impossible to walk, cycle or use public transport due to the excessive levels of traffic. My family and visitors regularly have to travel round through Nettleham in order to travel into Lincoln as it is difficult to cross the continuous line of traffic travelling east. This extra traffic was most likely the reason for the A road standard surface recently laid through that village. Perhaps if they installed loose chippings used on most village roads then the money saved could have gone towards providing a crossing on the A158?

We recently circulated a questionnaire regarding the crossing issue to local residents, a copy is attached. It was no surprise to find out that people would walk, cycle, use public transport and local amenities a lot more if they were able to cross the road in a safe and timely manner. Any pedestrian surveys undertaken to prove the need for a crossing are pointless because many people do not move around the local area without using their cars. We have recently set up a Community Speedwatch group, sharing the equipment with Cherry Willingham. Just for interest one of the group recorded the number of vehicles travelling West into Lincoln. During a one hour period he click/counted 600 vehicles in that one direction! Local post and delivery drivers often comment about the personal risk when crossing.

You have stated in the past that we as a Parish Council would need to co-fund a crossing of up to 50%. We feel this is completely unfair for such a small community of around 450 households with no disposable assets to be expected to find this level of funds.

We feel that it will only be when tragedy strikes that a crossing will be seriously looked into.

Over the coming weeks our aim is to raise awareness of this issue by contacting local media and TV. We cannot go on like this as when, not if, something happens the effect on a local family and consequently both the local authority and politicians will not be positive.

The reply received from Councillor Richard Davies was as follows:-

Dear Mr Taylor,

Thank you for your email. In the first instance please contact your local county councillor, their contact details are available via our website

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/findyourcouncillor>

Regards

RD

Cllr Richard Davies

Grantham North West

Lincolnshire County Council

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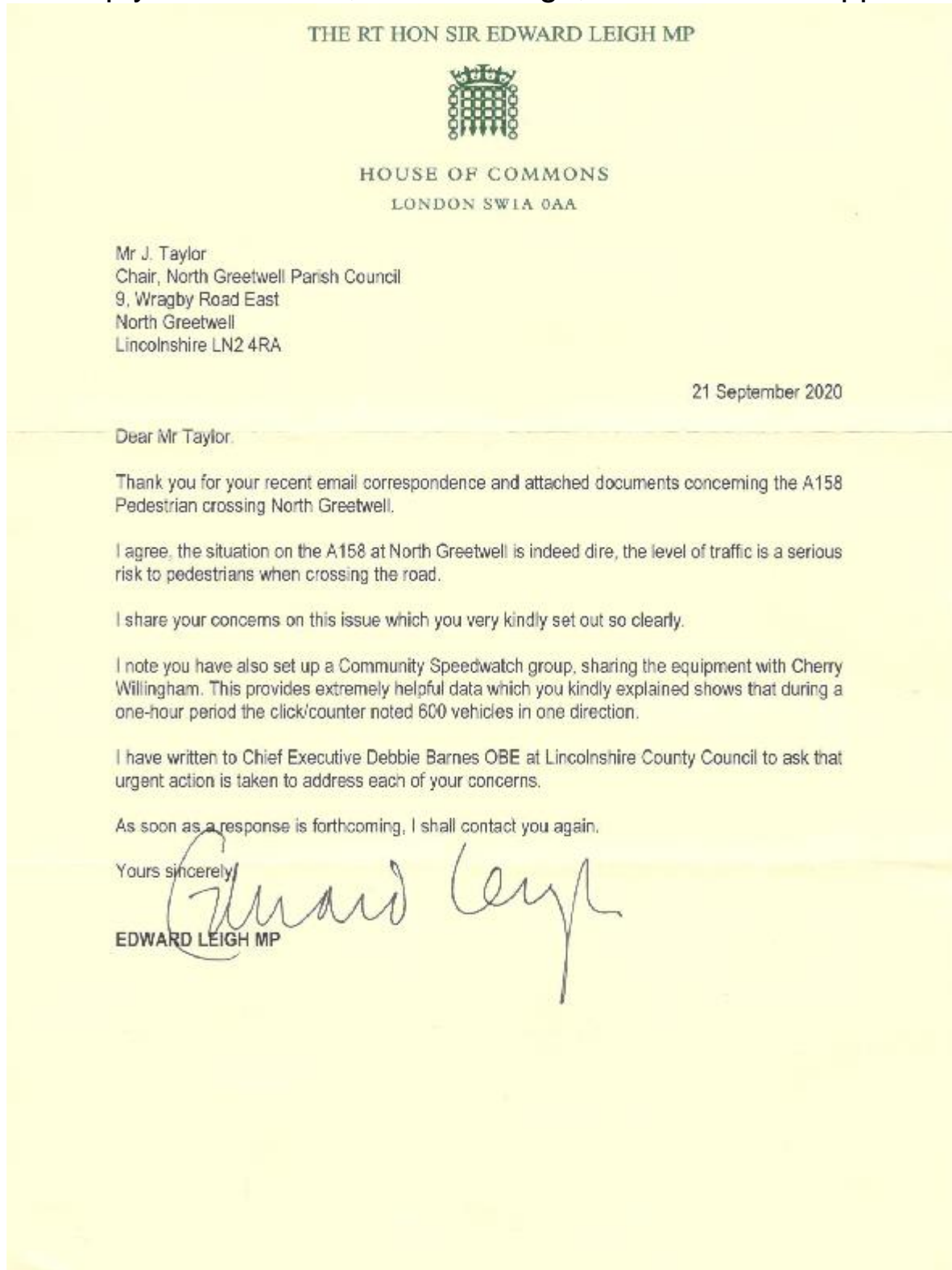
t. 07920 028405

tw. @rgdavies

w. <http://www.votedavies.co.uk>

It was felt that this was rather an insulting letter both to the Parish Council and to County Councillor Fleetwood, our local County Councillor. Councillor Fleetwood regularly attends our Parish Council meetings and residents are aware that he makes regular briefings.

The reply from our MP, Edward Leigh, was far more supportive:-



And so the Parish Council will continue to put pressure on the County Council. It is hoped that Look North will take up the story and publicise the problem of crossing the A158 – the main Lincolnshire coast road.

Residents could also lend their support by writing to County Councillor Richard Davies or our MP **urging the provision of a pedestrian crossing**. This will hopefully help to produce a positive result before the reason for providing a crossing is caused by a death.

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Force Opens Latest Recruitment Drive with a Focus on Family, the County and Diversity

Lincolnshire police is launching its latest recruitment campaign with a new appeal to people from the east of the county, people with second language skills and people from BAME communities to join the force.

A new DC (Detective Constable) Fast Track scheme is also being launched that will help successful applicants with a desire to be detectives develop key skills for these roles in a more condensed fashion than before.

Throughout the eight-week campaign the force will be releasing a series of promotional videos on social media to showcase the diverse range of people and skills that work for the organisation, as well as holding a series of community events and online Q&A sessions for potential recruits to find out more about the force.

DI Lee St Quinton of Lincolnshire Police's Horizons 2023 Programme said: "As part of the national uplift which will see 20,000 extra police officers on our streets, we are really pleased to be able to continue with our recruitment of new officers into the force. The recruitment window which opens today will see targeted efforts in recruiting from minority groups that make up our diverse communities. We would particularly like to hear from candidates who are able to speak a second language, those willing to work on the east of the county and those applicants who come from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.

"Policing in Lincolnshire is extremely rewarding with a number of opportunities to specialise throughout your career: Our new Detective Fast Track scheme is a great opportunity for those applicants who can think differently and have a particular attention to detail.

"Policing is made up of people from all walks of life, the videos that we will be releasing throughout the campaign will hopefully help potential officers realise the diversity within our organisation, challenging many stereotypes along the way. We are committed to developing a skilled workforce that is not only fit for purpose, but one that is truly representative the different communities that we serve."

The videos that the force is releasing will tell the stories of several working officers, all from different backgrounds and with different histories:

- A husband and wife team working in Response and CID respectively, with three children will talk about how they manage work and family time.
- A Polish officer working in Boston on Response talks about how his background helps his colleagues and the public.
- A Chief Inspector who was in the RAF talks about the skills that his forces career gave him and how they helped him transfer into the police.
- A black officer tells the story of how he joined the force despite his family telling him that 'black people can't be police officers'.
- A CID officer talks of the support he receives from the force's SMILE (Supporting Minorities in Lincolnshire through Engagement) network.

A video detailing the DC Fast-track scheme will also be released during the campaign. Rachel Betts, Head of HR for Lincolnshire police added: "There will be a lot of people in Lincolnshire with skills they have gained in their current or previous jobs that would make them excellent candidates, who may not have previously considered a career within the police service.

"In addition to our usual recruitment for officers who will work in response policing, we now have a new DC Fast Track scheme where there is the opportunity to put these skills into practice in an investigative capacity.

"The diverse nature of our Crime departments means that people with experience in sectors like finance and social care - to name just two - would bring with them skills that are transferable to the role of a detective. So, if you have never previously considered a career with the police, but this campaign catches your eye, please get in touch."

People interested in finding out more on a career with the police should initially visit: <https://www.lincs.police.uk/about-us/join-us>

THE BIG ENERGY SAVING NETWORK IS BACK FOR AUTUMN / WINTER 2020-2021

Switching supplier/ getting a new deal / Switching payment method Checking eligibility /accessing the Warm Home Discount Priority Service registration / Energy efficiency grant eligibility / Energy efficiency tip

Contact Janet Clark On 01529 301962 janet.clark@lincsymca.co.uk

IMPORTANT!!! Could you be a Parish Councillor?
TWO VACANCIES EXIST ON GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL -
YOUR PARISH

Vacancies exist for two new members on the Parish Council. If you are interested contact the Clerk to the Council, Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com or write to her at the above address.

As a Councillor you can become a voice for your community. Parish Councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public.

How much time does it take up? Greetwell Parish Council have 11 meetings per year, each lasting about one hour. In the main, being a parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to the community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

Am I qualified? Most people are. However there are a few rules. You have to be:

1. Registered as a local government elector for the Parish on the current Electoral Register
2. Has during the whole of the previous 12 months occupied as tenant or owner of any land or other premises in the Parish.
3. His/her principal or only place of work in the previous 12 months has been in the Parish
4. Has resided either in the Parish or within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) thereof during the previous 12 months

You cannot stand for election if you are:-

- the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years prior to being elected, been convicted in the UK of an offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- Work for the Council you want to become a Councillor for.

Council has extended tough measures **to tackle dog fouling**

West Lindsey District Council has agreed to extend and vary its powers to combat the issue of dog fouling across the district.

The changes follow a consultation with members of the public who were asked for their view on extending a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

It means the authority can issue fixed penalty notices of £100 to dog owners who are found to be in breach of the new rules.

The PSPO has also been varied to make it a requirement for dog owners to carry a suitable means of removing any fouling that their dog does, such as a dog waste bags or similar.

Cllr Jessie Milne Chair of the regulatory and licensing Committee at West Lindsey District Council has welcomed the tougher rules.

She said: “Firstly I would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation. We had more than 750 responses which demonstrates just how important the issue of tackling dog fouling is to local people. The vast majority of respondents to the consultation supported the Council’s plans to address dog fouling in this way.

“West Lindsey District Council recognises there are lots of responsible dog owners in the district but there are a few dog owners who are spoiling things in their local communities by refusing to clear up after their pets. Whilst we don’t want to issue fines, we will if necessary but we hope the extra rules and fines will act as a strong deterrent.”

The order requires individuals in control of dogs to:

- Remove any dog fouling immediately
- Properly dispose of it in a general waste or dog bin
- Carry a device or other suitable means to remove the dog fouling

A breach of a PSPO is an offence, and the person committing the breach may be given a fixed penalty notice of £100, be prosecuted, or may be liable for further action under anti-social behaviour legislation.

To report dog fouling, or find out more details in regards to the PSPO including FAQs please visit <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/my-community/community-safety/dog-fouling/>

For the latest news on West Lindsey District Council visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk
Or follow us @WestLindseyDC or find us
<https://www.facebook.com/westlindseydistrictcouncil>

Online Arthritis Action Groups

Arthritis Action Groups are an opportunity for people with arthritis to talk with others and share their tips on how to manage their arthritis and stay active whilst at home, and we actively welcome new attendees. We discuss a variety of self-management techniques. Participants will need to contact us directly for the log in instructions for the meeting, and we have produced 'How To' guides for those not familiar with using Zoom.

Lincolnshire: 2pm 10th Dec

Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire: 2pm 8th October, 2pm 19th November

Midlands evening groups: 6pm 15th October, 6pm 26th November

For joining details see <http://www.arthritisaction.org.uk/media-centre/events>

What3words

Did you know that there is a free phone app called what3words? It maps the world into 3m by 3m squares and each is given a unique identity from three words. It might be very useful to you if you needed emergency services to find you quickly rather than giving them an address or a postcode, or if you were trying to locate somebody and they told you their 3 word location – imagine trying to locate somebody in a wood, or in the future after the pandemic restrictions, in a large crowded place. <https://what3words.com/>

GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Residents are very welcome to attend meetings.

Agendas for Parish Council meetings are displayed on the parish website, and on noticeboards within the parish. Minutes are available to view on the website parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Greetwell/

Residents are invited to join the Residents email group for updates on road closures, What's On, General information and online copies of Greetwell News
Contact the Clerk on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

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Help us keep Lincolnshire safe

1

Follow Government guidelines:



Wash hands



Cover face



Make space

2

Get a test if you have:



High temperature



New continuous cough



Change in sense of
smell or taste

3

Book a test via:



www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

4

If you have symptoms or test positive:



Stay home for 10 days



Other members of your household
should stay home for 14 days

We're here to help - call us on 01522 782189 or visit
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp