

GREETWELL NEWS

Autumn 2022

**Greetwell Parish Council
expresses sadness
on the passing of
Queen Elizabeth II.**

**A tribute is published
on the parish website
[https://greetwell.parish.
lincolnshire.gov.uk/](https://greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/)**

GREETWELL LITTER PICK

Saturday

1st October 2022

**Meet at 10.00am on the corner of
A158/Wragby Road East
(near Glendale's)**



**If you can come along please could you
let Councillor Sarah Bates know on
01522 751515, 07798670652 or
sarahbates670@gmail.com**

**As usual, all equipment will be supplied by WLDC.
Hand sanitiser will be available for everyone as, of course, so
will gloves, but you may prefer to bring your own.**

LET'S KEEP GREETWELL TIDY

The Queen's Green Canopy

At the beginning of 2022 Greetwell Parish Council asked residents how they would like to celebrate the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, and unfortunately we only received a couple of suggestions.

However, one of the suggestions was for a tree-planting ceremony and the Parish Council made enquiries with the County Council about a small triangle of land at the junction of the A158 with the new Eastern bypass.

The Parish Council has been given permission to plant some trees on this small patch of ground, and to this end an application was made to the Woodland Trust for a pack of saplings. The application has been successful the Council will receive a 'Small Urban Space' pack containing 15 saplings. The saplings will be delivered between 31st October and 11th November for planting sometime after 15th November (date to be confirmed after the pack has been received).

The Parish Council would like this planting to be a community enterprise and to this end residents are asked if they would like to be involved with the tree planting.

If you would be interested in helping with this continuation of the late Queen's wishes to create a green canopy please let any member of the Parish Council know. You will need warm clothing and a spade!

Further details will be on the parish website – <https://greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> The Clerks email list of residents and Greetwell village Facebook page.

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WELLBEING LINCS

Did you know Wellbeing Lincs is available to support adults across Lincolnshire to live fulfilled, confident and independent lives. It achieves this through a range of services, that support them for up to 12 weeks. Wellbeing Lincs works with eligible adults to develop a personalised support plan in partnership with a Trusted Assessor, to meet their specific needs. Identified areas may include:- Response, Resettlement, Small aids and minor adaptations, Hospital and in-reach care

More information is available on their website. <https://www.wellbeinglincs.org/>
You can also call: 01507 601111 or email the team:
wellbeinglincs@e-lindsey.gov.uk

News from your Parish Council

Pedestrian Crossing – A Projects Officer has been appointed for the Pedestrian Crossing but progress is still very slow. County Councillor Ian Fleetwood has been asked to press the importance of the crossing for North Greetwell residents with Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department.

Street furniture on Lincoln Eastern bypass – The Parish Council has enquired (again) to Lincolnshire County Council for the provision of street furniture along the footway of the bypass. In particular bins, dog bins and seats would be welcomed.

Community Speedwatch – None has been carried out recently as it would be preferable for this to be done on a Sunday morning when the traffic is particularly heavy. Unfortunately no volunteers have been available to assist.

However, the recent statistics from the speed indicator were that in July 343,683 vehicles had travelled the A158 through North Greetwell, the total in combined directions. The maximum speed registered was at 10.00pm on 11th July travelling at 99mph towards the city. This however could have been a blue light vehicle.

Dog poo in North Greetwell – This is still a problem and not a pleasant one. So the message to the few irresponsible dog owners is clear – please when exercising your animals make sure you have a supply of poop bags with you, use them when needed and dispose of them properly in the bins provided. Alternatively, double bagged dog waste can be disposed with domestic refuse in the black wheeled bins.

Westfield Drive corner - Thanks are extended to Andrew Fielding who has kept the flower tubs on the corner of Westfield Drive looking colourful all through the summer even in this dry weather.

The seat has also had a coat of varnish and the corner is looking good.

Date of next Parish Council meeting – Monday 3rd October 2022, 7.30pm in the Bramham Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend.

Any resident who would like to join the Parish Council email list for notifications of what is going on in the area, road closures, Greetwell News etc please contact the Clerk to the Council on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Agendas and Minutes of meetings are all displayed on the parish website <https://greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>



Freedom Never Gets Old.....

is a new campaign designed to encourage people entitled to the English National Concessionary bus pass in Lincolnshire to get back on their bus services.

As people resume more familiar daily routines including shopping, seeing friends, accessing important services, and the simple enjoyment of travelling around our beautiful Lincolnshire landscapes and market towns, it is evident that many are missing out on free bus travel.

Older people were among those who experienced the longest and most severe restrictions during the pandemic and are now in need of support and encouragement to reconnect with bus services Your bus service needs you - so how do you get a bus pass.

ELIGIBILITY: You must have reached state pension age to be eligible for the English National Concessionary travel scheme (NB Different rules apply to different regions of the UK).

HOW TO APPLY: You can apply online at Lincolnshire County Council or by telephone 0345 456 4474 - help is at hand - You will receive your pass within 10 working days. At peak times this may take longer.

The many benefits of free bus travel.....

The Freedom Never Gets Old campaign aims to reassure, enable and inform bus pass holders about free bus travel, explaining how the bus pass is a brilliant benefit and have a positive impact on their lives that won't cost them a penny.

- ❖ Saving Money - Using a bus pass and traveling for free can save money on petrol, parking, taxi fares or paying friends or family for car journeys.
- ❖ Mental health and wellbeing - Saving money is always a bonus and it certainly helps reduce financial worries. There is no doubting the benefits of getting out in the community, connecting with people and places.
- ❖ Preventing loneliness - Getting on a bus can be a social activity from saying hello to the driver, meeting and making friends to positives of 'changing scenery' by visiting neighbouring villages to market towns.
- ❖ Access to services - planning a journey by bus may seem daunting but with the help of the Transport Helpline - 0345 456 4474 - many journeys using a bus pass are possible.
- ❖ Helping protect bus services - Bus service need passengers. Although bus pass holders do not pay fares, their journeys are subsidised by the local transport authority and therefore support the bus operator.

County Views – we want to hear from you!

Local authorities across greater Lincolnshire want to know how you use social media and where you get your news, so that we can best communicate with you.

The latest County Views citizen's panel survey aims to see how you consume social, digital, print and broadcast media. So, whether you're a subscriber to a national newspaper, or prefer to get your news from Instagram, we'd like to hear from you.

The panel is open to anyone who lives in greater Lincolnshire; simply join for free now and you'll be asked to take part in three simple online surveys a year, the results of which help shape council services.

Make a difference - join the County Views panel and take the survey today!

Register online at: www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/register

Or call: 01522 782116

West Lindsey District Council Annual Canvass

Each year the Electoral Registration Office at the Council contacts households to check if the details on the electoral register are correct. This is called the Annual Canvass. A big thank you to those who have already replied. If you haven't already done so, please don't forget! You can read more on our website <http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/elections-voting/register-electors>

West Lindsey Waste Services

Side Waste - We would like to remind householders that we cannot accept extra bags of refuse or recycling out next to any of the bins, or to overload your bins as the bin lids must be in the closed position. Side waste is not permitted due to the following reasons which can be found www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/waste-services-charges-policies/waste-services-policies

Wash & Squash - Make the most of the space in your blue bin and don't forget to squash! You'll be surprised at how much more you can fit in. Also... don't forget to give your recyclable items a quick rinse. TIP - why not save them to rinse them in the sink after you've finished your pots to save water? <http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/waste-recycling-frequently-asked-questions/recycling>

Useful contacts:

Transportation Helpline: 0345 456 4474 - for information and advice on transport choices throughout Lincolnshire

Confidential emotional and Mental Health support line for Lincolnshire:
0800 001 4331 (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Age UK Lindsey

Join our team!

Age UK Lindsey is an independent local charity, working to promote and improve the wellbeing of older people living in East Lindsey, West Lindsey and North Lincolnshire. We are passionate about helping to make later life better for all older people in our area.

We are proud of the services we provide: -

Information & Advice - providing confidential financial advice, benefit checks and information for older people

Befriending - helping to reduce loneliness and social isolation in the over 50s

Keep Connected - supporting older people with digital learning

Winter Warmth Programme - helping people over 65 on low income, and living in hard-to-heat homes, to stay warm and gain access to the right financial support

Charity Shops – raising vital income and providing local opportunities

What we do makes a huge difference in our community, but none of this is possible without our fantastic team of volunteers. We are expecting a significant rise in demand for our services in the coming months and we need more people, just like you, to help us.

We have a great range of opportunities available, to suit all interests and abilities. The only thing we ask from you is some commitment and time, which can be as little as one hour per week. You'll learn new skills, make new friends and be part of a great team!

To find out more, visit our website www.ageuk.org.uk/lindsey or call 01507 524242 and ask to speak to our Volunteer Coordinator.

News from District Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn

RAF SCAMPTON – West Lindsey District Council is inviting bids from developers and investors to become a delivery partner for RAF Scampton. The Council is looking to procure, pursuant to a competitive dialogue procurement process, a suitably qualified partner organisation to regenerate and redevelop the site currently known as RAF Scampton.

As previously reported, the Council formally submitted an expression of interest in acquiring the site, which could contribute significantly to the 'Levelling Up' of economic and social outcomes across West Lindsey, Lincolnshire and beyond.

Should the Council be successful in acquiring the site, the successful partner will be required to work with the council and take a lead in managing, master planning and regenerating the site. The Council's expression of interest remains subject to a number of conditions. Work continues with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and the Council hopes to make a final decision in relation to the acquisition and appointment of partner by the end of the year.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY - West Lindsey District Council will be switching its electricity tariff with its current provider as soon as contracts allow in October, to one that is 100 per cent traceable and zero carbon.

This will ensure any payments to its energy supplier is funding renewable energy sources only. The move supports the Council's target of becoming net zero carbon before 2050.

The green energy market can be complex, with many companies now offering competitive green electricity tariffs for both residential properties and businesses. The Council is pleased to have secured a deal that will mean that nearly 500,000 kwh used annually in its own buildings and assets now comes from 100% renewable sources such as solar or wind – saving the equivalent of more than 100 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually.

The new electricity product ensures that 100 per cent of the REGO certificates are purchased from primary sources of renewable electricity generated solely via wind, solar and hydro.

More information about the REGO scheme can be found on Ofgem's website:

www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/rego/about-rego-scheme

Information on how to save money on your utility bills and switch to a green tariff can be found here: [Gas, Electric & Water Guides - MoneySavingExpert](#)

CREMATORIUM RECYCLING SCHEME SUPPORTS TWO LINCOLNSHIRE CHARITIES - LIVES, Lincolnshire, and St Andrew's Hospice have received an outstanding £27,000 charitable donation between them both from Lea Fields Crematorium, which is run by West Lindsey District Council. As previously reported, West Lindsey District Council opened the crematorium in January 2020 and signed up to a national metal recycling scheme to help give something back to the community. The ICCM (Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management) Metal Recycling Scheme, was set up so that with the consent from families, orthopaedic implants recovered after cremation are recycled and any money raised is used to give back to bereavement related charities.

Nationally the ICCM recycling Metal Scheme has raised over £7 million for charities since it was created.

You can visit the Lea Fields Crematorium website to find out more about the facilities, services, and memorials available to remember loved ones:

www.leafieldscrematorium.co.uk/

To find out more about LIVES please visit their website: www.lives.org.uk/

To find out more about St Andrews Hospice please visit their website:

www.standrewshospice.com/

COUNCIL IS 'PERFORMING WELL' CONFIRMS ANNUAL AUDIT - West Lindsey District Council has received a high rated assurance in its annual audit report for 2021-22. Inspectors from Assurance Lincolnshire carried out reviews into the governance, risk, internal controls, and financial controls of the council. The Council was found to be performing well in three areas with no significant concerns that would impact the council delivering its priorities.

Audit reviews across the financial control areas continues to provide positive assurance for the Council. The most recent audits for all of these have provided High and Substantial assurances particularly in Housing Benefit Subsidy, Grants Awarded and Value for Money.

The full report, which has been published on the Council's website, is based on the work auditors undertook and information from other sources of assurance, which gave the following opinion:

"For the twelve months ended 31 March 2022 the Council's arrangements for governance, risk management and control framework have continued to be strong."

2022 TOURISM AWARDS - Destination Lincolnshire has announced the finalists in their 2022 Tourism Awards and WL are thrilled that the Trinity Arts Centre is among those named. The Unique picture-house which is set in a stunning grade II listed church is a cultural hub in West Lindsey, creating a space for people to enjoy theatre, live music and watch popular movies. It is hired by a number of community groups and creative companies to hone their talents.

Trinity Arts Centre is not the only businesses in West Lindsey which has been named as finalists in the Destination Lincolnshire Awards including:

Rand Farm Park, The Cross Keys Stow, Hemswell Antique Centres
The Grange Bed and Breakfast and Self Catering
The Old Granary, Lincolnshire Bridleway Bed and Breakfast
The Cross Keys Inn, Grasby, Bransby Horses - Rescue and Welfare
Uncle Henry's Farm Shop, Woodside Wildlife Park,
Trinity Arts Centre, Gainsborough

The winners will be announced at the award evening on Friday, 21 October 2022 at Lincoln Engine Shed, where Lincs FM presenter John Marshall will host the awards. For more information visit: <https://www.lincolnshiretourismawards.com/>

HELP US MAKE SURE OUR BUDGET HAS THE BIGGEST IMPACT FOR THE DISTRICT - West Lindsey District Council has launched its annual budget consultation and is calling on residents and businesses to have their say on shaping future priorities.

Each year the Council asks local people what they would like to see the budget to focus on as we want to deliver positive outcomes for the district.

This year survey questions ask if the following should be a priority:

1. More enforcement – should the council focus on issues such as dog fouling, littering, on street parking enforcement
2. Do you think it is important for the council to provide and enhance leisure and cultural services such as Market Rasen Leisure Centre and Trinity Arts centre?
3. Help with the cost-of-living increase

The Council is looking to set its budget for 2023 to 2024 and launched the consultation Monday 15 August 2022. Surveys are available online for people to understand the current financial situation and share their priorities.

Councillors are acutely aware of pressures caused by the increase in the cost of living and over the next few months we will be holding a Cost-of-Living summit to work with residents, businesses, schools, and community groups. If you would like to attend and be involved please email Emma.Foy@west-lindsey.gov.uk

The consultation can be completed online through the Council's Website at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/budget2022 or by requesting a paper survey. It closes at 9am on 3 October 2022.

NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE



Face Coverings

The guidance for the wearing of face coverings in healthcare settings changed briefly in the early summer but due to the increase in COVID cases has been reverted back so that face coverings are required to be worn by staff and all patients when entering one of the surgery sites. Please help us, by coming to the practice wearing a face covering as this offers protection to all. Thank you

Flu & Covid Booster Vaccinations

It feels very strange to be writing this article when it is over 30 degrees outside and the sun is shining but at the practice we are starting to plan and organise our flu vaccination clinic. The practice is due its first delivery of vaccines at the end of September and a second one in late October so we are planning to be open on three Saturdays during October for booked appointments. We are hoping to be able to offer and give the covid vaccination booster at the same time (subject to an individual's eligibility) but as delivery of covid vaccinations is totally outside of the practice's control, we will not be able to confirm this until the time.

The eligibility groups for flu vaccines this year are as follows:

- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- From the end of October we will also be able to offer flu and hopefully covid vaccinations to health patients aged 50-64

Please contact us in early September to book an appointment.

Extended Access

Thank you to all patients who responded to a text message that they received asking for their thoughts and opinions on the extended access service that will be offered by the PCN from 1st October 2022. The PCN has now submitted its proposal to Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and are awaiting to hear if it has been approved. If the PCN receives approval, Nettleham will continue to open until 8pm on a Thursday evening for appointments with nurses and a GP. Other PCN practices will be offering appointments on the other week day evenings until 8pm. One of the practices within the PCN will then be open on a Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm on a rota system so you may be offered an appointment at a different practice if you require a weekend appointment. None of the practices will be open on Sundays and Bank Holidays as the demand for these appointments has been very small over the last 3 years.

Annual Reviews

Since COVID has delayed a lot of our patients' annual reviews, we've taken the decision to move everyone to a "month of birth" system.

This will help everyone know when their review is due and help ensure that going forward everyone will receive one review per year (the medication review year goes from April to March each year).

You don't need to do anything at this stage as you will be invited in due course.

While we move everyone across to this new system you may notice:

- two annual reviews closer together or further apart
- you may be invited for an interim check to ensure it's safe for you to go until your birth month when you'll have the full review.

Connect to Support Lincolnshire (CTSL)

CTSL is an online information and advice library and community directory for adults in Lincolnshire. The website is intended for adults who want to find out about local groups, activities and services within the community. It also provides a wealth of information to support those looking for information and advice to support their wellbeing. The site can be accessed at: <https://lincolnshire.connecttosupport.org/>

There is also a live chat, telephone and Email facility for those people who prefer to use these methods of finding information.

CTSL offers support with signposting and can help GP Practice staff to signpost patients to other services.