

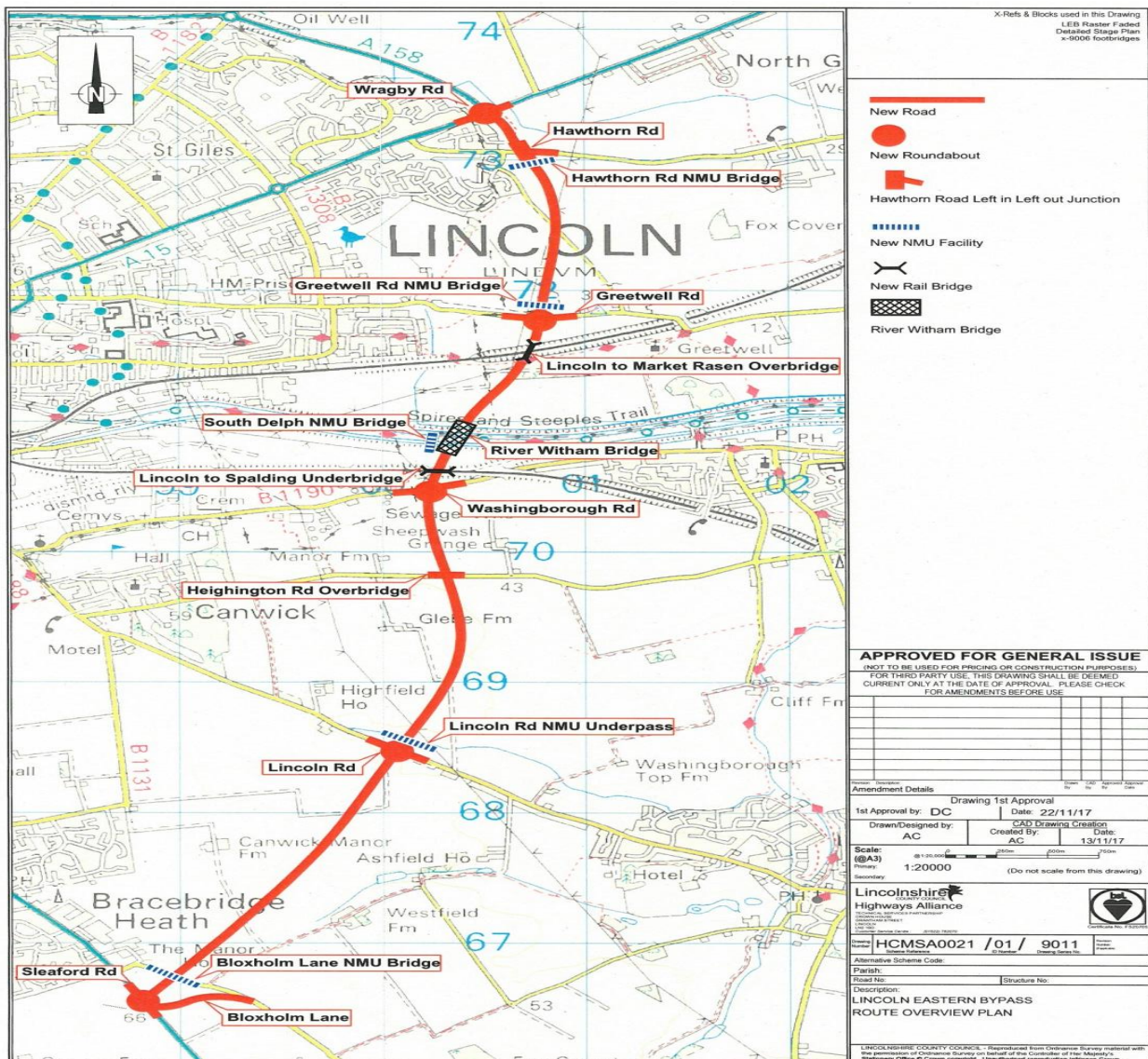
GREETWELL NEWS

Winter 2019 edition

Greetwell Residents are welcome to join
Cherry Willingham residents on

14th November 2019 at 6.15pm

**Pembroke Academy,
Cherry Willingham for an update on
The Lincoln Eastern Bypass**



Greetwell Garden Party and Produce Show 2019

This year's garden party took place on the 11th August, and the charity being supported this year was Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, chosen in memory of our much missed Parish Councillor, Tony Melrose. We were delighted to be supporting this charity and even more delighted to see all of Tony's family on the day, bringing with them a wonderful selection of cakes!



This year saw the first outing for our new gazebo, funded for us from our District Councillors Initiative Fund. Although, given how windy it was on Sunday morning, it was very nearly also its last outing as it tried to take off. However, thanks to having so many willing helpers in the morning, we were able to move it in the shelter of the scouts' tent, which meant we were able to finish setting it up relatively unscathed. In this gazebo, members of the Neighbourhood Plan for Greetwell Working Group presented displays explaining why we were formulating a Neighbourhood Plan and asked visitors to the display to fill in a brief questionnaire.

The Produce Show saw many fewer entries than previous years, which was very disappointing. I do not know if that was down to the weather or the time of year that we have the Show and Garden Party. Any suggestions for different categories would be much appreciated.



The refreshments were once again brilliantly run by Cynthia, ably assisted by John Melrose. The array of cakes this year was truly remarkable – I never even put out the ones I'd made (probably just as well!). We had a Judo demonstration from Ben, representing Cherry Willingham Judo Club. He enjoyed himself so much he has already asked to come back next year.

Live music was provided by Steve Jackson – due to the wind we had to tether his gazebo to the conservatory, so he wasn't in the best place – but we couldn't help the weather.....



We also had various stalls, including the Woodland Trust, Angela & Peter Hewitt, selling hand- made finger puppets and collectors' teddies, and also a wood turner.

There were some fabulous prizes in the raffle, and once again my thanks to Ruth for organising them. Altogether we raised a total of almost £500.00 for the charity – which is an amazing effort for a small village fete!

A massive thank you to everybody who helped, in particular Ann and Paul Ransome, who not only ran the games, helped collect the tables, but also took my husband to A & E on Saturday afternoon! I have taken on board all the comments on the feedback forms – all of them positive, and will try to introduce some of the ideas next year. There will certainly be a book stall, a table-top stall and a tombola, although I'm not sure where I would put a 'pitch and putt course'! This year I had to scale back on some of the things I would have liked to do due to my husband having broken his leg, but hopefully we will be back to full strength next year.

Of course, all these extra stalls will require people to man them, so if anybody would like to help with these – you don't have to be on a committee - I would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you to all those who baked, judged, put up and took down gazebos, to Chris and Alan on the gate (my parking monitors), and to all of you who came to support us. The 2020 Garden Party and Produce Show will be in August, almost certainly on the second Sunday, the date to be announced later. So please put that in your diaries now. Feedback and suggestions always welcome.

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**Mobile Library Service will next visit Westfield Drive, North Greetwell
on Wednesday 4th December between 14.15 and 14.45**

Greetwell Litter Pick: Autumn 2019



Saturday 5th October was the date of the autumn litter pick in North Greetwell. The weather was perfect on the morning, dry, not too cold and above all – not windy.

It was a little disappointing to only have 4 volunteers turn up to our village tidy. However the five of us set to and spent an hour and a half collecting 6 bags of litter. Because there were so few of us we were unable to cover as big an area as we usually do, so the very extremities of the village were not covered.

Not too many exciting finds, fewer car parts than usual, although Mike did find a pair of ladies' unmentionables in the bus shelter!!

The farmer had cut the hedges and verges of the north side of the A158, which is great, but unfortunately that meant that where there might have been 1 piece of litter to pick up, now there were 20 as bags, plastic cups etc. had been shredded.

As usual, I covered the area to the west of the garage on the North side of the road, and although with a very good high-vis on it is the first time I have noticed how close I am to the road!! We already know we have a problem with speeding motorists along the main road, but I was shocked at the number of buses and trucks, whose drivers depend on their licence for a job, who were quite obviously speeding.

Unfortunately the verges are quite soft at the moment because of all the rain and there are some parts where the verge has been virtually destroyed by heavy vehicles going over them for some reason.

I am extremely grateful to the one Councillor and three residents who turned up on the Saturday morning. Thank you very much for your hard work. The resulting bags and other debris were picked up first thing Monday morning.

It would be great if more of you were able to help with litter picking as we don't always have enough volunteers to cover the area off the main road. The next litter pick will be in Early April next year (weather permitting!).

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A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR GREETWELL

As you will be aware by now, a working group is in the early stages of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan for Greetwell. Thank you to those of you who have already completed questionnaires – there will be more to come!

One project which has arisen as a result of our discussions is to give our full backing to the Parish Council, with regards to campaigning for a crossing over the A158. The next thing we need is **your views**. The working party is putting together a questionnaire regarding the need for a crossing and the use of the shop/garage and restaurant on the North side of the A158 (our only facilities).

Your views are vital to us, as the more villagers who are in support of this, the more ammunition we will have when the campaign steps up.

Members of the working group will deliver the questionnaires and then come back to collect them, to try and make sure we get as many opinions as possible. So please look out for the questionnaire regarding the crossing – not to be confused with election leaflets!!

The other project which has arisen is the need to talk to residents of North Greetwell who have lived here a long time. We do have a few bits of history passed down, but we would love more. We would also love to see any photographs of North Greetwell from the past. From what we have learned so far, there have been a great many changes over the last half century at least.

In order to facilitate this, we are planning to have a coffee morning in the New Year when hopefully we might be able to draw on the memories of some of the residents. If you have memories/photographs of bygone Greetwell, we would love to hear from you.

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GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Firstly there are still two vacancies for new members on the Parish Council. With all the talk of elections please give thought to representing your local community. No election required for this!!

Parish Councillors have an interest in what is going on locally, set the Parish Council budget/precept, attend a meeting once a month and generally make an effort for the good of the parish. You won't change the world but you do keep up to date of what is happening locally!

A requirement is that you are computer literate as correspondence is sent electronically. Formal requirements are that you should be:

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

Greetwell Parish Council has seven seats and currently is only running with five members, so please do give some thought to at least giving it a try.

For any further information contact the Parish Clerk on 01522 750531 or email on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Bulb Planting in North Greetwell – District Councillor Anne Welburn has kindly donated a sack of daffodil bulbs for planting in the parish. The West Lindsey Conservationists are going to assist with the planting on 14th November. Sites earmarked for the bulbs are Westfield Avenue roundabout, around the new gateways on Wragby Road and on the corner of Lawley Close.

Westfield Avenue Roundabout – Residents living on Westfield Avenue will have noticed the transformation of the roundabout. Councillors Mike Taylor and Mrs Sarah Bates along with some willing residents from the Avenue set about cutting the trees back and removing dead growth. The result is a tidy area. The Parish Council have instructed Glendale to cut the roundabout 6 times per year and along with the three cuts from the County Council this should keep the area much neater.

Splitter Island on corner of Westfield Drive – Lincolnshire County Council have asked the Parish Council for its thoughts on removing the splitter island and replacing it with a single bollard. The Parish Council discussed this at its most recent meeting and agreed to oppose the removal on the grounds that there will be problems with the demarcation of egress and ingress and that a single bollard will soon be knocked down.

Grit Spreaders – The Parish Council own two grit spreaders for using on footways. They are stored at the home of Councillor John Taylor, 9 Wragby Road East. In the event of us getting bad weather any resident can borrow one by collecting from John.

Greetwell Residents special birthdays, births, anniversaries or obituaries – These can be published in the next edition of Greetwell News providing permission is given by the person named, or the family of the deceased.

Contact the Editor on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Dog Fouling In Greetwell – Residents have reported that repeated dog fouling is occurring during hours of darkness on Lawley Close. Adhesive ‘No dog fouling’ signs had been fixed to lamp posts in the area which have been removed. ***Please pick up after your dog – the waste can be put in any litter bin if it is double wrapped/bagged.***

Anyone who has trodden in dog dirt knows how messy, smelly and unpleasant it is. However, as well as this nuisance value, dog dirt can carry various diseases that adults and children can catch, the most notable of which is *Toxocara canis*. This is a roundworm whose eggs can be present in dog dirt. If swallowed, the eggs may grow into the roundworms, which can in extreme cases cause blindness.

West Lindsey has adopted the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and in doing so has made it an offence not to clear up after a dog has fouled. The order covers most roads, footpaths, grass verges, playing fields, parks and other public areas in towns and villages in West Lindsey.

Anyone found guilty of an offence under this Act can face a fine of up to £1000. Alternatively an offender may be given the option of paying a fixed penalty fine of £50 and avoid a court hearing.

So the message from the Council to dog owners is clear – when dog owners are exercising their animals make sure you have a supply of poop scoop 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.

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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/

Clerk to the Council: Christine Myers,
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MEETING DATES 2020 - GREETWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**All Mondays at 7.30pm except May
In the Small Hall, Old School, Nettleham**

6th January

3rd February

2nd March

6th April – Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Parish Council
meeting

Tuesday 5th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting

1st June

6th July

7th September

5th October

2nd November

7th December

Residents are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings and have an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting under Parishioners items to speak in order to bring an item to the attention of the Parish Council.

The agenda for meetings are displayed on the Parish website along with minutes of meetings and local information
parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Greetwell//

**Lincolnshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council
and Greetwell Parish Council**

Who is responsible for what? Just some of the many areas each Council is responsible for.....

LCC – 01522 552222

Highways
Footpaths
Verges
Pot holes
Street lighting
Public Rights of Way
Transport
Environmental Services
Road works
Children’s Centres
Schools and Education
Early years and Childcare Support
Environment and Planning
Register Offices – Births, Deaths and Marriages
Heritage sites
Lincolnshire Archives
Bus shelters

WLDC – 01427 676676

Planning applications
Planning Enforcement
Register of Electors
Housing and Building Control
Environmental Health
Street cleaning, including emptying of litter and dog bins
Refuse collection
Garden Waste collection
Fly tipping
Street nameplates
Council Tax
Dog fouling

Greetwell Parish Council

Commenting on planning applications
The Chase play area
Flower tubs
Neighbourhood Plan
Seats
Litter
Parish website

Report, view, or discuss local problems -

(like potholes, broken paving slabs, or street lighting) **on FIX MY STREET LINCOLNSHIRE**

Just google Fix my Street Lincolnshire and it will take you to the reporting site. It also provides you with updates and when they are fixed. Anyone can use this!

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – NORTH GREETWELL

I am pleased to announce that due to our District Councillor Anne Welburn's Initiative fund, we shall shortly have a set of equipment at our disposal. We shall be sharing it with Cherry Willingham Speedwatch volunteers, who already have one set.

To date they have carried out 126 sessions in and around Cherry Willingham, with 28,994 vehicles passing through, and 719 reported as exceeding the speed limit. Those that have been reported will have received a letter from Lincolnshire Police.

At the moment we still only have 3 volunteers here in Greetwell, although another 3 are awaiting a training date. Also, given the increased amount of traffic on the A158, due to various roads being affected by the bypass works, at many times of the day it would not be worthwhile to run a session. However, there are certain times, within current daylight hours, when it would be beneficial to run sessions, either on the A158 or on Westfield Drive, where a lot of residents have expressed concern at the speed of vehicles passing through.

If anybody is interested in becoming a volunteer (sessions only run for at most 1 hour) then please contact me. Training is done by our PCSO, Jackie, and involves coffee and biscuits!

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County Councillor Ian Fleetwood's - November 2019 brief:
Tel: 07921 161113 or Email: cllri.fleetwood@lincolnshire.gov.uk

The latest on what's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire

Pulling together – LCC, EMAS, NHS, LF&R, LIVES & Police:

Lincolnshire County Council has been working jointly for some time with East Midlands Ambulance Service and NHS colleagues to support sustainable health services in Lincolnshire. This helps relieve pressure on the NHS while sharing expertise to improve what we offer to our communities. Our successes include the Joint Ambulance Conveyance Project, supported by LIVES, which sees Lincolnshire firefighters attend medical emergencies in the first vital minutes after a call-out.

[Pulling together to help those who suffer a fall](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/pulling-together-to-help-those-who-suffer-a-fall/133818.article)

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Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (LCHS):

Strategic objectives is to build positive relationships with their stakeholders and to deliver the ambitions of the NHS 10 year plan, by working together in true partnership and have open and honest conversations. The survey focuses on the leadership, culture and relationship:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2019_LCHS_Stakeholder_Survey

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Hidden Disabilities - the Sunflower Lanyard Scheme:

Lincolnshire heritage attractions are taking part in a national initiative that ensures those with hidden disabilities don't miss out. Lincoln Castle, The Collection Museum, the Usher Gallery, Gainsborough Old Hall, Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Lincolnshire Archives and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre are now a part of the Sunflower Lanyard Scheme. All seven sites have a stock of sunflower-patterned lanyards, which people can wear to show staff that they may require additional assistance during their visit.

People simply need to ask to borrow one when buying their ticket. The scheme already works successfully at many major UK airports, supermarkets and sports venues, and we hope its introduction at our sites will give those with hidden disabilities the confidence to come along and experience all we have to offer.

[Helping those with hidden disabilities enjoy our heritage](https://pre.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/77/helping-those-with-hidden-disabilities-enjoy-our-heritage)

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Blue badge scheme extended to those with hidden disabilities:

The Government is extending the scheme to people who have a “hidden” or “non-physical” condition or disability causing them to severely struggle with journeys.

[Blue badge scheme extended to those with hidden disabilities](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/blue-badge-scheme-extended-to-those-with-hidden-disabilities/133737.article)

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Tyre Safety Month:

Lincolnshire Trading Standards has been visiting part worn tyre traders across the county to ensure they are selling road-legal tyres.

As part of Tyre Safety Month, which reminds road-users to check their tyres at least once a month, officers from Lincolnshire County Council and the Environment Agency have been working together to check retailers have robust inspection procedures in place and that they are selling safe and road-worthy tyres.

[Lincolnshire part-worn tyre traders checked by Trading Standards](https://pre.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/89/lincolnshire-part-worn-tyre-traders-checked-by-trading-standards)

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Lincoln Eastern Bypass update:

Six 225-metre long, 250-tonne bridge beams have been lifted into place over the past month, forming an integral part of the new River Witham viaduct.

[Bridge beams for Lincoln Eastern Bypass now in place over River Witham](https://pre.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/87/bridge-beams-for-lincoln-eastern-bypass-now-in-place-over-river-witham)

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NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

Changes to the Dispensary at Cherry Willingham

We're making some changes to how your prescriptions are prepared when you order medication to collect from Cherry Willingham Surgery if you are eligible for "dispensing" (which applies if you live more than a mile from a chemist).



Over the last couple of years the number of actual prescriptions that are dispensed from our Cherry Willingham dispensary has declined and with the increase of electronic prescriptions, the practice has looked at various options in order to improve our efficiency, safety, sustainability and to utilise our staff in the most appropriate way.

Therefore the practice has decided to move to a 'hub and spoke' model of dispensing for our Cherry Willingham site with effect from Monday 4th November 2019. A lot of the high street pharmacy companies have been doing this for some time now.

From **Monday 4th November 2019** all the medications requested by Dispensing patients will be prepared at the Nettleham Surgery and then sent across to Cherry Willingham Surgery to be collected. You should notice no difference to the service that you receive as you will still be able to leave your repeat prescription requests at Cherry Willingham and collect your medication from there after 48 hours as is the case now.

A member of our administration team will be at the Cherry Willingham site every day and a dispenser will be there between 11:30am – 12:30pm, Monday to Friday should you have any queries or wish to speak to one of the dispensers in person.

The dispensers are available to speak to over the telephone from 8:00am – 6:30pm every day by phoning **(01522) 751717** and choosing **option 5**, and you can still order repeat medication via our dedicated 24 hour prescription line **(01522) 754649** or **online**.

Flu Vaccinations

It is not too late to have your flu vaccination for this year. If you fall into one of the eligible categories below, please contact the practice after 10:00am to book an appointment.



The flu vaccine is routinely given on the NHS to:

- all those aged 2 and 3 (but not 4 years or older) on 31 August 2019
- all children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be offered the vaccine in school
- people aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- all pregnant women (including those who become pregnant during flu season)
- people aged 65 years and over (including those becoming 65 years by 31 March 2020)
- people living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities
- carers and household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Morbidly obese (BMI of 40 or over)

Christmas Opening Hours

The practice will be closed on the following days during the Christmas period:

Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years' Day

The practice will be open on all of the other week days from 8:00am – 6:30pm as normal.

We would like to wish all of our patients a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2020.

MONTHLY EARLY CLOSURES FOR TRAINING 2019

In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoons. Emergency help is still available by calling 111.

Tuesday 19th November

Tuesday 17th December 2019

CONTACT DETAILS

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WEBSITE – www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

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