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Latest News

NALC news (NALC login may be required)

SLCC news (No SLCC login required)

CiLCA Congratulations!

Congratulations to Karen Handley of Woodhall Spa and Roughton Parish Councils upon attainment of CiLCA.

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Scoping Consultation



Central Lincolnshire LOCAL PLAN

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Team is starting the first stage of consultation on a new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, called the Scoping Consultation.

The Government requires local plans to be kept up to date. This consultation is your opportunity to tell us what issues and topics you think the new Local Plan should address and how it should be prepared.

You can view the consultation documents online on the Central Lincolnshire website and respond through a series of online surveys covering different topics. You can comment on all parts of the consultation, or only those topics that interest you.

Please submit your response through the online surveys wherever possible. However, if you would prefer to prepare your response offline first, downloadable versions of the surveys are available on the web link above.

Printed copies of the consultation documents will be available, during normal opening hours, at the main reception areas of: City of Lincoln Council, North Kesteven District Council or West Lindsey District Council.

LCC 2028 Admissions Policy Consultation

The follow schools will be consulting on their 2028/29 Admission Policy:

Stamford St George's Church of England Aided Primary School

Consultation period: 14/10/2026 to 25/11/2026

The consultation can be found [here](#).

Market Deeping William Hildyard Church of England Primary and Nursery School

Consultation period: 14/10/2026 to 25/11/2026

The consultation can be found [here](#).

Welton William Farr CofE Comprehensive School

Consultation period: 26/10/2026 to 07/12/2026

The consultation can be found [here](#).

St George's Academy – Sleaford/Ruskington

Consultation period: 23/10/2026 – 03/12/2026

The consultation can be found [here](#).

This notification is in accordance with section 1.47 & 1.48 - School Admissions Code (2021).

Printed copies will also be made available at the built libraries across the area during normal opening hours. The consultation runs for six weeks from **Thursday 22 October 2026** to 23:59 on **Thursday 3 December 2026**. Please send us your response by this date, as late submissions may not be accepted.

To help raise awareness of the consultation in your communities, please share this poster on parish noticeboards and through your communication networks as appropriate.

For queries please contact the Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Team.

Former Mablethorpe Councillor Appointed President Elect to NABMA

Former Mayor and Town Councillor Carl Tebbutt was appointed 'President Elect' to the National Association of British Markets (NABMA) at their recent conference and AGM.

This achievement is in honour of his dedication and contribution to the market industry over many years from being a market trader across the East Midlands in the 1970's to his vision and hard work to endure the continuance of Mablethorpe weekly market in 2011/12 when ELDC had taken the decision to close this community asset.

Cllr Tebbutt continues to be a market champion, and his efforts support the continuance of the weekly market and delivery of specialist markets in the parish.



Pictured (L to R): Cllr Tebbutt (President Elect); Cllr David Hopkins (President); David Catterall DL (NABMA Chief Executive)

Recent cyber-security flaws revealed in a widely-used programming language (PHP) - what it might mean for local councils

For councils using the LCC-supplied JADU websites, LCC have confirmed that JADU released a fix for this vulnerability straight away and this has been applied to all these websites.

Councils using websites from other providers will need to confirm with their suppliers whether this vulnerability has been addressed (where relevant).

Firework Campaign to Raise Awareness of the Impact That Fireworks Can Have on Others, Alongside Safety Advice

Source: SLCC

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) is today (15 October) urging the public to consider the wider community when hosting private firework displays.

Its 'Think Beyond your garden, Know your Impact' campaign seeks to raise awareness of the effect that fireworks can have on others along with a series of tips to those lighting the blue touchpaper.

While many people will understand rules around the safe use of fireworks, this new campaign encourages them to consider their effect on neighbours as well as pets and other animals.

Unexpected fireworks can be particularly difficult for some people, including veterans living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), people with anxiety or dementia, and autistic people and children with sensory sensitivities.

Advice from OPSS includes asking the public to choose fireworks appropriate to the setting, tipping off your neighbours beforehand, and thinking about those who may have work or school the next day.

OPSS has produced a virtual toolkit including suggested social media posts which you can find [here](#).

Let's Save Water Campaign

The government-backed '[Let's Save Water campaign](#)' has several useful tips that people can follow to reduce water usage.

Every one of us needs to save 28 litres a day. Here's what you can do to hit that target:

- Shorten your shower
- Fix those leaks
- Use a washing up bowl
- Swap the hose for a bucket or watering can
- Go eco mode for your appliances
- Install a dual flush toilet
- Upgrade your shower head
- Understand your water usage

Tell HMRC About Your VAT Registration Experience

Source: SLCC

Have you had problems registering your parish, town, or community council for VAT?

HMRC wants to hear directly from councils about delays, uncertainty, inconsistent advice, or other difficulties with the VAT registration process. The evidence will feed into a discussion with colleagues responsible for VAT registration for public bodies and help demonstrate how issues are affecting councils in practice.

The **anonymous survey** takes just a couple of minutes. This is an evidence-gathering exercise rather than a promise of changes, but the more real experiences that can be shared, the better HMRC can understand the issues councils are facing.

Please respond [here](#) by the evening of **Wednesday 28 October**.

Government Seeks Views on Improving EV Charging Access for Tenants and Leaseholders

Source: SLCC

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Transport have launched a consultation on proposals to make it easier for tenants and leaseholders in England to install electric vehicle (EV) charging points at their homes.

The consultation explores the introduction of an 'ability to charge' framework, designed to streamline the process of obtaining permission from landowners and property managers for the installation of EV charging infrastructure. The government says the measures are intended to support the transition to electric vehicles by reducing barriers faced by people who do not own their homes.

Alongside this consultation, the government is also seeking views on changes to building regulations that could increase EV charging provision in new buildings and those undergoing major renovation.

The consultation applies to England and closes on **16 December 2026**. Parish and town councils with an interest in local transport, sustainability, housing, and community infrastructure may wish to review the proposals and respond.

[Find out more.](#)

Funding for Local Communities to Restore Nature

Source: SLCC

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has announced £79 million in government funding to help local communities to restore nature and adapt to climate change.

The £53 million Community Trees Fund will be funded over three years and will be available for organisations in England to carry out urban, peri-urban, and rural tree planting projects that sit outside of the government's larger woodland creation offers.

The fund will be available to councils as well as other organisations, including environmental non-governmental organisations (NGOs), farm clusters, and National Park Authorities. Further details will be set out in due course.

£26 million will be shared across 48 councils, worth around £185,000 per councils per year. This year's funding has already been handed to councils that have published their Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Anglian Water Consultation: Have Your Say On Plans For A New Reservoir in Lincolnshire

Anglian Water is proposing a new reservoir in Lincolnshire to secure water supply for future generations.

The reservoir will capture water from high river flows and store it so it's on tap when people need it. This would mean less water taken from sensitive source such as chalk streams, helping us to protect and restore our most precious environments.

Feedback from the phase two consultation held in 2024 has helped to progress the project plans.

This **phase three consultation** will help to unlock the next stages for the reservoir. Comments submitted will influence the more detailed designs.

The consultation runs from 21 October to 16 December. An interactive map and consultation documents can be found [here](#).



Get Tech Qualified - Free Tech Training For Local Council Employees Until 31 December 2026



From 1 October 2026 to 31 December 2026, all civil and public servants can access over 250 **free** learning and certification pathways – from beginner to advanced – across key digital and technology areas.

This offer is made possible through partnerships with leading tech providers, and it is **completely free**.

Whether you are just starting out or looking to deepen your expertise, there is something here for you.

Courses are available on the following topics:

- Architecture
- Cloud & Platform Technologies
- Cyber Security
- Data
- FinOps
- Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
- Quantum Computing
- Software Engineering

To be eligible to apply to get these courses for free, Clerks/Officers need to use a **gov.uk** or **org.uk** work email. If you believe you qualify, but your email is not accepted, please contact GetTechCertified@dsit.gov.uk

[Find out more.](#)

FloodMobile heading to Boston next week

Source: LCC

Residents in Boston will have the chance to find out more about protecting their properties from flooding when the Environment Agency's [FloodMobile](#) visits the town next month.

The visit forms part of a wider Lincolnshire tour, which starts in Boston on Wednesday, 28th October, before heading to Mablethorpe on Wednesday, 4th November and then Market Rasen on Tuesday, 8th December.

Often described as a 'flood house on wheels', the FloodMobile gives people the opportunity to step inside a typical home setting and see how a range of flood resilience products work in practice.

Hundleby Parish Council: Plans make progress thanks to funding boost

Source: LCC

A county council grant is helping the renovation of Hundleby Parish Rooms.

Hundleby Parish Council has received £15,000 towards accessible toilet facilities, as part of renovations to the Parish Rooms in the village.

The venue hosts a range of regular community activities and events including Tai Chi sessions, a community choir and a community café.

Put forward by local county councillor, Cllr Philip Roberts, the project was successfully awarded the money from Lincolnshire County Council's Strategic Grant Fund.

The parish council started renovating the parish rooms 7 years ago and have already replaced the kitchen and the roof and roof structure to part of the building. Much of this work has been done with other grants and their own fundraising efforts.

The latest grant funding from the county council will bring the work further towards completion.

The Councillor Community Grant Fund helps county councillors support local groups and community projects.

[Read the full story.](#)

[Find out more](#), including where Councillor Community Grant funding has been awarded.



NKDC Councils - Invitation to apply for litter picking funding

The Council has a responsibility for litter across the North Kesteven district but appreciates and values the work done at a local level by your Parish Council to keep your local area litter free.

Each year, a small amount of funding is made available by the District Council, and we will pay either 80% of the actual costs incurred or 31p per head of population (whichever is the lesser amount).

By accepting the funding, you agree to the following terms of the Service Level Agreement:

- Collect dog faeces as litter.
- Work within the 30 mph limit (for the larger parishes, we appreciate the operational logistics of this and therefore defer to local knowledge to target hotspots accordingly).
- Provide the District Council with an annual report outlining the difference the funding has made to your parish.
- Continue to work with officers of the District Council to review the location and effectiveness of litter and dog waste bins.

I am sure you will be disappointed that the funding is unchanged from last year, but we continue to review this and will update you at any time in the future.

If you wish to apply for 2026/27 funding, please submit your request to waste@n-kesteven.gov.uk by 11th December 2026.

To comply with tax advice, you are required to submit an invoice to receive funding. Once your request has been received, confirmation of the allocated funding will be sent so that you may raise an invoice to North Kesteven District Council.

Government Publishes New Overview of Local Government Accountability System

Source: SLCC

The government has published a new Overview of the Local Government Accountability System, bringing together for the first time the various mechanisms through which local authorities in England are held to account by residents, auditors, regulators, and central government. Notably for the local council sector, parish councils are explicitly included within the document's definition of local authorities and local councils, placing them alongside principal councils and strategic authorities within the wider accountability landscape.

[Read more.](#)

NALC blog - British Heart Foundation: Why parish and town councils have a vital role in improving access to defibrillators

There are over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCAs) in England each year. Tragically, just 1 in 10 people survive.

In England, 28.5% of the most deprived communities have no registered defibrillators. Critically, out-of-hospital cardiac arrests are typically more common in these areas. A defibrillator may be close by, but unless it is registered, the 999 call handler cannot see its location or direct the caller to it.

For every minute without CPR and defibrillation, the chance of survival falls by up to 10%. A nearby defibrillator can make a lifesaving difference—but only if ambulance services know it is there and can direct someone to it quickly.

The Circuit is the national defibrillator network, developed by British Heart Foundation in partnership with NHS England, Resuscitation Council UK, St John Ambulance, the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, and Save a Life Cymru. It shows 999 call handlers the nearest registered defibrillator so they can direct someone to it and help defibrillation begin before an ambulance arrives.

Parish and town councils are uniquely placed to help. By checking the defibrillators they own or support are registered, encouraging local organisations to do the same, and raising awareness, councils can make more defibrillators visible to ambulance services when every second counts. Registering costs nothing and takes only a few minutes.

Councils can also encourage organisations with existing defibrillators to ask: Is our defibrillator registered? They can check at www.defibfinder.uk. If it is not listed, the Guardian of the device, should register it on The Circuit.

British Heart Foundation's Community Defibrillator Funding Programme is now open, giving eligible non-profit community groups the opportunity to apply for a free, funded defibrillator package. Councils can share the opportunity, encourage groups to check the eligibility criteria and reinforce one essential next step: every new defibrillator must be registered on The Circuit as soon as it is installed.

[Read the full blog](#) (NALC login is required).

SUPPORTING PARISH COUNCILS ACROSS LINCOLNSHIRE



At TQ Services, we're proud to work alongside parish councils to keep our local communities clean, safe, and thriving. From maintaining village greens and recreation areas to caring for memorial gardens, playgrounds, and pathways — we handle every detail with care, consistency, and pride.

Grounds Maintenance You Can Rely On

Our experienced team provides professional grounds maintenance tailored to the needs of each parish.

We cover everything from regular grass cutting and hedge trimming to seasonal planting, litter clearance, and general upkeep. We understand that every parish is unique, and we take the time to deliver work that reflects your community's standards and expectations.

Rooted in the Community

We're not a distant contractor — we live and work here too. Our work extends beyond public spaces, with a strong presence in local schools and grassroots football.

Through our Platinum Partnership with Lincoln City FC, we proudly support the next generation, helping young people stay active, connected, and proud of where they come from.

Let's Keep Lincolnshire Looking Its Best

If your parish council is looking for a dependable, community-minded team to manage its outdoor spaces, we'd love to help.

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LALC can advertise your vacancy on our website and in the fortnightly eNews. This is a free service. If you do not have a pre-prepared advert to send us, please complete our Vacancy Template, which can be found in the Members Portal under Document Templates.

We also offer a paid advertising service, which ensures that your advert also appears on Lincolnshire County Council's website, Facebook, and LinkedIn (in addition to the LALC website and eNews). The current fee for this is £80. Please complete the Vacancy Template (as above), ensuring that all requested information (including mandatory information) is completed, and then contact us at enquiries@lalc.co.uk. You will be invoiced for this service.

Please note that Lincolnshire County Council require a closing date on their advert, as well as salary information (these are mandatory fields). LCC will remove your advert once the closing date has passed, so please consider the date carefully as you will have to pay again to re-advertise if your vacancy hasn't been filled by then. We recommend all councils advertise their vacancy, job details, method of application and up to date contact details on their own website too.

Please let us know when the vacancy has been filled, so that we can remove it from our website/eNews. Please also notify us of your new Clerk/Officer's details so that we can update our records and set them up with access to our portal.

If your vacancy has not yet been filled and you are continuing to advertise, please let us know of any revised closing date. **If you no longer specify a closing date, please let us know so that we can update the vacancy adverts.**

Recruitment Manual

NALC's Recruitment Manual can be found in the LALC portal (login required). In the Knowledgebase, select Employment, and search for Recruitment. The Manual covers Staffing Committee Terms of Reference, Role of the Clerk, Job Description and Person Specification, Advertising, Application Forms, Recruitment Information Pack, Short-listing Guidance, Selection Interviewing Guidance, Selection Assessment Guidance, Appointment Process, Induction, and Probation.

Current vacancies	Position	Closing date
<u>Bigby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	30th September 2026
<u>South Somercotes Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	5 th October 2026
<u>Folkingham Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	19 th October 2026
<u>Newark Town Council</u>	Executive Assistant	29 th October 2026
<u>Bourne Town Council</u>	Deputy Town Clerk	30 th October 2026
<u>South Hykeham Parish Council</u>	Assistant Clerk	8 th November 2026

