LALC eNews

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Latest News

NALC news (NALC login may be required)
SLCC news (No SLCC login required)
LCC Town and Parish Council Update
Gallagher Community Matters Newsletter
Clear Councils October Updates

NALC Online Events

NALC have launched our online events schedule for 2027/28, featuring 13 events designed to help parish and town councils develop their knowledge, share good practice and respond to the challenges facing their communities. The schedule will cover topics including funding, planning, community energy, communications, emergency planning, governance and community engagement.

Ticket prices have been frozen for another year.

You can explore our events schedule and book your place on our website.

Martyn's Law regulator releases new tools to help you prepare

The Security Industry Authority (SIA) is the regulator for Martyn's Law and has released new tools to help you prepare to comply. Developed with the support of volunteers from premises and events and the SIA's protective security partners, there is:

- a new planning tool for those in the standard tier to work through what procedures they have or will put in place to comply and;
- a template for the enhanced tier to use to start documenting their procedures and measures.

The SIA is inviting feedback on the tools released and encouraging those in scope to test them out now and start to prepare. You can share feedback on these tools through this feedback form until 23 December.

New Visitor Levy Powers to Put Money Back Into Local Communities

Source: SLCC

The Visitor Levy Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 4 November, will give mayors and leaders the ability to introduce a small fee on overnight stays. Money raised through the levy will stay in the local area, giving communities investment in the places and services used by visitors and residents.

Mayors who choose to introduce a levy will be able to invest in their regions and improve the visitor experience including public toilets and parks, cultural events, and security and destination promotion. Money raised from visitors will stay in the area, helping attract more visitors, support local businesses, and improve places for the people who live there too.

The levy will be charged as a percentage rate of the cost of accommodation rather than as a flat fee, meaning those choosing cheaper accommodation will pay less.

Read more here.

NALC appoints Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle as president

At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 12 November 2026, Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle was appointed as our new president, following Baroness Scott of Needham Market's decision to stand down from the role.

Baroness Bennett, who previously served as a vice-president, will take up the position of president until our next AGM in 2027.

There were also appointments and reappointments of our vice-presidents and working vice-presidents. The appointments are: Baroness Scott of Needham Market, Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, the Earl of Lytton and Cllr Sue Baxter.

Another Successful Clerks' Networking Day

Over 40 Clerks (and other officers) attended this year's Clerks' Networking Day held at Bracebridge Heath. The day also included the SLCC Lincolnshire Branch AGM.

Becky Walsh kicked off the morning session with an informative and amusing session on the 'Spun Out: A Nervous System with Trust Issues', giving attendees hints and tips for staying within your window of tolerance, and identifying when you may be approaching burnout. Who knew we need to count our spoons, not let our glass of water overflow, think about crows throwing stones, and the powers of dancing to the Nolan sisters! (You had to be there).





In the afternoon session, Claire Reed, NALC Proper Practices Project Manager told us all about upcoming changes to Proper Practices effective from 1st April 2027.

This was followed by Lance Allen, User Acceptance & Training Project Manager to the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) who demonstrated the new web-based portal for the submission of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) from April 2027.

There will be a cashback incentive for those councils submitting online in 2027 which is equivalent to your 2027 External Audit fee.

Thanks to everyone for actively participating in all the sessions.

LCC 2028 Admissions Policy Consultation

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

Tattershall - Barnes Wallis Academy
Consultation period: 09/11/26 to 31/12/26
The consultation can be found here.

Hogsthorpe Primary Academy
Consultation period: 09/11/26 to 31/12/26
The consultation can be found here.

Ingoldsby Academy
Consultation period: 09/11/26 to 31/12/26
The consultation can be found here.

Skegness - The Richmond Academy
Consultation period: 09/11/26 to 31/12/26
The consultation can be found here.

Kirton - Thomas Middlecott Academy
Consultation period: 09/11/26 to 31/12/26
The consultation can be found here.

Lincoln Bracebridge Infant and Nursery School
Consultation period: 10/11/2026 to 22/12/2026
The consultation can be found here.

Grantham The Priory Ruskin Academy
Consultation period: 10/11/2026 to 22/12/2026
The consultation can be found here.

Lincoln Carlton Academy
Consultation period: 16/11/2026 to 31/12/2026
The consultation can be found here.

Gainsborough Benjamin Adlard Primary School
Consultation period: 16/11/2026 to 31/12/2026
The consultation can be found here.

Mablethorpe Primary Academy
Consultation period: 16/11/2026 to 18/01/2027
The consultation can be found here.

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

LINCOLNSHIRE RESILIENCE FORUM

NALC launches new network to support local government reorganisation

We have launched our new Local Government Reorganisation Network to support our National Assembly and county associations as they navigate local government reorganisation across England.

The network provides a dedicated space to build knowledge and understanding of the LGR process, timelines and policy context. It will help prepare for change through practical guidance, real-world examples and shared learning, while providing opportunities to discuss emerging issues, exchange good practice and collaborate with others facing similar challenges.

The quarterly meetings will feature guest speakers, case studies from areas that have undergone local government reorganisation, and interactive discussions to share ideas, explore challenges and learn from one another.

The network will also have access to a dedicated online space to share experiences and useful resources, ask questions, seek advice from peers and work collaboratively to find solutions. This will provide an ongoing opportunity to exchange practical insights and support across the sector between meetings.

The network will also help us identify emerging issues and challenges, informing our policy work and wider support for county associations and parish and town councils. It will complement the work of our Policy Committee.

By bringing the National Assembly and county associations together, we aim to strengthen collaboration, share valuable learning and help ensure the parish and town council sector is well supported as local government reorganisation progresses across England.

Recent Community Resilience Conference

Lincolnshire Resilience Forum held its first Community Resilience Conference at Woodhall Spa in October.

A short video showcasing what was a very informative and successful day is now available to view on YouTube.

NALC Publish Project Keystone Report

NALC have published the final report from Project Keystone, our strategic review of support for parish and town councils, setting out an ambitious package of recommendations to create a stronger, more connected and sustainable support system for the sector over the next decade.

The review comes at a time of significant change for parish and town councils, with devolution, local government reorganisation, financial pressures, workforce challenges, digital transformation and artificial intelligence all reshaping the sector.

Four key recommendations come out of the report:

- Strengthen NALC's national leadership and role as the voice of the sector.
- Create more resilient county association structures.
- Build a clearer and more formal relationship between NALC and county associations.
- Introduce a long-term improvement framework for the sector.

The recommendations will be considered by the Management Board and the National Assembly this year. These discussions will help determine which proposals are taken forward and how they could be developed.

Read the article in full.

Read the Project Keystone report (NALC login required).

Breakthrough Communications Articles

You Don't Have to Like Everyone

Effective working relationships are built on respect rather than on whether we like each other, and recognising that can take a lot of the pressure off when we find someone difficult to work with.

Read more.

How is AI influencing FOI

As AI becomes more widely used by the general public, we're seeing it used in ways that place more demand on your already stretched time.

Read more.

A Simple Shortcut That Became a Data Breach

Sometimes the biggest data protection lessons come from the smallest decisions.

Read more.

Spotting scams and staying safe - County Views winter 2026



Scams and fraud are something many of us come across, whether it's a suspicious text, phone call or email. But how confident do you feel about spotting the warning signs and knowing what to do next?
We'd like to hear about your experiences of fraud and scams, how aware you are of the risks, and whether you know where to report concerns. We know that fraud is often not reported, but it's important that we understand the scale of the problem in Lincolnshire.

Whether you've been targeted by a scam, know someone who has, or just want to give your views, all feedback helps us improve information, support and awareness campaigns, to keep people safe.

Take the survey.

The survey closes on 18 January 2027.

We will share your responses across Lincolnshire County Council services and with our councillors and use them to create a report that will be published alongside our previous County Views survey reports.

Communities to Get a Stronger Say Over Billions of Pounds of Water Investment

Source: SLCC

On 5 November, the government announced eight new regional water councils to put communities at the heart of decisions on tackling sewage, flooding, drought, and securing future water supplies.

The new regional water councils will bring together local leaders, customers, and businesses to set the priorities for their region, helping shape billions of pounds of investment in water and flood infrastructure.

Mayors will also receive new powers through the strengthened Water Bill to hold water companies to account for their performance.

Read more here.

Crisis and Resilience Fund - Please Share With Your Communities

The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) is funded by the UK Government. The fund replaces previous support schemes.



It provides financial help to residents facing hardship and supports people to become more financially resilient.

This can help reduce the risk of future financial crises. The fund is made up of four elements:

- **Crisis payments** - A circumstance of pressing need to prevent or remedy negative outcomes. This could include, but is not limited to, people going without material essentials such as food, shelter, heating, essential items such as furniture and appliances or services such as water or energy.
- **Heating Oil Payments** - To support low-income and vulnerable households with the rising cost of domestic heating oil. Working in partnership with Lincolnshire Community Foundation, the Council has established a responsive fund that will deliver targeted support to those most in need.
- **Resilience Service** - Services, programmes and activities that support building financial resilience for individuals and local communities. These are often delivered by local voluntary and community sector organisations but can also be delivered directly by the Authority.
- **Community Coordination** - Create a more connected local welfare landscape that directly contributes to the local level support landscape. Progress in improving local level support also contributes to improvements in the Fund's other outcomes on the provision of effective crisis support and improving individuals' financial resilience.
- **Housing Payments** - From 1 April 2026, Direct Housing Payments will be replaced by the Housing Payment strand of the CRF. The Housing Payment provides financial support towards housing costs and is paid by an Authority when they are satisfied that an applicant requires further financial assistance with housing costs.

Further information can be found on LCC website here and on district council websites.

Further information regarding Emergency Heating Oil Information can be found here.

Heritage in community hands

Source: LCC

A recommendation has been made to transfer the freehold of Alford Windmill to the Town Council, who have costed and robust plans to give the site a sustainable future.

Plans for the county council's four windmills aim to involve community groups in the future of these heritage assets, wherever possible. The council has been talking to interested groups over the last year about the options for all of the sites and is now starting to take these forward.

An executive councillor decision is due from 27 November 2026.

Dr Lynnette Pryke, Chief Executive Officer of Alford Town Council, said: *"Alford Town Council is absolutely determined not only to preserve and protect our historic Five Sail Windmill and site for future generations, but to ensure that it becomes a thriving, sustainable community asset that delivers real benefits to the people and businesses of Alford.*

"We recognise that times have changed, and simply restoring the site and Windmill to what it once was is not enough to secure its long-term future. Our vision is to celebrate its remarkable heritage whilst embracing new opportunities that reflect the needs and interests of a modern community.

"We are grateful to Lincolnshire County Council for recognising our vision and the considerable work that has gone into developing a robust business plan. We look forward to the outcome of the decision-making process and, subject to approval, taking the next steps towards bringing this historic landmark back to life and helping make Alford a destination and not a drive through!"

Alford Town Council Plans include:

- Restoration of the windmill.
- Creating opportunities for education, skills development, training and local employment.
- Ensuring the windmill is a catalyst for wider economic regeneration, bringing together heritage, tourism, education and community wellbeing.
- Committment to working with partners, local businesses and the community to ensure that this much-loved landmark has a sustainable and exciting future.

Read the article in full.

SUPPORTING PARISH COUNCILS ACROSS LINCOLNSHIRE

TQ SERVICES

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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Vacancy advertising

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.**

Current vacancies	Position	Closing date
Folkingham Parish Council	Clerk/RFO	19th October 2026
Bourne Town Council	Deputy Town Clerk	30th October 2026
South Hykeham Parish Council	Assistant Clerk	31st December 2026
Washingborough Parish Council	RFO/Assistant Clerk	No closing date
North Scarle Parish Council	Clerk/RFO	13th November 2026
Gainsborough Town Council	Caretaker	1st December 2026
Wildmore Parish Council	Clerk/RFO	8th December 2026
Market Rasen Town Council	Assistant Clerk	4th December 2026
North Kelsey Parish Council	Clerk/RFO	8th December 2026
Snitterby Parish Council	Clerk/RFO	11th December 2026
Hemswell Cliff Parish Council	Clerk/RFO	8th December 2026