

LINCOLN NORTH RURAL

Partnership Newsletter

November 2026

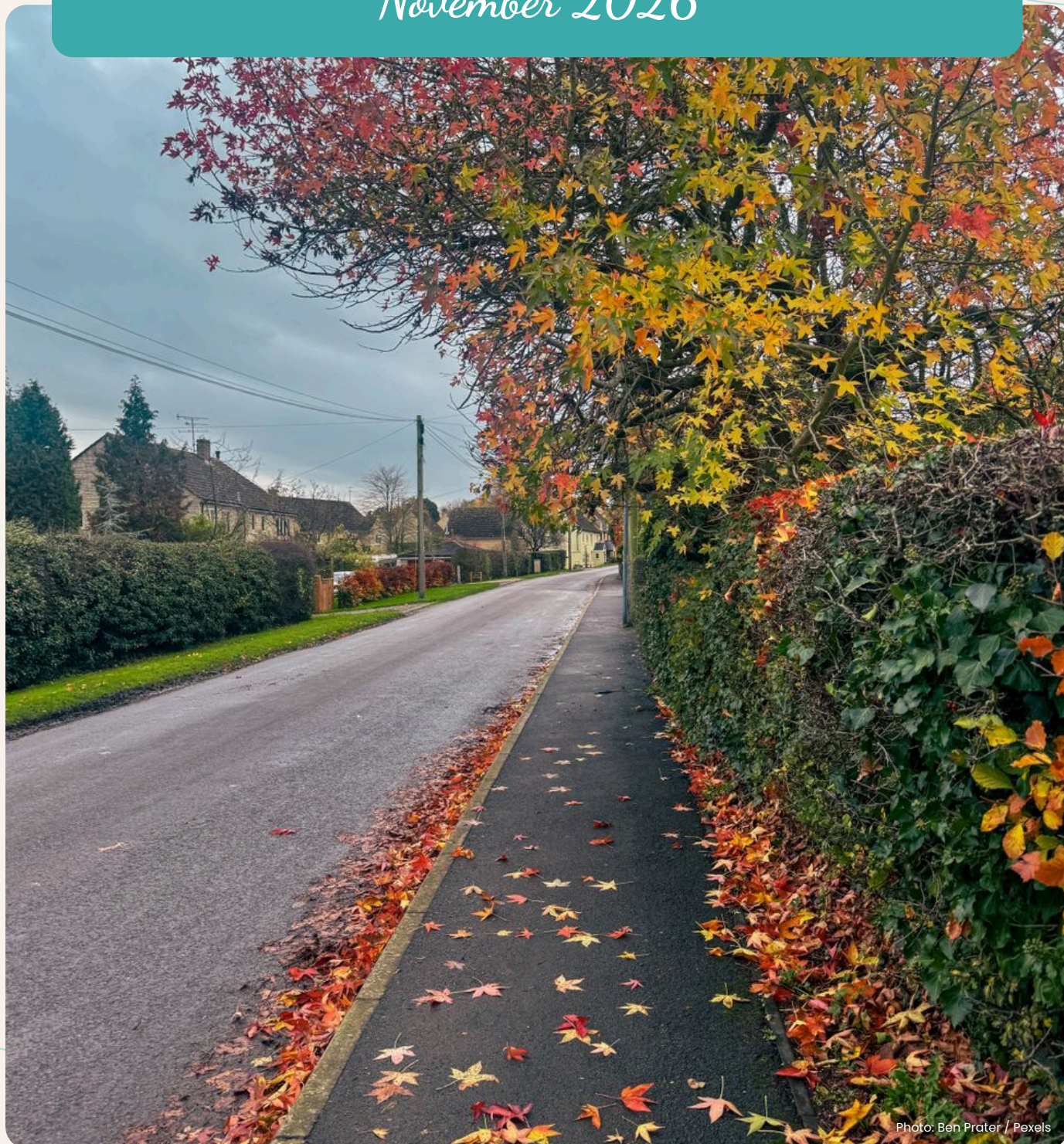


Photo: Ben Prater / Pexels

News, dates, funding and support for the villages north of Lincoln: Nettleham, Cherry Willingham, Reepham, Fiskerton, Welton, Dunholme, Sudbrooke, Scothern, Stow, Sturton by Stow and Willingham by Stow.

Contents

- 3** Partnership gatherings
- 4** You said, we did
- 5** Your villages: the three clusters
- 8** What's on in November
- 10** Regular groups
- 12** Staying warm and well this winter
- 13** Community news
- 14** How to refer
- 15** Volunteer locally
- 16** Funding
- 17** Get involved and get help

PARTNER ASK

A question worth answering?

I'm linking local groups with University of Lincoln undergraduates looking for real-world research projects. If there's a question your group would love answered, such as who isn't coming and why, or what difference your work makes, send it in and I'll look for a student to take it on.

Send your question:

forms.gle/KrFLeEjAZFdZHyPH7

Welcome to *issue one*

Welcome to the first Lincoln North Rural Partnership Newsletter. Each month it brings together what's happening across our villages north of Lincoln: dates, local news, funding and support, in one place you can read, forward and pin up.

It's built from what partners send in and what's published locally, and every item is checked before it goes in. If something is missing or wrong, tell me and I'll put it right next month.

Our next gathering is on Wednesday 18 November at Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall. Everyone who runs something locally is welcome. There's nothing to sign up to: come as you are.

Bryn Joslin

Community Connector, Lincoln North Rural, Bridge

bryn.joslin@wearebridge.org

HOW THIS NEWSLETTER WORKS

It goes out on the first working day of each month. Anyone can send in events, news and asks for help through our form by the 20th of the month before. We check every item against its source before it goes in, and we only print contact details people have agreed to share.

KEY DATES THIS MONTH

Thu 5 Nov

Meet the Funders, Lincoln

Wed 11 Nov

Armistice Day, 11am

Wed 18 Nov

Gathering: Cherry cluster

Fri 20 Nov

Deadline for December's newsletter

Mon 30 Nov

County councillor grants round closes

Everyone is welcome.

Come as you are.

Since July, informal partnership gatherings have moved around our three groups of villages. Anyone who runs something locally is welcome: parish councils, churches, schools, surgeries, clubs, community groups, charities and public services.

- 1 We hear what everyone is working on
- 2 We share offers and needs
- 3 We make time to connect, over a cuppa

There's nothing to join and nothing to sign up to. Issues people agree are worth working on can become small working groups.

The last round

We've now met once in each cluster: 28 partners at Reepham and Cherry Willingham in July, 37 at Dunholme in September, and 18 at Sturton by Stow in October, plus partners who sent updates.

What you raised, and what has happened since: see You said, we did on page 4.

THE NEXT THREE

WED
18
NOV

THIS MONTH

Cherry cluster

11:00 to 12:30

Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall, Hawthorn Road, Reepham LN3 4DU

WED
9
DEC

Welton and Dunholme cluster

10:30 to 12:00

Welton Village Hall, Welton

THU
14
JAN

Stow villages

11:00 to 12:30

Sturton by Stow Village Hall

Hear about future dates by joining the mailing list: forms.gle/E9zEfZG2leLT2JP68

You said, *we did*

We've now met once in each of our three clusters. Here's what partners raised at each gathering, and what has happened since. "In progress" means it's started but not finished.

Cherry cluster

Thursday 9 July, Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall | 28 partners

YOU SAID

- It's hard to reach isolated, housebound and 'unknown' vulnerable people
- Engaging men is difficult
- Village halls and groups struggle to recruit volunteers
- Partners don't know each other's services and routes in

WE DID

DONE Shared the notes and contact list after every gathering, so partners can reach each other directly between meetings.

DONE Got more local groups listed on HAY Lincolnshire so people can find them, including Sudbrooke Coffee Club and Walking Group, Scothern Players, Reepham Art Group, Cherry Willingham Whist Club and Gentle Fit.

IN PROGRESS Looked at shared support options for village hall committees struggling to find volunteers and successors. This is likely to be one of our priorities in next year's (2027/28) project plan.

Welton and Dunholme cluster

Wednesday 9 September, Dunholme Village Hall | 37 partners

YOU SAID

- Pop-up services set up where nobody already goes, and nobody comes: go where people already gather
- Volunteers and successors are hard to find (Welton News, the cricket club)
- People in the smaller villages don't know services exist
- Partners are drowning in forwarded emails

WE DID

DONE Submitted Welton Library and storytime, Welton and Dunholme Cricket Club and Welton Larder to HAY Lincolnshire, to make them easier to find.

DONE Started this monthly newsletter, so there's one round-up instead of lots of forwarded emails.

Stow villages

Thursday 8 October, Sturton by Stow Village Hall | 18 partners

YOU SAID

- Stow Minster needs people to welcome visitors and listen
- The Sturton youth club needs funding
- Parish councils want one list of who to contact for wellbeing support
- New services need places to meet people
- Support for veterans and military families

WE DID

DONE Introduced Stow Minster to CVS Lincolnshire's volunteering team, who are looking for welcomers.

DONE Connected the ward councillor with Groundwork (LCVYS), who pointed to small grants for youth groups.

DONE Arranged for Talking Therapies, Green Doctor, Connect to Work and adult learning advisers to visit the Monday warm space at Sturton by Stow from mid-November.

DONE Connected the Armed Forces Covenant lead with Sturton by Stow Parish Council and CVS Lincolnshire, with an offer to attend a parish council meeting.

IN PROGRESS Working towards an opt-in partner directory by March 2027, in answer to the request for one list of contacts.

The next round-up will be in the February issue, once we've been round all three clusters again.



YOUR VILLAGES

Cherry cluster

Nettleham, Cherry Willingham, Reepham and Fiskerton

Photo: Michael Hamments / Pexels

WED

18

NOV

THIS MONTH'S GATHERING

Wednesday 18 November, 11:00 to 12:30

Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

LOCAL NEWS AND ASKS

Nettleham's church tower restoration nears completion

Work on the 800-year-old tower at All Saints Nettleham is almost complete, covering the roof, stonework, clock faces, bells and windows. Funders include the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation, West Lindsey District Council and Nettleham Parish Council.

More info: achurchnearyou.com/church/14797

Fiskerton: The Paddock at Manor Farm

Fiskerton Parish Council is buying The Paddock at Manor Farm, after a public consultation showed about 97% support. A consultation on how the land should be used will start in the next village newsletter.

More info: fiskerton.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Nettleham: young people's BMX track idea

Nettleham Parish Council has agreed to support a feasibility study into a BMX track, looking at locations, design and costs, with input from the local young people who proposed it.

More info: nettleham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Your group in the spotlight

Want your group in the spotlight? Send a few lines and a photo through the newsletter form.



YOUR VILLAGES

Welton and Dunholme cluster

Welton, Dunholme, Sudbrooke and Scothern

Photo: philly / Pexels

WED
9
DEC

NEXT GATHERING

Wednesday 9 December, 10:30 to 12:00

Welton Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

LOCAL NEWS AND ASKS

Scothern Christmas lights competition

Scothern Parish Council is running its Christmas lights competition again this year, with a prize. Details to follow from the parish council.

More info: scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Dunholme Village Hall plans

Dunholme Parish Council's plans to redevelop the 52-year-old village hall, shaped by a survey with close to 800 replies, can now move towards planning permission.

Spotlight: Welton Tuesday Wellbeing Group

Every Tuesday from 10:30 to 12:30 at Welton Village Hall, a friendly social morning with chair exercises every other week, for £3 on the door. Through the dark winter months, a regular reason to get out and see familiar faces matters more than ever.



YOUR VILLAGES

Stow villages

Stow, Sturton by Stow, Willingham by Stow and neighbours

Photo: Sam McCool / Pexels

THU
14
JAN

NEXT GATHERING

Thursday 14 January, 11:00 to 12:30

Sturton by Stow Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

LOCAL NEWS AND ASKS

Partners at the Sturton Monday warm space

From mid-November, partners including Green Doctor (energy advice), Connect to Work and Lincolnshire Talking Therapies plan to drop in to the Monday warm space after the wellbeing walk at Sturton by Stow Village Hall.

New wellbeing walks

Lincolnshire Co-op is starting two new wellbeing walks: a one-mile walk in Willingham by Stow and a two to three mile walk in Stow, led by trained walk leaders.

Sturton: skate ramps and allotments

Sturton by Stow Parish Council has agreed that grant funding can go towards concrete skate ramps on the recreation ground, and is looking for land for community allotments.

More info: sturton-stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Your group in the spotlight

Want your group in the spotlight? Send a few lines and a photo through the newsletter form.

WHAT'S ON

November in our villages

Photo: Michaela St / Pexels

Dated events across our villages in November, plus a few aimed at community groups in Lincoln and beyond. Times and details can change, so check before you go.

THU
5

Meet the Funders, Lincoln

10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm | Robert Hardy Building, Lincoln Bishop University **LINCOLN**
Free. Book one session; up to two people per group.

Book or more info:

meetthefunderslincoln.eventbrite.co.uk

THU
5

Lindsey u3a monthly meeting

Doors 9:30am, talk 10:30am | Welton Village Hall
WELTON AND DUNHOLME

SAT
7

Scothern Christmas Fair

10am to 2pm, free entry | Scothern Village Hall
WELTON AND DUNHOLME
Stalls, local crafters, raffle and refreshments, run by St Germain's Church and the village hall, with children's tombola and games from the parish council.

SAT
7

Fireworks night at Sturton by Stow Primary

Time to be confirmed | Sturton by Stow Primary School
STOW VILLAGES

SUN
8

Remembrance Sunday in Nettleham

10am service; 3pm parade and service | All Saints Church, then the war memorial on The Green
CHERRY CLUSTER

SUN
8

Remembrance Sunday in Scothern

10:45am service, then wreaths at the war memorial | St Germain's Church, Scothern
WELTON AND DUNHOLME

WED
11

Armistice Day at Welton War Memorial

11am | War Memorial, Welton
WELTON AND DUNHOLME

WED
11

Act of remembrance on Nettleham Village Green

11am (gather from 10:50am) | Nettleham Village Green
CHERRY CLUSTER

THU
12

Funding Ready: identifying funding streams

6pm to 8pm | Online, CVS Lincolnshire (book on Eventbrite) **ONLINE**

Book or more info: eventbrite.com/cc/funding-ready-training-3948733

THU
12

LVET workshop: fresh approaches to familiar challenges

10am to 12pm | Sleaford Town Hall community room **COUNTY**

Book or more info: lvet.co.uk/member-events-updated

THU
12

Scothern Players: A Butler Did It!

Thu 12 to Sat 14 Nov, 7pm for 7:30pm, plus Sat matinée 1:30pm for 2pm | Scothern Village Hall
WELTON AND DUNHOLME

A comedy murder mystery. Tickets £12.

Book or more info: scothernplayers.org.uk

SAT
14

Book sale at Welton Library

10am to 12pm | Welton Village Library and Community Hub, Manor Park
WELTON AND DUNHOLME

WED
18

Partnership gathering: Cherry cluster

11am to 12:30pm | Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
CHERRY CLUSTER

WED
18

LVET online: counting in-kind contributions as match funding

1pm to 2:30pm | Online **COUNTY**

Book or more info: lvet.co.uk/member-events-updated

THU
19

Funding Ready: what makes a good application

6pm to 8pm | Online, CVS Lincolnshire (book on Eventbrite) **ONLINE**

Book or more info: eventbrite.com/cc/funding-ready-training-3948733

FRI
20

Flix in the Stix film night: Michael

7pm for 7:30pm, £5 on the door | Scothern Village Hall
WELTON AND DUNHOLME

November in our villages, continued

SAT 21	Early Talkers session for under-5s 10:30am, free Welton Village Library and Community Hub WELTON AND DUNHOLME Run by Lincolnshire Children's Centres, for children up to 5 with their parents or carers.	SAT 28	Nettleham Community Christmas Market 10am to 4pm Nettleham Community Hub and around the village CHERRY CLUSTER
TUE 24	Library talk: Welton in the Second World War 2pm Welton Village Library and Community Hub, Manor Park, Hackthorn Road WELTON AND DUNHOLME	SAT 28	Children's craft morning 10:30am, for accompanied children aged 4 to 11 Welton Village Library and Community Hub WELTON AND DUNHOLME
FRI 27	Cherry Willingham Christmas lights switch-on 4pm to 6pm The Vine Centre parade, Cherry Willingham CHERRY CLUSTER	SUN 29	Welton Christmas Market and Tree Lighting 3pm to 6pm Welton (venue to be confirmed) WELTON AND DUNHOLME With Lincoln City Brass Band, craft stalls and refreshments.

Talks at Bransby Horses

11am on 4, 8, 12, 14, 18, 22, 27 and 28 November
Bransby Horses Visitor Centre, Bransby (free entry, open Wednesday to Sunday)

COMING IN DECEMBER		
Early dates for your diary		
Thu 3 Dec	Lindsey u3a monthly meeting	Welton Village Hall
Sat 5 Dec	Cherry Willingham Christmas Quiz	Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Sat 5 Dec	Sturton by Stow Christmas lights switch-on, 4pm	Village Green, Sturton by Stow
Sun 6 Dec	Choral evensong, 5pm	Stow Minster
Wed 9 Dec	Partnership gathering, 10:30am	Welton Village Hall
Wed 9 Dec	West Lindsey Voluntary Sector Forum, 10:30am	Park Springs Community Centre, Gainsborough
Fri 11 Dec	Welton PDA Christmas lunch (tickets £10)	Venue to be confirmed
Fri 11 Dec	Flix in the Stix film night: Midwinter Break	Scothern Village Hall

EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

Regular groups

Photo: Christian Gazzabini / Pexels

Regular groups and drop-ins across our villages. Most welcome new faces; many are free or ask a small donation. Check before you go, especially around bank holidays.

Cherry cluster

WHEN	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
Mon	10am to 12pm	Coffee morning ("Coffee Shop")	All Saints Church, Nettleham
Mon	From 3:30pm	Families: tea, toast and toys after school	All Saints Church, Nettleham
Tue	9:30 to 11:15am	Ducklings (under-5s and their grown-ups)	All Saints Church, Nettleham
Tue (fortnightly)	10am	Wellbeing walk	From Rosie Lea's Cafe, The Parade, Cherry Willingham
Tue (weekly)	1pm	Wellbeing walk	From Nettleham Community Hub, East Street
2nd Tue	2pm	Mothers' Union	Cherry Willingham Church Hall
1st Wed	2pm	Ladies Group	Cherry Willingham Church Hall
1st Thu	Lunch, £5 (see HAY for times)	Luncheon Club	Cherry Willingham Church Hall
2nd Sat	10 to 11:30am	Charity coffee morning	Cherry Willingham Church Hall
2nd & last Mon	2pm	Whist club	Cherry Willingham Church Hall

Welton and Dunholme cluster

WHEN	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
Mon	11am to 3pm	Cosy Corner warm space	Jubilee Room, Dunholme Village Hall
Mon	1pm	Wellbeing walk	From the Black Bull, Lincoln Road, Welton
Mon & Wed	Mon 3 to 6pm; Wed 9am to 12pm	Outreach Post Office	St Chad's Church, Dunholme
Tue	9:30 to 10am	Storytime (under-5s with an adult)	Welton Village Library, Manor Park
Tue	10:30am to 12:30pm	Tuesday Wellbeing Group (£3)	Welton Village Hall
Tue	10am to 12pm	Community coffee morning (over the winter)	Scothern Methodist Chapel
Wed & Sat	10 to 11:30am	Coffee mornings	Welton and Dunholme Methodist Chapel, Welton
Thu	10am to 2pm	Welton Larder: free food, no referral needed	St Mary's Church, Lincoln Road, Welton
2nd & 4th Thu	10:30am	Chapel Chat and Coffee	Scothern Methodist Chapel
2nd Fri	10:30 to 11:30am	Coffee club	Sudbrooke Village Hall
1st Sat	9:30am	Walking group	From Sudbrooke Village Hall
2nd Sun	10am to 12pm	Threshold community cafe	Welton Village Hall

Regular groups, continued

Stow villages

WHEN	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
1st & 3rd Mon	11am	Lincolnshire Co-op wellbeing walk	From Sturton by Stow Village Hall
Mon	After the 11am walk	Community cafe and warm space	Sturton by Stow Village Hall
Mon	7pm	Carpet bowls	Sturton by Stow Village Hall

Is your group missing?

Is your group missing, or has something changed? Send it through the newsletter form and we'll add it.

WINTER

Staying warm and well this winter

Photo: Gülşah Aydoğan / Pexels

Practical help that's open now. Please pass it on to anyone who might be struggling this winter, especially households off mains gas.

£300 heating oil voucher

West Lindsey households who rely on heating oil and are at risk of running out can apply for a one-off £300 oil voucher if household income is under £36,000 and savings under £6,000. Apply online through Lincolnshire Community Foundation or call 01529 572575 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

More info: lincolnshirecf.co.uk/wloil

Winter Fuel Payment

People born on or before 27 June 1960 get £100 to £300 towards heating, usually automatically, with most payments made in November or December. If taxable income is over £35,000, HMRC takes it back.

More info: gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

Free winter warm packs

Free warm packs for adults on lower incomes are available again this winter through local referrers. A new Connect to Support winter page, with a map of referrers, launches at 9am on Tuesday 3 November.

More info: lincolnshire.connecttosupport.org

Crisis payments

The Household Support Fund ended in March. Low-income households facing a sudden crisis can now apply to the Crisis and Resilience Fund through West Lindsey District Council (01427 676676). Connect to Support Lincolnshire can help with forms.

More info: lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-councillors/crisis-resilience-fund-crf

Flu jobs

Free flu vaccinations are available for people aged 65 and over, people with some long-term conditions, pregnant women, carers and others. Book through your GP, a pharmacy or the NHS App.

More info: nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine

Priority Services Register

A free register for people who are older, disabled, seriously ill or rely on power for medical equipment, giving extra help in a power cut. Join through your energy supplier and network operator.

More info: nationalgrid.co.uk

Warm spaces near you

Cosy Corner, Dunholme: Mondays, 11am to 3pm, Jubilee Room, Dunholme Village Hall

Sturton by Stow: Monday community cafe and warm space at the village hall after the wellbeing walk

Running a warm space this winter? Tell us and we'll list it in December.

Free home energy visits and money advice: see How to refer for Green Doctor, Better Housing Better Health and Citizens Advice. Page 14.



ACROSS THE PATCH

Community news

Photo: Piotr Jachowicz / Pexels

News from across the patch and offers from partners. Local village news is on the cluster pages.

Connect to Work is now live

Connect to Work, led by Lincolnshire County Council with partners including Shaw Trust, offers free supported employment and in-work help to anyone who wants it, including a 'better off' calculator. Drop-ins in local villages are being planned.

More info: 2aspire.org.uk/connect-to-work

Talking Therapies: most people start within six weeks

Lincolnshire Talking Therapies offers free NHS support for adults 16 and over with mild to moderate difficulties. You can refer yourself, and three in four people now start therapy within six weeks. The team can also drop in to coffee mornings and warm spaces.

Family hubs and children's centres are for everyone

Lincolnshire's 47 Best Start family hubs and children's centres offer free sessions, groups and advice for families from pregnancy to age five, with no appointment needed. A new booklet lists what's on at each one.

More info: lincolnshire.gov.uk/beststartinlife

Support for veterans and military families

The Armed Forces Community Directory lists national, regional and local support for service personnel, veterans and their families, with a county veterans map and a handbook to download. The county's Armed Forces Covenant team can also visit parish councils. Organisations supporting the armed forces community can also join Every-One's Lincolnshire Military Veterans and Families' Wellbeing Network, which meets online. The next meeting is Monday 7 December, 2pm to 4pm, and the joining link is in the network's latest update.

More info: lincolnshire.connecttosupport.org/armed-forces-community-directory

Network update: [Joining link and news](#)

Carers service would like to visit your coffee morning

Lincolnshire Carers Service wants to visit rural coffee mornings and village drop-ins to reach unpaid carers who don't know help exists. If you run one, invite them.

More info: lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-carers/information-advice-support-carers

Help make the LPFT website clearer

Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the county's mental health services, wants patients, carers, families and members of the public to help review how its website is written and organised. The next session is Thursday 5 November, 2:30pm to 4:30pm, at Trust Headquarters, St George's, Long Leys Road, Lincoln, or online on Teams.

Next step: [email to book a place: lpft.involvement@nhs.net](mailto:lpft.involvement@nhs.net)

How to *refer*

How to get someone into the services partners ask about most. Click a service name to open its online form or referral page. "Self" means people can refer themselves; most services also take referrals from professionals or family with the person's consent.

SERVICE	WHO IT'S FOR	HOW TO REFER	SELF?
<u>Talking Therapies</u> Lincolnshire NHS (LPFT)	Adults 16+ with anxiety, low mood or stress (not crisis care)	Online self-referral form, email lincs.spa@nhs.net or phone 0303 123 4000. GPs and health professionals can refer too.	Self or professional
<u>Social prescribing</u> CVS Lincolnshire	Adults who'd benefit from non-medical support: wellbeing, isolation, money, housing	Online form (the same form for self and professional referrals), or phone 01522 551683	Self or professional
<u>Citizens Advice</u> Citizens Advice Lincoln and Lindsey	Anyone in West Lindsey, Lincoln or East Lindsey: benefits, debt, energy, housing	Phone 0808 278 7904 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm) or the online self-referral form	Self
<u>Carers support</u> Lincolnshire Carers Service (Carers First)	Adult unpaid carers	Phone 01522 782224 or the online request for support form. Professionals use the same form, with the carer's consent.	Self or professional
<u>Adult social care</u> Lincolnshire County Council	Adults who need care and support	Phone 01522 782155. Family or carers can call, as long as the person knows.	Self, family or professional
<u>Connect to Work</u> Lincolnshire County Council with Shaw Trust	People facing barriers to work, for example a health condition, disability or caring. No need to be on benefits.	Online expression of interest form. Others can refer with the person's consent.	Self or professional
<u>Green Doctor home energy visits</u> Groundwork Five Counties	Anyone, any tenure, with energy bills, damp or cold homes	Sign up online, phone 0115 978 8212 or email gwfcgreendoctor@groundwork.org.uk	Self or on someone's behalf
<u>Better Housing Better Health</u> National Energy Foundation	People with home energy problems, especially fuel poverty	Freephone 0800 107 0044, email bhhb@nef.org.uk or the online referral form	Self, family or professional
<u>Warm packs</u> Countywide warm pack scheme	Adults 18+ on lower incomes (guide: under £36,000 income, under £6,000 savings)	Through a local referrer only. From 9am Tue 3 Nov, find your nearest referrer on the Connect to Support winter page.	Through a referrer
<u>£300 heating oil voucher</u> Lincolnshire Community Foundation	West Lindsey households on heating oil, income under £36,000, savings under £6,000	Apply online. Phone 01529 572575 for help applying.	Self
<u>Crisis payments</u> West Lindsey District Council	West Lindsey residents 18+ on low incomes facing a sudden financial shock	Online form, with proof of circumstances. Phone 01427 676676.	Self
<u>Home fire safety visits</u> Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue	People at risk from fire at home	Complete the online home fire safety check. Professionals use the same check, and can phone 01522 843415 if it says low risk but they're still worried.	Self or professional
<u>Welfare benefits advice</u> St Barnabas Hospice	People with a life-limiting illness, and their spouse or carer	Phone 01476 513544 (Mon to Thu 8:30am to 4:30pm, Fri to 4pm)	Self

Routes checked with each service's own website or team in October 2026.

Volunteer *locally*

Roles in our villages and from the Lincolnshire Volunteers directory, based in our patch or open to people living here. Each one ends with your next step.

Asks from our villages

WELTON PATIENTS' AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

Volunteer drivers

Welton and nearby villages | A regular day each month

Drive patients to medical appointments. At least three more drivers are needed.

NEXT STEP Ask Welton Family Health Centre to pass your name to the transport coordinator. [About the PDA](#)

STOW MINSTER

Welcomers

Stow

Simply be there to welcome visitors and listen. The Minster is open every day.

NEXT STEP Get in touch with the Minster and say you'd like to be a welcomer. [Contact Stow Minster](#)

WELTON AND DUNHOLME CRICKET CLUB

Coaches and club helpers

Welton, Dunholme and Scothern

The club is merging with Scothern Cricket Club and needs help with coaching and running the club.

NEXT STEP Message the club through its Facebook page. [Club Facebook page](#)

WELTON NEWS

Second editor and website volunteer

Welton

The free monthly village magazine, delivered to over 2,000 homes, is looking for a second editor and someone to run its website.

NEXT STEP Get in touch through the Welton NEWS contact page. [Contact Welton NEWS](#)

From the Lincolnshire Volunteers directory

DISABILITY SOCIAL NETWORK WEST LINDSEY

Telephone befriender

From home, serving West Lindsey | Weekly, at times that suit you

Make a weekly call to someone who may be feeling lonely. No experience needed: full training and support are provided.

NEXT STEP Open the role and register free to sign up. [Open the role](#)

EAST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Volunteer car service driver

Across Lincolnshire | Flexible, regular journeys

Take patients to and from hospital appointments in your own car when they have no other way to get there. Training and uniform provided; mileage paid.

NEXT STEP Open the role and register free to sign up. [Open the role](#)

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Police cadet leader

Police Headquarters, Nettleham | Flexible

Help run the volunteer police cadet programme for young people. Induction and training provided; travel expenses paid.

NEXT STEP Open the role and register free to sign up. [Open the role](#)

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Role player for officer training

Police Headquarters, Nettleham | By arrangement

Take part in realistic scenarios that test how officers respond, and give feedback to trainers. No acting experience needed; expenses paid.

NEXT STEP Open the role and register free to sign up. [Open the role](#)

Find more roles

Search hundreds more roles by village or postcode, or ask CVS Lincolnshire's volunteer advisers for help.

lincolnshirevolunteers.teamkinetic.co.uk

FUNDING

Open funds this month



Photo: Towfiqu barbhuiya / Pexels

Open funds that small community groups, village halls, parish councils and churches in our area can apply to. Each was checked on the funder's own website on 27 October.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County councillor community grants

**£100 to £3,000 (divisional);
£3,001 to £15,000 (strategic)**

DEADLINE

Strategic round: 1 to 30 November

WHO

Parish councils, charities, community and faith groups (for non-religious activity), schools, sports and cultural groups

NOTE

Talk to your county councillor first: they put the project forward.

lincolnshire.gov.uk/grants-funding/councillor-community-grant-fund

NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

National Lottery Awards for All

£300 to £20,000

DEADLINE

Rolling; decisions within 16 weeks

WHO

Constituted community groups, charities, parish and town councils

NOTE

For projects that bring people together, improve local spaces or help with cost-of-living pressures.

nlcommunityfund.org.uk

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

District councillor initiative fund

Up to £1,000 (most £100 to £500)

DEADLINE

Rolling until February 2027 or until funds run out

WHO

Local groups, parish councils, faith organisations (for wider community benefit), schools, charities

NOTE

Contact your district councillor first.

west-lindsey.gov.uk

BENEFACT TRUST

Community Impact Grants

**Usually 10 to 30% of costs
(projects of £2,000 or more)**

DEADLINE

Rolling

WHO

Churches and Christian charities running community projects

NOTE

Tackling issues such as poverty, isolation and mental health; 30% of costs must already be secured.

benefacttrust.co.uk

LCVYS

Small grants for youth groups

Up to £750

DEADLINE

No deadline published

WHO

Voluntary groups working with 13 to 19-year-olds

NOTE

Contact LCVYS to apply.

lcvys.co.uk

THE FORE

Small charities funding

See funder for amounts

DEADLINE

Register 25 Nov to noon 4 Dec (spring 2027 round)

WHO

Small charities

NOTE

Register first; confirmed charities then apply by 11 January.

thefore.org/apply-for-funding

Need a hand with funding?

Want help finding the right fund or preparing a bid? Book a 90-minute conversation with me. We'll gather what funders usually ask for, so you're ready to apply.

[Book a funding conversation](#)

Send us something for December

Events, news, asks for help, new groups and photos are all welcome. Use the form by Friday 20 November and we'll check it and include what we can.

Send us an item: [open the form](#)

Not on the mailing list yet? Join at forms.gle/E9zEfZG2leLT2JP68. Questions: bryn.joslin@wearebridge.org

Need help now?

Urgent mental health help Call NHS 111 and choose option 2, any time

ChatHealth crisis text line Adults text 07312 263027; under-18s text 07480 635303, any time

Samaritans Call 116 123, free, any time

Night Light Cafe (online) Mondays 7pm to 8pm on Zoom. Email nlcdigital@actstrust.org.uk for the link

In an emergency Call 999

Find support

HAY Lincolnshire

Local groups and support for wellbeing: haylincolnshire.co.uk

Connect to Support Lincolnshire

Care, carers and wellbeing information:

lincolnshire.connecttosupport.org

Adult social care

Lincolnshire County Council 01522 782155 (Mon to Fri, 8am to 6pm)

Citizens Advice Lincoln and Lindsey

0808 278 7904 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm)

Who we are

Community Connectors at Bridge help people and organisations find each other, so that what already exists locally gets found, used and strengthened. Bryn Joslin covers the villages north of Lincoln, and runs the partnership gatherings.



**Lincolnshire
Community Mental
Health & Wellbeing
Transformation**

Part of the Lincolnshire Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Transformation.

Photos from Pexels: cover Ben Prater; Cherry cluster Michael Hamments; Welton and Dunholme philly; Stow villages Sam McCool; what's on Michaela St; regular groups Christian Gazzabini; winter Gülşah Aydoğan; news Piotr Jachowicz; funding Towfiq barbhuiya. Photos are illustrative and not of the events listed. Information was checked against its sources on 27 October 2026. Details can change: please check with organisers before you go. Listing something is not an endorsement.