



“WHAT DOES MY COUNCILLOR DO FOR ME?”

FEBRUARY NEWS 2010

Report from your local, Independent Councillor,

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Good News: Congratulations to...



Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne came to open the new hospital that NHS Lincolnshire, on which I am a non-executive Director, has built at Spalding. The chairman introduced me, and HRH said how busy I must be and how did I fit all that in? I said that coming from her, that was very funny!

Police Community Support Officers

A huge thank you for your support in this campaign. We have been successful. LCC has agreed to fund the whole amount of £1.5m for three years. The District Councils are free to separately add further support for particular community safety projects. The new funding brings all PCSOs (about 157 in Lincolnshire) under the same contract, working closely with councillors and the local communities to improve community safety in a wide range of ways. Well done all!

Your opinion wanted



Filming at Bonner House

Harrison House & Bonner House to close?

Eight homes owned by the County council are proposed for closure. Channel Lincolnshire and the Independents have been making a video to enable the voices of the residents to be properly heard. There is room for private providers, but not everyone can afford them and more will be needed in future. There seems little point in closing what is clearly working well to get people back on their feet and home. Add your voice to the consultation by 16th February 01522 782155. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/shapingcare

Additional Needs

County Council proposals for children in need levels band 1-5 out of 8 are to be encouraged to attend mainstream schools and for the funding to no longer be attached to the child's needs, but instead given to the schools in disadvantaged areas who are overall poorer performers. I am raising concerns because if the needs of these vulnerable children are not met, then the longer term costs may be huge.

Harmston Quarry has applied to extend their three planning permissions from 2012 to 2034. Respond by 25th February to me or to <http://eplanning.lincolnshire.gov.uk/eplanning/loadfulldetails.do?apllid=27996> Ref. 252/09.

Feedback

Budget

Thank you very much indeed for the excellent feedback you gave which is informing my Council budget negotiations. The overarching responses are attached, but most clear was the desire to do away with some of the PR machine, using internet if necessary. Also popular was efficiencies in internet procurement and charging for fast planning. Reducing staff was popular, but definitely not the PCSOs. Whilst people felt a small tax increase was probably inevitable, there was no stomach for any large increases. Reduced main street lighting got a mixed reaction, as did reducing the capital programme.

Information

Friday 26th February 2010 is National Wear Red Day and your chance to help the British Heart Foundation fight heart disease. Order your free fundraising kit today at bhf.org.uk/red or call us on 0845 241 0976.

Grants

Grants of £400 are available for 'scrapping your old boiler'!

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Home-improvements-and-products/Heating-and-hot-water/Boiler-Scrapping-Scheme>

Free Training for the voluntary sector

For a full programme, ring 01522 551683
abimbola@volunteercentrelincoln.org.uk
www.volunteercentrelincoln.org.uk

Extreme NK

There are places on 8 weeks activities for 9-17yr olds who don't get many opportunities and young carers. Ring Greg 01522 870252

The Cliff Villages is planning to provide more activity days again this year, starting with children who didn't go last time.

Half term activities are running at Carre's 01529 306888 and at NKesteven Centre 01522 883311

Child care Job

Debbie and Neil are looking for a caring, reliable and enthusiastic person to work with their four year-old autistic son to help him communicate and make sense of the world.

Douglas will be starting Applied Behavioural Therapy in November. Experience would be great but not essential as full training will be given. This is a rewarding and unique opportunity, especially those with an interest in child development. 8-10 hours a week available, good rates of pay and lovely working environment in Harmston. Contact 01522 723133

Jobs for long-term unemployed, 18- 24yrs

NKDC has commissioned Hill Holt Wood to deliver the *Future Jobs Fund* scheme which will create 40 jobs for young people in the District.

The jobs that will be created will last for six-month periods and include a number of outdoor focused roles, such as driving, gardening, forestry, administration and eco-construction.

Apply through the Job Centre Plus 01522 346000. www.totaljobs.com/Lincoln
www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Voluntary car scheme for Cliff Villages

This is up and running. Ring 01522 723365. A small but important service for people who cannot use the bus for the journey they need. Medical needs are subsidised by the Parish Councils.

Parking Control

The government passed the responsibility to local councils who are discussing how to organise it.

Events from the Diary

5th Pantomime in Leadenham Village Hall 7.30pm

6th Feb Bring and buy Book Sale for Mrs Smith's

Cottage at the Navenby Methodist Church Hall

7th Feb "Shoo, shoo baby, the entire history of

Cabaret." Book on 01400 272835

hilary@leadenhampc.co.uk

12th St Chad's concert Chris Garrick & John

Etheridge 7.30pm

15th-19th Lithuanians exchange visit to the Cliff Villages

16th Soup and Pancake lunch Navenby Methodist

Church 11.30am

26th Meeting of all Independents from all over the East Midlands meeting at Lincoln Cathedral.

Very best wishes for a healthy, happy and successful 2010!

Kind Regards,

Marianne Overton

<http://councillors.lincolnshire.gov.uk/cllrmoverton/>
www.independentvoice.org.uk

Photo gallery

Coleby on a Brilliant Burns Night!

