



“WHAT DOES MY COUNCILLOR DO FOR ME?”

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Report from your local, Independent Councillor,

MARIANNE OVERTON

Some Good News

Thanks to Rodney Wilson and Sheila and Peter Gill who opened their gardens. Volunteers of Mrs Smith's Cottage, (including me) provided a plant sale and excellent teas, raising over £640 for the Cottage and McMillan nurses. Thanks to all.



Relate Lincolnshire send their thanks for the £417 plus gift aid, submitted from your kind sponsorship of me running the Lincoln 10K.

Congratulations *Jolly Posh*, celebrating 3yrs flourishing in Navenby High St.



Grant Success

Branston Village Hall was awarded £7,865 for the new heating from LCC and NKDC.

Welbourn Village Hall has been awarded a further £33,333 from LCC and NKDC. Tenders were opened this week and the contractor agreed for a July start.

Wellingore has been awarded £5,000 from the Big Lottery Breathing Spaces Fund.

Spires and Steeples

Cliff Baxendale and his wonderful team of volunteers produced another fabulous artwork in Nocton, unveiled this month: A carved wooden bench with the wildlife images reflected in the mosaic pond, created with 22,400 man hours!

Congratulations Our Church made a great setting for the beautiful work of our talented Navenby Art Group again.

Chickens are arriving soon at the Eastgate Centre, Sleaford where Richard Wilson of Navenby has been working to help create their new home.



Highways and road improvements

I asked for a meeting and had a very good session with the Divisional highways manager and his boss, Alan Aistrup, looking at how the council prioritises its work and expenditure on highways. The system is fair and the A607 is now properly recorded. I saw up to date maps of detailed surface conditions and how that is fitted into the programme of work. I also looked at how the money is divided between different areas according to need and could see that we have our fair share, which is higher than most other areas and we have a 7.5% increase this year, which is more than the average of 4%.

Expenses

Independents at LCC discussed expenses four years ago and confirmed that the only claims made would be the minimum necessary to carry out the work, simple really! I also pay all my own election expenses.

Some Less Good News

After less than a month of consultation with the parents and community, the Conservative Councillor for education chose to publish a notice to close Ludford School with 35 pupils. Independents called in the decision, seeking a longer timescale in line with legal requirements enabling a meaningful opportunity for the community to come up with a rescue bid. The decision to publish notice of closure was made during the run-up to elections, so the atmosphere was somewhat charged as you can imagine! All the conservatives voted to carry on with publishing closure, so we lost the vote, but we may have saved the school nevertheless, as much commitment was made to listen and help.

Heroine

This month's heroine, Pauline Mountain and her team of Hope, self-help support group for hearts patients, who won the County Council Award of the year.



Some Events

Organisations I work with have organised the following events, where you are likely to find me. Hope to see you at the Polling Stations on **June 4th**!

4 June Voting Independents Day!
Elections for County Council & Europe

4 June Navenby Archaeology Group "The Big Dig", Methodist Hall 7.30pm

6th June Dragonflies at Belton with West Kesteven Wildlife Watch 9.45am

6/7 June Wellingore Mill Field Grand Opening

7 June Vikings come to Navenby 10am all day on the Highdyke Open Space.

7 June Welbourn Open Farm 10am

13 June 10.30am Birds and Brunch with the British Trust for Ornithology at our place Hilltop Farm Welbourn

13 June Welbourn Annual Garden Fete

15 June Navenby Summer Dig begins

17 June Branston Community College Market of Enterprise 9.30-11am

18 June My meeting with Hazel Blears about women in local government! (Dare I ask her about you know what?!)

June 20/21st Huge Festival Weekend in Potterhanworth.

June 24/25th Lincolnshire Show Free tea and biscuits at the County Council members stand

June 27th Navenby School Fete - always an excellent event.

July 4th/5th Waddington Air Show

July 4th Mrs Smith's Cottage 10th birthday celebration of the Friends.

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Elections

You will know that I have worked hard over the years. I hope you will kindly come and vote and also encourage others, who may know me less well. It is a good time to Vote Independent!

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Very best wishes to you all,

Hope to see you at the Polling Station Thurs June 4th 7am-10pm

Kind Regards,

Marianne Overton