Lincolnshire Independents working together...
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE leads a strong team of seven Lincolnshire Independents on County Council. Nine on North Kesteven District Council, now the second largest group and the official alternative voice. Cllr Grenville Jackson leads Sleaford Town Council and many more Lincolnshire Independents support residents county-wide.
More Independents working together...

Colleagues from Ashfield, Wiltshire and Isle of Wight joined forces to support Lincolnshire Independents.

Cllr Daniel Simpson took 18,500 first choice votes and a massive number of second choice votes.
Lincolnshire Independents, including Mayor of Sleaford, support the battle to keep Sleaford attractive and thriving, not swamped with a damaging supermarket road and worse congestion.

Yvonne Gunter (above), Barrie Pierpont and Bob McAuley strengthen the Lincolnshire Independents in Boston.
Campaigning for Grantham A and E and a properly funded Lincolnshire NHS. Lincolnshire Independents met with NHS bosses. This conservative government demands a £130m “saving” from Lincolnshire NHS, on top of the current £47m shortfall. We pay our income taxes just the same, and Lincolnshire Independents want more of it spent locally to keep our local services.
Lincolnshire Independents, Paul Wood, Nick Byatt and Marianne Overton campaigning for fair school transport and road safety measures on the B1188
Supporting local people in planning
Objectors to excessive development, without matching services

Lincolnshire Independents spoke at the public Inquiry into the Local Plan, calling for better planning control to keep the character and quality of life in Lincolnshire.
Election Wins

Lincolnshire Independents, Steve Clegg in Cranwell, Catherine in the Cliff Villages, and Pauline Palmer in Mablethorpe.
Election Battles

Terrific campaigns from Lincolnshire Independents,
Daniel Simpson for Police and Crime Commissioner; Marianne Overton for MP
A key role in the Local Government

Lincolnshire Independent Cllr Helen Powell and Cllr Shirley Flint have been supporting Lincolnshire with Marianne by influencing national policy on funding, care, education and helping councils do better. Cllr Marianne Overton MBE is the National Leader of the Independent Group and Vice Chairman of the Local Government Association. The LGA represents around 20,000 councillors and 350 local authorities, supporting and representing local government to national government and to the public.
Working for Local Government at national level
Recognition for Excellence

Cllr Palmer was nominated for a national award for Local Government. Mareham Pastures, led by Cllr Suffield won the 2016 Lincolnshire Enviromental Award and the NKDC Citizenship Award.

Left: Cllr Overton accepting the award for contribution to the European Local Government Charter for equality on behalf of the Local Government Association.
Supporting local events

Lincolnshire Independents performing civic duties. Members currently serve as Mayor of Sleaford and recently as Mayors of Stamford, Bourne and Boston.

Lincolnshire Independents Summer event close to the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations (below).
Providing national training...
Regional Conferences...

Supporting South-eastern Independent Group Members in conference
...so our Councillors are skilled and well informed
Working cross party, speaking at conferences

**Cllr Marianne Overton** raised the profile of Lincolnshire at National conferences for UKIP, Plaid Cymru, the Green Party and Association of Green Councillors and at the Welsh Local Government Annual Conference - always promoting good local government. **Cllr Helen Powell** spoke nationally on education. **Cllr Peter Lundgren** speaks nationally on environmentally responsible farming.
Influencing national government

Our team took leading roles in giving evidence to the Government Select Committees on housing, planning, health and social care, licensing and improving the role of a Councillor. I was also privileged to work with experts, ministers and Lords. Since the referendum, we are concentrating on getting the best from Brexit, including controls on immigration, purchasing more locally, community cohesion and economic partners.
Influencing European Laws that affect us

Lincolnshire Independents are working on EU legislation to support gender equality, reduce domestic violence, youth employment, economic growth and to keep sound environmental protection. This brings support to local issues in Lincolnshire.
Creating new Vision for Local Government

Lincolnshire Independents consistently listen, think carefully and speak up for people in Lincolnshire, independent of any national party control.

We want devolution of power and more of our income tax to be spent locally. We want services that match any new development. We want local people to work cross party together, without expensive layers of added bureaucracy and a mayoral office. We lead the battle for better funding for Lincolnshire.
Discussions with Inspirational People

His Royal Highness speaking to Marianne Overton at an event of Commonwealth Local Government.

Also
Leanne Wood, Leader for Plaid Cymru
Caroline Lucas, joint leader of the Green Party
Lord Victor Adebowale, CE of Centrepoint
Tony Travers, leading economic thinker
Also met Teresa May, Caroline Lucas and Paul Nuttall. Below: Deputy Leader of the Green party speaking on peace
Bringing ideas back to Lincolnshire

Chief Officer of the Independent Group at the LGA, Sarah Woodhouse is supporting us in Lincoln this year as did the predecessor Maggie Sullivan.

“I learned a lot from intensive training with national leaders in local government and industry, including a study of the more Independent local government in Denmark.”

Marianne
Improving our Council’s Performance

Our members took a lead in fighting for local rural services, including Leadenham Recycling site to avoid making fly-tipping worse. We engaged in cross party special investigations looking for improvements in the speed limit policy and to the way our councillors work to help the Council perform better.
Attracting (and helping to create) talent!

Left: Supporting Sian Parker from Branston Academy winning the County Citizenship Award.
Below: Training the Next Generation Councillors at Warwick University
Supporting our heritage

Left: 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta was celebrated locally and nationally.

Below: The £22m improvement at Lincolnshire’s Castle with the Poppies attracted 50,000 visitors in just a few months.
Lincolnshire Independents hold training events

On a happier day before we sadly lost a hugely respected member of our team, Cllr John Hicks.
Speaking up for local people...

Our successful campaign to save the recreation ground in Sleaford is strongly supported by the Lincolnshire Independents in Sleaford, especially Mark Allan, Grenville Jackson, Keith Dolby and Mark Suffield.

Cllr Steve Palmer leads our battle to save and rebuild our libraries and to seek a better NHS.
Investing in local people

Our members are councillors active in creating new youth clubs, preschool, and U3A thriving, charities and clubs.

Right: Wildlife Watch and RSPB Explorers for children
Below: New classroom for Potterhanworth Preschool from our Christchurch Fund
3 Campaigns...

...For local services, with fair funding for Lincolnshire

...Protecting our way of life against massive housing development without proper infrastructure

...Protecting our NHS
Fun events Fund-raising

- June Lunch on the Edge at Hilltop Farm, Welbourn
- Christmas thank you for fifty
- Indian Cookery evening, Metheringham
- September: Cllr Chris Darcel’s Public Pie and Policy evening at Fiskerton
- December: Helen Powell’s Supper dance for 150 people at Bourne,
- Monthly supper events at the Queens Head, nr Sleaford
- Also Councillors Laura Conway’s Summer Ball, Catherine Mills’ Spring Fling, Tiggs Keywood-Wainwright’s music eve, Peter Lundgren’s Farming Art Project
Future...

- Encouraging vibrant local businesses and jobs
- And youth to thrive
- Support health and vulnerable people
- Ensure sound planning

*Lincolnshire Independents, putting Lincolnshire First*
Thank you to Lincolnshire Independents!