HIGHWAYS ACTION
You may have read my full highways report in the June newsletter including our visit from the Director, Richard Wills. A huge thank you to all who are kindly reporting all deep potholes, that is, over 40mm or a golf ball in depth. We are now seeing repairs, which will greatly help road safety. I will get onto planned maintenance next. If the quality or extent of the repair is not good enough, we need to report that too, please, and they will have to come back to do the job properly.

Road repairs on Clay Lane and Church Lane below Navenby are now underway. Most of our villages have now had some work done and there is much more to do. The highway is hedge to hedge. Any deep holes in the road or at the edge of the road are hazards that need repair, within a maximum of 28 days.

So as a reminder, here’s how to report potholes;

1. Best is to go on the County Council website.
   www.lincolnshire.gov.uk
2. Click option on the top right “report a highways fault” Choose “report” shown on the right.
3. Register your contact details, so you won’t need to repeat yourself.
4. Set www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting as a shortcut on your phone for future use. Now you have a very useful tool!
5. Mark location on the map, Photograph the pothole from a low angle and “submit”.

Or by phone, where a staff member will type it in.
01522 782070 8am-6pm Mon-Fri
Or e-mail cschighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

STRENGTHENING SERVICES
On the Appointments Panel at North Kesteven this week, I and colleagues interviewed and selected two new staff; David Steels, Head of Environment and Public Protection and Michael Gadd, Head of Housing and Property. I look forward to a boost of enthusiasm.

Overgrown Trees, Lights and Fly-tipping
On the highway, overgrown trees or obscured or broken lights can be reported as a highway issue. Fly-tipping is still a problem and a District Council responsibility. Phone 01529 414155 or I find www.fixmystreet.com effective. Evidence is collected and prosecutions do follow, so if you see illegal activity, please report it, to the District Council and to the police.

LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW Welcoming Residents
Thanks to all who joined me for free refreshments and a sit down in the County Council tent. Put it in your diary for next year, 11am Wednesday, 2pm Thursday!

Supporting our Heritage at the Lincolnshire Show
Our residents at the Lincolnshire Show...

WI tent included Wellingore, Navenby, Branston & Nocton
NATIONAL ACTION, LOCAL INFLUENCE

This week I was re-elected to the post of Vice Chairman of the Local Government Association and Leader of the Independent Group of over 2,200 councillors. We are cross party and together represent around 20,000 councillors in 350 local authorities. Our job is to help councils and councillors in England and Wales do the best job possible and to assist both Houses of Parliament in making the right decisions.

Our big national conference is next week with over 1,200 councillors discussing the best way forward with MPs, lords and colleagues.

We shall be working on lessons to learn from the tragic Grenfell disaster, funding our services, now in competition with the DUP, it seems, and dealing with European issues following Brexit.

I laid some words on behalf of Local Government members at Grenfell Tower, in sorrow and support for the victims and their families. They are not taking any more donations. All over the country, work has started to replace insulation cladding from buildings over four floors and implementing proper fire regulations and procedures.

EARTHQUAKES AND REFUGEES

I represented England at a recent conference on refugees and the Future of Europe, not just the EU. The meeting was interrupted by a 6.3 earthquake, the building swayed and parts fell off the roof as we evacuated safely. I also visited a tented site of 1,200 refugees and met residents from Iraq and Syria. More on the Lincolnshire Independent website.

LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL INFLUENCE

Thanks to Beth Devonald and team for a brilliant Women’s Wellbeing event in Navenby this week. Almost a hundred women dressed for Ladies day at the Races, enjoyed tea and raised funds for a women’s health project in Tanzania. If you would like to join in, let me know.

PLANNING

Councillors came face to face with the results of our planning decisions on the annual tour last week. We looked at Lidls in North Hykeham, too close to homes. Then in the gridlocked centre of North Hykeham, the surgery is being extended, currently instead of a local facility at Witham St Hughes, an issue I will need to take up.

We visited the huge Bomber Command Spire (left) and the visitor area under construction.

The Eastern Bypass going under the railway and over the river, with 53 people working on the amazing world class archaeology.

Off Station Road, Waddington, a “stalled” development site has been purchased by NKDC to build 47 houses for let and sale. Lincolnshire Independents have pushed for NKDC to be active in generating funds for services, without disadvantaging residents or local businesses. Lafford Homes is designed to do exactly that.

WILDLIFE

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. This month I took part in the strategic planning workshop looking at what environmental data we need in future. This is part of a series where Lincolnshire takes a lead working with partners doing a great job for our environment.
EVENTS

Wildlife Watch, Junior part of the Wildlife Trusts
Our Wildlife Watch Group meets monthly engaging children in meeting the natural world at first hand. The July event is at Chambers Wood, a very special heritage site near Wragby. Our Summer Camp is in Welbourn in August. Any children interested, please let me know.

Below: I watched this Great Crested Grebe and two chicks for a long time. The other parent kept bringing tiny fishes for the chicks.

SUPPORTING LOCAL EVENTS

Banovallum Singers did brilliantly with a full church at Potterhanworth and shortbread, strawberries and prosecco too.

Congratulations Beckingham on opening the village Club with half the village signed up by the first day!

Thanks for excellent family events at Harmston, Coleby picnic, Open Gardens and coffee mornings at Navenby and Bassingham, which I much enjoyed.

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JULY

5th Singing and Sound Stroke Association The Venue, Navenby every other Wednesday 10.30am-12.30
7th St Chads Sumer evening in the garden The Hollies, The Green, Welbourn 6-9pm
8th Charity Music Festival, at the Marquis, Wellingore 4pm
8th Jig in the Garden, Ben Light Mouse Ha Caythorpe 2-5
8th/9th Leadenham Polo Tournament 11am-4pm
9th Witham St Hugh Summer Fete and Dog Show 11-4pm
12th U3A Wellingore Mem’ Ha Roger Cole on “Peeling back the ages”, art history coffee 10am
12th Coleby Library and coffee morning 10.30am-12.30
13th Welbourn Gardening Club Welbourn Village Hall (meeting room at the back of the hall) 7.30pm
14th Big Comedy Night and supper £11/£12 The George Hotel, Leadenham Best to book on line 6.45 for 7.30pm
14/14th Bassingham Book Fair 789869 tickets £6 Fri 7.30
15th Books and Butties Wellingore Mem’ Hall 10am-12
15th Dorothy Woollas book signing Wellingore Memorial Hall, Essays and poems 2.30-4pm
15th Cranwell Military Wives Choir, St Deny’s Church, Sleaford Tickets £10 0333 6663366 7.30pm
16th Carlton Le Moorland Garden Party Church St 2-5pm
16th Tea in the Garden Thurlby Corner 2-4pm
16th Two NGS Welbourn Open Gardens and Forge 2-4.30
17th Carlton Le Moorland Lunch 01522 788303 £3.50 1pm
18th Navenby Archaeology Group Navenby Methodist Hall Dr Erik Grigg “The 1217 Battle of Lincoln” 7.15 for 7.30
19th Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Care The Venue, Navenby £10 book 01522 811154
21st Bat Walk at Hill Holt Wood 9pm for 9.30 start
22nd Schools Out BBQ Harmston 6.30pm
23rd Navenby Bowls Club Open Day 1-4pm
24-27th Ancora Children’s Holiday Club Navenby 10-12
28th Anne Bolney at St Peter’s Church, Navenby £15 incl. refreshments Tickets: Beth 01522 810030 7.30pm
29th Coffee Morning Methodist Church hall 10.30-noon

AUGUST

5th St Michaels Church Bassingham Coffee Morning 10.30
5th Witham St Hugh Beer Festival £3.50 facebook noon
6th Coleby Car Boot Sale
6th August Teas at Temple Bruer Schoolroom
6th Lincolnshire Folk Music, song and dance at the George Hotel, 11am til late
6th Leadenham Artisan Market at the Tea House 11am
9th U3A South American Odyssey Julie Stevenson 10.30
12th St Peters Coffee Morning, Navenby
12th BBQ for Heroes at the Red Lion, Wellingore noon
12th Bassingham Show, Gala and Vintage cars 2-5pm
steveharrison619@aol.com 07800 997 112
21st Carlton Le Moorland Lunch 1pm Book 788303
27th Harmfest at the Memorial Hall 2pm til late
27th Cranwell Aviation Museum Fun Day
30th Afternoon Tea St Barnabus 29 High St, Bassingham 2

5th/6th Gardens Summer Camp is at Chambers Wood, a very special heritage site near Wragby. Our Summer Camp is in Welbourn in August. Any children interested, please let me know.
USEFUL REFERENCES

Access to Wellbeing Services and care
The Carers service 01522 782224
carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

Roadworks www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks
roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk
To receive info’ on twitter #lincscc_road

Help save lives and keep countryside clean
Report Potholes 01522 782070
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting
Or use www.FixMyStreet.com
Report Litter 01529 414155
customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk
Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or
ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk
The Wellbeing service will help set up and people in a
vulnerable position with finance, transport, support
groups etc. 01522 782140
Lincs 2 Advice are on 0300 303 8789
Non urgent health 111, Police 101, fraud 0300 123 2040
Grants community_lincs@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Transport and Travel
Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm
Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article
Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door
Car-sharing www.lincshare.co.uk
Trains www.thetrainline.com
Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084

Planning on line
See and comment on applications to get your voice heard.
Search “planning on line north Kesteven”

Village websites
Withamstaple.com; nocton.blogspot.co.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton
https://dunstondossier.org.uk
Branston http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times
Branston Library 01522 880426
www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Potterhanworth
www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby
and Wellingore business
Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby have sites on LCC.

AND FROM ME...

I look forward to seeing you out and about over the Summer. Let me know if you would like help, or like to help, with anything!

With Kind Regards,

Marianne

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And from Lincolnshire Independent District Council
Colleagues working for us locally, Catherine Mills,
Peter Lundgren and Steve Clegg.