

District Councillors Report – Helpringham Oct 2025

The Greater Lincolnshire County Authority

[The Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority](#) (GLCCA) is a new governing body that drives economic growth, transport, and infrastructure improvements in Greater Lincolnshire, formed through a devolution deal transferring powers from the government to local decision-makers. Established in 2025, the GLCCA integrates Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, and North East Lincolnshire, operating under a directly elected Mayor. It focuses on strategic planning, local skills training, and investment in the region, unlocking significant funding and greater local control over regional priorities.

The Great Exhibition is taking place on October 22nd, more details can be found [here](#).

Local Government Reorganisation: Help us to shape a proposal that works for you

This change in the way Councils are structured will affect the way local services are delivered and the number of Councillors to connect with communities. That's why it's essential that your views as residents and businesses are factored in to what is put forward.

Government wants to see structures that enable strong community engagement and deliver neighbourhood empowerment. That is why we are proposing a middle ground between the size of the current district and the county councils, with three authorities keeping things as local as possible. It also wants new structures that prioritize quality, sustainable public services and proposals that meet local needs and are informed by evidence.

Please tell us your thoughts and priorities for setting up the new councils here: [LGR survey](#)

Lancaster Bomber memorial sculpture installed in North Kesteven

The On Freedom's Wings memorial sculpture of a Lancaster Bomber has been installed in situ alongside the A46 at Norton Disney.

Having been one of the initial funders in its early stages, the Council is delighted to see the fulfilment of the Bomber Gateway Trust's aims, achieved through eight years of determination, passion, fundraising and voluntary endeavour.

The trust emphasises that the site (on private land) remains closed for construction, with work still to complete, but that it will be fully opened later in the autumn.

It is testament to the service of Bomber Command and will be a popular addition to the District's proud aviation heritage offer for visitors at the Heart of Lincs.

Follow: www.bombergatewaytrust.co.uk for updates.

Creating a Community Emergency Plan - the story from Heighington

With winter approaching this video created by the NKDC Communications team, about Heighington's Community Emergency Plan is well worth. It underlines the impact of emergencies and the benefits of working with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum on developing a plan.

In the wake of storms Babet and Henk, Heighington was left licking its wounds and questioning what could be done differently.

Heighington Parish Council Chair Sue Sockell talks about their experiences and the benefits of creating a plan - **some of which might surprise you!**

So, settle down with a cuppa and [catch up on their story](#). Getting prepared might be easier than you think. **You may also wish to encourage Parish Councils in your patch to look into creating an emergency plan.**

If you want to find out more about the support available from the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, [click here](#).

Success at Sleaford-on-Sea*

The Sleaford-on-Sea pop-up beach was a big success with 100% respondents rating the event as 'Good' or 'Very Good'. Running from August 19 to September 4, the pop-up beach brought over two weeks of fun to Sleaford Market Place.

The main event on August 23 saw a footfall of 1,571 - a 198% increase from the previous Saturday.

Visitors enjoyed free Helter-Skelter rides, Punch and Judy shows, seaside singing, face painting, bubbles, and more.

Postal Vote Re-application for Electors

A large number of electors needing to renew their postal vote application, the reminder emails to just over 4,000 electors have been circulated.

There will also be nearly 2000 letters and application forms sent where the Elections do not have an email for the elector. All electors who are contacted must renew before 31 January 2026 to continue to have a postal vote for future elections.

Any elector questions can be directed to call 01529 414155 or email customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk in the first instance.

Annual Electoral Canvass

In July the Annual Electoral Canvass, to update the Electoral Register, will begin. The North Kesteven Electoral Services Team will either email or send a form to all households across the district. Electors are asked to follow the instructions, so we know they are registered and ready to vote. More information is available for electors at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/annualcanvass.

Canvassers will not be visiting properties until early October 2025, and a reminder will be shared nearer the time. If you have any questions, please contact elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk. the North Kesteven District Council's jobs page on the [website](#).

Co-op Local Community Fund

The Local Community Fund supports projects in members' communities that provide access to opportunities and resources for people to thrive. Co-op Members can choose the local cause they want to support through their membership.

Applications to the Local Community Fund [are now open](#).

Food waste collections coming to Lincolnshire

Residents are set to benefit from a new weekly food waste collection service beginning in 2026, as part of a government mandate to help households recycle more and reduce environmental impact.

You can see more [here on the Lincolnshire County Council website](#)- including details of the two food waste caddies households will receive and other information.

The introduction of this new countywide service follows national changes set out in the Environment Act 2021, which requires all waste collection authorities (local councils like North Kesteven District Council which collect your waste from the kerbside) to collect food waste separately on a weekly basis. It's not a local decision, but a legal requirement aimed at improving recycling rates and sustainability across the UK.

North Kesteven District Council, as part of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, is working with the county and other district/borough councils to ensure a smooth rollout across Lincolnshire. While some areas will start receiving the service from March 2026, not all areas will go live at the same time. Individual start dates will be announced closer to the launch.

Food waste will be collected weekly, using dedicated vehicles, so there will be no mixing with other types of waste. Importantly, no kerbside waste in Lincolnshire currently goes to landfill. This food waste will be diverted from the Energy from Waste plant to a specialist anaerobic digestion facility, where it will be turned into biogas – a cleaner, natural energy source – and fertiliser used by local farmers.