

District Councillors Report – Helpringham Oct 2024

Go ahead for devolution

A devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire will go forward, following successful meetings between local authority leaders and the new government.

Lincolnshire County Council and North East and North Lincolnshire unitary councils will now complete the arrangements to form the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority with a mayoral election scheduled for May 2025.

You can read more [HERE](#) on our website and also [HERE](#) on Lincolnshire County Council's website. As stated previously, the creation of the Combined County Authority does not in any way detract from or replace any of the services and functions of any of the Lincolnshire partner councils, including NKDC. More clarity will follow in due course.

New Council Chief Executive formally appointed

Newly appointed Chief Executive Kath Marriott says it was North Kesteven District Council's reputation as a 'forward-looking and proactive council' that drew her to the role.

Mrs Marriott was formally appointed as the District Council's seventh Chief Executive by a unanimous show of confidence in her by the Full Council of Members on Thursday, October 3.

She will take on the role early in 2025, following the retirement of current Chief Executive Ian Fytche at the end of December.

For the full press release, please [visit the News section](#) of the website

Weather warnings *

In light of recent amber weather warnings across the UK, Members are reminded of the guidance from the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. Please do share information within your communities to enable preparation. The following link will lead you to a section on the NKDC website which details [how you can prepare for flooding](#).

Restart a Heart Day at Sleaford Leisure Centre - Learn CPR *

On Restart a Heart Day, 16 October, Sleaford Leisure Centre will host a public CPR training session that is open to anyone to attend.

Sessions will run 4:00-5:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm in the Leisure Centre Studio. More details [on the poster](#).

Homes completed in North Hykeham

The construction and refurbishment of 32 new council homes in North Hykeham is now complete. Grinter Close now features 16 new high-quality homes – two-bedroom flats, two-bedroom bungalows, two and three-bedroom homes and a four-bedroom house.

Grinter House meanwhile has been completely regenerated, and now provides 16 flats re-configured so each has its own entrance. There is also increased floor space inside, as well as other improvements and some office space for use by the Council.

It was delivered by Lindum Group on behalf of the Council. Work began in March 2023 with the demolition of 11 Chapel Lane and 1-12 Grinter Close, paving the way to regenerate an area of outdated and limited housing to deliver new and more suitable homes. can read the full announcement [HERE](#).

Special Digital Hubs events in October

As more and more information and services are accessed digitally, it can risk leaving some people excluded and isolated. That's where the Digital Hubs come in! The Hubs are a free and friendly way for residents to get a helping hand with technology, such as phones, tablets and laptops.

Later in the month it is **Get Online Week** (14 - 20 October) and there will be a series of special events to encourage people to take their first steps online or explore ways to get the most out of their digital lives. The events will include information and advice tailored to visitors, plus games and prizes:

- Tuesday 15 October, 10am - 12pm The Whyche Community Cuppa, Billingham
- Thursday 17 October, 10am - 12pm Meadow, South Lincs Church, Ruskington
- Friday 19 October, 10.30am - 12pm Ruskington Methodist Church Warm Space
- Friday 19 October, 1.00pm - 3.00pm The Jolly Scotchman, Sleaford