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Contact us

 **Please contact the office on 01673 866596**

- For general enquiries including internal audit and advice, contact either Katrina – Line 1 (or mobile 07422 963475) or Andrew – Line 3 (or mobile 07549 019842). Flexible Monday - Friday
- For general enquiries including website management service, invoices, training booking enquiries, contact Lindsey – Line 2 on Monday, Tuesday, Friday
- For general enquiries including website/portal updates, e-news items, vacancies, contact Elaine – Line 4 on Fridays

Please note that there may be times when the LALC office is not manned, particularly if staff are out training or attending meetings. If you can't get hold of us by phone, please contact us via one of the methods below.



www.lalc.co.uk/contactus



enquiries@lalc.co.uk



Raise a new Enquiry on the portal (login required)

If any Clerks want to join the Clerks' eGroup, or any councillors want to join the Councillor eGroup, contact enquiries@lalc.co.uk.

This fortnightly newsletter is provided to member councils through the clerk and should be circulated to all councillors. This eNews can also be found on the [LALC website](http://www.lalc.co.uk) under News.

Training courses are available to book via the portal (login required)

The Training Bulletin is issued monthly, and courses are available to book via the portal. If there is any specific training which you feel would be valuable, and we don't currently offer it, please let us know and we will investigate. The Training Bulletin can be found on the LALC website www.lalc.co.uk/training-2-1.

Clerks – when booking training for your councillors, **please ensure that their email address is correct**. If not, they will not receive the booking confirmation or any joining instructions. If you have set up your councillors on the LALC portal, you will be able to select their correct email address from a drop down list when booking the training.

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If you update your council email and are **already** booked on training, please let us know so that we can update your booking to ensure you receive the automatic reminders.

If one of your councillors resigns, and they were booked on LALC training, **please cancel their place**, so that others can book on. Failure to do so may not only deprive other councils from attending but could result in a non-attendance charge (see below).

Please note our **training cancellation policy**:

- For part day courses – please ensure we receive cancellations at least 48 hours in advance
- For full day events – please ensure we receive cancellations at least 5 working days in advance, as we need to pre-order and pay for lunches

Due to persistent non-attendance at booked events, it is unfortunate that LALC have had to amend the way we impose our cancellation fees. All members are charged 50% of the training cost when insufficient notice is received (as above) for non-attendance at training events. No shows will be charged at 100% of the course fee. All charges are regardless of whether the council is a member of the ATS or not.

Current vacancies	Position	Closing date
<u>Stubton Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	18 th November 2023
<u>Barrowby Parish Council</u>	Clerk	16 th August 2024
<u>North Thoresby, Grainsby & Waithe Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	30 th July 2024
<u>Utterby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	29 th July 2024
<u>East Keal Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Caistor Town Council</u>	Deputy Clerk	26 th July 2024
<u>Grainthorpe Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Scampton Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	31 st August 2024
<u>Gainsborough Town Council</u>	Operations Manager	23 rd August 2024
<u>Silk Willoughby Parish Council</u>	Clerk/RFO	No closing date
<u>Chapel St Leonards Parish Council</u>	Assistant Parish Clerk	6 th September 2024

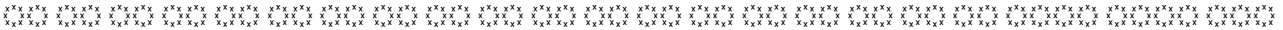
Vacancy advertising

LALC can advertise your vacancy on our website and in the fortnightly eNews. This is a **free** service. If you do not have a pre-prepared advert to send us, please complete our **Vacancy Template**, which can be found in the Members Portal under Document Templates.

We also offer a **paid** advertising service, which ensures that your advert also appears on Lincolnshire County Council’s website, Facebook, and LinkedIn (in addition to the LALC website and eNews). The current fee for this is £75. Please complete the Vacancy Template (as above), ensuring that all requested information is completed, and then contact us at enquiries@lalc.co.uk. You will be invoiced for this service.

- Climate change
- Recruitment of clerks and appropriate pay structure
- Engaging younger councillors

We are also open to suggestions for further topics/committees. If you are interested in being involved in one of these committees, please contact us at enquiries@lalc.co.uk, stating what you are interested in.

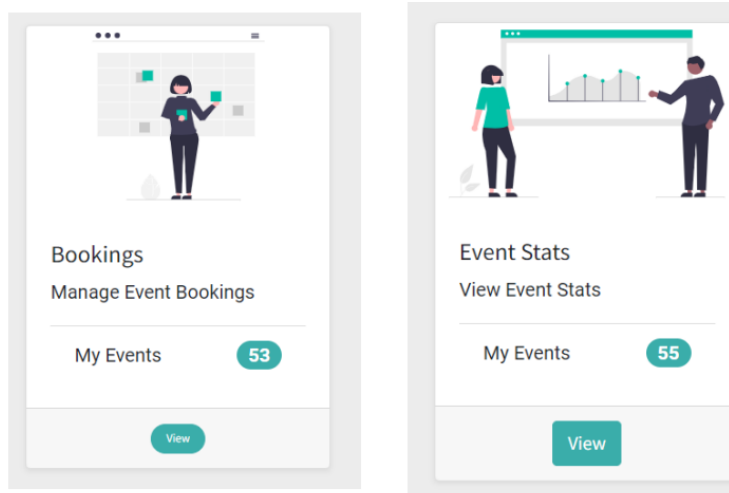


Enhancements to the LALC portal

A number of enhancements have recently gone live on the LALC portal:

Bookings information.

When logged into the portal, you will now see two new cards: Bookings and Event Stats.



Under Bookings you can view all your council's event (course) registrations, filter them, sort them and export them - as well as cancel qualifying bookings (as long as the cancellation policy for the event allows this). You can also access the Event Stats card from here.

Under Event Stats you can break down your bookings by event, filter, sort and export.

Picking up contact information

When making a booking for an event (course), we have found that users often enter incorrect email addresses for the attendee. This means that the automatic email notifications (confirming registration, sending out reminders and the training link, if remote) are rejected as the email address is unknown.

The Star Council Awards are the only awards programme in England specifically designed to acknowledge the impact and contribution of local councils in their communities. The awards are open to all local councils, councillors, clerks, and county associations across England.

Entrants can apply for six award categories: Council of the Year, Councillor of the Year, Young Councillor of the Year, County Association of the Year, Clerk of the Year, and Climate Response of the Year. The award categories have been carefully selected to recognise excellence in different areas of local council operations and highlight the varied contributions made by councils.

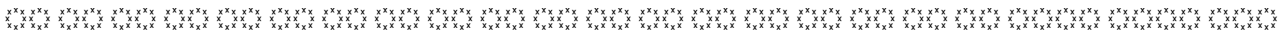
This year, we've introduced a new award dedicated to climate response. This award will recognise the proactive efforts of councils in addressing climate change, emphasising the importance of their role in mitigating impacts, adapting to new conditions, and building resilience for both people and nature. By highlighting successful long-term strategies and community engagement, it aims to inspire other councils to take similar actions for a sustainable future.

NALC chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, commented, "We are excited to honour and celebrate the remarkable achievements of parish and town councils and individuals who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to supporting their communities. Their exceptional efforts and unwavering commitment deserve recognition and applause."

The nomination period ends on **6 September 2024**, and the winners will be announced at a ceremony in the House of Lords, where they will be presented with their awards.

Clear Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination, CCLA, Cloudy IT and Facilitating the Future sponsor the awards.

Find out more: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/starcouncilawards>



NEW: Employment law briefing announced for October

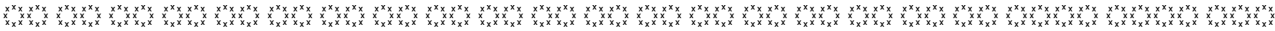
September 2024 sees the introduction of new statutory obligations for Councils to prevent sexual harassment of their employees. Furthermore, October will see the introduction of new entitlements for locums and other staff working on fixed term contracts, to request that the contract be extended for a longer period or made permanent.

To enable councils to respond to these new entitlements, as well as bring them up to date with new employment laws that are planned for 2025, Chris Moses will be conducting a 1 hour Zoom meeting to provide members with the information they need to know.

When: Thursday 10th October 2024, 10:00 – 11:00

Your assistance with this project is appreciated.

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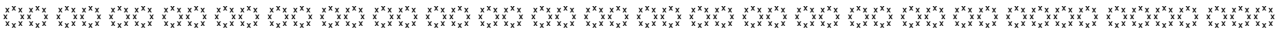


Gallagher – Latest Community Matters

The latest edition of Gallagher Community Matters can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/yaa4ybz8>

Featuring:

- Understanding the hazards in green spaces.
- Navigating the fire hazard of e-bikes.
- Top tips on promoting your events in your local community and risk management tips for summer events.



GRASSroots scheme

Several projects in East Lindsey have been awarded grants in the latest round of funding from Lincolnshire Community Foundation’s GRASSroots scheme.

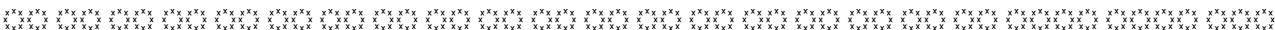
The projects include:

- Coningsby Town Council - Revitalisation of skate park.
- Burgh Le Marsh Town Council - Restoration of historic features within the town, including heritage railings, the replacement of the Tinkers Green entrance gates and new sheltered seating.
- Binbrook Parish Council - Renovations to green spaces and improvements to encourage physical activity for residents, including exercise equipment and play equipment for young people.

Another round of funding is now open. The themes of the fund are focussed on the betterment of community buildings and spaces, and to bring pride of place to communities. The closing date for applications is **1 September**.

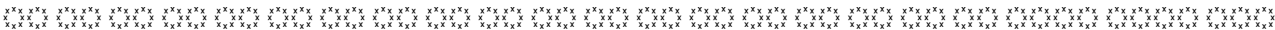
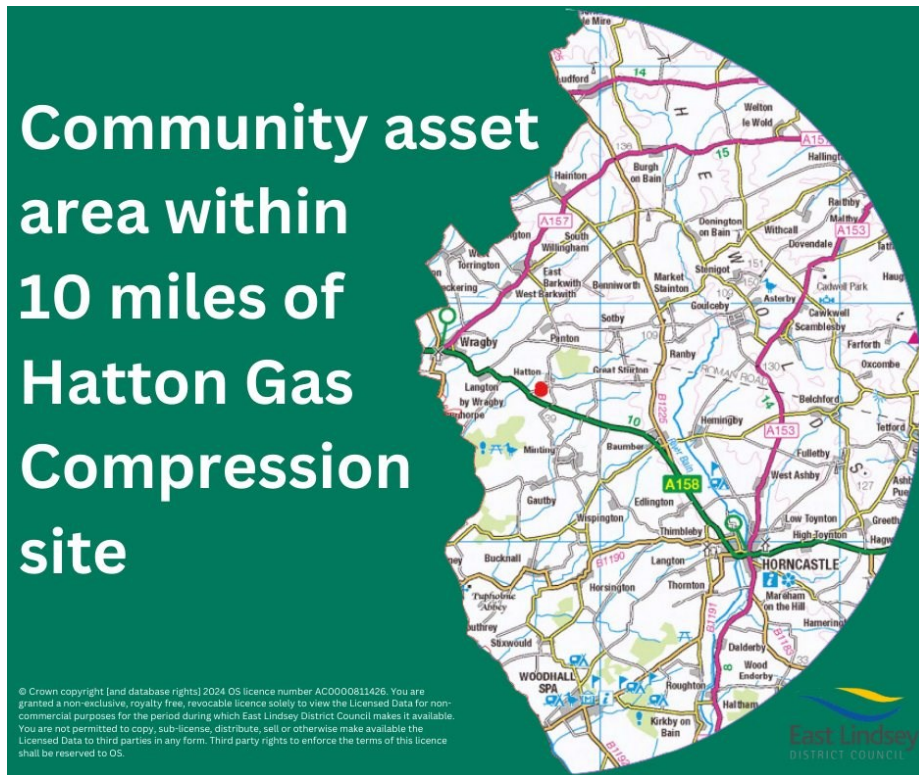
Read all about it here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh3pj8y>

Details and applications: <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/grants/grassroots/>



Opportunity for Community Centres in the Hatton area

Volunteers running community centres and village halls in the Hatton area can now apply for funding to make their facilities more energy efficient, thanks to a £162,500 grant from National Gas to East Lindsey District Council. This funding aims to support energy efficiency improvements and train local volunteers as community energy champions. Cllr Graham Marsh said, "Village halls and community centres are vital for village life. This funding helps ensure they're warm in winter and reduce energy costs." Interested volunteers **within 10 miles of Hatton**, please contact our Sustainable Development Officer, Dean Hemsall, at dean.hemsall@e-lindsey.gov.uk by **Friday 30 August** for more information and to apply.



Volunteer Opportunity – Be a CCTV Spotter

Are you passionate about community safety? Want to make a difference? Join our team of volunteer CCTV spotters based at Boston Borough Council!

About Us: Our extensive network of CCTV cameras covers many towns across East Lindsey, Boston Borough, South Holland, and North Kesteven District Council areas. Operated by Boston Borough Council, our system is at the heart of Boston Town Centre, with satellite reviewing suites in Spalding, Skegness, and Mablethorpe Police Stations.

Volunteers will always be completing their role alongside a SIA Licensed CCTV operator. While our skilled CCTV Operators keep a watchful eye on live camera feeds, we're looking for volunteer spotters to lend an extra pair of eyes!

Your Role:

- Monitor live camera feeds to spot incidents as they happen.
- Provide valuable evidence for the Police and Councils when preparing cases for Court.
- Help keep our communities safe and secure.

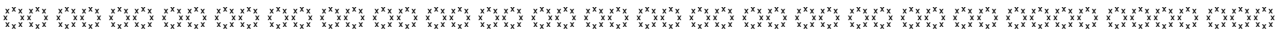
Requirements:

- No experience necessary – training provided!
- Good attention to detail.
- Commitment to regular shifts (flexible hours available).
- Over 18s only.

Benefits:

- Be part of a vital community safety initiative.
- Gain valuable skills in surveillance and incident reporting.
- Make a positive impact on your town.

How to apply: Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Alison Carlisle for more information and an application form – alison.carlisle@e-lindsey.gov.uk



Paul Drury – Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant

Following on from the session at the recent LALC Summer Conference, please see Paul Drury's contact details below:



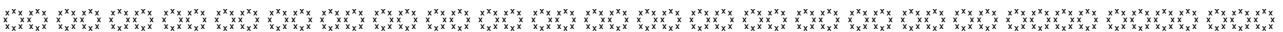
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Lots of our services are available at

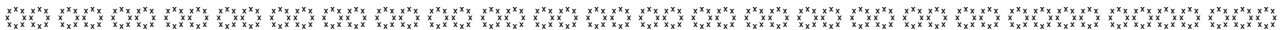
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You can apply for help, report a problem, find your bin days and lots more, all from our website.



train. Now, until Saturday 7 September, Callconnect is offering each new passenger a free return journey. Not needing a return journey for your trip? No problem, because the promotion also includes the option of two single trips for free if a return isn't needed in the one-time deal. Download the 'Callconnect – DRT' app and give it a try.

Find out more: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/1955/want-a-free-journey-on-callconnect>



LCC consultation on our preferred approach to the future planning of waste and minerals in Lincolnshire

Many of the things we see around us and use in daily life are made from minerals found in Lincolnshire, including items like cosmetics, clothing and even toothpaste.

Our famous landmarks – including Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln Castle and Boston Stump – are largely made from locally sourced limestone. Limestone is also used extensively across the town of Stamford and surrounding villages. Other building stones – like marlstone and sandstone – are found in north and south Lincolnshire.

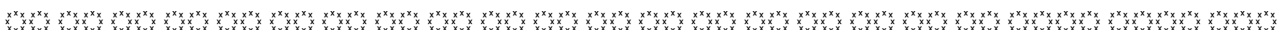
In Lincolnshire, such materials are often reused, recycled and recovered to make new things, like clean energy from waste and construction products. Lincolnshire is an important producer of minerals and is currently the largest producer of sand and gravel in the East Midlands. Over 2 million tonnes of waste are collected every year from households, businesses and other organisations across the county, which needs to be recycled or treated to avoid landfill disposal as far as possible.

We need to develop a new long-term plan to ensure Lincolnshire can continue to produce the minerals we need sustainably, and we can manage waste appropriately over the next 15 years. This is called the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Further details on this consultation can be found at www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk

All responses and site nominations must be received no later than 5pm on **24 September 2024**.

Following consultation, we will update the draft plan and once adopted, it will replace the current plan from 2026.



South Kesteven Community Awards

Nominations for the South Kesteven Community Awards are now open.

The categories are:

The report, based on data provided by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), sheds light on key trends and changes in local precepts.

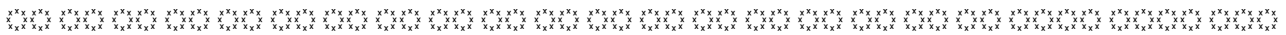
Key headlines from this year's analysis include:

- The total amount raised by precepting local councils is now £781 million, an increase of £75 million or 10.62% on the 2023/24 figure of £706 million.
- The average Band D precept charged by local precepting bodies (including local councils) for 2024/25 is £85.89, an increase of £6.76 or 8.5%.
- 124 local councils now raise a precept of at least £1 million, an increase of 20 on the 2023/24 figure of 104.
- 33 local councils started raising a precept for the first time in 2024/25.
- The county area with the largest precept income is Yorkshire, where 852 local councils collectively raise £32 million, while the county areas with the smallest precept income are Cleveland, where 52 councils collectively raise £1.8 million and the Isle of Wight, where 33 local councils collectively raise £6.5 million.

Lincolnshire statistics:

- The average precept increase is 4.79% on last year
- The average Band D increase is 6.64%
- Total of precepts is £15,219,385
- Average Band D is £76.14
- Highest overall Band D is Bassingham (£240.96)
- Highest precepting council is North Hykeham (£814,582)

See the full analysis: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/news-stories/4117-briefing-council-tax-2024/file>



NALC Young councillors meet to discuss diverse representation and youth engagement

NALC national network for young councillors met on 23 July 2024 to discuss significant developments and strategies aimed at improving governance through diverse representation and youth engagement.

The meeting addressed the need for improved training and development for young professionals in the sector. Additionally, the potential benefits of work experience placements were highlighted, with calls for broader promotion of such initiatives.

The meeting reinforced the importance of staying involved in the network and fostering a supportive community to drive forward the sector's future development.

Read the blog: <https://tinyurl.com/4epvfhu8>

