

East Lindsey District Councillor's report to Eastville, New Leake and Midville Parish Council - June 2025

The So Festival starts in Skegness on Thursday 12th June finishing on Sunday 15th June in Mablethorpe. Details of all events for the festival can be found here: <https://www.sofestival.org/so-festival-2025/>

Sutton on Sea to step back in time as popular Vintage on Sea event returns this month. - Get ready to step back in time as the popular Vintage on Sea event returns to Sutton on Sea on Saturday 28 June 2025. Organised as part of Story Tellers, the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership's Arts Council England NPO project, and in partnership with the Sutton Events Group, the free event promises a day of nostalgic fun, attractions, workshops and performances throughout the village centre from 10am until 4pm.

The day will be packed with an exciting array of entertainment and activities, designed to celebrate the traditional seaside holiday experience. Visitors can expect to enjoy classic fairground rides, live performances and even vintage hair styling appointments from Shea Hair and Beauty, all capped off with a planned fly-past from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, expected to be a Hurricane and Spitfire.

The Meridale Youth and Community Centre will be transformed into a vintage cinema, complete with popcorn for the authentic movie experience, whilst live performances across the day will showcase a mix of talent for all ages, bringing together a variety of singers, bands, theatre, dance groups, magicians, and more.

Other highlights will include traditional fairground attractions from Tooley's Amusements, located in the Spar car park, and a market with over 30 different stalls offering everything from vintage items and delicious food and drink to engaging games and activities to get involved with.

Those looking to get into the spirit of the day will be able to take part in a best dressed vintage competition, complete with trophies for the top three, with face painting available alongside craft workshops where people can create their very own miniature wooden beach hut to take home.

A stunning display of vintage cars will be on display in Marine Avenue car park, the Bacchus Hotel car park and along Cromer Avenue. All visitors can enjoy free parking at both Broadway car park (LN12 2JN) and Furlongs field football pitch (LN12 2JL) for the event.

This event is part of the Partnership's Story Tellers NPO project through funding from Arts Council England, which looks to support arts, culture, heritage and creativity across the whole of South and East Lincolnshire, providing meaningful opportunity and programming for residents, developing the sector and helping to build the local arts, culture and heritage offer.

You can find out more about Story Tellers at www.story-tellers.co.uk.

Councillor's Community Grants – This year I have £4000 of grant funding to allocate and applications are now open. If community groups contact me to discuss their project in the first instance by emailing - carleen.dickinson@e-lindsey.gov.uk or call 01754 820890. I have received two requests for application forms to date but neither have been completed and returned to date.

East Lindsey Investment Fund Now open to applications - Aimed to be transformative, the fund will prioritise investment in four distinct target areas: community development, promoting the visitor economy, business support and to boost the attractiveness of the area. This scheme is open to not-for-profit community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and town and parish councils delivering projects in the District of East Lindsey. Grants of up to £24,999 can be applied for by prospective applicants. This includes capital and revenue costs. The next closing date for applications is 13th June, however, the scheme will open again straight after in a new round of funding. It may be helpful to email elif@lincolnshirecf.co.uk to discuss your project prior to applying. For further details please visit: <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/grants/elif/> The Lincolnshire Community Foundation also has many other grant funding opportunities available on its website.

