

Eastville, Midville & New Leake

1. Grimsby to Walpole – Update June 2026

Over the past few months, National Grid state that they have:

- submitted their Town and Country Planning Act application for Weston Marsh Substation A, with a decision likely to be made later this year;
- progressed the Grimsby to Walpole Community Fund, which will ensure lasting benefits for the people and places that host new energy infrastructure. They note they will share additional information when it is available
- continued to review all feedback received to date, to help inform design development; and carried out environmental, heritage, and technical assessments.
- They have also recently published a project overview video, summarising the project and why it is needed, which you can find on the National Grid web site.

I have also noted their contact details here, if anyone would like to learn more:

- email contact@g-w.nationalgrid.com;
- call 0808 258 4395; or
- write to Freepost G TO W (no stamp required).

2. New Executives

Councillor Cheyne has stepped down as the Executive for Highways, and Councillor David East has taken on the role. He represents the Heckington division and took over the highways and transport portfolio in February.

We will also have a new Executive for Growth, and the team is currently reviewing CVs for that role.

3. East Fen Road

I am working on this, attempting to get some sort of measures in place to make the road safer for locals to use.

4. Oil Heating Grant

Refer to poster.

5. INSPIREU

I know I mentioned InspireU last year, but I think it's worth noting again. This is a service provided by Lincolnshire County Council's Children's Services, who work with young people across all of Lincolnshire by supporting them to achieve their next steps. Whether this be further or higher education, an Apprenticeship, paid or voluntary employment. They have sites in Boston, Grantham, Lincoln, Louth, Ruskington, Skegness and Spalding, and they deliver 'Study Programmes', and 'Supported Internships' to young people aged 16-24. There have been some good news stories coming out of this service, and I would encourage you to spread the word to anyone who could benefit from it. Their website is: <https://www.inspireu.org.uk>

6. Speeding

Response from Highways:

“Eastville, Midville & New Leak have asked that the 30mph speed limit be moved slightly to align with the new village gates that are or are about to be erected.

The speed limit cannot be relocated to meet the location of the new gateways, this would need to be arranged the other way round, so a further meeting with Doug Girling, Highways Officer for that area, may be required to see if the locations near to the current speed limit signage would be suitable, or accept the gateway locations in the locations they have already been agreed.

They have also asked for a 20mph speed limit outside the New Leak Primary school. I explained they don't work, but apparently they are cars speeding in excess of 100 mph along that stretch and they really want something done. This email relates to that issue. Could you liaise with the LRSP to see if there is anything else we can do.

LRSP had some speed readings done in January 2025 and there was evidence of non-compliance of the limit. We've already got a mobile site there however parking is an issue, so it hasn't been utilised to its full potential.

LRSP are going to schedule in a visit from the motorcycle. They are not currently looking at any Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIP) schemes in Eastville.

Enforceable 20mph speed limits must be supported by a speed limit order, but currently our speed limit policy allows for these to be considered and applied only if they form part of an Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIP) scheme, which meets the necessary AIP funding criteria.

They may also be considered as part of an Integrated Transport Scheme identified as high priority in the capital programme.

However, the policy has just been reviewed, and we await the formal outcome so this situation may change."

7. Proposal to improve access to NHS dental care in Lincolnshire

NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (LICB) have notified us of their plans to improve access to NHS dental care across the county. They are proposing to introduce new NHS dental services in Lincoln, Boston and Skegness. These locations have been identified as areas with significant unmet need and some of the poorest oral health outcomes in Lincolnshire. While the services would be based in these three areas, they would be accessible to residents across the county, within the capacity of the services.

The proposed services are designed to deliver thousands more NHS dental appointments, with a particular focus on supporting communities who currently face the greatest challenges accessing care. In addition to expanding access to essential treatment, the proposed model aims to support training and development of the future dental workforce in Lincolnshire.

They are now inviting local people to share their views through an online. They note that our feedback will help shape the final service specification and influence how the services are designed, delivered and monitored.

Survey link: Residents can complete the survey online at [by midnight on Sunday 19 July 2026: lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/dental-access-survey](https://lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/dental-access-survey).

Email: licb.involveus@nhs.net

Telephone: 07779 913 329

8. 2026 Lloyds Tour of Britain Men

Lincolnshire will host the first two stages of the 2026 Lloyds Tour of Britain Men on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September 2026. Lincoln will host the start and finish of stage one, while Boston and Skegness will host the stage two start and finish. When the first stage rolls out of Lincoln on Wednesday 2 September, it will be the first visit by a national Tour to the city in over 30 years. The city annually hosts the Lincoln Grand Prix, a key fixture on the Lloyds National Road Series calendar. Day two will see the peloton heading out from the market town of Boston, across the beautiful surrounding Lincolnshire area, before the stage comes to a conclusion at Skegness.

I understand that as far as our division is concerned, they will enter from Partney Road, into Spilsby's Church Street, Terrace and onward through Halton Road, Spilsby Road, and further on to Halton Hologate. They will cycle all the way along Hole Gate and into Great Steeping via Old Church Lane, and further on to Station Road. They then ride through Irby-in-the-Marsh via Wainfleet Road and Spilsby Road, which carries them down to Thorpe St Peter, and through to Wainfleet All Saints. The tour will take a left on Market Place to St John's Street, Skegness Road and further up to Croft Bank. They follow Croft Bank all the way up until the road name changes to Wainfleet Road into Skegness. They continue along Lumley Road and take a left up Grand Parade and finally end stage two just past County Hotel on North Parade.

There's a great map on their web site where you can see the route: <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/tourofbritain/men/stagetwo>

9. Food Waste Collection

These are scheduled for Autumn this year for East Lindsey District. For more local information please visit the County Council websites.

10. Vacancies in the Standing Advisory on Religious Education

I was recently asked to join the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), and attended my first meeting yesterday. One of the issues raised is that there are two openings that need to be filled, and I thought it would be useful to put the word out there, to see if anyone might be interested. The group is specifically looking for Hindi and Jewish representatives, so if you know of anyone, or would like to be a part of it, please do let me know.

About: This official statutory committee that advises the Local Authority on the effective provision of Religious Education (RE) and Collective Worship in local schools.

Core Responsibilities:

- Syllabus Monitoring: Advises on teaching methods, materials, and teacher training related to the locally agreed RE syllabus.
- Determinations: Considers requests from schools to adjust the legal requirement that collective worship must be "broadly Christian".
- Annual Reporting: Publishes annual reports to ensure accountability and monitor the delivery of RE

The group is made up of:

- Committee A: Christian and other denominations/worldviews reflecting the local area.
- Committee B: Church of England representatives.
- Committee C: Teachers representing professional unions.
- Committee D: Lincolnshire County Council representatives.

The committee typically holds public meetings several times a year at the County Offices in Lincoln.

11. County Council Budget

Council leader, Cllr Sean Matthews explained: "This is our first budget as a new administration. The government has provided some additional funding to reflect that the county has been under-funded in the past, but it won't be anywhere near enough to cover our extra costs. We are meeting that challenge by rooting out wasteful spending.

In addition to an extra £36m from the government, the budget proposals include efficiency savings and using a proportion of the council's reserves. To raise some additional funding, the council has agreed to raise council tax by 2.9%, of which 2% will

only be used to fund increasing costs of adult social care. The small increase in council tax adds 90p per week on the average band D property.

Cllr Tom Catton, the council's executive councillor for finance, explained: "Our executive has identified **£35.5m of known savings for 26/27. These savings will rise to £62.6m in the coming years.** But this is just the beginning, I am confident we will find further savings.

"We have reviewed the reserves we hold and have identified money we can use this year without adverse risk to the council. We owe it to the residents that chose change last May, to look at things differently and to deliver that change. I genuinely do not believe we can ask residents to pay more in council tax while we have money in the bank above what we truly need."

The 2026 budget includes:

- £61m to maintain the roads, including an extra £6 million for pothole drainage
- £138m for children's social services - £21.5 million more than last year, including for SEND support and children in care
- £189m for care for older people and adults with disabilities, £30 million more than last year
- £4.4m for new fire engines and lifesaving equipment

For more information on the budget, please visit the County Council website.

12. County Councillor Grants

We are about to launch two new grants to support local community projects.

The idea is to help community groups, charities and grassroots initiatives which focus on delivering positive outcomes for communities and council priorities. We want to bring real benefits to our residents, so please do let me know what projects you feel would be suitable.

There will be two funding streams:

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Divisional Fund	Strategic Fund
A total of £3,000	From £3,000 up to £15,000
We decide how this will be used	Supports wider or cross-divisional impact
Project to show local benefit, value for money and align with local need and council priorities	To be assessed and awarded through funding rounds
Funding must be spent within 12 months of receiving the award	Projects will be scored on impact, value and alignment with council priorities
Applications to be made by 28 Feb 2027	Funding to be spent within timescale agreed at the time of application

This is available for ... Parish and Town Councils, Residents Associations, Registered Charities, Community and Voluntary Groups, Community Interest Companies and Social Enterprises, Faith Groups (for non-religious-related activities), Sports Clubs, Cultural Organisations, Schools and Academies (if used for wider community benefit).

What can be funded? Community events and activities, including start-up or running costs, equipment for community use (purchase or hire), improvements or repairs to

community facilities, neighbourhood improvements, such as benches, planters and noticeboards, and community emergency resilience projects, be that for equipment or for training.

The process ... Identify a project with local benefit, councillor to submit the application on behalf of the project (including contact information for the project group, details about the project and why the councillor is supporting the project). Officers will then check eligibility against the criteria stated and a decision is made, funding is then awarded and project progress will be monitored.

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