

District Council Report June 2025

RiverLight 2025

RiverLight is back for 2025, a celebration of Sleaford's rich culture and heritage. This year's theme is Circles, Cycles and the Summer Solstice, inspired by the area's rural heritage, medieval water mills and local folklore.

The event promises to be a vibrant week of music, dance and performance, with fringe activities from Saturday 14 June to Friday 20 June, and the finale on Saturday 21 June.

The festival programme is now available and can be picked up from the Hub in Sleaford, as well as various visitor venues, libraries and local businesses. You can also view it online.

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.

Meet the team at the Lincolnshire Show on June 18 & 19 at the Lincolnshire County Council stand, and at the NKDC stand at the Heckington Show on July 26 & 27. There'll be people to answer questions, showcase the caddies, and share more.

The Zone – A vibrant, purpose-built space for young people to chill, create, and be themselves

This award-winning pop-up youth space come to Sleaford's Market Place, giving young people aged 11–18 free access to creativity, connections, and culture right in the heart of their community.

It took place from the 5 June 2025 to Sunday 8 June 2025, The Zone is a custom-built environment created by youth specialists Zest Theatre, specifically for young people. It was free to access and offered a welcoming mix of creative workshops, games, and relaxed hangout zones. There were street art, silent discos, music, drama, and more all designed to be fun, accessible, and open to all. The feedback received was excellent.

Future of Lincolnshire's Children and Young People's Nursing (CYPN) service

LCC is keen to hear your views to help shape the future of Lincolnshire's Children and Young People's Nursing (CYPN) service.

The CYPN service is part of Lincolnshire County Council's Children's 0 to 19 Health Service. This is a targeted public health service for Lincolnshire children and young people who are in school year 1 (aged 5 or 6) up to the age of 19 years (or 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)).

The CYPN service supports the delivery of the national 5-19 Healthy Child Programme, along with other services in Lincolnshire. Following updates to the national guidance for the programme, LCC is reviewing its CYPN service to ensure it's still supporting families effectively.

You can complete the survey online until 03 July 2025.

SCAMnesty

The National Trading Standards Scams Team is running a SCAMnesty campaign to encourage everyone in the UK to send in any scam mail that they receive to the team, free of charge. The team works with enforcement agencies abroad and here in the UK to tackle mail scams head on. All mail sent in supports the team's investigations into the criminals behind scams. It also allows the team to understand the latest trends in scam mail landing on consumers' door mats.

In previous years, the amount of mail received during the campaign is around 10 times more than that received throughout the rest of the year by Scam Marshals. Local authorities, Friends Against Scams organisations and Partners and Multi-Agency Approach to Fraud teams, can help to spread this message across social media platforms and when visiting residents or raising awareness of fraud and scams in other ways.

The SCAMnesty campaign will run for four weeks from Monday 2 June.

New suite of five grants now available

The Council is launching a new suite of grants designed to support sustainable business growth, wellbeing and flourishing communities:

- Business Energy and Resources Grant
- Small Business Grant
- Flourishing Communities Grant

- Sleaford Shopfront Grant
- Events Grant

A15 Dunsby Road reconstruction

LCC informs us that it will be necessary to close sections of the road to vehicular traffic during these works for up

to four weeks, starting on Monday 30 June.

As part of the improvements, night-time road closures will be in place on the A15 (between Brauncewell and Cranwell including the Westcliffe Road and Long Lane junctions) from 7pm to 6am, Monday to Friday. In addition, there will be a reduced speed limit in place 24/7 during the scheme.

The diversion route for the road closures will be via A15 / A17 / A153 / B1188 / B1191 / A15 and vice versa (see image).

These sections of the A15 are deteriorating, so LCC is taking the opportunity to rebuild them to improve safety and usability of the road. In addition, they'll also be using this opportunity to maintain the ironworks and verges.
