

The Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service

The Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service is a jointly funded partnership between Natural England, East Lindsey District Council, West Lindsey District Council, North East Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire County Council.

We aim to:

- Protect and enhance the landscape and its distinctive features
- Encourage community interest and involvement
- Raise awareness of the Wolds
- Promote sustainable development and appropriate enjoyment

The Lincolnshire Wolds JAC

The Lincolnshire Wolds has an established Joint Advisory Committee (JAC): a partnership of public, private and voluntary organisations and representatives who have a special interest or working knowledge of the area. The JAC acts as a forum to advise and guide activity on a wide range of issues across the Wolds and is instrumental in developing, implementing and monitoring the AONB Management Plan 2004 - 09. Currently there are 22 representatives:

- BTCV
- Churches Together in all Lincolnshire
- Community Lincs
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- CLA (Country Land and Business Association)
- East Lindsey District Council
- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
- Forestry Commission
- Groundwork Lincolnshire
- Heritage Lincolnshire
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Lincolnshire Economic Action Partnership
- Lincolnshire Sports Partnership
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
- National Farmers Union – East Midlands
- Natural England
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- Ramblers
- Visit Lincolnshire
- West Lindsey District Council

Guest organisations of the JAC include:

- DEFRA
- East Midlands Development Agency
- Government Office East Midlands
- Lincolnshire Enterprise

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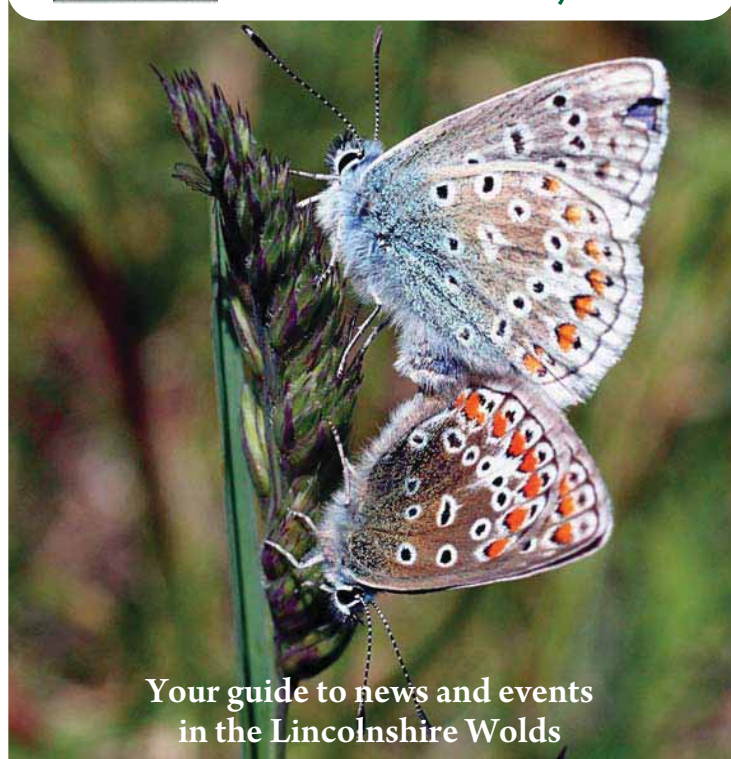
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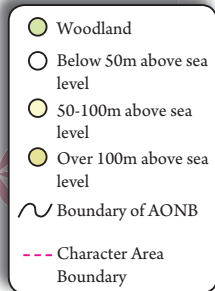


Your guide to news and events
in the Lincolnshire Wolds
April 2011 – October 2011

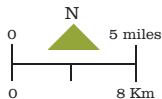
Common Blue Butterflies at Red Hill Nature Reserve © Neville Gurnhill

The Lincolnshire Wolds

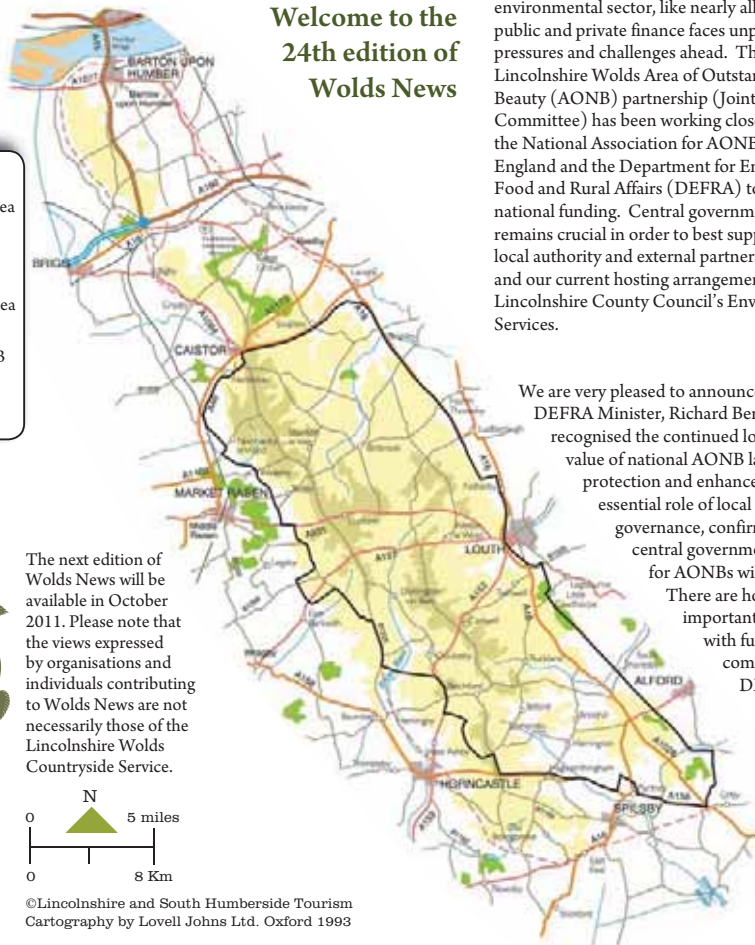
Welcome to the 24th edition of Wolds News



The next edition of Wolds News will be available in October 2011. Please note that the views expressed by organisations and individuals contributing to Wolds News are not necessarily those of the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service.



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As highlighted in previous issues, the environmental sector, like nearly all areas of public and private finance faces unprecedented pressures and challenges ahead. The Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) partnership (Joint Advisory Committee) has been working closely with the National Association for AONBs, Natural England and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to secure national funding. Central government support remains crucial in order to best support our vital local authority and external partnership funding and our current hosting arrangements within Lincolnshire County Council's Environmental Services.

We are very pleased to announce that the DEFRA Minister, Richard Benyon, has recognised the continued long-term value of national AONB landscape protection and enhancement and the essential role of local partnership governance, confirming that central government funding for AONBs will continue.

There are however some important changes, with funding to come direct from DEFRA, rather than the

existing arrangements through Natural England. The grant settlements for AONB partnerships are to be reduced from their current levels at a likely rate of 5.4% per annum over the next four years.

In the case of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB, and the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, we are clearly being tasked with 'doing more with less'. We have some tough choices ahead with, at the time of writing, some uncertainties still surrounding the future viability of our local Sustainable Development Fund and Landscape Grant Scheme.

The partnership remains open to new and innovative ideas to help best protect and enhance the AONB landscape for the benefit of all that live, work, visit and enjoy the Wolds and its surrounding market towns. Despite the undoubted difficulties ahead you'll see from the articles that there has still been much to celebrate. More details will be available in our forthcoming Annual Review 2010/11 to be published later in the year - see www.lincswolds.org.uk for an update. As always, please drop us a line with any views on this edition of Wolds News, or any suggestions for future articles.

Steve Jack

Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside
Service Manager

What's On Summer 2010/2011

For up-to-date information regarding these events, please check with our office:-



01507 609740

www.lincswolds.org.uk

Events Guide Key



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PARKING



LEADER

Sunday 10 April

In the Shadow of Juicetrump

10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Join us to explore the beautiful and protected Wolds landscape on this 5½ mile walk where we may discover the secrets of Juicetrump, between the Green Man Inn at Scamblesby and Belchford. Why not enjoy some refreshment at the welcoming hostelry on return – to book a table, please call 01507 343282.



Green Man Inn, Scamblesby
Grid ref: TF 277 790 O.S. map 273
Postcode LN11 9XG



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in the car park



Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service

Saturday 7 May

Walkers are Welcome!

Join in the celebrations as Market Rasen becomes the first town in Lincolnshire to be awarded Walkers Are Welcome status. There will be a variety of walks on offer - call 01673 842479 for further details.

Sunday 8 May

Bluebells at Legbourne

10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Enjoy a delightful 10 mile circular bluebell walk along public footpaths, taking in Legbourne Wood and Burwell Wood, with lovely views along the way.



Chapel Lane Playing Field car park
Grid ref: TF 369 842 O.S. map 283
Postcode LN11 8LW



Chapel Lane Playing Field car park,
by kind permission.



Ramblers' – Lincoln Group
Tel: 01522 689387

Saturday 21 May

Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival Launch

10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Why not join in with the fun and activities throughout the day at the Launch of the 7th Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival. It's an ideal opportunity to come along, meet leaders and find out more about the organisations involved in this popular event!

Visit www.woldswalkingfestival.co.uk or call 01507 609740 for further details and receive a copy of the 2011 programme.



Brackenborough Hall Farm, 2 miles
north of Louth
Grid ref: TF 330 907 O.S. map 282
Postcode LN11 0NS



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Hall Coach House Holidays, in the
signposted car park



Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival Group

Monday 23 May

A Ramble with Batty Ruth!

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. A picturesque 4 mile walk mainly on grassy paths and country lanes, through the Nettleton Valley. Not only will the chalk stream and adjoining habitats be looked at, there will be a bat hunt of approx. 45 minutes after the walk has finished, as we hopefully get to listen and hear these charismatic creatures.



Rambler's car park, on the road from
Nettleton to Normanby le Wold,
signposted off the A46
Grid ref: TF 111 991 O.S. map 282
Postcode LN7 6TA



Rambler's car park – limited parking,
please park with consideration (about 1
mile south of Nettleton/A46)



Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project

Thursday 26 May

Valleys, Hills and a Fort

11:00 pm to 3:30 pm. An inspiring and energetic 7 mile walk starting from Barnoldby le Beck, heading west into the Wolds via the Waithe Beck Valley. An opportunity to discover more about the hidden landscapes of Hatcliffe and Beelsby including the last remains of a Civil War fort.



St Helen's Church, Barnoldby le Beck.
Grid ref: TA 236 033 O.S. map 284
Postcode DN37 0BH



Near St Helen's, in the grass car park off
Chapel Lane, opposite the obelisk.



Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service

Wednesday 1 June

Fun for all the Family!

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm approx. Join in the fun at Haugham church as we explore the wildlife of the churchyard. Using the God's Acre Activity Sheets, magnifying glasses and bug pots, we'll be finding out lots of interesting things about trees, minibests, archaeology, geology and lichens – the crusty bits on the gravestones! The church will be open and there will be a quiz.



All Saints, Haugham – 4 miles south of
Louth off the A16.
Grid ref: TF 335 815 O.S. map 282
Postcode LN11 8PU



Signposted on the day.



The Churches Conservation Trust
and the Lincolnshire Wolds
Countryside Service

Sunday 5 June

Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival Grand Finale

This year we're celebrating the end of the 7th Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival in style with a Grand Finale! Four walks will be taking place from the delightful village of Partney, varying in length and time, but all due to return at the same time! There's a walk to suit everyone and there will be refreshments and the cutting of a cake for everyone to share on return. Come join us on this very special event!

Visit www.woldswalkingfestival.co.uk or call 01507 609740 for further details and receive a copy of the 2011 programme.

Sunday 12 June

Open Farm Sunday

10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Explore the farming landscape and what farming in the Lincolnshire Wolds entails at Sir Richard Sutton's Settled Estates at Stainton le Vale. Take a tractor and trailer ride around the estate, get to meet some animals, learn about farm machinery, try a variety of guided walks and enjoy some local produce.

This event is one of many taking place as part of Open Farm Sunday, visit www.farmsunday.org to find out more.



Hall Farm, ½ mile north-west of
Stainton le Vale near Market Rasen.
Signposted on the day
Grid ref: TF 165 946 O.S. map 282
Postcode LN8 6HP



By kind permission of Sir Richard
Sutton's Settled Estates
Sir Richard Sutton's Settled Estates

Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 June

Lincolnshire Show

The tradition of the county show is still as strong as ever in Lincolnshire, offering a fantastic and diverse range of activities and entertainment for the whole family. If you are looking for an action packed day out this summer then the Lincolnshire Show is definitely the place to visit.

For more information visit www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk/lincolnshire_show or telephone 01522 522900

Sunday 10 July

Spilsby Show

Why not visit this busy local show where you can meet the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service and enjoy the events and attractions such as the dog show and falconry display. The show is held on the Spilsby Recreation Ground, Ancaster Avenue, Spilsby.

For more information visit www.spilsbyshow.co.uk

Sunday 24 July

Great Limber Circular

9:30 am to 1:00 pm. By kind permission of Brocksley Estate, this 6 mile walk explores the Estate to discover the monuments, trees and wildlife that can be found in this landscape, designed by some of the most famous designers and architects of the 18th and 19th centuries.



Great Limber Village Hall
Grid ref: TA 134 086 O.S. map 284
Postcode DN37 8LB



By kind permission, in Great Limber village hall car park.



Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service

Sunday 7 August

Revesby Country Fair

Come and meet the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service - there will also be a horse show, trade stands and lots more. The show is held in Revesby Park near Horncastle.

For more information visit www.revesby-country-fair.com

Thursday 8 September to Sunday 11 September

Heritage Open Days

Victorian Lincolnshire

This annual celebration includes opportunities to explore and enjoy many aspects of Lincolnshire's built, natural and cultural heritage. Volunteer event organisers across the county will arrange special openings, guided walks, exhibitions, events and activities and this year, our theme is 'Victorian Lincolnshire'. There will be over 75 events across the county to celebrate the rich legacy of the Victorian period.

Heritage Lincolnshire co-ordinate the event on behalf of the volunteers - all events are FREE and open to all. Look out for the booklet with full listing of events from June 2011 and further details will be on Heritage Lincolnshire's website from July 2011.

For more information visit www.lincsheritage.org or phone 01529 461499.

Sunday 11 September

Belchford Downhill

9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Join the community of Belchford for an exciting day of gravity racing (glorified soapbox cart racing, gravity sidecar outfits and gravity bicycles) on a closed road in the heart of the Wolds. Come and watch a range of machines - from the beautifully engineered to the delightfully rustic - race against the clock at speeds of up to 50mph, with nothing but gravity propelling them! It is a great day out for all the family, with safety being the highest priority and fun a close second. There will be a craft and trade fair, as well as hot food, village stalls, a raffle, a massive bouncy castle and other attractions; all proceeds going to the local and national charities and good causes.

For more information visit www.belchford.org.uk or phone 01507 533397



Sunday 18 September

Lincolnshire Firewood Fair & Auction

10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join in the fun and learn to keep warm efficiently and locally at the 3rd Lincolnshire Firewood Fair & Auction. Come along to find out which type of wood is best for you, how it's harvested, processed and finally, get the chance to bid for your firewood needs in the exciting auction! From small net bags of kindling through to delivered cordwood, there's bound to be something for everyone.

For further information, please visit www.lincolnshirefirewoodfair.co.uk



Revesby Estate, signposted on the day
Grid ref: TF 308 617 O.S. map 273.
Postcode PE22 7NU



By kind permission of Revesby Estate



Firewood businesses, woodland managers, arboriculturalists and allied industries.

Saturday 1 October

Lincolnshire Day Bus walk from Wolds to Coast

10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Enjoy the best of the county on Lincolnshire Day with a bus walk to the coast! A 8 mile linear walk along public footpaths and quiet lanes from Candlesby through the grounds of Gunby Hall, before continuing into bracing Skegness. Note: bus fares apply.

Catch the Stagecoach 'Connect 6' Buses depart: Skegness bus station 10:00; Burgh-le-Marsh 10:12 arriving at Candlesby 10:18 OR depart Lincoln City bus station 09:00; Wragby 09:29; Horncastle 09:50; Spilsby 10:15 arriving at Candlesby at 10:27.

Return buses depart hourly from Skegness.



Candlesby Church Grid ref: TF 456 674
O.S. map 274 Postcode PE23 5RY



Stuart Parker, Ramblers' - Lincolnshire Area. Tel: 01522 534655

Event information

- Guided walks are free of charge however the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service may collect donations for organisations directly relating to the events. Any bus or train fares, car parking or entrance fees need to be paid for.
- Children are welcome, but under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.
- If your dog does accompany you on a walk, it must be on a short lead at all times.
- For all events you will need to bring your own food and drink.
- Please bring suitable clothing for the weather, including suitable footwear for muddy paths and fields.
- A leader or representative will be at the start of every event, whatever the weather.
- If you are unsure of your capability to complete an event, please contact the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service for further information one week before the event.
- Please note our office is only staffed Monday to Friday.
- The Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service reserves the right to change or cancel an event without prior notice.
- Whilst we make all our events as safe and as enjoyable as possible, any event attended is done so at your own risk.

PLEASE USE PUBLIC OR SHARED TRANSPORT WHEREVER POSSIBLE

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SNIPPETS

Congratulations to Market Rasen who have become the first community in Lincolnshire to gain national recognition as a 'Walkers Are Welcome' town. Plans are currently being put together to hold a Launch Event on Saturday 7 May which will include a variety of walks to suit all ages and abilities starting and finishing from Market Rasen town centre.



For further information, please contact:

☎ 01673 842479

✉ townclerk_mrtc@hotmail.co.uk

🌐 www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk

The 23rd Annual Fine Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at St Vedast's Church, Tathwell will take place from 10:00am to 6:00pm over the Bank Holiday weekend of Saturday 28th May to Monday 30th May. There will be opportunity to view and buy paintings and prints, along with ceramics, turned woodwork, quality second-hand books, old postcards, greeting cards, plants and preserves along with very important refreshments! Demonstrations of spinning, upholstering and painting will be held and a village walk around the former Chaplin estate village of Tathwell on Monday at 1:30pm with Blue Badge Guide Jean Howard. All proceeds of the weekend event will support St Vedast's Church, Tathwell.

For further information, please contact:

☎ 01507 602869 or 01507 604717

Enjoy West Lindsey Churches Festival – a wonderful celebration of rich architecture and heritage, of beautiful tranquillity and spirituality, and a warm welcome from all participating churches. Over the two weekends, of 7th - 8th May and 14th - 15th May, church communities groups invite you to explore some of our best treasures. Many have organised exhibitions and concerts for your enjoyment – along with ensuring that you will be well nourished over the two weekends, with many churches providing light refreshments throughout the day.

Not all churches will be manned and maybe these will be your choice? If you want a bit

of time to relax in the quiet of a spiritual building, then make sure you choose one of the self-nominated "quiet" churches. All the details of the events and activities can be found in the Festival Brochure.



For a copy of the 2011 Festival Brochure, please contact:

Gary Cooke, Town Clerk for Gainsborough

☎ 01427 811573

🌐 www.churchesfestival.com

The Diocese of Lincoln has recently appointed new staff to help and assist church community groups. Ben Stoker is the new Lincolnshire Open Churches Officer and it's his job to encourage and support parishes to explore new and creative ways to expand the use of their churches to engage more fully with locals and visitors. Ben would like to hear from any parish that would like to explore new ideas or build upon existing initiatives.

Matthew Cooper is the Historic Churches Support Officer, and is looking forward to giving parishes a point of contact for advice, ideas and information for all sorts of queries to do with their church building. This new role is sponsored by English Heritage's Inspired! Campaign – which works to promote, support and maintain historic places of worship all over the country. This could include advice on maintenance and conservation work, fundraising, grant or faculty applications, or research into the building's history and significance. Matthew would like to encourage any parish looking for insight and advice, where their church building is concerned to contact him.

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☎ 01522 504025

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Yard, Lincoln, LN2 1PU

☎ 01522 504028

✉ matthew.cooper@lincoln.anglican.org

Arts and Heritage...

...and much more can be found in the new Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre at 28 Plough Hill, Caistor. Officially opening on 9th April, this is a new place on the Viking Way to stop off for a fabulous coffee, tea and plum bread or the speciality of a Plough Hill lunch, featuring local cheeses and chutneys for the best Ploughman's in Lincolnshire!

Why not rest your weary feet and refresh yourself in the converted Methodist chapel that has been renovated by the community to showcase the area's heritage. Not only that, it also houses the local library and provides space for workshops, with the

great café offering food and drink all day, every day. Be one of the first to visit the new centre, which has received funding from BIG Lottery, Lincolnshire County Council and the Lincolnshire Wolds Sustainable Development Fund and is being featured in a BBC1 primetime documentary this summer. The centre is open every day, with late opening on Thursdays.

For more information, please contact:-

☎ 01472 851605

🌐 www.28ploughhill.com

Have you seen the Duke?

The Duke of Burgundy that is; a small but pretty butterfly. The answer is probably 'no' as they are declining and the last time one was recorded in the Wolds was in 1962. But that doesn't mean they aren't there, the Lincolnshire Environmental Records Centre keeps a database of wildlife and plant sightings from around the County. However some records are quite out of date and no one knows if things have gone extinct in the County or just been unrecorded. Knowing where our wildlife is and whether numbers are increasing or decreasing helps people to make the right decisions to look after wildlife so the more information the better.



© Peter Eeles www.ukbutterflies.co.uk

We are interested in any records but here are some that we are particularly interested in if you fancy a challenge:

- The lackey moth - 1968
- Corn cleavers - 1977
- Slow-worm - 1977
- Tree pipit - 1979
- Ring ouzel - 1980
- Red hemp nettle - 1982
- White-letter hairstreak butterfly - 1989

The Lincolnshire Environmental Records Centre is part of the Lincolnshire Biodiversity Partnership.

To send information, please contact:-
Charlie Barnes, Lincolnshire
Environmental Records Centre

✉ info@lincs-biodiversity.org.uk

☎ 01507 528381

East Midlands: East Lindsey Active

East Lindsey Active is a project which aims to improve the health and well-being of the local residents. The Green Exercise element involves working closely with local GPs and exercise referral specialists to support individuals in making lifestyle changes by using the outdoors to improve their physical and mental health.

The Walking for Health Initiative health walks are currently held in Mablethorpe, Louth, Manby and Grimoldby and the Skegness area. Various routes are used, with benefits of the walks including physical health improvements and greater social interaction.

There will be new 2-3 mile walks taking

place in Horncastle and Spilsby soon, providing a chance to enjoy the local landscape, wildlife and green spaces.

For further information, please contact:

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(Walking and Conservation programme)
Alex Woollen, Sustrans Active Travel
Co-ordinator

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(Walking and Active Travel project)



Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk Project

The Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk Project started in January 2010. It is a national pilot scheme of an innovative approach to the management of Heritage at Risk across the county. Its main aims are to raise awareness of issues affecting the historic environment. This is being achieved by a network of volunteer 'heritage stewards' recruited from across Lincolnshire who survey and collect information on the current condition of the county's heritage assets including historic buildings, archaeological sites, parks and gardens, places of worship and conservation areas. This information will then be used to develop an effective strategy for the management of the county's heritage and preserve it for future generations.

As well as recruiting 'heritage stewards' the project also aims to increase knowledge, interest and understanding of the historic environment. In addition, we offer special interest events on subjects such as deserted medieval villages, historic buildings, archaeology and more practical aspects such as photography and surveying. All these events are open to all and free to attend and a full list can be found on our website.

Forthcoming events in the Wolds include: Heritage Stewards' training days at Alford Corn Exchange on the 15th May and the Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre on the 9th July. There is also a talk by David Start on deserted medieval villages of the Wolds



as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival on 1st June.



For further information, please contact:
Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk,
Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire

☎ 01529 461499

✉ heritage-at-risk@lincsheritage.org

🌐 www.lincshar.org

Arts Project to Revitalise Historic Churches

The Churches Conservation Trust is the leading charity that cares for historic churches at risk. It has recently received funding for an innovative project to revitalise 14 Lincolnshire churches and bring them back into the heart of their communities.

The project aims to develop the churches as a resource for local arts groups and to open visitors' eyes to the amazing original architecture, carvings, wall paintings and stained glass within the buildings. These special and atmospheric churches are clustered around Louth. Three of them are in the Wolds; Haugham - All Saints; Burwell - St Michael; and Little Cawthorpe - St Helen.

Special events will be held at the churches as part of existing local festivals like the Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival, Heritage Open Days and Wolds Words. An artist in residence has been appointed

to work with local schools and community groups to build their ideas and stories into finished art works which will form part of an arts trail linking the churches. The churches will also be offered as venues for arts or literature groups to meet, to hold exhibitions and to stage music, dance or theatrical events. Conservation works, access & signage improvements and interpretation will make the churches easier to find and more accessible.

The ArChWay (Arts in Churches) project is jointly funded by The Churches Conservation Trust and the Rural Development Programme for England via the Lincolnshire Action Groups - the Coastal Action Zone and the Lindsey Action Zone.



**For further information, please contact:
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Lincolnshire**

07730 530388

skelley@tcct.org.uk

www.visitchurches.org.uk



Haugham Church

Renovation of Redundant Buildings

Community Lincs, who have run the Redundant Rural Building Grant programme since 2006, are pleased to announce that Lincolnshire County Council has confirmed the availability of £200,000 to allocate to applicants before Autumn 2011.

The grant scheme offers up to 25% of the full renovation costs to owners of redundant or derelict buildings who convert them for business use. The maximum grant available is £50,000. Applications are welcome in respect of property located throughout Lincolnshire with the exception of Lincoln, Grantham and North and North East Lincolnshire.

Over the last five years, the Redundant Rural Building Grant has brought over 40 rural buildings back in to use. Amongst these, there have been several grants awarded to projects in the Wolds area, including holiday accommodation projects, an art studio, and most recently, an old building that formed

part of a rectory has been renovated to accommodate an art gallery.

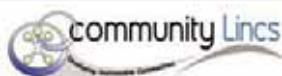
The aim of the grant is to help buildings that would probably have otherwise been left to deteriorate and remain unused. Each renovated building has either created a new business or expanded an existing one, providing employment opportunities and attracting visitors to the area.

**For anyone interested in applying for a grant, please contact:-
Claire Riley, Rural Partnership Officer**

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claire.riley@communitylincs.com

www.communitylincs.com



Communities Together

Started in October 2009, Communities Together is a five year project funded by the Big Lottery which aims to provide support to small groups, village halls and community buildings throughout Lincolnshire, and to help both new and existing community groups to develop. The specialist advice, training and support is provided by the project's five partners; Community Lincs, Age Concern, Children's Links, LCVYS and Groundwork Lincolnshire.

A wide selection of courses is offered across the county, all of which are free. Where possible we use community buildings as the venue for our courses and events; this brings in extra income for the building and highlights the facilities it has to offer the local community. We also ensure that we use rural communities rather than just focusing on the main market towns and larger villages.

Communities Together also arrange and host Information and Funding Fairs - this year on

18th May at Legbourne Community Centre and 13th July at Ancaster Parish Hall. These events provide the opportunity for community groups and committees to come along and speak with various organisations to find out about the funding and free support, training and advice that is available to help community groups develop, or help and advice to get an idea for a new group or project off the ground.



**For more information, please contact:-
Claire Riley, Rural Partnership Officer**

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www.communitylincs.com

Does your area need more sports facilities?

The Lincolnshire Active Community Network is asking community centres, schools and village halls whether they need more sports facilities.

In September 2010, Lincolnshire Sports Partnership and Lincolnshire County Council launched a new project; the Lincolnshire Active Community Network, to ensure that our county's village halls, community centres and green spaces are being utilised to encourage more people to participate in sport and physical activity. Nearly every village in Lincolnshire has a village hall. In fact, there are 350 village halls in total across the county, and that means that there are potentially 350 venues, plus schools, community centres and green spaces, that can be used for badminton, hockey, dance, tai chi and lots more.

Dave Carter, the Facilities Improvement Manager for the Lincolnshire Active Community Network, says: "The Lincolnshire Active Community Network has been set up as a community investment company; the project is 100% focused on the community and it is my job to ensure

that more village halls, community centres and green spaces are being utilised to their full potential. We want more people taking part in sport and physical activity and creating more art and cultural links, and this is a fantastic way to make sure that your community is involved."

Dave is now in the process of liaising with a number of Parish Councils across the county to develop the Lincolnshire Active Community Network.



New Age Kurling

LINCOLNSHIRE ACTIVE COMMUNITY NETWORK

**For more information, please contact:-
Dave Carter, Lincolnshire Sports Partnership**

01522 585580 or 07940 954160

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Quilts in the Wolds...

Join in the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Lindsey Patchworkers as they exhibit their work at Ludford Village Hall between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July.

Lindsey Patchworkers was started in 1981 by a small group of enthusiastic patchworkers living in Louth and the surrounding area. Originally meeting in each other's homes, they now meet in the Conoco Room in Louth Library. With membership spread over a wide area and affiliated to the Quilters Guild, the Lindsey Patchworkers can point you in the right direction for classes and other quilting groups in the area if you are interested.

The exhibition will showcase member's collection of quilts and other quilted and patchwork items, along with examples



Arabian Nights by Jane Blenkhorn

of member's early work and a timeline leading to the present day, highlighting the changing face of the craft over the last 30 years. There will be demonstrations, patchwork, quilts and supplies for sale, a tombola and the ever important home made refreshments.

Why not spend a day in the Wolds, enjoying the intricate work of the Lindsey Patchworkers to become inspired to create your own masterpiece! The entrance fee is £3 which includes refreshments and will help support the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and LIVES.



Event Information:-

**Between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July.**

**Ludford Village Hall, Playingfield Lane,
Ludford, LN8 6AJ**

Life on the Verge

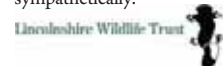
Roadside verges in the Lincolnshire Wolds can be spectacular, with swathes of wildflowers - now scarce over much of the country. From the bright yellow of cowslips in spring to the blues and purples of field scabious and greater knapweed in late summer, wildflowers make verges attractive to butterflies and other wild creatures - as well as people! Some of the best verges in the Wolds are managed as Roadside Nature Reserves by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust under a special arrangement with Lincolnshire County Council. But there may be other very special verges which have gone un-noticed, and these may need more careful management to make sure their wildflowers survive, along with the animals that live on them.



Claxby verges. © Helen Smith

Over the last two years the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, with funding from Natural England, the SITA Trust and Ringway Group Ltd, has been encouraging volunteers to find previously undiscovered verges between Lincoln and Stamford. The results have exceeded all expectations: more than 2,000 kms of verge have been surveyed of which approx 200 kms are rich enough in wildflowers to merit designation as Local Wildlife Sites.

All being well, funding will be secured to provide wildflower identification guides and training for volunteers in the Wolds this year. As proved over the last two years, anyone can join in and make an extremely valuable contribution: you do not need to be an expert botanist. Highways Authorities need to know where there are special verges before they can look at ways of managing them sympathetically.



For further information, please visit:

www.lifeontheverge.org.uk