

# Bringing you all the news and updates from Community Lincs. Incorporating...

**January 2012**

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Keeping you up to date with all the latest news about what training and support is available in and around your community

**Incorrect contact details? Don't forget to tell us of any changes in your committee contacts. Thank You!**

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Find out what we are up to and comments from our Chief Executive Officer at: <http://twitter.com/#!/@floewerby>

### Community Lincs launches new countywide Bulk Oil Buying Scheme



Community Lincs has launched a new way for you to buy your oil!

Our Bulk Oil Buying Scheme aims to maximise the joint buying power of communities to enable them to make significant savings when buying their domestic heating oil.

The scheme is open to individuals, community buildings and businesses that use oil to heat their homes and premises for a small annual membership fee of £20 for individual households, £30 for community buildings and £100 for a business. They will then be able to place as many orders as they want for a whole year.

Your community may already have a successful local scheme and if so that's great. Our aim is not to take it over but they are welcome to join if they wish and they will benefit by saving their time.

We would also like to ask for your help in publicising the scheme and in particular with recruiting a local volunteer co-ordinator for your parish, who will receive their membership of the scheme for free.

If you are on mains gas then you may find this is not relevant to you, but if you know someone who might find it of interest then please pass the information on to them.

To get more information about how the scheme works, for details of how to become a co-ordinator and how to join the scheme please visit the Community Lincs website at <http://www.communitylincs.com/bulk-oil-buying-scheme/> or alternatively give us a call on 01529 301980 or email us at [bulkoil@communitylincs.com](mailto:bulkoil@communitylincs.com)



## New Centre is Declared Open!

Sutton Bridge's new £500,000 community centre was officially opened in December of last year by the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Tony Worth who unveiled a commemorative plaque. Also in attendance was the local MP, John Hayes.



Peter Clery, chairman of the community centre committee, described it as a "brilliant" weekend which saw over 300 people attend on the Saturday and hundreds of youngsters enjoy a free disco on the Sunday funded by a local farmer. The community centre will be home to the parish council, Citizens Advice Bureau, health trainers and other advisors and boasts a main hall/sports hall, kitchen and rooms to let and still to be fitted out is a library, upstairs function room and there are future plans for a much-needed children's nursery.

The centre, funded mainly with money from the Sutton Bridge power station fund, is called the Curlew Centre. It has been built with the help of contributions from Lincolnshire County Council and a major contribution from Sutton Bridge Parish Council.

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## New Fund for Rural Lincolnshire

The Community Foundation is managing the Lincolnshire Rural Communities Fund (LARC), created by the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, the Community Foundation and Rural Support Network. The aim of the fund is to promote, support and strengthen rural communities, help farming families, agriculture and rural crafts.

The Foundation will distribute £14,400 per year. Groups can apply for up to £2,000 and individuals can ask for a maximum of £300.

**Eligibility:** Groups should be not for profit and volunteer led; have a governing document, bank account and relevant policies and procedures. Foundation staff can give advice about these matters where necessary.

**What can be funded?** Countryside projects (walks, sustainability, conservation and volunteer training); craft and skills training (training materials, hedge planting, dry stone walling, butchery courses); Counselling, stress management, advice, diversity; Educational programmes (venue hire, transport, healthy eating, local food, farmers clubs); Bursaries for workshops and events.

To obtain an Application Form or to check eligibility, please contact Sue Fortune on 01529 305825. The next closing date is on 1 March 2012, decisions notified within six weeks of closing date.

Gordon Hunter, the Foundation Director says:-  
"This approach is another example of the very best way to spend small amounts of money that make a huge difference to those that really need it."



## Mind the Generation Gap in Gainsborough! We need you to be part of a unique dance experience!

Lincolnshire Dance would like to invite participants of all ages to take part in this unique dance experience taking place on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February 2012 at Marshall's Yard shopping centre in Gainsborough.

If you would like to take part or chat further about 'Mind the (Generation) Gap' please email [info@lincolnshiredance.com](mailto:info@lincolnshiredance.com) or call 01522 811811 and we will be happy to send you an application form. Please note that payment will be required before the event begins and can be paid by cheque, cash or via our website shop at [www.lincolnshiredance.com/shop](http://www.lincolnshiredance.com/shop)

## Awards for All Workshop

Is your community looking to apply for Awards for All funding? If Yes South Lincs Community and Voluntary Service (SLCVS) are holding a workshop **on 24<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12pm at Wrangle Parish Hall, Church End, Wrangle, Boston, PE22 9EW** to help you find out what Awards for All fund is; how to complete the application form/process; how best to present your project. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions about your specific projects to Kelly Hart from the Big Lottery.

For more information and to book your place please contact Jeni Atkinson on 01205 365580 ext 204 or email [jeni.a@southlincscvs.org.uk](mailto:jeni.a@southlincscvs.org.uk)



Janet Inman, Chief Executive of Lincolnshire Sports Partnership and Development Director at Volleyball England, said:

"You don't have to have any volleyball experience, you just have to be enthusiastic! This is a great opportunity to get involved in a National sporting event in our Region. It will provide event experience and will look great on your CV."

## Volleyball volunteers wanted

Volunteers are being encouraged to take part in a major volleyball event in April. Volunteers will be needed for a variety of jobs and no volleyball experience is needed.

The events take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, at the National Volleyball Centre in Kettering. Expenses for travel and food will be paid for by prior arrangement, and accommodation can be offered in some circumstances.

For more information, please contact Ilona Berry on 01509 227 713 or [i.berry@volleyballengland.org](mailto:i.berry@volleyballengland.org).

## Council Support Available for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012



South Holland District Council (SHDC) want to support local communities across the District who want to get involved and celebrate Queen Elizabeth's II 60 years reign.

SHDC is producing a "Street Party Toolkit". An easy to follow guide on everything you need to know about planning and organising a community celebration event.

For more information visit

<http://www.sholland.gov.uk/council/councillors/Designated+Councilor+Budgets.htm>

For more details contact SHDC's community development team on 01775 761161, email [community@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:community@sholland.gov.uk) or visit the Council website at

<http://www.sholland.gov.uk/leisure/TheQueensDiamondJubilee2012.htm>

## Keeping Chickens: A Beginners Guide

Would you like to keep chickens but don't know where to start? Do you have chickens already and would like to find out more?

This 4 week beginner's course aims to give you lots of information on housing, feeding, pest and predators, ailments and eggs. Along with a brief look at breeds and breeding and basic anatomy.

The course begins on Tuesday 21 February 2012 at Ermine Library from 9.30 – 11.30am or Thursday 23 February 2012 from 5.30-7.30pm and costs £20 for four weeks payable on enrolment. Concessions may apply

To book a place on this popular short course call the community team now!!

Tel: 01522 876258 or

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## Adult Education Courses

Seagull Recycling are holding some adult education courses at The Coastal Eco Centre throughout February ranging from arts and crafts and woodworking to learning about wildlife and team building. To find out more contact Paul Charles at [paul.charles@seagullrecycling.org.uk](mailto:paul.charles@seagullrecycling.org.uk)



### **Music Licencing Update**



Your committee should start receiving a joint tariff bill from PRS and PPL. Please contact me if you still have any questions about this new tariff. You need to review your bookings and find out which hirers use recorded music. Groups hiring a hall will be covered by the hall's PPL blanket licence. Someone hiring the hall for example for an exercise class, playing music and taking a 'fee' or commercial income, will be responsible for their own PPL licence. Other examples include Weightwatchers, Tumbletots. There are a number of sites offering PRS & PPL free or reduced cost try: <http://www.ibaudio.com/>, <http://sibeerecords.co.uk/>, <http://www.onhold2go.co.uk/>, <http://www.akmmusic.co.uk/>

These might be a solution for halls who just want background music for occasional events, but not those who have a need for the latest chart hits!

**The next funding round** for Lincolnshire County Council's Economy & Culture Community Grant Aid. Application forms and guidance for both **Community Activities** and **Community Facilities** grants are now available to download at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/communitygrants](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/communitygrants)

The deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

**Are you considering applying to the scheme? If so, contact Samantha Smith on 01529 301960 to discuss your community facility project, we also offer a free application form checking service.**

### **Congratulations to our John Barker Winner and Runners Up!!**

Every year in May, we invite community building management committees to nominate a volunteer who they consider has made an outstanding contribution to the management of their hall.

Please visit our website at:

<http://www.communitylincs.com/community-buildings/john-barker-trophy/> to find out the list of 2011's nominees and winner.

### **Metal Theft**

Metal theft is the fastest growing crime in the UK. Metal is stolen from a variety of places including: church buildings, schools, heritage properties, War memorials and even graves have been desecrated, manhole covers stolen. Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (England & Wales) have put together a useful leaflet (although targeted at its network members) on what members of your community can do. This is available from: [http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/uploads/pub res/Metal theft newsletter \(long version\).pdf](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/uploads/pub_res/Metal%20theft%20newsletter%20(long%20version).pdf)



**2012 has dawned and brought with it excitement around the Olympics, Paralympics and the Diamond Jubilee.**

But how can you ensure that your community feels part of these national events? [The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge](#) from [Fields in Trust](#) provides an answer.

How?

- Dedicate a valued outdoor recreational space - park, playing field, bike trail, nature reserve - to the Challenge
- Provide your communities with a focus for this once in a lifetime opportunity.
- Hold a [Have a Field Day](#) to celebrate the exciting events of 2012.

For further details, and to receive a nomination form, please contact; Jamie Leeson, East Midlands Regional Manager, on; 07525182414, or email: [jamie.leeson@fieldsintrust.org](mailto:jamie.leeson@fieldsintrust.org).  
<http://www.qe2fields.com>.

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**Irby and Bratoff Village Hall** have been granted planning permission by East Lindsey District Council to build two extensions onto the existing building to create a Community Shop, community library and a permanent home for the amazingly successful Computer Club. Anyone who would like to come along should contact Irby and Bratoff Village Hall on 01754 81 1850 or email [IBVH@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:IBVH@hotmail.co.uk) Computer Club is open 9am - 5pm Mondays and Thursdays.

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### **Charities Act 2011 - new legislation receives Royal Assent**

The Charities Act 2011 received Royal Assent on 14 December and will come into force in March 2012. For more information visit:

[http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/rss/updates/charities\\_act\\_2011.aspx](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/rss/updates/charities_act_2011.aspx)

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### **Community Lincs Facility Advisory Service Membership Scheme**

We would like to invite your committee to become members of our advisory service.

#### **Annual Membership**

	<b>Price</b>
Community Building (without quality award)	£45.00
Community Building (with quality award)	£40.00
Play facility	£25.00

#### **Contact the Facilities News Editor and Community Facilities Adviser:**

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# Communities Together Newsletter

January 2012



Welcome to the January 2012 edition of the Communities Together Newsletter...

Each month we will bring you the latest news and articles about the range of training and support available across Lincolnshire. We would also like to publicise your events too, so if you have a fete or celebration coming up, get in touch and we will endeavour to include it on our community noticeboard.

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## **Volunteer Training available through Children's Links**

Children's Links is offering the opportunity for volunteers working in early years or schools to attend accredited training. Volunteers need to be 19 years of age or over, and other eligibility criteria may be applicable.

A contribution from either the learner or the organisation they volunteer for will be required, but the amount will depend on the individual circumstances, which will be discussed prior to application.

For more information please contact Joski or Liz at Children's Links on telephone 0845 373 0645





# Communities Together Free Training Programme



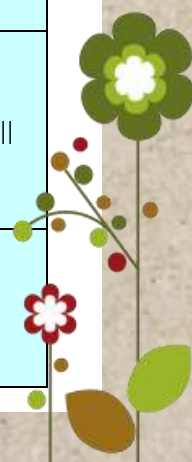
To find out more about a specific course, download a booking form or to see our full list of training please visit:

<http://www.communitylincs.com/communities-together/training-courses/>

Saving Energy & Money for your Community Building	7th March	6.30pm to 8.30pm	Middle Rasen Village Hall
Energy Efficiency Heating Technologies	8th March	7pm to 9pm	Grantham College
Fire Risk Assessment	13th March	2pm to 4.30pm	Horncastle Community Centre
Information & Funding Fair	14th March	2pm to 5pm	<b>Butlins' Royal Arthur</b> Centre, Ingoldmells
Trustee Roles & Responsibilities Workshop	14th March	3pm to 3.30pm	<b>Butlins' Royal Arthur</b> Centre, Ingoldmells
Governing Documents Surgery	14th March	3.30pm to 4pm	<b>Butlins' Royal Arthur</b> Centre, Ingoldmells
Beginners Computer Skills	7th,14th & 21st March	10am to 12noon or 1pm to 3pm	Fulbeck Village Hall
Beginners Computer Skills	17th, 24th April & 21st May	10am to 12noon	Ancaster Parish
Beginners Plus Computer Skills—File Management & Emails	18th, 25th April & 2nd May	1pm to 3pm	Welbourne Village Hall

Beginners & Beginners Plus courses also coming up in:

Stamford, Deeping St James and Lea





### Community Group in the spotlight....

Grantham Senior Citizens group has been running for nearly 50 years. Weekly meetings take place at St Catherine's Road, in the hall which was purposely built for the senior citizens of Grantham.

The group face an uncertain future; after managing to raise the majority of funds in the past, they now face issues with the on-going maintenance of the building and due to only being granted annual licences they are restricted to which grants they can apply for.

To help safeguard the future of the group, they would like to encourage new members to join—the annual membership fee is very reasonable, and new members are welcomed to initiate a new activity. The group would also like to highlight the fact that the hall can be hired for events and regular activities.

For more information please contact the Chairman, Mr Bottomley on 07870 870496 or Email Mr Foxall at [foxallej@aol.com](mailto:foxallej@aol.com)

### Responders to Warmth, Lincolnshire

One of Communities Together partners; Groundwork Lincolnshire is involved in the recently launched programme Responders to Warmth for Lincolnshire.

Responders to Warmth is a short term programme operating up to 31st March 2012, funded by the UK Department of Health and operated by Lincolnshire Community Foundation. The aim is to support meeting the emergency needs of households in Lincolnshire to keep warm and healthy in adverse conditions.

More information about the scheme and to find out if you are eligible for support visit the [Responders to Warmth](#) website.

### Lincolnshire Alert

Lincolnshire Alert (LincsAlert) is a community messaging system run by Lincolnshire Police. The messaging system acts as a tool for the police to give information to the registered members on crime reduction and community safety issues. Members are also able to provide information to the police.



So far nearly 10,000 people have signed up to the scheme which is free and easy to join. To encourage even more people to sign up, the Community Safety Department have teamed up with the Lincolnshire Co-op to offer an Easter prize draw which will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. The winner will be picked at random from the database of Alert members and will receive an Easter egg containing £20 of Co-op vouchers.

Should anyone wish to register for crime alerts in their area and be included in the prize draw, they should visit [www.lincsalert.co.uk](http://www.lincsalert.co.uk) or contact the Community Safety Department on 01522 558399 if they don't have access to the internet.



# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Grantham Senior Citizens, St Catherines Road - new members welcome, or alternatively call in for a chat on Tuesday morning between 10am and 12noon. Contact Mr D Bottomley on 07870 870496.



Extend Gentle Seated Exercise, Irby & Bratoft Village Hall Every Wednesday 2pm—3pm. Gentle seated exercise suitable for all abilities and ages. Helping to promote health and maintain independent living delivered by a fully qualified instructor.

£2 per session, includes tea/coffee. No need to book just turn up. For further information on Extend or other activities available at the hall, please contact Andrew on: 01754 811850 or 07961 825031.



Sellwood Gardens Computer & Social Group, Horncastle.

A group of senior citizens have formed a computer and social club that meets Wednesday & Fridays 10am to 12 noon. 50p per session. Social activities include computers and Wii activities, together with tea and biscuits throughout the morning. For more information call Ann on 01507 522846 any evening.



Lincolnshire Community Building Cluster meetings

The following cluster meetings are all held 7pm to 9pm. For more information please contact Samantha Smith, Tel 01529 301960 or email [Samantha.smith@communitylincs.com](mailto:Samantha.smith@communitylincs.com)

CLUSTER	VENUE	Date
Boston Cluster	Freiston Danny Flear Community Centre Bull Pasture, Church Road, Freiston, PE22 0LH	12th March 2012
Spilsby Cluster	New Bolingbroke Town Hall Main Road, New Bolingbroke, Boston PE22 7LD (near Occupation Lane)	15th March 2012
Grantham Cluster	Foston Village Hall Church Street, Foston, NG32 2LG	27th March 2012
Gainsborough Cluster	Hemswell & Harpswell Village Hall Maypole Street, Hemswell and Harpswell, DN21 5UL	21st March 2012
Louth Cluster	Saltfleet Social Centre Sea Lane, Saltfleet, LN11 7RP	28th March 2012

