

## County Council Report January 2023

### **Support for Lincolnshire's pub owners**

Places are available on Business Lincolnshire's Pub Diversification programme that supports pubs to increase revenue and welcome new customers by diversifying their offering.

Local pubs can use the programme to develop projects such as creating overnight accommodation, expanding into retail services, building additional facilities for walkers and cyclists, or even including motorhome hook-up points and electric vehicle chargers in car parks.

Business Lincolnshire offers professional one-on-one advice and support and diagnostic help, as well as expert advice to help pub owners/managers take their business to the next level.

There are a restricted number of places on the programme. Find out more about the programme via <https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/start-and-grow-my-business/grant-and-support-finder/pub-diversification-programme/>

### **Helping to give children a better start in life**

The county council has been selected as one of 75 local authorities to benefit from the government's Family Hubs programme.

This programme aims to adapt how and where we deliver information, advice and help to make it more welcoming and accessible for all families, particularly when they need it most. Importantly, it will also mean additional investment, allowing us to build upon the support already provided by our children's centres and the early help team.

We're confident that the Family Hubs programme will make a significant difference to families across Lincolnshire and give children a firm foundation for the future.

### **Better school meals for better health**

Lincolnshire County Council and the City of Lincoln Council have joined a national pilot project to ensure that nutritious, healthy meals are served in Lincoln-area schools, helping children grow and learn.

The School Food Standards Compliance project will provide guidance on serving safe, balanced school meals to encourage healthy eating habits and ensure that pupils have the energy and nutrition they need to get the most from their school day.

Schools often play a crucial role in providing children with healthy food to help them concentrate and thrive in the classroom and beyond. With increasing pressure on family food budgets, nutritious, enjoyable school meals have never been more important.

### **Coastal community training**

Utilising funding from government, the Coastal Communities project has aimed to fill skill gaps found across Lincolnshire's coastline.

The county council has provided training courses to more than 370 individuals working in 50 different businesses. This has supported employers develop a much needed local skilled workforce, and supports the development of a year-round visitor economy, allowing local businesses to grow.

This project highlights that there is so much good work going on to help employers with training needs, and the stories about how the programme has launched fulfilling careers for individuals involved are inspiring.

### **£3m boost for manufacturing industries**

The East Midlands Growth Hubs, led by Lincolnshire County Council have successfully bid to secure £3m to support East Midlands manufacturing sector businesses over the next two and a half years.

The programme helps businesses implement more automation and take advantage of new technologies such as 3D printing, artificial intelligence and virtual reality, creating more high skilled jobs in the process.

The investment is estimated to generate £80m in additional productivity, based on data from other Made Smarter Adoption Programmes.

### **Keep warm, keep well:**

Make sure you keep yourself and your loved ones warm and well this winter by taking steps to stay healthy, and prepare for potential illness, especially if you (or your loved ones) suffer from asthma, CoPD or other illnesses where sudden drops in temperature can affect health. Call 111 if you are concerned and want medical advice and – if you are eligible, remember to have your free flu and covid vaccinations.

### **Multiply Maths Skills Programme:**

Lincolnshire County Council want to hear from residents about how improving their understanding of numbers could help their daily lives, so does our PM, who also takes an interest in this subject. Two surveys have now been launched on Let's talk Lincolnshire to gather views and experiences to help design courses that meet the needs of Lincolnshire people and businesses: <https://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/multiply-numeracy-skills>

### **Veterans' Survey:**

The Office for National Statistics has launched a Veterans' Survey to collect information on access to services and circumstances since leaving the armed forces. Given the large number of Veterans living in Lincolnshire, we would like to share this information with you and encourage you to share it through your networks if possible. The survey is live until 28 January.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/surveys/informationforhouseholdsandindividuals/householdandindividualsurveys/veteranssurvey>

### **Adult Care Charges Calculator:**

People who use care, their family, and friends can find out what their cost of social care might be by completing the Adult Care Charges Calculator. Understanding the costs people can expect to pay helps to make informed decisions at the earliest opportunity. When people start to see what care is available and the cost, this can be very confusing, let me know how you find this process, so we can highlight the issues.

[https://lincolnshire.betteroff.org.uk/#/forms/LI\\_CA/show](https://lincolnshire.betteroff.org.uk/#/forms/LI_CA/show)

### **Local transport – Buses:**

The Enhanced Partnership for buses stakeholder consultation has been launched. It is open for responses until 31 January 2023. It is about providing views on the Enhanced Partnership scheme and plan. You can find more information, and the opportunity to participate here: [www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/enhanced-partnership-buses](http://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/enhanced-partnership-buses)

Should you have any queries about the subject, please contact Helen Reek  
Helen.Reek@lincolnshire.gov.uk, Senior Projects Officer in the Transport Services team.  
Regarding buses and the Louth Transport Scheme, one of the issues which has come out, is the number of bus users has dropped significantly since Covid and has not yet picked up. If you are one of these people, if you could let me know what is preventing you from using the buses, I would like to hear your views or comments.

### **North Parade from The County to Grand Parade Resurfacing**

Major resurfacing is planned and to take place is still on track, with the approximate start date in April, with an estimation of the works taking a month to be completed.

It currently looks to be timed to avoid Easter, but we will be liaising with local partners closer to the time, to avoid as much disruption as possible.

Please note: The date is to be confirmed and I will update further as this progresses.

### **Gully Cleansing**

LCC are in the process of beginning the annual programme of gully cleansing, however if you are aware of any specifically problematic areas or any that are deemed missed, please don't hesitate to contact either Sue or I.

**We hope you find this report useful. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have.**

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