



Rob's Monthly Update June 2024

News from County Councillor Rob Kendrick

If you can't make it do let them know!

We are all aware of the pressures our health services are under. So, I was shocked to learn from the Patient Participation Group at Church Walk Surgery, Metheringham about the number of missed appointments.

To use the NHS jargon (I worked in the NHS for 30 years) DNA's (did not attend) have an impact. In the first 4 months of this year the surgery reports there were 313 missed appointments, on average that's 20 appointments a week patients failed to attend. In another way it's 60 hours of clinical time that could have been taken up by patients.

I accept from time to time we all forget things, but I guess a medical appointment usually is a high priority in anyone's life.

Therefore, I would urge you to spread the word that if you have an appointment and can't make it for whatever reason you let your doctor's surgery know ASAP. Doing this will help the surgery deliver the care others need.

New Saturday Bus Service

P.C. Coaches are now operating the Boston to Lincoln Saturday service which include stops at Martin, **Metheringham and Dunston** as part of the continuing public travel uplift put in place across the county. The improvement means that getting between Boston, Coningsby, Tattershall, Woodhall Spa, Metheringham and Lincoln is now even easier on Saturdays.

Along with the enhanced Monday to Friday service operated by Brylaine Travel, bus users now have more regular links to both Lincoln and Boston and tourist attractions along the route.

With money made available from the Bus Service Improvement Plan via Lincolnshire County Council, the Saturday services are now in place and are able to be used with the £2 fare cap. **Every single journey on the P.C. Coaches Saturday service will cost a maximum of £2.**

Celebrating our volunteers

Today (9th June) is the last day of Volunteers' Week and the council has used the week to express our thanks for the amazing work our volunteers do, both for LCC and other local organisations.

Volunteers' Week celebrated the amazing contributions volunteers make to communities across the UK. The celebration starts on the first Monday in June every year. It's a chance to recognise, celebrate and thank the UK's incredible volunteers for all they contribute to our local communities, the voluntary sector, and society as a whole.

We currently have an impressive 350+ volunteers across the county at our sites, helping us with everything from maintaining public rights of way to welcoming visitors to our unique heritage attractions. Their vital contribution through skills, knowledge and commitment, enables us to go above and beyond to offer really high-quality services.

We celebrated 40 years of Volunteers' Week and look to inspire more people to make a difference. In the run-up to Volunteers' Week, the council launched a special page on our [Let's Talk Lincolnshire platform](#). We asked volunteers from across the county to tell their stories to help raise awareness of the vast array of roles available and showcase the valuable contribution volunteering makes in the community and for participants themselves.

Festival Success

I was pleased to hear the recent Lincoln History Festival held at Lincoln Castle and other sites around the city has proved a hit. Talking to some of the LCC officers involved I expect we will see it repeated next year. As I have said on a number of occasions tourism and heritage are a key part of the Lincolnshire economy. The festival is another example of what can be achieved to promote our county.

Regards,
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