

Voluntary & Community Sector Coronavirus Bulletin

Issue 1 – 20th March 2020

Regular update for:

- Community groups
- Charities
- Social enterprises
- Parish Councils
- Town Councils
- Community Businesses

1. Introduction

This is a new regular bulletin we are providing to help keep the voluntary and community sector in West Lindsey informed about the latest developments, restrictions and support available as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We fully recognise the important role that the wider community sector will play in supporting our communities and people through the months ahead. As part of our commitment to ensure the health and wellbeing of our residents we will work closely with partners to provide support where we can.

To be added to our mailing list to receive this bulletin please e-mail:
community@west-lindsey.gov.uk

2. Coronavirus Update

- As of 9am on 20 March 2020, 66,976 people have been tested in the UK, of which 62,993 were confirmed negative and 3,983 were confirmed as positive.
- In Lincolnshire there are 7 confirmed cases.
- In North Lincolnshire there is 1 confirmed case.
- For the latest NHS advice on Coronavirus including when to self-isolate visit:
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- For the latest Government advice on Coronavirus including travel advice visit:
www.gov.uk/coronavirus

3. Coronavirus and Hand Washing Posters

Official posters are available to place in community buildings and settings. Displaying these posters helps to deliver the message about self-protection and correct hand washing.

To download and print these posters visit:
www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-support



4. Provide details of your activity to support those self-isolating or vulnerable

The Lincolnshire Resilience Forum is operating the Communities & Volunteer Coordination Cell from the County Emergency Centre. The cell has been tasked to gather information about local activity such as groups, charities and parish councils offering support to those members of the community who may be self-isolating and/or vulnerable.

It is important for the cell to build a picture of current community activity within Lincolnshire in order to best coordinate support going forward. The cell includes officers from local authorities, emergency services, health services and The British Red Cross.

If you are delivering or are aware of any current or planned activity in your community please provide information about this to the cell.

Please send details of activity including what can be provided, area of operation and how we can refer people to you. We will then provide useful guidance in return.

E-mail: CEC_CVC@lincoln.fire-uk.org

5. Support for Businesses

A new page on our website will provide the latest news and advice for business. This will include details of funding support announced by the Chancellor. It may take time for further confirmation about how support schemes will work so please keep visiting this page regularly.

Visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-business

6. Support for Voluntary & Community Sector

A new page on our website will provide the latest news and advice for voluntary & community sector organisations. This will include details of funding support and useful resources as they become available.

New items on this page:

- Lincolnshire COVID-19 Crisis Fund (Lincolnshire Community Foundation)
- WLDC Community Grants under review

Visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-support

What to do if your organisation is facing operational difficulties?

If as a result of the coronavirus pandemic your community organisation is facing difficulties in maintaining services for vulnerable people please contact us. Where possible our Communities Team will offer advice and support.

E-mail: community@west-lindsey.gov.uk

7. West Lindsey District Council Services

West Lindsey District Council are responsible for services including bin collection, housing, benefits, planning, enforcement and community sector support. You can view the latest updates on any disruption to our services on our website.

You can continue to use our website to request, report and apply for our services online. We have increased the number of staff working from home and some of our services may be impacted.

Visit: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus

8. Lincolnshire County Council Services

Lincolnshire County Council are responsible for services including highways, schools, children's centres, children's services, adult social care, economic development, heritage and emergency planning. You can view the latest updates on any disruption to their services on their website.

Visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

9. Social Media Updates

The following social media sources can be followed for useful advice and updates:

West Lindsey District Council

Facebook: [@westlindseydistrictcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/westlindseydistrictcouncil)

Twitter: [@WestLindseyDC](https://twitter.com/WestLindseyDC)

Lincolnshire County Council

Facebook: [@lincolnshirecc](https://www.facebook.com/lincolnshirecc)

Twitter: [@LincolnshireCC](https://twitter.com/LincolnshireCC)

NHS UK

Facebook: [@NHSwebsite](https://www.facebook.com/NHSwebsite)

Twitter: [@NHSEngland](https://twitter.com/NHSEngland)

GOV.UK

Facebook: [@UKgovernment](https://www.facebook.com/UKgovernment)

Twitter: [@GOVUK](https://twitter.com/GOVUK)