

Visit to the Centre of Future Living Site - Mablethorpe

In September, our Healthy Living lead Roxanne was lucky enough to join students from Linkage for a visit of the Centre of Future Living site on Stanley Avenue in Mablethorpe. The Centre is one of ELDC’s flagship Town’s Fund projects, which aims to provide medical innovation, increase in training facilities for local health and social care workers.

Linkage is a charity which provides service to help people with learning disabilities to have opportunities, choice and support them to achieve their aspirations. They are also neighbours to the Centre’s building site so were delighted to be invited by developers Lindum and Cllr William Gray for a sneak peek at the new facility as part of the project’s additional ‘social value’. The feedback was positive, everyone had a great afternoon and Linkage look forward to coming back to visit when the Centre of Future living opens in 2024!



Cllr Gray (ELDC Portfolio Holder for Communities, Housing and Ageing Well) with Roxanne Warrick, SELCP Health Living Strategic Lead and VIP guests from Linkage



Roxanne could not resist a go on the 10 meter teleporter!?



Lindum, Linkage and ELDC team!

We are now in week 35 (well over the half-way point) of the build contract with excellent progress being made by the Contractor, Lindum. Completion is due in February 2024

- Roofs are now in place on both the main Campus building and the accommodation block
- Curtain walling and doors to be fixed within next few weeks meaning the buildings will soon be fully watertight
- Topping out ceremony planned for the afternoon of 13th October 2023 to be attended by local Councillors and our MP – Victoria Atkins
- Decision made to only fit out the central core area of the main building, remainder of building to be fitted out once agreement has been reached with a prospective operator

Discussions progressing with potential operator and a range of building users all have which have been very impressed with progress and what the building has to offer.

Towns Fund Updates

- The Growth Team has continued to lead a programme of work to support the development of skills and inspire learning, which has included hosting 'Future FEST 2023' – a new destination careers event for secondary schools across South and East Lincolnshire for employers, education and training providers and schools; we joined with Butlins and Platform Housing Group to bring new learning opportunities to Skegness to support the hospitality sector; and supported the Skegness TEC Brilliance Awards.
- Alongside significant progress of Towns Fund projects, we have worked with ISG and Lindum on inspiring careers in construction with schools in and around Mablethorpe and supported an art project for adults with learning disabilities to create healthy food inspired designs on the hoardings around the Leisure & Learning Centre. People supported by Linkage in Mablethorpe also recently enjoyed a tour of the Campus for Future Living construction site. A successful Sutton on Sea Fun Day was held at the end of August and early works have commenced on the Colonnade project earlier this month. We welcomed the Centre for Rural

Equity at Oxford University to Mablethorpe for a site visit, enabling a link to the Campus for Future Living.

- Our profile as part of the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership was significantly raised through our presence and promotion at UKREiiF, the UK's real estate, investment and infrastructure forum. We showcased our investment and development opportunities and further raised the profile through speaker slots, which included: Putting Heritage at the Heart of Place and Unlocking the Untapped Potential of UK Towns and Cities. We welcomed Sir John Peace to our UKREiiF stand, which was followed by a visit from the Chief Executive of Midlands Engine.
- The distribution of UK Shared Prosperity Fund is well under way with regular promotion of funding awards and the launch of a new business support and grants initiative – Grants4Growth which has allocated £1,417,290 of its funding to support businesses in the East Lindsey District. £645,750 (for East Lindsey) is supporting the Lincolnshire Community Foundation's Levelling UP Community Grants Programme (GRASSroots) to distribute grant aid to support rural communities and parish and town councils.
- Progress is being made across all Levelling Up projects, meeting reporting requirements and hosting successful launch events in both Alford and Spilsby. Heritage Lincolnshire, along with a new project manager, have been appointed to support with delivery of the three Levelling Up projects in East Lindsey.
- Our place-based approach to regeneration has had national recognition in the Institute of Place Managements report to Government, promoting our partnership working, towns fund and levelling up. Our partnership with the county Destination Management Organisation, Destination Lincolnshire, has seen national press coverage for the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast. The Wolds Outdoor Festival took place in May and has been shortlisted in the Active Lincolnshire Awards. A range of businesses from across the SELCP have been supported to apply for the Destination Lincolnshire Tourism Awards, with 18 being shortlisted from East Lindsey for the finals in October. The latest visitor economy data was released, which demonstrated the record-breaking benefits of tourism in East Lindsey, with over £824million of economic impact in 2022, the highest since the data was first recorded in 2011, and 4.48million people visiting the Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast.

Learning & Leisure Hub, Mablethorpe

The Contractor ISG are now in week 34 of the build with excellent progress being made.

- Swimming pool successfully filled, and passed the test for leakage
- Structural steel frame complete with concrete first floor cast
- Internal ground floors progressing
- Cladding of building roof and walls progressing

Handover of the building is planned for June 2024 with demolition of existing centre and external works completed by end August 2024.

However, working closely with the Contractor ISG and Magna Vitae, likely to be an opportunity to improve the project completion date so that the project is fully complete and new centre open in mid-July 24.

The building is to be named - **Station Leisure and Learning Centre.**

Sutton on Sea, Colonnade

Following agreement at Exec Board held on 5th July to progress 3 of the 4 elements of this project (pavilion, beach huts and external works), contractors GF Tomlinson have started works (4th September). Now in week 3 of a 55 week contract with initial site set up, erection of fencing, minor demolition work, removal of equipment and site cabin set up.

- The paddling pool remains open until 2nd October 2023
- Surplus play equipment and picnic benches will be reused by the Town Council
- Memorial benches being relocated to adjacent the water feature
- The pleasure gardens will be out of use for the duration of the work but the toilet block will remain open throughout

The search for tenants will start next month with a view to the buildings being fitted out following completion of the main contract ready for an opening in Spring 2025.