

Towns Fund Update

Work on the Towns Funded schemes continues to progress extremely well, and in particular I would to highlight the following activities:

- Erection of the Steel Frame for the Colonnade started earlier this month.
- The Station Sports Leisure and Learning Centre at Mablethorpe is on track for opening in July.
- A Ward Member visit took place last month at The Campus for Future Living. Internal fit out of the centre is due to commence in September and discussions with our preferred operator are at a very advance stage.
- Work on the Travelodge Hotel at Skegness Foreshore is scheduled to commence next month.
- Further, more detailed presentations on all of the schemes are scheduled for the next Overview and Audit and Governance Committees.

Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival 11th-27th May

The two-week festival will have over 100 events and activities taking place across the Wolds, with many of them being free of charge or at a reduced cost. There will be things for people of all ages to take part in, with many of the activities designed to provide people the opportunity to learn new skills and gain new hobbies. This year we are hosting an Activity Day at Stourton Woods on Sunday 12th May, where people will get to experience many of the activities available in the Wolds all in the same location.

Lincolnshire Wolds and Market Towns Visitor Guide

We have recently produced this new guide in partnership with WLDC at the request of the businesses and organisations involved with the Love Lincolnshire Wolds Partnership. We are also looking at making the guide into a full digital version, rather than a download.

Louth Food and Drink Festival 29th September

Plans in progress to deliver the second Louth Food and Drink Festival following the success of the one last year. We have encouraged exhibitors to come forward and will be reviewing and collating in the coming month.

Teenage Markets

Horncastle – Saturday, 4th May

Spilsby – Saturday, 18th May

Louth - Saturday 1st June

Horncastle - Saturday 10th August

Louth – Saturday 24th August

Spilsby - Saturday, 14th September

New Coastal Website to be launched

Destination Lincolnshire have successfully used UK Shared Prosperity Funding to create a new East Lindsey Coastal website. This is in the final stages of being tested before a launch takes place in late April/early May.

Arts Council England (ACE) National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) Funding 24/25

The focus of the NPO in East Lindsey is around creating a Creative Hub site at the Sutton on Sea Colonnade. As the building is yet to be complete we are using the whole town to host a variety of activity. ACE have agreed our year 2 activity plan which includes the following activity for East Lindsey:

February saw the launch of the NPO programme in East Lindsey with an event called Sutton Stories – a celebration of storytelling! A link to the video of the day can be found here: <https://f.io/C4CaO6c5>

And Sutton on Sea has a Summer of Creativity ahead...

June 22nd Postcards in the Sand

A large-scale sand drawing will be created on the beach and the community and visitors are invited to take part. The large scale postcard drawing will highlight the forthcoming Vintage on Sea Festival and be a chance for everyone to get creative

June 29th Vintage on Sea

See the village of Sutton on Sea turn back time and be brought to life with a vibrant mix of music, arts and crafts. A retro and craft market will line the streets and two stages will bring dazzling dancing and memorable musical moments to the crowds throughout the day. From vintage fairground rides to traditional craft workshops the event has something for everyone – a real celebration of the traditional seaside holiday.

August 1st The Whale - Plastic Ocean

Circo Rum Ba Ba invite you to cast off your shoes and squeeze into its true-to-life 50ft (18m) inflatable Sperm Whale. Enclosed in a lobster-net fence and guarded by a nosy Fish Wife, brave swashbucklers are led into its belly, revealing a lavishly decorated seascape interior. Once inside they encounter a shipwrecked Pirate with a treasure tale to tell and a real live Mermaid with a haunting siren's song and an intriguing secret.

August 2nd - 16th Sand Sculpture Trail

Ten sand sculptures will be hidden along the Lincolnshire Coast this summer holiday.

Pick up a trail guide and visit ten locations in and around Sutton on Sea to further explore the history of the Lincolnshire coast.

More widely the NPO has a varied programme aimed to inspire and upskill. The first annual Culture Conference will take place on May 22nd in Boston where the team will launch the programme for the year ahead alongside some inspiring talks and breakout sessions delivered by key partners.

ELDC Levelling Up Fund projects

During the month of May all three sites subject to LUF will have signed off design stages to RIBA 2 (concept drawings) and the 2 Alford sites will be applying for planning permission towards the end of May early June. Through a series of social media blasts via Comms, we have been able to reach local contractors and consultants the Council otherwise would not know about really engaging the spirit of levelling up. Recipient sites have also been fully engaged into understanding and owning outputs and outcomes of the funding and are now creatively thinking about extra benefits such as a Bakery Opportunity at Alford Windmill designed to help a local business expand, a Wedding Planning business opportunity at Alford Manor and a Café operating opportunity at Spilsby Sessions House. The Council Project and Comms team will be working with the recipient sites over the coming months to identify the opportunity and start to advertise for possible partners.

Conservation Area Appraisals

Working with Heritage Lincolnshire, these have been redrafted for Spilsby and Horncastle with those for Alford and Wainfleet in progress. They will be shared with Members and internally for a first consultation in the coming months before going for formal consultation more widely. Any changes will be made before being adopted in late 2024.

Organisational Development

Key pieces of work are in development in the Organisational Development sphere with the successful UKSPF bid to develop a S&ELCP Academy framework as part of 'growing our own' talent. Pitching careers not jobs to our local schools and colleges. Key areas to be covered are Planning, Environmental Health, Building Control and Licensing, mapping career grade routes from Apprentice to senior professionals. Our Work Experience offer is also being developed with a commitment to offer 1,000 of meaningful work experience hours across the Partnership.

Awards

The Partnership was shortlisted for the Greater Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Champion Awards 2024, under the category 'Greater Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Employer Champion'.

This award recognises employers that utilise clear partnership working with training providers, provide meaningful development opportunities, enable apprentices to develop beyond their current role and identify opportunities for apprentices to progress within the organisation. The nomination outlined the work of the Partnership in recruiting apprentices, but also in utilising higher-level apprenticeships to support employee development.

Winners will be announced on Thursday 16 May 2024.