

# Voluntary & Community Sector Coronavirus Bulletin

## Issue 2 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Regular update for:

- Community groups
- Parish Councils

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- Charities
- Town Councils
- Social enterprises
- Community Businesses

## 1. What's New in this Bulletin?

This week various agencies and local authorities have been putting new arrangements in place to support individuals needing assistance whilst self-isolating. New details about how support schemes for businesses and community organisations are also now confirmed and details are available online.

In Lincolnshire there are now clear routes to follow if you are:

- **An individual needing help as a result of COVID-19 or self-isolation** (Item 4)
- **A community organisation/parish council needing support/funding** (Item 5)
- **A business needing support/funding** (Item 6)
- **Someone wanting to volunteer to help** (Item 7)

This bulletin provides details on all the above under the items listed.

## 2. Coronavirus Update

- As of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March the total cases in the UK is 11,658, of which 9,782 are in England. There have been 578 deaths in the UK.
  - In Lincolnshire there are 32 confirmed cases
  - In North Lincolnshire there are 6 confirmed cases
  - In North East Lincolnshire there are 5 confirmed cases
- For the latest NHS advice on Coronavirus visit:  
[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)
- For the latest Government advice on Coronavirus visit:  
[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### 3. Are you providing support/help to people? Make sure you have registered your group's activities

The Lincolnshire Resilience Forum is maintaining a database of all activities being delivered by community groups, charities and councils to support people. This information is used by our West Lindsey Community Hub to direct calls for help to the most appropriate local group.

If you are delivering any activity in your community to support people during the pandemic please register this with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. Please send details of what support you are or can provide including area of operation and how we can contact you. **We cannot pass tasks on to any group which hasn't registered.**

E-mail: [CEC\\_CVC@lincoln.fire-uk.org](mailto:CEC_CVC@lincoln.fire-uk.org)

Thank you to all groups that have already registered.

### 4. Individuals Looking for Help

#### Extremely Vulnerable Support

People who have certain medical conditions are extremely vulnerable to coronavirus. The NHS has sent letters to 1.5 million people who are extremely vulnerable.

An extremely vulnerable person or their family/carer can request support online. Support includes getting essential supplies like food. You will be asked for the person's NHS number which can be found on any letter the NHS has sent them.

To request support for an extremely vulnerable person visit:

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable)

#### Request Community Help

People who are self-isolating at home and need support can request community help. Community groups, charities and parish councils are actively delivering support to people in communities across the district with shopping, getting prescriptions, dog-walking and friendly chat.

West Lindsey District Council has established a Community Hub. Working with Lincolnshire County Council, Wellbeing Lincs and the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum we are providing the vital link between community groups, charities and parish councils with residents who need community help.

To request community help visit:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp)

Or call: 01522 782189

## 5. Support for Voluntary & Community Sector

### Voluntary & Community Sector Support

Our Communities Team are on hand to help your community organisation to manage the effects of the coronavirus outbreak. We can provide advice, support and direct you to funding opportunities.

We have a dedicated webpage with the latest advice, support and funding for voluntary sector organisations and parish councils.

If as a result of the coronavirus pandemic your community organisation is facing difficulties in maintaining services for vulnerable people please contact us.

Visit: [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-support](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-support)

E-mail: [community@west-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:community@west-lindsey.gov.uk)

### Funding

A wide range of national funders have announced plans to review and look to provide funding support to the voluntary & community sector during the pandemic. As more information becomes available on new funding opportunities we will share this on our webpage above and through this bulletin.

If your community organisation is facing financial difficulties in responding to the coronavirus pandemic please contact us.

E-mail: [funding@west-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:funding@west-lindsey.gov.uk)

## 6. Support for Businesses

A range of support measures have now been confirmed to support businesses. Visit our dedicated webpage for the latest information about business support.

New information on this page includes:

- Business Lincolnshire Advice hotline
  - Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm – Tel: 01522 782189
- Government support for business
- Business rates
- Grants for small businesses
- Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme

Visit: [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-business](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus-business)

## 7. How People Can Volunteer

**Voluntary Centre Services** are providing up to date information on volunteering opportunities across Lincoln, North Kesteven and West Lindsey.

Visit: [www.voluntarycentreservices.org.uk](http://www.voluntarycentreservices.org.uk)

Here are some key routes for people looking to volunteer their time to help:

### **Lincolnshire Resilience Forum**

Volunteers can register with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. Details can then be shared to put you in touch with a local group or provide tasks directly to you for people needing help in your area.

For more information and to register as a volunteer visit:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services/community-help-volunteering](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-services/community-help-volunteering)

### **NHS Volunteering**

NHS Volunteer Responders has been set up to support the NHS and help the 1.5m people in England who are at most risk from the virus to stay well.

For more information and to register as a volunteer visit:

[www.goodsamapp.org/NHS](http://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS)

### **British Red Cross Emergency Reserves**

Emergency and community based volunteer roles to support people in need.

For more information and to register as a volunteer visit:

[www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-in-emergencies](http://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-in-emergencies)

### **Market Rasen Action Group**

MRAG are welcoming volunteers to assist with activities such as delivering shopping and prescription collection for people in need.

For more information and to register as a volunteer e-mail:

[marktrasenactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:marktrasenactiongroup@gmail.com)

### **Feeding Gainsborough**

Volunteers are helping to provide food deliveries to people in Gainsborough and surrounding areas.

For more information and to register as a volunteer visit:

[www.facebook.com/FeedingGainsborough](http://www.facebook.com/FeedingGainsborough)

## 8. West Lindsey District Council Service Disruption

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](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## 9. Lincolnshire County Council Service Disruption

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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## 10. 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)

### Voluntary Centre Services

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

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

### Business Lincolnshire

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

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