



# Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.38

## April 2026

### Mint Lane Saturday EarthLincs Events 2–4pm

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| 4 April  | <b>Debbie Mace Earthweave Mindfulness*</b><br><i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |
| 11 April | <i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |
| 18 April | <b>Sale: Bric-a-brac, clothing, plants &amp; seeds</b><br><i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |
| 25 April | <b>Talk by Prof. Libby John (see feature*)</b><br><i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |
| 2 May    | <b>Debbie Mace Climate Café</b><br><i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>   |
| 9 May    | <b>'Silent Spring' discussion and workshop<br/>with Dr. Lucinda Newns<br/>of Lincoln Bishop University (see feature*)</b><br><i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i> |
| 16 May   | <i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |
| 23 May   | <i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |
| 30 May   | <i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>  |

### Special events at EarthLincs coming up:

#### **Nature in Lincolnshire – perspectives from my bicycle. Prof. Libby John\* (25th April)**

*'Cycling to all the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust nature reserves was a challenge I really enjoyed and learned a lot from. Following a talk illustrating highlights from my travels we will discuss the importance of nature in Lincolnshire for all of us – and the importance of people for nature.'*

Since retiring from her full-time role at the University of Lincoln, Libby, who is a plant ecologist and researcher and Vice-Chair of the board of trustees of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, is on a mission to visit every one of the Trust's nearly 100 reserves by pedal power from her home near Lincoln. She has already racked up over 500 miles in the saddle and a 50-mile stretch down to the south-east of the county is next on her exhausting agenda.

To book a place on Saturday 25th April for this event:  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985275299864?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985275299864?aff=oddtcreator)

#### **Environment Book Club: Rachel Carson's Silent Spring\***

Join us to discuss Rachel Carson's hugely influential book about pesticide overuse in the post-war period. Her work led to the banning of chemicals like DDT and galvanised a generation of environmental activists in the 1960s. What lessons does Carson offer us for facing today's environmental challenges?

This informal and accessible discussion will be led by Dr Lucinda Newns, Senior Lecturer in English at Lincoln Bishop University. Attendees are encouraged to read the book in advance to get the most out of the event, although selected extracts will be circulated beforehand to those who sign up, ensuring everyone can take part in the conversation.

Lucinda Newns is a Senior Lecturer in English at Lincoln Bishop University, where she teaches environmental literature. Her research has appeared in *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment and Interventions* journal.

To book a place on Saturday 9th May for this event:  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985845971759?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1985845971759?aff=oddtcreator)



**We now have 130  
members!**

### Stuff to Borrow opening hours

Our Stuff to Borrow facility is now available for pick up and returns on Thursdays 5–7pm. We think that for most people that would be more convenient as it would not cut into weekend activities. To visit us on Thursdays, your item will need to be **pre-booked online by midday** on the day you wish to collect/return.

## Fracking in Lincolnshire



Did you know your mayor, Dame Andrea Jenkins, supports fracking in Lincolnshire?

Fracking causes earthquakes, contaminates the environment, including human drinking water. And it scars the landscape. On safety grounds it's banned in the UK and 7 other countries.

We don't want fracking here and we don't need it. Instead, we should be fuelling Lincolnshire's boom in renewable energy.

Please tell the Mayor of Lincolnshire to ditch fracking and support the future of energy.

There is no economic case for fracking. Despite decades of effort, it's never been shown to be viable in the UK.

Greater Lincolnshire doesn't need fossil fuels for economic growth. This county is fast becoming a UK renewables superpower, creating thousands of jobs and attracting billions of pounds of inward investment.

Recent research by the University of Exeter put Lincolnshire among the top areas in the country for potential new onshore wind and solar projects. This county's future is most definitely green.

Please send a letter to tell the Mayor of Greater Lincolnshire to support clean, green energy for the 21st century and to ditch the dirty, dangerous, failed fuels of the past.

Let's ditch fracking for good!

If you would like to find out more about how we can influence the Mayor and hold her to account you are invited to an open meeting of the Greater Lincolnshire Climate Coalition on Tuesday 21st April at 7pm.

Click on the links to find out more, book your place and help us create a Greener Greater Lincolnshire:

<https://tinyurl.com/wbd3n2d7>

<https://tinyurl.com/by77dv99>

Visit the EarthLincs website!  
use this url or scan the QR code  
[www.earthlincs.co.uk](http://www.earthlincs.co.uk)



## Hedgehogs and other wildlife

As the joys of spring finally arrive, the longer days and milder weather mean hedgehogs are active again after hibernation. Lots of you have been lucky enough to spot them in your garden and now is a great time to help them. Don't forget to log your prickly sightings on the BIG Hedgehog Map.

Hedgehogs need to top up their energy stores after hibernation, so encouraging creepy crawly prey in your garden is a great way to help.

Natural prey is the best diet for hedgehogs, but you can top this up with supplementary food. This can be especially important at this time of year as they lose up to a third of their weight during hibernation.

Britain's mammals are starting to stir making it the perfect time to get involved in PTES' survey, Living with Mammals.

Take just 10 minutes to record sightings of hedgehogs and other wild mammals (or the signs they leave behind) in your garden, allotment, or local park. Whether it's a fox, a hedgehog, or even nothing at all, your sightings count toward building a bigger picture of animals on our doorsteps and understanding how to make green spaces better for wildlife.

<https://ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/garden/living-with-mammals/>



## Film Screening – *Fires & Fascism* (2025)

We showed this documentary film by Peter Knapp at Mint Lane on 13th December 2025 and again on 28th February at Burton Road Methodist Church. The ticket included an online Q&A with the director Peter Knapp. Both screenings were well attended and feedback was very positive.

If you want to know more:

<https://fires-and-fascism.co.uk/>



## Tell us what you would like to see

We volunteers at EarthLincs are keen to see more of you at our Mint Lane afternoon drop-in sessions.

We would welcome suggestions for themes and events and if you can offer to lead a session, that would be most welcome. We are looking for talks, seminar/discussion groups, demonstrations, workshops etc.

Please contact us if you have ideas for us or if you can help!

[www.earthlincs.co.uk](http://www.earthlincs.co.uk)



### Thousands March Against the Far Right in Biggest Ever Protest

EarthLincs supporters joined other groups from Lincoln including Unite the Union, the TUC, Stand up to Racism, Lincoln Green Party, Extinction Rebellion, Lincoln Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Lincoln Socialist Workers Party, Lincoln Green Party and independent local councillors and activists travelling to London on Saturday 28th March to join the huge protest march against the Far Right. Organisers claimed half a million people had travelled to the capital for Saturday's Together Alliance

march. At the assembly point in Park Lane there was a sea of different flags and banners, and the sounds of drums and choirs all there to spread the message of unity and hope for the future. Police estimated the turnout was closer to 50,000, however the march started at 1pm but many waited until 3pm to start moving which shows how huge this march was. The event was supported by a number of celebrities, including the actors Christopher Eccleston, David Harewood and Lenny Henry, there were performances from Self Esteem, and UB40, and speeches from the Labour MP Diane Abbott and the Green party leader, Zack Polanski, who were enthusiastically cheered. There were many environmental groups present, including Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and Extinction Rebellion. The Right Wing Reform UK does not accept the desperate need for action to tackle climate change and has links to fossil fuel companies with significant funding from fossil fuel lobbyists, polluting industries and climate deniers.

A spokesperson from Friends of the Earth said, 'We're united in the knowledge that the change we need comes from us working together for hope not despair, for unity not racism. Together we can build solidarity across communities.' More than ever we now need to join together and unite to face the many crises we face.

### Sleaford Repair Cafe attended UK Parliament to ask MPs to fix our throwaway economy

On 25th March I represented the Sleaford Repair Cafe at a repair cafe in Parliament, to call for policies to make it easier to repair our things. The event was organised by The Restart Project, <https://therestartproject.org/> and Back Market, <https://www.backmarket.co.uk/en-gb>.

This year, the event was bigger than ever before, with 91 MPs in attendance and 100 repair groups represented from all four UK nations. Organisers and allies called for ambitious repair and reuse policies and celebrated the 143 MPs that have signed up to the Repair and Reuse Declaration, <https://repairreusedeclaration.uk/> with over 40 signing up at the event itself.

The event saw a number of speeches by politicians and campaigners alike including, DEFRA Minister Mary Creagh, The Restart Project, Back Market, and Helen Hayes MP who also signed as the honorary 100th supporter of the Repair and Reuse Declaration. Team Repair gave a live demonstration to a class of school children who learned to fix their first gadgets. And after taking Sean Fletcher's broken toaster away with her following an appearance on BBC Breakfast last month, Fixing Factory volunteer Mikayla got to return it to him — now fixed!

During the event I chatted to representatives from Repair Cafes in Kent, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and it was great to share share experiences and ideas. It was also enlightening to find out more about the Renew Hub and Shops operated by SUEZ in Greater Manchester, <https://recycleforgreatermanchester.com/renew/>

and of course we now have our own Reuse Shop in Lincolnshire at the Tattershall Recycling Centre, <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/reducing-waste/reuse-shop> which is well worth a visit.

Mary Creagh spoke passionately about creating a sustainable circular economy where Repair is the Default option and Recycling is the last resort. With the Circular Economy Growth Plan due to be published very soon, the repair community is taking a timely chance to influence their local politicians. 4 in 5 people in the UK want the government to support repair more. It reduces our impact on the planet, saves us money and can be incredibly rewarding. But for repair and reuse to thrive in the UK, we need real policy change to support it. So it is disappointing that not a single MP in Lincolnshire has



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signed the Repair and Reuse Declaration. But we can change this and the more people who contact their MP the more likely they are to sign. So please click on this link to email your MP today,

<https://repairreusedeclaration.uk/>

Locally Community Repair Cafes are held in Lincoln, Louth and Sleaford. They depend on volunteers, so if you would like to get involved fixing items or helping to organise the Repair Cafes get in touch. Click on this link for a map showing the locations and contact details of Repair Cafes across the UK:

<https://communityrepairnetwork.org.uk>

So the next time something you have breaks or stops working, see if you can get it repaired. The Planet will thank you for it.

### Tim Grigg

Sleaford Repair Cafe

## Other local events and activities

### National Emergency Briefing (NEB)

An important 45-minute documentary, *The People's Emergency Briefing*, is to be shown widely across the country.

Please join the EarthLincs community, at a special community screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* at **Lincoln Bishop University** (ticket details below) and also encourage other people to attend. If you would like to screen this at other venues, this will help to engage and support our communities in appropriate responses to the climate and nature crises we face.

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Robert Hardy Building, Lincoln Bishop University. 5pm to 7:15pm on Thurs 23rd April 2026. FREE ENTRY.

### Eventbrite booking site:

<http://bit.ly/4sdnH82>

### XR at the Wig & Mitre – Sew Good repair sessions

Join us the Wig & Mitre 5–7pm on the first Monday of the month, starting from 2nd February 2026. Bring a textile item to repair, learn and share skills. Join in with a banner-making project. All welcome!

If you would like to join the local Lincoln Extinction Rebellion group, please contact [lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk) for more information



Instagram:

Follow us on earth\_lincs



### Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub

For further information about Mint Lane events please contact Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub on 07778 705979 or visit our website:

<https://involveincoln.org.uk/mint-lane-wellbeing-hub>

### Earth Weave, Climate Café & Wayapa sessions

These new sessions are at Mint Lane on the first Saturday of each month with Debbie Mace. Practice Mindfulness, share ideas and meet like-minded people. Doors open 2pm for a 2.30pm start (for a one hour session). The three sessions will rotate and the next session will be 4th April. *Free Refreshments.*

### The Repair Café, Lincoln

Do you have an item needing repair?

The next date will be Saturday 14th June 2026

FREE Entry, donations welcome.

Sun June 14th 2–4pm at Lincoln Toy Library

Sun Oct 18th 10–12pm at Hartsholme Park

Please complete the form at:

<https://tinyurl.com/lrc-book>

to register your item for repair:

<https://therestartproject.org/groups/lincoln-repair-cafe/>

### Local Elections

Don't forget that Thursday May 7th is local election day.

Use your vote and when voting please remember to ask your candidates if they support local climate initiatives and think about who is doing the most to address climate change.

Think about these issues if they are important to you:

*Action on climate change*

*Net zero targets*

*Transport infrastructure*

*Green spaces*

### Save the date(s):

Greater Lincolnshire Community Fayre at The Showroom, (Tritton Road) **Tuesday 26th May.**

– EarthLincs will be having a stall at the event.

Great Blg Green Week: **6th–14th June** – various events.

Liquorice Park Summer Fete, **Sunday 28th June.**

University of Lincoln/Local Motion:

WonderGround, a celebration of culture and creativity

**21st to 27th May.**

Boultham Park Gala: community event **11th & 12th July.**

### Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

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