



Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.39 *June & July 2026*

Mint Lane Saturday EarthLincs Events 2–4pm

6 June	Debbie Mace EarthConnection <i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
13 June	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
20 June	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
27 June	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
4 July	Debbie Mace Earthweave Mindfulness <i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
11 July	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
18 July	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
25 July	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>
1 August	<i>Stuff to Borrow Open</i>



*We now have over
150 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 many 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.

If you make a booking and are unable to collect or return on the specified day, please contact us to rearrange or dates can be easily changed on our website. Our volunteers give their time willingly but do not appreciate waiting perhaps two hours for a 'no show'!



GREAT NEWS! Stuff to Borrow Lottery Funding

We are now coming up to one year since we launched **Stuff to Borrow, Library of Things** on 14th June 2025. We were able to achieve this with some funding from the UKSPF (Levelling Up Fund) via Lincoln City Council and match funding from Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub, who provided our space for the first year.

We can now be confident that we can continue to operate in central Lincoln and provide a great service to the community at least until the summer of 2028.

If you have any quality and safe tools to donate for our loan scheme, please let us know. We are also collecting small hand tools to make up basic kits to give away to local householders.

Spanner needed!

The latest addition to our tool collection is a Flymo but we don't have the spanner to remove and alter the cutting height. Does anyone have one of these to spare, please?



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 with EarthLincs or Stuff to Borrow!

www.earthlincs.co.uk

'Ermine Living Well' Event on 14th June

ERMINE Living Well
Without costing the Earth!

Family Day Sunday 14th June 11am-3pm

FREE event!

Join us for a day of fun, activities and inspiration for a more sustainable future!

fun & games
plants & seeds
arts & crafts
sewing & knitting
cookery inspiration

three location 'spots'

- Ermine Exchange
- St. John's Church
- Ermine Library

community grocery
T-shirt printing (bring a T-shirt)

supported by:
LocalMotion

good eating on a budget
growing & gardening
nature & wildlife
video & storytelling
refreshments & snacks

for more information call: 07809 290399
email enquiries: earthlincs@gmail.com

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Come along and see how you can live well on a budget and look after our natural environment

ERMINE Living Well
Without costing the Earth!

Spot 1 – Food spot
Ermine Exchange & Wellbeing Hub (Sudbrooke Drive Community Centre, LN2 2DS)
refreshments & snacks
community grocery
cookery inspiration
videos
talking all things food
budgeting advice
and more...

Spot 2 – Earth spot
St. John the Baptist Church (Sudbrooke Drive, LN2 2EF)
exhibition
stalls
composting
plants & seeds
wildflower identification
film showing
wildlife secrets revealed
and more...

Spot 3 – Activities spot
Ermine Library & Community Hub (19 Ravendale Drive, LN2 2BT)
storytime (0-7 years)
'Sew Good' – basic sewing and repairs
block printing a T-shirt (bring a T-shirt if you can)
knitting – help for beginners
arts & crafts
and more...

Map showing locations: Ermine Exchange, St. John the Baptist Church, Ermine Library & Community Hub.

For further details and enquiries email: earthlincs@gmail.com

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Come along to our Ermine event, which promises to be a good day out. All details on the poster above.

We have A5 flyers so if you could volunteer to distribute some on a few streets on the Ermine, please let us know!

Recent EarthLinCS events at Mint Lane

Talk by Prof. Libby John on Nature in Lincolnshire – perspectives from my bicycle. Prof. Libby John

On 25th April we were treated to a fascinating talk by Prof. Libby John who described her adventures visiting all of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's sites. We hope that Libby will return later in the year with another talk for us, so don't miss the next one!

'I found Libby's talk eye-opening. Lincolnshire is the most intensively farmed area of the UK but the wide variety of habitats is truly amazing: the limestone grassland of Ancaster Valley; the flooded clay pits of Far Ings; and the heathland of Linwood Warren, to name but a few. I can't wait to visit the raised peat bogs on the Isle of Axholme!'

Rosemary Robinson



Rachel Carson's Silent Spring discussion 9th May

Our recent Environment Book Club session, led by Dr Lucinda Newns, looked at Rachel Carson's 1962 work, *Silent Spring*, which drew attention and changed attitudes towards use of pesticides and other chemicals in the natural environment. We were advised to read selected extracts from Carson's work in advance. One of the themes asked what lessons this important work might be able to offer today's climate activists and anyone who is concerned about the natural environment. Among the many important issues raised, was the continued use of #glyphosate across the UK and we were made aware of the current campaign by Organic Gardeners– see next page.

We looked at Carson's storytelling methods used to get her message across: fable and allegory; the role and status of women in science and wider society – then and now and gendered attitudes towards nature. A big thank you to Lucinda and to all who attended and contributed to a very lively and engaged occasion and to what we hope was the first of many such events.

Greater Lincolnshire Community Fayre at The Showroom

We had a successful day at this TUC event last week (Tuesday 26th May) – held on one of the hottest days of the year. We teamed up with Extinction Rebellion Lincoln and their 'Sew Good' group to talk to visitors about some



Glyphosate Appeal from Organic Gardeners

Make your voice heard on the issue of pesticides! Help us get the dangerous herbicide glyphosate out of our gardens, parks, playgrounds and public spaces. Please share this information and this link so that members of your community can add their name to our petition and use our MP letter template to tell them you don't want glyphosate damaging your garden, health or the environment.

<https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/glyphosate-campaign>

Follow the campaign at [#GrowersAgainstGlyphosate](https://twitter.com/GrowersAgainstGlyphosate)

Thank you for your support and together we will make our voices heard.

Vanessa Rooney

Membership Officer

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Hawthorpe land appeal

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT) has the chance to buy land near Hawthorpe village in south Lincolnshire stretching across 87 hectares. The sweeping fields and big skies already echo to the sound of skylarks in spring and, in winter, short-eared owls silently hunt over the grassland – but it could all be lost.

The grassland at Hawthorpe was taken out of arable production and kept as 'set aside' for decades. Now, there is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to prevent these fields from returning to intensive farming. If the LWT can raise sufficient funds, the land can be purchased and restored, bringing back wildflower-rich grassland and re-linking river habitats. The potential for nature is tremendous.

If you would like to donate to help the LWT reach the £400,000 target to buy Hawthorpe click on this link, <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/hawthorpe-appeal>

of society's problems and ways we can begin to solve them in our communities.

There was a good turnout and we had great feedback from the public. The event was a fun way of getting our message across.



Proposed Chicken Farm in Wragby area

Help please!

A large intensive chicken farm: 1.68 million hens a year, is planned just 600 metres from Wragby homes and from my parents' special haven for nature, The Old Nurseries. They have a wild flower meadow and an old orchard with rare varieties of fruit trees, as well as their large vegetable garden. They host many educational and therapeutic events throughout the year.

I know many of my friends have visited over the years, and know just how special the place is, and it would be very much under threat from ammonia pollution, to say nothing of the smell and HGV traffic. There is, of course, also the awful question of animal welfare.

There is still time for people to put in an objection on the ELDC portal. I attach all the details.

<https://bit.ly/43Fr9OY>

Reference 00131/26/FUL

IT DOESN'T MATTER if you don't live nearby. Anybody can object on any grounds, the more the better. There is a tidal wave of these large scale chicken farms planned in Lincolnshire and other parts of the country, unfortunately. Please share this post to anyone who might be concerned. Thank you!

Jen Davey

First Repair Cafe for Bracebridge Heath, part of North Kesteven E-Waste Action Week

On Saturday 16th April a Repair Cafe was held for the first time in the Bracebridge Heath Village Hall. This was part of the E-Waste Action Week, held across North Kesteven and organised by Sleaford Climate Action Network (Sleaford CAN), and North Kesteven District Council, (NKDC). The aim of the E Waste Action Week was to highlight the huge amount of Electrical and Tech items we consume and discard, and encourage everyone to Reduce, Reuse, Rehome and Repair any items they have in their homes before finally Recycling any items which have reached their end of life.

The Repair Cafe in Bracebridge Heath was supported by Fixers from Sleaford Repair Cafe, Lincoln Repair Cafe, Bracebridge Heath Men in Sheds group and 'Sew Good' Repairers who meet in the Wig and Mitre pub in Lincoln. The Repair Cafe had 16 customers and Isobel from Sew Good was kept particularly busy sewing and fixing shirts, trousers, skirts and ties. Other fixed items

included a clock, a number of lamps and radios, and a quantity of shears and knives which were sharpened. Fix of the day was a model Flying Scotsman Engine fixed by the Men in Sheds group. It was great work by all the Fixers.

The E-Waste Action Week also had collection points across the district for unwanted tech items, laptops, ipads, mobile phones and cables. Over 60 boxes of donations have now been taken to Sivill Service, a computer company in Tattershall, where they will be sorted and any items that can be reused will be donated to local good causes. If they can't be reused the items will be recycled and the precious metals recovered, including copper from the cables. The group Material Focus estimate there are enough copper cables lying unused in people's homes to reach to the moon and back and that's just in the UK!

More information regarding the E-Waste Action week can be found on the NKDC website by clicking this link, <https://tinyurl.com/48khd7u7>



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/>

Volunteers needed

If you have the skills in any type of repair, whether electrical, ceramics, fabrics, furniture etc. please let us know as we are also planning some EarthLincs repair sessions at Mint Lane.



Visit the EarthLincs website!
use this url or scan the QR code
www.earthlincs.co.uk



Other local events and activities



**LIQUORICE PARK ANNUAL
SUMMER FETE**

**SUNDAY 28TH
of JUNE 2026**
11am til 3pm

LIVE MUSIC 🎵🎵
Bake sale and drinks
Kids activities 🎨🐞

Please get in touch
Website @Liquoricepark.co.uk
Mel Marsh (Trustee)
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and Facebook



National Emergency Briefing (NEB)

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

Please join the EarthLincs community at a special community screening at **The University of Lincoln** (ticket details below) and also encourage other people to attend. Hosted by the Lincoln Climate Commission, the evening will be a film screening followed by invited guests and a facilitated discussion.

Venue: Coop Lecture Theatre, Minerva Building, The University of Lincoln. 7pm on Friday 10th July 2026. **FREE ENTRY** but please book your place through Eventbrite. We will publicise the link during June via our Facebook page

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.

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Nick Acheson
Kimberley Pickett

Resilient Living
in an Uncertain
Future

For details & tickets scan QR or use: <https://shorturl.at/BvN8o>

Time – 10am to 4pm on Saturday 6th June 2026, at
St Barnabas' Church, Barnetby, Lincs DN38 6JE

How faith groups can help to build resilient communities

Keynotes
Workshops
Drama
Prayer
Reflection

Nick Acheson is a naturalist and conservationist, and author of *The Meaning of Geese* and *This Wild Dream: Celebrating 100 years of Norfolk Wildlife Trust*
Kimberley Pickett is Community Resilience Officer for Lincolnshire Resilience Forum

Please remember to bring a packed lunch and keep-cup/mug for drinks

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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://involvelincoln.org.uk/mint-lane-wellbeing-hub>

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! for a friendly, sociable evening.

Save the date(s):

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

Liquorice Park Summer Fete: **Sun. 28th June, 11am–3pm.**

National Emergency Briefing (NEB): **Friday 10th July.**

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



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