Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre

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October & November 2026

Mint Lane Saturday EarthLincs Events 2–4pm

3 October	Stuff to Borrow Open
10 October	**Film: *A Convenient Truth*** (see below) Stuff to Borrow Open
17 October	Stuff to Borrow Open ***National Repair Day*** Tool sharpen/restore and giveaway! Sewing skills – how to machine sew; Overlocker demonstration by Isobel
24 October	Stuff to Borrow Open
31 October	Stuff to Borrow Open
7 November	***Natureweave*** *with Debbie 2.30–3.30pm* ***Sew Good*** *'Make do and mend' 2–4pm* **EarthLincs AGM** 2pm Stuff to Borrow Open
14 November	Stuff to Borrow Open
21 November	Talk by ***Prof. Libby John*** *(Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust)* *'Nature-based solutions to human problems'* Stuff to Borrow Open
28 November	Stuff to Borrow Open
5 December	Stuff to Borrow Open

Film showing at Mint Lane '*A Convenient Truth'*
10th October
2 to 4pm
The full title is
'A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions From Curitiba, Brazil'.



Directed by Giovanni Vaz Del Bello.
Green Planet Films, 2007.
(51 minutes.)

Recent EarthLincs events at Mint Lane

Flood Waters Down
On 26th September we had a special event, with a talk from Clive Simpson, Environmental Journalist and the author of *'Flood Waters Down'.* The author talked about the process of writing the book and what inspired him to write the novel, set in his native county of Lincolnshire and highlighting climate change.



Clive asks:

'Can fiction help to bridge the empathy gap and make climate issues more accessible and relatable?'

Clive had signed copies of his book on sale at £10.00. If you would like to buy a copy, get in touch with us.



We now have 190 members!

COMMUNITY FUND

See what we've got by visiting our site:
https://stufftoborrow.lend-engine-app.com/

Join or renew your annual membership online for just £1!

New volunteers

We would like to welcome two new volunteers to the team: Anna and Matt – a big thank you to them for their valuable help recently!

If you have just a couple of hours each week to spare, please join our team to support this exciting initiative. Email us or pop in any Saturday 2–4pm to find out more! Even if you could help us from time to time with tool maintenance, cleaning and sharpening etc. or offer other skills, that would be most appreciated!

Other local events and activities

Sew Good stall in the High Street
On Saturday 7th November, XR's Sew Good Group will be holding an event at Mint Lane Wellbeing Hub from 2–4pm. Join in our 'Make do and Mend' session – Share and show how to repair your favourite items – Be part of making some community bunting – come along and see what we do.

Sew Good repair sessions at the Wig & Mitre
Join us the Wig & Mitre 5–7pm on the first Monday of the month. The next one is **5th October**.
Bring a textile item to repair, learn and share skills.
Join in with a banner-making project.
All welcome for a friendly, sociable evening!

If you would like to join the local Lincoln Extinction Rebellion group, please contact ***lincoln@extinctionrebellion.uk*** for more information.

The Repair Café, Lincoln
Do you have an item needing repair?

The next date will be Sunday 18th October, 10–12pm at Hartsholme Park

FREE Entry, donations welcome.

Complete the form to register your item for repair at: *https://tinyurl.com/lrc-book*

In partnership with Plastic Free Lincoln, we have been running repair cafés in Lincoln since February 2020. We hold three events per year, but pop-up in different locations across the city.

We have a core group of Fixers and event volunteers, but are continually adding to our tribe. Get in touch if you have skills to share with the community or can help the events run smoothly.

Our Fixers appreciate it if Owners can provide a description of the requested repair in advance. This helps them to prepare and make sure they bring the correct equipment. It also enables them to recommend a spare part if needed, so that it can be fitted on the day of the event. Otherwise email or send a message to us on Facebook or Instagram.

However, no booking is necessary and everyone is very welcome

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

October 2026 LocalMotion events happening in Lincoln:

Film showing Friday 9th October at 3pm (120mins)

My Life Today. Maybe Your Life Tomorrow.

Poverty truthers produced short film shing a light on an inaccessible Lincoln. Tickets are FREE and available here: https://lincolnartscentre.co.uk/event/my-life-today-maybe-your-life-tomorrow/

'Lincoln Poverty Truthers believe that inaccessible physical infrastructure and the push towards a digital society is holding communities and individuals back.

We have heard repeated stories of a lack of understanding, choice and human support.

This film has been designed, produced and delivered by people who have experience of an inaccessible Lincoln. A Lincoln that not everyone knows. A Lincoln of discrimination, isolated and exclusion.

The aim of the short film, with the contribution of local civic leaders and members of the public, is to shine a spotlight on these experiences and how we might better come together and find new solutions for a more fair and just future for everyone living with a disability.

"My condition does not make me disabled. Society makes me disabled."

At the event, there will be space for human connection and exploration. Help us change the story of poverty and disability locally, and beyond.'

Lincoln's Doughnut Day 2026
23rd October | University of Lincoln

We are coming together to celebrate the energy across Lincoln that is moving us towards 'Living in the Doughnut'.

If you are new to Doughnut Economics then you will leave with a better understanding of what it means, and why people across Lincoln are so eager to explore it.

If you joined us last year, we will be building on that momentum with new, inspiring local voices, updates and networking opportunities.

The Doughnut Day bookings are now live! Places are limited and tickets are required to attend.

You can find the information on the Climate Hope Lincoln website here:

https://www.climatehopelincoln.org/doughnut-day/

Tickets for the day can be booked here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lincolns-doughnut-day-2026-tickets-2001875629898

Find out more about the Doughnut Economics Action Lab global community here:
https://doughnuteconomics.org/

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Inter Faith Week 2026
This event is taking place across Lincoln from 8–15 November, with this year's theme:

Lighting the Way for a Shared Future

The Centre for Reconciliation and Lincolnshire Faith Council are working alongside local faith communities, schools and community partners to bring together people of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds through friendship, learning, service, dialogue and peacebuilding.

There is something happening throughout the week and you can view the programme, event details and downloadable information here:

https://www.tcf-reconciliation.org/inter-faith-week-2026

Greencoded Event
Lincoln Green Party are organising '*Greencoded*' – an event at the Central Methodist Church, High Street, Lincoln on:
Saturday 14th November from 11am to 4pm.
This annual event will bring many environmental groups together, including EarthLincs & Stuff to Borrow; The Toy Library; Repair Café: Rethread Denim and more…

Festival for the Future: University of Lincoln
From 2-7 November 2026, join us for the sixth year of our Festival for the Future, a week dedicated to raising awareness on how you can take positive climate action in your community and further afield.

This year's theme is hope for the future.

Events are categorised into the following areas; Climate Education, Nature Positive and Culture and Community. We're looking forward to bringing you a week of events that celebrate nature, sustainable fashion, art and more. In past years we've run film screenings, research panels, book clubs, photography walks and more.

Find out more and book activities here:
https://estates.lincoln.ac.uk/sustainability/projects/caf/

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



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:
book your spot for Open Mic night – see details above!

Prepare, respond and recover
Local Resilience Forums (also known as LRFs) are activated to assist in responding to large-scale emergencies when a combined multi-agency coordination would result in a more effective and efficient outcome. Any one of the partner agencies can also activate the LRF when there is a requirement for additional capacity beyond their own resources.

LRF partners share responsibility to continually develop Lincolnshire's resilience in the face of large-scale emergency situations, with guidance and support from lead government departments and agencies, local authorities, emergency services, health, utilities providers and communication providers and transport companies.

https://www.lincolnshireresilienceforum.org/

EarthLincs is part of the CEC (Climate Emergency Centre) network:
'Our mission is to create connections and build community alliances in shared spaces. By creating a network of centres in cities across the UK, we aim to share resources, skills and ideas to strengthen resilience and adap to socialand environmental challenges.'
For more information:
https://climateemergencycentre.org.uk/

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www.earthlincs.co.uk

Resilience in the face of climate crisis events
Households should stock up on food to prepare for extreme weather as the strongest El Niño event in a generation develops over the Pacific Ocean, a government minister has said.

Environment Secretary Dame Angela Eagle told the Guardian the powerful natural climate phenomenon will lead to 'more extreme storms in this country'.

Her comments came as the National Audit Office (NAO) warned Britain's food supply chain is at risk given the growing threat of cyber-attacks and the climate crisis.

The NAO said the government was too reliant on the private sector to deal with food supply disruption. The government is due to unveil a strategy about preparing for national emergencies later this year.

Dame Angela said: *'We're about to experience probably the largest El Niño that has ever been seen, and that will lead to drier summers, wetter winters, with more extreme storms in this country.*
It will do a lot more damage in Asia with flooding, and therefore I think that we need to take it seriously.
If you've got a store of a bit of food that can keep you going for a while before the emergency services can get to you, you're going to be a lot better off than if you haven't.'

Her comments came as an NAO report warned Britain's food supply chain is vulnerable to plant or human disease outbreaks, cyber-attacks and extreme weather.

It also cited climate change as a longer-term chronic risk which could leave Britain's food supply at risk.
The disruptions could push up prices and leave vulnerable people struggling to buy food, it said.

The NAO said the Department for Food, the Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra) was too reliant on private companies to handle disruptions to food supply.
It added the department had not done enough in recent years to improve supply chain resilience.

UK households are less prepared for emergencies than those in several other countries such as Finland, Sweden and European Union nations, the NAO added.

BBC, 4th September 2026

Government guidelines for emergencies
Even the British Government is beginning to take seriously some of the emergency events we might face.
'Emergencies happen every day in the UK and across the world. They can be caused by severe weather or other natural hazards, by deliberate actions, or as a result of accidents or infrastructure failure. They can be events that happen quickly and are over in a few hours, or they can develop and continue over the course of several days, months, or sometimes even longer.'
To see more advice including a useful '*Put together and emergency kit of items at home'* list see:
https://prepare.campaign.gov.uk/get-prepared-for-emergencies/

Love and Rage, London: 12/13/14th September
Extinction Rebellion activists from Lincoln and across the country converged on London for Love and Rage, a weekend of discussion with some serious action on the streets. The week-end culminated in a loud, peaceful and colourful march through Central London to Parliament Square.

The focus of Love and Rage was 'security', which includes the impacts of water. Food, energy and heat on our safety.

Rosemary Robinson from XR Lincoln explained 'Earlier this year, the Government published a redacted version of the National Security Assessment (NSA)., which points to extremely serious threats to UK Security from biodiversity loss, flooding, drought, food shortages, extreme heat and mass displacement of people. Extinction Rebellion is demanding that the Government:

- *Tells the Truth by issuing and publicising the full, unredacted NSA*
- *Holds a UK wide briefing on the Climate and Nature risks*
- *Acts Now to mitigate against the serious threats to UK security.'*



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 very 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

Save the date:
EarthLincs and Stuff to Borow
Christmas social
at Mint Lane
on 19th December 2–4pm.

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