

Your Chance to Chat

Ideas for projects come from you!

As we haven't been able to meet with residents, we've probably missed out on loads of ideas and suggestions that you have, to improve our area.

Please share them with us.

They could be things that you've seen work in other areas or they could be a problem that needs a solution.

You don't have to be part of a group or be in a position to carry out the project, you just need an idea.

We don't promise to carry out every suggestion that comes our way. But, if you don't ask, you'll never know.

You can find all of our contact details at

<https://coastalcommunitychallenge.co.uk/contact/>

or telephone on 01507 622162

or message us via www.facebook.com/biglocalccc

Help and Support

Covid-19 has impacted many people in our community.

You can access help by talking with two projects that we have commissioned:

East Lindsey Advice Project - Providing confidential advice on a range of subjects including: housing, benefits, employment, debt, wills and probate, power of attorney and more. If local restrictions are in place, please call 01507 606002 or visit <https://elap.org.uk>

Experience Enterprise - where residents can obtain one-to-one advice on starting or improving a business idea. If local restrictions are in place, please email paul@experienceenterprise.com

or call 07824 636302

Both of these services can be accessed at Mablethorpe Community Hall (Tuesday) and the Meridale (Friday), 10am-noon.



The Lincolnshire Community Foundation and Coastal Community Challenge have teamed up to bring opportunities to residents in LN12 that will:

Help improve health and wellbeing

Save money

Make things a little easier for those that need a bit of support.

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LN12 Winter Warmth Fund - Help Stay Warm

We would like to support those who may need some help to keep warm over the colder winter months, which is an extremely dangerous time, especially for older people and those who live alone. We recognise the importance of looking after people's health, and want to help local people to stay well and avoid contracting Covid-19.

Examples of how we might help include pre-paid items such as:

- Oil filled radiators
- Electric blankets
- Mattress toppers
- £250 voucher towards the repair of a broken heating system
- Fuel vouchers

Payments will not be made in cash.

This help is intended to complement existing financial support that might be obtained from other sources and we will help signpost where we can.

Don't be cold this winter, contact us.

There will be an application process, but we can help with this. Please call the Lincolnshire Community Foundation on Freephone 0330 1289894.



Grant News

If you are interested in applying for a grant for your group, you can find more information, read the guidelines and download an application form from: www.coastalcommunitychallenge.co.uk/documents/ or by emailing sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com or calling 01529 305825

Our grants can be used to support projects of all sizes and for a wide range of needs.

Groups that have benefitted from recent awards include:

Furnichurch replacement Van £3000

Sutton on Sea Gardening Group £300 for outdoor decorations

The Boatshed Charity £495 for an event gazebo

Meridale Youth and Community Centre £6379 for outdoor games equipment

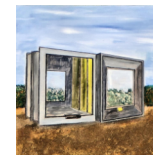
Sutton on Sea & Mablethorpe Baby Bank £200 for storage boxes



Further details of the work that we've supported and commissioned can be found at www.coastalcommunitychallenge.co.uk or www.facebook.com/biglocalccc

If you would like to make a donation so we are able to continue to help those who desperately need extra support during the winter please visit the link below to donate

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/LN12winterwarmthfund>



Saving on Energy Bills

When social distancing allows, Lincolnshire Community Foundation will send a team to LN12 to help residents make savings on their energy bills by exploring comparison websites to get the best deal available.



Members of the Coastal Community Challenge Partnership and Lincolnshire Community Foundation are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of local residents and where savings can be made, this will undoubtedly reduce stress and worry, while keeping money in your pocket.

Community Group Recovery Fund

We recognise the financial impact Covid-19 has had on the ability of local charities, community groups and organisations to continue to deliver local services and activities. Coastal Community Challenge will make a fund of £20,000 available to support their recovery and ongoing sustainability.

Grants of up to £200 are available for small community groups (whether constituted or not) for the cost of re-starting a local service if attendance may be low at first and; up to £1,000 towards running costs where future services are at risk.

The Partnership do not want to lose any of these local groups that bring people together and help combat loneliness and isolation.

If you would like further details, please contact Sue Fortune at Lincolnshire Community Foundation 01529 305825 sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com for further details.



Digital Inclusion

We've also commissioned Lincs Digital to be on hand (face to face or virtually) to show residents how to use their laptop, tablet or mobile so they can stay in touch with friends and family, organise online shopping, visit government websites, manage their bank, look for help and support, get information, or simply browse the internet.



In some cases, we may be able to also help you get and stay online by helping with the cost of a new device or a router with pay-as-you-go broadband connectivity.

Lincs Digital will be asking for local digital champions to come forward to be trained so they can continue offering support once funding has been spent. This means people living in the LN12 area will get support to stay online for a lot longer.

Let's Get Online for 2021

If you received a Tablet, Laptop or Phone for Christmas, we can help you learn more about being online.

No Device, No Problem.

Thanks to Lincolnshire Community Foundation and Coastal Community Challenge, we may be able to offer you a tablet or help towards Mobile Broadband costs to get you online.

Virtual and Community Based sessions available this year.

Learn to use Zoom, stay safe, online shopping, GP and NHS Services, plus much more....



Would you like to become a Digital Champion to support your community?

Please contact Lincs Digital for more information and to **book a free place:**

Tel: 07833 151469, email: projectmanager@lincsdigital.org.uk



MAST Application Form



The Make a Start (MAST) programme has been created to help 16-year-olds and over living in Lincolnshire, who need support to remove the final barrier to employment and fail to meet the criteria elsewhere. The grant may enable specific training or equipment that will lead directly into available employment. The average award is £150. However, each application is reviewed on its own merits.

Applicants must:

- ☐ be 16 years old, or over and live in Lincolnshire
- ☐ have the right to work in the UK
- ☐ be unable to obtain funding from a statutory organisation
- ☐ be unemployed or engaged in no more than 16 hours of employment per week

There are three ways to make an application:

1. Complete the questions below and post it to MAST, Lincolnshire Community Foundation, 4 Mill House, Carre Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 7TW.
2. Complete a soft copy application and email to info@lincolnshirecf.co.uk
3. Make a telephone application via 01529 305825

Applicant's name:		Age:	
Address:			
Town/Village:		Postcode:	
Telephone number:			
Name of referral agency and contact:			
What would you like us to help with? <i>Please provide details about what you need funds for (training, equipment etc) and any relevant background that might assist the assessor. If you are looking for help to become self-employed, you should submit your application with a Business Plan. It might also speed the application up, if you are able to find out from your Job Centre Advisor/Shaw Trust/Pinnacle People/Princes Trust Advisor whether they can provide match funding.</i>			
If you have a job offer, what are the company name and contact details:			
When do you start work/training?			
What is your previous work experience?			
When did you last work?			
Are you in receipt of benefits?			
What are you living arrangements including any dependents?			
Declaration - do you agree to the sharing of your personal details with the MAST Assessor in order to process your application?	Yes / No Please see our Privacy Notice on our website for further details www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk		