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THE FWM ALMSHOUSES

In this issue, we take a look at the results from the March edition's reader survey, learn about the Neighbours Together programme and explore what events are on in North East Lincolnshire.



DEAR RESIDENTS

The time for **longer days** and **warmer weather** is fast approaching.

Step into **Spring** with us as we look forward to **future events**, summarise **important news** and **share feedback** from our Almshouse newsletter reader survey ...



NEWS & UPDATES

All the important news to be aware of:

- **Heating oil costs** have doubled in price over the last month, which is very worrying for residents and charities supporting them who use kerosene to keep their homes warm.

Trustees and charities affected by these huge cost increases are **working hard to find solutions via local networks**. Fortunately, we are moving into the summer months...

- **Capacity Buildings** will continue to work with almshouse residents who are struggling with the cost of living expenses, even with charitable trust assistance, to help **prevent further poverty and build financial resilience**.

If you need support or know other residents who do, **please contact one of our team** using the details listed on the back page, and we will do our best to assist you.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO

We would like to thank the National Lottery Fund Awards for All green project for its grant support.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

As we move into longer days and warmer weather, **North East Lincolnshire** becomes rich with exciting **events and activities**, with highlights including:

- **HELIOS A touring artwork of the sun by UK artist Luke Jerram** | April 9 at 10:00am - May 4 at 5:00pm | Grimsby Minster, Grimsby
- **Easter Afternoon Tea at Healing Manor Hotel** | April 2 at 12:00pm - April 18 at 2:30pm | **Healing Manor Hotel** Stallingborough Road, Healing, North East Lincolnshire, United Kingdom
- **Lambing at the Grange** | April 9 to Sunday 19 April | The Grange, Skitter Road, East Halton, DN40 3PX
- **Bonnie Dundee's 125th Anniversary** | May 9 | Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway, Lakeside Station, Kings Road, Cleethorpes
- **Neil Sands Presents: Remember When – 20th Anniversary Special!** | 19 May at 2:00pm | Grimsby Auditorium, Cromwell Rd, Grimsby

Find more exciting events near where you live at www.discovernortheastlincolnshire.co.uk/whats-on/

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire's rural coverage includes Immingham and the Wolds.

VANEL promotes its **"Neighbours Together"** here: www.nelwatch.org.uk/neighbourstogether

The website is a place for **local information**, including links to community venues and to what's on in each rural area. It is also a location-specific discussion space in a controlled environment (that is not Facebook or an open social media platform).

So, whilst this is our project website, we are also growing this into a place for groups, organisations and rural residents to engage with.

We had a stand at **The Older People's Advice Day** in Immingham on 6th March.



If you would like to know more about **neighbourhood networking**, or to get involved, please contact **Karl Elliott** by email: karl@vanel.org.uk or telephone: **07936 415804**.

Please note this is a digital number with answer service. It is not always answered, so **please leave a message** and Karl will get back to you.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE ...

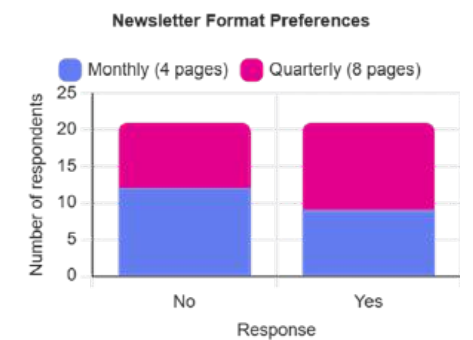
Subject to securing new funding to produce quarterly 8-page newsletters as requested by our readers our Spring 2026 Issue will be circulated in early June.

We will feature the latest information about help and advice available as well as other useful local news and update relevant to almshouse residents.

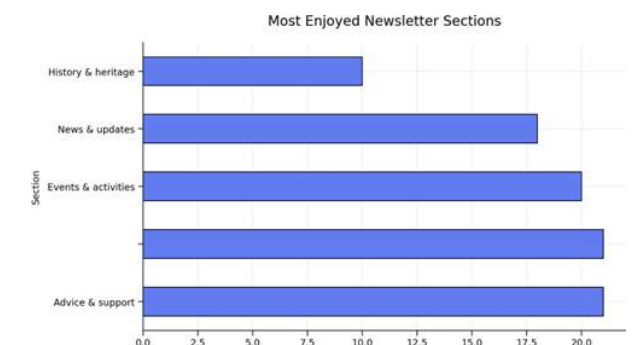
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READER SURVEY RESULTS

All readers who completed the survey said the newsletters were easy to read and understand. The majority of readers **prefer to receive a quarterly newsletter** with 8 pages rather than a monthly one with 4 pages.



The most **popular section** is the **advice and support**, followed by community events and activities, and then news and updates. In **future editions**, readers would like to see more content about **social events and activities** happening near where they live and other stories.



We will **contact readers who replied** to find out what other information they are interested in reading.

Comments included requests for **more free items** like the winter warm packs, where to access food parcels, personal security items and **where to find more help** with personal finance/income.



Capacity Buildings were very pleased with **Grant's Visuals** newsletter design, photography, content and layout. So, thanks to the fantastic feedback from our readers **we have commissioned them again** this year. We are also very happy to recommend their services...

Please contact Alex for more information: grantsvisuals@outlook.com or visit their website: www.grantsvisuals.co.uk