

ALMSHOUSE

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE NEWS



FREE WINTER

WARM PACK

PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED


In this issue, we share vital information from the Humber Resilience Forum to help you prepare for any unexpected extreme winter weather events that may head your way over the coming months.

DEAR RESIDENTS

With increasing extreme weather events, are you prepared for the unexpected?

Let's help you get ready with assistance from the **Humber Resilience Forum**, using their step-by-step guide to enable you to **prevent emergencies**.



 Cleethorpes Cottages Homes on Coronation Road (photography by [The Grant Outdoors](#))

EMERGENCY READY

Step 1. Check your insurance

Being insured is critical in almost all emergencies, so make sure to check that your home and contents are adequately insured against emergencies such as flooding.

Step 2. Think about Fire Safety

You are twice as likely to die in a fire if you don't have a smoke alarm that works. Think about Fire Safety in your home:

- Fit a smoke alarm to each level of your home and test it once a week – ask family or friends for help if necessary.
- Fit a carbon monoxide alarm.
- Prepare a bedtime routine to check for fire hazards, such as checking that all candles and cigarettes are safely extinguished, that appliances are switched off and that electrical sockets are not overloaded.
- Choose an escape route from your home and practice it with your family.
- Think about a safe place to go if you can't escape – ideally a room with a window and phone.
- Make sure everyone in the house knows where the door and window keys are kept.

Step 3. Think about Flooding

Check if you live in a flood risk area, sign up to receive flood warnings and make a flood plan.

You can check if you are at risk of flooding by visiting www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood or calling Floodline on **0345 988 1188**.

Step 4. Sign up for priority services registers

Water, electricity and gas are essential services, so check if you or members of your family are eligible for special care during an interruption.

Water

Anglian Water: Call 03457 919155 OR www.anglianwater.co.uk

Gas & Electric

Northern Powergrid: Call 0800 375 675 OR www.northernpowergrid.com

Step 5. Make a Grab Bag or Checklist

You can keep a Grab Bag of some essential items in case you need to leave your home in an emergency.

The things that you will need to take with you will be personal to you and depend on your own circumstances. Some examples include: medication, torch with batteries, hand gel and insurance documents.

Keep the items in a small, easy-to-carry bag, or write yourself a checklist of the things that are important to you to grab in a hurry.

Step 6. Make a short Household Emergency Plan

What type of information might you need to hand in an emergency? What are the things you need to agree in advance with your family and friends?

Your emergency plan is personal to you, and your circumstances are unique. Think about exactly what information you would need in an emergency and write your own plan if you need to.

It's a really good idea to sit your family/friends and neighbours down and write the plan together.

Step 7. Know how to respond

Never be frightened to dial 999 in a genuine emergency. Calls to 999 are free, so you can make a call on a payphone or mobile without money or credit, but be sure you're making the call for the right reason. Many of the 999 calls taken by the emergency services aren't emergencies and stop staff from dealing with people who genuinely need help urgently.

In an emergency, unless directed otherwise, your initial response should be to go inside, stay in and tune in to BBC Radio Humberside and listen for further instructions and updates.

By following these steps, you can ensure you are properly prepared for an emergency.

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CLEETHORPES COTTAGE HOMES

The Cleethorpes Cottage Homes Charity was established in June 1964, comprising a total of 20 dwellings with 12 located on **Coronation Road** and 8 on **Mill Road**, with the charitable object being: "to provide cottage homes for elderly people and the deserving poor of Cleethorpes."

The locations of the properties sit within areas that experienced substantial **post-war development**, at a time when local authorities across Lincolnshire were expanding housing stock to **accommodate demographic shifts** and to replace older, substandard housing.

In an excerpt from the **Evening Telegraph** in **September 1972**, the first public appeal for over 70 years at the time raised more than £1,200 for the improvements of the 8 **King George V bungalows** on Mill Road to include the installation of gas-fired central heating, bathrooms, and kitchen modernisation to catch up to the improvements made to the **12 King Edward VII cottages** on Coronation Road in the year of **1971**.

Both properties display plaques commemorating the generous bequest made to the Cleethorpes Cottages Home by **Major Henry Leonard Holloway**, given in memory of his wife, **Elizabeth**.

In **May 2023**, the Cleethorpes Cottage Homes Charity ceased to operate as an independent entity, with its properties and remaining responsibilities being transferred to the long-established **Grimsby Fishing and Sailors' Charity**, a body whose origins date back to the 19th century and which historically **supported local fishing families, widows, and retired mariners**.

Source: [British Newspaper Archives UK](#)

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

This scheme is offering crisis assistance to vulnerable people in households experiencing high levels of need with their cost-of-living essentials **to help prevent further hardship**. People living in almshouse properties, who qualify as residents, are already charity beneficiaries; therefore, by definition, they are in financial hardship, are **eligible for help from this fund**.

Capacity Buildings is working in partnership with the local authority to identify vulnerable people living in almshouse communities who **may not be aware of additional support** that is available. They are also working together to find and research all almshouses across the borough **to ensure residents** who qualify for charitable assistance **do not miss opportunities to be supported**.

This month, we continue to **offer FREE winter packs** to almshouse residents to help keep them warm. Please **contact us** if you would like a pack delivered to your home or would like to refer someone.

We will be working with almshouse residents who are still struggling with the cost of living expenses, even after the charitable trust investments **to prevent poverty and build financial resilience**. **If you need help** or know another resident who does, **please contact any team member** using the details listed on the back page. Your enquiry will be handled sensitively and in confidence.

Support is available by visiting **Citizens' Advice North East Lincolnshire** at 16 Town Hall Street, Grimsby, DN31 1HN or by making an appointment at **Immingham Advice Centre** in the Civic Centre Hub, Pelham Road, Immingham, DN40 1QF. Telephone: **0808 2505 701** or email: info@advicenet.org.uk. Visit the website here: www.advicenet.org.uk for opening times.

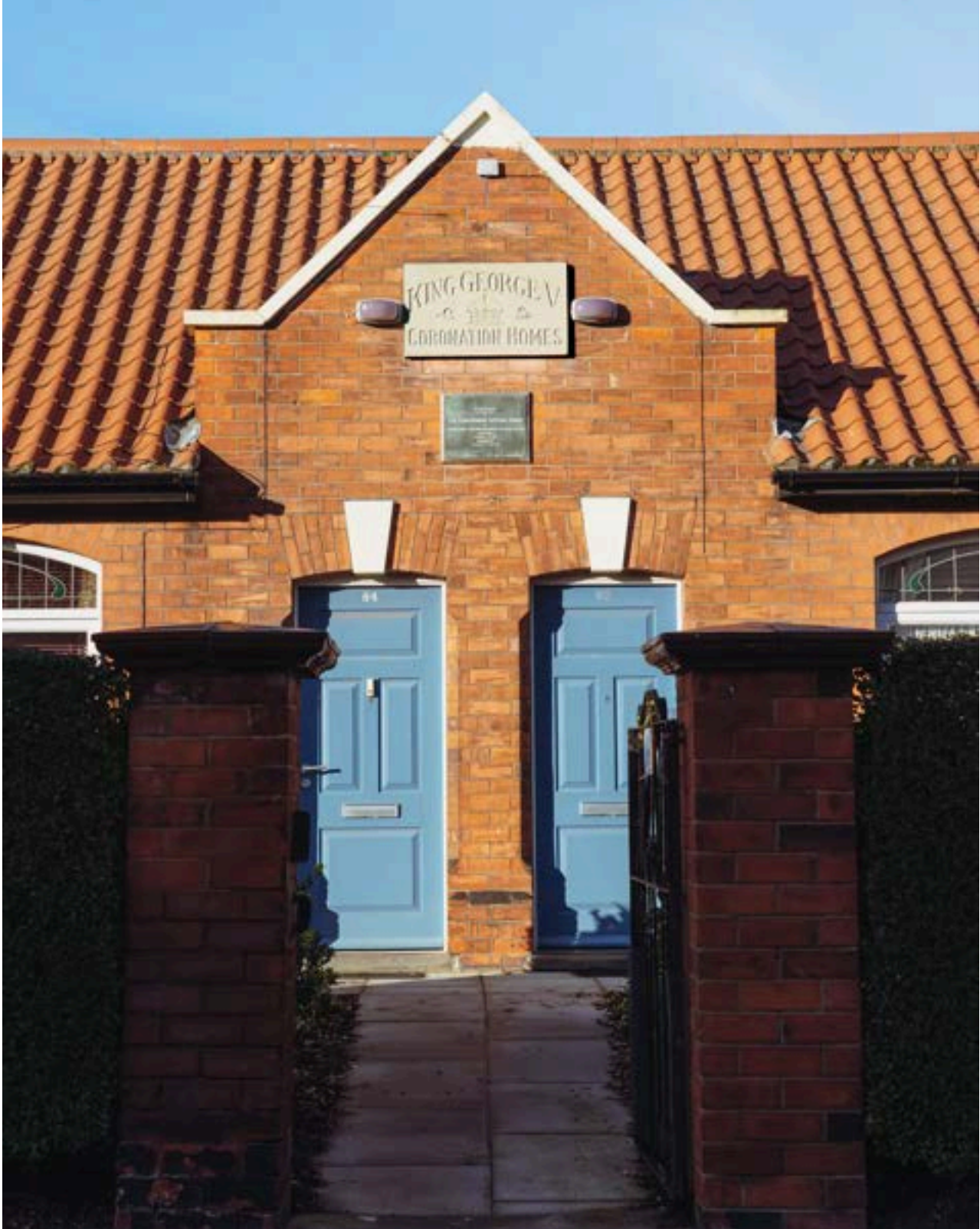
IN THE NEXT ISSUE

We'll be looking again at... the **Grimsby Sailors' & Fishing Charity** that also manages seven bungalows on Toll Bar Avenue in New Waltham, Grimsby.

Best wishes to all our residents, friends, and supporters.

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