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WEST END
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Hello!

WEST END

A HELPFUL GUIDE TO WEST END LIFE



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Hello! AND WELCOME

The West End Residents Association was formed in 1999 after residents became concerned that the balance of the community was being changed by developers buying too many properties to turn into Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO's), and the impact of the increase of student numbers. Since its formation a great deal of good work has been done by the association not only for its long-term residents but also for those who rent rooms on a short-term basis, either as students or not. As an association we work with all people and agencies who can help us keep the West End as a balanced community that all people, whether long-term or not, are proud to live in, respect and look after each other. This booklet will give you an idea of some of the issues that we get involved in, from Planning; Noise; waste bins; Derelict buildings; Traffic and Parking, and the jewel in the West End's crown, the West Common. There are many other things that we can help with and if you need to discuss any issues, please contact us through our gmail account - weralincoln@gmail.com and we will get back to you.

As well as the more day-to-day matters, we are always looking for more ways to bring the community together. Each year, we are

GET INVOLVED

We'd love you to keep up-to date with what's happening with WERA

View our news & minutes online:

community.lincolnshire.gov.uk/westendresidentsassociation

Or join in the discussion on our

Facebook group:

Search for '**WERA. Lincoln's West End Residents Association**'

or email us **weralincoln@gmail.com**

involved in the funding and arranging of the West End Gala and The Big Lunch. We are always on the lookout for new ideas for community events so again, if you have any ideas then please contact us on the above email.

WERA is run by a committee who meet every 6-8 weeks. Agendas and minutes are posted on our web page **<http://community.lincolnshire.gov.uk/westendresidentsassociation>** and if you would like us to discuss anything, please contact us a few days before each meeting. We also hold at least one public meeting each year (more if needed) and these are advertised on the web page and on our Facebook page. We are on the lookout for new committee members to help! WERA is also represented on the Carholme Community Forum and the Commons Advisory Committee.

The West End is an historic and beautiful part of the city with a community that looks out for and welcomes each other. Hopefully we can all work together to make this continue for many years to come.

West End Residents Association

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A DAILY STRUGGLE, PARKING IN THE WEST END

WERA has been working over the past years to address the pressure of parking availability in the West End; after discussions it is clear the current residents parking permit scheme is not fit for purpose.

One of the main issues in the West End over the last few years has been the lack of available on-street car parking spaces. WERA worked with the council to try and find ways to address this, and an initial consultation administered by the City of Lincoln Council found the majority of residents in favour of reducing the number of parking permits allowed per property from 3 to 2.

This policy change was implemented in April 2018 and through a phased introduction it is hoped that over the next year this will go some way to ease the problem. However, at a residents' meeting held in spring 2018, it was felt that further consideration should be given to the scheme and how it is operating, to see if more improvements could be made.

Over the next few weeks we anticipate that a consultation document will be available (either in paper format or electronically) for you to have your say on further possible changes to

the scheme. These could be to do with;

- The days and times of operation
- The number and placement of visitor bays
- The availability of spaces
- The number of zones

We would be grateful if you could find the time to complete the consultation as the more people that comment the more chance we have of understanding what local residents would like to see changed and why.

Understanding the demands on the services, and working with the City and County councils, we will then be able to assess what further changes may be desirable and possible. If you have any queries, please contact weralincoln@gmail.com



FANCY HELPING WERA?

WERA is currently expanding the committee. The committee are the heart of WERA, we co-ordinate various activities and initiatives (such as this booklet)! We work closely with partners in the interest of the residents to help the community. We're seeking to bring on some more hands and fresh ideas! Meetings held in the evenings every six weeks and you need no previous experience. This is a chance to help WERA continue the great work we started almost 20 years ago.

To find out more or register interest email weralincoln@gmail.com

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THE JEWEL IN THE WEST END, THE WEST COMMON

From wide open spaces, to free to use sports facilities, the West Common has been a place for the whole community to enjoy for 100's of years. Have a read and discover its history and how we can work together to preserve its future.

The West Common or Carholme is one of the three remaining commons within the city boundary, the others being South Common and the Cowpaddle Common.

They are all protected by a unique Act of Parliament called the 'City of Lincoln Council Act 1985' and also the 'Commons Act 2006' which is a nationwide act protecting all common land in England and Wales.

Our commons are extremely rare as they are 'Urban Commons' that are enclosed with their grazing rights still attached and the right to roam over all open areas.

The West Common extends to both sides of Saxilby Road. The south side is mainly land leased to the Carholme Golf Club. This is a private club but anyone can enjoy a round of golf for a fee payable at the clubhouse.

The commons are designated 'Critical Natural Asset' by the City of Lincoln Council which goes a long way to protecting the flora and natural creatures that inhabit this area.

This means a 'Look but don't remove' policy which protects this ancient land and ensures that it remains for future residents to enjoy.

On the North side we have Tennis courts, both hard and grass courts. These are free for all to play and enjoy.

Bowls is also available with the green maintained by Carholme Bowls club. If you wish to play you can join the club and enjoy.

We also have a cricket ground complete with pavilion, Carholme Cricket Club and others play here and always welcome new members.

The remainder of the Common is open space. With a large maintained area with two goals for informal recreation.

There is much history of the Commons, from Roman times to the RFC (Royal Flying Corps) horse racing and beyond.

However large information boards are being prepared that will give you all the information you need to explore the common in a responsible way. Explaining what you can't and can do to protect and enhance this marvellous jewel of the West End.

Enjoy!

PLAY PARK PROGRESS

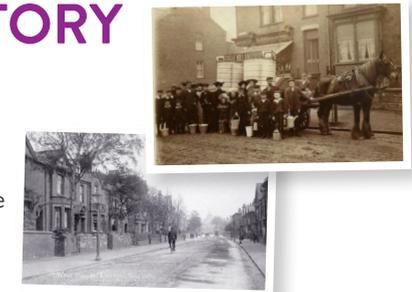
'Friends of West End Play Spaces' are a group of residents who have come together to redevelop the play park near Carholme Children's Centre. We have successfully made repairs to the equipment and transformed the space into a usable area for the local community. This has been achieved with the help of volunteers, funds raised by Councillor, Robert Parker, and contributions from the Council. However, the redevelopment would not have been possible without the free labour and materials provided by local tradesmen Richard Betts and Simon Davis. We have now received pledges of ongoing sponsorship from The Queen in the West, West End Food Stores,

The Bowl Full Tapas, Townrow Roofing and JHWalter LLP. Fantastic local businesses. The funds from their sponsorship will be used to pay for ongoing maintenance costs and ensure the space doesn't once again fall into disrepair. If you know someone with a local business who might be interested in supporting the project please email westendplayspaces@gmail.com. The play park is due to open soon, we are currently waiting for the rubber bark floor to be repaired. Once this work has been completed we will be looking for volunteers to partake in a final repair day. Please follow our Facebook page for more information.

ALWAYS A COMMUNITY LOCAL WEST END HISTORY

We are hoping to run an event celebrating the history of the West End to be hosted by the University of Lincoln. We are therefore looking for any old photos of the West End. These could be of the schools; the church, the pubs; the West common; pictures of the streets of the West End; the people of the West End or basically anything and if you have any stories to go with them, we would be pleased to have them.

If you have any photos then please contact us at weralincoln@gmail.com



WEST END ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday 2nd June saw the first West End Arts Festival. I was lucky to find some amazing volunteers to work with and together we put together a day which included an arts exhibition, Shakespeare play, community art and teenagers' musical presentations.

The festival was really successful and we had numerous positive comments about the activities and performances taking place.

The money raised has been split between the renovation of the Children's Play Area and Liquorice Park.

Cllr Lucinda Preston
lucinda.preston@lincoln.gov.uk



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A SAFE COMMUNITY, WORKING TO REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



We're pleased to say we had a surprisingly calm freshers fortnight in 2017. WERA were pleased to see the Council and Police provide a strong presence across the key week. Something WERA were keen to see again this year.

Outside the community WERA has been working closely with the university to address issues of noise from its students. The university have addressed the issues caused by a small majority of students who choose to not respect the local community and go against the values of the Universities in the city. We're keen to hold another pre freshers event in which residents can discuss the issue of noise with partners to see what action is to be taken this year.

As well as noise issues we've been addressing the speeding and traffic calming issues on Hewson Road & West Parade. We're pleased to say we're working with Long Leys Road Association to share the use of Lincolnshire Safer Roads Partnership speed camera/sign on a rotation basis to enforce and remind drivers of the speed restrictions in the area, we're also working with the county council highways to push for improved signage and more safety, especially around schools.

Despite improvements, we still need residents to report Anti-Social behaviour and noise complaints! For agencies to take action recorded data is needed to argue a case for enforcement, so we urge everyone to report.

NOISY NEIGHBOURS? ADVICE FROM THE CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL



If your neighbours are often noisy and disturb the enjoyment of your home, the City of Lincoln Council Public Protection & Anti-Social behaviour Team (PPASB) can help. This page tells you who to contact if you have a noise complaint, and how it will be dealt with.

A few things to remember:

- You should get to know your neighbours to build a positive and respectful relationship
- In the first instance, you should try to resolve the problem with your neighbour
- Property related noise complaints are dealt with by City of Lincoln Council's PPASB Team, not the Police
- The PPASB Team is unable to accept anonymous complaints
- The PPASB Team does not operate a 24 hour service
- Neither the Police or City of Lincoln Council have any powers in respect of transient noise (i.e. noise from passers-by), although incidents reported to the PPASB Team will be logged

How to make a noise complaint:

1. Contact the PPASB Team via telephone on 01522 873378, or via e-mail to ppasb@lincoln.gov.uk
2. You will need to provide your own details along with the address of where the noise comes from.
3. A letter will then be sent to the noisemaker advising them to take steps to reduce the noise. A letter will also be sent to you (the complainant) enclosing a diary sheet which should be completed and returned to the PPASB Team if the noise is not reduced satisfactorily. In some circumstances a PCSO will visit the premises following a complaint.
4. On receipt of the completed diary sheet, the PPASB Team will contact you to discuss the next steps. This may involve having noise monitoring equipment fitted in your home to monitor the noise levels. If the council finds a statutory noise nuisance then it will take appropriate action.

The PPASB Team works closely with partner agencies such as Police, University of Lincoln and The Students Union to ensure that a robust approach is taken to resolving noise complaints.

LINCOLN CARHOLME NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is based at:
West Parade Police Station, Lincoln, LN1 1YP
Supported by Neighbourhood Response Officers

To contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team member, call them direct on their mobile phone.



PC Mark Wrigley
Community Beat Manager
07973 844372



PCSO Pete Davies
Police Community Support Officer
07973 846796



PCSO Kay Rowntree
Police Community Support Officer
07973 846936

or e-mail the team at lincolncitycentre.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk



www.lincs.police.uk



A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR MARY STUART, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN

At the University we are committed to supporting positive relations between all members of the community. We support a number of initiatives which encourage our students to engage with their local communities.

We remind our students to take the time to get to know their communities, by introducing themselves to neighbours on arrival and by familiarising themselves with important details such as refuse and recycling collection times.

We also encourage our students to consider the great number of volunteering opportunities available through the University of Lincoln's Students' Union. Each year, hundreds of students dedicate their time to support local initiatives including community sports, litter picking, food bank and health outreach programmes. The University works closely with partners

including the City of Lincoln Council, Lincolnshire Police and Students' Union to highlight to students the importance of respecting the communities in which they live and to remain considerate of their neighbours all year round. A number of campaigns take place throughout the year to support this and the University is closely involved with many celebratory events throughout the City such as the Carholme Community Gala. All these activities help to strengthen community relations, and we look forward to continuing this valuable work in the future.

*Professor Mary Stuart
Vice Chancellor
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mstuart@lincoln.ac.uk*



THE CARHOLME COMMUNITY FORUM

The Carholme Community Forum (also the Policing Forum) is an organization which has been set up to address community issues in the Carholme Electoral Ward of which the West End is a major part.

Meetings are held at City Hall on approximately a six weekly basis and are currently chaired by County Councillor Robert Parker. Organisations which regularly attend the meetings include Carholme Ward City Councillors, Police, Lincoln University, Student Union, St Faith's Church representatives, Neighbourhood Watch

Co-Ordinators, Licquorice Park Trustees and Resident's Association representatives from Long Leys, St Georges Park, The Oasis and of course from WERA. City Council officers are invited to attend these meetings when there are relevant items on the agenda requiring their input e.g. anti-social behavior issues and car parking.

Anyone feeling that they have issues to raise at the Forum, which potentially affect the West End community, should pass details to any of the Carholme Ward Councillors or to any Committee member of WERA.

WEST END LIGHTS SHINE AGAIN! JOIN US FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2018

Lincoln's annual home grown pop-up festival of light not only takes to the streets but lights them up too!

Front windows become cinema screens, shadow puppets step out of the darkness and light sculptures bloom in West End gardens. It's created entirely by volunteers, local residents both old and new and shines for one night only each year.

It started in 2010 when a few houses shone out across the icy snow that held the city in its wintry grip that year. Since then it has grown and now over 60 houses, schools and the church get involved. It's even sparked similar festivals in Tunbridge Wells, London and Toronto.

Its heart though is here in the West End of Lincoln city where each year images flicker from

houses, projections creep up walls and lights bud and open in roadside trees.

It's become a unique local tradition when residents wrap up warm to gather on street corners to marvel at their neighbours' creations and surprised passersby stop in their tracks to look again at the trickery of light that has magically appeared out of the darkness in front of them.

This year we are set to glow on Friday 7 December. Come along and better still join in. It's a cold winter's night but you'll receive a warm West End welcome. For more details please look at the website www.lincoln-west-end-lights.com or email us at dartfish@me.com

Come on and give it a glow!

CARHOLME
COMMUNITY
GALA 2018
WEST FEST

FREE
EVENT

WERA is pleased to announce the return of the Carholme Community Gala on the 23rd of September from 12 Noon - 4pm

This family fun day of free activities, food, drink, entertainment and community spirit is the stand out event for the West End.

Organised & funded by partner agencies come on down and see the best of the West End, something for everyone!

ENJOY GREAT FOOD & DRINK, RIGHT ON OUR DOOR STEP

Living in the West End means you don't need to go far to find some great places to eat and drink. Some information follows on local places you might want to try

Elena's Kitchen

Corner of West Parade and South Parade

Previous owners Elena and Franco retired to Italy recently but Cara Oakley has now taken over running the popular West End eaterie. Here's what Cara has to say about the change of ownership:

Cara has a varied background with lots of experience working in bars and restaurants and has been a business mentor and start up advisor for young entrepreneurs for the past 10 years.

Recently she decided to combine her love for food and business and that's how she met Elena and Franco. Cara has gradually made some changes to the menu and will continue to develop and modernise the cafe whilst keeping the friendly welcome and great food at the core of all she does.

Friday Night Pizza continues, Elena taught Cara her secret dough recipe and it is delicious! The cafe serves breakfasts and lunches with a selection of teas, coffees and cakes. All food is made fresh to order just how you like it.

Bowlfull Tapas Bar

Corner of West Parade and Hewson Road

Another good West End eatery is the Bowlfull Tapas Bar at the corner of West Parade and Hewson Road. Opening times are Friday and Saturday from 6.00pm till late. For parties of 15 or more the Bowlfull owners are also prepared to open on Thursday nights.

Queen in the West

Corner of Newland St West and Moor St

The oldest pub in the West End can be found at the junction of Newland St West and Moor Street. Normal opening hours are Mon – Thurs (16.00 – midnight) Fri/Sat (12 noon – 1.00am) and Sunday 12 noon – midnight.

The pub has a full Sky Sports package regularly showing a wide range of popular sports action. Thursday night at the Queen is quiz night with the questions being set from 9.00pm onward. And on the last Friday of each month the pub hosts a vinyl night from 7.00pm onwards. From time to time there are live bands performing at the pub and information on these can be found on the Queen Facebook page.

The Queen can provide a function room for private hire and also has two bed and breakfast rooms.

The West End Tap

Corner of Newland St West and Nelson St

This friendly pub has a great reputation for a wide range of cask ales and World craft beer. There are regular quiz nights and a variety of music nights for all tastes. See the Facebook page for details of upcoming events

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ENJOY A BREW, AT THE POP UP CAFÉ

The Community Pop Up Cafe started in September 2017 and we have run it on the first Saturday of the month ever since apart from January and August in 2018. It is run by Artscope which is a community arts organisation therefore we have craft stalls and an art workshop for all the family.

There are light refreshments including home made soup and roll. Tea, coffee and cakes. There is also a raffle and bric a brac stall. We charge a small amount for the refreshments. There is seating and it has a relaxed atmosphere.

The pop up cafe takes place at St Faith's Church Hall first Saturday of each month from 11-2pm. Free Entry. The future dates are 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and December 1st. All are welcome and thanks for everyone who has come along in the last year.

SMALL STEPS TO HELP THE WEST END BECOME A STREET WARDEN

The West End Resident's Association Street Warden scheme has been operating for some time now and has had a great deal of success in keeping our streets tidy with the assistance of Lincoln City Council. However there are still areas of the West End which are not being covered by the scheme and more volunteer wardens would be great.

The main aim of the scheme is to ensure that refuse and recycling bins are taken back off the footpaths as quickly as possible after emptying. The role of the warden is to monitor a specific street (or streets) on the Monday following Friday's bin collection and where bins are still left out a WERA/City Council reminder card is

put through the letter box at the property. If the bin is still out on the Wednesday following the warden reports this by phone or email to WERA and the information is then forwarded to the City Council for action – usually a visit to the property in the first instance.

Other things that the wardens can report to WERA include bags of rubbish left on footpaths or accumulating in front gardens, street lights not working, drains blocked etc.

If anyone is interested in joining the warden scheme could you please indicate in the first instance by emailing :- weralincoln@gmail.com



USEFUL NUMBERS & CONTACTS.

City of Lincoln Council general customer service - **01522 881188**
 City of Lincoln Council PPASB (Noise, anti-social issues) - **01522 873378**
 City of Lincoln Council Street Cleaning/Refuse - **01522 873423**
 City of Lincoln Council Environmental Health - **01522 873249**
 City of Lincoln Council Car Parking - **01522 873497**
 Lincolnshire County Council general customer service - **01522 552222**
 Lincolnshire County Council Highways - **01522 782070**
 Lincolnshire Police non emergency number - **101**
 Carholme PCSO (City Police Station) - **01522 555468**
 University of Lincoln General Enquires - **01522 882000**
Local MP - Lincoln Member of Parliament (Karen Lee) - **0207 219 3569**
City of Lincoln (District) councillors
 Cllr Laura McWilliams - **07710196123**
 Cllr Neil Murray - **07971569662**
 Cllr Lucinda Preston - **07543703311**
Lincolnshire County councillor Cllr Robert Parker - **07739007086**



Thanks for reading. Any feedback? E-mail us weraincoln@gmail.com

WASTE & BINS

Our bin day is...

Some helpful advice from the council about what goes into your bins.

REMEMBER, TO BRING YOUR BINS OFF THE STREET AFTER THEY'VE BEEN EMPTIED

Recycling  **Brown Bin** 

No Thanks

-  **NO BLACK BAGS**
-  **No Plants or Green waste**
-  **No Clothing**
-  **No Electrical Items**
-  **No Nappies**
-  **No Food**
-  **NO D.I.Y. Waste**

Recycling  **Brown Bin** 

Yes Please

PAPER AND CARD

-  Newspapers magazines
-  Junk mail
-  Telephone books
-  Cardboard
-  Plain and coloured paper

METALS:

-  Food and drink cans
-  Aluminium foils and trays

PLASTICS:

-  Shampoo and Cosmetic bottles
-  Detergent bottle
-  Bleach and cleaning bottles
-  Similar plastic containers

Glass Bottles:

-  Empty glass bottles and jars

Please remove all lids