

Hello!

WEST END

A HELPFUL GUIDE TO WEST END LIFE

WEST END
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

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Introduction

The West End Residents' Association (WERA) was formed in 1999 after residents became concerned that the balance of the community was being changed by developers turning too many properties into houses of multiple occupation (HMO's) and the impact of the increase in student numbers.

Since its formation, a great deal of work has been done by the association not only for its longer-term residents but also for those who come to live in the West End for a short time.

As an association we work with all people and organisations who can help us keep the West End as a balanced community and a place where everyone 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 the formal issues of planning; noise; waste; parking permit scheme; derelict buildings; traffic as well as the more enjoyable projects, such as the Big Lunch and the Carholme Gala.

2018-19 has been another busy year...

In the past 12 months we have...

Represented the West End on the Carholme Community Forum and the Commons Advisory Committee

Worked with Councillor Preston, the University, the Students' Union and the Council to better manage surplus items at the end of the student year (see pages 5 and 9)

Held a two-day History Event In conjunction with the University of Lincoln (see page 7)

Worked with the council to bring in Direction 7, which has taken 'To Let' boards out of the West End (see page 8)

In conjunction with City of Lincoln Council, organised a residents consultation on the Parking Permit Scheme (see page 8)

Worked with the Long Leys Residents' Association and Speedwatch to introduce a Speed Indicator Device (see page 9)

There are many other things that we can help with and if you want to discuss and issues or ideas, please contact us through our email weralincoln@gmail.com.

WERA is run by a committee who meet every six to eight weeks. Agendas and minutes are posted on our website at www.community.lincolnshire.gov.uk/westendresidentsassociation and if you would like us to discuss anything please drop us an email a few days before the meeting. We also hold at least one-two public meetings a year and these are advertised on the website and also on our Facebook page.

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



Carholme Gala 2019

The annual Carholme Gala, promoted by West End Residents' Association and Carholme Community Forum and funded by the Big Lottery, will take place at West Common Grandstand on **Sunday 22nd September**. The Gala will open at 12 noon and finish at 4pm.

There will be live local bands plus a DJ Rik Bell providing music throughout the afternoon together with live performances from local school children. Free attractions will include bouncy castles, family circus, face painting and pony rides. A variety of food and drink will also be available on site.

Come and join us, everyone welcome!

Our Beautiful 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 hundreds of years. Have a read and discover its history and how we can work together to preserve its future.

The West Common is protected by the 'Commons Act 2006' which is a nationwide act protecting all common land in England and Wales. The commons are a designated 'Critical Natural Asset', which protects the flora and fauna that inhabit the 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.

The West Common extends to both sides of Saxilby Road. The south side is mainly leased to

Carholme Golf Club. This is a private club but anyone can enjoy a round of golf for a fee payable at the clubhouse. On the north side we have all weather and grass tennis courts and these are free for anyone to use. Bowls is also available with the green maintained by Carholme Bowls club and if you wish to play you can join the club. We also have a cricket ground complete with pavilion – Carholme Cricket Club play here and always welcome new members and spectators.

The remainder of the Common is open space plus a large maintained area with two football goals, and there are a number of large information boards that provide all the information you need to explore this jewel of the West End in a safe and responsible way. **Enjoy!**





West End Lights shine again!

Friday 6th December 2019

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

It started in 2010 when a few houses shone out across the icy snow that held the city in its wintry grip. Since then it has grown and in 2018 over 60 houses, schools and the church were involved. It's sparked similar festivals in Tunbridge Wells, London and Toronto.

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

At its heart though is our West End where each year images flicker from houses, projections

creep up walls and lights bloom 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 to look again at the trickery of light that has magically appeared in front of them.

This year we will glow on **Friday 6th December**. Come along and better still join in. It might be a cold winter's night but you'll receive a warm West End welcome. There's more information and pictures from previous years at the website www.lincoln-west-end-lights.com. If you have any questions or would just like get in touch then email us at dartfish@me.com.

Come on and give it a glow! All you need is a bright idea and some West End community spirit.

Anyone for Tennis?

In March, a group of westenders set up an informal group on facebook to organise ad-hoc tennis sessions on the courts on the West Common. The group is open to all abilities, shapes and sizes and meets on an adhoc basis using the wonders of social media.

If you fancy yourself as a budding Andy Murray then please join the Facebook group and get involved. All welcome. www.facebook.com/groups/310296166335709



A message from...

Professor Mary Stuart, Vice Chancellor of The University of Lincoln



In February 2019, the University of Lincoln committed to work to create a Civic University Agreement – a pledge to put Lincoln and Lincolnshire at the top of its list of priorities.

Working together with the local community and partner organisations, we are committed to the City of Lincoln and expect our students to live alongside and within the residential areas in the City in a peaceful and harmonious way.

We remind our students that the community they have chosen to live in will include families with children, elderly people, working people and other students and it is important that they become part of that community and respect the diversity and the lives of all residents. We encourage 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 Students' Union. Each year, hundreds of students dedicate their time to support local community initiatives which

develops positive relations between all members of the community 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 and, more recently, the 'Memories of the West End' event which celebrated the history of the community through photographs. 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
 Email mstuart@lincoln.ac.uk

Stagecoach West End Bus Service

Service No. 20 St. George's Park – Lincoln Central Bus Station

Mondays to Fridays

Lincoln, Central Bus Station Bay M	0655	0840	1040	1225	1425	1630	1720
Carholme, Hewson Road	0701	0846	1046	1231	1431	1636	1726
Carholme, Methodist Church	–	–	–	1234	1434	1639	1729
St. George's Hospital, Berilldon Drive	0710	0855	1055	1241	1441	1646	1736
Lincoln, Carline Road	0714	0859	1059	1245	1445	1650	1740
Carholme, Methodist Church	0716	0901	1101	–	–	–	–
Carholme, Hewson Road	0719	0904	1104	–	–	–	–
Lincoln, Central Bus Station Bay M	0725	0910	1110	1251	1451	1656	1746

News from St. Faith's Church

St. Faith's is your local C of E Parish Church serving the West End of Lincoln. St. Faith's aims to serve the local community as there has been a church in Charles Street West for over a hundred years: it was **built by the community for the community**. Our Vision is:

We believe that in five years time, God is calling St. Faith's to be vibrant, welcoming presence, seeking justice and serving the community by offering friendship, hospitably & worship.

Main Sunday Service is at 10.30am

This is a service of Holy Communion, except on the first Sunday of the month which is an all age service called 'Family Church' where we join together to sing and pray with a craft activity. For those in need of breakfast, we begin with coffee and croissants at 10am! On this Sunday there is also a short service of Holy Communion of just half an hour at 9.30am.



Reverend Julie

I am the vicar of St. Faith's. If you would like to know more about St. Faith's, Jesus, how to support your local church or just have a coffee and a chat, then please call me on **01522 415 858** or **07710 592 553**, or email me at revjulie.stfaiths@gmail.com.

St. Faith's Church Hall

St. Faith's Hall is on West Parade and is run as not-for-profit to provide a space for the local community to use for different clubs, training courses, events. Don't miss the Pop-Up Café from 11am until 2pm on the first Saturday of the month – keep an eye out for the posters announcing this.



If you would like to book the hall then please contact Helen on **01522 889 189** or stfaithschurchhall@gmail.com.



West End History Event 2019

In April, WERA and the University of Lincoln organised a two-day history event, kindly hosted by the University on Saturday and the Church Hall on Sunday.

Over 200 people visited the event over the two days to share memories of the West End. The display included over 150 old photographs of the West End as well as maps and other memorabilia, and on the Saturday we were treated to a very interesting and informative talk on the history of the area by Dr Andrew Walker.

Dr Walker was involved in the production of the history booklet about the West End which was produced by the Survey of Lincoln, which is currently out of print. The talk was introduced by a short film, produced by Reece

and Nicola from the University of Lincoln and is available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuyGRgijeil&feature=youtu.be>.

The photographs which were displayed are to be made available at the West End Gala in September, so if you have any photos or other memorabilia then please bring it along.

If you want to find out more about the history of your property, then a good place to start would be to check out the following link <http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/digital/>.

The link will take you to the University of Leicester special collections online page and if you type 'Lincolnshire' into the search box, then various documents are displayed, such as Kelly's directories, where you search for your property.



Friends of West End Play Spaces

The 'Friends of West End Play Spaces' are a group of residents who have come together to redevelop the play park outside Carholme Children's Centre on Blenheim Road.

They 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 County Council. However, the redevelopment would not have been possible without the free labour and materials provided by local tradesmen Richard Betts and Simon Davis.

They have now received pledges of ongoing

sponsorship from a number of local businesses and 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.

Volunteers are still required to open and close the play park. If you are interested in helping please email westendplayspaces@gmail.com.

The park is now open at the following times:
Weekdays: 8:45am-4pm
Weekends and Bank Holidays: 11am-5pm



Small steps... become a Street Warden

The WERA 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.

There are still areas which are not 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/streets on the Monday following Friday's bin collection, and where bins are still

left out a reminder card is delivered to the property. If the bin is still out on the Wednesday following the Warden reports this to WERA and the information is then forwarded to the council for action – usually a visit to the property in the first instance.

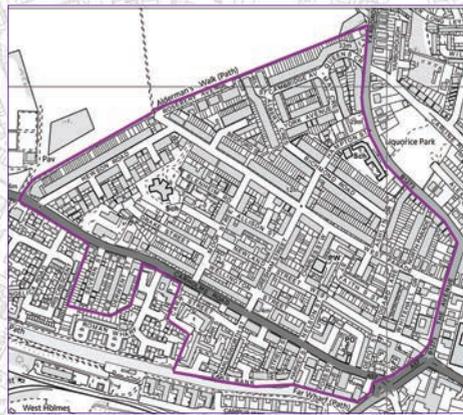
Other things that the wardens can report to WERA include bags of rubbish left on footpaths or accumulating in front gardens, street lights not working, drains blocked etc.

If anyone is interested in joining the Warden Scheme please email weralincoln@gmail.com

'To Let' Boards

In January 2019, the government informed the City of Lincoln council that its proposal to ban the display of 'To Let' boards in the West End had been successful.

The ban came after the council considered the results of several consultations with the public in problem areas, and complaints from residents and the Students Union who were concerned that they were creating an unnecessary eyesore. A total of 134 consultation responses were received by the council, with 85 of those responses calling for a total ban on the boards. The area where the ban is in force in the West End is shown here.



If you notice a 'To Let' board within this area, please email weralincoln@gmail.com and we will inform the council.

Slow It Down (SID)

With the kind help and support of the Long Leys Residents' Association (LLRA) and Lincolnshire Safer Roads Partnership, we have been able to gain access to SID (Speed Indicator Device).

We have already deployed SID opposite St. Faith's School and will be exploring further locations throughout the West End. The idea behind SID is to reduce the speed that people drive, as a good proportion of the area has speed limits of 20mph.

For the first week or so in any location, you won't see SID light up. This is because it has two display modes, standard display mode and spy mode. Spy mode collects the number of cars that drive past it, and the speed at which they drive. It does not collect number plate data, as it is intended to be a deterrent. When standard display mode is turned on it also collects the above data, but it will also display the speed it is being driven past at, with

a slow down/thank you message. We have five potential locations to put the sign: two on West Parade, two on Hewson Road and one at the junction of West Parade and Moor Street. The reason for so few is that the sign can only be placed on a traffic sign post (not a lamp post), that has no large signs on it already. We've had the posts extended at its current location and two on Hewson Road, but may get others extended too.



The sign will be moved every six weeks, and will be deployed over the other side of the Common for the most part. We will likely have it around peak school times (start of term etc.) to try to influence the speed people drive. If you have any questions or you could volunteer with battery charging (they need charging roughly every 1-2 weeks) please email us at weralincoln@gmail.com.

Resident's Parking Permit Consultation

Following concerns raised by residents, a working group made up of WERA, City of Lincoln Council and local councillors organised a resident's consultation in late early 2019.

The questions were agreed by the group and based upon issues raised by residents through discussions with WERA and local councillors and at a number of local meetings. The consultation was distributed to over 2000 properties in the West End (including properties that fell outside the West End but were included in specific zones). The consultation was available to complete either in hard copy form or online.

Data obtained leading up to the consultation identified that there is roughly one parking space available for every two permits issued. Figures for the number of spaces available is not completely accurate as the number of spaces is estimated based on length of available kerb, but is felt to be a reasonable guide.

There were 266 responses to the survey (around 12%), across 5 zones. The survey

asked 11 specific questions, and the responses were as follows:

- 1. Enforcement Times** 52% voted for no change to the enforcement times
- 2. Zones** 72% voted against merging one or more zones together
- 3. Zones** 82% voted against merging all zones together
- 4. Zones** 74% voted to leave the zones as they currently are
- 5. Visitor Bays** 81% voted against removing visitor bays
- 6. Visitor Bays** 68% voted against reducing the number of visitor bays
- 7. Visitor Bays** 72% voted to leave visitor bays as they are
- 8. Flats** 77% voted for flats to be allowed a maximum of one permit
- 9. Businesses** 51% voted for businesses to apply for extra permits with the decision to grant being at the discretion of the councillor responsible

There were a number of suggestions to the question about how the current space in the West End might be utilised better for parking and comments made on each section above, and the group will meet to discuss the merits of these suggestions, but basically the feedback from those residents who completed the survey is to leave the main parts of the scheme as they are.

A message from...

Emma Blackburn, Vice President, University of Lincoln Students' Union

Hi everyone! I'm Emma, the Students' Union's Vice President. My role involves overseeing how students interact with the community and how we can work together with the local population to make a difference across the city.

We're always trying to think of new ideas so I'd love to hear from any community members or students if they would be interested in working on any community-based projects/events with me. I have been living in Lincoln for the past two years now and I absolutely love the city! A lot of our students really enjoy the opportunity to live within the community and at the Students' Union we always actively try our best to support students when they make this step. Personally my favourite parts of the city are the West Common (my favourite place for an evening walk) or Steep Hill (definitely the most unique feature of Lincoln!). As a Girlguiding Leader for a unit in Lincoln myself, I think that Student Volunteering really is a key part in how we can build relationships

between students and the community. We offer a volunteering sign up system where local charities recruit student volunteers and in the past year we've helped local charities recruit 325 volunteers! We also run annual campaigns including Carholme Clean-Up, Make A Difference Week, and Move Out May – these all involve various volunteering opportunities from helping at a foodbank to selling Marie Curie Daffodils, and promote positive student behaviours when it comes to waste and moving to a new house sustainably.

I look forward to seeing what this year has in store, and hopefully hearing lots of wonderful feedback about what our students will be involved in over the coming year! If you have any ideas or want to know more about what we do at the Students' Union, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Emma Blackburn
Call **01522 886006**
Email welfare@lincolnsu.com





Are you a Student?

The University and Students' Union have created a guide to **#lincolnliving**, full of great advice about living in the city. Copies are available on campus.

Are you celebrating Halloween?

Place a pumpkin outside your home to show you're open for 'trick or treaters'.
Thursday 31st October 2019



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. To contact the PPASB Team call **01522 873378** or email **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.

A Safe Community

Working to reduce anti-social behaviour



We're pleased to say we had a relatively calm freshers fortnight in 2018. A strong Police, Council and University presence is key during this time and we shall see the same again this year.

On behalf of the whole community we have been working closely with the University to address issues of noise and anti-social behaviour from a very small minority of our students, who choose to not respect the local community.

As well as noise issues we've been addressing the speeding and traffic calming issues on Hewson Road and 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 to remind drivers of the speed restrictions in the area. We're also working with

the County Council to push for improved signage and more safety, especially around our schools.

Despite improvements, we still need residents to report anti-social behaviour and noise complaints. If you see anything you deem to be suspicious please don't hesitate to contact the police at the time on **101**.

Carholme Neighbourhood Policing Team Lincoln City Centre Police Station

West Parade, Lincoln LN1 1YP

Call: **01522 873264**

Email: lincolncarholme.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.lincspolice.co.uk

Facebook: **Carholme NPT**

Click on www.lincsalert.co.uk and sign up for

Carholme Police News

To contact
the **Lincoln
Carholme
Neighbourhood
Policing Team,**
call them on...



PC Mark Wrigley
07973 844372



PCSO Pete Davies
07973 846796



PCSO Kay Rowntree
07973 846936

Community Pop Up Cafe

The Community Pop Up Cafe is held on the first Saturday of (almost) every month at St. Faith's Church Hall on West Parade, Lincoln.

It's free entry and a great opportunity to relax with friends and meet your neighbours. Tea, coffee, herbal drinks, soup with a roll and cakes are all available, as well as craft and bric-a-brac stalls plus an art workshop and a raffle. Come and join us, everyone is welcome!



The dates for 2019-20 are as follows:

- 2019**
- Saturday 5th October
 - Saturday 2nd November
 - Saturday 7th December
- 2020**
- Saturday 1st February
 - Saturday 7th March
 - Saturday 4th April
 - Saturday 2nd May
 - Saturday 13th June



Useful Numbers



Thanks for reading. Any feedback?
Email us at weralincoln@gmail.com.

City of Lincoln Council

General Customer Service **01522 881188**
PPASB (noise and antisocial issues) **01522 873378**
Street Cleaning/Refuse **01522 873423**
Environmental Health **01522 873249**
Car Parking **01522 873497**
General Customer Service **01522 552222**
Highways **01522 782070**

Lincolnshire Police

Non Emergency Number **101**
West Parade Police Station **01522 555468**

University of Lincoln

General Enquiries **01522 882000**

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Councillor Robert Parker **07739 007086**
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Waste and Bins

Please remember to bring your bins off the street after they've been emptied.
Here's some advice from the council about what goes into your recycling bins...

YES PLEASE



NO THANKS



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