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Hello!

WEST END

A HELPFUL GUIDE TO WEST END LIFE

WEST END
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

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Introduction and Welcome

The West End is an historic and beautiful part of the city, with a community that looks out for and welcomes one another.

Hopefully we can all work together to make this continue for many years to come.

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 (HMOs) 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 as a place where everyone is proud to live, to

respect each other and to look after one another.

WERA is run by a committee of volunteers who meet every six to eight weeks—the date of the next meeting is posted on our website. If you would like to add anything to our agenda, please email us a few days before the meeting. Minutes are also posted on our website, after being approved at the following committee meeting. If you are a resident of the West End, we would love to have you join our committee. Please get in touch.

This booklet will give you an idea of some of the issues we are involved in—planning applications, noise, waste, speed indicator device, as well as the more enjoyable projects such as the West End Community Picnic and Open Gardens Afternoon.

Website: www.wera.org.uk.

Email weralincoln@gmail.com

Join our closed [facebook page](#).

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Highlights of 2022-2023

We hold two Public Meetings a year. Our Residents' Meeting in October outlines the approach to a new academic year, presented by those we work in partnership with. Our Annual General Meeting is in Spring, and provides Residents with their say on who should represent them on the committee. These meetings are advertised on our website, on our facebook page and by posters around the West End.

In April the University kindly hosted a history event that profiled the release of "Lincoln's West End Revisited", volume two by Prof Andrew Walker. Thanks to Nigel Manders and Nigel Horner for organising this.

June saw our annual Big Lunch, which takes place as a community picnic. We had a very pleasant afternoon on the cricket pitch at West Common.

Open Gardens Afternoon 2023 took place in July—another excellent community event.

WERA continues to represent the West End on the Carholme Community Forum and the Commons Advisory Committee.

As a Consultee to all planning applications for properties in the West End, we have continued to monitor applications for proposed building work, objecting to those that we think will be of detriment to the character of our beloved West End architecture and community.

Our street-wardens have done a fabulous job in helping to keep our streets clean and tidy.

WERA has reported streetlights not working, flooded drains, accumulations of rubbish, abandoned trolleys, as well as bins left out for too long. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was loaned to us last Sept, January and May to help keep our streets safer.

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

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.

West Common is situated to the north and south of Saxilby Road. It is an area of almost 250 acres of open land, giving excellent views of the Cathedral and the historic hilltop.

The West Common is protected by the 'Commons Act 2006' which protects all common land in England and Wales, as well as by the 'Lincoln City Council Act 1985'. The common is designated as an area of 'Critical Asset and Nature Conservation Importance', 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 common supports a population of skylarks.

West Common boasts a number of sports facilities including

- Tennis— all weather and grass courts are free for anyone to use. www.facebook.com/groups/310296166335709 if you want to find someone to play with.
- Cricket—Carholme Cricket Club and Rustons CC play at the cricket ground and use the pavilion there. They welcome new members and spectators.
- Bowls—Carholme Bowls Club maintain the green and also have a pavilion.

- Golf course—managed by Carholme Golf Club who lease an area of the West Common for this purpose. It should be noted that the area of the golf course is Common land and the rights of the public to roam this area are not affected by this lease. Carholme Golf Club is a private club but anyone can enjoy a round of golf for a fee payable at the clubhouse.

The remainder of the Common is open space which is free for everyone to enjoy, subject to the byelaws found at the entrances to the common. Go and discover the Ornamental Pond (roughly in the centre of the common) as well as Lincoln Wish Tree, just to the south of the cricket pitch.

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. **Please remember, no barbeques and to take all your litter home.**

Enjoy!



Visit our website for more information on all things to do with the West End: www.wera.org.uk.

Email us on weralincoln@gmail.com.

If you live in the West End, join our closed facebook group: **WERA.West End Residents Association, Lincoln.**

Our Equine Friends

Livestock have grazed the Lincoln Commons for many centuries, although legislation now means that only horses can be pastured on this land. Lincoln Commons Horse Association works with the City of Lincoln Council in monitoring, conserving, and enhancing these historic open spaces.

Who owns the horses and are they looked after?

All of the horses grazing on the commons are registered to individual owners who are responsible for their health and wellbeing. They are not wild.



Why can't we feed the horses on the commons?

- 1) Some horses are on special diets/medication, others can't chew properly.
- 2) Some 'food' could lead to colic (which can be fatal) or poisoning. Grass cuttings and too many apples can cause colic. Please do not dump these on the common.
- 3) Feeding the horses encourages them to follow people and sometimes harass them.
- 4) It can cause horses to fight with each other, which may result in injury to the horses involved.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE HORSES.

Why do some horses have rugs on and others not?

Hardy, native breeds don't require rugs; other breeds may require rugs in the winter. Horses may be clipped so they don't sweat when ridden or may be elderly and require more TLC. Summer fly sheets protect horses that have allergies/sensitivities to fly bites.

Why do some horses wear muzzles?

Muzzles are worn to limit grass intake and avoid laminitis, allowing the horse to remain on the common and exercise as normal. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE MUZZLES.**

I thought horses could sleep standing up. Why do they lie down?

Horses can *doze* standing up. In order to experience REM sleep a horse needs to lie down. (They need REM sleep in the same way that we do). Please don't disturb their sleep. It's quite normal.

Finally, please do not attempt to ride the horses; you could injure them or yourself.

No BBQs allowed on the Common.

As well as posing a fire risk, this rule is to protect the horses. Horses may be attracted to left-behind embers and injure themselves. Please also take your rubbish home if you have a picnic. If the bins are full, please do not leave excess rubbish on the ground—take it home to prevent the horses from eating it.



Towards a Greener Future— update on electric vehicle charging in the West End

Uptake of electric cars has increased by 50% over the past year, due to the government's financial incentives towards company cars and more models of electric vehicles being released. Many energy suppliers are now offering cheap rates for charging your electric vehicle overnight. Lincolnshire County Council are also supporting the uptake of electric cars by allowing on street charging, even from terraced housing, provided a cable protector strip is used to reduce the risk of pedestrians tripping over the cable running across the pavement. Installing a home charger is relatively straightforward and costs around £1000. The payback period is around 18,000 miles.

Paul Arnold

**Thank
You!**

On the occasion of his retirement, WERA's thanks go to
Lincolnshire County Councillor Robert Parker, for all the hard work and commitment
he has shown towards the Carholme Ward.

Residents' Meeting

Thursday 5th October, 2023, at 7.45pm.
St Faith's Church Hall, West Parade, LN1 1QL.

Speakers from:
the University

Lincoln City Council ASB department
and Carholme Ward Councillors.

Q and A session.

All residents of the West End welcome.

Come along and find out the latest news in our community.

The Big Lunch 2023

The day dawned bright and fair on Sunday June 4th. A great day for our annual West End Community picnic, at the cricket pitch on West Common.



Many thanks to 7th Lincoln Scout leaders for organising parachute games for the children

Open Gardens Afternoon 2023

July 9th 2023 saw the second Open Gardens Afternoon social event. Five gardens were available to visit, to have refreshments in and to catch up with friends and neighbours. Upwards of 40 people visited and £106 was raised towards WERA funds. Many thanks to all those who generously offered their gardens, and who also had made delicious cakes and bakes. We will be holding this event annually, at about the same time of year, so watch out for the publicity next year. Just to emphasise that it is not a competition nor an exhibition – just an opportunity to socialise and enjoy a sunny afternoon outdoors in good company.



How to be a good neighbour

- 1. Introduce yourself.** Being friendly helps you to build a trusting and respectful relationship. Give them your phone number in case of an emergency.
- 2. Keep your front garden tidy.** Your relationship with your neighbours can be affected by how your home looks, inside and outside. Be sure to clean up outside litter, follow rubbish and recycling collection schedules, putting your bins away as soon as possible.
- 3. Park sensibly.** Try not to use up 1 1/2 parking spaces when parking is at such a premium in our area. Do not block the pavement when parking your car.
- 4. Keep noise down.** Neighbours can get easily irritated by constant loud noises from fellow neighbours. Keep noise to a considerate level and close your doors and windows so that others around you will not be disturbed.
- 5. Party responsibly.** If you plan on having a party at your place, let your neighbours know of your plans beforehand. If your neighbours know the reason for the increased noise level, they might understand and tolerate it more. Keep the party inside so as not to disturb neighbours trying to sleep. Inform your neighbours that should the noise become intolerable, to come and let you know before they contact the ASB dept. Handle those who have had too much to drink with great attention, so they do not disturb neighbours with their inebriated actions.
- 6. Handle problems maturely.** If you have a problem with your neighbours, bring up the situation with them in a mature manner. Do not get involved in heated arguments with neighbours; it will not help the situation. Take the middle ground when trying to resolve issues; it will help build your relationship with neighbours.

MYTH

BUSTING

MYTH

I can make as much noise as I like until 11pm.

FACT

Noise that causes an unreasonable disturbance at any time of the day or night can be considered a nuisance.

MYTH

The West End is a student area.

FACT

84% of those residing in the area are permanent residents.

MYTH

The police deal with noise nuisance.

FACT

The Local Authority is responsible for investigating and enforcing noise nuisance.

MYTH

A noise complaint won't have an impact on my education.

FACT

The council works closely with police and the University of Lincoln, and persistent or serious complaints can trigger the university disciplinary procedure.

MYTH

The Council can't really do anything about noise complaints.

FACT

The Council has a wide range of powers and when appropriate can: serve Abatement Notices, seize property, prosecute offenders and in extreme cases close a property.

How to report Anti-Social Behaviour and Noise Nuisance

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.

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. If however you believe criminality is involved as well, then you should also report this to the Police by phoning 101.
- The PPASB Team does not operate a 24 hour service.
- Neither the Police nor the 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.

Contact the PPASB team via:

Telephone: 01522 873378 (office hours). Please leave an answerphone message if after hours.

Email: PPASB@Lincoln.gov.uk

Online: <https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/online/report-anti-social-behaviour-1>

Post: PPASB, Directorate of Communities and Environment, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln LN1 1DD.

In person: to front line staff such as customer services assistant and housing officers.

You will need to provide your name, address and contact details (anonymous complaints cannot be accepted), along with the address of where the noise comes from. This is all stored securely and won't be passed on to the subject of your complaint, but it may sometimes be necessary to share these details with the Police and/or University. If the subject of your complaint is a student address then the University will contact the students responsible. By sharing these details we aim to work together to resolve the issues quickly and robustly.

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 to offer words of advice, or a letter may be sent to a student by the University.

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 enforcement action.

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

Don't just grumble about it—report it!

Action cannot be taken if people do not report anti-social behaviour and noise.

A message from...

Professor Neal Juster, Vice Chancellor, University of Lincoln.



The University has a strong spirit of One Community in which our values are embedded. Our students play a key part in the community, and we expect them to live alongside and within the residential areas in the City in a peaceful and harmonious way. We remind them that the community they have chosen to live in will include families with children, elderly people, working people and other students and to recognise the importance of becoming 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. Our Student Services teams work alongside our University Campus Police Officer to support students living in the local community, as well as the local residents.

We are proud to be involved with local community groups such as WERA and work closely with our Students' Union, Lincolnshire Police and the City of Lincoln Council on projects and initiatives to help to strengthen community relations and to highlight to students the importance of respecting the communities in which they live and to remain considerate of their neighbours all year round.

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.

We look forward to continuing our community work over the year ahead and into the future.

WERA is very grateful for the sponsorship of the University of Lincoln towards the costs of printing this booklet, allowing us to distribute it to all homes in the West End.



Keeping our streets tidy

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. 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.

For areas which are not covered by wardens, we would like to ask for everyone's help to monitor streets near them on the Monday following Friday's bin collection, and where bins are still left out, please report this to the City Council on <https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/online/report-wheeler-bin-left-street-pavement>

Fly-tipped items can be reported on <https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/online/report-flytipping>.

Other things that can be reported to WERA via our email address weralincoln@gmail.com include bags of rubbish left on footpaths or accumulating in front gardens. Street lights not working, drains blocked, etc. can be reported to the County Council on <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

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





Each year the West End Lights pop-up festival makes the West End glow for one night only, at the beginning of December, entertaining passers-by with illuminated displays.

This year we will be shining on Friday 1st December 2023, from 6pm until 9pm.



West Enders project movies on to their windows or use stills or other lights to illuminate windows, trees, gardens etc. Front windows become cinema screens, shadow puppets step out of the dark and light sculptures bloom in West End gardens. Moving images flicker from houses, projections creep up walls and lights bud and open in roadside trees. Sweet treats are left on garden walls and in porches.

Everyone in the West End is encouraged to take part, both by creating their own light display and by having a wander round the neighbourhood and seeing everyone else's wonderful creations!

If you would like to participate, please register on the website www.lincoln-west-end-lights.com or scan the QR code with the camera on your phone, and the webpage will open up. You will also find inspiration from the galleries of photos.

If you are planning to walk around to view the lights on the evening, please visit the website to download the map.

See you there!



A message from...

Your Student Leaders, University of Lincoln Students' Union



Hello, West End residents!

We are the Student Leaders at Lincoln Students' Union, elected by the student body to represent their voices and make their time in Lincoln as positive and meaningful as possible.

Over the last decade, Lincoln Students' Union has led many litter picks and community activities in the West End and across the city of Lincoln. In October 2022, nine students and four residents took part in a litter pick, cleaning up the streets and the West Common, collecting eight bags of waste to help make positive difference to the community and environment.

During the upcoming year, our goal is to further enhance the unity of our community by ensuring that both students and residents feel secure, involved, and valued within their local area. Later this year, we will once more be delivering our Make a Difference Week, a series of events and volunteering opportunities, including litter picks, river clean ups, gardening activities, visits to local care homes and a

donations drive. Our annual Make a Difference Week is a fantastic opportunity for our students to contribute and give back to the community.

As Student Leaders, our responsibility is to assist students in enhancing not only their academic but also their social experiences. This is why we place great importance on volunteering and engaging in local projects, ensuring students are actively involved.

If you have any queries or would like to find out more, contact us at volunteering@lincolnsu.com or visit www.lincolnsu.com/volunteering.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards,
SU Student Leaders

West End Eateries

Coffee Depot

We're an independent coffee shop situated at the end of Carholme road, just off Depot street (which is what inspired our name - Coffee Depot). We've been open since April 2022 and have been loving every minute of serving the people of the West End.



We aim to keep our space super cosy, a home from home. As well as serving amazing coffees, we also do a wide range of drinks, from herbal teas to milkshakes and smoothies, as well as our specials board. We offer a variety of toasties and ciabattas which are all made fresh on site using bread from Welbourne's bakery. If you fancy something sweet, our traybakes are homemade, with new flavours being introduced to our cabinet weekly.

We also have board games and books to keep you occupied, as well as a playlist with over 75 hours of music, so you never hear the same song twice.

We would love to see you so please come and say hello!



Oakley's

Oakley's is currently the number 1 breakfast in Lincoln, on TripAdvisor, an achievement I am beyond proud of. All our food is cooked fresh to order for each customer, using the best ingredients and most importantly a lot of love!

On Fridays from 17:30-20:00 we have Pizza Night! Freshly made, authentic Italian pizzas to either enjoy as a takeaway or you can book a table and bring your own booze! I'm currently working on also adding some delicious, authentic Italian dishes to the menu.

Please come by and say hello! I love meeting new customers! We are at 63 West Parade. Our current opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00-15:00. Fridays 9:00-14:00 and 17:30-20:00. Saturdays 9:30-14:00. See you soon
Anna x.

The Queen in the West

The Queen in the West pub offers you a friendly local with a good selection of real ales, lagers, draught Guinness, and cider. Located on the corner of Moor St and Newland St West, we are at the heart of the West End,

We have a main bar with a dart board, lounge bar (available to hire) and a large beer garden with covered areas and heating. All of these have TVs, and we show all live sport, including the Premier League, Champions, and Europa matches. We have 2 ensuite rooms, perfect for visiting guests and you can find us on all booking sites. We have a free quiz every other Thursday, and celebrate the last Friday of the month with our regular DJs from Barefoot! as well as other music events. Run for over 9 years by Kev & Donna, with our great team of staff, we offer a friendly environment to enjoy a drink, we welcome dogs, and always have treats on the bar. Our prices are very competitive, and we are open 7 days a week so please support your local!



The Sycamore

Well we're Jamie & James, proud West End residents and we bring to you The Sycamore, a new neighbourhood cafe, bar and restaurant, nestled in the heart of the West End, on the corner of Hewson Rd and West Parade. We opened in July 2023 and bring you a new hub for the community.



Our menu consists of breakfast and lunch, with as many local ingredients on your plate as possible, from Foster's butchers to Welbourne's bakery, with a coffee on the side from Seven Districts roast house.

We will open for dinner 3 nights a week, with a small, but hopefully perfectly formed menu of pizza, sharing boards, and small plates, all washed down with a pint or a carefully selected glass of wine.

As our business evolves, we will bring you a banging Sunday roast, a private dining room for group dinners and even toying with the idea of delivery to your door!

Mon: closed; Tues: closed; Wed: 8:30-4pm; Th: 8:30-4pm 5pm-9pm; Fri: 8:30-4pm 5pm-9pm; Sat: 9-4pm 5pm-9pm; Sun: 9-3pm .

Tang

The logo for 'Tang' restaurant, featuring the Chinese characters '鄧' and 'TANG' in a stylized font.

Tang opened its doors over two years ago and has gone from strength to strength. Our food is freshly prepared, offering delicious Asian cuisine such as Aromatic Duck, Crispy Beef and customers favourites Tang Chicken, Salt and Pepper chips!

We want to thank all our customers for your continued support.

We are at 129 West Parade.

Open daily 5-10pm. Closed Tuesdays.



Also available:

Carholme Chippy—47 Carholme Rd.
Golden Fish and Chip— 104 Carholme Rd.
Naturawell—48 Carholme Rd.
PizzaGo—43C Carholme Rd.

7th Lincoln Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts



We are an active group looking for new volunteers to help our growing sections. We have over 100 young people, aged 4 to 14 years, in seven sections: a squirrel drey, two beaver colonies, two cub packs and two scout troops. We are looking for adults to support our activities which include team work, creativity, adventurous challenges as well as traditional scouting pursuits such as outdoor cooking, hikes, camping and more. Whether you have one hour a week or month to spare or possibly more, we have a role to suit everyone. We have leaders who have undertaken permits for caving, tomahawk throwing and paddle boarding but also have leaders who prefer to only partake in the weekly meetings. There really is something for everyone. All training and DBS checks are free and you do not need a scouting background,

Volunteers Needed for West End Playground



There is a small playground at the end of Blenheim Road, and next to both St Faith's C of E Infant and Nursery School, and the Surestart Carholme Childrens Centre. The playground is mostly used by children up to 7-8 years old and needs volunteers to keep it running. A lottery grant has been applied for, and we are excitedly looking forward to the result! We are looking for volunteers who can help with the maintenance of the playground, or who can help open and lock the gate for access and closure.

If you are interested, please contact Tammy on 07739 034707.



If you are interested or would like to know more, email me at sara.whyatt@lincolnscouts.org.uk

Useful Numbers

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

Lincolnshire County Council

General Customer Service **01522 552222**

Highways **01522 782070**

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

City of Lincoln Councillors

Councillor Neil Murray **07971 569662**
neil.murray@lincoln.gov.uk

Councillor Lucinda Preston **07543 703311**
lucinda.preston@lincoln.gov.uk

Councillor Emily Wood **07394 589266**
emily.wood@lincoln.gov.uk

Lincolnshire County Councillor

Vacant at time of going to press.

1. GLASS
bottles and jars
empty, clean and dry please!

2. PAPER
cardboard and cartons
clean and dry with no grease
flatten boxes!

3. METAL
tins, cans & empty aerosols
squash cans and clean all tins!

4. PLASTIC
bottles, tubs, pots & trays
clear and light coloured plastics only please!

CITY OF Lincoln COUNCIL

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED IN LINCOLN?

Here's what should go in your brown bin...please ensure all items are clean, dry and not bagged

Find out more about bins, recycling and waste at www.lincoln.gov.uk/recycle

West End bin day is Friday.

Alternate weeks are black (rubbish) and brown (recycling).

Present your bin with handles facing the road.

Please try to put your bin away on the same day as the collection.

If you are going to be away, please ask your neighbours to help putting your bin away.

Do not obstruct the pavement.