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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 2023-2024

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.

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 2024 was planned to take place at the end of June. However, this was not able to go ahead this year, due to not enough gardens being volunteered to be open. Hopefully the community will rally support for this event next year.

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 and January. Unfortunately it has since developed an electrical problem, and so we didn't have it in May.

You may have noticed a feature about the work of WERA in the July 2024 issue of the Lincoln Independent magazine.

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.

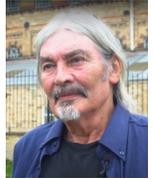
Tribute to George "Woolfie" Woolfenden

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"A true champion of the Commons"

'The man with the long hair, the big laugh and the very large dog.'

Although not a Lincolnian, being born and raised in Stockport, George moved to Lincoln in 1971 and to the West End in 1982. He and his wife Barbara moved to the area because of the real community here, and of course the West Common. George had become interested in riding and working with horses, despite being allergic to them, and quickly came to understand the Common's uniqueness, its historic value and its legacy for the people of Lincoln.



In 1983, George, alongside a group of like-minded horse owners, embarked on a battle with Lincoln City Council, when it was discovered that proposals were afoot to change the Act governing Common Land in Lincoln. The Lincoln Commons Horse Association was founded (LCHA). Along with the Open Spaces Society, they fiercely fought the changes to the 1915 Lincoln Commons Act, which resulted in the 1985 Lincoln Commons Act being passed, as well as the inception of the Commons Advisory Panel. This meant that there was now protection and the setting of the laws and bylaws that govern the commons today.

In 1996-7, George as chair of LCHA, and Mick Commons, as Open Spaces representative, faced the City Council head on in a fight to thwart their plans for a Park-and-Ride scheme on the West Common. Later on a return to horse racing was also proposed and successfully fought off by George and the LCHA.

George also found the time to be actively involved in the West End community itself, both with WERA and the Carholme Community Forum. Being an approachable individual, he could take an hour to walk the 100 yards from home to the Co-op, as he stopped to chat and discuss the Common and West End issues. Generally ready with a smile and helpful advice, he was also fiercely protective and formidable in his passion for the Commons.

A personal loss for family, friends and associates, the Commons have also lost a true friend and defender.

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.

Contact email: committeelcha@gmail.com.

Dear Residents,

Thank you for the warm welcome thus far. I am the Community Beat Manager for the city centre and Carholme wards, having recently been appointed in May and I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and explain how best to contact the police for all non-emergency matters.



Despite covering a very busy and populated area in Lincoln, I am thrilled to work as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and in the heart of the community. I have lived and worked in Lincoln now for seven years, previously as a primary school and Principal Teacher and latterly for Lincolnshire Police on the response policing team. I am originally from the Highlands in Scotland but now consider Lincoln to be home – it's a beautiful city, steeped in history and has so much character which I love.

Within my role, I work with partner agencies, the community, the university, the designated university police officer and businesses in order to resolve repeat and ongoing issues and well as gathering information and intelligence to form a broader picture of issues affecting the city. As such, it is really important that all incidents or concerns are reported in an official manner.

To contact Lincolnshire Police for non-urgent incidents you can call 101 or use the online reporting tab on the Lincolnshire Police Website – www.lincs.police.uk. From there you will be given an incident number and an incident grading which will determine the response time.

I will hopefully see some of you on my patrols in the near future and please feel free to stop and say hello.

Kind regards,

Joanna Witton, Police Constable 90.



Residents' Meeting

Wednesday 2nd October, 2024, at 7.45pm.

St Faith's Church Hall, West Parade, LN1 1QL.

Speakers from:

the University

The Police

Lincoln City Council ASB department

and Carholme Ward City and County 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 2024

After so many wet days this summer, we were so pleased when Sunday June 2nd dawned bright and fine—a great day for our annual West End Community picnic, at the cricket pitch on West Common. The children had a great time playing in the un-mowed grass and also receiving sculptures from the Balloon Man. The adults enjoyed a time to chill and catch up with friends and neighbours.



Open Gardens Afternoon 2024

 This event was billed to happen at the end of June, as an afternoon social event. The idea was to have gardens available to visit, to have refreshments in and to be able to catch up with friends and neighbours. In previous years this has worked very well, with people generously offering their gardens. Sadly this year, not enough gardens were available to make a viable event.

We aim to hold this event annually, but it does rely on community spirit to make it happen. 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. If you have any comments on suitable timing, then please let us know.



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

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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.



'We are the University *for* Lincoln as well as being the University *of* Lincoln. Our One Community values mean that we strive to be kind, patient, and supportive of one another and our students contribute enormously to making sure these values are upheld. We remind them that they are very much a part of the city's community, living among families with children, older adults, and working people.

We also encourage our students to take the time to get to know their communities, to recognise and respect the diversity and lives of all residents, as well as the important details of local services such as refuse collection and recycling. In addition, the University's dedicated Student Services teams work alongside our University Campus Police Officer, who supports our students and residents of Lincoln.

We believe that universities like ours can bring opportunities to people and communities, whether this is expanding access to the life-changing benefits of higher education, training new generations of healthcare professionals, and collaborating with

businesses of all shapes and sizes to deliver innovations which will support regional growth. This year, we celebrated the graduation of our first cohort of medicine students from the Lincoln Medical School, which has played a major role in addressing local and regional skills shortages for doctors and nurses in the NHS, helping to advance regional healthcare in Greater Lincolnshire.

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 look forward to working with our community over the new academic year and into the future.'

Professor Neal Juster,
University of Lincoln Vice Chancellor

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.

Thank
You

Let's all keep the West End tidy!

One of the first things a visitor to an area notices is how tidy the streets are. A big visual eyesore is wheelie bins being left out on the pavement. They also block the pavement for those with wheelchairs or pushchairs, or those who are visually impaired.

PLEASE CAN YOU DO YOUR BEST TO TAKE YOUR BIN BACK IN ON THE FRIDAY—IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE, BUT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE. IF YOU ARE AWAY, PLEASE ASK YOUR NEIGHBOURS TO HELP.

Where bins are still left out on the Monday following the Friday collection, please report this to the City Council on <https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/online/report-wheelie-bin-left-street-pavement>. WERA

also has some postcards that can be put through letterboxes to remind people to put their bin away. Email us if you would like some.

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

Other things can be reported to WERA via our email address: weralincoln@gmail.com including 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>

Lighting Up the West End

West End Lights 2024

Have you heard about West End Lights?

One night every year, residents of Lincoln's West End brighten up the winter darkness with a display of lights which creates a pop-up winter light festival for everyone to enjoy!

This year we'll be lighting up the West End on

Friday 6th December 2024, from 6pm until 9pm.

You're encouraged to join in, both by creating a display of your own and by joining your neighbours to admire the other lights around the West End.

You can create anything you like – most people decorate their windows with lights, films, animations and puppet shows, but you can also illuminate your front yards or your gardens!

This pop-up community event has been running since 2010 (with a Covid break in 2020 and 2021) and has featured on BBC Look North and BBC Radio Lincolnshire!

To find out more, visit the website:
<https://www.lincoln-west-end-lights.com>

And follow West End Lights on social media:

Twitter / X @westendlights
Instagram @lincoln_west_end_lights
Facebook /lincolnwestendlights



A message from...

Your Student Leaders, University of Lincoln Students' Union



Hello, West End Residents!

We are the Student Leaders of Lincoln Students' Union, elected by our peers to represent their voices and enhance their experience in Lincoln.

Over the past decade, Lincoln Students' Union has organised numerous litter picks and community activities across the West End and the city of Lincoln. This year, we are committed to strengthening our community by ensuring that both students and residents feel safe, engaged, and valued in their local area. We are continually exploring ways to bring students and the Lincoln community closer together, through initiatives such as litter picks, river cleanups, gardening activities, visits to local care homes, and donation drives.

We also prioritise the safety of our community at night. This year, we will host our annual Reclaim the Night event in November 2024, and we warmly invite you to join us. Further information will be released closer to the time, please keep an eye on our Instagram @unilincolnsu.

As Student Leaders, our mission is to support students in enriching both their academic and social lives. Volunteering and participation in local projects are key aspects of this, and we are dedicated to fostering student involvement in our community.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at help@lincolnsu.com or visit www.lincolnsu.com/volunteering. We look forward to connecting with you!

Kind regards,

Lincoln Students' Union Student Leaders

For general inquiries, call 01522 886006 or email help@lincolnsu.com.

Sports in the West End

The West Common is free to use and contains:

- **Tennis courts** - Three all-weather tarmac courts (open all year) and two grass courts (open April to September). Just turn up and play— first come first served(!)
- **Football pitches**—not currently maintained or marked out.
- **Plenty of space for dog-walking, kite flying, model airplane flying...**



The following sports clubs are available:

- **Bowls** — Carholme Bowls Club plays up to two matches a week during their season (May to the end of August). The matches are either at home (West Common) or away. If you are interested in joining, you can contact Tom Brayne (Captain and Chairman) on 01522 262 938. Alternatively, feel free to speak to a member of the club when they are playing or if you see a member tending to the green.
- **Golf** — Carholme Golf Club is a private club but anyone can enjoy a round of golf for a fee payable at the clubhouse. Prices vary, starting at £15 per person (for non-members). When viewing their website, 'Up to Eight Visitors' is the rate for non-members: <https://carholmegolfclub.co.uk/green-fees>. The Carholme Golf Club lease an area of the West Common; 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. Just watch out for flying golf balls!
- **Cricket** — a council maintained pitch May to September, shared by Carholme Cricket Club (contact: Nigel Horner, tel 01522 856012) and Ruston's Cricket Club (contact: rustonsc@gmail.com). Pavilion with changing facilities available.
- **Horse riding**—Park Riding School, 140 Newland Street West. www.lincolnparkridingsch.com. Prices per hour: for adults £25, students £20, children £18.
- **Backyard Fitness' Boost Camp** — Saturday 9am at the Cricket Pitch on West Common. The Boost Camp is a 60 minute boxing inspired workout, for £5, run by Carla Needham. You can contact Carla via Facebook 'Backyard Fitness' or email Carla.needham@live.co.uk.
- **Yoga** — Mondays at 11:45am to 12:45pm at the Bowling Green on West Common, or at the Grandstand in the winter months. £3.50 a session. Contact May Whitworth at maywhitworth@gmail.com.



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.



Local Parks

- **Whittons Park, Long Leys Rd** — the park has slides, swings, a wooden jungle dome climbing net, zip wire and adventure trim trail, basketball area and more.
- **Liquorice Park, Carline Rd/Yarborough Rd** — a community park with performance area, herb garden, orchard, allotment. Visit www.liquoricepark.co.uk where you can sign up for a newsletter or follow on Facebook.
- **West End Play Space– Blenheim Rd** — the park unfortunately continues to be out of order. WERA committee members are involved in ongoing talks to bring it back into use. We look forward to hearing when the park will be re-opened.

Other Events

The West End Boozy Book and Supper Club runs every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm at The Sycamore Cafe. You can buy tickets on Event Brite (£5), which covers administration fees and a charity donation to St Barnabas Hospice. Search for 'West End Book Club Lincoln' on Instagram or Event Brite for more information.

The Local History Café, run by Local Landscapes and Hidden Histories, holds monthly talks at the Grandstand. Their next talk is '*Remembering RAF Skellingthorpe as the landscape and living memory forgets*' on 4th October at 6pm to 7.30pm. For more information or to book a space, contact: LL.HH@lincoln.gov.uk or 07799 470217.

Did you know...

There is a Little Free Library on Moor Street?

There is a child's Little Free Library outside of St Faith's Infants School?



WERA Survey

Take part — have your say!

We want to listen to what residents want and help co-ordinate new activities in the West End.

The survey will be open from 1st September to 31st October 2024.

The aims of the survey are:

- To understand which West End events you like attending.
- To explore what future WERA events and clubs you would like.

For example, do we want... a local arts and crafts club? A tennis club? Regular litter picking?

Please share your views and get in touch via emailing weralincoln@gmail.com if you would be interested in helping with any clubs or events.

Access the survey using the QR code or click the link from our Facebook page or website.



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

Councillor Neil Murray **07971 569662**
cllrn.murray@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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!

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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.